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NARCOTIC BUREAU, L.A. REPORTS NO INFO DEVELOPED INDICATING SEIGHT CONNECTION WITH ANY OF ABOVE INDIVIDUALS. NO INFO AVAILABLE IN L.A. CAMPAGNING FILES CONCERNING SIEGEL'S CONNECTED

TION WITH THESE INDIVIDUALS. MERING

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TO BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS SAN DIEGO IS SECURING PHOTOGRAPHS AND FINGERPRINTS

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ATES RECEIVED TELEGRAM FROM CPA, WASHINGTON, ORDERING FURTHER CONSTRUCTION OF FLAMINGO HOTEL, LAS VEGAS, STOPPED. INFORMANT FURTHER STATES THAT SIEGEL DID NOT PAY BRIBE TO SECURE CPA PERMIT FOR CONSTRUCTION ALTHOUGH HE ADMITS, IN APRIL, NINETEEN FORTYSIX, CPA IN RENO OR SAN FRANCISCO ORDER-ED CONSTRUCTION STOPPED, BUT SUBSEQUENTLY PERMITTED IT TO PROCEED. FOR CPA AT L.A., CHECKED CONSTRUCTION OF FLAMINGO HOTEL IN APRIL , NINETEEN FORTYSIX BEFORE CPA PERMITTED CONSTRUCTION TO PROCEED. IS ORIGINAL SOURCE OF INFO CONCERNING IRREGULARITIES IN CPA IN CONNECTION WITH FLAMINGO HOTEL. NOT AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW TODAY. SIEGEL IN-TENDS TO HAVE WHO HAS THE CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION

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DIRECTOR ATTENTION: ASST. DIRECTOR ROSEN URGENT DENJAMIN "BUGS" MELLEK SIEGEL, MISC., INFO CONCERNING, CRIME SURVEY. CLARK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LAS VEGAS, NEV., YESTERLY DENIED APPLICATION OF SUBJ AND HIS ASSOCIATES FOR LIQUOR AND GAMBLING LICENSE FOR FLAMINGO HOTEL. THIS HAS CAUSED CONSIDERABLE CONSTERNATION TO SIEGEL AND ASSOCIATES. SIEGEL PROCEEDING FROM LA TO LAS VEGAS TOMORROW TO PERSONALLY APPEAR DEFORE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY

ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL INVESTORS IN FLAMINGO HOTEL.

INFORMANTS BOTH HERE AND IN AMERIC LAS VEGAS INDICATE THAT

THIS IS ONLY A TEMPORARY DENIAL OF LICENSE AND THAT MACRIMUM.

LICENSE WILL BE GRANTED AT LATER DATE. SIEGEL CONTINUES TO

SPEND MOST OF HIS TIME HANDLING DETAILS CONCERNING CONSTRUCTION OF THE MARKET FLAMINGO HOTEL.

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It is suggested that in the fature when confidential informants are Interviewed an attempt to make such interviews more detailed be made in order that Assistant Director E. J. Connelley at Chicago and the Dercon will be in a better position to evaluate the stories related.

The Chicago Division is requested to furnish the Durous with may information it might have evallable relative to the so-called

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les Angeles, in an investigative report, advise

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this group is not otherwise described, and the Los Angeles office is being requested by the attached air mail special delivery letter to obtain further details in this regard.

The information furnished appears to be of questionable value in view of the fact that be further informed that it was his eminion that

The Los Angeles Office has also advised that

confidentially reports that the Delawar race track is actually comed by Benjamin "Bugs" Siegel.

the Los Angeles Mivision has also advised that the resord to have supplied money for the purchase of the track. The Los Angeles Office is likewise being requested to attempt to clarify the present ownership of the Del-Mar race track.

With further reserve to the hea informed that a man maned has mented space in the Fergusen Building, Erd and mill Streets, Los Angeles, which will be the place from which the local representatives of the new wire service stemming from Chicago will disseminate racing information in the Los Angeles area.

RECOMMENDATION

That the attached letter to Los Angeles be dispatched.

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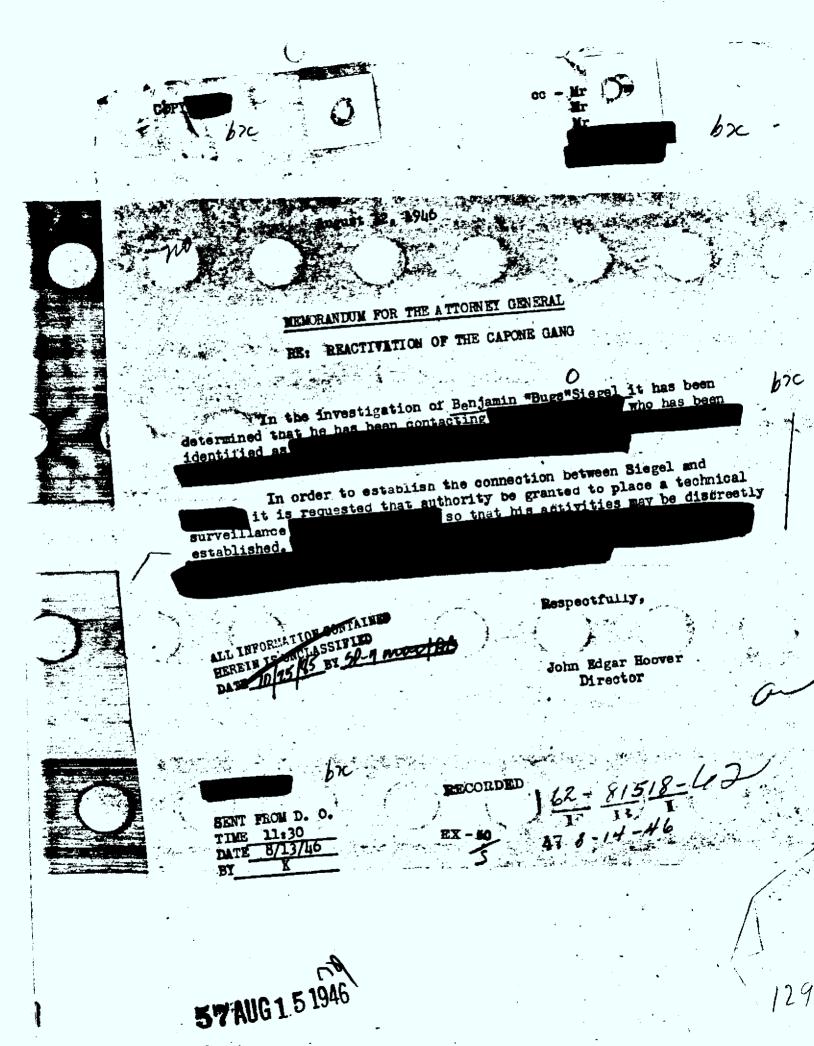
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Office Menzorandum UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TANN DATE: August 9, 1946 Posen SUBIECT: RENJAMIN "BUGS" SINGEL ALL INFORMATION CONT. MISCRILLANEOUS INFORMATION CRIME SURVEY The Los Angeles Office has advised that los Angeles has further informed that was indicted by Federal Grand Jury in los Angeles, March 6, last, together 1th 34 other individuals in a nationwide narcotic conspiracy case. In connection with the investigation concerning the reported irregularities dealing with the construction of the Flamingo Hotel at Las Vegas, including apparent irragularities of officials of the CPA Administration, advised that Siegel received a telegram from CPA in Washington order ing further construction of the Flamingo Hotel be stopped and further that Siegel did not pay a bribe to secure a permit for the construction, although construction had been temporarily halted in April, 1946 but subsequently permitted to proceed. intends to bave contractor for the Flamingo Hotel, get in touch with concerning the telegram from the CPA. **OBSERVATIONS** Also, it may be possible that Siegel may be connected with the 34 individuals indicted by the Federal Grand Jury on a narcotic charge in los Angeles. RECORDED RECOMMENDATION be dispatched. bx Attachment

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Director, FBI

DATE: 8/8/46

FROM

SAC, San Diego

SUBJECT:

CAPGA

(Bu. File #62-81093)

SUBJECT:

BENJAMIN STEGEL. Was:

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

CRIME SURVEY

On August 5, 1946, I received a telephone call from Assistant SAC

A. K. OSTHOLTHOFF, who is presently on special assignment at the Los Angeles Field

Division, in connection with the above—entitled matters. Mr. OSTHOLTHOFF advised

me that

Los Angeles, who is alleged to be BENJAMIN SIECEL's associate, would be at the Del Mar Hotel, Del Mar, California, during the current racing must at the Del Mar Turf Club, Del Mar, California. Mr. OSTHOLTHOFF also advised me that

has been under technical surveillance at Los Angeles and he was anxious that a survey be made looking toward the possibility of establishing like coverage while he is at the Dal Mar Hotel.

Reference should be made to the report of Special Agent dated July 13, 196, at Los Angeles, California, in the CAPGA matter.

After registration at the Del Mar Hotel has been verified a very discreet investigation was commenced which revealed that had been assigned a room on the third floor of the hotel on the opening day of the meet. August 6, 1946.

joys a wide acquaintance among all of those connected with the track and the hotel and is known to be highly reliable. His identity, as a source of information, of course should not be revealed in this case inasmuch as he enjoys the confidence of a large number of bookies, hoodlums, and track hangers—on who frequent Del Mar. Through who is well acquainted with it was learned that did not like the room assigned to him and demanded to be moved to one of the nice cottages at the rear of the hotel grounds. A loose surveillance has been maintained his arrival at Del Mar. The surveillance has been facilitated because of the grounded condition of the hotel and track and surrounding area. It spears that his well known to the great majority of the guests and to indicated that a large number of hoodlams and racketeers from Los angeles and Chicago would be attendance at the race meet and would stay at the left Mar Hotel.

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it has not been possible to definitely identify these individuals at the hotel, it is known that a number of the Los Angeles gamblers and racketeers are in attendance is intimate with them.

is known that there is a cambler in Los Angeles named dated August 9, 1944, at Los Angeles, Californin the report of ia, captioned, "RACKETEERING ACTIVITIES IN LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION, INFORMATION CONCERNING. however this individual has not been definitely identified.

Through the cooperation of

the agents were able to follow some of the conversation taking place in this room of Cottage E-51.

There was no discussion as to real purpose in attending this meet. In this connection information was received from several sources at the track that BENJAMIN SIEGEL may have been able to get should have the exclusive bookmaking rights with the proposition that at the track and to eliminate all local and independent books, by force if necessary. A rather close obsrevation of on each day of the meet so far has not revealed this type of activity. The reliability of the track sources in this spends considerable time regioning his form sheets matter is muestioned. and in conversation with those in attendance at the track and during the races remeins in his box betting on every race. It is known that he has won a considerable amount of money, soming in with at least two good long shots. Therefore, the cover-

as of this date only indicates that he is here as a betting gambler and is not operating a book. It is also known that two or three San Diego bookmakers are operating in a limited capacity at the track without hindrance.

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To well acquainted with both of these individuals. A large number of the Holly-wood entity Bis are collect that the struct and it is noted that is well acquainted with most of them, however, there is no indication that he is operating a spok at the track. It is believed that it was a operating a really big book nais spring so well under tower at the moter itself and it has been successed in the same crios that he would lay off all big bets.

As the opportunity presents itself a very discreet coverage will be maintained on this room to ascertain activities and the identity of any of his visitors

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one asked if GEORGE RAFT was going to return to the track, the reply being that he probably would if the remained at the hotel. RAFT had previously engage a suite of three rooms on the second floor of the Del Mar Hotel occupied by himself and one the individuals, Jews, whose identities have not hear established. RAFT was accompanied at the Del Mar by his known body guard, Los Angele Office reports indicate that RAFT has been "very conspicuous" due to his friendship with SIEGEL and

Reference should be had here to my personal and confidential letter to the Director dated August 1, 1946, entitled, "DEL MAR TURF CLUB - CKIME SURVEY, STERO FIELD DIVISION", with copies to Chicago and Los Angeles. I outlined in detail the highly confidential information furnished me

connection I note that it is stated in the report of

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Letter to Director

July 13, 1946, at Los Angeles, entitled, "CAPGA", that a confidential informant nad advised the Los Angeles Office that the Del Mar Turf Club is actually owned by BENJAMIN SIEGEL. After many conversations I am inclined to doubt very seriously that the information is correct. Upon the spreading of unverified rumors that members of some Eastern and Los Angeles mobs were moving into the Del Mar meet "to make a killing" it was speculated that this would be a crooked meet in that there would be a number of fixed races. Of course this is a matter very difficult to determine.

has advised that he has some very good sources among the jockeys, owners and trainers at Del Mar and toat he does not believe that there will be any unusual number of fixed races. however, that even with all of the new mechanical and other safeguards to insure honest races it actually is easy to fix a race and that the same may occur. He confidentially advised that he possesses the identities of at least three jockeys and one or two owners o<u>r trainers wn</u>o are very likely to attempt to fix some races as the meet progresses. furnished this information to Special Agent of this office with the def<u>inite res</u>ervation that the same not be repeated to anyone under any circumstances. did not desire to reveal these identities at this time and of course it is impossible to know at this time whether any of the outside racketeers can get to these particular individuals. In this connection you will recall that I have stated in this letter that SIEGHL, RAFT and their associates enjoyed considerable betting success during the first two days of the meet, however, no allegations were made that any of those races were fixed.

whether a technical surveillance would be feasible at the Del Mar Hotel, I advised Mr. OSTHOLTHOFF at the time of his call that

It is also noted that, as I mentioned in my memorandum of August 1, 1946, captioned, "DEL MAR TURF CLUB - CRIME SURVEY, SAN DIEGO FIELD DIVISION" as also the purchaser of the al Rancho Vegas at Las Vegas, Nevada, a gambling house in which BENJAMIN SIECRL may have an interest.

In confirmation of my belief that a technical surveillance at the Del Mar Hotel would not be practical. I contacted

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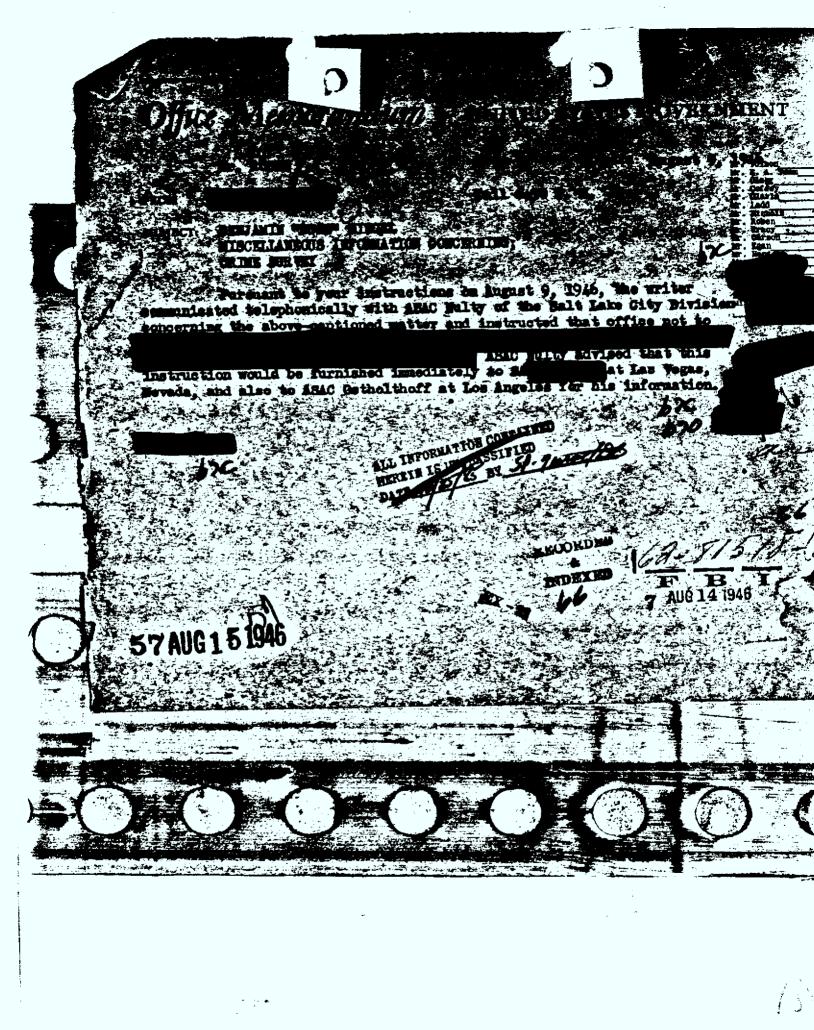
In view of the above situation I do not consider it feasible to attempt at this point. ASAC OSTHOLTHOFF is being kept a technical surveillance advised as to the progress of this investigation and will further be advised of any change in the situation which might later make such surveillance possible.

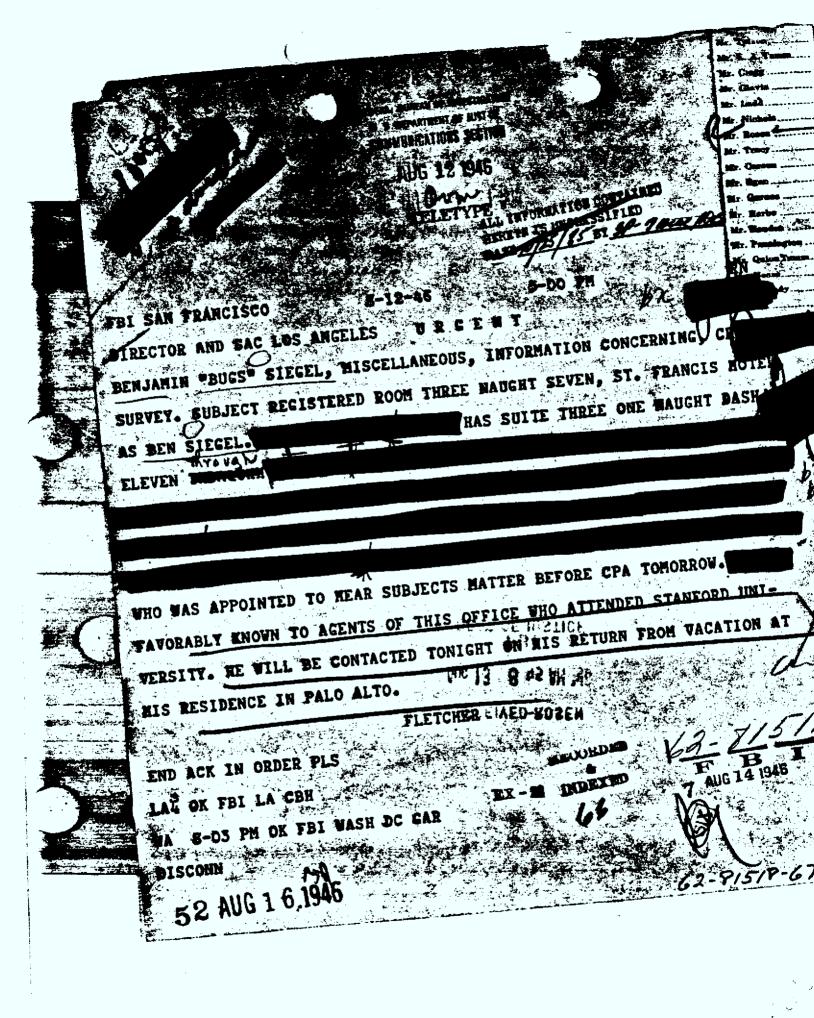
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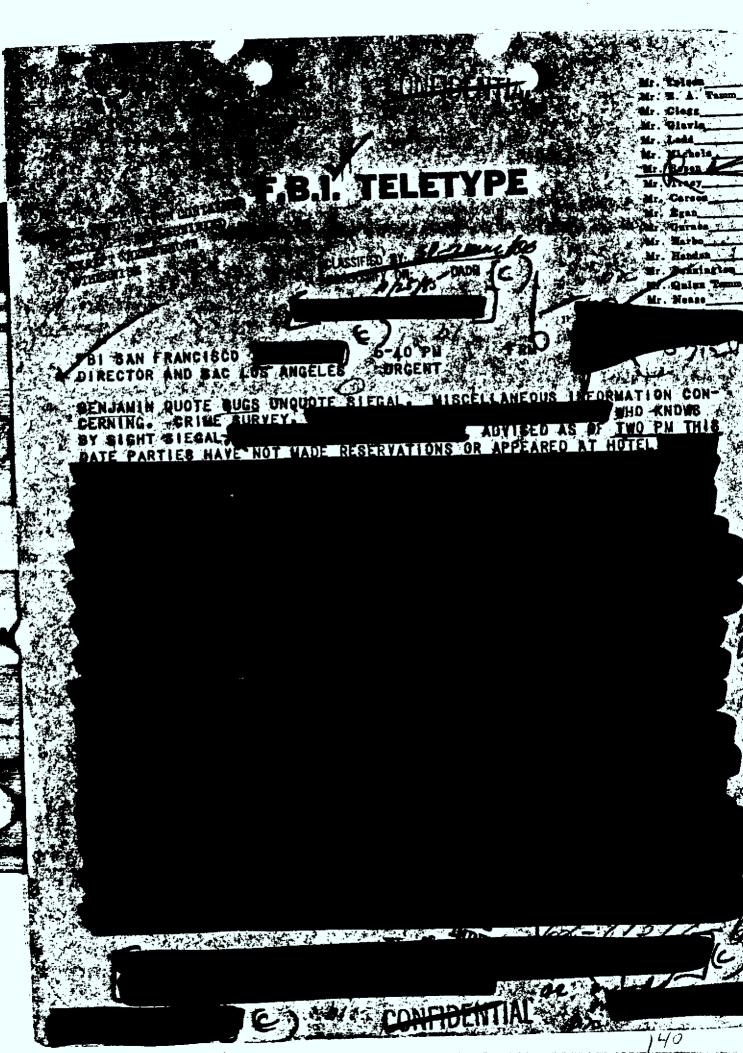
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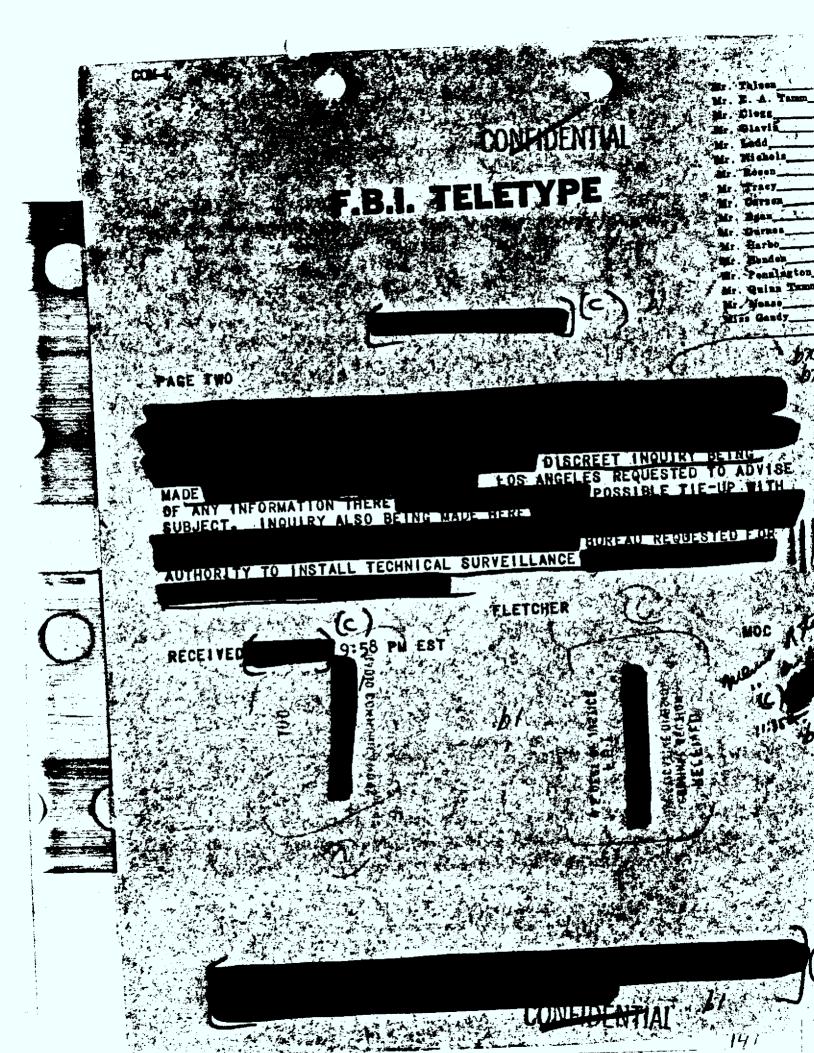
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August 9, 1946 DIRECTOR, PSI ASSISTANT DIRECTOR E. J. COMPELLEY, Chicago from Washington, B. C. 1 ON UNIGINAL









Office Memorandum . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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DATE: August 12, 1946

Call: 12:05 p.m.

SUBJECT:

BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING CRIME SURVEY

ASAC Ostholthoff, on special assignment in Los Angeles. telephonically contacted the Bureau with reference to information furnished by the San Francisco Division indicating that Renjamin "Bugs" Siegel has been in communication with relative to t CPA stop order issued regarding the Flamingo Hotel at Las Vegas. Siegel It appears that reference is made to o get to before whom a hearing is to be held regarding the Flamingo Hotel Tuesday, August 13, at San Francisco. San Francisco has indicated the possibilities of developing a bribery violation in this case and Ostholthoff inquired whether the D_{i} He was advised that the Bureau had not even Bureau had any information on first name to date. Ostholthoff then suggested that the been informed of most desirable procedure was to instruct San Francisco to ascertain in a highly discreet manner background information on the reputation, character, etc. of If San Francisco checked this matter out and found him to be a high class, reliable individual then consideration should be given by San Francisco to approaching him in order that sufficient information might be furnished in order to develop a bribery case in this connection.

Ostholthoff was advised that the Bureau had no objection to checking the background and he indicated that he would immediately communicate with San Francisco relative to this matter. It was also mentioned to Ostholthoff in connection with Siegel's contemplated trip to San Francisco that appropriate arrangements should be made to thoroughly cover Siegel's activities while in San Francisco, it being noted that blanket coverage had previously been authorized regarding Siegel's activities.

RECOMMENDATION

None. San Francisco and Los Angeles have been instructed to keep the Dureau advised of every development in this matter.

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TO: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

SAC, LOS ABURLES

Transmit the following message ATTENTION: A. E. CSTHOLINGT

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LOS ANGELES, STATING AS FOLLOWS QUOTE THERE IS A MATTER WHICH I MILIEVE MEETS ATTENTION. THERE ARE A LOT OF ONE PHOUSAND DOLLAR MILIS CUFFRIED HERE AT SEVEN MUNICIPAL PIFTT DOLLARS, THEY CAN BE SOLD FOR MICHI MINDRED PIFTI DOLLARS IN MEMO, I AM TOLD UNQUOIR. SECHET SERVICE CONCERNING THIS INFORMATION. IT IS has been advised ! BE CONTACTED RELATIVE TO THIS MATTER IN SUCCESTED TELT CONNECTION WITH INSTANT CASE.

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Division has further pointed out that it is possible knowledge of the installation of the technical in a position to learn of its existence.

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This situation was called to the attention of the Bureau by the Washington Division in view of the possibilities of this technical being ansovered and.

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s unaware of the technical surveillance It appears at this time inasmuch as if he knew of the existence of this installation, It hardly seems possible that he would talk over the telephone

ACTION TAKEN

The Mashington Division has been telephonically advised to keep in elose touch with the technical surveillance and to furnish daily by least of the surveillance. They have been farther instructed to check the security of the installation and to be on the alert for any developments which would indicate that the surveillance has been uncovered.



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INTERVIEWED AT HIS HOME

LAST NIGHT. HE ADVISED HE WAS NOT AN EMPLOYEE OF CPA BUT MERELY A SPECIAL COMMISSIONER DIRECTLY APPOINTED BY DONALD NELSON THEN HEAD OF WPB. HE STATED THAT HE HAD BEEN REQUESTED TO HOLD A HEARING AT SAN FRANCISCO TODAY BUT THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN INFORMED AS TO THE NAMES OF THE PARTIES NOR THE SUBJECT MATTER INVOLVED. HE ALSO STATED THAT THIS WAS THE FIRST HEARING HE WERE HAD HELD FOR ONE YEAR. HE ADVISED THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN APPROACHED BY.

ANYONE IN CONNECTION WITH THE CASE BUT WOULD IMMEDIATELY

NOTIFY THIS OFFICE IN THE EVENT HE WERE APPROACHED. HE WILL KEEP MATTER STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL. UNLESS ADVISED TO THE CONTRARY HE WILL BE THE REINTERVIEWED AND AFTER DECISION RENDERED FOR THE WILL PARTICULARS RE HEARING.

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BELIEVED PROPOSED BUYING OF CONTROLLING GOLD STOCK IN MINE IN

RENO, NEV., WHICH REPORTEDLY DID NOT MATERIALIZE.

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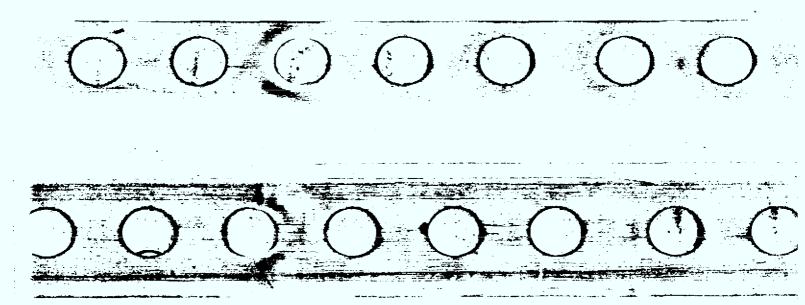
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Bederal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Instice

Salt Lake City, Utah August 12, 1946

Director, FBI

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Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL

MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCE

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the Bureau's teletype of August 12, 1946, to Mr. A. E. OSTHOLTHOFF at the Los Angeles Office and to the Salt Lake City Office, relative to the de-

who is worked by by is being Special Agent ing with Mr. OSTHOLTHOFF on special assignment, it is being taken for granted that the requested interview with this informant will be handled and reported through Mr. OSTHOLTHOFF.

Very truly yours,

JAY C. NEWMAN

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cc - Mr. A.E.Ostholthoff, Los Angeles

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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TO

: THE DIRECTOR

DaTu: August 12, 1946

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FROM

A. ROSEN

SUBJECT:

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BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL

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The Los Angeles Division has advised that Benjamin "Bugs" Siegel has been in telephonic contact with a party known as in San Francisco. The San Francisco Office has identified

Siegel is reported to have requested to use his influence with the Civilian Production Administration in San Francisco in order to continue on with the building of the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. As a result of Siegel's contact the San Francisco Office has requested that a technical surveillance be placed on the residence

RECOMMENDATION

That the attached memorandom to the Attorney General requesting authority for this technical be dispatched.

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BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, MISC., INFO CONCERNING, CRIME SURVEY.

MORNING THE FOLLOWING TRANSPIRED IN SUITE THREE TEN

AT THE ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, DURING WHICH TIME AT LEAST THE FOLLOWING

INDIVIDUALS WERE PRESENT

AT THIS TIME SUBJECT COMPLAINED THAT SIXTEEN & WEEKS WORK AND TWO MILLION DOLLARS HAD BEEN PUT INTO THE HOTEL AT LAS VEGAS WHICH WAS SEVENTY FIVE PERCENT COMPLETED, AND NOW A STOP ORDER HAD BEEN ISSUED. HE FURTHER COMPLAINED THAT ON A ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLAR BUILDING IN THE SOUTH. THERE WAS DISCUSSION AS TO WHETHER THE CPA HAD JURISDICTION, AND

SUBJECT

MENTION WAS MADE THAT

WERE ON THE CPA COMMISSION.

AND SIEGEL

DISCUSSED OPENING A GAMBLING CLUB IN S

TWO OTHER SENATORS WERE KNOWN TO HIM OF THE CPA HERE, HAD GIVEN AN OK FOR THE HOTEL BUILDING AT LAS VEGAS THEN HAD ISSUED A STOP ORDER. HE COMPLAINED ABOUT PRESSURE BEING ND HIS ASSOCIATES AND APPARENTLY ATTRIBUTED IT TO THE FA

APPARENTLY OF NEVADA, WAS BACKING ONE

PAGE TWO

PHONETIC, AGAINST SIEGEL AT LAS VEGAS. TOLD THAT HE THOUGHT HE SHOULD KNOW THE CPA GUYS. HE TOLD THAT THEY HAD UNTIL TOMORROW AND THAT THEY MIGHT BE ABLE TO GET A RESTRAINING ORDER, APPARENTLY AGAINST THE CPA STOP ORDER. THEY CALLED

AND ASKED HIM TO COME TO THE HOTEL ROOM. SHORTLY THEREAFTER

APPEARED, AT WHICH TIME HE WAS TOLD ABOUT THE BUILDING AT LAS by
VEGAS AND ABOUT THE STOP ORDER AND WAS ASKED IF HE COULD HELP THEM,
MENTIONING THAT THEY WOULD MAKE IT WELL WORTH HIS WHILE.

AGREEI

TO ASSIST THEM BUT STATED THAT HE WOULDN'T GO TO THE HEARING TODAY INFORMUCH AS HE HAD ANOTHER MEETING. AT THIS POINT THE INDIVIDUALS LEFT,
APPARENTLY TO ATTEND THE HEARING BEFORE THE CPA AT ONE THREE FIVE FIVE
MARKET STREET. DURING THE CONVERSATION,

TRIED UNSUCCESSFIT
TO REACH

AT SACRAMENTO BY TELEPHONIS

TO THE INFORMATION OF SALT LAKE CITY, THIS CASE IS BEING HANDLED AS
SPECIAL WITH LOS ANGELES AS ORIGIN. SUBJECT AND HIS ASSOCIATES ARE

BUILDING THE FLAMINGO HOTEL IN LAS VEGAS, NEV., AND RECENTLY A STOP

FRANCISCO TODAY CONCERNING THIS STOP ORDER. ON SATURDAY LAST SUBJECT

ORDER HAS BEEN ISSUED BY THE CPA. A HEARING IS BEING HELD IN SAN

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CALLED

WELL KNOWN LOCAL GAMBLING BOSS, AND ASKE

HIM "TO GET TO

WHO HAS AGREED TO COOPERATE WITH THIS OFFICE

SALT LAKE CITY IS REQUESTED TO ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY

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To San Diego Trust and Savings Bank
San Diego 1, California
August 12, 1946

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MINICTOR, FRI

Bureau Pile No. 62-81093

RE: RENJAMIN SIRORL, with allaces
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Reference is made to my communication to the Director dated August 8, 1946, entitled as above, in which I set out the general results of the investigation being conducted at the Del Mar Turf Club Track and the Bel Mar Hotel at Del Mar, California, as of that date.

continues under his usual modus operandi; i.e., he now has a main room in a cottage, No. 256, at the Del Mar Hotel, in a rather secluded section of the grounds. This room is on the second floor of the cottage, which location renders a close-up coverage of the room and any occupants rather difficult.

Sontinues to visit the Club House and Jeckey (lub for all races and plays the \$50 mindow exclusively.

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that he produce his credentials. It is reported that he was illegally



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DIRECTOR, FBI

RE: CAPGA

August 12, 1946

carrying a Jockev Club Admittance Book in the name of the managing agent of the film star

He was asked to leave the Club House at that time, which he cheerfully did. He immediately returned to the Del Mar Hotel and was inactive the balance of that day.

On the following day. August, 8. 1946 cocupying the box of

was back in the Jockey Club

On August 9, 1946, did not appear at the Track and at the Hotel it was ascertained through mentioned in my previous letter, that had gone to Los Angeles, but was expected back on August 10, 1940.

He was found to be occurving our again on August 10, 1946, and was approached by at which time he was able to prove that he was a registered guest However, it was noted that left the Track and returned to the Hotel shortly before the last race.

In this connection you will recall that I mentioned in letter of reference that had stated confidentially that he suspected two or three jocksys would be very likely to attempt to fix some races as the Neet progresses.

agents later advised of the presence at the Track of well known as an ex-convict.

He was seen to openly contact

entering the paddock and afterwards on the way to the track. It is stated that a signal, undescribed, was noted to pass between agents immediately notified the Track Stewards of this situation and a special match was set on race.

Later information indicated that was detected in pulling up his horse. At request, however, the Stewards refrained from calling in for a nearing inaccouch as sants to watch him for another week.

The principal noise of interest to us in this occurrence is that Special Agent noted in a brief conversation after the above described race occurred. It is not known how placed his money on that particular race,

It was also learned that agents are very interested in the famous jookey who is a known tout and was recently seen drunk at Del Mar, California.

Relative to the above mention of trip to Los Angeles on Friday night, Angust 9, 1946, Assistant Special Agent in Charge A. E. OSTHOLTHOFF at Los Angeles, advised me that a technical gource revealed that had been in conversation with

to bring down his "first class crap/snooter" to the Del Mar Hotel. The identity of this individual is not known to us, but we will be alert at the Track and Hotel to identify him should be appear there in connection with

On August 10, 1946, the Detroit Office was requested by teletype to furnish any pertinent information concerning these two individuals and to determine, if possible, whether they had left the State of Michigan. They were not identified at the Del Mar Hotel or Race Track.

With further reference to there is some indication that if he needs in coming to the Jockey Club portion of the Track, will probably see to it that he is ejected from the Track altogether, as they suspect that he is engaged in some bookmaking activities.

You will recall that I mentioned in letter of reference that

August 12, 1946

records be made in an attempt to identify this individual. It should be noted, however, that the original information to the effect that came from a source whose reliability

has not been fully established.

It is known that GEORGE RAFT, whose activities were described in my previous letter, has not returned to the Track.

Very truly yours,

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W. A. MURPHY SAC

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cc's: 1-San Diego File 94-43
1-San Diego File 94-27
1-Los Angeles File 62-282
2-Chicago File 62-3679 - Attention: Assistant Director E. J. CONNEILEY

Office Memorandum . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT August 13, 1946 MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING HEREIN INFORMATION CONTAINED CRIME SURVEY SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL 5/85 BY 50-2M The technical surveillance on Benjamin Siegel has reflected that he was in conversation with advised Siegel that a hearing concerning the construction of the lamingo Hotel would be held on Tuesday, August 13, at San Francisco
Siegel told "We will "We will not stop construction. We will go to jail first." Thereafter, Siegel contacted a party by the name of who has been identified as a well-known gambling boss in the vicinity of San Francisco. Siegel requested to "get to before whom a hearing is to be held regardis apparently ing the Flamingo Hotel. On August 12, 1946, while talking with ASAC Ostholthoff, who is handling the special in Ios Angeles, he inquired if the Bureau had any objection to contacting and it was agreed that the San Francisco Office should make a discreet background investigation as to after which time consideration would be given to contacting りて and was appointed to hear the subject matter before the CPA at San Francisco. The San Francisco Office has advised that is favorably known to Agents of that office and that he would be contacted at his residence in Palo Alto, California. The technical surveillance on Siegel has further informed that one called and offered his assistance in determining the parties responsible for the action in apholding the construction of the Flamingo Hotel.

ACTION TAKEN

The San Francisco and Los Angeles Offices have been instructed to keep the Bureau fully informed regarding the Siegel matter, and you will be promptly informed of any new developments.

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SUBJECT:

DATE: August 9, 1946

is in Los Angeles

in conjunction with a proposed plan to kill

According to the informant is to be killed

by order of an undescribed St. Louis racketeering boss in retaliation for past actions'

It is further reported that

Los Angeles advised that they will keep the Bureau informed on all developments in this regard.

RECOMENDATION

That the attached teletype be dispatched to Los Angeles Division requesting that appropriate local authorities be advised concerning the alleged planned killing

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Transmit the following message to:

CAPCAL BENJAMIN QUOCE SHOE VEGUOTE ALEGEL, MISCELIANEOUS INFORMATION,

QUE SAMT. 62-81518

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YOU ARE REQUESTED TO ADVISE APPROPRIATE

LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN THIS REGARD, SAFEGUARDING, OF COURSE, THE IDENTITY OF

THIS INFORMANT.

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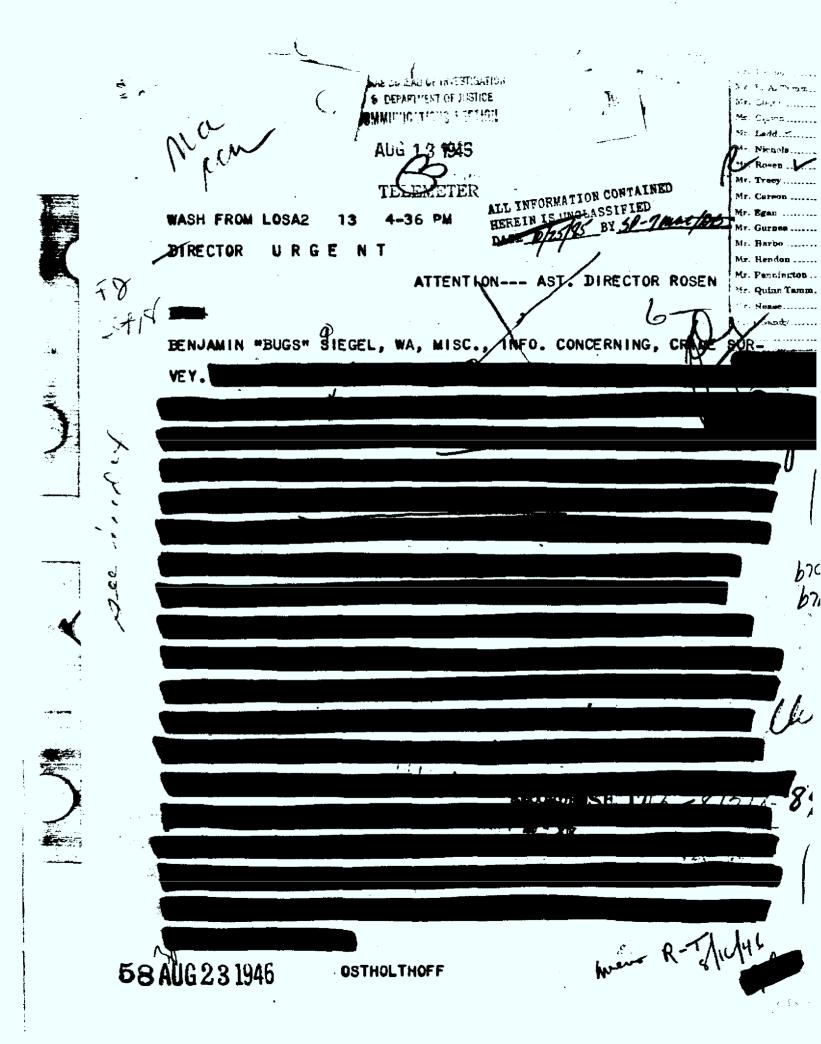
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FEDERA, BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION U S DEPARTMENT OF JUST CE COMMUNICATIONS SECTION M v. Estub FBI SAN FRANCISCO 8-14-46 Mr. Quinn Temp Mr. Nease..... DIRECTOR AND SAC LOS ANGELES URGENT BENJAMIN BUGS SEIGEL, MISC., INFO CONCERNING, CRIME SURVEY! LAS VEGAS. REGISTERED AT PALACE HO YESTERDAY FOR ROOM SEVEN NAUGHT NINE SEVEN. **ADVISES** TOLD HIM THAT HEARING WOULD CONTINUE TODAY BUT THAT HIS TESTIMONY WAS OVER. FURTHER RELATED THAT EXISTING HOTELS IN LAS VEGAS MIGHT BE TRYING TO KEEP FLAMINGO FROM PHONETIC, MENTIONED IN MYTEL YESTERDAY, BEING FINISMED. MAY BE NO PERTINENT HOLL FYDNC15 THIS MORNING ONE PHONETIC. MENTIONED WHO MAY BE IDENTICAL WITH THE IN MYTEL YESTERDAY, MET IN SEIGEL-S ROOM. DURING THE CONVERSATION THEY FELT THAT THE HEARING WOULD LAST THROUGH UNTIL SIX PM TODAY AND LAST INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD TRY TO SHOW THAT THE PROJECT WAS ONLY ONE SEIGEL WAS APPARENTLY WORRIED AND SAID QUOTE WHAT IF WE EITHER DON-T GET IT UNQUOTE. WORRY, WE-LL GET IT JUST LIKE WE GOT E FURTHER MENTION HAS BEEN MADE REGARDING APPROACHING



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BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, MISC. INFORMATION CONCERNING CREME CONTRACTOR

INTERVIEWED AT HIS HOME.

TODAY. ADVISED THAT IN THE HEARING AGAINST DEL WEBB CONSTRUCTION CO.

RESPONDENTS, THE FOLLOWING

APPEARED AS INTERESTED PARTIES

WHO SAID HE WAS A PARTNER. SIEGEL.

APPEARING AS ATTORNEYS FOR

RESPONDENTS WERE

DEL WEBB AND

STATED WAS FORMERLY ASSISTANT REGIONAL ATTORNEY FOR WPB

HERE AND

EXHIBITED PLAN DATED

JANUARY TWELVE AND TESTIFIED THIS WAS PLAN FOLLOWED IN CON-

STRUCTION. PLAN LACKED DETAILS, SUCH AS ELEVATION AND ASKED

ASKED IF LOCAL

SINCE CPA ATTORNEY DID NOT, IF HE COULD BUILD BUILD

USING ONLY THESE PLANS. BUILDING CODE REQUIRED FILING OF DETAILED PLANS AND RECEIVED REPLY

REPLIED "NO".

NEGATIVE. RESPONDENTS SHOWED THAT ON APRIL SIXTEEN THEY RECEIVED WHI IS KNOWN AS A NUMBER ONE WIRE FROM CPATTY EFFECT. THEY MUST STOP CON-

STRUCTION IF IN VIOLATION OF FREEZE ORDER. ON APRIL TWENTY EIGHT THE

SHOWED COMPLIANCE OFFICER FOR RENO DIVISION OF SAN FRANCISCO

CPA REGIONAL OFFICE, PLAN DATED JANUARY TWELVE AND STATED CONSTRUCT:

WAS PROCEEDING UNDER THIS PLAN. THEY CONFIRMED THIS BY LETTER AT WE

VROTE THAT INASMUCH AS MIQUEST. ON THE FOLLOWING DAY,

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BUILDING WAS STARTED BEFORE MARCH TWENTY SIX FREEZE ORDER THEY WERE VIOLATING IT. RESPONDENTS THEN CONTINUED CONSTRUCTION AND DURING THE FOURTEEN WEEKS PREVIOUS TO LAST STOP ORDER SPENT OVER SEVEN HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS AND COMMITTED THEMSELVES TO ABOUT FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS MORE IN ADDITION TO ABOUT FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS SPENT BEFORE RECEIVING FIRST STOP ORDER. ADVISED CPA PRESENTED ONLY TWO VERY SKETCHY PLOTS, NEITHER SHOWING ELEVATION AND APPARENTLY HAD MADE LITTLE INVESTIGATION SINCE THE TIME CONTINUED CONSTRUCTION. THE CPA REGULATION THAT THE BUILDING BE "THE SAME AS TO SIZE AND KIND" AS COMMENCED BEFORE MARCH TWENTY SIX AND THE CPA HAD NO PROOF THAT IT ! NOT. THOUGH THERE WAS NO PROOF, STATED HE PRIVATELY INFERRED A DOUBT AS TO WHETHER BLDG. WAS SAME SIZE FROM TESTIMONY THAT HE COULD NOT ACTUALLY PUT BUILDING UP FROM PLAN OF JANUARY TWELVE. THEREFORE DECIDED IN FAVOR OF RESPONDENTS ON FACTS BEFORE HIM BUT ALLOWED CPA UNTIL SEPTEMBER FIVE TO PRODUCE FURTHER EVIDENCE IF DESIRED. UNLESS CPA REQUESTS FURTHER HEARING, CASE WILL BE CLOSED TO STATED NO ONE APPROACHED HIM ON MATTER. INTRODUCED SIEG TO HIM AT HEARING, BUT NEITHER FOLLOWED UP THE INTRODUCTION. CPA ATTORNEY, ASKED IF FBI AGENTS COULD SIT IN THE HEARING. HAVING BEEN ADVISED BY US TO KEEP OUT INTEREST MATTER CONFID

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MERELY PASSED IT OFF BY REPLYING THAT THOUGH HEARINGS WERE USUALLY CLOSED HE SUPPOSED ANOTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCY MIGHT SIT IN. THIS OFFICE DID NOT CONTACT CPA HERE. REVIEW OF LOGS REFLECTS THAT AT ELEVEN THIRTY AM, AUGUST THIRTEEN LAST, ONE

MENTIONED AND THEN BLUEPRINTS OF THE BUILDING WERE DISCUSSED. THE MENTIONED BY SUBJECT AS BEING ABLE "TO STRAIGHTEN THE WHOLE THING OUT" AS REFERRED TO IN MYTEL TODAY, MAY BE INVESTIGATORY FOR CPA. IT IS NOTED THAT PHONETIC - MENTIONED IN MYTEL OF AUGUST THIRTEEN LAST WAS ORIGINALLY CALLED AT ONE TEN EDUCLUB AND REQUESTED TO COME TO SUITE AT ST. FRANCIS HOTEL.

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VEGAS SEVEN ZERO SEVEN ZERO AND TWO ONE EIGHT THREE AND TALKED TO

"BABY". HE MENTIONED THAT AN EXCOP WAS INVESTIGATING THE CASE FOR THE

CPA, THAT THEY WERE AT THE HEARING FIVE HOURS ON THE DAY PREVIOUS AND

HAD TO GO BACK AT ONE THIRTY PM AUGUST FOURTEENTH. HE ASKED "BABY"

TO SEE AN UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL ABOUT GETTING LICENSE FOR FLAMINGO. IN

ASIDE TO PARENTHESIS APPARENTLY PARENTHESIS HE

COMPLAINED THEY CLAIMED THERE ARE TWO BUILDINGS INVOLVED AND ASKED HOW

THEY EXPECTED A HOTEL SIX MILES OUTSIDE OF TOWN TO OPERATE WITHOUT A RES

TAURANT AND ADDED "SOMEBODY GOT THE SETUP." WHATS THE IDEA OF PICKING

TAURANT AND ADDED "SOMEBODY GOT THE SETUP." AND ADDED OF FICKING

ON US IF THEY DIDNT IMMEDIATELY, THEREAFTER SUBJECT AND

MENTIONED HE-HAU A TERIFFIC SPEECH TO

MAKE AT THE HEARING AND REFERRED TO A LIVELLOW TICKET WHILE THE JOB WAS

PROGRESSING. SUBJECT MENTIONED RECOULD SEET

UNIDENTIFIED- AND

STRAIGHTEN THE WHOLE THING OUT THEFTAD OF SPENDING MONEY FOR LAWYERS.

SHORTLY THEREAFTER

ENTERED THIS SUITE AND THERE WAS

MENTION OF A PLAN OF MARCH TWENTY TWO AND ANOTHER PLAN OF JANUARY

SAUGAS AFFERRED TO A PLAN OF JANUARY TWELVE AS SIX A, AND ALSO

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MENTIONED A PLAN OF MARCH TWENTY TWO. THEY MENTIONED THE PLAN OF JAN-HARY TWELVE WOULD BE COMPATIBLE WITH THE LETTER UNDER WHICH THEY GOT AUTHORIZATION. THEY MENTIONED THE DEL WEBB COMPANY IS TO AVIHEY FOLLOWED PLAN SIX A, ALTHOUGH THEY PROCEEDED UNDER THE MARCH TWENTY TWO PLAN. IT WAS MENTIONED THAT THE WEBB COMPANY IS NOT TO KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE MARCH TWENTY TWO PLAN AND THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS TO HAVE THE WEBB REPRESENTATIVE TESTIFY THAT HE FOLLOWED THE PLAN OF JANUARY TWELVE AND NO OTHER. THE TESTIMONY WAS TO BE THAT THE BUILDING IS TO BE A HORSESHOE OPEN ON ONE END WITH NO DETERMINATION MADE AT THE TIME AS TO WHICH END WOULD BE THE OPEN END AND THE TESTIMONY WAS FURTHER TO BE THAT THERE WAS NO DEVIATION FROM THE PLAN OF JANUARY WROTE TO THE DISTRICT TWELVE. THERE WAS MENTION THAT ONE MANAGER, WHO APPARENTLY WAS PRESENT -UNIDENTIFIED-, SAYING THAT HE HAD FIXED MATTERS WITH SENATOR ----- --- --- NAME NOT AUDIBLE-. THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION REGARDING BUT NO MENTION MADE OF ANY APPROACH TO HIM. HE STATED THEY ONLY HAD TO PROVE THERE WAS ONE BUILDING WHICH WAS STARTED BEFORE THE REGULATION WENT IN, THAT THE CPA GAVE THEM A LETTER ON WHICH THEY RELIED AND IT WAS FURTHER MENTIONED THAT THE ONLY THING THEY DIDNT COMPLY WITH WAS THE FILING OF A PLOT PLAN FOR MARCH TWENTY SEVEN. AT ONE TEN PM THE PARTIES LEFT FOR THE HEARING. AT FOUR TWENTY PM THE PARTIES REENTERED SUITE AT WHICH TIME AN INDIVIDUAL LATER IDENTIFIED AS CALLED

AND TOLD HIM THEY HAD A DECISION IN THEIR

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FAVOR. SUBJECT MENTIONED THEY WERE LEAVING AT SIX THIRTY AND THAT HE
WAS GOING TO LAS VEGAS ON THE MORNING OF AUGUST FIFTEEN. AT SIX THIRTY
PM SUBJECT AND

BOARDED WESTERN AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE TWO NINE FOR LOS ANGELES, EACH HAD PURCHASED A ROUNDTRIP TICKET FROM SAN FRANCISCO TO LOS ANGELES AND RETURN BUT HAD NOT REQUESTED ANY RETURN SPACE. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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Office Memorandum UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: 8/16/46

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SUBJECT: RENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL

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Mr. Ostholthoff, Los Angeles, telephonically advised at this time that in accordance with Bureau instructions about ten days ago to go ahead with an open investigation of the construction of the Flamingo Hotel and any possible irregularities on the part of CFA personnel, that he plans to start this next Monday in this connection. Mr. Ostholthoff plans to go to San Francisco Monday and have Agents go to Reno at that time to talk to and he is also having Agents in Los Angeles go into CPA records there, at the same time. He stated he wanted to be sure before he goes ahead that they would have the backing of the CPA in Washington in getting the records.

The observation was made by Ostholthoff that it appears the CPA hearing may have been a cover-up as they obviously did not present much of a case. CPA investigator, had stated before the hearing that they had an open and shut case. That had also stated he had the blue prints which showed that there were two separate buildings and they should have constructed only one. Mr. Ostholthoff stated he did not know whether the blue prints were introduced at the hearing. It was also pointed out by Ostholthoff that a possible perjury may develop in view of the agreement room that the Webb Construction would testify which was made in they were working from the January plan rather than the March plan. Ostholthoff stated the San Francisco office was using a contact microphone when this information was obtained. Ostholthoff said they will obtain a transcript of the hearing. advised after the hearing in strict confidence that Senator Pat McCarran was in San Francisco the day of the hearing in case he was needed by the Flamingo people. The Government has until September 5, 1946, to present additional evidence to

Mr. Ostholthoff stated unless there was a change in Washington he will go ahead on Monday and keep the Bureau advised of developments.

ACTION TAKEN: I told Ostholthoff that I had not seen anything which would change the original instructions.

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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SPECIAL COMMITTEE: INVESTIGATING THE NATIONAL DEPENSE PROGRAM

July 26, 1946

Gentlemen:

im receipt of a letter

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TOLLOWS:

"There is a matter which I believe needs attention. are a lot of \$1000 bills offering here at \$750, they can be sold at \$850 in Reno, I am told."

I am forwarding the information for your consideration. I know nothing or the alleged facts of either he mentions.

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Sincerely yours,

in which he states

William F. Knowland United States Senator

Federal Buresu of Investigation Washington, D. C.

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Honorable Filliam F. Znowland United States Senate Fachington, D. C. ALL

My dear Senators

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It was very kind of you to write as you did on July 26, 1946, concerning information received from

shout the sale of \$1000 bills. Is appears
that this matter comes within the investigative jurisdiction of the Secret Service
Division, United States Treasury Department,
and I have taken the liberty of advising that
agency of the information you sent to me.

With expressions of my highest esteem and best regards,

Sincerely yours,

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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ATTEMPTON I. E. OSTEOLIHOFF

Transmit the following message to:

MENJAMIN GROTE BUGS ENGROTE SIEGEL, MISCELLARSOUS INFORMATION, CRIME SURVEY.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH PAST INSTRUCTIONS THE SURVAU DESIRES TO ME PROMPTLY ADVISED

WHENEVER A MEN TECHNICAL SURVEILLANCE IS CONTEMPLATED IN THE COVERING OF

BENJAMIN SIEGEL'S ACTIVITIES. BESPITE THE PACT THAT BLANKET AUTHORITY HAS

BEEN GRANTED IN SO PAR AS RIEGEL IS CONCERNED, PRIOR TO EVERY INSTALLATION

ON SIEGEL, AUTHORITY MUST BE OBTAINED FROM THE BUREAU AND THE BUREAU ADVISED

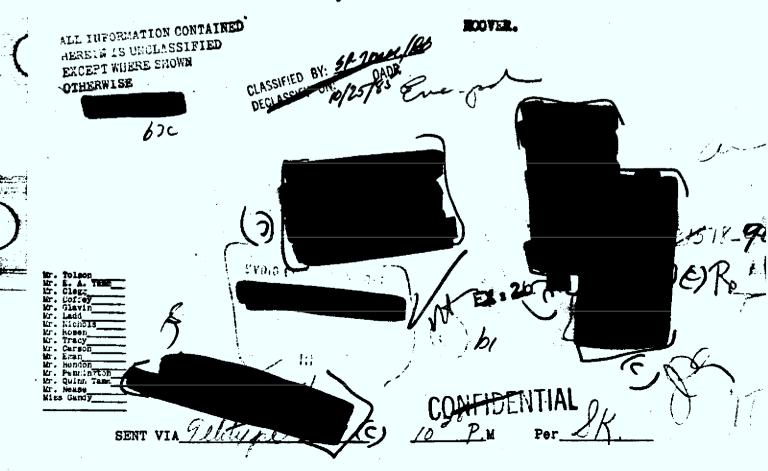
THAT COMPLETE SECURITY WILL BE MAINTAINED. FURTHER, IMMEDIATELY UPON SETTING

UP THE INSTALLATION THE BUREAU MUST BE ADVISED CONCERNING THE TIME AND DATE

OF THE INSTALLATION, THE SYMBOL ASSIGNED, THE NUMBER OF THE TELEPHONE INVOLVED,

AND THE LOCATION OF THE PHONE. SUTEL DETAILS OF ANY TECHNICAL NOX EMPLOYED

ON SIEGEL IN ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, SAN FRANCISCO.



Bederal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice Los Angeles (13) California August 6, 1946

Director, FBI

Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL MISCELIANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING

CRIME SURVEY

Dear Sir:

The Bureau is requested to secure from the Treasury Department

Very truly yours,

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ec Mr. Tamm Mr. Rosen Mr. McCabe

Mr. O'Grady

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The Monorable, The Secretary of the Treasury, Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

It would be very much appreciated if you would forward uncertified copies of the 1943, 1944, and 1945 income tex returns of Benjamin Siegel, 250 Delfera Drive, Holmby Hills, Los Angeles, California.

This information is desired in connection with an efficial investigation being conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation of this Department.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Tom C. Clark

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728 San Diego Trust and Savings Bank
San Diego 1, California
August 16, 1946

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DIRECTOR, FBI

RE: CAPCA Bureau File 62-81093

RE: BENJAMIN SIEGEL, with aliases MISCELLAMEOUS INFORMATION CRIVE SURVEY

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my communication to the Director dated August 12, 1946, entitled as above, in which I mentioned the belief that

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د وز With reference to the information previously furnished telephonically by Mr. ONE MINERAL from Los Angeles concerning

an opportunity was countries to cover portions of a conversation taking place in Cottage E56, at the Hotel. An apparently friendly card game was in progress at the time and during a long discussion of various horses at the Del Mar Track, an unidentified person made a statement to the effect that no bookie at the track need have any worry about the FBI and its activities because that organization was not interested in bookmaking; that "the FBI goes strictly for the big stuff".

It was noted that next door the state of the game was in progress but it was apparent that it was only an amateur affair.

With reference to Mr. OSTHOLTHOFF's letter to me of August 13, 1946, concerning a contact between in Los Angeles, at which time that "those guys who inquired about these two fellows at the lotel room are 'whiskers' and they were from out of town and this information was for out-of-town use". This convertation undoubtedly refers to described in my letter of August 13, 1946, in this matter. The inquired discussed between is believed to refer to inquiries made at the Hotel, probably of the Hotel management, by

My previous correspondence indicates that the pad been ejected from the Jockey Club premises at the Del war Track as an objectionable character. He proceeded to Los Anceles thereafter and is known to have contacted

reinstated at the Jockey Club. On August 15, 1946, it is known that

now has a box in the Club House and the Agents who had had him under surveillance had other sources believe that he is engaged in making a book. However, he has not been seen to handle any money.

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I stated in my letter to the Director dated Angust 12, 1946, that at was ejected from the Jockey Club he was carrying the admittance book of an individual

Information from Los Angeles indicated that this book is registered in the name of The identity of this individual is not known and the Los Angeles Field Division is requested to furnish San Diego with any pertinent information concerning him.

Mr. OSTHOUTHOFF has advised me that has been in contact with an employee of the Del Mar Hotel. The identity has not been definitely established, but efforts toward that end are now being made.

Very truly yours.

W. A. MURPHY SAC

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cc's: 1-San Diege File 94-43 1-Los Angeles File 62-232 Attention: Mr. A. E. Ostholthoff 2-Chicago File 62-3679 Attention: Mr. E. J. Connelley Assistant Director

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acquiring an interest in the Del Mur Hetel, and thought that maybe this was a welled attempt on the part of SIERKL to gain sentrol of the Torf Club. In summation, SIECEL definitely has no interest whatever in the Bel Mur Turf Club, nor does to the sentrol of Angeles arous.





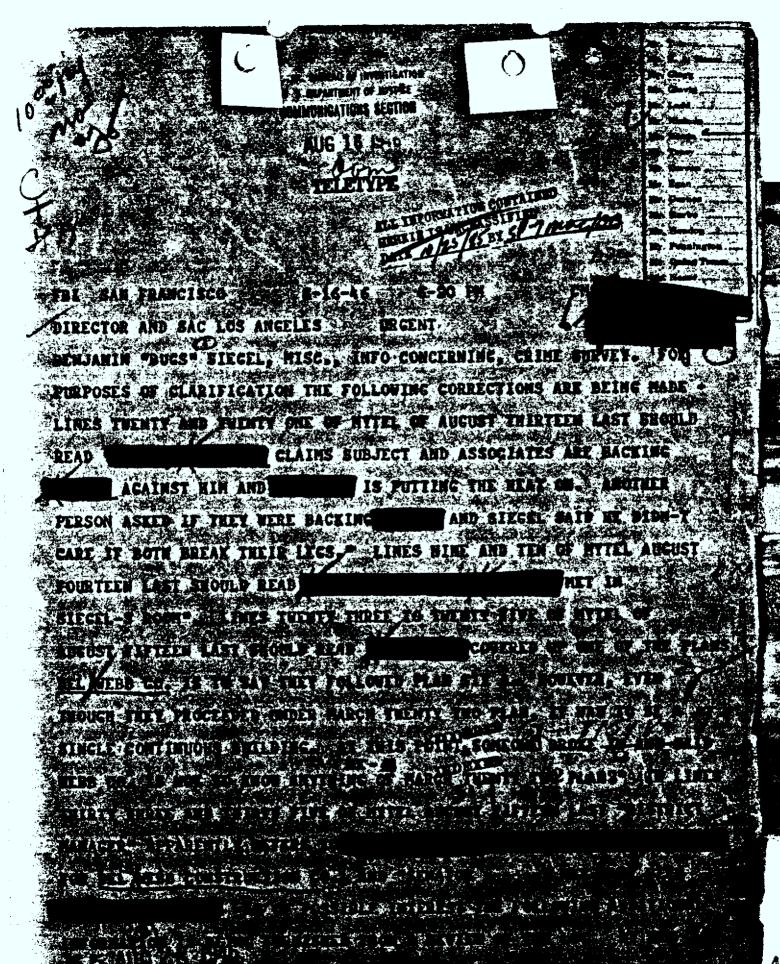
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A copy of this communication is being furnished the Los Angeles Office for its information.

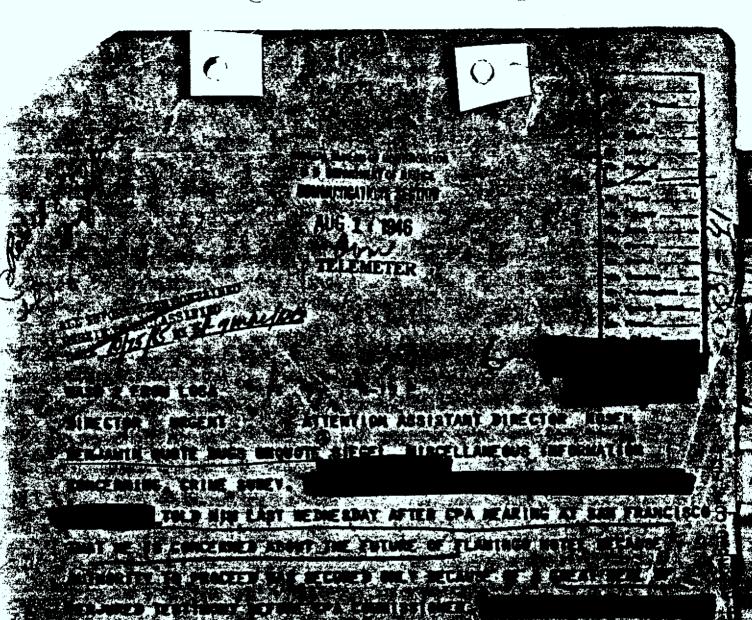
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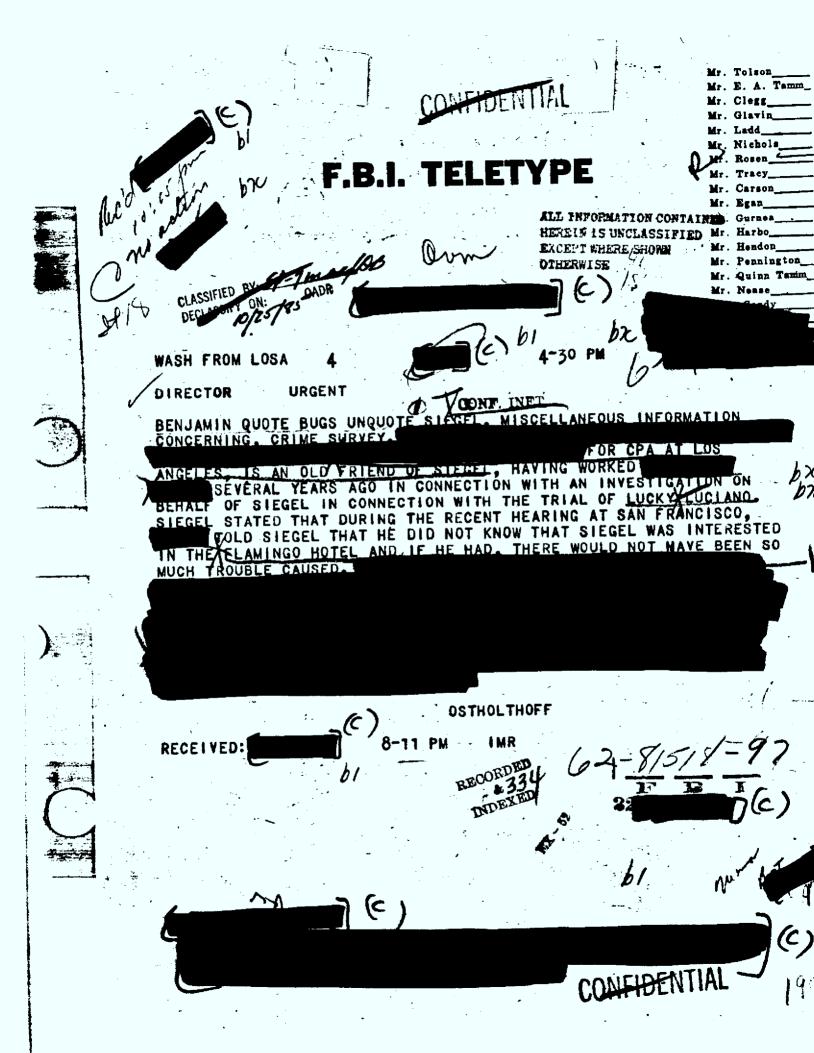
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AUGUST TWO LAST. INFORMATION AND HE HAS BEEN ATTEMPTING TO CONVINCE HIS ORIGI-NAL SOURCE THAT THIS INDIVIDUAL SHOULD COOPERATE WITH THE FBI IN MAKING COMPLETE FACTS AVAILABLE. THIS OFFICE MAINTAINING WHO TO DATE HAS BEEN UNABLE TO CON-R COOPERATE . VINCE HIS INFORMANT THAT HE SHOULD

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TO

Mr. E. A.TAMM

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DATE: August 20, 1946

From Q A. ROSEN

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL

Call 3:30 PM

MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

Mr. Ostholthoff telephonically furnished the following information at this time from San Francisco. Ostholthoff stated he talked with the compliance Section of CPA, and who presented the matter before the Commissioner. They refused to allow Ostholthoff to look at their files and would not give him the name of the reporter who is recording the hearings, the theory being that this is still an open matter with them and they cannot let any other Government agency look at any of their files while the matter is pending. Mr. Ostholthoff stated that he asked if the respondents, the builders, could have transcripts of the hearings. replied that they could, if they paid the fee.

said there are some things off-the-record he wanted to go over with the Commissioner and urged Ostholthoff not to do anything until September 5 when there will be additional hearings. bx

Mr. Ostholthoff also talked with

for the CPA, today, and he again stated he had no control over

Ostholthoff stated that man in Reno made the information
there available to our Agent, in connection with the plans for the
construction of the Flamingo Hotel.

The Commissioner ruled that the Government did not present a case sufficient to justify the stop order, and, therefore, the construction of the building could continue. The Commissioner said he will give the Government until September 5 to present some new evidence to justify the stop order.

Ostholthoff said that he can go ahead without the file, although it would be much easier with it. Ostholthoff will take no further action regarding getting this material from the bureau.

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Ostholthoff was directed to prepare a memorandum outling just what the situation is and forward it to the Bureau AMSD for my attention. It was pointed out that the Bureau probably will go over to CpA, and if we cannot handle it directly we will probably handle it through the offices of the Attorney General. I told Ostholthoff he would be advised as to what action the Bureau takes in this regard. I also pointed out to Ostholthoff that in making these open inquiries he must be sure that they are confined to matters within the Bureau's investigative jurisdiction and not reveal our interest in any particular individuals.

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orandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MR. E. A. TAMM

DATE: 8/19/46

Call 5:40 pm

SUBJECT:

BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL MISCRILANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

Mr. Ostholthoff telephonically furnished the following information at this time from San Francisco. He stated that he and another Agent had gone to the CPA headquarters at San Francisco and talked with for the CPA, and explained they wanted to

look into the construction of the Flamingo Hotel. cooperative and he contacted the CPA man at Reno and told him to give our Agent anything he wanted.

However, Mr. Ostholthoff stated that Compliance Section of CPA, is not answerable to under their Washington office, and when Ostholthoff asked him to go over stated they refused. the file on the Flamingo Hotel, until September 5 to present more evidence to the commissioner and he said the Bureau investigation would probably interfere with their investigation. gation. Ostholthoff asked if they intended to conduct some invitistated he did not know what they were going to do, the gation and they were going to have a conference with the legal staff and go into the matter and for Ostholthoff to come back tomorrow. Ostholthoff stated ha the name of the court reporter who took the testimony of t said he did not think he should give that to him. said he did not think he should give us a transcript of the test. until such time as he is finished with his investigation. Mr. Ostholth superior in Washington and he wanted to know if the Bureau desired to contact him. He stated he wantas he did not know whether he to advise the Bureau regarding intended to contact their Washington office.

ACTION TAKEN: I told Mr. Ostholthoff to make a formal request of tomorrow for the material desired, pointing out that we do not feel justified in having two investigations running concurrent and that we are going ahead with ours, and that we certainly feel it is the duty of Government agencies to cooperate.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED

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SUBJECT: V BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL INFORMATION CONCERNING CRIME SURVEY

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINS

Mr. Ostholthoff, Los Angeles, telephonically furnished the following information.

CONFERENCE OF SIEGEL,

AT LAS VEGAS

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From 11:40 P.M., August 20, 1946, to 1:50 A.M., a conference, which was covered by Agents, was held in Ben Siegel's hotel room at Las Vegas which was attended by Siegel.

commented upon the fact that he were having considerable difficulty in arranging for a loan for further construction of the Flamingo Hotel from the Los Angeles banks. is reported to have been told by a friend of his, unidentified, who is an executive in the Bank of America, that the reason the banks were unwilling to consider a loan was because Siegel was being investigated by the FBI. that he had communicated with the Los Angeles FBI Office and told had learned that the Bureau was investigating the case for two reasons: (1) to determine if any bribe was paid in connection with the construction of the *; #lamingo Hotel and (2) to ascertain the sources of Ben Siegel's money. Mr. Ostholthoff stated that no call was made to any person in the Los Angeles Division and he is of the opinion that the had made no call and was merely guessing as to the reasons why the FBI might be investigating this matter.

thought it would be a good suggested to Siegel that idea for Siegel to go to the office of the FBI and ask why they were investigating him. Siegel stated that if the FBI wanted to talk to him they could come and see pointed out to Siegel that the FBI would never come to see him and it might be to his interest to find out what the matter was about. Siegel then indicated he would consider it.

POLITICAL CONNECTIONS

Siegel stated that he had made a \$500 contribution to the campaign fund on August 20, 1946, and that he was not concerned with Senator McCarran because he was already cooperative. Siegel indicated he might attempt to obtain a RFC loan in connection with the construction of the suggested to Siegel that when he next saw Senator, Flamingo Hotel. McCarran he should caution Senator McCarran "to play cozy" in the event Senator b McCarran was questioned by the FBI concerning their activities.

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Mr. A. Rosen

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Mr. Ostholthoff advised that information was previously furnished concerning the

He advised that at 7:17 P.M., August 20, 1946, Siegel received a telephone call in which the following conversation took place:

Caller: "Ben"

Siegel: where are you - in Cleveland?"

Siegel: "I will see you tomorrow, at least I will see you tomorrow night."

was subsequently located in Las Vegas. Siegel has reservations to leave los Vegas by air for Chicago at 6:30 P.M., August 21, 1946. Arrangements have been made to maintain a physical surveillance on Siegel when he arrives at Chicago.

NEW CONSTRUCTION FLAMINGO HOTEL

Mr. Ostholthoff advises that the pointed issue with the CPA in the construction of the Flamingo Hotel is whether or not there is more than one building. It would appear that there are actually three buildings: (1) the Casino, (2) the hotel itself, and (3) a building for stores in connection with the hotel. Siegel and his associates maintain that the same constitutes merely one building and they have planned connecting all three buildings by walls and roofs at an expenditure of \$15,000 so that there can be no question as to the fact they constitute one building. At the same time they are planning to erect a high fence around the project so that no one will be able to observe the construction from the street.

ACTION BEING TAKEN

The case will be followed closely and you will be advised of all' developments.



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT Office Memorandum -DATE: 8/27/46 Call: 2:30 D.E. SUBJECT: BENJAMIN WBUGSW SIEGEL MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING At this time Mr. Ostholthoff of Los Angeles, telephonically came into the office and talked advised that former Agent with Mr. Hood and Mr. Ostholthoir. He advised he was representing and that they had asked him to tell them they here ready and willing to come into the office and answer any questions asked of them. Mr. Ostholthoff stated that he and Mr. Hood advised as any citizen, would answer any question felt that we asked. is now running a detective agency and was apparently hired as public relations counsel to carry this message to the Los Angeles Division. ALL INFORMATION CONTAINS

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FROM

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL

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BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL INFORMATION CONCERNING; MISCELLANEOUS; CRIME SURVEY ALL IMPORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE: August 26, 1946

The attention of Assistant Special Agent in Charge Notesteen, St. Paul, was called to the letter dated August 20, 1946, from the Los Angels. Division to the Bureau, copies of which were directed to the Saint Paul Office.

He was advised that the information furnished concerning the alleged plan was to be treated as confidential and was not to be disclosed to anyon, and no inquiries were to be made. He was instructed, however, that if any information was received concerning this matter it should be immediately called to the attention of the Bureau.

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Federal Bureau of knuestigation

Anited States Department of Justice Los Angeles (13) California August 20, 1946

Director. FBI

Attention: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR ROSEN, Ser G. Decay

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

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

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the telephonic conversation between the Bureau and Special Agent R. B. HOOD on the evening of August 19, 1946 regarding the allegation that

It was reported that

had left from Las Vegas on the evening of August 18, 1946
for Minneapolis. From the information available, it was thought that
would take place during this week. The reason for the
plan
was believed to be that BEN SIEGEL was running
low on money for the hotel (Hotel Flamingo, Las Vegas, Nevada) and he
is using this method to obtain more money.

Regarding the report of Special Agent dated August 14, 1946 at Minneapolis in the CAPGA Case sets forth information regarding

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dated August 16, 1946 at Cleveland in the CAPGA Case reflects information regarding beginning on Page 112.

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August 20, 1946

Director, FBI

Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL

Photographs were enclosed with the referenced report of Special Agent and were furnished to the Bureau, Assistant Director E. J. CONNELLEY at Chicago and to Salt Lake City.

It was determined telephonically through Special Agent

Las Veras. on August 20, 1946 that a who
is believed to be ad left Las Veras at 8:30 p.m. on
August 17, 1946 via T.W.A. Flight Number 4, Plane Number 559 on a ticket
purchased to Chicago. It was indicated there was to be a plane change
at Kansas City. However, there was no reservation for

Kansas City to Chicago. He can go by Mid-Continent Airlines to Minneapolis
from Kansas City or via the Baniff Airlines. He could also go on to Chicago
and take the T.W.A. plane to Minneapolis.

With regard to BENJAMIN SIEGEL, Agent advised that on August 17, 1946 SIEGEL had requested the Western Airlines for reservations on the 21st to Chicago. Western Airlines confirmed these reservations and he would leave at 9:20 a.m. on August 21, 1946, but he was informed that the United Airlines was unable to confirm his reservation from Denver to Chicago. The first available space from Denver was reported as being September 9, 1946. However, he might obtain last-minute cancellation from Denver to Chicago.

the alleged plan bending instructions to the contrary from the Bureau. It is requested, however, that the Chicago Field Division make available photographs which photographs were previously furnished to the Chicago Field Division in the report of Special Agent mentioned herein, to St. Paul.

For the assistance of the Chicago and St. Paul Field Divisions, there are attached two photographs of BENJAMIN SIEGEL for each of those offices.

The following is a physical description of BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL:

Born February 28, 1906 at New York Age 40

Director, FBI

August 20, 1946

Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL

Height Weight Hair Eyes Race FBI Number Education Occupation

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8 years grade school Betting commissioner and investment

broker

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Parents

Very truly yours,

acceptable for

A. E. OSTHOLTHOFF

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CC: Chicago (Attention: Asst. Director E. J. CONNELLEY), Encl. 2 AMSD St. Paul AMSD, Encl. 2

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: August 22, 1946

FROM : SAC, BOSTON

SUBJECT:

BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGAL.

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Reference is made to the teletype from the Los Angeles Field Office on August 13, 1946 to the Bureau, New York and this office in connection with the above captioned matter.

The Boston Office was requested to advise the Los Angeles Office of the activities of and the identity of

Your attention is called to the investigation was., Miscellaneous Information Concerning," of which Washington Field is origin. Reports available in this office on that case reflect RECORDED INDEXED 303

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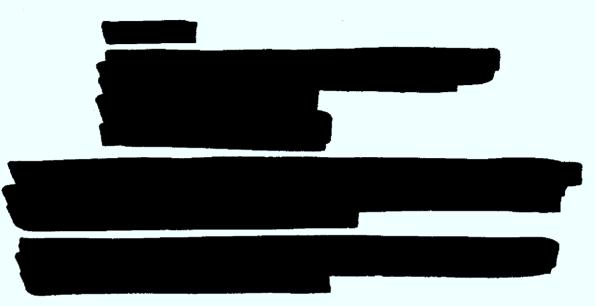
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DIRECTOR, FBI



While the Boston Office will continue its investigative activity in the above, inasmuch as it closely fits into the Capga matter in this area it was thought that the offices interested might desire the above information. It is noted that

referenced teletype could be

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Office Memorandum UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Director, FBI

DATE: August 15, 1946

. Z. OSTHOLTHOFF

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" STEGEL

MISCRILANEOUE: INFORMATION CONCERNING:

CRIME SURVEY

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This is to advise that on July 22, 1946 a news article appeared in the LOS ANGELES EXAMINER under the caption sleuths Scrutinize Gin Rummy Game", in which was reported that the cards of a \$3,000,000 swindle were laid on the table of Hollywood film colony yesterday". Listed among the victims were Colonel LEON MANDEL, Chicago Department Store magnate, who was reportedly taken for \$115,000 which was settled for \$95,000; SAM GOLDWIN, the Producer, was reportedly another big loser to the amount of \$40,000. The article indicated that Detectives MECHARL MAC DOUGALL, exposer extraordinary of the card sharks and RAY SHINDLER, a New York Private Operative, were said to have been employed by MANDEL and two ranking Hollywood producers to investigate.

With reference to the above-mentioned article, the following information has been brought to the attention of this office in connection with the investigation being conducted with regard to subject SIEGEL. On August 4, 1946, it was reported by that had contacted there was a general discussion of propositions available in Las Vegas. indicated he had a friend who was a lawyer in New York by the (phonetic), who desired to place some money in a proposition. A discussion was had with regard to the new Hotel Flamingo

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there was nothing to the story, that it was just newspaper talk. He related that the smount of \$115,000, but had never collected a "nickel". related that "they", undoubtedly were "moving around herelamong the good set". meaning

<u> 3</u>0 و 29 On August 9, 1946 eported that had contacted BEN SIRGEL, at which time SIEGEL discussed at some langth numerous difficulties that he was having with the C.P.A. with regard 946 to the building of the new Flamingo Hotel at Las Vegas. indicated that he had spoken to

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and he wanted to talk to on the same thing as he had discussed with! indicated that name was "tangled" up in the same matter and that the information had come connecting name with undoubtedly SIEGEL indicated was away and that undoubtedly he (SIEGEL) could give any information desired. related that the people who were hiring him had said that was a buddy of SIEGEL stated had not seen in a year and one-half and that he has not talked to him more than five times in his whole life. SIEGEL stated: "You can put that in your report". indicated he desired information on background; however, SIEGEL indicated that did not or "any one of them". SIEGEL stated: "You can say that you interviewed him in your report". This conversation was closed when SIEGEL stated that if "there is something I hear or that you want to know, just give me a call". The same confidential source as mentioned above indicates and that SIEGEL. had been in contact with each other on several occasions.

With reference to the name of the Los Angeles Field Office files indicate that previously mentioned,

Regarding reflect that on August 13, 1946,

the Los Angeles Field Office files

is an associate of STEGET.

Los Angeles, advised that and GEORGE RAFT.

Further, a letter from the Chicago Field Office dated August 12, 1946 in the CAPGA Case advised that and other prominent members of the Chicago gambling

syndicate meet frequently.

Regarding the identity of reflect a case entitled

the Los Angeles Files

The Bureau was advised as to the inquiries made at Los Angeles in the report of Special Agent

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Director, FBI

August 15, 1946

Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL

dated April 26, 1945 at Los Angeles.

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with reference to your attention is directed to my letter dated July 3, 1946 in the case entitled MACKETEERING ACTIVITIES, LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION, in which information was set forth concerning SIEGEL's having contacted

The above data is merely brought to the attention of the Bureau for its information and should further information of this nature come to the attention of this office it will be furnished to the Bureau.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT Office Memorandum DATE: 8/27/46 2:30 p.m. "BUGS" SIEGEL MISCEL ANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING SUBJECT: At this time I telephonically advised Mr. Ostholthoff in Los of the C.P.A. Office located at 1355 Market Street, San Francisco, will furnish any records or information desired. I told him the Bureau had contacted the C.P.A. here and they telephonically to make this material available. instructed Mr. O tholthoff stated he would try to get to San Francisco tonight the first thing tomorrow morning. 2-81518-10 ALL IN FORMATION CONTAINED 5 5 AUG 30 1946

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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TO

Director, FBI

DATE:

August 20, 1946

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SA A. E. OSTHOLTHOFF

SUBJECT:

BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING; CRIME SURVEY AIR WAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

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This memo will confirm the telephone conversations between the writer and Assistant Director ROSEN on August 19 and August 20, 1946.

of the San Francisco Office and myself Special Agent on August 19, 1946, interviewed Civilian Production Administration, 1355 Market Street, San Francisco, Caliwas advised that we were interested in going over the files of the CPA in connection with the construction of the Flamingo Hotel at Las Vegas, Nevada; that we had information that there was possibly fraud against the Government involved in connection with the original permission granted to the builders of the Flamingo Hotel. stated that he was not fully acquainted with the facts in the matter but that for CPA, would have the complete file on this matter. explained that he does not control the activities of reports directly to of the Compliance Division of DEPTREED RECORDING the CPA at Washington, D. C.

requested that he permit us to review the file on the Flamingo Hotel, and the permit was pending with regard to this in view of the fact that an investigation was pending with regard to this matter. He advised that he did not know what further investigation would be conducted by the CPA and stated he was to have a conference with the legal staff of the CPA on August 19, 1946, and requested that we return on August 20, 1946.

On August 20, 1946, a conference was held at the office of at which were present

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and the writer. At this time we again requested
to go over the entire matter with us, and they advised that they would not
let us see the files nor would they discuss fully the facts developed by
CPA in their investigation nor would they furnish us the facts brought out
at the hearing before by both the Government and the
respondents. We also formally requested the name of the reporting firm preparing the transcript of the hearing held before

stated that after the transcript is prepared by the reporter he desired to go

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over the transcript with the same was in view of the fact that there were by some matters in the transcript which were off the record. While the same did not state he intended to change the record, the inference was there.

It was pointed out to both the Government cases and that was jurisdiction to investigate fraud against the Government cases and that was the reason for our request for information. The requested that we defer any investigation until after September 5, 1946, and stated that in the meantime the CPA plans to conduct investigation which they hoped will result in the certain ruling in favor of the CPA. He said that any investigation by the FBI would interfere with the CPA case. He was asked how an FBI investigation would interfere, and he stated that he did not know.

Both were pressed repeatedly for information concerning this matter, and finally dismissed all questions by stating that be would not furnish us any information unless he were instructed to do so by his superiors in Washington.

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Office Memorandum • United States Government

MR. ROSEN

FROM

SUBJECT:

BENJAMIN SIECEL, with aliases

INFORMATION CONCERNING: MISCELLANEOUS

CRIME SURVEY

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DATE: August 26.

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PURPOSE

To advise you that in connection with investigation being conducted concerning a possible Fraud Against the Covernment violation angle by Siegel in the construction of the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada, difficulty was encountered by Agents making inquiries of for the Civilian Production Administration and would not cooperate with the Bureau and refused to allow Agents to examine the CPA files and further they would not furnish any facts brought out in a hearing held on August 13 unless they were instructed to do so by has advised of the CPA in Washington, D.C. that the regulations of the CPA specifically prohibit field offices of CPA to furnish information to other agencies.

BACK GROUND

On the basis that the construction of the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada, is being built in violation of a freeze order issued by the CPA in March of 1946, a possible Fraud Against the Government violation investigation was instituted against Benjamin Siegel. Information along this line was originally furnished by of Los Angeles that the construction of the Flamingo Hotel has not progressed further than "a few stakes being driven in the ground" when the freeze order regulating all commercial building under CPA went into effect. The freeze order of the CPA went into effect on March 26, 1946.

further reported that when the order came through the construction had not progressed far enough to qualify for the granting of a further informed that it was rumored permit for its continuance. funds were that through made available to Senator PatXIcCarran of Nevada and shortly thereafter construction further reported that after construction continued, was authorized. the records of the construction company were falsified to show that the construction had progressed to a greater extent than it had as of March 26, 1946 when the freeze order became effective. INDEXEMP NEWSPAPER PUBLICITY

An editorial appeared in the Las Vegas Tribune, a weekly measpaper, on August 1, 1946 complaining of the fact that the Federal authorities were permitting the construction of the Flamingo Hotel while the veterans were homeless due to a shortage of building material. STOP ORDER

On August 8, 1946 Mr. Ostholthoff at Los Angeles advised that information was received on that date to the effect that a "stop order" had been issued against

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Siegel and his associates in connection with the construction of the Flamingo Hotel at Las Vegas. This stop order was dated August 7, 1946. At the time the stop order was issued the attorney for Siegel in Las Vegas, Nevada, requested the regional office of the CPA in San Francisco to allow the construction of the building to be continued pending the cutcome of the hearing, by which was scheduled within a week. The request was complied with.

BUILDING PLAN

of the CPA, upon being contacted by Agents informed that the CPA regulations specifically prohibited a person in the field from giving information to other agencies. off the record, showed a diagram of the Flamingo Hotel, which comprised the Casino, the kitchen and the dining room surrounded by a 200-room hotel, a series of stores and a series of cottages which would complete the layout. advised that Building No. 1, which comprised the Casino, kitchen and dining 力乙 room, was actually under construction prior to the original CPA freeze order issued on March 26, 1946. However, none of the other buildings were under construction nor were there any connecting tunnels or conduits indicating that they were a part of the structure under progress. According to relative buildings under construction, such as these wherein separate and distinct buildings were being built, the CPA has always refused to permit any further building except the ones actually under construction prior to the pointed out to the Agents that based on previous CPA freeze order. decisions in similar cases he did not see how it would be possible for the CPA to give the Flamingo Hotel permission to continue with its construction. He stated that the CPA had an "open and shut case against Siegel".

EVIDENCE PRESENTED AT HEARING

At the hearing held on August 13, 1946, before tho was appointed to hear the matter. he has advised that the architects for the Flamingo Hotel presented a plan dated January 12 and contended that this was the plan followed in the conpointed out at the hearing that struction of the Flamingo Hotel. this plan lacked details such as elevation and he, therefore, questioned whether they could proceed with the building, using only the plans of January 12. The contractors for Siegel further produced a letter directed to the CPA dated April 17, 1946, in response to a wire from the CPA dated April 16, which stated that they must stop construction if the construction was in violation of the freeze order. The respondents produced a letter to the effect that they were proceeding on the plan of January 12 and as the building was started before March 26 they were not violating any freeze order. advised that the CPA failed to present any proof that the respondents were wiolating any order issued by the CPA, and from the facts presented he decided in favor of the respondents.

ATTEMPTS TO SECURE INFORMATION OF

Mr. (stholthoff has advised that he personally talked with 6>C

of the CPA, and

who presented the matter before the commissioner on August 13. Er. Ustholthoff

Memo for Mr. Rosen

has informed that these two individuals have refused to allow the Bureau to look at their files and would not give him the name of the reporter who recorded the hearings, the theory of being that this is still an open matter with the CPA and they cannot let any other Government agency lock at any of their files while the matter is pending. advised Mr. Ostholthoff that there was some off-the-record things he wanted to discuss with the commissioner, and he urged Mr. Ostholthoff not to do anything until September 5 when there will be an additional hearing. Mr. Ostholthoff again on August 20 had a conference with and made a further request to examine the files of the CPA and was again denied the information in the files of the CPA together with the transcript of the hearing held before Mr. Ostholthoff pointed out to both that the FBI has jurisdiction to investigate Fraud Against the Government cases and that was the reason for our request for information. requested that the FBI defer any investigation until after the further stated that any investihearing held on September 5, 1946. gation by the FBI would interfere with the CPA case. However, when questioned as to why any investigation conducted by the FBI would interfere with the CPA investigation. stated he did not know.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN

has conferred with CPA officials and will advise as to the result of his conference.

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TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 8/28/46

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SUBJECT: BENJAMIN SIEGEL, with aliases

Information Concerning; Liscellaneous

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construction of this type.

Reference is made to the memorandum from Supervisor to Mr. Rosen dated August 26, 1946, concerning the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada, which Siegel and his associates are attempting to construct. Pursuant to the Director's desires on Saturday evening, August 24. I spoke to personal friend of mine of the Civilian Production Administration. I told briefly that certain individuals including Siegel had been attempting to obtain clearance to build this botel near Las Vegas which it was my understanding was to be utilized as a gambling casino. I stated that a hearing had bee held in San Francisco on August 13 relative to the freeze order which had been issued by the CPA and another hearing was coming up on September 5, at which it would be determined whether further construc would be permitted. I told that he might want to persona check into this matter since it was potentially dangerous from the standpoint of public criticism and criticism from veterans organizations should such construction continue. was very appreciative of my calling this to his attention, stating that he was n familiar with it and that certainly if possible he would want to stop

I further told that the Bureau was interested in the matter from a possible fraud Against the Government violation angle. I stated that for the CPA covering that area, had rejused to furnish us with a transcription of the August 13 hearing and had even refused to furnish us the name of the reporter who took the hearing from whom we might ourselves obtain a copy of the transcription. I stated that he further refused is make their file available to us.

absolutely silly and that he would take necessary steps to see that we got a copy of the transcription approximately file was made available.

As a result of this conversation telephone me on the morning of August 27 in compliance with instructions.

He state that under the war compliance act or statute, material collected by his investigators was considered to be confidential and they were uninstructions not to make it available to other agencies without subpoena. He said, however, that as a practical matter they ordinarily would make it available to the FBI, Internal Revenue and other authorized agencies on a confidential basis for review and then if it was to be used publicly, appropriate subpoena could be issued.

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I explained to the lack of cooperation on the part of his San Francisco Office and he stated that it would appear had been leaning over backwards in complying with the above instructions. He stated that he would telephone office immediately and see that a copy of the transcription was made available and that the material from their files would also be available.

Shortly thereafter he telephoned me back and stated that he had been in contact with 1355 Market Street, San Francisco, who indicated that they could not previously make a copy of the transcription available to us since it had just been received yesterday and further their file only consisted of work papers which had constantly been in use in their efforts to prepare for the September 5 hearing. He said arrangements had been made for to make available to our respresentative a copy of the transcription, together with any material desired from the file.

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Office Memorandum · UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT Mr. E. A. Tamb DATE: August 23, 1946 FROM: (A. Rosen Call 11:35 4.M. SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL INFORMATION CONCERNING 18008" CRIME SURVEY Mr. Ostholthoff, Los Angeles, advised that it had been necessary to pull all technicals in this case located at Las Vegas during the evening wise of August 22, 1946. FACTS Mr. Ostholthoff stated that early in the wening of August 22, 1946, Mr. Ostholthoff stated that apparently something went wrong with the machine because when Agents were playing it back it was going back out. 67 All techs were immediately pulled. Mr. Ostholthoff advised that detailed memoranda were immediately being prepared by both Special Agent who handled the installations and Special bx who was handling instant call. He advised that copies would be immediately dispatched to the Bureau. He further advised that he received the call about 11:30 P.M., Los Angeles time, and that the trouble had occurred on the long distance line at the Las Vegas Club. OBSERVATION מכש RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that a qualified sound man be dispatched by the Bureau to Las Vegas for the purpose of determining the exact cause of the Wdifficulty. KECOKDED

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DATE: August 20, 1946

SUBJECT:

BENJAMIN "BUGS" STEGET.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING

CRIME SURVEY

PURPOSE

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This is to advise you that a hearing was held at San Francisco on August 13 last concerning a "stop order" issued by the C.P.A. in connection with the construction of the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. was appointed to hear the subject matter and irom the lacts presented at this hearing decided in favor of the rehowever, allowed the C.P.A. until September 5th to produce further evidence, and unless such evidence is presented, the case will then be closed.

BACKGROUND

The Los Angeles Office recently advised that in connection with the construction of the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada, a stop order was issued by the C.P.A. against the Del Webb Construction Company which had been employed by Benjamin Siegel to construct the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada, who was appointed to hear the case, has advised that the following appeared as interested parties:

Benjamin Siegel, and of the Del Webb Architects.

further advised that the

respondents were represented by the following attorneys:

At the hearing advised that the respondents exhibited a plan dated January 12th and testified that this was the plan followed in the construction of the Flamingo Hotel.

stated that he pointed out at the hearing that this plan lacked details such as elevation and he therefore questioned whether they could proceed with the building using only the plans of January 12th. further advised that he asked if the local building code required filing of detailed plans, and he was adreported that at the hearing the respondents showed vised in the negative. that they had received a wire on April 16, 1946 from the C.P.A. to the effect that they must stop construction if the construction was in violation of a freeze order placed at that time. The respondents further produced a letter directed to the C.P.A. stating that the construction was proceeding on the plan of January 12th and as the building was started before March 26th, they were not violating any freeze order. further advised that the respondents produced testimony to the effect that they had spent over \$700,000 and committed themselves to about further advised that he was concerned with the operation of the C.P.A. in that they failed to present any proof that the respondents were violating any order issued by the C.P.A. Therefore, from the facts presented he decided in favor of the respondents. However, he allowed the C.P.A. until September sthyto produce further evidence if desired, and unless the C.P. A requests to the hearing the case will then be closed.

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TECHNICAL SURVEILIANCE - BENJAMIN SIEGEL

The tachnical surveillance on Benjamin Siegel reflected that on August 13, 1946

Company, Visited Siegel in his room and mentioned the name.

Siegel is reported to have stated that he could get and straighten the whole matter out instead of spending money for lawyers. The Los Angeles Office has advised that the mentioned might possibly be of the C.P.A.

divised that Siegel

old friend of his and that he worked with several years ago in connection with an investigation on behalf of Siegel in connection with the trial of Lucky faciano.

Siegel was in recent conversation with the Flamingo Hotel, and that if he had, there would not have been so much trouble caused.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN

You will be immediately advised of further developments in this matter.

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Memoran UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

A. Rosen

DATE: August 28, 1946

Call 3:15 P.M.

SUBJECT:

BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERVING;

CRIME SURVEY

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CONFERENCE CPA

Mr. A. E. Ostholthoff was contacted at the San Francisco Division Wiss Beal and he advised that he had just had a conference with the CPA officials. The CPA officials made available a copy of the transcript of the minutes of the hearing held in connection with the construction of the Flamingo Hotel. They stated that everything in their files was contained in the transcript except the plans for the Flamingo Hotel which were in the possession of one of their investigators handling the matter at the present time at Las Vegas. Mr. Ostholthoff advised he was to have a further conference with the CPA officials and would endeavor to obtain from them an opportunity of reviewing the complete file in the case. Mr. Ostholthoff was advised that arrangements had been made with the CPA officials in Washington so that complete cooperation would be afforded and that it was not to be limited to merely making available the transcript of the hearing. Mr. Ostholthoff will contact the Bureau in the event any difficulties are encountered in obtaining access to the complete file. He stated that apparently they were not available at San Francisco but that the acrial photographs obtained by the Bureau of the Flamingo Hotel would probably be adequate for Bureau purposes.

TECHNICALS AT LAS VEGAS

Mr. Ostholthoff's attention was called to the fact that no memoranda had been received at the Bureau concerning the difficulty which occurred on the technical installation at Las Vegas on August 22, 1946. Mr. Ostholthoff advised that he had arranged to have the memoranda prepared by the Agents submitted to him at Los Angeles and that he had not as yet had an opportunity of reviewing same and submitting them, together with his recommendations, to the Bureau. He stated he would immediately upon his return to Los Angeles have the same submitted to the Bureau. He advised that a test had been made with this machine and it only one that was defective.

ACTION TAKEN

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United States Department of Justice Los Angeles (13) California August 21, 1946

Director, FBI

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR ROSEN ATTENTION:

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

For the completion of your file in connection with the Dear Sir: instant matter there are enclosed two photographs of BEN SIEGEL.

Very truly yours,

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a. & Outrott A. E. OSTHOLTHOFF

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aside and out of use and that he would receive further instructions as soon as the memoranda from the Agents involved, together with his recommendations, was received

CONTEMPLATED RFC LOAN

Mr. Ostholthoff's attention was called to his Personal and Confidential letter of August 26, 1946, wherein he advised that the Director had instructed that a letter be directed to George Allen of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation giving Mr. Allen some background concerning the people behind the Flamingo Hotel. In this letter Mr. Allen was to be further advised of possible afforts on the part of these individuals to secure a loan from the RFC so that Mr. Allen could black any such loan.

It was pointed out to Mr. Ostholthoff that in his telephone call to the Bureau on August 21, 1946, he merely advised that Siegel in general conversation had indicated that he might attempt to obtain an RFC loan in connection with the construction of the Flamingo Hotel and that at that time Mr. Ostholthoff was advised to follow the matter closely and if any information was developed indicating that positive action was to be taken in obtaining an RFC loan the Bureau should be immediately advised. It was pointed out to Mr. Ostholthoff that at this time his by letter of August 26 which purported to set out information concerning this matter had not been received at the Bureau. Mr. Ostholthoff advised that his letter of August 26 contained no additional information concerning this matter. He stated that the only information they had was to the effect that Siegel indicated that he might possibly seek an RFC loan and that they had no information as to the amount of the loan he might seek, the place where he might make application, or

the identity of any persons he might enlist to assist him in obtaining the RFC load He stated, however, that the Director thought it advisable that the information com

cerning this be called to Mr. Allen's attention at this time.

ACTION BEING TAKEN

A letter is being directed to George Illen, Chairman of the Recenstruction nance Corporation in accordance with the Director's instructions.

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