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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Received 9/27/56
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LAB FILE

File # 9-30861-1
Lab. # D-23454 22

To: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
ELVIS PRESLEY - VICTIM
MURDER

Examination requested by: SAC, Memphis (9-Bow)

Date of reference communication: Mailed 9/24/56 Date received: 9/27/56

Examination requested: Document

Result of Examination:

No ident ALF U.C. file: 9-4

add:

Specimens submitted for examination:

Postcard addressed to "ELVIS PRESLEY MEMPHIS, Tenn." and bearing message beginning "If you don't..." and ending "...going to kill you."

Examination by [redacted]
Date [redacted] 1956
by [redacted] b7c
to [redacted] b7c
M.C. [redacted] b7c
by [redacted] b7c
Date [redacted] 1956

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

BUFFALO

BUFFALO, NEW YORK	8-28-56	9-17-56	SEARCHED INDEXED SERIALIZED FILED
UNKNOWN SUBJECT; ELVIS PRESLEY - VICTIM		EXTRACTION b7C	

SUMMARY OF POST CARD

Anonymous post card addressed to ELVIS PRESLEY at Memphis, Tenn., postmarked 8 PM on 8-30-56, at Niagara Falls, NY, is obscene and contained threat to kill. FBI Lab searched postal card in question through anonymous letter file without identifying it with a prior submission. Posto of case discussed with AUSA, Buffalo, NY, who declined prosecution on grounds that card appeared to be from "rank" and states he would reconsider prosecution in the event victim received additional threatening communications.

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DETAILS: By communication dated September 6, 1956, Postal Inspector in Charge at Chattanooga, Tennessee, furnished an anonymous postal card addressed to ELVIS PRESLEY at Memphis, Tenn., postmarked 8:00 PM on August 30, 1956, at Niagara Falls, New York, to FBI Office at New York City who, in turn, furnished this postal card to the Buffalo Office. This postal card reads as follows:

"If you don't stop this (obscene word)
we're going to kill you."

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APR 7 1956	
1 - Bureau (9-30-56)	2 - U.S. Buffalo
1 - Memphis (Info)	2 - Buffalo (9-30-56)
1 - U.S. -	2 - -

APR 7 1956	
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2 - OCT 4 1956	100-1000
3 - 100-1000	100-1000

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The above message on the postal card was written in pencil and is printed.

By letter dated September 26, 1956, the FBI Laboratory advised that the hand-printing on the postal card in question was searched through the anonymous letter file without identifying it with a prior submission.

On September 27, 1956, the facts of this case were discussed with Assistant United States Attorney RICHARD E. MOOT at Buffalo, New York, who advised that in the event the identity of the unsub was obtained, he would decline prosecution inasmuch as the card appears to be from a "crank." Mr. MOOT further advised, however, that in the event additional threatening cards or letters are received by the victim, he should be advised and additional consideration would be given him to the prosecution of the person involved.

It is being pointed out that the complete text of the message on the postal card, including the obscene word, was furnished Mr. MOOT.

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~~SECRET~~
Postcard postmarked Niagara Falls, N. Y., 8 PM, 8/30/76.

Addressed to: "ELVIS PRESLEY, Memphis, Tenn."

Containing message: "IF YOU DON'T STOP THIS
WE'RE GOING TO KILL YOU."

It is noted this card was handprinted in pencil.

~~SECRET~~
9-30-81-2

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ATTACHED *RECORDED*
~~ENCLOSURE~~

BEING RETAINED.

ROOM 224A

~~Transmit the following message via AIR MAIL~~

~~AIR MAIL - REG LETTER~~

~~From SAC, BUFFALO (S-Hew)~~

~~To BUREAU, OFFICE OF LABOR-SALE~~

~~MURKIN; ELVIS PRESLEY - VICTIM
EXTORTION~~

~~Enclosed is an anonymous postcard addressed to
ELVIS PRESLEY at Memphis, Tennessee, postmarked
6:00 PM, 8/30/56, at Niagara Falls, New York.~~

~~It is requested that this postcard be searched
through the Anonymous Letter File.~~

~~Buffalo is instituting appropriate investigation.~~

~~ROCK~~

~~2 - Bureau (Enc. 2) AIR MAIL REG LETTER
2 - Memphis (Regular Mail)~~

~~2 - Buffalo
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~~1 - Bureau~~

~~1 - Memphis~~

~~1 - Buffalo~~

~~WFO:HEC~~

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~~8/30/56~~

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REPORT
of the
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

to SAC, Buffalo

on SUBJECT:
ELVIS PRESLEY - VICTIM
Homicide

Specimen received by: Buffalo

Date: April 9/2/58

Specimen received: Document

Specimen:

- (1) Post card postmarked "Niagara Falls, N.Y. 8 PM AND 30 1958" addressed to "ELVIS PRESLEY PROPS, INC." and bearing message beginning "If you don't..." and ending "...going to kill you."

SOURCE OF EXHIBITION:

The questioned hand printing on specimen (1) was compared through the Anonymous Letter file without identifying it with a prior submission. A photograph of this specimen will be added to this file for future reference.

Specimen (1) to be returned herewith.

Specimen (1) - Registered Mail

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FEB 26 1960

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 2/19/60

FROM: ~~APR~~ ALEGAT, BONN (64-859)

SUBJECT: Changed:

- LAURENZ JOHANNES GRIESSEL-LANDAU
POLICE COOPERATION
FOREIGN MISCELLANEOUS

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J. L. [initials]

The title in this case has been changed to reflect the correct name of the subject as reported by the Provost Marshal Division.

Rebucable to Bonn 12/30/59, entitled "LAURENY LANDAU, PCFM."

Information concerning the subject was furnished to this office by the Provost Marshal Division, Hqs., U.S. Army, Europe, with the indication that they wished to avoid any publicity in this matter since they did not want to involve ELVIS PRESLEY nor put him in an unfavorable light since PRESLEY had been a first-rate soldier and had caused the Army no trouble during his term of service. The information furnished by the Provost Marshal Division in a self-explanatory memorandum classified For Official Use Only is enclosed. Seven Photostats of letters from GRIESSEL-LANDAU to PRESLEY or to one of PRESLEY'S secretaries are also enclosed.

Foregoing is provided for information purposes.

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3 - Bureau (EPC)
1 - Bonn
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EXD PROG

MEMORANDUM

3 February 1960

1. Elvis Presley was interviewed on 28 December 1959 concerning his complaint that he was the victim of blackmail by a Mr. Laurenz Johannes GRIESSEL-LANDAU, of Johannesburg, South Africa. GRIESSEL-LANDAU represents himself to be a doctor specialist in the field of Dermatology. GRIESSEL-LANDAU is not a medical doctor.

2. Copies of letters from GRIESSEL-LANDAU to Presley and Presley's private secretary were obtained on loan basis so that they could be photographed.

3. On or about 27 November 1959, GRIESSEL-LANDAU appeared at the residence of Elvis Presley in Bad Nauheim, Germany and began his treatments. These treatments took place in Presley's quarters in the presence of two female secretaries (both U. S.). The treatment involved Presley's shoulders and face.

4. Presley reports that GRIESSEL-LANDAU made several homosexual advances to some of his enlisted friends. GRIESSEL-LANDAU also is alleged to have admitted to Presley that he is bi-sexual. His first homosexual experiences took place early in his life in the orphanage in which he was brought up.

5. On 24 December 1959 Presley decided to discontinue the skin treatments. At the time that he told GRIESSEL-LANDAU of this decision he also thoroughly censured GRIESSEL-LANDAU for embarrassing him as a result of the improper advances that he (GRIESSEL-LANDAU) made to his (Presley's) enlisted friends. GRIESSEL-LANDAU immediately went into a fit of rage, tore up a photo album of Presley's, and threatened to ruin his singing career and to involve Presley's American girl friend (a 16 year old daughter of an Air Force captain). GRIESSEL-LANDAU further threatened to expose Presley by photographs and tape recordings which are alleged to present Presley in compromising situations. Presley assures us that this is impossible since he never was in any compromising situations. Presley contends that GRIESSEL-LANDAU is mentally disturbed. This is based upon the fits GRIESSEL-LANDAU has had and on his statements concerning the shock treatments he has been taking..

6. By negotiation, Presley agreed to pay GRIESSEL-LANDAU \$200.00 for treatments received and also to furnish him with a \$315.00 plane fare to London, England. GRIESSEL-LANDAU agreed to depart to England on 25 December 1959 at 1930 hours from Frankfurt, Germany. GRIESSEL-LANDAU did not leave as agreed, rather returned and demanded an additional \$250.00, which Presley paid. A day later GRIESSEL-LANDAU made a telephonic demand for 2,000 £ for the loss of his practice which he closed in Johannesburg, South Africa prior to his departure for Bad Nauheim to treat Presley.

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MEMORANDUM (Contd)

3 February 1960

7. GRIESSEL-LANDAU finally departed Rhein-Main Air Field, Frankfurt, Germany at 1600 hours, 6 January 1960 on Flight 491, British-European Airway for London, England under the name of GRIESSEL. He is alleged to be seeking entry into the United States. No contact between Presley and GRIESSEL-LANDAU has been reported since 5 January.

WARREN H. METZNER

Major, MPC

Chief, Investigations Branch

Druring London,
Salon de Fleur,
603/4/5 Classical Centre,
690 Plant & Windsor Street,
Johannesburg,
South Africa,
9/11/57.

Dear Dr. Stepanish,

In reply to your letter of the 6th October, I would like to give you the following information regarding my treatment. There are several substances used in my Aromatherapy treatments for the sake of their remedial, therapeutic and regenerating properties. I have recently received the World Patent Rights of this formula and the treatments may be given advantageously to people of any skin type and I would say it is very acceptable to

people suffering from oily skin, enlarged pores, acne scars and sun-tan -combed skin; and I expect Mr. Elvis Presley to benefit from this scientific method and to receive great satisfaction as others have received. It has given me great pleasure to receive your encouraging and most welcome letter and from the innermost recesses of my heart I would like to thank you for the opportunity to treat Mr. Presley. The Elvis Presley treatments will be exactly the same as those based on the Aromatherapy techniques practised in my Salons - through the odorous part of Flowers, aromatic plants and resins, and that of Hops, Carnations, orange blossoms, Niaouli, Camomile, Cinnamon, rosewood, Sandalwood etc. The treatments help to revitalise the skin cells and structure

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beneath the Epidermis - which is continually being discarded. The Method employed against the protrusion in the Epidermis of the odorous substances by a method which are off-putting but not violent. Before the Medical treatment starts a short preliminary Newassault massage will leave the skin more receptive. This is accomplished with the aid of a special cream of aromatic oils and finest ingredients which accomplished a deep cleansing as it contains special Emulsifiers. By using special methods in massage and warmth I aid the skin so that the aromatic oils are readily assimilated by the tissues. The skin tissues become activated and infused with new life and the texture of the skin is improved, the complexion more alive,

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So Epidermis more elastic. The muscles of the face and features assume their youthful positions. This is to be understood because from a scientific point of view it can be proved that in these aromatic oils and ingredients combined exist a great number of free electrons (and Nature provides for this)

these electrons which are responsible for the idea of certain perfectly organized molecules can penetrate the Epidermis and by infusing the epidermis with odorous molecules are injects Prological Energy - i.e. or in other words New Life. Mr Elvis Presley can thus rest assured that his treatments will be individualized - that is to say - adapted to his health type or Epidermis. I am now busy preparing the treatment and adapting

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mixtures of the essential oils and extracts that will suit his particular skin, the treatments will be most efficacious for enlarged pores - oily skin and any blemish which will become less visible as the weeks move on into months.

Then too, there can be no possible bad effect to the skin in the future years if but instead if Mr. Elvin Presley decides to follow a cosmetic routine or rather make use of my special aromatherapy - Misses Belvoir House stated she will not age but instead becomes as handsome as 29 would like him to be. "So, Mr. Presley please don't worry about the small wrinkles on your forehead - you will not age. One or two Cures a year will keep the skin in perfect condition. A Cure consists of a series of 10, 18 or 20 treatments once or twice

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a week according to the demands of the particular case. The revitalized skin permits perfect make-up. a great asset to actresses and actors whose faces exposed to powerful flood lights must always be in perfect condition in order to retain a smooth make-up. The treatment will therefore be a boon & a blessing for Mr. Presley and as you have stated in quote - "He feels that these can possibly be an improvement in his skin when he returns to the States" Well Miss Belvoir I ask why not? I can only suggest that Mr. Elvin Presley should start these treatments as quickly as possible. If you can convey my message of appreciation to Mr. Presley from the sincerest he has shown. - and he has my very deepest

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Honor but I will not misplace
this Trust in me to keep this very
confidential.

You have asked me to
and you for prompt reply and how
I would like to arrange the matter
Well, Miss Stefaniak I am due
to go back to our Farm within
the next 2 weeks and as my locomotives
are going on the Market I intend
having a short rest. So, I am free
to treat Mr. Elvis Presley and can
leave by air for Bad Nauheim
Germany as soon as it is convenient.
and if Mr. Presley is quite satisfied
I'll come almost immediately. He
desires it. I shall await your
reply to this letter and if Mr.
Presley desires it I'll send you
an wired or telegram before I leave

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but, on the other hand a telegram
is not a very sensible thing as the
telegraph administration and Post office
would follow up the particular and
it's hard to know things. I could however
address a telegram to you in order
to inform you when I'm due to leave
would that be in order?

Furthermore Miss Stefaniak, I
don't intend charging Mr. Presley for
the treatment until it is successful.
But, I would expect my air passage
"Hamburg" to be paid or rather that I
be reimbursed subsequently. Before
my return to South Africa if it so
pleases Mr. Presley than too, as my
treatment takes about two months
and two weeks duration. I would
also expect my accommodation to be
provided for during that time over

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This aspect I am not expecting
difficult treatment. Mr Elvis Presley's
treatment could be carried out in
the privacy of his abode or in a
suitable hotel room allowing for
strict privacy. In this respect I
should best leave all the arrange-
ments to you after we have discussed
the details. The amount of treatment
I'm going to give Mr Presley also
depends on the reaction I will
get after each treatment. depending
then on the equal balance between
the acid and oil content of the skin
and alternatively on the equal balance
between the alkaline & moisture content.
I will work towards that end and
in order to achieve and to create a
new healthy skin - Time & patience
is required and I do realize that

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Mr Presley - owns the admirable
qualities of tolerance and patience
and I would add Endurance; also how
could he have achieved. Whilst the
suitable arrangements will have to be
made and I'm sure you will be
able to make suitable appointments
at the right time. The treatments
last from about one to two
and a half hours depending once
again on the reaction I get. It
will surprise you to hear that the
better the reaction the longer the
treatment last.

Concludingly Please convey
my heartfelt appreciation to Mr
Elvis Presley.

I shall also be very appreciative
if you will again forward me a
reply at your earliest convenience
Thanking you for kindly giving

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Post Script.

Dear Miss Stefanick,
Second Thought I'll let you
and Mr Presley know what
my Bank's address is. In case
Mr Presley care to send the
Bank a sum of money for my
Journey. My Bank is Barclays
Bank P.D.C.O.-registered branch
bank with which is amalgamated
The National Bank of South Africa
Limited. There are several branches
within Johannesburg. I am Banking
with the "Bree Street Post Branch"
Johannesburg, Transvaal, South Africa.
Furthermore, Mr Presley could
get in touch with my solicitor
Mr D.I. Gordon who is a lawyer

of Experts. Address:- 103 D.T.
Gordon 98 Security Building
Commissioners Street, Johannesburg.
Nevertheless if you like
enquiries by Trek Airways
Ltd Aircraft Operators
passenger etc address: "Yorkshire
House", 160 Rissik and Marshall
Streets, Box 2758, Johannesburg
and they informed me that
My air passage to Germany
to Dusseldorf will cost
me £200 Return and £105
single. From Dusseldorf arrangements
will be made to take me
to Bad Nauheim. Better still
however would be if you
people arrange it and I send
my ticket from the trek airways
office in Dusseldorf. and at

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one and the same time request
the "Trek" office to inform their
Johannesburg Branch about the
Ticket and arrangements. In that
case please send the Ticket or
by Registered Post. There is a 10/-
deduction on a Return ticket but,
if Mr Elvis Presley doesn't
get a single ticket could be
forwarded at the start. I mention
this to you as I'm a little
bit out of funds having paid
for recent Sony Recordings as
I'm bringing some of my songs
to Mr Elvis Presley who I've
composed. Then too I've had to
buy farm equipment. Gas tyres
and things in general. also the paying
of Income Tax etc. Therefore
please explain the platter.

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to Mr Elvis Presley. who will
understand readily
Thanking you. I hope
for a early favourable reply.
~~Yours truly,~~
~~Lawrie J. Panday.~~

Post Script.

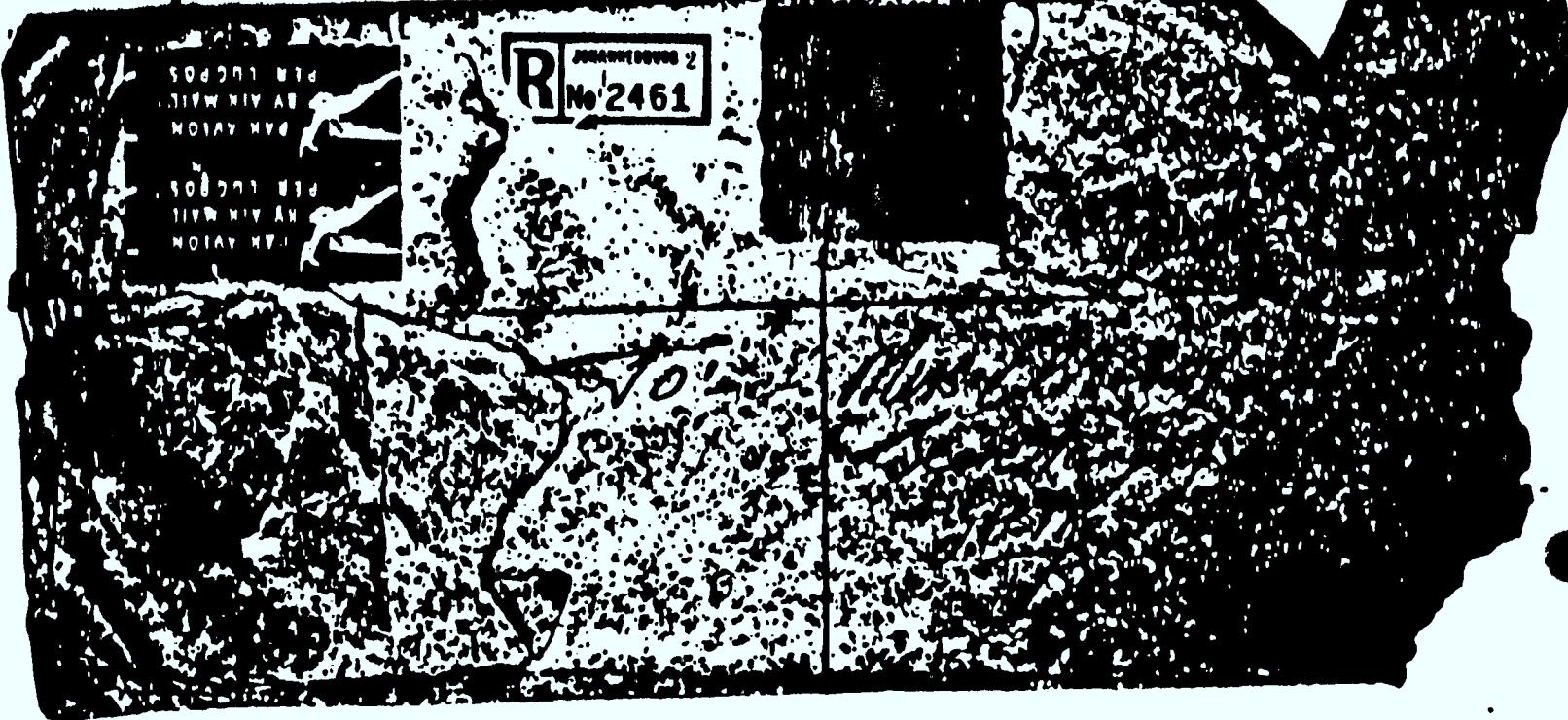
Miss Stetsonia, attached please
find a few nice pages all
about Elvis - THE STAR OF
THE CENTURY." I would
not like to see him grow
older, and who would?
(Page 7) I clearly noticed the
wrinkles on Mr. Presley's
forehead & made a note of
it to you.

With every best wish.

J. H. Tolley,
Churner & Tolley

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NB Please not my address.

I daresay J. Landau
go Mrs M. E. Landau.
"Elandskloof Farm,"
P. O. Mooiwooi
Via-Pretoria,
Transvaal,
South Africa.
26/10/59.

To Mr Elvis Presley.

Dear Elvis,

Trusting that
this note reaches you in good health
and in fine spirits. May I inform
you that I have cancelled many
new bookings, and that I have
completed all arrangements
for my departure to Germany.

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and I shall meet you upon
your return from wild Africa
so that you will be able to
start with your treatments almost
immediately.

After great honor and
and very privileged in having
been chosen for this important
task. In fact I am greatly
enthused in my mission and
assure you, as you are soon
to see, that I am going to
work wonders with your skin.

It is certainly my cherished
ambition to give you a complete
New Skin and I swear to achieve
this within the shortest possible

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Time. I shall spare myself no
efforts in this direction.

Please convey to your
very good and charming secretary
my sincerest thanks for all her
kind attentions. - As you would
say with your sense of humour
"Miss Postage Stamp" must be over-
worked what with all the mail.
- Bless her.

Enclosed find latest
clipping from our Weekend local
paper.

An Review & best wishes.

Yrs truly
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Darus
G. H. C. G.
Electric

P.O. Monrovia

Via - Petrolia,

Transvaal

South Africa

6/11/1957.

Dear Miss Stefanich,

not having had a reply to my last letter I thought I would write and let you know that I have now made all the arrangements to proceed to Germany.

I have in the meantime provided for my fare from this end - so that if you have already arranged for same from Germany you should let me know immediately.

Should I not hear from you within the next few days - to say that it is fit to leave in view of what you say in your letter, - then I shall proceed to Germany & cable you when

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to effect it. I'm looking
forward to being of service
to Mr. Presley and have no
doubt that I shall surprise him
with the results.

Enclosed is a photo of our
Elvis out of an Italian Periodical.
Then too I'm sending you
"Show Biz" in which you'll see my
advertisement. I'm also enclosing
4 references from ladies & have
traded & will post you more
in future if required.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours affecly,
James Stefanick,
James S. Stefanick,
Lawyer.

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~~Post Script~~

Dear Sirs,

An International
Passport has been issued
to me and all arrangements
have been made awaiting

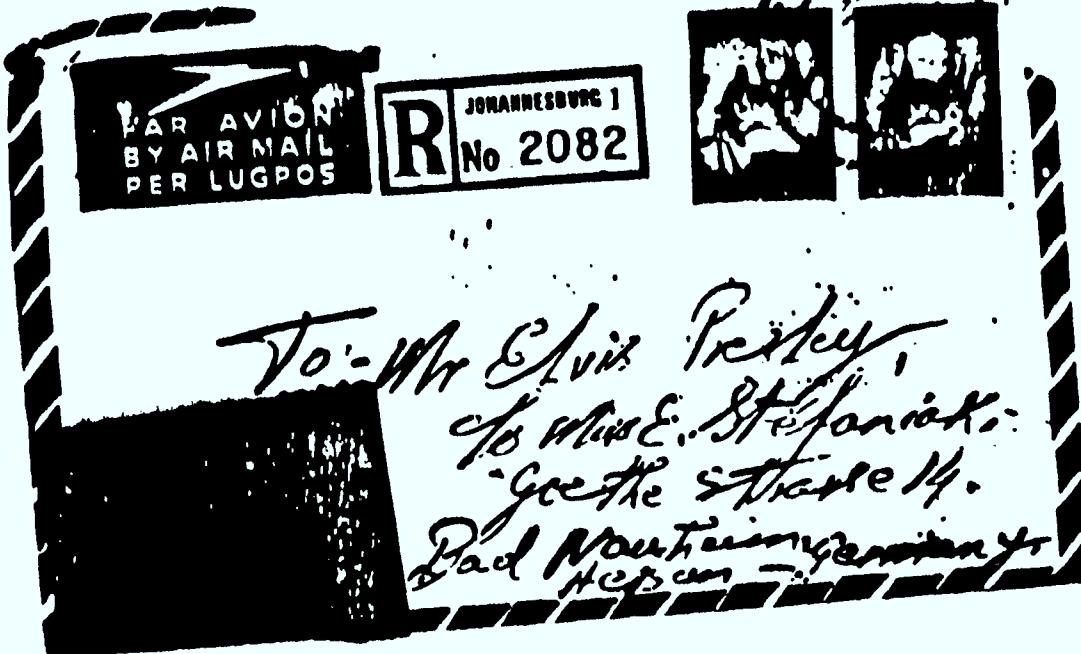
Yours further instructions,
I wish best wishes
Thanking you,

Your truly

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To: Mr. Elvis Presley
of Miss. Jefferson
Bad Father

Dear Elvis, I sincerely
trust that this Epistle finds
you in the pink of health
and in high spirits, trying
too. That you are shaping
up nicely in the Army. We
are all doting informed to
your return to civilian life
Rejoice and be glad.

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Secretary Miss Chapman & I
trust that you will receive
this and kindly take
Notice of what some of my
clients have to say. If you
can see by the Attached
advertisement in Film Weekly.

"A few of ladies have received
Satisfaction and I might as well
add I always give Satisfaction."

Elvis, Once again I beg you
to allow me to be of great
service to you and let me
know when to come.

Enclosed Please find two
more recent References from
two satisfied ladies.

Concluding. I wish to
let you know that I have given
up my business and cancelled
many over bookings in order
to do for you. Elvis. Please
don't disappoint me. As I
won't be able to get over it easily.

Thank you & God bless you.

Sincerely Yours.

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During "Danden"
Hotel Rec
Bad Nauheim.

Dear Mr. Elvis Presley

I wrote the attached letter on a Solicitor's instructions here in Bad Nauheim. But; I have decided since this morning: Sunday the 27/12/59 Not to take action against you. I am deeply sorry for you and know I feel that you miss something big in life, then so, its Unchristian to take anyone to court & I will just have to make up the loss and write

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The Very Worst of a Bad Situation
and that all over again with a New Son.
One must also have consideration
for those who suffered a bereavement
as the attached article ~~Markell~~^(*)
states. You have lost a Mother
and since this is your second
year in the Army & since
you have had to go through
so much in life I sympathize
with you & forgive you. I'm only sorry
you had no time for my tractonate of long duration.
Yes we must be praying on &
to another - that's how it goes. regards
to Elizabeth and wish you all happiness.
I am leaving Bad Nauheim for
a better clime and wish you every
success & happiness in the future. try & keep
up the old tradition. Bless you. Your truly, David J. 110

28/12/59

Dear Elvis,

Don't worry about this letter.

Now I have been very lost

Because things did not turn out
the way I expected. and as you had
more time for the other things which
interest you most. - I could not carryon.

I get results well, as I've said there
is no ill feeling anymore and I
wish you well. and that goes

for Elizabeth, Lamar, Rex, Cliff, Vee
Dee, your Dad - mom, - grandpa & your
friends. Good Luck Elvis.

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