

6. Could above information have been obtained from other sources and by other means?

No

7. Has security factor changed since installation?

No

8. Any request for the surveillance by outside agency (give name, title and agency):

No

9. Manpower and costs involved:

[REDACTED]

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No additional manpower assigned.

10. Remarks (By SAC):

Continuation recommended.

11. Remarks (added at Seat of Government):

12. Recommendation by Assistant Director:

It is recommended that this installation be continued. R

13. Recommendation by the Assistants to the Director:

Approved - EAO.

Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice

Los Angeles (13) California

September 11, 1946

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Director, FBI

Attention: Assistant Director ROSEN

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

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Dear Sir:

**DEPT.
of
COMMERCE**

It is made to my knowledge of the transcript of the testimony of G. HARRY ROTHBERG, which was received from GORDON MC KENZIE, C.P.A. Attorney at San Francisco, 1946.

There is transmitted herewith photostatic copy of that portion of the transcript containing the testimony of G. HARRY ROTHBERG, which was received from GORDON MC KENZIE, C.P.A. Attorney at San Francisco.

I am also transmitting herewith a newspaper clipping of a portion of HEDD HOPPER's column appearing in the Los Angeles Times September 10, 1946 which refers to the Flamingo Hotel being constructed by BUGS SIEGEL at Las Vegas, and refers to the fact that although a project of this type is being constructed returned soldiers can't find "a shed for shelter".

Very truly yours,

A. E. Ostholthoff
A. E. OSTHOLTHOFF

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A recent visitor to Las Vegas was amazed at the building boom going on there. A huge night club, backed by Bugsy Siegel and called the Flamingo, was started only a few months ago. It features four swimming pools, and reservations are already being taken for a November opening. Yet our returned soldiers can't even find a shed for shelter.

LOS ANGELES TIMES
September 10, 1946
Hedda Hopper's column

Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL
MISCELLANEOUS, INFORMATION CONCERNING,
CRIME SURVEY
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United States Department of Justice**

Los Angeles 13, California

August 26, 1946

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Attention: A. ROSEN, Assistant Director

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

Dear Sir:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Technical surveillances recently have indicated that SIEGEL [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] are experiencing extreme difficulty in obtaining a \$500,000
loan through banks and that they are contemplating asking for a loan from
Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

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Director, FBI

August 26, 1946

Re: BENJAMIN "Bugs" SIEGEL, with aliases

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[REDACTED]

If the information is available at the Bureau, I should like to be advised whether a former Special Agent. [REDACTED] in order that the information set out above may be properly evaluated.

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Very truly yours,

A. E. C. [Signature]
A. E. C. [Signature]

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SUBJECT BUGSY SIEGEL

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

September 3, 1946

Special Agent [redacted]
whom you will recall is presently
assigned to the House Appropriations
Committee, advised me on Saturday
that he had recently seen former
Special Agent [redacted] who is in
town on business. [redacted] volunteered
the information that [redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted] had recently invested some money in a new hotel
being built in Las Vegas, Nevada, and that he
had invested in the hotel as a financial venture.
He stated, however, that considerable difficulty
was being run into at the present time to secure
building material to complete the hotel since
there had been complaints by veteran groups.
He stated that he understood probably the FBI
was looking into the matter. [redacted] further
advised Special Agent [redacted] that former Special
Agent [redacted]

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It is believed that this information might tie in with the subject matter of the attached letter.

[REDACTED] *b7c*



United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO
FILE NO. 62-2837

JUSTIFICATION FOR CONTINUATION OF TECHNICAL
OR MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCE

RE: Title BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, WAS.

Character of Case MISC., INFO. CONCERNING

Field Office LOS ANGELES

Symbol Number [REDACTED]

Type of Surveillance: (Technical or
Microphone)

~~CONF. INFT.~~

1. Subject's name and address:

[REDACTED]

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2. Location of technical operation:

Central Plant

3. Dates of initial authorization and installation:

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4. Previous and other installations on the same subject (with dates and
places): None

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5. Specific valuable information obtained since previous report with
indication of specific value of each item and what use was made
of each item of information involved:

Information as to [REDACTED] activities and associates. This data has
been of assistance to the investigation of BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL.

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6. Could above information have been obtained from other sources and by other means?

No


7. Has security factor changed since installation?

No

8. Any request for the surveillance by outside agency (give name, title and agency):

None

9. Manpower and costs involved:


No additional manpower assigned.

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10. Remarks (By SAC):

Continuation recommended.

11. Remarks (added at Seat of Government):

12. Recommendation by Assistant Director:

It is recommended that this installation be continued.

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13. Recommendation by the Assistants to the Director:

Approved EAB

OFFICE OF THE CIVIL ATTACHE
EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
MEXICO CITY

September 4, 1946

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Director, FBI

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter of August 27, 1946, captioned as above. It was mentioned therein that a copy of the report of A. E. Ostholthoff of Los Angeles dated August 7, 1946, entitled "BENJAMIN SIEGEL" and a copy of the initial report in the case entitled "REACTIVATION OF THE CAPONE GANG, MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION, CRIME SURVEY" dated July 13, 1946, at Chicago, Illinois, by Special Agent [REDACTED] were being enclosed. b7c

It is noted that the enclosures were not sent with the referenced letter, and even though enclosures may follow in a subsequent pouch it is believed best to make this immediate request for the enclosures in view of the importance of the instant case.

Very truly yours,

JOHN N. SPEAKES
Civil Attache

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September 12, 1946

To: Civil Attache
Mexico, D. F.~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ - AIR MAIL

From: Director, FBI

Subject: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING
CRIME SURVEY✓ REACTIVATION OF THE CAPONE GANG
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION
CRIME SURVEYDECLASSIFIED BY SP-7 mac/pe
ON 11/23/95

For your information in connection with the investigation of the above-entitled cases, I am enclosing the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated July 13, 1946, at Chicago, Illinois, in the case entitled, "REACTIVATION OF THE CAPONE GANG; MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION, CRIME SURVEY", and one copy of the report of Special Agent A. E. Ostholtz dated August 7, 1946, in the case entitled, "BENJAMIN SIEGEL, with aliases; MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING; CRIME SURVEY".

Enclosures

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Los Angeles (13) California
September 5, 1946

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Director, FBI

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

Dear Sir:

On September 4, 1946 [redacted] of the Compliance Division, C.P.A., Los Angeles, was contacted by Special Agents [redacted] [redacted] advised that he possessed certain information which might be of interest to the Bureau and that he was anxious to furnish it, and in return did not expect to be informed concerning the nature of our investigation. He further stated that in connection with the disclosure of this information he was very anxious that his connection with its disclosure be treated with the utmost confidence.

[redacted] was in Las Vegas, Nevada recently with [redacted] of the Construction Division, C.P.A., from Washington, D.C., who had been sent out to Las Vegas to examine the Flamingo properties by the Washington Division of C.P.A. Accompanying [redacted] C.P.A. Investigator from this division who testified at the previous hearing before [redacted] in San Francisco, California. [redacted] went on to say that [redacted] whom he characterized as "a very personable individual," took several photographs of the Flamingo properties; contacted [redacted] of the DEL WEBB CONSTRUCTION COMPANY; and, also examined the plans on file in the office of the Clark County Building Commissioner, who advised [redacted] that the Flamingo project in his estimation was "hot" and that he did not want to have anything to do with it. In discussing the plans which [redacted] had stated to [redacted] he was using to construct the Flamingo, [redacted] expressed surprise to [redacted] that the Hotel could be built from the blue prints on display in the DEL WEBB Office at the Flamingo job. [redacted] of course, stated that he is not a builder or an architect, but that he personally did not believe that DEL WEBB is using the plans shown him in constructing this hotel. [redacted] stated that he personally examined the construction at the Flamingo and that it was his opinion that even at the present time the project consists of at least three distinct units. He based this contention on the fact that there are outside windows and doors in the ends of the casino and hotel building which precludes the contention that these adjoining buildings are one structure. He made the statement several times during the interview that in his opinion the crux of the entire matter was the fact that only one building was under construction on March 26, 1946 and



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that any buildings erected, or started, or plans drawn subsequent to that time are in violation of the Civilian Production Administration regulations regardless of whether these structures are joined by tunnels, porches or utility connections; and, furthermore, are irrelevant to the question of whether on March 18th the structure authorized consisted of one or more buildings. Incidentally, he said nothing concerning any opinion which [redacted] may have had concerning the project. b7c

On September 3, 1946 [redacted] drove [redacted] back to Los Angeles from Las Vegas, putting him on a San Francisco plane on the morning of September 4, 1946, stating that [redacted] was going to the C.P.A. Headquarters in San Francisco to dictate his report on the investigation at Las Vegas. b7c

[redacted] expressed himself as being disappointed at the support the Compliance Division is receiving from the Construction Division. He went on to say that his office had stopped approximately 2500 projects, all of which had been immediately authorized for continued construction by the Construction Division of his own organization and the reports his men had made in these cases were apparently completely disregarded. b7c

[redacted]

In discussing [redacted] stated that several days ago [redacted] due to the pressure of business and an injury to his arm, which had been rather serious, took a week's vacation coming to Santa Monica, California near Los Angeles for a day or two. [redacted] is a bachelor and while he was in Santa Monica called [redacted] and the two engaged in a general social conversation. On the following day, which was Thursday, August 29, 1946, [redacted] received a telephone call at his office from an individual whose voice he did not recognize, stating: "This is your cousin from San Francisco" and asked to meet [redacted] at the intersection of 8th Street and Wilshire Boulevard. [redacted] went on to say that his office has "several deals cooking", any one of which might cause him to be unpopular with certain persons, and that in going out to meet the individual as requested in this phone call he suddenly realized that "I might get my teeth knocked in". So he asked one of his staff, whom he described as "a good man" to follow him in another car. When [redacted] got to the designated intersection he noticed a car parked in the vicinity, and upon approaching it found that it contained [redacted] and BEN SIEGEL. SIEGEL told [redacted] that he wanted to talk to him and refused to sit in [redacted] car and asked the latter to go for a walk. Consequently, b7c

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the two men walked down the street and SIEGEL said that he knew that the F.B.I. was investigating this matter concerning the Flamingo and that his telephones at Las Vegas were tapped. Further, he knew that one of the matters under investigation was an alleged bribe of [redacted] District Construction Supervisor for C.P.A. at Reno, Nevada. He said that he knew no bribe had been passed because if anyone had done such a thing they would have gone to him, SIEGEL, to be reimbursed, and pointed out that if anyone had paid [redacted] \$500 they would ask SIEGEL for \$5,000. Apparently he indulged in some conversation at that point to the effect that he was being shaken down every day. He also stated that he knew that F.B.I. Agents had contacted [redacted] in Los Angeles, and [redacted] of the Del Webb Construction Company, but that he had nothing to fear from this investigation. According to [redacted] SIEGEL is of the opinion that he is being persecuted by the Government in connection with the construction of the Hotel. BEN told [redacted] had every cent he owns in the world invested in the Flamingo and that if the project were not permitted to continue [redacted] would be ruined financially. SIEGEL stated he has complied with all regulations; that the structure consists of one unit; and, for this reason the construction should not be interfered with by the Government. b7c

[redacted] also mentioned that SIEGEL stated that Senator PAT MC CARRAN of Nevada either had or was going to personally contact [redacted] in SIEGEL's behalf and that the Senator was going to "pound the table with his fists" and impress upon [redacted] that the State of Nevada wanted the hotel constructed. [redacted] told SIEGEL that it was necessary that the latter produce detailed plans of the construction which showed the construction as contemplated on March 26th. SIEGEL said that he would produce these and called [redacted] the next morning, Friday August 30, 1946. SIEGEL called [redacted] at his office and met the latter in the street near the C.P.A. building and did not have the plans; however, said he had been attempting to get them. On September 4, 1946 SIEGEL called [redacted] at his home, saying that he had the plans and was taking them to San Francisco for the hearing which was to be held on September 5th. b7c

[redacted] stated that as far as his investigation of the Flamingo Construction was concerned the sole question in his opinion was whether there were one or more buildings actually under construction as of March 26, 1946. He stated that as far as he was personally concerned SIEGEL'S background did not enter into the picture; that whether it was SIEGEL or "the King of Siam" building the construction there was only one question involved and that consisted of definitely determining what the status of the construction was on March 26th. He mentioned that apparently his b7c

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September 5, 1946

Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL

headquarters in San Francisco lost sight of this point and did not appear to be interested in determining the condition on the above-mentioned date. He again stated that his job was to determine whether any steel had entered the construction of the hotel and shops on March 26th, and that in his opinion the construction as of March 26th consisted solely of the casino which was a separate and distinct unit. He went on to say that when the original "stop construction" wire was sent in early April 1946, this action should have been made to stick and the Government should not have permitted construction to continue, as in the meantime the builders had invested \$1,500,000 and that the hotel building is complete with the exception of the manager's penthouse on the roof. He stated this building will weather the elements very well as it now stands in the event construction is stopped, except during a driving rain. The cottages have not been started at all and the shops are presently undergoing construction.

[redacted] is of the opinion that SIEGEL intends bringing a petition into the hearing at San Francisco on the part of approximately 150 servicemen who are employed on the construction of the project as well as an additional petition by a like number of veterans who will staff the structure after its completion, praying that the Government permit the construction to continue and the Hotel to operate so that they will have their jobs. b7c

Very truly yours,

A. E. Ostholhoff
A. E. OSTHOLTHOFF

[redacted]
62-2837

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. E. A. Tamm
FROM : A. Rosen
SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING
CRIME SURVEY

DATE: 9-13-46

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Miss Gandy

PURPOSE

To inform you of additional information received from Mr. Ostholtzoff relative to information furnished by [redacted] of the CPA at Los Angeles, who was contacted by Benjamin Siegel prior to the hearing held in San Francisco.

BACKGROUND

On September 4, 1946, Mr. Ostholtzoff advised me that [redacted] for the CPA, desired to furnish information to the Bureau, which information Mr. Ostholtzoff stated would be furnished in detail to the Bureau.

Upon contact, [redacted] advised that the information he desired to disclose should be treated with "utmost confidence". [redacted] advised that he was recently in Las Vegas, Nevada, with [redacted] who had been sent from Washington, D. C. by the CPA to examine the Flamingo properties. [redacted] described [redacted] as a "very personable individual". [redacted] stated that [redacted] took several photographs of the Flamingo properties while in Las Vegas, and, in addition, examined the files of the Clark County Building Commissioner.

CONTACT WITH SIEGEL

[redacted] further advised that on Thursday, August 29, 1946, he received a telephone call in his office from an individual who stated "this is your cousin from San Francisco", who asked that [redacted] meet him at the intersection of 8th and Wilshire Boulevard. [redacted] stated he went to meet this individual; however, he had asked one of his staff to follow him in another car. Continuing, [redacted] stated that when he reached the intersection he noticed a car parked in the vicinity and upon approaching it found it contained [redacted] and Ben Siegel. [redacted] advised that Siegel declined to sit with [redacted] in his car and requested to go for a walk, which they did. [redacted] stated that he was advised by Siegel that he, Siegel, knew that the FBI was investigating the matter concerning the Flamingo and that his telephones at Las Vegas were tapped. Siegel further stated that he knew that one of the matters under investigation was an alleged bribe of [redacted] the District Construction Supervisor for the CPA at Reno, Nevada. Siegel stated that he knew that no bribe had been passed because if anyone had done such a thing they would have come to him to be reimbursed and that if anyone had paid \$500, as alleged, they would have asked Siegel for \$5,000.

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[redacted] continued, stating that he was advised by Siegel that Senator Pat McCarran of Nevada was going to personally contact [redacted] in Siegel's behalf and that the Senator was "going to pound the table with his fists" and impress upon [redacted] that the State of Nevada wanted the hotel constructed. [redacted] stated that he told Siegel that it was necessary that the latter produce detailed plans of the construction at the hearing, which plans were the construction as contemplated on March 26, the date the freeze order issued by the CPA went into effect. b7c

[redacted] stated that he is of the opinion that Siegel intended to bring a petition into the hearing at San Francisco on the part of approximately 150 servicemen who are employed on the construction as well as an additional petition by a large number of veterans who will staff the structure after its completion, praying that the Government permit the construction to continue and the hotel to operate so that they will have their jobs. b7c

[redacted] further advised Agents of the Los Angeles Office that his position with the CPA was to determine whether any steel had entered into the construction of the hotel and shops on March 26, 1946, and that in his opinion the construction on that date consisted solely of the casino, which was a separate and distinct unit. [redacted] went on to say that when the original "stop construction" wire was sent in early April, 1946, this action should have been made to stick by the Government instead of letting the construction continue as the builders have invested \$1,500,000 since that time. b7c

[redacted] b7c

ACTION TO BE TAKEN

You will be advised of further developments concerning the results of the hearing.

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...San Francisco ...
...in contact with ...

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...dropped by them.

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...has been previously ...
...and is presently under indictment ...
...investigation ...

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REFERENCE:

Bureau teletype to Los Angeles dated 2/8/48,
Report of Special Agent L. A. WINTERBERRY,
dated at Los Angeles 2/8/48.

DETAILS:

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA:

The title of this memo is being marked changed to
reflect the additional aliases for SIEHEL, as follows: HARRY ROSEN,
BENJAMIN SEGAL, BENJAMIN SIEGEL, HENRY SIEGEL, which were obtained
from the Identification Record furnished by the Identification Division
of the Bureau.

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[REDACTED]

VIRGINIA HILL

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MISCELLANEOUS

AMERICAN DISTILLERS

EL CORTAZ HOTEL

MURDER OF "BUD JACK" LENTENBERG, April 25, 1946

CRIMINAL RECORDS AND DESCRIPTIONS OF SUBJECT, [REDACTED]

MAIL COVERS

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INFORMANTS

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The Nevada Project Corporation was incorporated under the laws of the State of Nevada on July 23, 1943, by WILLIAM R. WILKINSON, BEN SHWAY, BEN SIEGEL, S. BARRY ROTHBERG, and H. JOSEPH ROSS. The corporation was organized for the purpose of operating the Nevada Project Hotel and Casino, located on the Las Vegas Strip, Nevada. The corporation is authorized to issue two classes of stock, common and preferred, and to pay dividends on the common stock.

Under Article IV it is stated that the corporation was authorized to issue two classes of stock, common and preferred, and to pay dividends on the common stock. The common stock is of the par value of \$200. per share and the preferred stock is of the par value of \$1,000. per share. The corporation is authorized to pay a dividend of 5% on the common stock.

The total value of all shares would be \$500,000.00.

The Directors of the Corporation were listed under Article V as follows:

WILLIAM R. WILKINSON
BEN SHWAY
BEN SIEGEL
S. BARRY ROTHBERG
H. JOSEPH ROSS

10425 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, Cal.
Savanna Road, Las Vegas, Nevada
Last Frontier Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada
Last Frontier Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada
2017 Motor Ave., Los Angeles, Cal.

Under Article VIII the incorporators of the corporation were listed and are the same as the Directors of the Corporation.

The articles of incorporation were signed on July 23, 1943, by BEN SIEGEL, BEN SHWAY, WILLIAM R. WILKINSON, S. BARRY ROTHBERG, and H. JOSEPH ROSS. WILKINSON's signature was attested by H. JOSEPH ROSS, a Notary Public of Los Angeles, California on July 23, 1943. SIEGEL's, ROTHBERG's, ROSS' and SHWAY's signatures were attested on July 23, 1943, by ANNA FAYLER, a Notary Public of Los Angeles.

The following information is set forth with reference to the developments relative to the application for liquor and gambling licenses at Las Vegas.

On 10/10/44, the following were listed as members of the "American People's Party": LOUIS WEINER, President; BENJAMIN SINGER, Vice-President; HENRY RUTHERFORD, Secretary; W. JOSEPH ROSS, Director; and, W. A. MILLERSON, Treasurer. The application for membership was filed in the name of LOUIS WEINER, but the "AP" logo, on this application, was filed in the name of BENJAMIN SINGER. On the "AP" logo, in this application, BENJAMIN SINGER was listed as Director; BENJAMIN SINGER, Vice-President; HENRY RUTHERFORD, Secretary; W. JOSEPH ROSS, Director; and, W. A. MILLERSON, Treasurer.

Dept. of the Application for the liquor and gambling licenses
being maintained in the Los Angeles Field Office file.

3. In connection with the above gambling and liquor licenses, it was ascertained through [redacted] that on August 2, 1946, SAM NUGEL was in contact with [redacted] at Las Vegas. [redacted]

At this contact, it was indicated that SIEGEL was desirous of knowing what had happened in Las Vegas, apparently in reference to the denial of the liquor and gambling licenses. SIEGEL wanted to know who was behind it and [redacted] was unable to advise SIEGEL at that time. SIEGEL further indicated that he had thought that [redacted] had spoken "to them" before they went into the hearing. SIEGEL inquired as to whether [redacted] had spoken to "your guy" and [redacted] indicated that he had but would not make any further statement at that time as to what happened. [redacted] was of the opinion that SIEGEL should come to Las Vegas as it appeared that a further hearing would take place the following day.

② The same confidential source advised that on August 3, 1946, THE SINGEL was in touch with [REDACTED]

RIEDEL appeared to be quite anxious to know what had happened at Las Vegas. Again, this appeared to be in connection with the denial of the licenses for liquor and gambling. [redacted] was of the opinion that he thought everything would be all right. RIEDEL was quite at a loss to understand what difference it made as to who the partners in the corporation might be as there were to be 100 partners and how would they be able to know who the partners were. Further, he could not understand how "they" were going to stop the granting of the licenses. [redacted] indicated that there would be nothing to worry about that date. Again, apparently in regard to the liquor license, RIEDEL indicated that

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...in reference to the applications. At that time Special...
...advised that the applications for the Flamingo Hotel for...
...gambling and liquor had been denied by the Clark County Commission but...
...the denial was apparently a temporary one. It was stated that...
...was in charge of the investigation with reference to the...
...applications for the gambling and liquor licenses. Further, it was stated...
...continued previously, appeared to be anxious to assist...
...SIEGEL in securing his licenses and wanted to contact SIEGEL immediately...
...his arrival at Las Vegas.

He related that SIEGEL was to go to Las Vegas on...
Wednesday, August 7, 1946, to personally appear before the County...
Commissioners at Las Vegas in an effort to secure the licenses.

On August 8, 1946, [redacted] reported that...
[redacted] had contacted [redacted] and associate of SIEGEL. At the time SIEGEL appeared to be...
quite concerned over the numerous troubles he was having with reference...
to the Flamingo Hotel. SIEGEL indicated that he had had trouble with...
the Commissioners, undoubtedly meaning City Commissioners at Las Vegas...
as they did not want to give him a license; however, he had finally gotten...
the matter straightened out.

On August 9, 1946, [redacted] reported...
that BEN SIEGEL had been in contact with MOE SEWATY at the Hollywood-Roosevelt...
Hotel, Hollywood, California. At the time of this contact, information was...
obtained indicating that they were making a pay-off to the Sheriff at...
Las Vegas and the County Commissioners in connection with the granting...
of the liquor and gambling licenses for the Flamingo Hotel. BEN inquired...
as to the money and MOE SEWATY indicated that [redacted] did not want to give...
any money.

[redacted] SEWATY...
merely remarked that he, [redacted] did not want to give money. Further,...
that he did not have to give any money to the Commissioners. Also, it was...
indicated that [redacted] did not want to give [redacted] any money.

SEWATY further indicated that he had talked to [redacted] other persons and they...
wanted to take care of [redacted] In this regard BEN SIEGEL stated that he had...
taken care of [redacted] the other day when he was as they...
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LANEY was interested in knowing what the City was for and stated that he wanted to send it [redacted] and for him [redacted] to send it "them". Reference to "them" was indicated to be the "fellows on the commission". Again, this probably refers to the City Commissioners in Las Vegas, Nevada. BIRCH instructed LANEY to send the enclosed of beer direct to [redacted] the Nevada Beverage (Las Vegas Nevada Beverage Company).

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Reference to fifteen, five and one is believed to be to hundreds of dollars. BEN further instructed MOE to take the money to them and take one out and tell [redacted] Further, he was to take "five upstairs" which means five out of the PEK (Club) and three out of "ours". BEN instructed MOE that if it was necessary to give the fellow another five they could each give \$25.

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On August 11, 1946, immediately after receiving the cease and desist telegram of August 8, 1946, [redacted] telephonically contacted the Regional Office of the C.P.A. in San Francisco pursuant to SINGH's instructions and presented an "impassioned plea" to a C.P.A. Regional Representative that the owners be allowed to continue work on the hotel pending the outcome of the hearing before the Commissioners in view of the fact that [redacted] alleged 100 men were employed on the Flamingo Hotel and that these men would be immediately thrown out of work if construction ceased. [redacted] stated that as a result of this telephone contact the C.P.A. Regional Office in San Francisco advised [redacted] that construction would be allowed to continue pending the outcome of the hearing before the Commissioners on August 15, 1946. b7c

The following was dictated by Special Agents [redacted] b7c

On August 9, 1946 these agents called on [redacted] of the C.P.A., with offices at 1206 Santos. [redacted] was told that the F.B.I. was interested in the Flamingo Hotel and the freeze order effecting its construction. He then said that his regulations specifically prohibit a person in the field from giving information to other agencies, but that off the record he would be pleased to discuss the Flamingo Hotel situation. He laid out a diagram showing that the Flamingo Hotel, which he referred to as the U.S. Grant in San Diego, California, would be comprised of separate buildings roughly situated in a horseshoe design on acreage six miles west of Las Vegas on the Los Angeles-Las Vegas Highway. The building nearest the highway, which comprised the casino, the kitchen and the dining room, was surrounded by a 200 room hotel, a series of shops or stores and a series of cottages which would complete the layout. According to [redacted] building Number One, comprising the casino, kitchen and dining room, was actually under construction prior to the C.P.A. freeze which was issued March 28, 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. b7c

The freeze order as interpreted by [redacted] meant that in a construction job such as this separate and distinct buildings would not be permitted to be built after the freeze went into effect. [redacted] was questioned several times as to previous decisions along these lines and he was emphatic b7c

in stating that in any case handled so far the freeze order had been sustained prohibiting builders from constructing separate buildings in addition to the one already under construction when the freeze order went into effect. He boasted of the fact that he had the plans for the entire project in his office, that these plans had been "foolishly" signed by the architect and that these plans clearly showed that the project consisted of the above-mentioned separate buildings, only one of which was actually under construction on March 26, 1946.

██████████ remarked about the fact that Clark County Nevada, in which Las Vegas is situated, comes under the investigative jurisdiction of his office in the compliance end of C.P.A.; whereas, the Construction Division of C.P.A. handles Clark County, Nevada out of Reno. Consequently, after the freeze order went into effect on March 26, 1946, the builders of the Flamingo Hotel directed a letter to ██████████ (phonetic), newly appointed head of the Construction Division of the C.P.A. with offices at Reno, Nevada. This letter was written by ██████████ for the SINGH-GREENBAUM interests. ██████████ in this letter allegedly stated that certain conditions had been met and complied with which would not necessitate stopping construction on the Flamingo Hotel. In response to this letter, ██████████ stated by letter to ██████████ that if what the latter had said in his letter were true that the Flamingo Hotel should continue construction. ██████████ stated that he excused such slipshod handling of this matter because of the fact that the C.P.A. Construction Division had just come into existence and that ██████████ undoubtedly had a tremendous volume of business awaiting his attention. He stated that he was unable to form any definite opinion of ██████████ action in this regarding owing to the fact that he did not know the contents of the letter which ██████████ submitted to the Reno Construction Division, but his attitude appeared to indicate that he personally did not agree with ██████████ decision to permit construction to continue after March 26, 1946. b7c

He pointed out that at the forthcoming hearing in San Francisco to be held on Tuesday, the 13th, under ██████████ (Phonetic) the Government would present its side of the argument in an attempt to prove that the buildings were not related, nor connected physically and that the Flamingo Hotel should cease construction on the cottages, hotel and shops and ██████████ went on to say that this work had been progressing and that the Government's job would be to stop construction on these units permitting only the casino-kitchen-dining room unit to be completed. He pointed out that a transcript of the proceedings would be made and that persons testifying would be placed under oath and that the F.B.I. would obtain a copy of the transcript, either from the C.P.A. Office in San Francisco or from the firm doing the transcribing. b7c

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is connected with the difficulty of getting the construction work on the Flamingo Hotel. [redacted] advised on August 12, 1954 that he was present when SIEGEL telephonically contacted MRS. SEDWAY in Las Vegas and told SEDWAY that he, [redacted]

[redacted] was going to be in San Francisco on August 13, 1954 for the O.S. hearing to determine if construction work on the Hotel should proceed. At the time SIEGEL asked SEDWAY for the name of "The Senator down there", SEDWAY replied that one of the senators was [redacted]. SIEGEL replied: "No, that's not the one". SEDWAY then stated that the other U.S. Senator from Nevada is MC CARRAN (PAT MC CARRAN). SIEGEL then asked if "PAT" is in Las Vegas and SEDWAY replied that MC CARRAN was probably in Reno. SIEGEL asked SEDWAY if MC CARRAN is a friend of [redacted] and SEDWAY replied that [redacted] and PAT were very good friends. SIEGEL then stated that [redacted] is the "guy who is making all the trouble" by contending that SEDWAY, SIEGEL and [redacted] are "backing" [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that SEDWAY replied that this is not the cause of SIEGEL's difficulty but that the real trouble lies in the fact that [redacted] had advised SEDWAY that most of the contractors around Las Vegas had become "irked" at the owners of the Flamingo Hotel and the DEL WEBB CONSTRUCTION COMPANY because the latter had employed all of the carpenters, masonry workers and laborers available in Las Vegas and that no other contractor could obtain skilled workmen. SEDWAY stated, [redacted] is definitely in favor of the Flamingo Hotel being completed, but that [redacted] is opposed to the completion of the Flamingo Hotel. He further stated that negotiations are underway to incorporate a five-mile strip on the Las Vegas-Los Angeles Highway, which is presently in the County, within the city limits of Las Vegas. Most of the opposition to the inclusion of this strip within the city proper has been voiced by [redacted] who has stated that if the Flamingo Hotel is not granted a liquor and gambling license he will withdraw his opposition to the "strip" being included in the city limits and will support the move.

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In the report of Special Agent L. M. BENTLEHOFF dated At Los Angeles, California August 7, 1946 reference is made on Page 90 to an allegation of a pay-off or bribery to a C.P.A. man at Reno, Nevada in order that a C.P.A. permit may be issued for the construction of the Flamingo Hotel in spite of the C.P.A. freeze order.

[REDACTED] was solicited in regard to this allegation and furnished the following information:

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The following was dictated by Special Agent

With reference to the stop order issued by the C.P.A. furnished the following information.

On August 2, 1946, [redacted] contacted [redacted] and inquired as to the name of the man from [redacted] who sent the wire from Washington. [redacted] informed [redacted] to call a number listed to the DEL WEBB CONSTRUCTION COMPANY and ask for [redacted].

On the same date, this source related that SIEGEL called the number listed to the DEL WEBB CONSTRUCTION COMPANY and on being informed that both [redacted] were not, instructed the person with whom he talked to have them call [redacted] and have them furnish the name of the man who sent the wire from Washington.

On August 2, 1946 SIEGEL contacted [redacted] (an associate of SIEGEL) at which time he informed [redacted] that he had received a wire from Washington, D.C. ordering him to cease building immediately. SIEGEL complained bitterly [redacted] and indicated that he was going "nuts" and that before the hotel was finished he would cost \$4,500,000.00.

SIEGEL contacted [redacted] on August 2, 1946, at which time [redacted] said he would get the information regarding the wire from Washington and call SIEGEL back.

On August 3, 1946 this source reported that [redacted] contacted SIEGEL and SIEGEL again bitterly complained against the stoppage of construction on the hotel and stated that other places such as the Standard Oil and radio station had received the go ahead for their places but that he was being stopped. SIEGEL indicated that he was trying to have the hearing at Los Angeles or Las Vegas and that he hoped to straighten the matter out at the hearing.

On August 3, 1946, a man believed to be [redacted] contacted SIEGEL and stated that [redacted] had sent the wire from Washington. [redacted] was said to be the Recording Secretary of the C.P.A. in Washington, D.C. The wire was alleged to have stated that he should get in touch with the Compliance Manager of the C.P.A., 1335 Market Street, San Francisco, California. The wire, according to [redacted] also mentioned the name of [redacted] at Las Vegas.

This confidential source reported that on August 9, 1946, SIEGEL contacted a [redacted] California, at which time SIEGEL complained of the numerous difficulties he was having with reference to the building of the hotel. SIEGEL inquired as to whether [redacted] knew [redacted] who was to be the Commissioner holding the hearing on Tuesday at San Francisco. [redacted] stated that he did not

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that he would "find out how to get to him". SINGEL informed [redacted] that [redacted] was in charge of the Compliance Office was named [redacted] and that he had [redacted] appointed. [redacted] stated that he would get to work on the matter right away. SEN SINGEL stated that he was to find out whether [redacted] knew him or [redacted] or "somebody else knew how to get to him".

[redacted] mentioned above was reported by the San Francisco Office to [redacted]

On August 12, 1948 the San Francisco Field Office advised that [redacted] was in fact [redacted] at Stanford University, who was appointed to hear the SINGEL matter before the C.P.A. on Tuesday, August 13, 1948.

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Referenced Los Angeles report, dated August 7, 1946, in instant case reflects information

Referenced Bureau teletype, dated August 5, 1946, advised that the

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On October 18, 1945, the Bureau furnished the following information obtained from confidential sources.

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United States Attorney CHARLES H. CARR on the above date publicly announced that instant ring was one of the largest ever uncovered and had its roots in Mexico and spread through San Diego, Los Angeles, San Francisco, New York City, Norfolk and Richmond, Virginia, Baltimore, Maryland, and other cities. Six Los Angeles individuals were taken into custody and Federal Narcotic Agents launched a nationwide roundup of the men and women. This syndicate's "warehouse" was a secret cache in the Santa Monica Mountains where thousands of dollars worth of opium was buried and the location of which had not yet been discovered by narcotic agents. In addition to the defendants, three dead men, one of whom was murdered in an intra-gang feud, were named as unindicted coconspirators.

Three of the six Los Angeles individuals indicted in the conspiracy were recently sentenced by Federal Judge BEN HARRISON in Los Angeles on other narcotic charges.

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There was forwarded to the Bureau on August 12, 1946, a newspaper clipping from the "Tijuana Herald" of August 3, 1946 which consisted of a photograph of ENRIQUE DIARTE, deceased, and set forth information concerning sentences imposed upon the three individuals previously mentioned who were involved in the fatal shooting of DIARTE and the translation of the article is as follows:

***FRANCIS ORBE GALEANA AND MELICIO ALVARADO SANCHEZ SENTENCED;**

Max Cossman is out on bail of 10,000 pesos;

"Francis Orbe Galeana and Melicio Alvarado Sanchez, named as responsible for the assassination of Enrique Diarte, a trafficker in drugs, which assassination occurred in October, 1944, were sentenced by the Judge of the District, the Honorable Elicinio Guerra, to 30 years in jail for this crime.

"Max Cossman, with alias Max Weber, who was named as the leader of the conspiracy, was sentenced to 4 years and 10 months, and obtained his liberty through a bond of 10,000 pesos.

"Diarte, who trafficked in drugs in a large scale, was taken from his house on the morning of the 31st of October, of the year mentioned, by MELICIO ALVARADO SANCHEZ and FRANCIS ORBE GALEANA, who led him to believe that they were going to pull a large operation in opium, but upon arriving at a small ranch on the edges of the Tijuana river, he was fired upon and was taken later to the place along the road which leads to Tecate, 17 miles from the city, at which place they threw his body into a ditch.

"Cossman believed that he was not suspected in this crime, and months later was arrested in Mexicali when he was conducting business in the local bank, involving a considerable sum of money."

The following was dictated by Special Agent [REDACTED]
Reference is made to the report of Special Agent A. E. OSMITH, dated August 7, 1946 at Los Angeles, California in the instant case wherein information is set forth on page 93 regarding [REDACTED]

The following investigation was conducted in regard to the allegation that [REDACTED] was seen at Sloppy Joe's Cafe at 9917 Sunset Boulevard, Hollywood. [REDACTED] b7c b7D

On August 6, 1946, Special Agent [REDACTED] and the writer contacted and displayed photographs of [REDACTED] all Bureau Fugitives, [REDACTED] Billingsley's Cafe, located at 9927 Sunset Boulevard. It is noted that this is the only cafe which is near to the address, 9919, reported to be Sloppy Joe's Cafe. [REDACTED] upon interview stated that they did not know this individual nor could they identify the photographs of the above-mentioned fugitives as frequenting [REDACTED] cafe. Both of these individuals stated that they were willing to cooperate in any way possible in an effort to locate and apprehend these fugitives. b7c

[REDACTED] was consulted in regard to [REDACTED] frequenting Sloppy Joe's Cafe. [REDACTED] stated that he had conducted considerable investigation in regard to this information and his results thus far have been negative. He advised that he had no knowledge of any cafe by the name of Sloppy Joe's, but that he would make discreet approaches to informants in an effort to ascertain whether or not the above information referred to Glen Billingsley Cafe, which is located on the Sunset Strip. b7c b7D

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[REDACTED] once characterized as "riding" on BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL's glory and he has been observed by agents of this Office frequenting the race tracks where he associates with known hoodlums and characters. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] told agents of this office in 1944 that a Syndicate made up of major hoodlums ran and controlled gambling and black market operations throughout the United States. She went on to say that SIEGEL is the member of the Syndicate who handles the Los Angeles Area and that in 1944 he was engaged in buying up restaurants and dealing in black market meat and liquor. She went on to state that JOE ADONIS and [REDACTED] were known to be hoodlums and associates of SIEGEL in his activities.

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The allegation had been made in April of 1945 that [REDACTED] was interested in a black market deal involving 15,000 barrels of whiskey and that he left for New York [REDACTED] on April 14, 1945 in connection with that deal. The Los Angeles Field Office has secured photographs [REDACTED]

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On May 26, 1944 BENJAMIN SIEGEL and [REDACTED] were arrested on a bookmaking charge by the Los Angeles Sheriff's Office. GEORGE RAFT was present at the time and witnesses who appeared in behalf of SIEGEL and [REDACTED]

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The case referred to above received considerable publicity and resulted in SIEGEL receiving a \$250 fine in bookmaking, which is allegedly the only charge which appears against him on his criminal record on a felony basis.

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The following was dictated by Special Agent [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] is not actually an important figure in the underworld set-up in the Los Angeles Area but that being a personal friend of SIEGEL, he does exercise quite a bit of influence.

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[REDACTED] attempts to present the appearance of being "tough" he is actually a very weak individual and relies principally for his power in the underworld on his strong front and association with SIEGEL.

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[REDACTED] He stated, however, that he wanted to make it clear that [REDACTED] is not an important figure except for his friendship with SIEGEL.

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The following was dictated by Special Agent [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] it was ascertained that [REDACTED] was going to Del Mar on August 5, 1946 where he would attend the running of the races at the Del Mar Track. b2 b7c b7D

The San Diego Field Office by letter dated August 8, 1946 stated that [REDACTED] had registered at the Del Mar Hotel on August 6, 1946. It was further reported that GEORGE RAFT, film star, was also at the Del Mar Hotel on August 6th and 7th and that RAFT had won a considerable amount of money on the first day of the meet and [REDACTED] was heard to speculate as to whether RAFT would pay some of his debts with his winnings. It was reported that information had been received from several sources at the track that BEN SIEGEL may have been able to get to [REDACTED] one of the owners of the track, with the proposition that [REDACTED] should have exclusive bookmaking rights at the track and to eliminate all independent bookmakers by force, if necessary. However, rather constant observation of [REDACTED] on each day of the meet up until the date of the letter from the San Diego Field Office had not revealed this type of activity. It was stated that the reliability of the track source in this matter was questioned. b7c

[REDACTED] was reported to spend considerable time in reviewing form sheets and was in conversation with those in attendance at the track and during the races remained in his box, betting on each race. It was known that he had won a considerable amount of money, coming in with at least two good long shots. It was pointed out that the coverage of [REDACTED] activities as of that date only indicated that he was at Del Mar as a betting commissioner and not operating a book. b7c

[REDACTED] It was pointed out that a large number of Hollywood Motion Picture personage visited the Club House at the track and that [REDACTED] was well acquainted with most of them, but there was no indication that he was operating a book at the track. It was thought that if [REDACTED] were operating a big book he was doing it well undercover at the Hotel and it was suggested in this connection that he would lay off all organized bets. b7D

[REDACTED] it was ascertained that [REDACTED] was in Los Angeles on August 11, 1946. Through this same source it was stated that on August 12, 1946 [REDACTED] contacted several individuals including [REDACTED] b2 b7c b7D

[REDACTED] and an individual believed to be [REDACTED] regarding the purchasing of stock in the Del Mar Race Track in order that he might have a pass to the

Part 12. In discussing this matter with [redacted] he stated that he had been asked to leave the Turf Club at Del Mar. It was apparent from the information made available by this source that [redacted] was considerably upset in view of his having been asked to leave the Turf Club and that he desired to purchase the stock in the Del Mar Race Track in order that he would not have any difficulties in the future at the Del Mar Turf Club. This information relative to the expulsion of [redacted] from the Turf Club was confirmed in a letter from the San Diego Field Office dated August 16, 1946 in which it was stated that he had been ejected as an objectionable character. [redacted]

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The letter from the San Diego Office dated August 16, 1946 also related that [redacted]

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[redacted] reported on August 4, 1946 that [redacted] had contacted [redacted] at which time there was a discussion of propositions available in Las Vegas. [redacted] indicated he had a friend who was a lawyer in New York by the name [redacted] (Phonetic) who desired to place some money in a business. Mention was made of the new Flamingo Hotel at Las Vegas in which BENJAMIN SIEGEL has an interest. [redacted]

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On August 12, 1946, [redacted] advised that [redacted] had unsuccessfully attempted to call [redacted]. There-
fore, he called [redacted] and made reference
to [redacted] refusing to accept his telephone call. [redacted] accord-
ing to the informant, appeared to be in low spirits and financially strained.
[redacted] made threatening remarks concerning [redacted] to the effect that
[redacted] should be given a physical beating or shot. It appeared that [redacted]
had been previously asked for financial relief on behalf of [redacted]
and declined by ignoring to answer their calls. [redacted] suggested
approach on [redacted]

[redacted] instructed [redacted] to tell [redacted] that [redacted] had just talked to
[redacted]. This information was brought to the attention of the Bureau,
New York and Boston Field Divisions and New York was requested to furnish
information as to [redacted] and Boston was requested to furnish information
on the activities of [redacted] in Boston.

It has been previously reported that [redacted] drove
to San Francisco after GREENBERG's killing.

[redacted] it was noted that [redacted] has been in contact
with or has endeavored to contact such persons as BEN SIEGEL
associate of SIEGEL, [redacted]
[redacted] who is associated with BEN SIEGEL, and [redacted]
an associate of [redacted] who may be dealing in black market liquor. It was
also noted through this Confidential Source that [redacted] was in touch with
[redacted] on August 13, 1946, at which time
he referred to [redacted]. These individuals discussed what was
happening at the races that day and about the "action" at the track. [redacted]
was anxious to know what had happened while he was away, whether there had
been any troubles with those "creeps". [redacted] said "no" and that he was
told to do anything he wanted to do with those "heels". [redacted] wanted to
know whether the "Little Guy" would be able to do anything with those
"creeps". Also, [redacted] had talked to [redacted] and he thinks he can do
some good there. [redacted] stated that he had left [redacted] some money.

The Los Angeles Field Office Files reflect the following informa-
tion with regard to [redacted]. The General Crime Survey, Los Angeles
Field Division, April 15, 1946, on Page 22 reflects [redacted]

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shows that [redacted]

[redacted]
The Crime Survey for April 15, 1946

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Further, information in the General Crime Survey of October 15, 1945 reflects that [REDACTED] is reported to be an associate of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent A. E. OSTROTHOFF dated August 7, 1948 at Los Angeles on Page 31 wherein information is set forth regarding VIRGINIA HILL, paramour of BEN SINGEL, residence: 10814 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles. In addition to that information set forth in referenced report, the Los Angeles Field Office File entitled: "GENERAL CRIME SURVEY, LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION" in a Memorandum for the Director dated April 15, 1945 sets forth the following data on VIRGINIA HILL.

VIRGINIA HILL is a girl who for the past four or five years has received considerable newspaper publicity and notoriety because of the expensive parties she has given and the large amounts of money which she has apparently spent very freely. She has been variously known as "the female Rex St. Cyr" and "the belle of the Bistros". She has been sometimes referred to as a gangster's moll, a Georgia oil heiress, and the paramour of many wealthy and prominent men. It appears, however, from investigation conducted in her home town, Marietta, Georgia, that as a young girl she caused her parents considerable trouble and was constantly being referred to the juvenile authorities.

Around 1940 or 1941 she first came into prominence as previously stated because of the notoriety she began to receive for entertaining lavishly and insisting on paying all the bills at the night clubs. Newspaper accounts have linked her with many prominent movie stars and she is supposed to have received at one time more fan mail than GARY COOPER or BARBARA STANWYCK. As an example of her reputation for spending, several newspapers have carried accounts she has spent over \$70,000 a year in night clubs alone.

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Restaurant, 1619 Broadway, New York City. [REDACTED] In an affidavit filed with the State Liquor Authority, New York City, HILL stated she was born in Bessemer, Alabama on August 25, 1917. She said that in 1932 she was married to GEORGE ROGERS, who died in 1933 leaving her \$50,000. Between the years 1933 and 1940 she stated that a good investment had increased the principal threefold. [REDACTED]

With respect to HILL's activities in Los Angeles, [REDACTED] reflect that she has resided at 8582 Lookout Mountain Road, Los Angeles, 1055 Sanborn Avenue, Los Angeles, Sunset Towers Apartments, West Hollywood, California, and No. 2 Bella Drive, Beverly Hills, California. This latter address is known as the Falcon-Lair and is the home which was built by RUDOLPH VALENTINO. [REDACTED]

She is also
resided at 1720 Coldwater Canyon, Beverly Hills, California. In Los

Angela has been associated with the movie crowd. At one time she was
booked by MARION GOLDBERG Productions for a role in "Ball of Fire", but
she did not get the role. She has attended many of the night clubs in
Los Angeles and has been seen in the company of JOHN GARROLL, the movie
actor, & STEPHEN GRANE, who is LANA TURNER's ex-husband.

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HILL has boasted that she needs an income of \$2,000 a day to keep
up her expenditures and that she could get a \$1,000,000 any time she wanted
it.

[REDACTED]

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In October 1942, VIRGINIA HILL was in Palm Springs, California
where she stopped at the Colonial House.

[REDACTED] She also was allegedly running
around with JOE ADONIS, another well known hoodlum, and still appears to be
closely associated with [REDACTED]

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Characterization

Discussion

Mother, name and whereabouts unknown

Relatives

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On August 5, 1946, it was learned through [redacted] that [redacted] had called [redacted]

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On August 12, 1946, [redacted] advised that BEN SIEGEL contacted [redacted] at which time SIEGEL related that VIRGINIA HILL had been taken to the hospital for an operation and that after the operation she was taken home and will have to remain there for approximately three weeks. He indicated that it would be a month before she would be able to leave town to visit in Chicago. SIEGEL instructed [redacted] that when she talked to [redacted] tell him [redacted] called about her (HILL) and that she was very sick. [redacted] was to be told to write to VIRGINIA HILL, 10814 Wilshire Boulevard, West Los Angeles, California. [redacted] concerning whom information is set forth in this report under the caption VIRGINIA HILL. SIEGEL also inquired after [redacted] and inquired whether he was "opened". To this inquiry, [redacted] stated, no that he is "closed tighter than a drum" and has been closed for a long time. She related that [redacted] has a chance to open a place downtown if he can get an okay. She indicated that if he received this okay he would be able to open "without any one cutting in". In this regard, BEN stated that "Maybe when I come, I'll help." With this remark, [redacted] appeared to be very pleased and elated.

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In connection with the identity of [redacted] the Chicago Field Office by letter dated August 8, 1946 advised that [redacted]

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... to the report of Special Agent J. S. SCHULZOFF, ...
... in the instant case. On Page 19 ...
... information is set forth in Paragraph 1 to the ...
... that

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With reference to the above information, a review of the information made available to

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MISCELLANEOUS


AMERICAN DISTILLERS:


In the referenced report of Special Agent SA J. GUTENHOFF on Page 22
information was set forth which was received from



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EL CORTEZ HOTEL:

In the report of Special Agent  dated March 18, 1945



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Las Vegas Evening Review-Journal, Las Vegas, Nevada, March 12, 1949. It is reflected on page 43 that on March 12, 1949 the El Dorado Hotel was sold by [redacted] to [redacted] and [redacted] for a purchase price was estimated to be \$500,000 which included a \$100,000 liquor stock that would remain for \$400,000. It was also reflected that information based on rumor indicated that [redacted] was merely "fronting" for BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL in the ownership of the El Dorado Hotel as well as in the Las Vegas Club and that [redacted]

[redacted] This information was confirmed on the same date by an article appearing in the LAS VEGAS EVENING REVIEW JOURNAL which stated that a lease of the hotel premises was involved and that the monthly rental under the lease was around \$12,500 and that rumors were prevalent that HOUSSELS was attempting to purchase the Hotel and that the price was said to be \$1,500,000 with an additional \$125,000 for liquor stock and bars.

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MURDER OF "BIG JACK" LENTENDRE, APRIL 22, 1946

[REDACTED]

SIEGEL had advised MOE SNEY and others at the Las Vegas Club recently that "they" had killed a man in Baltimore, Maryland in April 1946, who had refused to do the bidding of "them". SIEGEL used the illustration as one indicating both how "they" will not allow anyone to "cross them" and also how easy it is for "them" to kill a man and get away with it. b2
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SIEGEL stated at the time that this man had been operating a night club and gambling resort in direct competition with "them" in Hollywood, Florida. He indicated that he and MEYER LANSKY were the principal ones responsible for having the man killed. He said that the man was killed while driving down the street and no one knew who was responsible for his death. SIEGEL also said that the man operated the La Boheme Club at Hollywood, Florida, prior to his death, and that it was the La Boheme Club that was taking business away from their clubs, the Colonial Inn and the Green Acres.

Informant said that he remembers well the shooting of this man, whose name he could not recall at the time, and that the Eastern newspapers stated at the time of his murder that his death must have been a mistake because "he was such a good man".

On Sunday, August 4, 1946, a story appeared in "The American Weekly", magazine section of the Hearst newspapers, entitled "The Great Racing Gamble" and "The Syndicate Takes Over". This article was written by WILLIAM ENGLE and was an account of the activities of the Chicago Syndicate in attempting to take over gambling all over the country, and particularly the race horse news services and hand books. The story dealt with the murder of "BIG JACK" LENTENDRE and the shooting of JAMES M. RAGEN, Sr. b7C

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent A. E. GUTHRIE
where on pages 42 and 78 information is set forth indicating that

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