



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION

SUBJECT: CHARLES "SONNY" LISTON

FILE NUMBER: 172-31

5/27/65

Airtel

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Crime Records D
1 - Mr. Gale
1 - 
1 - 

To: SACs, Boston
Chicago
New York
Philadelphia

From: Director, FBI

SONNY LISTON - CASSIUS CLAY
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP HEAVYWEIGHT FIGHT
SPORTS BRIBERY

In view of the wide publicity with its attendant allegations given captioned matter and the indications that inquiries into this fight will be made by numerous bodies, including Congressional committees, you should discreetly contact highly confidential and other sources, as well as appropriate confidential informants, for any information they may have pertaining to this matter. Advise Bureau by return airtel. No open investigation is to be conducted at this time.

MAILED 80
MAY 27 1965
COMM-FBI

NOTE: See memo Gale to Belmont, same caption, dated 6/27/65, WPB:cae.

This communication being sent to these offices since information from highly confidential sources reveals gamblers in those areas have controlled boxers.

Tolson _____
Belmont _____
Mohr _____
DeLoach _____
Casper _____
Callahan _____
Conrad _____
Felt _____
Gale _____
Rosen _____
Sullivan _____
Tavel _____
Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Holmes _____
Gandy _____

MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

JUN 4 1965

MCT-46

REC-5072-31-1

19 MAY 28 1965

5/27/65

Airtel

To: SAC, Boston

From: Director, FBI

SONNY LISTON - CASSIUS CLAY
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP HEAVYWEIGHT FIGHT
SPORTS BRIBERY

ReBuairtel 5/27/65.

Department advises USA, Portland, Maine, has informed news media he contemplates conducting inquiries into Liston - Clay fight. In event USA requests your office to conduct investigation, Bureau authority is to be requested prior to instituting same.

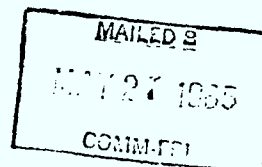
Other action of the USA, such as Federal Grand Jury, as well as other pertinent developments should be promptly furnished Bureau.

Tolson _____
Belmont _____
Mohr _____
DeLoach _____
Casper _____
Callahan _____
Conrad _____
Felt _____
Gale _____
Rosen _____
Sullivan _____
Tavel _____
Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Holmes _____
Gandy _____

REC-50

172-31-2

19 MAY 28 1965



MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

Tolson _____
Belmont _____
Mohr _____
DeLoach _____
Casper _____
Callahan _____
Conrad _____
Felt _____
Gale _____
Rosen _____
Sullivan _____
Tavel _____
Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Holmes _____
Gandy _____

TO : Mr. Belmont *MB*

DATE: May 27, 1965

FROM : J. H. Gale *JHG*

SUBJECT: SONNY LISTON - CASSIUS CLAY
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP HEAVYWEIGHT FIGHT
SPORTS BRIBERY

As you know, the Liston-Clay fight has received wide publicity by all forms of news media. Included in the publicity have been what appear to be unsubstantiated allegations by sports writers and persons long associated with the fight game that this fight was "fixed."

Since we have received no information or allegations to date indicating improprieties in connection with this fight, no open investigation is being conducted. It is felt, however, that appropriate confidential informants and sources located in logical offices should be discreetly contacted for information bearing on this matter.

ACTION:

That, if approved, the attached airtel instructing our Boston, Chicago, New York and Philadelphia Offices to contact appropriate sources and informants regarding this matter, be sent.

Enclosure

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Crime Records Division
- 1 - Mr. Gale
- 1 - [REDACTED]
- 1 - [REDACTED]

ENCLOSURE

JUN 1 1965

Tolson _____
 Belmont _____
 Mohr _____
 DeLoach _____
 Casper _____
 Callahan _____
 Conrad _____
 Felt _____
 Gale _____
 Rosen _____
 Sullivan _____
 Tavel _____
 Trotter _____
 Tele Room _____
 Holmes _____
 Gandy _____

UPI-119

ADD 1 BOXING, WASHINGTON (UPI-87)
 A COMMISSION BILL WAS ~~ALSO~~ INTRODUCED BY REP. BENJAMIN ROSENTHAL,

D-N.KY.

CALLING ATTENTION TO "THE GROWING DOMINATION OF PROFESSIONAL BOXING BY RACKETEERS AND UNDERWORLD ELEMENTS," ROSENTHAL SAID HIS BILL WOULD EMPOWER THE COMMISSION TO:

--ESTABLISH RULES TO GOVERN CONTRACT AND RE-MATCH AGREEMENTS. ✓

--SET STANDARDS FOR TRAINING PROCEDURES AND ADEQUATE MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS DURING TRAINING AND BEFORE FIGHTS.

CHAIRMAN EMANUEL CELLER, D-N.Y., WHOSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE WOULD HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO INVESTIGATE BOXING IF THERE WERE INDICATIONS OF CRIMINAL ACTS OR VIOLATIONS OF THE ANTI-TRUST LAWS, NOTED THAT CONGRESS HAD INVESTIGATED BOXING IN THE PAST. HE SAID HE HAD NOT YET MADE UP HIS MIND ABOUT ANOTHER STUDY.

5/27--EG247PED

172-31-3

ENCLOSURE

WASHINGTON CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE

Tolson _____
 Belmont _____
 Mohr _____
 DeLoach _____
 Casper _____
 Callahan _____
 Conrad _____
 Felt _____
 Gale _____
 Rosen _____
 Sullivan _____
 Tavel _____
 Trotter _____
 Tele Room _____
 Holmes _____
 Gandy _____

UPI-127

ADD 2 BOXING, WASHINGTON
 IN THE SENATE, 78 YEAR-OLD SEN. A. WILLIS ROBERTSON, D-VA., WAS
 SUGGESTED AS THE MATCH FOR EITHER CLAY OR LISTON. THE SUGGESTION
 WAS MADE BY SEN. WARREN G. MAGNUSON, D-WASH., IN THE COURSE OF A
 SERIES OF BIRTHDAY TRIBUTES TO ROBERTSON. ✓
 SEN. HERMAN E. TALMADE, D-GA., NOTING THAT ROBERTSON IS KNOWN FOR
 HIS LOVE OF HUNTING AND FISHING, HAD COMMENTED THAT ROBERTSON HAS A RIGHT
 ARM LIKE THAT OF A PRIZE-FIGHTER.
 MAGNUSON QUICKLY COMMENTED THAT ROBERTSON'S RIGHT WAS "STRONGER
 THAN TWO OTHER FIGHTERS' THAT I KNOW OF" AND ADDED: "I'D PUT HIM
 IN THE RING WITH EITHER ONE OF THEM."
 5/27--EG308PED

172-31-3

WASHINGTON CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE

FBI

Date: 5/28/65

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plain text or code)Via A I R T E L _____
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (172-3) (RUC)

SONNY LISTON - CASSIUS CLAY
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP HEAVYWEIGHT FIGHT
SPORTS BRIBERY

Rebuairtel 5/27/65.

PHlet to Bureau, 5/24/65, captioned "Racket Control of Closed Circuit TV Rights for Clay-Liston Fight, 11/16/64 and 5/25/65" and PHairtel, 5/27/65, with same caption, contain all available information re possible fix.

PHlet, 5/24/65, contained information provided 11/19/64 by [REDACTED] re possible fix.

b7D

- 1 - Bureau
1 - Boston (Info)
1 - Chicago (Info)
1 - New York (Info)
1 - Philadelphia (172-3)

REC-38

MCT-22

172-31-4

MAY 29 1965

RECEIVED-377E

Approved: **56 JUN 14 1965**
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

F B I

Date: 6/2/65

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK
SUBJECT: SONNY LISTON-CASSIUS CLAY
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP HEAVY-
WEIGHT FIGHT
SPORTS BRIBERY

EW 2
6

Re Bureau airtel, 5/27/65.

On 5/24/65 and 5/25/65, [REDACTED] was contacted
by SA [REDACTED]

b7C
b7D

[REDACTED]

- 3 - Bureau
1 - Boston (INFO)
1 - Chicago (INFO)
1 - Philadelphia (172-3)(INFO)
3 - New York

REC-10

172-31-5

EX-105

(1-92-1301)

15 JUN 3 1965

b7C, b7D

(10)

58 JUN 10 1965

Approved: _____

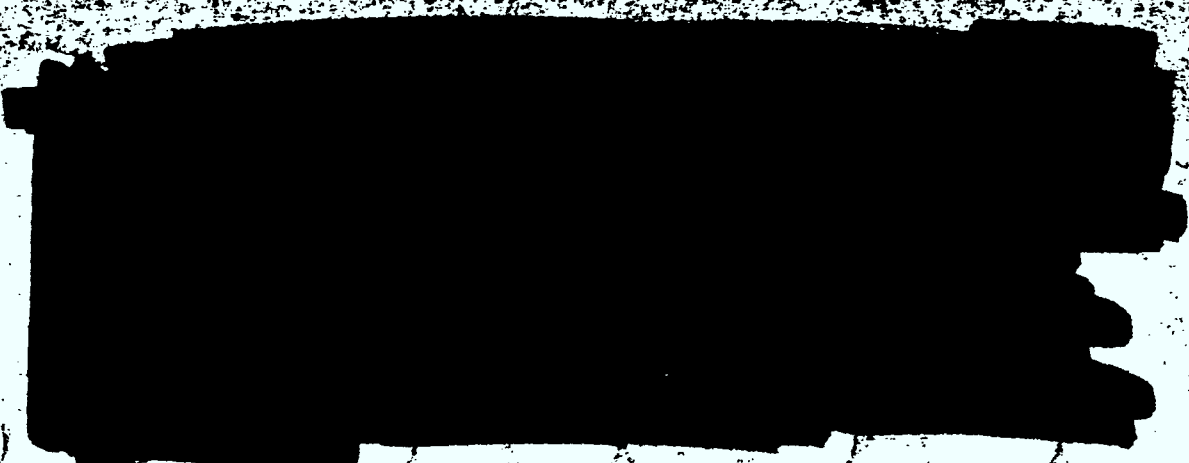
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____

M

Per _____

b7C
b7D



No additional significant information has been obtained through highly confidential sources and confidential informants in the NYO. These sources and informants have been alerted regarding captioned matter and any significant information will be forwarded to the Bureau as developed.

FBI

Date: 6/2/65

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Trotter	
Tele. Room	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (172-New)

SUBJECT: SONNY LISTON VERSUS CASSIUS CLAY
WORLD'S CHAMPIONSHIP HEAVYWEIGHT
FIGHT
 SPORTS BRIBERY

Re Bureau airtel dated 5/27/65.

Sources and confidential informants who are considered experts in the field of boxing on a national scale were contacted at Chicago re captioned boxing match.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

3 - Bureau
 1 - Chicago

(4)

E. C. Wick

REC-26

EX-102.22

4 JUN 4 1965

Approved: _____

70 JUN 14 1965 Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____

M

Per _____

NRE

CG 172-New

b7E
b7D

FBI

Date: 6/4/65

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, BOSTON (172-4)

SONNY LISTON - CASSIUS CLAY
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP HEAVYWEIGHT FIGHT
SPORTS BRIBERY

72217 BS-64-6
a

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

3-Bureau
1-New York (Info)
1-Philadelphia (Info)
1-Boston

REC-35

172-31-7

EX. 112

10 JUN 7 1965

(6)

C C. Wick

31

J. L. Handley
Special Agent in Charge

Sent

M

Per

BS 172-4

[REDACTED]

b7C

0

FBI

Date:

6/1/65

Transmit the following in _____

(Type in plaintext or code)

AIRTEL

Via _____

(Priority)

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. Felt	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, BOSTON (272-54)

SONNY LISTON-CASSIUS CLAY
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP HEAVYWEIGHT FIGHT
SPORTS BRIBERY

Reurairtel, 5/27/65.

2-Bureau
1-Boston

EX 110

REC 33

172-318
14 JUN 8 1965

C.C. Wick

NONE

Approved: *J. L. Hawley*

Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____

M

Per _____

BS 172-4

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

b7C
b7D

Logical Boston informants contacted. All advised they have no knowledge of any fix.

[Handwritten mark]

FBI

Date: 6/16/65

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, BOSTON (172-4)
SONNY LISTON-CASSIUS CLAY
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP HEAVYWEIGHT FIGHT
SPORTS BRIBERY

Rebuairtel to Boston, 5/27/65, and Bosairtel to Bureau, 6/1/65.

On 6/14/65, USA ALTON A. LESSARD, Portland, Me., advised SA [REDACTED] that no Federal Grand Jury or other action is contemplated in this matter unless Congressional Committee investigation indicates such action warranted.

It is noted USA LESSARD has indicated that JOHN GALGAY, Antitrust Division, had suggested possibility of FTC investigation under Antitrust Laws, but no action has been initiated in this connection.

This is being submitted for information purposes.

3 Bureau
1-Boston

(4)

REC-40

172-31-9
JUN 18 1965

39 C. Wick

Approved:

Special Agent in Charge

Sent

M

F B I

Date: 7/20/65

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plain text or code)
AIRTELVia _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (172-9) (RUC)

SUBJECT: SONNY LISTON - CASSIUS CLAY
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP HEAVY-WEIGHT FIGHT
SPORTS BRIBERYRe Bureau airtel 5/27/65, and NY airtel to
Director, 6/2/65.

b7C
b7D

[REDACTED]

WITH
Contacts by additional informants and other
sources available to the NYO resulted in no additional
specific information regarding captioned matter.

H

178

3 - Bureau
1 - New York (92-1301)
1 - New York

b7C

(6)

REC 4

172-3110

14 JUL 21 1965

Approved: *JEM / [Signature]*

Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

55 JUL 27 1965

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 7/30/65

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (172-3) (C)

SUBJECT: SONNY LISTON - CASSIUS CLAY
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP HEAVYWEIGHT FIGHT
SPORTS BRIBERY

Contacts have been continued with sources and confidential informants who are considered experts in the field of boxing on a national scale.

No additional information has been developed which indicates bribery or other irregularities connected with captioned fight since it took place on May 25, 1965.

Based on the above, this matter is being closed by the Chicago Office. However, contact will periodically be made with sources and informants and any new developments relative to captioned matter will be immediately submitted to the Bureau.

2 - Bureau
1 - Chicago

(3)

RECEIVED
FBI

REC-45
EX-113

AUG 2 11 25 AM '65

FBI

1 AUG 2 1965

MAVE

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (172-31)

DATE: 9/23/65

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (172-4)

SUBJECT: SONNY LISTON-CASSIUS CLAY
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP HEAVYWEIGHT FIGHT
SPORTS BRIBERY

Rebulet to Bureau, 6/16/65.

By letter dated 8/4/65, the New Haven Office
advised that [REDACTED]

New Haven also advised that Las Vegas was unable
to develop any information indicating that the fight was
fixed. b7C, b7D

In view of the above, this case is being closed.

2 Bureau
1-New Haven (92-264)(Info)
1-Boston

(4)

REC 33

EX-113

172-31-12
16 SEP 27 1965



57 OCT 4 1965

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

INITIALS

FBI

Date: 12/8/65

Transmit the following in _____

(Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTEL _____

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (172-9) (P)
SUBJECT: SONNY LISTON - CASSIUS CLAY
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FIGHT.
SPORTS BRIBERY

ReBuairtel 5/27/65 and NY airtels 6/2 and 7/20/65.

Information copies of this airtel are being furnished the Boston, Chicago and Philadelphia Offices in view of referenced Buairtel in this matter. For information of offices not having received referenced Buairtel, the Bureau following the LISTON-CLAY championship fight, advised as follows:

In view of the wide publicity with its attendant allegations given captioned matter, and the indications that inquiries into this fight will be made by numerous bodies including Congressional committees, you should discreetly contact highly confidential and other sources, as well as appropriate confidential informants, for any information they may have pertaining to this matter. Advise Bureau by return airtel. No open investigation is to be conducted at this time.

3-Bureau (RM)
1-Boston (Info) (RM)
1-Chicago (Info) (RM)
2-Dallas (RM)
2-Houston (RM)
2-Las Vegas (RM)
2-El Paso (RM)
1-Philadelphia (Info) (RM)
2-San Antonio (RM)
1-New York (b7D)
2-New York (172-9)
1-New York (92-1498)

(20) b7C

7/ Approved: _____

Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____

M Per _____

69 DEC 14 1965

NY 172-9

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

b7C
b7D

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

It is noted that the information received from the PCI is vague and non-specific. However, the Dallas, Houston, Las Vegas, El Paso and San Antonio Offices are requested to contact appropriate sources and informants in an effort to develop more specific information

[REDACTED]

NY 172-9

The NYO will maintain contact with the PCI who has furnished the above information and additional informants will be contacted in this matter in an effort to develop more specific information.

FBI

Date: 12/13/65

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (172-5) (RUC)

SUBJECT: SONNY LESTON - CASSIUS CLAY
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FIGHT
SPORTS BRIBERY

Heavyweight

Re New York airtel to Director, 12/8/65.

[REDACTED]

b7c
b7d

2-Bureau
2-New York (172-9)
1-San Antonio

[REDACTED]

(6)

REC-75

EX-117

172-31-14

DEC 15 1965

C. D. Wick

[Handwritten signature]

[Handwritten signature]

66 DEC 21 1965

Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

• F B I

Date: **12/17/65**

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, LAS VEGAS (172-3) (RUC)

SONNY LISTON - CASSIUS CLAY
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FIGHT
SPORTS BRIBERY

Re New York airtel to Bureau, 12/8/65.

~~Wick~~ The fact that LISTON owns, or did own, an interest in the Inter-Continental Promotions, is common knowledge and carried in sports pages of newspapers.

- 3 - Bureau (RM)
2 - New York (172-9)(RM)
2 - Las Vegas (1 - 172-3)

(1 - [REDACTED])

Approved: 51 CWL
53 JAN 4 1966 Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per NINE

53 JAN 4 1966

3 DEC 22 1965

NINE

LV 172-3

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

b7C
b7D

For the information of New York

[REDACTED]

This office has no reason to doubt
the reliability of

[REDACTED]

FBI

Date: 12/29/65

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)



TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (172-3) (RUC)

SUBJECT: SONNY LISTON;
CASSIUS CLAY
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FIGHT
SPORTS BRIBERY

Re New York airtel to Bureau 12/8/65.

Chicago confidential sources and informants
contacted,

- 3 - Bureau (RM)
3 - New York (1 -  (RM)
(1 - 172-9)
(1 - 92-1498)
1 - Boston (RM) (Info)
2 - Chicago (1 - 

(9)

B. E. WICK

Approved: 

Special Agent in Charge

Sent

Per

iccd & d

b7D REC 30

EX-106

172-31-10

DEC 31 1965

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXXFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET1

Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.



Deleted under exemption(s) b7C, b7D with no segregable material available for release to you.



Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.



Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.



Documents originated with another Government agency(ies). These documents were referred to that agency(ies) for review and direct response to you.

Pages contain information furnished by another Government agency(ies). You will be advised by the FBI as to the releasability of this information following our consultation with the other agency(ies).

Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):



For your information:



The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:

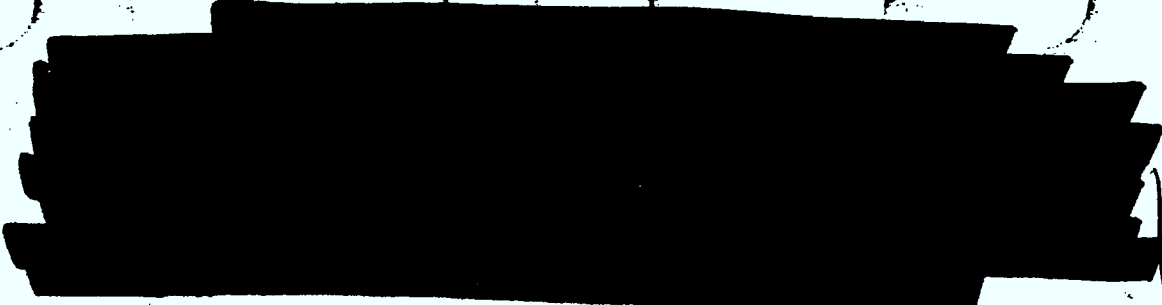
172-31-16 pg 2

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
X DELETED PAGE(S) X
X NO DUPLICATION FEE X
X FOR THIS PAGE X
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

CG 172-3

Prior to selection of Lewiston, Maine as final site for CLAY-LISTON bout, Boston, Massachusetts was considered the logical site, however, due to strong objections of Suffolk County District Attorney GARRETT H. BYRNE, Boston was ruled out. Subsequently an article appeared in the "Boston Herald", dated 5/27/65, and lavished praise on BYRNE for refusing to sanction bout in Boston. Article stated basis for his objections prior to the fight was that BYRNE "possessed information convincing him that the fight was to be a set-up". It is not known if Bureau or Boston has deemed it advisable to interview BYRNE to determine information in his possession prior to the bout.

b7C
b7D



1/4/66

Airtel

To: SAC, Denver

From: Director, FBI (172-31)

①
SONNY LISTON;
CASSIUS CLAY
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FIGHT
SPORTS BRIBERY

ReCGairtel to Bureau dated 12/29/65.

For the information of Denver, the Bureau instituted discreet inquiries of highly confidential sources in several large cities to determine if the above fight held in Lewiston, Maine, May, 1965, was "fixed" because of the wide publicity it received and indications that investigations would be conducted by various agencies including Congressional Committees. To date, vague information and personal opinions have been received concerning a "fix;" however, no definite information has been received to indicate it was.

b7C b7D
[REDACTED]
Inasmuch as Liston resides in Denver, you are requested to furnish the Bureau any information you have received concerning this matter. Denver should also furnish your recommendation as to the feasibility of an interview with Liston and if there are any reasons to preclude such an interview.

REC-18 172-31 17
1966

Tolson
DeLoach
Mohr
Casper
Callahan
Conrad
Felt
Gale
Rosen
Sullivan
Tavel
Trotter
Wick
Tele. Room
Holmes
Gandy

1 - Boston (172-4)
1 - Chicago (172-3)
1 - New York (172-9)

57 JAN 11 1966

MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

b7C b7D

F B I

Date: 1/11/66

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (172-31)

FROM: SAC, DENVER (172-3) (P)

SONNY LISTON;
CASSIUS CLAY;
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FIGHT
SPORTS BRIBERY

Re Bureau airtel to Denver dated 1/4/66.

Sources of the Denver Office have furnished no information to substantiate information indicated in referenced airtel that the fight held in Lewiston, Maine, in May of 1965 was fixed.

[REDACTED]

b7C
b7D Before consideration is given to a direct approach to LISTON, Denver Agents contemplating discreet contacts with established Denver sources, [REDACTED] to determine if they can obtain any pertinent information in this matter.

C. E. Wick

EX-107

- 3 - Bureau (172-31)
1 - Boston (172-4)
1 - Chicago (172-3)
1 - New York (172-9)
2 - Denver

airtel to DN
1cc to BS CG, NY
1-13-66

REC-51

172-31-18

(8)
Approved: _____

Special Agent in Charge

b7C
Sent _____

1cc d+d

DN 172-3

b7D [REDACTED]

Denver sources indicate LISTON's Denver home is now for sale and he reportedly plans to move to Las Vegas in the near future.

Since information in referenced airtel appears to be indefinite and unspecific, it is suggested that the Bureau direct any offices who may be in possession of more specific information of which has sources available that might logically be expected to supply more specific information to furnish such information to the Bureau and the Denver Office, after which time efforts will be made to set up an interview with LISTON.

0

1/13/66

Airtel

To: SAC, Denver (172-3)
From: Director, FBI (172-31) -18

SONNY LISTON;
CASSIUS CLAY;
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FIGHT
SPORTS BRIBERY

ReDNairtel to Bureau 1/11/66 and Bureau airtel to
Denver 1/4/66.

As indicated in referenced Bureau airtel, attempts by
other offices to obtain specific information about a possible
"fix" of the Liston - Clay fight in May, 1965, have been un-
successful.

Denver's recommendation as to an interview with Liston was
requested in an attempt to resolve this matter.

Denver should contact sources mentioned in referenced
Denver airtel to determine if they have any information which
may resolve this question. If no specific information is
obtained from these sources that the fight was "fixed," Denver
should not interview Liston at this time

- 1 - Boston (172-4)
- 1 - Chicago (172-3)
- 1 - New York (172-9)

NOTE: DN was requested to furnish its recommendations regarding th
interview of Liston

Tolson _____
DeLoach _____
Mohr _____
Casper _____
Callahan _____
Conrad _____
Felt _____
Gale _____
Rosen _____
Sullivan _____
Tavel _____
Trotter _____
Wick _____
Tele. Room _____
Holloman _____
Gandy _____

MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

F B I

Date: 1/27/66

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (172-31)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (172-9)

SUBJECT: SONNY LISTON;
CASSIUS CLAY,
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FIGHT
SPORTS BRIBERY
(OO:BOSTON)

ReNYairtel to the Bureau, 12/8/65, captioned as above.

BS Division is being designated office of origin
inasmuch as last LISTON-CLAY title bout took place within the
BS Division.

[REDACTED] has been recontacted [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] without developing any additional
specific information regarding this matter.

Sources of the NYO have furnished no information to
substantiate information in referenced NY airtel.

Since the information from [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] was unspecific, no further investigation is
being conducted by the NYO, UACB.

3-Bureau
1-Boston (172-4)
1-Denver (172-3)
1-New York

REC-15

172-31-19
12 JAN 28 1966

(7)

E.E. McE

Approved: *JEM*

Special Agent in Charge

Sent

Per

ked+d

FBI

Date: 1/25/66

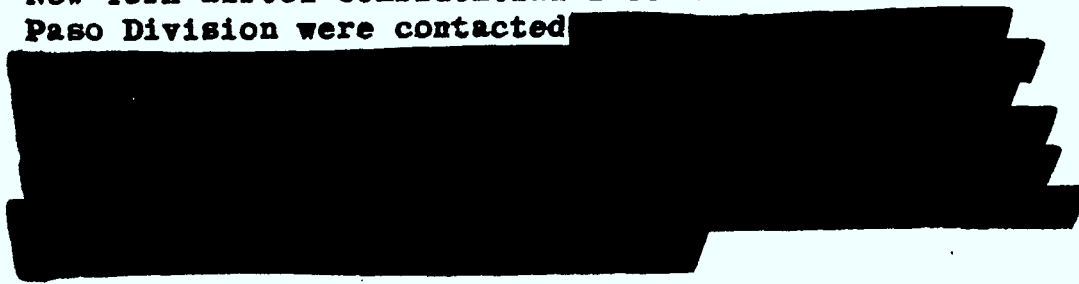
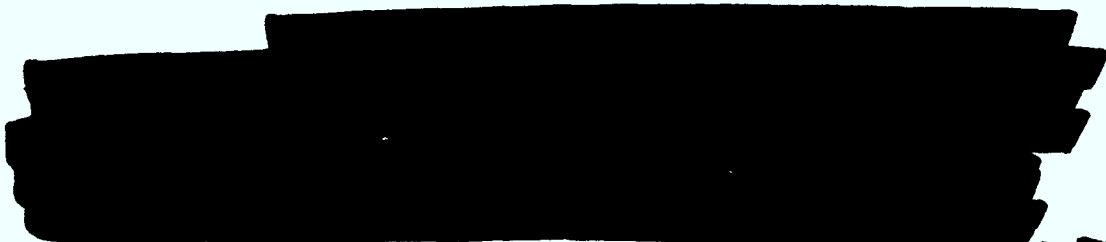
Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, EL PASO (172-2) (RUC)

SUBJECT: SONNY LISTON - CASSIUS CLAY
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FIGHT
SPORTS BRIBERY

OO: NEW YORK

Re New York airtel to the Bureau dated
12/8/65.Pursuant to instructions in referenced
New York airtel confidential informants in the El
Paso Division were contacted b7D f3-Bureau
2-New York (92-1498)
1-El Paso

(6)

REC-15

172-31-20
108

JAN 27 1966

Approved: 1966

Special Agent in Charge

Sent

M

Per

iccd+d

EP 172-2

[REDACTED]

157

0

FBI

Date: 1/28/66

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (172-31)
FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (172-3) (RUC)
SUBJECT: SONNY LISTON - CASSIUS CLAY
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP HEAVYWEIGHT FIGHT
SPORTS BRIBERY

ReNYairtel to Bureau dated 12/8/65.

3-Bureau (172-31)
1-Boston (Info)
1-New York (Info)
1-Philadelphia (172-3)

REC-15

172-31-21

25 JAN 1966

(6)

Approved: *[Signature]*

Special Agent in Charge

Sent

M

Per

1cc dxd

PH 172-3

No additional information has been obtained from confidential informants in the Philadelphia Office.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. DeLoach _____
Mr. Mohr _____
Mr. Casper _____
Mr. Callahan _____
Mr. Conrad _____
Mr. Felt _____
Mr. Gale _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Sullivan _____
Mr. Tavel _____
Mr. Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Miss Holmes _____
Miss Gandy _____

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (172-31)

FROM : SAC, DENVER (172-3) (P)

SUBJECT: SONNY LISTON;
CASSIUS CLAY
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FIGHT
SPORTS BRIBERY
(OO: BOSTON)

DATE: 2/28/66

Re Bureau airtels to Denver 1/4/66 and 1/13/66;
Denver airtel to Bureau 1/11/66; New York airtel to Bureau
1/27/66.

For information Las Vegas, the Bureau instituted discreet inquiries of highly confidential sources in several large cities to determine if the LISTON-CLAY fight held in Lewiston, Maine, in May of 1965 was "fixed" because of the wide publicity it received and indications that investigations would be conducted by various agencies, including Congressional committees. The Bureau further advised attempts by other offices to obtain specific information about a possible "fix" of this fight have been unsuccessful,

As a result, this matter remains unresolved.

For further information Las Vegas

Because of this, the Bureau advised

- ② - Bureau
- 1 - Boston (172-4)
- 1 - Chicago (172-3)
- 1 - Las Vegas (Info.)
- 1 - New York (172-9)
- 2 - Denver

(8)

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

MAR 2 1966

DN 172-3

any interview of LISTON concerning the possible fix of this fight should be held up at this time, and Denver should contact its sources to determine if they have any information regarding this fight.

[REDACTED]

b7C
b7D

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXXFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET3

Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.



Deleted under exemption(s) b7C, b7D with no segregable material available for release to you.



Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.



Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.



Documents originated with another Government agency(ies). These documents were referred to that agency(ies) for review and direct response to you.

_____ Pages contain information furnished by another Government agency(ies). You will be advised by the FBI as to the releasability of this information following our consultation with the other agency(ies).

_____ Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):



For your information: _____



The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:

72-31-22 PGS 3-5

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXX
 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
 X DELETED PAGE(S) X
 X NO DUPLICATION FEE X
 X FOR THIS PAGE X
 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

FBI

Date: 3/28/66

Transmit the following in CODE
(Type in plaintext or code)Via RADIOGRAM
(Priority)

TO DIRECTOR (MAIL) 172-31 AND LAS VEGAS

FROM DENVER 172-3 1P

0
SONNY LISTON; CASSIUS CLAY, WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FIGHT, SPORTS
BRIBERY. OO BOSTON.

DENVER INFORMANTS ADVISE [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] b7D

DENVER CONTINUING INVESTIGATION.

BOSTON ADVISED AIR MAIL.

- 1 - Bureau (AM)
1 - Boston (172-4) (AM)
2 - Denver
(1 - [REDACTED] b7D
[REDACTED]
(4) b7C

EX-114

REC-82

172-31-23

4 MAR 30 1966

Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M

Per _____

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (172-31)

DATE: 4/27/66

FROM : SAC, DENVER (172-3) (P)

SUBJECT: CHANGED
CHARLES "SONNY" LISTON;
CASSIUS CLAY
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FIGHT
SPORTS BRIBERY

Title changed in this case to reflect subject's true name as CHARLES "SONNY" LISTON.

Re Denver radiogram to Bureau and Las Vegas dated 3/28/66; Denver letter to Bureau dated 2/28/66, one copy for Las Vegas.

[REDACTED]

b7A

[REDACTED]

b7C
b7D

- 2 - Bureau
- 2 - Las Vegas
- 1 - Boston
- 2 - Denver

REC-23

MCT-26

172-31-24

APR 28 1966



MAY 9 1966

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXXFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET2

Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.



Deleted under exemption(s) b7C, b7D with no segregable material available for release to you.



Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.



Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.



Documents originated with another Government agency(ies). These documents were referred to that agency(ies) for review and direct response to you.

_____ Pages contain information furnished by another Government agency(ies). You will be advised by the FBI as to the releasability of this information following our consultation with the other agency(ies).

_____ Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):



For your information: _____



The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:

72-31-24 pg 2,3

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXX
 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
 X DELETED PAGE(S) X
 X NO DUPLICATION FEE X
 X FOR THIS PAGE X
 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

[REDACTED]

b7D [REDACTED]

b7C [REDACTED]

For further information of Las Vegas, LISTON was born in Little Rock, Arkansas, sometime around 1932 and 1933 and reportedly was one of twenty-five children. He has spent most of his time in the St. Louis, Missouri, and Philadelphia areas prior to moving to Denver [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] b7D

DN 172-3

b7C

b7D

✓ 0.5
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (172-31)

DATE: 6/20/66

FROM : SAC, DENVER (172-3) -P-

SUBJECT:

CHARLES "SONNY" LISTON;
CASSIUS CLAY
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FIGHT
SPORTS BRIBERY
(OO: BOSTON)

Remylet to the Director dated 4/27/66.

2-Bureau
1-Boston (172-41) (Info) b1
1-Las Vegas (Info)
1-Philadelphia (Info)
2-Denver

(7) b7C

JUN 23 1966

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXXFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

3

Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.



Deleted under exemption(s) b7C, b7D with no segregable material available for release to you.



Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.



Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.



Documents originated with another Government agency(ies). These documents were referred to that agency(ies) for review and direct response to you.

_____ Pages contain information furnished by another Government agency(ies). You will be advised by the FBI as to the releasability of this information following our consultation with the other agency(ies).

_____ Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):



For your information: _____



The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:

172-31-25 Pgs 2-4

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXX
 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
 X DELETED PAGE(S) X
 X NO DUPLICATION FEE X
 X FOR THIS PAGE X
 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO :

DIRECTOR, FBI (172-31)

DATE: 6/27/66

FROM *JS*

SAC, DENVER (172-3) (RUC)

0

SUBJECT:

gms
CHARLES SONNY LISTON;
CASSIUS CLAY
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FIGHT
SPORTS BRIBERY
OO: Boston

Re Denver letter to Bureau dated 6/20/66.

Line 5, paragraph 1, page 2 of referenced letter should
read [REDACTED]
rather than [REDACTED]

b7D, b7C

Denver, unless advised to the contrary, is conducting
no further investigation in this matter.

- 12*
2 - Bureau (172-31)
1 - Boston (172-41)
1 - Las Vegas
1 - Denver
[REDACTED] *b7C*

(5)

*01-85-10/6/66
Case closed
BS No positive
info developed
333*

172-31-
NOT RECORDED
14 JUN 29 1966

JUL 1 1966 *ahw*

FILE
COMM *ahw*
(enc. action)