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BUGSY SIEGEL

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Los Angeles, California
September 30, 1946

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MEMO, SAC:

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

Re: [REDACTED] b7c

Reference is made to a teletype from the New York Field Office
dated September 23, 1946 setting forth information to the effect that [REDACTED] b7c

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MEMO, SAC:

September 30, 1946

BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL

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With reference to the criminal record, it was ascertained by
Special Agent [REDACTED] of this office through [REDACTED]

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MEMO, SAC:

September 30, 1946

Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL

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mid The Bureau was requested on September 27, 1946 to furnish authority [REDACTED]

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Special Agent [REDACTED] Long Beach Resident Agency, was requested on September 27, 1946 to [REDACTED]

An examination of the Los Angeles Field Division files reflects the following reference [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

MEMO, SAC:

Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL

September 30, 1946

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ATT. A. E. OSTHOLTHOFF.

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

REURTEL SEPT TWENTY SEVEN. REPORT RE INVESTIGATION [REDACTED] b7c

FORWARDED SEPT TWENTY SIX.

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MEMO, SAC:

RE BENJAMIN "BUGSIE" SIEGEL
MISCELLANEOUS
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On Sept. 27, 1946, Special Agent [redacted] and the writer called on [redacted]. It was explained [redacted] that Agent [redacted] was stationed in Las Vegas, Nevada, and that he was working on the same aspect of the Flamingo Hotel as the writer. Further, [redacted] was told that the two agents were seeking investigative leads and that the Government was interested in determining whether or not the project in Las Vegas represented one single building or several buildings.

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[REDACTED] was again reminded that this investigation was extremely confidential and he agreed to treat the inquiry as such.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES
 FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

DATE: 9/27/46

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

There are being enclosed herewith the following photostatic copies of exhibits introduced in the CPA Hearing on the stop order issued against the construction of the FLAMINGO HOTEL, Las Vegas, Nevada.

EXHIBIT

3 Plot plan 3/8/46 - [REDACTED] 8/28/46
 4 Plot plan 3/22/46 - [REDACTED] 9/28/46
 10A Plans of shops undated
 10C Details of pipe tunnel
 10G Elevation of shops
 13 Air Conditioning plan
 14, 15, 16 " " " revisions
 17A Plan of shops 8/28/46; 9/11/46
 17B Elevation of shops 8/28/46; 9/11/46
 17C Details of pipe tunnel 8/28/46; 9/11/46
 19 Plans filed Clark County Nevada including plot plan 3/8/46 - [REDACTED] 8/28/46
 Hotel first floor plan, second floor plan and typical bungalow plan
 20 Plot Plan 3/22/46 - [REDACTED] 9/28/46
 A-J Photographs of FLAMINGO HOTEL under construction taken 8/28/46 by
 [REDACTED] Colonial Potrait Studio, Las Vegas, Nevada for CPA
 Investigators.

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[REDACTED] of the CPA supplied the exhibits from which the above photostatic copies have been made. He stated that [REDACTED] was writing his opinion and needed the exhibits in this connection, and he was therefore unable to provide the original exhibits at this time. He stated that a few of the exhibits introduced had been withdrawn by the respondents. These exhibits consisted of drawings of the project made up [REDACTED] for subject and associates.

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Los Angeles (13) California
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SAC, New York City

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter dated September 17, 1946 in the above-captioned case in which you were advised that SIEGEL contemplated making a trip to New York City in connection with securing a loan.

This is to advise that it has been ascertained through [redacted] that reservations have been made on American Airlines, Los Angeles, for SIEGEL to leave Los Angeles on October 3, 1946 at 10:10 p.m. on Flight 170. This office is making appropriate arrangements to cover the departure of SIEGEL from Los Angeles and you will be immediately advised as to his leaving Los Angeles. b2 b7D

In connection with the proposed trip of SIEGEL to New York City, it is desired that your office make the appropriate arrangements to cover SIEGEL's activities completely at such time as he arrives in New York City and during the tenure of his stay there. As previously pointed out in the referenced letter, SIEGEL has been in contact with MEYER LANSKY, who is well known to your office. In addition, it has been noted that SIEGEL has been in contact with [redacted] who is also well known by your office. It is considered very possible that SIEGEL will spend considerable time with LANSKY and possibly [redacted]. In this connection, I desire to stress the importance of covering SIEGEL's activities in New York relative to his contacts with these individuals and other outstanding hoodlums in the New York Field Office territory. b7C

For your assistance in covering SIEGEL's activities there are attached two photographs of SIEGEL, which are considered to be extremely good likenesses of him. For a complete description of SIEGEL, reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated August 28, 1946 at Los Angeles, in the instant case, wherein on Page 83 SIEGEL's description is set forth. b7C

Further, it has been ascertained that Mrs. ESTHER SIEGEL, the subject's former wife, whom he divorced recently at Reno reportedly resides at 88 Central Park West, Apartment 9, New York City.

Very truly yours,

Encl. [redacted]

A. E. OSTHOLTHOFF

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BENJAMIN SIEGEL, WAS, MISC, INFO CONCERNING, CRIME SURVEY. RE-
URTEL SEPT THIRTY REGARDING [REDACTED] INVESTIGATIVE REPORT
CONCERNING BACKGROUND AND ACTIVITIES OF THIS INDIVIDUAL IN NYC, DATED
SEPT TWENTYSIX LAST, MAILED TO LOS ANGELES ON THAT DATE. b7c

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Los Angeles, California
September 30, 1946

MEMO, SAC:

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

Re: [REDACTED] b7c

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Las Vegas Club Building Halted

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28. — The compliance division of the War Relocation Authority has temporarily halted construction of the Flamingo Club at Las Vegas, Nev., pending an investigation to determine whether construction was under way before C.P.A. issued a stop order on nonessential buildings March 28.

The club, when completed, expected to cost between \$2,500,000 and \$4,000,000. Already \$200,000 worth of construction has been put into the club.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

FBI, LOS ANGELES 10-2-46

SAC, NEW YORK CITY ROUTINE

BENJAMIN SIEGEL, WAS. MISC. INFO. CONC. CRIME SURVEY. RMYTEL OCT. ONE, LAST, RE SIEGEL'S DEPARTURE FOR N.Y., OCT. THREE, NEXT. INFO RECEIVED SIEGEL INTENDS TO TEMPORARILY POSTPONE TRIP TO N.Y. EXACT DATE OF DEPARTURE NOT KNOWN AT PRESENT. SIEGEL HAS INDICATED HE WILL STAY WITH FORMER WIFE, ESTHER SIEGEL, N.Y.C. TELEPHONE NO. ENDICOTT TWO DASH SIX EIGHT EIGHT EIGHT. N.Y. WILL BE PROMPTLY ADVISED OF FURTHER INFO RE SIEGEL'S ARRIVAL NYC IN ORDER YOUR OFFICE MAY MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR APPROPRIATE COVERAGE OF SIEGEL'S ACTIVITIES, CONCERNING [REDACTED] b7c
[REDACTED] N.Y. REQUESTED TO DETERMINE HIS CONTACTS AS REQUESTED IN REF TELETYPE.

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Approved: [Signature]

Special Agent in Charge

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Los Angeles 13, California
October 2, 1946

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MEMO., SAC;

RE: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, w.as.
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING-
CRIME SURVEY

On this date at 9:35 A.M. Special Agent [REDACTED] telephonically advised as follows:

He stated that it had been ascertained through confidential sources at Las Vegas that [REDACTED] planned to leave Las Vegas for Los Angeles at 8:45 A.M. this date and BEN SIEGEL would return to Las Vegas at 8:30 P.M. this date and that VIRGINIA HILL was expected to depart with him.

[REDACTED]

Further it was reported that SIEGEL has given up all hopes of a loan and he is postponing his trip to New York for awhile. He has indicated that when he does go to New York he would stay with his former wife ESTHER, telephone no. ENDicott 2-6888. The date of the trip to New York was not given.

It was further reported that SIEGEL has been in conversation with [REDACTED] has asked SIEGEL [REDACTED] and he is to advise [REDACTED] on this date by telephone. SIEGEL has also received calls [REDACTED]

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
OCT 2 1946
LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

MEMO., SAC:

10/2/46

RE: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, w.as.

On October 2, 1946, SIEGEL called [redacted] and told him of his troubles; however, he would not go into details as someone was listening and making recordings of the conversation. SIEGEL indicated that [redacted] would take over. [redacted] stated that he wanted SIEGEL to protect [redacted] interests and he wants BEN SIEGEL and [redacted] to come see him as soon as possible. b7c

[redacted]
Special Agent

[redacted]
62-2837

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Los Angeles
 Att: A. E. Ostholtzoff
 FROM : SAC, New York

DATE: October 1, 1946

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

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Reference is made to teletype from the Los Angeles Field office dated September 18, 1946, wherein it was stated that according to information received from confidential sources, SIEGEL receives [REDACTED]

It was also suggested in reference teletype that in view of the close associations between MEYER LANSKY and "BUGS" SIEGEL, the relationship between MEYER LANSKY and [REDACTED] should be ascertained. b7c b7D

Reference is also made to the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated September 26, 1946 in the above entitled case, wherein information was set forth that [REDACTED] b7c

During the course of a surveillance conducted on the activities of the chauffeur of MEYER LANSKY on October 1, 1946, it was ascertained that at about 11:00 a.m. on this date he went to the Paramount Jewelry Exchange, 66 Bowery, New York City. He was not observed taking any packages nor delivering any [REDACTED] at this address. It is suggested, however, that the Los Angeles Field office, in view of the information heretofore obtained, be alert for shipments of cash received by SIEGEL through his possible intermediaries. b7c

The New York office will also check registered mail shipments from [REDACTED] to SIEGEL or his known associates for the pertinent period. b7c

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SPECIAL DELIVERY

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OCT 3. 1946
LOS ANGELES FIELD OFFICE

Los Angeles, California
October 2, 1946

MEMO, SAC:

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

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Special Agent

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

FBI LOS ANGELES 10-3-46

SAC NEW YORK CITY URGENT

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BENJAMIN SIEGEL, WAS MISC INFO CONCERNING, CRIME SURVEY. SIEGEL DEPARTED
TEN TEN PM THIS DATE VIA AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT ONE SEVENTY FOR NEW YORK
ALONE, WAS WEARING GREY SUIT, GREY TOPCOAT, BLACK SHOES, ^{Bare} BEAR HEADED
CARRYING LIGHT BROWN BRIEF CASE AND LARGE ROLL OF PLANS.

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Approved: HR
Special Agent in Charge

Sent 11 PM  b7c

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Los Angeles, California
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MEMO SAC:

[redacted] of American Airlines at Trinity 7251 in the
absence of [redacted]
read off the names of fifty people traveling on flight 170 of American
Airlines leaving at 10:10 PM October 3 for New York City. It was noted
among these names that SIEGEL's name was listed. No other names appeared
on the list which have been previously mentioned in connection with the
investigation of SIEGEL. [redacted] was very cooperative and was quite
willing to furnish the names without questioning the motives of the caller.

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[redacted]
Special Agent

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Los Angeles, California
October 4, 1946

MEMO, SAC:

RE: BENJAMIN SIEGEL, was.
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION
CONCERNING - CRIME SURVEY

By surveillance conducted at the Burbank Airport on the evening of October 3, 1946, Special Agents [redacted] placed SIEGEL on the American Airlines plane for New York City. At 1:50 PM on October 4, 1946 information was received through confidential sources that [redacted] was in touch with [redacted] and during the conversation it was mentioned that SIEGEL was at the Beverly Wilshire; that his plane had developed motor trouble and was forced to return to Los Angeles. SIEGEL was to leave on the 5:00 PM plane for New York. b7c

Through [redacted] American Airlines, TRinity 7251, it was ascertained that Flight 1140 was leaving at 5:00 PM for New York City and would arrive at 9:20 PM October 5th. [redacted] had the manifest read off and among the list of fifty names, the name of SIEGEL appeared. No other names on the list appeared to be of interest to this investigation. b7c

At 2:20 PM the writer telephonically advised Special Agent [redacted] of the New York Field office as to the above information and requested that arrangements be made to cover SIEGEL's arrival in New York City. b7c

Agents [redacted] are covering SIEGEL's departure at 5:00 PM on American Airlines at the Burbank Airport. b7c

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Las Vegas, Nevada
October 3, 1946.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. OSTHOLTHOFF:

Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL
Miscellaneous-Information
Concerning - CRIME SURVEY.

[REDACTED] advised the writer and Special Agent [REDACTED] today that [REDACTED] arrived at Las Vegas Airport at 8:20 p.m. tonight pursuant to arrangements made between SIEGEL [REDACTED] by telephone this afternoon.

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Reference should be made to the Technical Surveillance Log for [REDACTED] dated October 3, 1946, at 1:50p.m. (Cut 3, Record A-24), Salt Lake City surveillances, for details of the purpose of this trip by [REDACTED]

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LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

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Special Agent [REDACTED] verified the above detail
relating to [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

This item will be followed at Las Vegas, and it is suggested that
particular attention be given to it in the future as well as to any
other attempts by SIEGEL to [REDACTED]

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C.P.A. Director, has not been forthcoming. [REDACTED]

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TO : MR. A. E. OSTHOLTHOFF

Las Vegas, Nevada
DATE: October 3, 1946FROM : [REDACTED] Special Agent *b7c*SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL
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TO : MR. A. E. OSTHOLTHOFF

Las Vegas, Nevada
DATE: October 4, 1946

FROM : [REDACTED] Special Agent *b7c*

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL
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TO : MR. A. E. OSTHOLTHOFF

Las Vegas, Nevada
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MEMO, SAC:

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

At 9:45 p.m. October 3, 1946 Special Agent [redacted] Jr., Las Vegas, called the writer and advised that [redacted] arrived at Las Vegas on the plane which left Los Angeles at 6:30 p.m. and was met by [redacted] after which [redacted] immediately left on the following plane at 8:40 p.m. for Los Angeles. It was thought that the purpose of this trip was merely to [redacted] in accordance with the instructions of BEN SIEGEL. b7c b7D

The above information was furnished to Special Agent [redacted] at the Burbank Airport, who with Special Agent [redacted] was covering the departure of SIEGEL, and they advised that [redacted] arrived at Los Angeles at approximately 10:30 p.m. and was met by a woman, thought to be his wife, and [redacted] and the woman drove off in his car. b7c

At 10:05 a.m. October 4, 1946 [redacted] again called the writer from Las Vegas, at which time he advised that [redacted] b7c

[redacted] reported that no stop order had been received from the C.P.A. HOLLOWAY stated that the construction work on the Hotel was still continuing as of this morning (October 4, 1946). A teletype was sent to the Bureau regarding the information [redacted] b2 b7c

[redacted]
Special Agent

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TO : SAC, Los Angeles

DATE: October 3, 1946

T.S. FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL
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CRIME SURVEY
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Reference is made to your letter dated September 13, 1946 wherein an investigation of the background information [redacted] was requested by you. [redacted] as reported by you to be in contact with BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL in Los Angeles.

According to the New York Field Office indices, [redacted]

The field office files further reflect that [redacted]

A check was made of the Washington Field Office indices, but no record of a delinquency [redacted] could be determined.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. E. GSTHOLTHOFF

DATE: Las Vegas, Nevada
October 10, 1946

FROM [REDACTED] Special Agent(A)

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL
MISCELLANEOUS, INFORMATION
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Reference is made to the Memorandum of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated October 3, 1946 in the above entitled matter, wherein there is set forth details of [REDACTED]

Supplimenting the above information, on October 9, 1946,

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Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, WAS
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING;
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Re: KILLING OF BENNY "MEATBALL" GAMSON

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Special Agent

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Director, FBI

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SAC, Phoenix

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MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION -
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Reference is made to Bureau letter of July 19, 1946, addressed to the Salt Lake City Field Division, a copy of this letter being furnished to the Phoenix Field Division for appropriate attention in this district.

Up to the present time this matter has been kept in mind during the investigation of the CAPGA case, but thus far no definite information has been developed to show any activity on the part of subject SIEGEL in the State of Arizona.

The Los Angeles Field Division has been furnished with copies of all communications in the CAPGA case which would be of interest in the investigation of subject SIEGEL.

Under the circumstances, the Phoenix Field Division file on the instant case is being considered HUC, subject to reopening in the event the investigation in the CAPGA case develops any substantial information concerning any activities of SIEGEL in this district.

The Los Angeles Division has previously been requested to furnish the Phoenix Division with a copy of the photograph and physical description of SIEGEL for use in our investigation. Thus far the photograph in question has not been received. It is therefore requested at this time that the Los Angeles Division furnish this office a copy of the photograph and physical description of SIEGEL for use in our investigation in the CAPGA case and also for use in our investigation in the JAMES case, in the event sufficient information is developed to warrant reopening this case.

cc - Chicago
Attention Assistant Director E. J. Connelley

cc - Los Angeles

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Send them a picture if
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tho' I don't see why they need it. AD

Los Angeles, California
October 15, 1946

MEMO, SAC:

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Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING;
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Re: [REDACTED]

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Reference is made to Memo, SAC dated October 8, 1946, Los
Angeles File 91-275 concerning [REDACTED]

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New York 7, N. Y.
September 13, 1946

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Director, FBI

RE: CAPGA

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with suggestions contained in Bureau letter dated July 26, 1946 the following is a summary of pertinent information developed in the New York Field Division in the above entitled matter from September 7, 1946 to September 13, 1946.

CONTINENTAL PRESS SERVICE AND TRANS-AMERICAN PUBLISHING AND NEWS SERVICE, INC.

[REDACTED] officials of the Trans-American Publishing and News Service Company, Inc., arrived in New York City aboard United Airlines plane from Chicago, Illinois at approximately 5:40 PM on September 5, 1946. They thereafter engaged separate rooms at the Hotel New Yorker, New York City. [REDACTED] departed from New York City on September 7, 1946 aboard American Airlines en route to Chicago, Illinois. b7C

[REDACTED] b7C

It has been ascertained that the Continental Press Service is presently operating the track crew at Aqueduct Race Track, Queens, New York. This track crew is in charge of [REDACTED] Continental Press has leased an upper room in a private residence [REDACTED] New York, from which point, through a telescope, it views the wiring operations of its track man within the Aqueduct Race Track area. After receiving these signals the Continental Press thereafter transmits its racing results over a leased Western Union wire from its position [REDACTED]

It was further ascertained that Trans-American presently maintains a track crew at Aqueduct and has leased a vantage point in a private residence [REDACTED] and four other former employees of Continental Press are presently the personnel of Trans-American track crew. Trans-American maintains a direct phone connection between its vantage point set out above and its New York office located at [REDACTED] Street, Brooklyn, New York.

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During the residence [REDACTED] in New York City he was known to have contacted [REDACTED] at the Hotel Benjamin Franklin, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. [REDACTED] is a member of the track crew of Continental Press Service and is presently working at Garden State Race Track, Camden, New Jersey. b7c

As set forth in the matter entitled "BENJAMIN 'BUGS' SIEGEL, with aliases; INFORMATION CONCERNING - CRIME SURVEY", office of origin Los Angeles, California, it was noted that BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL in a telephonic communication [REDACTED] on August 19, 1946 expressed concern as to when the wire service of Trans-American would open at Las Vegas, Nevada. It was further mentioned that SIEGEL had forwarded a check in the sum of \$22,000 [REDACTED] as payment for this contemplated service. [REDACTED] b7c

It was pointed out that under existing circumstances all channels on the present cable between Los Angeles and Las Vegas are contracted for, and, unless a new cable is installed, which is unlikely, or unless a present customer declines further service, no additional customers in the Las Vegas area can be serviced.

It was noted in a letter from the Boston Field Division that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] had been in telephonic communication with one [REDACTED] It appeared that [REDACTED] was in close liaison with [REDACTED] and was possibly assisting [REDACTED] in obtaining men in the New York area. [REDACTED] b7c

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[REDACTED] has been stated, according to reports from the Los Angeles Field Division, to be a close associate of BENJAMIN "BUCK" SIEGEL, and is alleged to be one of the principal backers of SIEGEL in the construction of the Flamingo Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada. According to New York investigation, [REDACTED]

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Investigation of key figures suggested by the New York Office and of their possible syndicate operations is continuing in the New York area and will be reported at length in the next investigative report emanating from this office.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Edward Scheidt,
EDWARD SCHEIDT,
SAC

SAC, PHOENIX

October 16, 1946

A. E. OSTHOLTHOFF

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

Reference is made to your letter dated October 11, 1946.

For your assistance there are enclosed two photographs of BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL. The following is a description of subject SIEGEL:

Born	February 28, 1906
Place	New York, New York
Age	40
Height	5' 9"
Weight	157
Hair	Dark brown
Eyes	Gray-green
Race	Jewish
FBI Number	190586
Los Angeles P.D. Number	A-20357
Los Angeles S.O. Number	339500
Education	8 years grade school
Occupation	Betting commissioner and investment broker
Selective Service	Local Board 246, Westwood Village, California
Parents	MAX SIEGEL, age 64, father; JEANNIS SIEGEL, age 63, mother
Brother	Dr. MAURICE SIEGEL
Sisters	ESTHER SIEGEL KAHN
Wife	BESSIE SIEGEL SOLOWAY and ETHEL SIEGEL ESTHER SIEGEL, divorced

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Los Angeles, California
October 16, 1946

MEMO, SAC:

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

At 8:55 a.m. on October 14, 1946 I spoke with [REDACTED] at the Bureau in the absence of Assistant Director ROSEN. I advised [REDACTED] that in a conversation with Mr. ROSEN on October 10th, the latter requested that I call the Bureau on October 14th to determine whether or not we will proceed with an investigation of the Flamingo Hotel. I asked [REDACTED] if he knew whether the C.P.A. had taken any action and he replied that he did not. b7c

[REDACTED] called at 12:50 p.m. on the same date and asked if work was still proceeding on the Flamingo Hotel. I told him that as of October 11, 1946 such work was proceeding, but I had not heard from the agents in Las Vegas since that date. [REDACTED] requested that we determine if work is still going forward on the Flamingo Hotel. If it is that the Bureau should be advised by teletype. [REDACTED] stated that the Bureau would communicate with me if it was desired that further investigation of this matter be conducted. b7c

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MEMO, SAC:

Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL
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The following information was made available through [redacted] with reference to the purchase of the Chi-Chi Bar Restaurant at Catalina Island. b2 b7c

On October 10, 1946, [redacted] was in contact with one [redacted] (Phonetic) at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel, after which [redacted] spoke to [redacted]. [redacted] informed [redacted] that he had heard of a spot that [redacted] might be interested in; that it was the best bar and cocktail room or restaurant in Catalina. He informed [redacted] that it was the Chi-Chi and [redacted] inquired as to whether this was the one [redacted] had an interest in. [redacted] stated that [redacted] was supposed to have had an interest in it, but that a friend [redacted] owns it and he has no one to take care of the business. Further, [redacted] was supposed to take care of it; however, he only went over there once or twice. The owner, according to [redacted] has a great deal of outside interest, and tried to place a brother in the business who did not fit into it. Regardless of this the proposition made money for his friend. The friend desires to sell the Chi-Chi for \$60,000 and [redacted] related that his friend had paid \$52,000 for the place and had spent \$18,500 fixing it up. [redacted] described the place as being "a h[redacted] of a buy". He related that the business was good for \$30,000 or \$40,000 for the summer season. [redacted] stated he wanted to get a report on the business and [redacted] said he would get a report by the next night. [redacted] was to leave town on the 11th; however, he stated he would cancel his reservations. [redacted] informed him that he would have called [redacted] in Chicago and had him come out and look at it as it was a natural proposition and Catalina was a "ball of fire". [redacted] had never been to Catalina and did not know the place and wanted [redacted] to get the details and call him. b7c

Shortly after [redacted] talked to [redacted] he contacted one [redacted] at the Savoy Restaurant, which is believed to be the Savoy located at 314 North Camden Drive, Beverly Hills. [redacted] stated his price for the Chi-Chi was \$60,000 and that he had just gotten a five year lease that day, which would be signed on Monday. [redacted] informed him he had a party interested in buying the Chi-Chi and wanted to know some of the details as to the business. [redacted] stated that the lease for the first two years would be \$7,500 per year against 6% gross and for the remaining three years \$8,500 against 8% gross. [redacted] stated

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that he wanted all cash on the deal as he was in need of the money. [redacted] inquired as to whether he could "make anything on the proposition". [redacted] said he could not as he was going to sell it at a cheap price. [redacted] described his friend as being in the same type of business (restaurant and bar). [redacted] His friend was interested in getting something out here and [redacted] stated that there was something else with this deal which might be what his friend wanted; that he would speak to them the next day. An appointment was made for 2 p.m. on the 11th. [redacted] to set a price of \$63,000 for the Chi-Chi and it was indicated [redacted] would get any amount over \$60,000. b7c

On October 11, 1946 [redacted] again contacted [redacted] who told [redacted] he had a big deal for the Beachcomber's in Miami. The Beachcomber's was formerly run by the [redacted] who had turned it over to a man named [redacted] and that the price would be one hundred and some odd thousand dollars. [redacted] stated he was leaving Los Angeles on the 12th and would be back in a week. He informed [redacted] that if the guy has a good deal (Chi-Chi) he would not have to go over and look at the Chi-Chi at this time, but could see it when he came back in about a week. [redacted] said the main thing he wanted to get were the figures on the business. [redacted] then stated that they could go over and see the owner and get all of the details. b7c

A search of the indices of the Los Angeles Office [redacted] failed to reflect any information which would determine [redacted] identity. b7c

[redacted]
Special Agent

[redacted]
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Los Angeles, California
October 17, 1946

MEMO, SAC:

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

Mr. ROSEN called at 8:30 a.m. today and stated that the Director has decided that no further investigation in this matter should be conducted. Mr. ROSEN inquired as to what length of time would be required by me in bringing the investigation to a conclusion and I told him that this could be done in approximately 24 hours.

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TO : MR. A. E. OSTHOLTHOFF

Las Vegas, Nevada
DATE: October 16, 1946

FROM : [REDACTED] Special Agent *bx*

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL
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On October 15, 1946 the writer received a telephone call from [REDACTED] *b7c*

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*This should be done by letter
to Boston. A.D. b7c*

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A. E. OSTHOLTHOFF

BENJAMIN "BUSS" SINGEL
MISCELLANEOUS, INFORMATION CONCERNING,
CRIME SURVEY

There is transmitted under separate cover the transcript of the proceedings before the C.P.A. Commissioner in the matter of the construction of the Flamingo Hotel project, Las Vegas, Nevada. These should be returned to the Compliance Division at San Francisco.

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SAC, Salt Lake City

A. E. OTHOLINOFF

BENJAMIN "Bugs" SIEGEL
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING
CRIME SURVEY

For the completion of your file in this matter I am transmitting
herewith one copy of the report of Special Agent [REDACTED]
made at Los Angeles August 20, 1946

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TO : Mr. A. E. OSTHOLTHOFF

Las Vegas, Nevada
DATE: October 4, 1946

FROM : [REDACTED] Special Agent b7c

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL
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[REDACTED] He agreed to advise this office should additional information be received in regard to the above.

The writer desires your advice as to whether or not you think this matter should be discussed [REDACTED]

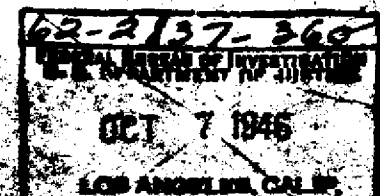
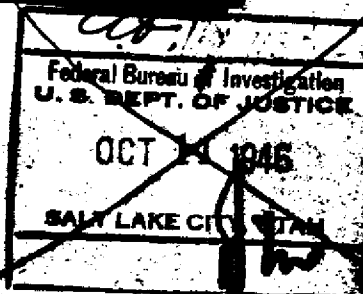
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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

FBI, LOS ANGELES 10/7/46

SAC, NEW YORK CITY URGENT

BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, MISC., INFO CONCERNING, CRIME SURVEY. C.I.
HERE ADVISES SUBJECT STAYING IN ROOM SIX TWO FIVE OR SIX TWO SEVEN
ROOSEVELT HOTEL, NYC.

OSTHOLTHOFF

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Approved: *Ostholthoff*

Special Agent in Charge

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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

FBI, LOS ANGELES 10/8/46

SAC, NEW YORK CITY URGENT

BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, MISC., INFO CONCERNING, CRIME SURVEY. IN
CONNECTION WITH CURRENT INVESTIGATION OF SUBJECT AT N.Y. REFER TO
REPORT IN CAPGA CASE, LA, SEPT. TWENTYFIVE LAST, PAGE TWENTYTHREE
INDICATING [REDACTED] ATTEMPTED TO CONTACT HOUSE DETECTIVE WALDORF
DASH ASTORIA HOTEL. b7c

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Approved: [Signature]

Special Agent in Charge

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Los Angeles 13, California
October 8, 1946

MEMO., SAC:

RE: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, with aliases
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING-
CRIME SURVEY

On October 3, 1946, Special Agent [REDACTED] and the writer at approximately 10:45 P.M. observed [REDACTED] driving BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL and VIRGINIA HILL in SIEGEL's Chrysler Convertible to the Lockheed Air Terminal. SIEGEL was observed carrying a small leather suitcase and what appeared to be a roll of plans about three feet long upon entering the Lockheed Air Terminal Building. The writer observed SIEGEL departing on Flight 170, American Airlines, for New York City at 10:10 P.M., October 3, 1946. b7c

On October 3, 1946, Special Agent [REDACTED] and the writer observed [REDACTED] arrive at 10:40 P.M. at the Lockheed Air Terminal on Flight 15, Western Airlines, from Las Vegas, Nevada. [REDACTED] waited at the Lockheed Air Terminal for approximately thirty minutes and then meet with a woman and proceeded to his automobile which was parked at the Lockheed Air Terminal Garage and left the area. [REDACTED] arrived with a small leather zipper brief case which he carried under his arm at all times. b7c

[REDACTED]
Special Agent

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

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Los Angeles, California
October 10, 1946

MEMO, SAC:

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

Assistant Director ROSEN called from the Bureau at 1:15 p.m. today and stated that the Bureau had instructed the spot surveillances on SIEGEL at New York City and [REDACTED] be discontinued. This is being done in an effort to conserve manpower. He asked what spot surveillances were in effect at Los Angeles and I told him that we had no spot surveillances in effect here; that VIRGINIA HILL had left for Chicago yesterday, but we did not have any surveillance on her nor did we request Chicago to surveill her. Mr. ROSEN then inquired concerning technical surveillances and I told him that at Los Angeles we were on [REDACTED] Mr. ROSEN suggested that these technical surveillances be discontinued and I advised him that they were being operated [REDACTED] at the Los Angeles Office and, therefore, required no additional manpower. I also pointed out to Mr. ROSEN that at the conferences at the Bureau it was decided that we would keep on the technical surveillances at Los Angeles and Las Vegas until we had inquired into the Flamingo Hotel matter. I advised Mr. ROSEN that we were covering the Las Vegas Club and also Room 401 at the Last Frontier Hotel at Las Vegas and this required two men on the plant. Mr. ROSEN said that we would continue this technical coverage.

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I asked Mr. ROSEN if any information had been secured at Washington concerning an additional C.P.A. stop order and Mr. ROSEN said that there had not. He requested that I call him on Monday, October 14th, to ascertain the Bureau's attitude toward the further investigation of the Flamingo Hotel matter.

A. E. OSTHOLTHOFF

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. E. CATHOLTHOFF

Las Vegas, Nevada
DATE: October 4, 1946

FROM : [REDACTED] Special Agent

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

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

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The following information was obtained on September 23 and 24, 1946 and on October 4, 1946 from the records of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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ON 11-22-85

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SAC, Salt Lake City

October 19, 1946

E. J. CONNELLEY, Assistant Director, Chicago

CAPMA
Chicago File 62-5572
Bureau File 62-81095

Re: [REDACTED] b7c

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Reference is made to conference teletype from New York to Washington, Los Angeles, and Chicago, dated October 8, 1946 to the effect that "BUGSEY" SIEGEL was in conversation with [REDACTED] b7c b7d

The above-referenced teletype also informed that "BUGSEY" SIEGEL received a telephone call from [REDACTED] who was at the Drake Hotel, Chicago, Illinois.

This teletype furthermore informed that SIEGEL spoke with an unknown woman later ascertained to be VIRGINIA HILL and in this conversation the name [REDACTED] was mentioned.

Further information set forth in the above-mentioned teletype was to the effect that one [REDACTED] who is unknown to the Chicago Field Office, communicated with SIEGEL. *Proc. of H. Comm. on Int. Security*

In regard to the above [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The indices on these two names are negative.

Concerning the individual named [REDACTED] as set out above, the indices of the Chicago Office are negative. It should be noted, however, that for the past week the "Chicago Daily News" advertised this individual on the theatrical page as being an entertainer at the Rio Cabana night club. The possibility exists that the [REDACTED] at the Rio Cabana is identical with the above-mentioned [REDACTED]

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CHICAGO FIELD OFFICE

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SAC, Salt Lake City
10/19/66

RE: CAPCA

The indices of the Chicago Office are negative as to [REDACTED] b7c

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SAC, Salt Lake City
10-19-48

RE: CAPCA

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This information is being set forth for the New York, Los Angeles, and Salt Lake City Field Divisions and no further investigation is being made concerning this matter in the Chicago Field Division.

62-5679

cc - New York
cc - Los Angeles ✓
cc - Washington Field

Salt Lake City, Utah
October 23, 1946

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ON 11-22-85

SAC, New York City

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

Dear Sir:

On October 21, 1946, it was ascertained that [REDACTED] b7C

[REDACTED]
In view of the fact that Subject has recently been in New York City these funds were no doubt obtained by him.

The New York City Field Office is requested to ascertain discreetly the identity of [REDACTED] and if possible their connection with the Subject and his associates.

Very truly yours,

JAY C. NEWMAN
SAC

[REDACTED] b7C
62-1180
cc: 94-142

cc: Los Angeles

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO *WD*

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, Was.
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING
(LA #62-2837)

DATE: October 28, 1946

Reference is made to your letter dated September 23, 1946.

Please be advised that there is no record of [REDACTED] in
the files of the San Francisco Field Division. *b7c*

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[REDACTED] *b7c*
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SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

November 4, 1946

SAC, LOS ANGELES

BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, Was.
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING
(SF #62-2512)

Reference is made to Los Angeles letter dated September 23, 1946 and your letter dated October 28, 1946, in which you advise that the files of the San Francisco Field Division reflect no record of [REDACTED] b2
[REDACTED] It is pointed out that this name should be [REDACTED]
as reflected in the Los Angeles letter of September 23, 1946.

Please recheck your files and advise this office of any pertinent information.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Los Angeles

DATE: November 1, 1946

FROM : Director, FBI

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

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Office Memorandum

TO: SAC, [REDACTED]
FROM: SAC, [REDACTED]
SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BOBBY" HIGEL
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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On October 25th I talked with Mr. Tamm at the Bureau and advised him that I thought this office should continue the HIGEL investigation along the same lines as was done on the special under ASAC OSTROM. I pointed out that we obtained some good information that should be useful in his association with [REDACTED] HILL.

[REDACTED] I pointed out that [REDACTED] Las Vegas should be permitted to work on this matter.

He agreed that he was working on it and that [REDACTED] was granted to work the case for thirty days and that [REDACTED] informed him that I would get three Agents to work on this case. ASAC ELLSWORTH beginning Monday, November 2, 1964.

WILLIAM ELLSWORTH
[REDACTED]

Office Memorandum

DATE: 10/10/50

TO: Mr. Tolson

FROM: Mr. Clegg

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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SAC:

November 6, 1946

Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, W.A.S.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

DATE: November 6, 1946

FROM : S.A. [REDACTED] b7c

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, w.a.s.
MISC., INFO. CONC.-CRIME SURVEYRE: [REDACTED] b2
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[REDACTED] b7c

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

PAGE TWO

DETERMINE IF ANY MINK COATS STOLEN APPROXIMATELY THIS SAME DATE.

POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT [REDACTED] SNIPPED OFF [REDACTED] THAT [REDACTED] b7c
HAD THESE JEWELS IN HIS APT. AND [REDACTED] CAME TO LA AND PERSONALLY
PULLED THE BURGLARY AND RETURNED THE JEWELRY TO LAS VEGAS. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SALT LAKE CITY REQUESTED
TO TRY TO DETERMINE WHETHER SO CALLED TWENTYFIVE KT. LADY'S SAPPHIRE
RING WAS NOT REALLY A MANNISH TYPE RING. ALSO WHETHER [REDACTED]
MAY BE IN TOUCH WITH TWO QUOTE UNIDENTIFIED UNQUOTE MEN IN LAS VEGAS.
IF INFORMANT CAN SEE JEWELRY AND FURS HE SHOULD TRY TO GET IDENTIFYING
FEATURES OR MONOGRAM ON FUR LININGS. IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT TO DETERMINE
WHETHER SINGEL TAKES ANY OF THIS LOOT. EFFORTS BEING MADE HERE
THROUGH INSURANCE CO TO IDENTIFY THE DIAMOND RING WHICH WAS PAWNED
IN LAS VEGAS ON NINETEENTH. BUREAU REQUESTED TO CHECK NSPA FILE
FOR THE THREE KT. FORTYONE POINT MAN'S EMERALD CUT DIAMOND RING.

HOOD

[REDACTED] b7c
cc: 62-2837 ✓

Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC R. B. HOOD

DATE: November 21, 1946

FROM : ASAC J. C. ELLEWORTH

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, WAS
MISCELLANEOUS, INFORMATION CONCERNING,
CRIME SURVEY

Assistant Special Agent in Charge CHARLES OLSON telephoned on November 21, 1946 that information has been obtained that the Trans-American News Service will begin operation in Las Vegas on December 1, 1946 and that the Continental News will be cut out completely at that time.

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Mr. OLSON said that the Bureau has authorized the installation of a T.M. on SIEGEL and VIRGINIA HILL at the hotel in Las Vegas and that we are to send them two men to assist on the technical. The surveillance rooms will not be available to the agents until Wednesday, the 27th. [REDACTED] is to act as the contact man between the technical and the Salt Lake City Office.

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Salt Lake City requested that we keep them advised of developments here so that they can evaluate information which they receive.

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510 South Spring Street, Room 900
Los Angeles 13, California
November 26, 1946

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SAC, San Francisco

Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, with aliases-
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING -
CRIME SURVEY

Dear Sir:

In connection with investigation being conducted by this office in the above-captioned matter, it has been ascertained that JACK DRAGMA, a Los Angeles hoodlum of Italian extraction, who is presently directing the new activities of the Transamerica Wire Service in competition with the Continental Wire Service on the West Coast, contacted on November 10, 1946 an individual, [REDACTED] b2

[REDACTED] b2
[REDACTED] b7c
It is requested that San Francisco Field Division furnish Los Angeles all background information concerning [REDACTED] without making any open inquiries. b7c

Very truly yours,

R. B. HOOD
SAC

[REDACTED]
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SAC:

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RE: [REDACTED]

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In connection with the inquiry made by the San Diego Field Division through letter, dated October 8, 1946, concerning the possible tie-up between the "Gardenia Gang" and BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL and JACK DRAGNA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] there is absolutely no connection between the "Gardenia Gang" and the SIEGEL or DRAGNA interests. He added that anyone giving such indication was merely trying to implicate [REDACTED] to the extent that they would like to see some pressure from a law enforcement agency exerted upon the Gardenia Gang.

[REDACTED]
Special Agent

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SAC, CLEVELAND U R G E N T

BENJAMIN QUOTE BUGS UNQUOTE SIEGEL, WAS., MISC., INFO. CONC.
INDIVIDUAL [REDACTED] TODAY CALLED JACK DRAGNA, LOCAL HEAD OF
TRANSAMERICA NEWS AND PROMINENT IN MAFPIA SYNDICATE, ASKING FOR
BENJAMIN BUGS SIEGEL. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] DISCREETLY ASCERTAIN IDENTITY

[REDACTED] SU TEL.

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Approved: [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

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BENJAMIN QUOTE BUGS UNQUOTE SIEGEL, WAS. MISC. INFO. CONC. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] IS KEY FIGURE IN
CLEVELAND SYNDICATE AND INFORMATION CONCERNING HIM SET FORTH IN CAPGA
REPORTS BY THIS OFFICE. RUC.

RICHARDSON

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November 8, 1946

SAC, Los Angeles

BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, was.
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING -
CRIME SURVEY

Enclosed is a copy of Exhibit 6-A of the plan of the Flamingo Hotel referred to in your letter of September 26, 1946. It is being returned so that your office can get it back [REDACTED] b7c

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BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, WAS, MISC. INFO. CONCERNING, CRIME SURVEY. *b2 b7D*

[REDACTED] SIEGEL PRESENTLY RESIDING IN APARTMENT WITH TELEPHONE *Station Marmount 8281 Sunset Blvd. (near Garden of Allah, Selma)* HOLLYWOOD TWO NINE ONE ONE, PROBABLY SUNSET TOWERS

APARTMENT. SIEGEL PLANNING TO COME TO LAS VEGAS TWELFTH INSTANT TO MAKE PERMANENT HOME AT LAST FRONTIER HOTEL WITH VIRGINIA HILL. *Twelfth St*

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SIEGEL PRESENTLY OBTAINING LOAN ON FLAMINGO HOTEL, LAS VEGAS, FROM STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY, LOS ANGELES. *Walter*

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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

FBI, LOS ANGELES 11/12/46

SAC, SALT LAKE CITY URGENT

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

REURTEL NOV. NINE LAST. IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, REQUEST

YOU TAKE NECESSARY STEPS TO GET T.M. COVERAGE ON SIEGEL AND

VIRGINIA HILL.

HOOD

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Approved:

Special Agent in Charge

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Los Angeles 13, California
November 12, 1946

MEMO., SAC:

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RE: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, w.a.s.
INFORMATION CONCERNING, MISCELLANEOUS
CRIME SURVEY

Re:

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GAMBLING ACTIVITIES

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Special Agent

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Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, W.A.S.
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING
(LA # 62-2877)

Reference is made to your memo dated 11/1/46 concerning [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] This is to advise that San Francisco indices contain no information
concerning this subject.

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San Diego, California
November 7, 1946

MEMO FOR SAC MURPHY

RE: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, was
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The following information was obtained from [redacted]
[redacted] by Special Agent [redacted] who interviewed the former on
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