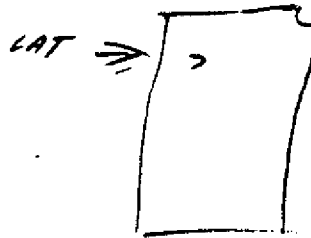


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Title of Case UNSUB; THREAT TO KILL FRANK SINATRA AT ATLANTIC CITY, NJ 5/23/80-6/1/80		Report made by SA [REDACTED]	Typed By: kjm
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REFERENCES: Newark teletype to FBIHQ, 5/28/80.

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PROSECUTIVE REPORT OF INVESTIGATION CONCERNING

UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
THREAT TO KILL FRANK SINATRA
AT ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY
DURING MAY 23-JUNE 1, 1980
EXTORTION

NK 9-2514

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Copy to: USA, Newark (ATTN: AUSA THOMAS MC KAY, III,
CAMDEN)

Report of: SA [REDACTED]
Date: August 18, 1980

Office: Newark, New Jersey

Field Office File #: 9-3514

Bureau File #: 9-65230

Narrative of Offense:

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This investigation was instituted upon receipt of information from [REDACTED] Intelligence Unit, Atlantic City Police Department (ACPD), who reported that an unsigned letter, containing a threat to kill entertainer FRANK SINATRA, had been received on May 14, 1980, at the Reservations Office of the World International Hotel (WI), Atlantic City, New Jersey. The handwritten letter and envelope, postmarked Reading, Pennsylvania, were obtained and examined. [REDACTED] Clerk, WI, who received the subject correspondence, also advised that she received suspicious calls on WI's out-of-state 800 telephone line. Preliminary investigation was instituted to attempt to identify unknown subject and to establish a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 875-876. The threat letter appeared to be a response to WI's promotional advertising for a package deal for the scheduled SINATRA shows at the nearby Resorts International Casino/Hotel, during the weekends of May 23-26, 1980, and May 31-June 1, 1980. Liaison was maintained with ACPD, Bell Telephone Security Office, WI, Resorts and the SINATRA security staff. In addition to analysis by a psycholinguistics expert, the threat letter was examined by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Laboratory's Document Section and the Identification Division's Latent Fingerprint Section. The Anonymous Letter File of the United States Secret Service was also searched, with negative results. No additional similar threats have been received, nor have any suspects been developed. Following United States Attorney (USA) declination, case has been placed in a closed status.

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PROSECUTIVE STATUS:

On August 14, 1980, the facts of this matter were presented to Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) THOMAS MC KAY, III, Camden, New Jersey, who concurred that all logical investigation had been pursued in an effort to identify the originator of the threat. AUSA MC KAY also noted that there were no indications of any followup to this threat nor have any similar threats been received. Based on these reasons he declined any prosecutive consideration in this matter.

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WITNESSES:

1. [REDACTED]

World International Hotel
110 South Pennsylvania Avenue
Atlantic City, New Jersey
[REDACTED]

She received the threatening correspondence and
and two suspicious telephone calls on World
International's out-of-state 800 line. Details
in Report of Interview of May 23, 1980, attached.

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EVIDENCE:

1. Envelope, postmarked at Reading, Pennsylvania, addressed to World International Hotel, no return address listed; and its contents, an unsigned one page, handwritten letter containing the following wording:

"We are going to shoot
all Sinatra's guts out
We wanted to shoot him
for a long time he
never could sing and
he has been a old
crook all his life this
will be a good time
to get him.

Watch and see
he is not worth 2¢
\$189 ha ha."

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UNPRODUCTIVE INVESTIGATION:

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED] at Atlantic City, New Jersey:

On May 22, 1980, [REDACTED] Security Officer, New Jersey Bell Telephone Company, [REDACTED] was contacted concerning the receipt of calls at the World International (WI) Hotel on number 800-257-7912, which was identified as the toll-free number utilized by WI in their out-of-state advertising for the SINATRA weekend special. He referred this request for assistance to his counterpart at Bell of Pennsylvania.

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On May 22, 1980, [REDACTED] Security Officer, Bell of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia Office, number [REDACTED] was contacted regarding this matter. He advised that arrangements would be made to trap calls from the Reading area to the 800 number used by WI. He also advised that he would attempt to retrieve any records of such calls on May 17 and May 20, 1980.

On May 22, 1980, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Intelligence Unit, Atlantic City Police Department (ACPD) were contacted for the purpose of reviewing their investigation in this matter and coordinating future steps. [REDACTED] furnished the original threat letter and its envelope (reported on separate FD-302) and advised that he received it on May 16, 1980, from ACPD employee [REDACTED] who received it from WI's Reservations [REDACTED] who received it from [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] confirmed that the receipt of the threat had been reported to the intended victim through ACPD [REDACTED]

SINATRA appearances in Atlantic City. A coordinating conference was subsequently scheduled for the following morning.

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On May 23, 1980, Special Agent [REDACTED] attended a meeting held at the office of [REDACTED] of Intertel, Resorts International's Security Office, Seaside Motel Office, Atlantic City. Among the others in attendance were [REDACTED] (ACPD), [REDACTED] (ACPD), and [REDACTED] (New Jersey State Police-Division of Gaming Enforcement) (NJSP-DGE). [REDACTED] confirmed that he has reported the receipt of the threat, and has maintained contact regarding this matter with GILLY RIZZO, SINATRA's bodyguard and chief aid. RIZZO advised [REDACTED] that on occasion threatening-type letters are received by SINATRA. However, he could not recall any similar to the current one postmarked Reading, Pennsylvania, nor could he furnish any information of lead value. Security arrangements for SINATRA's performances May 23-26 and May 31-June 1 were coordinated between Resort's staff, SINATRA's personal guards, ACPD, and NJSP-DGE.

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On May 23, 1980, [REDACTED] WI Hotel, was contacted and instructed regarding the proper handling of any future suspicious calls or correspondence. She agreed to advise all appropriate personnel. [REDACTED] was also contacted regarding the threat letter and suspicious calls (reported on separate FD-302). She agreed to search WI's reservations list for any individuals from Reading, and to remain alert for same.

On May 23, 1980, Bureau Supervisor [REDACTED] contacted Special Agent [REDACTED] and suggested conferring with MURRAY MIRON, the Bureau's consultant in psycholinguistics, at number (315) 423-3661.

On May 27, 1980, MURRAY MIRON, of the Syracuse Research Corporation, was contacted and furnished a facsimile of the threat letter and envelope. He furnished an analysis and profile of unknown subject, which was subsequently confirmed in his report dated May 28, 1980.

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On May 27, 1980, [REDACTED] was contacted and he advised that SINATRA's appearances over the weekend proceeded without incident.

On May 28, 1980, [REDACTED] advised that similar security precautions were planned for the second of SINATRA's weekend specials at Resorts.

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On May 29, 1980, [REDACTED] Bell of Pennsylvania, was recontacted and he advised that his efforts to locate and retrieve any record of May 17 and/or May 20, 1980, calls met with negative results. Also, to date no record has been printed out of any Reading-area calls to the 800 number. He agreed to continue this watch through June 1, 1980.

On May 31, 1980, Resorts International announced the cancellation of SINATRA's appearances that weekend, due to the performer's case of laryngitis.

On June 2, 1980, [REDACTED] Bell of Pennsylvania, advised that there continued to be no record of any Reading-area calls to the 800 number.

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SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL REPORTS:

1. Psycholinguistical Analysis of M. S. MIRON,
dated May 28, 1980.
2. Report of Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
Laboratory, Document Section, dated July 9,
1980.
3. Report of FBI Identification Division, Latent
Fingerprint Section, dated July 25, 1980.

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To: SSRA, Atlantic City
Attention: ██████████ Atlantic City
From: M. S. Miron, Psycholinguistics
Re: UNSUB; Frank Sinatra - Victim
Hobb's Act

Photofacsimile of a one page communication addressed to World International, postmarked May 12, 1980 was transmitted from the Atlantic City office for analysis.

Demographic Profile of UNSUB

Based upon an analysis of the content and style of this communication, it is my opinion that UNSUB is a caucasian male of foreign birth, who has resided in this country for at least 15 years and is between 45 and 55 years of age. I am not able to determine the nationality of the author from the evidence in hand, however given the clear signs of psychological identification this UNSUB feels for the victim and the distinctive orthography, it is not improbable that UNSUB is of Italian origin.

Given the content emphasis of money, it is most likely that UNSUB is unemployed or in a low-income, blue collar occupation.

Psychological Profile of UNSUB

In my judgment, UNSUB's threat does not reflect content characteristics which would imply either the means or the determination for action. The threat is, I believe, instead based on UNSUB's resentments over not being able to indulge himself with a trip he wishes to take. The communication has the form of a "sour grapes" rationalization of the privation UNSUB feels.

Use of such defense and the gastro-intestinal form of the threat, imply that UNSUB is a dependent personality with inadequate and immature coping strategies. Such speculation further implies that UNSUB may tend toward alcoholism and other such letter writing activities. It is not unlikely that UNSUB has written similar anonymous letters to public officials and/or commercial institutions.

The form of the threat is consistent with an interpretation of lack of subterfuge; i.e., use of re-mailers or disguised handwriting. I, therefore, conclude that UNSUB is a resident of the post-marked area.

The unusual telephone calls to the advertised number for the referenced junket are entirely consistent with the behavior to be expected from this UNSUB.

UNSUB probably is an habitual lottery player and gambler, but, in my judgment would not be expected to have a criminal record.

Re: UNSUB; Frank Sinatra - Victim
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Support for the conclusion that this UNSUB poses no danger to the victim is provided by the following data observations. Note that UNSUB chooses to cast his manifest resentment in the responsibility diffusing form of the plural pronoun. Instead of implying the organizational support UNSUB undoubtedly intended, it is instead inconsistent with the personal determination characteristic of more danger threats. Note further that UNSUB chooses to make salient his "wanting" to take action in a form which is distinctly fantasy-like rather than action-oriented. UNSUB ends with a reference to the passivity of "watch and see" which again is antithetical to action and, I believe, is characteristic of the passiveness of UNSUB himself.

b7C Oral Report to SA [REDACTED]
5/28/80

Murray S. Miron
Psycholinguistics
5/28/80

**REPORT
of the**



**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: SAC, Newark (9-3514)

July 9, 1980

FBI FILE NO. 9-65230

LAB. NO. 00603010 D NV

Re: UNSUB;
THREAT TO KILL FRANK SINATRA
AT ATLANTIC CITY, NJ
DURING 5/23-6/1/80;
EXTORTION (A)

Specimens received

June 3, 1980

- Q1 Envelope postmarked "READING, PA 196 PM 1 MAY 1980" bearing handwritten address "World international P O Box 899 Pennsylvania Ave Atlantic City -08404 NJ"
- Q2 Accompanying sheet of paper bearing handwritten letter beginning "We are going..."

Result of examination:

Specimens Q1 and Q2 were searched through the appropriate sections of the Anonymous Letter File without effecting an identification. Copies will be added to this file for future comparisons.

No indented writings of value, watermarks or other characteristics were observed which would indicate the immediate source of specimens Q1 and Q2.

United States Secret Service advised that no associations were made when comparing Q1 and Q2 with material on file with their agency.

Specimens Q1 and Q2, which have been photographed, will be returned separately with the results of the fingerprint examination.

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Washington, D. C. 20537

REPORT

of the

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

YOUR FILE NO. 6-3514 (AREA) (P)
FBI FILE NO. 9-65230
LATENT CASE NO. B-88086

July 25, 1980

TO: SAC, Newark

RE: UNSUB;
THREAT TO KILL FRANK SINATRA
AT ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY
DURING 5/23-6/1/80
EXTORTION

REFERENCE: Airtel 5-28-80
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Newark
SPECIMENS: Q1, envelope
Q2, letter

The listed Q specimens are further described in a separate Laboratory report.

Eight latent fingerprints of value were developed on Q1 and Q2.

The specimens are enclosed.

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Date of transcription 5/30/80

[REDACTED] World International (WI) Hotel, 110 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Atlantic City, N.J., tel. no. [REDACTED] was contacted at her place of employment and advised of the official identity of the below named. Also present at this time was [REDACTED] Intelligence Unit, Atlantic City Police Department (ACPD). She furnished the following information:

On May 14, 1980, during the course of her work duties, she received and opened an envelope addressed to WI and found a one page, handwritten and unsigned letter which threatened to kill entertainer FRANK SINATRA. She showed this to her co-workers and subsequently gave it to her immediate supervisor, [REDACTED]

b7c On Saturday, May 17, 1980, between the hours of noon and 2:00pm, she received two suspicious telephone calls on telephone number 800-257-7912. She described this number as WI's toll-free number for out-of-state callers which was currently being advertised in WI's promotional campaign for the forthcoming Sinatra appearances in Atlantic City. She advised that these two calls both consisted of the caller, who did not speak a single word, playing Sinatra music in the background. She attempted unsuccessfully to get the caller to identify himself and the caller continued to play the music for as long as she remained on the line. Again, on May 20, 1980, at about 5:10pm, she received a similar call on the same number. She could not recall what Sinatra selection(s) was played by the caller on any of these calls, nor could she be certain if it was the same selection.

[REDACTED] was shown the original letter and envelope, previously furnished SA [REDACTED] by [REDACTED] ACPD. She identified this material as that which she received on May 14, 1980 and subsequently turned over to [REDACTED]

Investigation on May 23, 1980 at Atlantic City, N.J. File # NY 9-3514

b7c by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 5/30/80

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Date of transcription 5/30/80

[REDACTED] Intelligence Unit,
Atlantic City Police Department (ACPD), Atlantic City, N.J.
furnished SA [REDACTED] the original letter and envelope
further described as a threat letter against entertainer FRANK
SINATRA and addressed to the World International Hotel, Atlantic
City, postmarked May 12, 1980 at Reading, Pa.

A photocopy of the above described material is attached
hereto.

[REDACTED] advised he received this material on May 16,
1980 from ACPD employee [REDACTED] and it has been under
his control since that date.

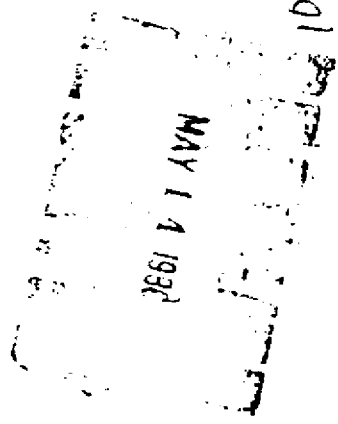
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Investigation on 5/22/80 at Atlantic City, N.J. File # NY 9-3514

by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 5/30/80

We are going to shoot
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we wanted to shoot him
for a long time he
never could sing and
he has been at all
Crock all his life
Will be a good time
to get him
Watch and see
he is not worth it
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World International
PO Box 599 Pennywornia
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Freedom of Information

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FRANK SINATRA

File # 92-6667



Federal Bureau of Investigation

Date of Mail 4-24-63

Has been removed and placed in the Special File Room of Records Branch.

See File 66-2554-7530 for authority.

Subject JUNE MAIL *Joseph, Minister*

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Director, FBI

JUNE

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FRANK SINATRA
"Francis Albert Sinatra" (True Name)
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Re your airtel 4/24/63.

Bureau authority not granted at this time to conduct a survey to determine the feasibility of a misur installation in Frank Sinatra's Palm Springs, California, residence. In the event you develop information which would warrant such an installation, you may resubmit your recommendations. You are reminded that all misurs must be completely justified.

NOTE: LA requests authority to conduct a survey to determine feasibility of misur in Sinatra's Palm Springs residence. The Sinatra referred to in this letter is the prominent entertainer. It is believed that it would be inadvisable to conduct this survey at this time in the absence of a substantial indication that such a misur would be productive. It is noted that re airtel points out Sinatra's former association over 20 years ago with Lucky Luciano and speculates that such an installation might be productive.

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Date: April 24, 1963

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT
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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL - REGISTERED
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Mr. Tolson	_____
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Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI "JUNE"

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (92-1039A) ATTENTION: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR COURTNEY EVANS

RE : FRANK SINATRA
"Francis Albert Sinatra". (True Name)
ANTI-RACKETEERING

The Los Angeles Division during recent weeks has been in receipt of information that would tend to indicate the above-captioned individual apparently intends to spend more of his time in the Palm Springs area, than in Los Angeles. He has had installed a direct telephone line between his home in Palm Springs and his personal offices at 9339 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles.

A review of information that has accrued during the years, especially the past few years, has shown a constant association of SINATRA with some of the more infamous individuals of modern times, i.e., during the late 40's with LUCKY LUCIANO, and he was reputedly a money courier for the benefit of LUCIANO; during the 30's, various pieces of information tend to indicate an alliance with the late WILLIE MORETTI of New Jersey.

Currently and for the past several years, and reported by the Chicago, Las Vegas and Los Angeles Division of the Bureau, he has tied up with SAM "MOONEY" GIANCANA, with GIANCANA apparently issuing him orders as regards to

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appearances at the Villa Venice, the use of SINATRA's house at Palm Springs for assignations with PHYLLIS MC GUIRE, accompanying of SINATRA recently in Acapulco, and during the past season at Cal-Neva having JOHNNY FORMUSA present at Cal-Neva Lodge with apparently a great deal to say in its operation.

Chicago sources have advised of GIANCANA's dis-appointment in SINATRA's apparent inability to get the administration to tone down its efforts in the anti-racketeering field.

On at least two occasions during past years, SINATRA has been in Atlantic City, and taking over the floor of one of the major hotels has had a number of prominent hoodlums such as BONANNO of Phoenix, FISCHETTI of Miami, GIANCANA and others in attendance with all local hotel help barred from the floor.

SINATRA is an owner of considerable points in the Sands Hotel, Las Vegas, and at present is about a 100% owner of Cal-Neva Lodge at Lake Tahoe.

In interviews concerning this ownership, he has maintained he is the owner in fact as well as of record, that he represents no one other than himself and that GIANCANA is someone he recalls meeting at an airport and he has no connection other than as an entertainer keeping himself before the public. Confidential sources tend to furnish information to the contrary. In December, 1961, Chicago advised GIANCANA was having DEAN MARTIN hold ten days open for an engagement for GIANCANA. In the fall of 1962, SINATRA, MARTIN, SAMMY DAVIS, JR. and EDDIE FISHER, apparently through SINATRA, made what can only be termed a command performance at the Villa Venice Supper Club outside of Chicago. Las Vegas sources indicated FISHER did not want to go and had a contractual commitment with the Desert Inn which hotel apparently did not dare protest the broken contract, and hurried about to fill the open entertainment date left by FISHER.

A gambling joint a short distance from the supper club apparently saw big action before being stopped.

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SINATRA and MARTIN denied all knowledge of the gambling, and SINATRA claimed he arranged all the appearances merely as a favor to Mr. LEO OLSEN, the owner of the club, for past favors, and that GIANCANA had nothing to do with it. Available information indicates otherwise.

SINATRA has recently broken up his long-time association with HENRY SANICOLA and is presently going it alone and has plans for Cal-Neva which according to SINATRA and his attorney-adviser MILTON RUDIN (who accompanied him to Atlantic City last summer) which include a \$4,000,000 expansion of Cal-Neva, with the money possibly coming from the Central States Teamsters Pension or Welfare funds.

The long continued association of SINATRA as a possible front for investments for hoodlums of both national and international stature has lead to the belief by this division that a confidential source if established in Palm Springs concerning SINATRA would undoubtedly develop information of extremely valuable intelligence nature, and furnish a picture of top level criminal investments and operations.

Authority is requested to conduct a preliminary survey to determine the feasibility of a misur installation ~~at~~ SINATRA's residence in Palm Springs, California.

No action will be taken in this matter without Bureau authority. Full security is assured.

SINATRA's home near Palm Springs has the mailing address of 70-558 Wonder Palms Road, Rancho Mirage, California.

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TO: SAC, Los Angeles (92-1039)

FROM: Director, FBI (92-6359) *73*

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**FRANK SINATRA
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ReLAlet 8/20/63.

Los Angeles should take no action whatever which could be interpreted as investigation of Frank Sinatra. Any requests for investigation should be brought immediately to the Bureau's attention and no action taken in the absence of specific authorization from the Bureau.

Keep the Bureau closely advised of any information coming to your attention relating to any inquiry being conducted concerning Sinatra.

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SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

August 30, 1 3

Based upon the information which we have supplied the Department concerning Sinatra's connections with the underworld, the Organized Crime and Racketeering Section of the Department assigned Macmillan to make a review of all pertinent information in an effort to determine whether prosecution could be initiated against Sinatra. The Los Angeles Division is being instructed to take no action concerning Sinatra in the absence of specific authorization from the Bureau. At such time as a request for investigation of Sinatra is received from the Department, it will be analyzed and recommendations made as to whether the requested investigation should be initiated.

MacMillan
is a boy on
a man's errand

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-6259)

DATE: 8/28/63

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (92-1039)

Att: Assistant Director
COURTNEY EVANS

SUBJECT: FRANK SINATRA
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On 8/27/63, Departmental Attorney DOUGLAS MACMILLAN, Organized Crime Section, arrived in Los Angeles and immediately contacted THOMAS R. SHERIDAN, Chief, Criminal Division, U. S. Attorney's Office at Los Angeles. Mr. SHERIDAN said MACMILLAN was here to discuss data which the Department has available on FRANK SINATRA and a number of his associates. SHERIDAN requested Bureau Agents to be present.

On 8/28/63 Mr. MACMILLAN advised that he, over a long period of time, has been building up a file from excerpts taken from reports of the FBI and Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and other agencies concerning SINATRA. He advised that it appears there is some connection existing between the Fontainebleau Hotel, JOSEPH FISCHETTI and SINATRA and The Villa Venice, SAM QIANCANA and SINATRA and the purpose of his inquiry in this area was to solicit suggestions and organize a starting point in the possible interviewing of persons close to SINATRA. Such persons include DEAN MARTIN, SAMMY DAVIS, JR., DINAH SHORE and EDDIE FISHER and also the interviewing of RED SKELTON in connection with moneys that SKELTON allegedly lost while flying in a commercial airplane last year [redacted] Las Vegas.

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Mr. MACMILLAN said he did not have authority to conduct any interviews directly with SINATRA or with persons directly connected with SINATRA in any of SINATRA's enterprises, such as SINATRA's attorney, accountants, or immediate staff. He did say he had authority to interview the others mentioned in the preceding paragraph.

Mr. SHERIDAN advised MACMILLAN that the proper starting point for this type of investigation would be to secure all documentary evidence such as the contracts

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existing between SINATRA and others who appeared at the Fontainebleau Hotel, allegedly at the request of JOE FISCHETTI. The purpose of securing the documents would be that the person interviewing any of those named above would be in a position to intelligently discuss specific instances without being referred to booking agents, managers or attorneys. N.Y.
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Mr. MACMILLAN also observed that he was sure that in compiling his file he had missed many references concerning SINATRA and was considering the possibility of making inquiry of the Bureau at Washington, D. C., for a complete run down on SINATRA. No commitments were made by Bureau representatives present.

For a portion of the time, representatives of IRS were present and Mr. MACMILLAN repeated essentially the same material that appears above. ROBERT LUND, Chief of the Intelligence Division of IRS, told MACMILLAN that as far as he knew, IRS was not conducting any investigation of SINATRA other than the usual audit of returns of persons in high revenue brackets.

It would appear that Mr. MACMILLAN, at the present time, does not have any organized plan of approach nor is he quite certain as to the goal he is attempting to achieve with the information which he has accumulated.

No requests were made of the Bureau by Mr. MACMILLAN at this time. The Bureau will be kept advised of any specific requests he makes and also advised as to any of his activities in this area. No suggestions were specifically requested and none were offered.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

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ATT: Assistant Director
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RE: FRANK SINATRA
AR ANTIRACKETEERING

Enclosed for the information of the Bureau and the Las Vegas Division are various Photostatic newspaper clippings taken from the 'Los Angeles Times' and 'Herald-Examiner' of Los Angeles on the dates 9/1 and 9/2/63 concerning the current Nevada Gaming Commission inquiry on Cal-Neva Lodge operated by FRANK SINATRA.

It is realized that the clippings appearing in the Los Angeles papers are from the wire services, but it would appear to be of some value to the Bureau to see the wide spread coverage and headlines that have occurred in the Los Angeles metropolitan area as a result of the public association of SAMUEL GIANCANA and PHYLLIS MC GUIRE with FRANK SINATRA.

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"These will have to be resolved before we determine further action," Olsen added.

The Nevada state gaming chairman refused to say whether Sinatra had been quizzed. "We have talked to Cal Neva Club ownership, and employees, so you can draw your own conclusions from that," said Olsen.

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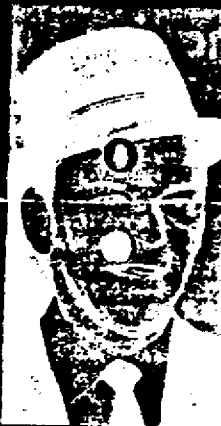
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UNDERWORLD'S SAM GIANCANA
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Probers and the

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Yes and No About 'Visit' By Kingpin

By DAN SWINTON

Herald-Examiner Staff Writer

CARSON CITY, Nev., Sept. 2—State gaming officials today widened their probe of the reported 10-day July stay of Chicago crimelord Sam Giancana at a mountain chalet owned by singer-hotelman Frank Sinatra.

Gaming authorities here said they were convinced that no one of the reputation of Giancana could have visited the Sinatra hotel-casino for nearly a fortnight without the top management being aware of his presence.

Sinatra himself referred all questions to a Hollywood attorney who said there was absolutely "no truth to the rumors that any underworld character was at the lodge . . ."

State spokesmen said Giancana had a fight with an unidentified man during his stay there.

The Hollywood attorney also denied this.

"Our security department," he said, "has not reported any fight such as is described, nor do we have any information Sam Giancana visited the Cal-Neva Lodge or the casino."

He also denied Sinatra had taken part in or broken up any fight at the lodge, and added "we have not been informed of any hearing that

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Sinatra Denies He Knew of Giancana



SAM GIANCANA



FRANK SINATRA

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would involve the casino license."

Giancana's stay at one of the chalets at Sinatra's Cal-Neva Lodge coincided with the professional appearance at the lodge of Phyllis Maguire, lead singer of the Maguire Sisters.

Sinatra's multi-million-dollar gambling license at the posh lodge may be at stake as a result of the visit, state officials say.

It was more like the Fourth of July than Labor Day in the swank casinos bordering this Lake Tahoe spa, thanks to the fireworks provided by the probe.

And the speculation was as good as a "natural" at the dice tables.

But investigators, at least, have stopped speculating about several things.

They insist that Giancana, listed by the Justice Department as one of the "nobles" in the Mafia's revised organization, known as "Cosa Nostra" ("Our Thing"), spent the better part of 10 days amid the emerald, pristine innocence of this mountain paradise.

REPORT FIGHT

Giancana stayed away from the gambling tables, but circulated around the area otherwise, they declare.

Besides the name Giancana, he used one of his frequent aliases, Sam Moore. Apparently he did not register at the Sinatra gaming resort, it was understood, according to state investigators.

It was learned that Sinatra was one of the first quizzed after officials dis-

covered Giancana's visit to the Lodge.

Sinatra's testimony, as well as that of all persons interviewed, is being kept under wraps by state officials.

However, Phyllis Maguire, who reportedly had a singing engagement at the Desert Inn in Las Vegas following her Cal-Neva appearance, canceled the Desert Inn appearance due to "ill health," and left Nevada.

Speculation here was that by failing to appear at the Desert Inn she was also technically unavailable for questioning.

Word that Sinatra spokesmen denied the extra-romantic event surprised the investigators, they said.

Giancana is persona non grata around Nevada gambling salons for more than one reason. He is high on the list of names in a so-called "black book" which gaming officials have issued to casino operators to acquaint them with undesirable underworld characters.

In addition, it was learned today, Johnny Marshall, nee Marshall Califano, who is regarded by gaming officials as a lieutenant in the Giancana personal empire, is suing the state of Nevada for infringing on his civil rights.

DUE FOR TRIAL

Marshall's case is based on his expulsion from the Desert Inn in Las Vegas on State of Nevada say-so. The case comes to trial this month.

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UNDERWORLD'S SAM GIANCANA

Shown handcuffed to chair in Chicago murder inquiry



—Herald Examiner Photo

FRANK SINATRA

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Sinatra Casino Faces Closing Over Gangster

CRYSTAL BAY, Nev. (U)—Singer Frank Sinatra's Cal-Neva Lodge on the north shore of Lake Tahoe is threatened with closure pending investigation of reports that the club hosted a top underworld figure late in July.

Momo Salvatore (Sam) Giancana, 53, of Oak Park, Ill., reportedly visited the lodge during the week of July 21-27.

Giancana is a friend of Phyllis McGuire, one of the singing McGuire sisters featured at the resort during the week.

Giancana has been under investigation by the FBI for his alleged membership on a 12-man crime commission which the FBI says controls major underworld activity in the United States.

Spotted at Lodge

He is also one of a dozen men listed in the Nevada gaming control "black book" as persona non grata at establishments which hold a state gaming license.

Giancana was spotted at the Cal-Neva shortly after he had obtained a federal injunction in a Chicago court which trimmed the number of FBI agents who could keep the little bigshot under surveillance.

The federal court injunction limited the surveillance to a single patrol car, and answered Giancana's com-

plaints about his golf game being disturbed by admonishing agents to stay at least one foursome behind him on the fairways.

If it is found that the red carpet was knowingly laid out for the black-booked Giancana, Sinatra's license could be revoked.

Nevada Gaming Control Board chairman Edward Olsen was non-committal Saturday on the progress of the investigation.

Visit Probed

Olsen would only acknowledge that "the visit of that gentleman to the lodge has been under investigation since late July."

A Chicago newspaper said Sinatra broke up a fight between Giancana and another Cal-Neva patron during Giancana's stay.

Olsen said there were certain "discrepancies" in the stories of Giancana's stay told by owners, managers, and employees of the lodge.

Sinatra is the major stockholder at the club.

Sinatra has held a Nevada gaming license at the club for the past three seasons. The lodge is open only during the summer.

Sinatra Denies He Knows About Inquiry

Frank Sinatra, reached by telephone at his Cal-Neva Lodge, said Saturday that he had no knowledge of the investigation by the Nevada Gaming Control Board.

"I don't know a thing about it," he told The Times. "I've been busy trying to put a show together."

Sinatra and singer Dean Martin currently are doing a show at the plush hotel-casino on the California and Nevada border.

Asked about reports that he broke up a fight involving Sam Giancana — the underworld figure who is the center of the gaming board's investigation — Sinatra said:

"That's a lot of bull. There's nothing to it."

Sinatra referred all questions about the investigation to the gaming board, saying "If they're investigating they should be able to tell you about it. Talk to them, pal."

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Accardo held power until 1956, when Giancana entrenched himself as boss of the city's gambling, vice and other operations, including large scale investment of syndicate money.

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RE: FRANK SINATRA
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Forwarded herewith are news clippings of items which appeared in the 10/4/63 issues of the "Daily Variety" and "Hollywood Reporter," motion picture trade publications, announcing the appointment of the captioned individual to a newly-created post of Special Assistant to President JACK L. WARNER of Warner Brothers Pictures, Inc., Burbank, California.

Any pertinent information developed concerning this business relationship will be brought to Bureau's attention.

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SINATRA NAMED J. L. WARNER AIDE

3-Year Pact Also Allows Him To Continue His Own Activities

Confirming speculation that started when Warners negotiated the affiliation of Frank Sinatra's Reprise Records with Warner Bros. Records, Jack L. Warner, president of WB, yesterday announced that the company has appointed Frank

Sinatra to the newly created position of "Special Assistant to the President." Sinatra's services in this new position will be rendered directly to Jack Warner and he will be available for consultation and such special assignments as shall be delegated to him by Warner, the announcement said. Sinatra also will maintain a close liaison with other top officials of Warners since in this new position he will be involved in all aspects of the Warner Bros. corporate activity.

To implement Sinatra's availability to Jack Warner and to enable him to fulfill his new duties while still continuing the production activities of Sinatra Enterprises, new offices are being prepared at the WB studios in Burbank to house Sinatra Enterprises. All of Sinatra's business activities will be conducted from his offices at the studio.

The announcement said that the appointment of Sinatra to act as "Special Assistant to the President" and the establishment of Sinatra Enterprises offices on the Warner lot will not only give Frank Sinatra and Sinatra Enterprises a base of operations at Warners, but will increase Sinatra's involvement in the entire Warners operation.

Sinatra will render his services to Warners under a three-year-contract between Frank Sinatra and Warner Bros. Pictures wherein he is employed in capacities other than as an entertainer. Insofar as his services as an entertainer are concerned, those will still be rendered under the banner of Sinatra Enterprises.

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1 Hollywood Reporter
Hollywood, Calif.

Date: 10/4/63

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Sinatra Named Special Ass't To Jack L. Warner

Frank Sinatra has been appointed to newly-created post of "special assistant to the president," under a three-year deal with Warner Bros. whereby he is employed in capacities other than as an entertainer, WB proxy Jack L. Warner announced yesterday.

Announcement was made Aug. 8 that Sinatra would act as a consultant on theatrical and tv pix, simultaneous with merger between Warner Bros. Records and Sinatra's Reprise Records.

Warner yesterday reported Sinatra's services would be rendered directly to him and that actor-producer would be available for consultation and such special assignments as would be delegated him by Warner. He also will maintain a close liaison with other top WB officials in new position in which he will be involved, according to Warner, "in all aspects of the Warner Bros. corporate activity."

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FROM: SAC, Los Angeles (92-1039)

RE: FRANK SINATRA
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Re Los Angeles airtel dated 8/28/63 and Bureau airtel dated 9/4/63.

For the information of the Bureau, it was ascertained on a confidential basis from THOMAS R. SHERIDAN, Chief, Criminal Division, United States Attorney's Office, Los Angeles, California, that DOUGLAS MAC MILLAN, Departmental Attorney, who was in the Los Angeles area regarding certain aspects of FRANK SINATRA, has now returned to the Department of Justice following the Labor Day Weekend.

According to SHERIDAN, MAC MILLAN, who originally had come to Los Angeles with an idea of interviewing certain prominent personalities, did not conduct any interviews and has returned to the Washington area to further study the material he has on hand in order to formulate some plan of action that might be more productive than the one that he originally proposed, that is interviewing persons such as DEAN MARTIN, SAMMY DAVIS, Jr., DINAH SHORE, and EDDIE FISHER regarding the association of FRANK SINATRA with persons such as SAMUEL M. GIANCANA and JOSEPH FISCHETTI.

The Bureau will be kept advised of any information coming to the attention of this division regarding Mr. MAC MILLAN.

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Re Bureau airtel to Los Angeles 9/4/63.

On 9/26/63 JAMES YOHE, Security Division, Deputy Regional Counsel's Office, Federal Aviation Agency, 5651 West Manchester Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, telephoned this office, stating he had received an inquiry from Washington (not further identified) requesting that he identify one MORRIS JAY, or JAY MORRIS, who reportedly pilots a plane owned by FRANK SINATRA, but is not recorded as a pilot. YOHE stated the only descriptive data he has concerning the person is that he is from Bountiful, Utah.

Indices were checked and no identifiable reference on the names MORRIS JAY or JAY MORRIS could be found.

YOHE was advised that no identifiable record could be found based on the information he had supplied. YOHE commented it was just a chance he took, thinking that perhaps in general intelligence information this office might have picked up some identifying data on the person.

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Via A I R T E L A I R M A I L - R E G I S T E R E D
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TO: Director, FBI (92-6259) ATTENTION: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
COURTNEY EVANS
FROM: SAC, Los Angeles (92-1039)
RE: FRANCIS ALBERT SINATRA, aka.
Frank Sinatra
ANTI-RACKETEERING

*Subj
Courtney Evans*

Reference Los Angeles airtel to Bureau dated 8/28/63; Bureau airtel to Los Angeles dated 9/4/63, and Los Angeles airtel to Bureau dated 9/10/63.

The referenced communications from Los Angeles reflected that DOUGALD D. MC MILLAN, Departmental Attorney, had come to the West Coast to consult with THOMAS R. SHERIDAN, who is Chief of the Criminal Division, United States Attorney's Office, Los Angeles and also a Special Assistant to the Attorney General.

Mr. MC MILLAN's visit concerned FRANK SINATRA and he apparently had departmental authority to do some investigative work such as interviews of some of SINATRA's associates, but was precluded from any immediate contacts with SINATRA or his staff. His purpose was to attempt the establishment of a tie-in of SINATRA with JOSEPH FISCHETTI and SAMUEL "MOONEY" GIANCANA and the current IRS investigation entitled "The Fontainebleu Complex" at Miami.

To do this, Mr. MC MILLAN had apparently reviewed all available data on SINATRA from FBI reports, IRS, Narcotics, etc., which file was left with SHERIDAN when they decided MC MILLAN would have to attack his problem through review of financial records.

*cc Evans
E.C. Wick*

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These financial records would, in essence, be composed of payments made by the Fontainbleu to SINATRA which have been denied by SINATRA.

On a confidential basis locally, it has been learned that the Intelligence Division of IRS, Los Angeles, has been requested within the past several weeks by their National Headquarters, to investigate this particular aspect with apparent instructions to send the necessary personnel to Miami in order to complete this particular phase.

Mr. THOMAS SHERIDAN, identified previously, in this connection on an extremely confidential basis, made MC MILLAN's file available for review and he does not desire either MC MILLAN or the Department to be aware of this. Mr. SHERIDAN advised that the file had been left in his possession for analysis as he, SHERIDAN, will be returning to the Washington area in the near future and will be asked to comment on the material contained therein.

A review of this file reflects that Mr. MC MILLAN has apparently carefully compiled all references to SINATRA and his relationship to hoodlums that have been available to the Department from the FBI, IRS and other agencies. It was also noted in reading the file that there is an apparent violation on the part of SINATRA of Title 18, Section 1001 involving an affidavit given to Special Agent VERNON LYNCH, IRS, Los Angeles, in 1959 wherein SINATRA denies the presence of SAMUEL GIANCANA at the Claridge Hotel in July and August, 1959. Set out herein is the affidavit in question:

"Q. Are you acquainted with a Mr. Sam Giancana?

A. I am.

Q. How long have you known the gentleman?

A. A couple of years. A little under a couple of years.

Q. Approximately when did you first meet Mr. Giancana?

A. March 11, I think, 1958.

"Q. Where did this meeting take place?

A. In the Fountainebleau Hotel.

Q. Miami Beach, Florida?

A. Yes.

Q. Have you ever had any business dealings with Mr. Giancana?

A. None

Q. Has this relationship been strictly social?

A. Yes

Q. Has Mr. Giancana ever approached you in connection with any financial business proposition?

A. No.

Q. When was the last time you saw Mr. Giancana?

A. Sometime early in August.

Q. 1959?

A. At the Chicago Airport, 1959.

Q. Mr. Sinatra, in regard to the previous interview which we had with you on November 6, 1959, at your attorney's office, at that time you supplied information substantially as follows: That your relationship with Mr. Giancana was strictly friendly; that you had seen him approximately 6 to 10 times, several of these meetings having taken place at the Sands Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, where you were appearing at the time.

A. Yes.

Q. That you had considered Mr. Giancana more or less a fan of yours; that you possess no knowledge as to Mr. Giancana's business activities; that you have

never been approached by Mr. Giancana with a financial proposition. Is that correct?

A. That is absolutely correct.

Q. Do you have any way of knowing at this time how Mr. Giancana would have come into possession of your unpublished home phone number, CR 4-2368, listen to you at 2666 Bowmont Drive, Beverly Hills, California? Can you give us information as to how he may have come ---

A. I gave it to him.

Q. Was there anything specific that you recall with reference to giving him this phone number?

A. Not at all. I give my phone number to many people.

Q. Would this likewise be true of your CRestview 5-4977, Oxford Publications, Inc., the unpublished number, TExas 0-8701, your unpublished phone at Metro Goldwyn Studios?

A. Yes.

Q. Was there any specific purpose that you had given these numbers to Mr. Giancana?

A. None.

Q. Mr. Sinatra, information has come to our attention that during the period July 25, 1959 to August 2, 1959, you were staying at the Hotel Claridge, Atlantic City, New Jersey; and at that time you had rented numerous rooms at this hotel and had given a party which was attended by Mr. Giancana. Is that correct?

A. No.

Q. Were you staying at the Claridge at that time?

A. Yes.

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Q. Has Mr. Giancana attended any parties given by you, Mr. Sinatra?

A. No.

Q. With reference to the last interview, at that time you supplied information that the occasion of your last meeting with Mr. Giancana was in Chicago and at that time you had contacted Mr. Giancana for the purpose of making arrangements to have him transfer your luggage from the airport to the train in Chicago. Is that correct?

A. I guess so, except one little thing. I don't remember calling him because I don't know where to call him. Apparently --- I have to guess, but apparently he called me; that is probably what happened. I don't remember calling him. I wouldn't know where to call him.

Q. Have you ever had occasion to visit Mr. Giancana at his residence in Chicago?

A. No.

Q. Do you know where he lives?

A. No."

To substantiate the information of the violation are the following excerpts from FBI reports:

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Pages 89-90 of September 12, 1960, FBI report entitled "Samuel M. Giancana" prepared by SA [REDACTED] Jr., Chicago Office; Bufile 92-3171, Field Office File 92-349, reflected that [REDACTED] advised on September 16, 1959 that he had recently been to the Claridge Hotel in Atlantic City, New Jersey, in order to see Frank Sinatra and was told SINATRA had reserved the entire first floor of the hotel. The informant stated when they got off the elevator on the first floor they were approached by two "tough looking men" and asked for identification and purpose of their visit. The informant stated one individual in SINATRA's suite at this hotel was identified to him as JOSEPH FISCHETTI, described as the "well known hoodlum from Miami."

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Page 6 of July 13, 1962, FBI report entitled "Samuel M. Giancana" prepared by SA [REDACTED] Chicago Office, Bufile 92-3171. Field Office File 92-349, reported that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] She stated that at the age of approximately eighteen she became employed as a professional dancer, appearing in chorus lines at various hotels, night clubs and casinos around the country.

[REDACTED] she became acquainted with FRANK SINATRA during approximately 1958. During this period she traveled throughout the country and worked for some time at the Tropicana and Riviera Hotels in Las Vegas.

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In July, 1959, she attended a party given by FRANK SINATRA in Atlantic City, New Jersey, at the Claridge Hotel. SINATRA at that time was appearing at the 500 Club as the featured entertainer. The party referred to lasted approximately two weeks and normally started at about 8:00 PM and lasted until about 4:00 or 5:00 AM the following morning.

[REDACTED] She mentioned other persons in attendance at this affair, in addition to the ones mentioned above, as actress NATALIE WOOD, actor ROBERT WAGNER, then the husband of NATALIE WOOD, ROCCO FISCHETTI, his brother, JOSEPH FISCHETTI, JOHN FOREMAN (true name JOHN FORMUSA) and PAUL "SKINNY" D'AMATO.

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[REDACTED] referred to is apparently identical to the girl [REDACTED] and she is presently located in Los Angeles.

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Also in connection with this matter, the Newark Division in October, 1959, by airtel dated 10/28/59, TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM. Chicago Division, AR., advised that [REDACTED] at the Claridge Hotel, had been assigned to the SINATRA party from 7/25 - 8/2/59 and had identified the photograph of SAM GIANCANA as closely resembling an individual visiting the SINATRA party on two or three occasions.

It would appear from the discussion with MC MILLAN mentioned earlier and from his proposed plan of attack, that it appeared violation in this area has been overlooked. It is felt that Mr. SHERIDAN when reviewing the file will undoubtedly note the discrepancy between the affidavit and information attributed to FBI reports. It is believed that he will then ask the FBI to conduct certain investigation in order to resolve the matter.

There are several courses of action that appear to be appropriate at this time, that is:

1. Point out the affidavit to Mr. SHERIDAN and the possible violation as set forth in FBI reports and secure a prosecutive opinion prior to any investigation.
2. Advise Mr. SHERIDAN of this material and indicate to him the identity of witnesses who could possibly substantiate any violation and let IRS, Intelligence handle the matter.

It is recommended by the Los Angeles Division that this matter be pointed out to Mr. SHERIDAN, secure his opinion as to prosecutive possibilities and have him contact the department for clearance to investigate and the FBI do the investigating.

This course is recommended on the grounds that SINATRA at the present time is under heavy pressure from the authorities at Las Vegas regarding his association with GIANCANA and if investigation is warranted it would mean that a Grand Jury could possibly be convened at Los Angeles and GIANCANA, JOSEPH FISCHETTI and other personalities present at the 1959 meeting could be brought before the Grand Jury in this area. The Bureau is requested to advise as expeditiously as possible in this matter.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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Holmes	_____
Gandy	_____

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: October 9, 1963

FROM : C. A. Evans

SUBJECT: FRANK SINATRA
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Based on information which we have supplied the Department concerning Sinatra's connection with the underworld, the Organized Crime and Racketeering Section of the Department assigned Departmental Attorney Dougald D. McMillan to review all available information on Sinatra to determine whether prosecution could be initiated against Sinatra.

McMillan has been in contact with Thomas R. Sheridan, Chief of the Criminal Division, United States Attorney's Office, Los Angeles, and also a special assistant to the Attorney General. McMillan left his file on Sinatra with Sheridan in which he had apparently compiled all available data on Sinatra from FBI, Internal Revenue Service (IRS), and Federal Bureau of Narcotics reports. Sheridan, on an extremely confidential basis, made this file available to our Los Angeles Office for reviewing, indicating that he did not desire that the Department or McMillan become aware of this.

In reviewing this file, Los Angeles noted a possible fraud against the Government violation in connection with apparently false statements made by Sinatra in an affidavit given to IRS, Los Angeles, in 1959. In this statement Sinatra denied the presence of Sam Giancana at a party in the Claridge Hotel, Atlantic City, New Jersey, in July, 1959. However, in our investigation of Sam Giancana we interviewed a professional dancer who advised that she was present at this party.

She also identified several other hoodlums in attendance including Rocco and Joseph Fischetti.

RECOMMENDATION OF SAC, LOS ANGELES

SAC, Los Angeles recommends that this possible violation be brought to the attention of Mr. Sheridan and his opinion as to prosecution secured. SAC, Los Angeles points out if investigation is

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
Re: Frank Sinatra
Anti-Racketeering

warranted a grand jury could possibly be convened at Los Angeles and Giancana, Joseph Fischetti and other personalities present at the 1959 meeting could be brought before the grand jury.

ACTION

Los Angeles is being authorized to bring this possible violation to the attention of the United States Attorney's Office at Los Angeles but to point out that any request for investigation should be channeled through the Department.

Los Angeles is also being instructed to conduct no investigation in the absence of specific authorization from the Bureau. Should any future request for investigation of Sinatra be received from the Department, it will be analyzed and recommendations made.

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Airtel

To: SAC, Los Angeles (92-1039)

From: Director, FBI (92-6259)

**FRANCIS ALBERT SINATRA, aka
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Re Los Angeles airtel 10/7/63.

You are authorized to discuss the possible Fraud Against the Government violation with Thomas E. Sheridan of the Los Angeles United States Attorney's Office. You should point out to Sheridan, however, that any request for FBI investigation should be submitted to the Bureau through the Department.

Los Angeles, meanwhile, should conduct no investigation whatever which could be interpreted as investigation of Frank Sinatra in the absence of specific authorization from the Bureau.

Advise Bureau results of your discussion with Mr. Sheridan.

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dated 10-9-63.

NOTE: See Evans to Belmont memo, same caption, same date. VFL:asg.

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TO: Director, FBI (92-6259)
FROM: SAC, Los Angeles (92-1039)
RE: FRANCIS ALBERT SINATRA, aka.
ANTI-RACKETEERING

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Re Los Angeles airtel to Bureau dated 10/7/63
and Bureau airtel to Los Angeles dated 10/10/63.

The material relating to the possible violation
of Title 18, Section 1001 was brought to the attention
of Special Assistant to the Attorney General, THOMAS R.
SHERIDAN at Los Angeles on 10/29/63 and Mr. SHERIDAN advised
that in his opinion this was an apparent, though a minor
violation of Title 18, Section 1001, and of itself, in
his opinion, was not sufficient to warrant a prosecutive
effort. He added that this, of course, could be added
to other charges of a more substantial nature if and when
such charges were ever developed in the future.

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He advised that this matter is now known to
DOUGALD MC MILLAN of the Department and he concurs in this
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TO : Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: April 12, 1968

FROM : Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

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82-012

SUBJECT: Electronic Surveillance
Frank Sinatra
Wonder Palms Road
Tamarisk Country Club
Cathedral City, California

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to IRS

Bureau reports contain considerable information with respect to Sinatra's activities and association with leading figures in organized crime.

[Redacted block]

However, we are concerned about the possibility that some of the information might have come from electronic surveillance and thus should not be read by the [Redacted]

[Redacted block]

Therefore, we would appreciate your advising us:

(a) Whether he appears to be present at, or a participant in, conversations overheard in any electronic surveillance by your agency.

(b) If he was, did the electronic surveillance consist of wiretapping or an electronic eavesdropping device?

(c) If the latter, please advise us of the method of entry utilized in the placement of the device.

(d) Was the information from any such device disseminated in any manner to any other agency? If so, when and to whom.

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(e) Did the information from any such device appear directly or indirectly in any reports made in reference to the individual by your agency. If so, would you please advise us of the reports in which such information appeared and if the information was attributed to a "T" symbol, the designation of that symbol in the pertinent report.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

April 12, 1968

Referral
to IRS

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[REDACTED] Department, however, desires to insure that information concerning Sinatra which may have emanated from a microphone surveillance is not made available to [REDACTED]

They, therefore, request appropriate check of our records to identify any information in our files concerning Sinatra which may have emanated from an electronic surveillance. Appropriate check will be made and a reply prepared for the Department.

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The Attorney General

April 29, 1968

Director, FBI

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Gale
- 1 - Mr. Staffeld
- 1 - Mr. Decker

**FRANK SINATRA
ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE**

Reference is made to memorandum of Mr. Fred N. Vinson, Jr., Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, dated April 12, 1968.

A review of our records reveals that Frank Sinatra was not the subject of direct electronic surveillance coverage by this Bureau.

It is noted that the FBI maintained microphone coverage within an area of Puccini's Restaurant, 991 N. E. 79th Street, Miami, Florida, between February 23, 1963, and July 22, 1963. This installation, involving trespass, was made pursuant to the general authority of the Attorney General.

On March 26, 1963, employee conversation covered by this source indicated that Sinatra was expected to arrive at this restaurant that evening with Joe Fischetti, Miami hoodlum. Physical surveillance by Agents of our Miami Office determined that Sinatra did enter Puccini's Restaurant with Fischetti during the evening of March 26, 1963, and departed with Fischetti a few hours later. No physical surveillance was conducted within the restaurant at that time. The above microphone source did not monitor Sinatra's voice nor was he known to be present at a conversation directly covered by the source that evening. A fragmentary portion of a monitored conversation attributed remarks to Fischetti regarding Sinatra's travel plans to Los Angeles and possibly to New Orleans and Fischetti's uncertainty whether he would accompany Sinatra in such travel.

It is assumed that you have made similar electronic surveillance checks with other agencies regarding the captioned individual.

- 1 - The Deputy Attorney General
- 1 - Mr. Fred N. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

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The Attorney General

NOTE: In referenced memorandum, the Criminal Division advised that Sinatra is currently the subject of an investigation being conducted by the Internal Revenue Service and made request for information regarding possible electronic surveillance coverage of Sinatra. A review of appropriate records revealed that though Sinatra was present at Puccini's Restaurant during March 26, 1962, where the Miami Office was maintaining microphone coverage, Sinatra's voice was not monitored nor was he known to be present at conversation covered by the microphone source. This letter furnishes information along these lines in response to the inquiry from the Criminal Division.

April 15, 1968

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From: Director, FBI

ELSUR
FRANK SINATRA
Revised 4/18/68

Enclosed is a copy of Department memorandum dated April 12, 1968, requesting an electronic surveillance check on the captioned individual. Your reviews should be conducted pursuant to the format set forth in the enclosed Department memorandum. You will note that the Department's request in this instance does not require the submission of logs.

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL - REGISTERED MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (92-100-Sub 2) "JUNE"
ELSUR
FRANK SINATRA
(BUDED 4/18/68)

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Captioned individual not present at nor a participant in any Elsur of Buffalo Office.

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Date: 4/16/68

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: Director, FBI
FROM: SAC, Miami (66-1266)
SUBJECT: ELSUR
FRANK SINATRA
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ReBuairtel dated 4/15/68, captioned as above, requesting electronic surveillance check on captioned individual.

In connection with the Anti-Racketeering investigation of JOSEPH FISCHETTI, aka, Miami installed an eavesdropping device in Puccini's Restaurant, 991 N. E. 79th St., Miami, Florida, [REDACTED]

On 3/26/62, FRANK SINATRA and FISCHETTI came to Puccini's Restaurant for dinner and parts of the conversation were overheard concerning his, SINATRA's, returning to Los Angeles and the airport being "fogged in," and they discussed the possibility of chartering a plane to New Orleans. It was general conversation and nothing was disseminated nor learned of value.

Enclosed is the original and 3 copies of a letter-head memorandum suitable for dissemination complying with the request of Departmental Memo dated 4/12/68.

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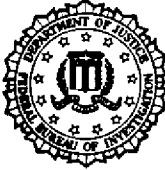
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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**Miami, Florida
April 16, 1968**

FRANK SINATRA

The following are answers to the questions set forth in Departmental Memorandum dated April 12, 1968, from Fred M. Vinson, Jr., Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division.

- (a) Yes
- (b) Eavesdropping
- (c) Trespassing
- (d) No
- (e) No

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (66-96) (RUC)

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FRANK SINATRA
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No record of captioned subject in ELSUR indices,
San Diego Division.

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Via AIRTEL _____ REGULAR MAIL
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI ~~(62-318)~~
FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (92-2080)(RUC)
SUBJECT: ELSUR
FRANK SINATRA
BUDED: 4/18/68

Re Bureau Airtel to Atlanta dated 4/15/68.

Review of Philadelphia electronic indices failed to show that FRANK SINATRA was present at or a participant in conversations overheard by any electronic surveillance by the Philadelphia Office.

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Via **AIRTEL** _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-316)

FROM: SAC, NEWARK (66-1356)

**ELSUR
FRANK SINATRA**

RE: Buairtel 4/15/68

FRANK SINATRA was never the subject of, overheard on, or participated in any conversation on any ELSUR in the Newark Division.

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: Director, FBI ~~(62-318)~~
FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (66-5396) (RUC)
RE: ELSUR
FRANK SINATRA
BUDED: 4/18/68

ReBuairtel, 4/15/68.

Cleveland elsur indices negative re SINATRA present
at or a participant in conversations.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, DETROIT (92-1600-Sub 2)
ELSUR
FRANK SINATRA
(Buded: 4/18/68)

ReBuairtel, 4/15/68.

No Detroit Elsur coverage on above-captioned individual.

3 - Bureau
1 - Detroit
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10 APR 10 1968

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Date: 4/17/68

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (~~62-318~~)
FROM: *W.H.* SAC, ATLANTA (66-825)
ELSUR *o*
FRANK SINATRA

ReBuairtel to Atlanta 4/15/68.
Atlanta Elsur search negative.

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10 APR 19 1968

C. C. - Bishop

3 Bureau (RM)
1- Atlanta
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Via A I R T E L A I R M A I L
(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (~~62-318~~)
FROM : SAC, ST. LOUIS (66-2473) (RUC)

ELSUR
FRANK SINATRA

Buded: 4/18/68

ReBuairtel to Atlanta, etc., 4/15/68.

A review of the ELSUR files of the St. Louis Division fails to indicate captioned individual was the subject of, present at, or a participant in any ELSUR conducted by this office.

3 - Bureau (AIRMAIL)
1 - St. Louis
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99 13 1968 Agent in Charge

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

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FBI WASH DC

FBI CHICAGO

451PM DEFERRED 4/17/68 JLS
TO DIRECTOR (62-318)
FROM CHICAGO (92-350 SUB 20) 1P

ELSUR, FRANK SINATRA.

BUDED APRIL EIGHTEEN NEXT.
REBUAIRTEL APRIL FIFTEEN LAST.

CHICAGO SPECIAL INDICES FAIL TO REFLECT THAT FRANK SINATRA
WAS EVER PRESENT AT AND/OR MONITORED OVER CHICAGO ELSUR SOURCES.
THEREFORE, ALL ITEMS RAISED IN REBUAIRTEL AND IN EXHIBIT B
ATTACHMENT OF BUAIRTEL DATED JANUARY ONE SIXTY SEVEN ARE ANSWERED
IN NEGATIVE.

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

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URGENT 41/17/68 TRB

TO DIRECTOR

(ENCIPHERED)

FROM SAN FRANCISCO (66-672B) 1P

ELSER, FRANK SINATRA.

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RE BUAIRTEL APRIL FIFTEEN, ONE NINE SIX EIGHT. BUDED APRIL EIGHTEEN.

AN ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE INDICIES CHECK BY SAN FRANCISCO REVEALS TWO REFERENCES TO CAPTIONED INDIVIDUAL, BOTH OF WHICH REVEAL THAT HIS NAME IS MERELY MENTIONED.

THEREFORE, ANSWER TO ITEM A OF THE DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM DATED APRIL TWELVE, ONE NINE SIX EIGHT, IS "NO". ITEMS B THROUGH E ARE NOT APPLICABLE.

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MKP

FBI WASH DC

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Date: 4/17/68

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

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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, WFO (66-779-Sub G)

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ELSUR
FRANK SINATRA
BUDED 4/18/68

ReBuairtel 4/15/68, enclosing Department memorandum dated 4/12/68 requesting Elsur check on captioned individual.

Elsur check at WFO disclosed no information falling within the categories set forth in referenced Department memorandum.

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3 - Bureau
1 - WFO

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Date: 4/17/68

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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI ~~(62-318)~~ JUNE

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-4564)

SUBJECT: ELSUR
FRANK SINATRA
Buded 4/18/68

Re Buairtel, 4/15/68.

The captioned individual does not appear to be present at, or a participant in, conversations overheard in any electronic surveillance by the NYO of the FBI.

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3 - Bureau (RM)
1 - New York
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SPECIAL RM.

C. C. Bishop

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Date: 4/17/68

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL - REGISTERED
(Priority)

"JUNE"

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI ~~(62-318)~~
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (94-430 B)
RE: ELSUR
FRANK SINATRA
BUDED 4/18/68

Re Buairtel 4/15/68.

Review of Los Angeles special elsur indices fails to show that SINATRA present at or participant in conversations monitored by Los Angeles elsur installations.

③ - Bureau
1 - Los Angeles
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C. C. Bishop

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Date: 4/18/68

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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-318)

"J U N E"

FROM: SAC, LAS VEGAS (66-351)

ELSUR
FRANK SINATRA
BUDED: 4/18/68

ReBuairtel, 4/15/68.

Check of Las Vegas misur indices for the name
FRANK SINATRA reflects the following information:

- A. No
- B. NA
- C. NA
- D. NA
- E. NA

3 - Bureau (RM) (AMSD)
1 - Las Vegas
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C. C. - Bishop

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Special Agent in Charge

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Date: April 24, 1968

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL - REGISTERED
(Priority)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

J U N E

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (66-1266)

ELSUR
FRANK SINATRA
BUDED 4/18/68

ReBuairtel 4/15/68 captioned as above,
requesting electronic surveillance check on captioned
individual.

In connection with the Anti-Racketeering
investigation of JOSEPH FISCHETTI, aka., Miami installed
an electronics eavesdropping device in Puccini's Restaurant,
991 N. E. 79th Street, Miami, Florida, [REDACTED]

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In 3/62, the source for several days reported
excitement in the restaurant to the extent that SINATRA
was expected to dine at Puccini's. The log for 3/26/62
shows that SINATRA came to the restaurant for dinner with
JOE FISCHETTI. The source reported general conversation
by employees indicating SINATRA was in the establishment
and was reportedly returning to Los Angeles, but anticipating
trouble as the airport was fogged in.

Although a surveillance of Puccini's Restaurant
on the said night disclosed that he did arrive and depart
with JOE FISCHETTI, SINATRA was not monitored at any time,
nor were any known conversations heard at which he was present.

- 3 - Bureau (RM) (Enc. 2)
 - 2 - Miami (66-1266)
 - (1 - 92-99-Sub II)
- HWS/neb
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C. C. - [unclear]

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Special Agent in Charge

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Due to the lateness of the hour, surveilling Agents did not enter the restaurant, but it can be assumed the table at which SINATRA, FISCHETTI and guests ate was not in the presence of the electronic eavesdropping device.

b7c For the information of the Bureau, two copies of the surveillance log on 3/26/62 are enclosed and the Agent executing the log, SA [REDACTED] has advised that with reference to the entry at 10:26 p.m. on 3/26/62, he did not at any time hear the voice of SINATRA.

Time	Initial	IC OG	Activity Recorded
9:31 am	WK		[redacted] at rest. doing ordering, etc.
12:05 pm		IC	Message to have [redacted] call [redacted]
12:55			[redacted] expected in that pm. or next nite.
7:43 pm			[redacted] says Frank Sinatra didn't come in last nite. Says Joe with him now at hotel and that he may be in around 10 that nite. [redacted]
10:26			Sinatra at rest with Joe. Gen'l discussion, mostly about arrangements for Sinatra to return LA as airport fogged in. Discuss possibility of chartering plane to New Orleans. Joe thought might accompany but decided not to as apparently made some arrangements to go to Las Vegas. Expect Ben Novak to come to Puccini's.
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Page [redacted] Employee's Name [redacted]
 Day Mon Date 3/26/62
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Date: 1/13/70

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

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-6259)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (92-1039)

**SUBJECT: FRANCIS ALBERT SINATRA, aka
Frank Sinatra
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On 1/12/70 MILTON A. RUDIN, attorney for FRANK SINATRA, telephonically advised the Los Angeles Division, for information purposes, of the following data:

Mr. RUDIN advised that several times in the past SINATRA had been contacted at home by one [redacted] who advised that he was connected with Military Intelligence, and that he just wanted to tip SINATRA off as to the existence of a plot to assassinate him, SINATRA. Mr. RUDIN advised that he had considered [redacted] a crank and had not paid any attention to prior calls, but a recent call from [redacted] had led him to contact this office. He advised further that [redacted] had informed SINATRA that he could be reached at any time at telephone number [redacted] at Washington, D. C. Mr. RUDIN had no further identifying data concerning this individual but desired to report it in case [redacted] did have knowledge of any plot to assassinate SINATRA and was legitimately connected with Military Intelligence.

Colonel MASHAMICHI SUEDA, 115th Military Intelligence Group, Pasadena, California, advised that [redacted] is unknown to that Group, and that the telephone number listed above

- 2 - Bureau (AM)
 - 2 - Washington Field (AM)
 - 1 - Los Angeles
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Special Agent in Charge

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is not a telephone number that is assigned to either the Pentagon or any of the regular Army Intelligence Groups.

A review of possible individuals involved reflects correspondence from the Bureau under the caption [REDACTED]

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The letter notes in one paragraph that he had received news on the underworld telegraph of the mobster variety that this year was the last for his family and friends. It is not known whether or not this individual is identical, but the context of the messages would seem to be similar.

The Washington Field Office is requested to discreetly ascertain the subscriber to telephone number [REDACTED] and to determine if he has any connection with Military Intelligence or whether or not he is an imposter.

The Attorney General

January 26, 1970

Director, FBI

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. Gale
- 1 - Mr. Staffeld
- 1 - Mr. Benjamin

FRANK SINATRA
ANTI-RACKETEERING

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Enclosed are two copies of a letter from Mr. Milton A. Rudin, attorney for Frank Sinatra, dated January 19, 1970, to Mr. Wesley Grapp, Special Agent in Charge of our Los Angeles office. Mr. Rudin's letter implies the state inquiry in New Jersey is a thinly-veiled Federal matter which, of course, is not so. He offered to arrange for an interview of Mr. Sinatra by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation since he desired to insure that no one can contend Mr. Sinatra's failure to obey the New Jersey subpoena is hampering any criminal prosecution or any investigation by an appropriate law enforcement agency.

Receipt of this letter has been acknowledged; and since this Bureau has no reason to interview Mr. Sinatra at this time, no further action is being taken with regard to the interview.

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Our Newark office has been instructed to make a copy of the letter available to the United States Attorney in Newark.

Enclosures (2)

1 - The Deputy Attorney General

1 - Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

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NOTE: See memo Gale to DeLoach 1-26-70, captioned as above,
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- Tolson _____
- DeLoach _____
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Director, FBI

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**FRANK SINATRA, aka
ANTI-RACKETEERING**

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Re Los Angeles letter 1/20/70 enclosing letter from Mr. Milton Rudin dated 1/19/70.

Newark insure a copy of Rudin's letter is made available to the United States Attorney, Newark.

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NOTE: See memo Gale to DeLoach 1-26-70, captioned as above, GEB:bjs.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 1/20/70

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (92-1039)

SUBJECT: FRANK SINATRA, aka
AR ANTI-RACKETEERING

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Walters	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
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Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

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Enclosed for the Bureau is an original letter from Mr. MILTON A. RUDIN concerning FRANK SINATRA, which was hand delivered to the Los Angeles Office of the FBI on 1/19/70. A copy of this letter is enclosed for the Newark Office. As will be noted from a review of the letter, it is self-explanatory.

For the information of the Bureau and Newark, receipt of the letter has been orally acknowledged.

No further action will be taken by the Los Angeles Office and no further contact with Mr. RUDIN is contemplated by Los Angeles.

Vertical stamp: *COPIES*

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Memo Gale to Release
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GEB:bjc

let to NY
DEB: Tee
1-26-70

1 - Bureau (Encl. 1)
1 - Newark (Encl. 1) (Info)
1 - Los Angeles
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ENCLOSURE

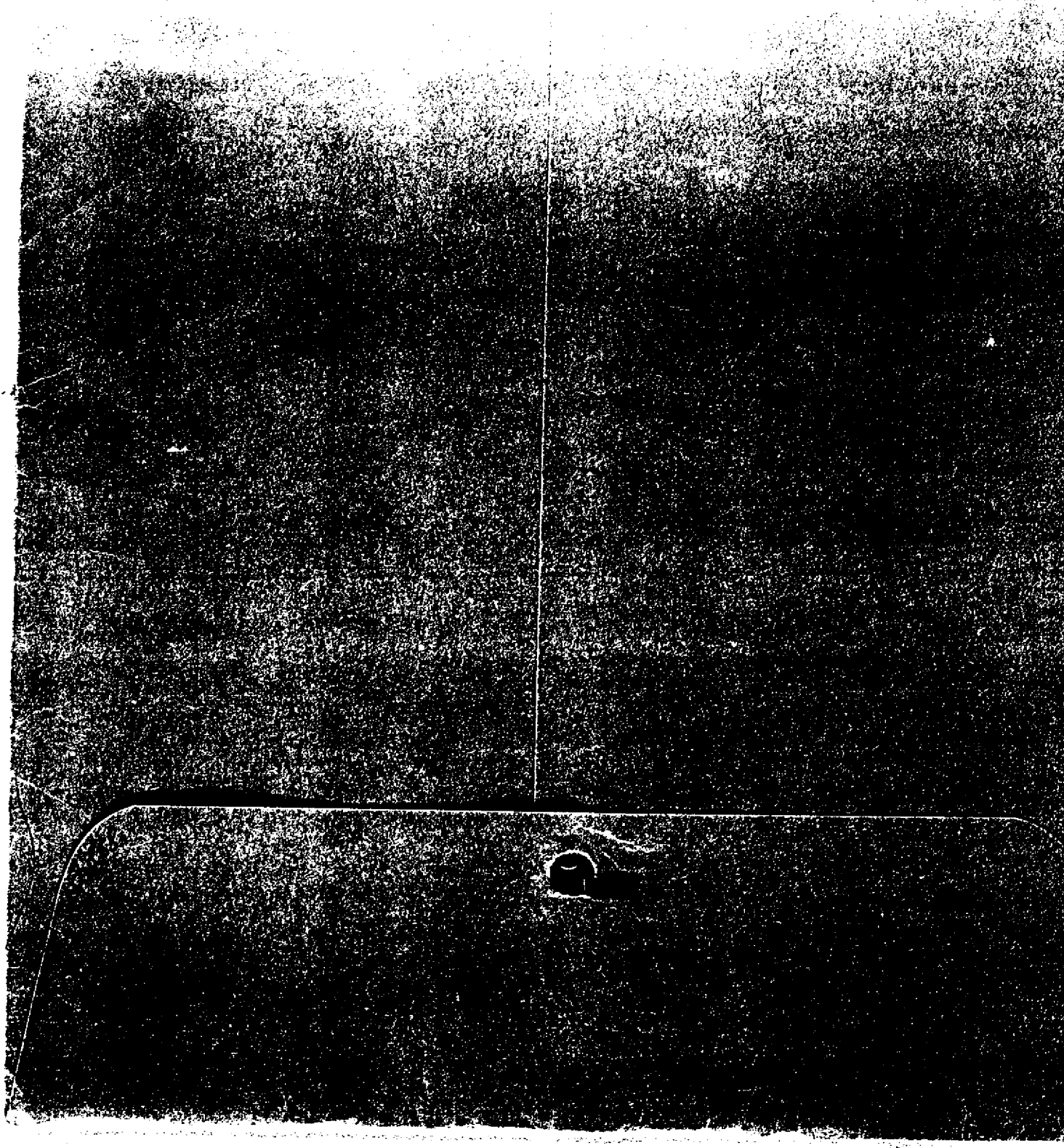
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MILTON A. RUDIN
PETER C. BENNETT
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CABLE ADDRESS:
RUDLAW, HOLLYWOOD
MORRIS E. COHN
OF COUNSEL

January 19, 1970

Mr. Wesley Grapp
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
1100 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, Calif. 90024

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Attn: [REDACTED]

Re: Frank Sinatra aka
Francis Albert Sinatra

Dear [REDACTED]

As you are aware, I represent Frank Sinatra and have represented him for many years.

On certain occasions in the past, when the FBI was desirous of securing information from Mr. Sinatra or questioning him concerning certain matters, I have always made arrangements for Mr. Sinatra to promptly furnish such information and reply to any questions you may have.

In many instances both Mr. Sinatra and I were puzzled as to why he was asked certain questions, but since we are both familiar with the procedures of the FBI, we never questioned the reasons or motives for the request for information.

Mr. Sinatra has been subpoenaed by the New Jersey State Commission of Investigation, but on the advice of counsel he has elected to refuse to appear in response to that subpoena and to institute an action to challenge the constitutionality of that Commission and its procedures.

The status of that action at this moment is that the United States District Court in New Jersey has ruled that Mr. Sinatra's Complaint does not raise substantial issues sufficient to justify the convening of a "three judge court".

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MILTON A. RUDIN

Mr. Wesley Grapp
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During the pendency of that action to the District Court, the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit issued a temporary injunction restraining the New Jersey State Commission of Investigation from taking further action to enforce the subpoena or to punish Mr. Sinatra for his failure to comply therewith.

An appeal from such denial by the District Court has been filed in the Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. In connection with that appeal, a motion will be made for continuation of said temporary injunction pending the appeal.

There have been reports in the public press which have led me to believe that there have been statements made by the New Jersey State Commission of Investigation or certain of its officials which would indicate that Mr. Sinatra is withholding information which may be important in New Jersey's "fight against organized crime".

However, from my reading of reports in the press concerning criminal prosecutions in New Jersey, it would appear that these prosecutions are by the federal government. Accordingly, it is Mr. Sinatra's desire to insure that no one can contend that his failure to obey the New Jersey subpoena is hampering any criminal prosecution or any investigation by an appropriate law enforcement agency.

Accordingly, he has requested me to inform you that should the Federal Bureau of Investigation desire to question Mr. Sinatra concerning criminal activity in the State of New Jersey or anywhere in the United States, he will, of course, cooperate with the FBI. As in the past, all you need do is telephone me and I will arrange an interview as promptly as is possible.

I think it only proper that I inform you that if an issue arises in connection with the request for continuation of the temporary injunction mentioned above as to whether or not criminal prosecutions or investigations in New Jersey will be prejudiced by the issuance of an injunction, reference may be made to this letter so that we can establish that if

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MILTON A. RUDIN

Mr. Wesley Grapp
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there is an immediate need for information or a desire to check on the statements of other individuals concerning Mr. Sinatra, such information can be readily obtained by what I, as Mr. Sinatra's attorney, deem to be the appropriate law enforcement agency.

Sincerely yours,


MILTON A. RUDIN.

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Delivered by Hand

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FBI

Date: 1/21/70

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

[Handwritten initials]
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-6259)
FROM: SAC, WFO (92-2059)

FRANCIS ALBERT SINATRA, aka
Frank Sinatra
ANTI-RACKETEERING
(OO:LA)

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ReLAairtel 1/13/70. ✓

On 1/16/70 [redacted] advised Washington, D.C. number [redacted] is subscribed to by [redacted] Apartment [redacted] Washington, D.C. This address is the [redacted] Hotel. On 1/20/70, [redacted] advised [redacted] According to [redacted] years of age and formerly resided [redacted] He was previously employed at the [redacted] Arlington, Va. He is alleged to be attending an unnamed business college in the Washington, D.C. area. On 1/21/70, [redacted] advised he determined [redacted] is an alcoholic and a general nuisance in the [redacted] Hotel. When drunk [redacted] invites individuals to his apartment and then when he is sober claims his guests or employees have stolen articles from the apartment. According to [redacted] has never threatened anyone in the hotel.

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2-Los Angeles (92-1039)
1-WFO
JBC:bsc *copy sent to AX 7/12/77*
(5) *Remarks: See 105-313188-2*

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Special Agent in Charge

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WFO 92-2059

[REDACTED]

WFO indices reflect [REDACTED] is described as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
DOB:	[REDACTED]
Height:	5'10"
Eyes:	Blue
Hair:	Brown
Weight:	180 lbs.
Characteristics:	Wears glasses
Former Addresses:	[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Spouse: Separated - residing [REDACTED]

Identifying Number: Army Service Number [REDACTED]

On [REDACTED] telephonically advised WFO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was not a "nut" but received treatment for "nerves".

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

Tolson	_____
DeLoach	_____
Walters	_____
Mohr	_____
Bishop	_____
Casper	_____
Callahan	_____
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Holmes	_____
Gandy	_____

TO : Mr. DeLoach *[Handwritten initials]*

DATE: January 26, 1970

FROM : J. H. Gale *[Handwritten initials]*

SUBJECT: FRANK SINATRA, aka
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Staff
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By letter to the Special Agent in Charge of the Los Angeles office dated January 19, 1970, the attorney for Frank Sinatra, Milton A. Rudin, stated it appeared the prosecutions in the State of New Jersey are by the Federal Government and not by the State of New Jersey. Rudin stated that since it is Mr. Sinatra's desire to insure that no one can contend that his failure to obey the New Jersey subpoena is hampering any criminal prosecution or any investigation by an appropriate law enforcement agency, he will cooperate with the FBI and submit to an interview by the FBI. Rudin's letter has been orally acknowledged by the Los Angeles office.

By way of background, the New Jersey Legislature in the latter part of 1968 appropriated \$400,000 to establish a New Jersey State Commission of Investigation to probe organized crime and corruption in New Jersey. This Commission was headed by Mr. William Hyland, former Democratic Assemblyman and ex-president of the State Public Utilities Commission. In June of 1969, Frank Sinatra was subpoenaed to appear before the Commission, however, he ignored the subpoena stating he was not willing to be part of any three-ring circus. In October, a warrant was issued for his arrest, but he was out of the state and the offense was not considered extraditable. Sinatra's attorneys brought suit in Federal Court to have the Commission's inquiry ruled unconstitutional, but Judge James A. Callahan of the Newark District Court denied this request.

On January 19, 1970, Chief Judge William Hastie, of the United States Court of Appeals, upheld the lower court's

Enc. *sent 1-26-70*

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. Gale
- 1 - Mr. Staffeld
- 1 - Mr. Benjamin

GEB:bjs
(6) *[Handwritten initials]*

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
Re: FRANK SINATRA

ruling that the State Investigation Commission has the power to subpoena Sinatra.

ACTION:

1. Rudin's letter has been orally acknowledged by the Los Angeles office at the time of the delivery. There appears no need to acknowledge further, and we have no desire to interview Sinatra at this time.

2. Rudin's letter implies the state inquiry in New Jersey is a thinly-veiled federal matter. This is not so. Two copies of Rudin's letter are being forwarded to the Attorney General. Letter attached.

3. Our Newark office is being instructed to make a copy of Rudin's letter available to the United States Attorney in Newark. Letter attached.

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