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PRIVACY ACTS**

**SUBJECT: FRANK SINATRA**

**New York file: 9-8297**

**Section:1**



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*Federal Bureau of Investigation*

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TRANSMIT VIA: Airtel

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLAS

DATE: 8/5/80

FROM: Director, FBI

TO: SAC, New York

FRANK SINATRA - VICTIM,  
EXTORTION  
OO: NEW YORK

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Enclosed for New York are two original letters and envelopes, postmarked July 28 and July 29, 1980, at Monticello, New York.

New York at Monticello, New York, should insure Bureau's extortion interests are secured.

Enclosures (4)

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DATE 8/5/80  
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Title and Character of Case

FRANK SINATRA VICTIM:  
EXTORTION  
OO: NEW YORK

Date Property Acquired

SEE BELOW

Source From Which Property Acquired

SEE BELOW

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit

BULKY EXHIBIT ROOM NR

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same

EVIDENCE

To Be Returned

☐ Yes ☒ No

Agent Submitting Property or Exhibit

SA

Agent Assigned Case

SAME

Description of Property or Exhibit

- 1) 7/23/80- ANON LET TO
- 2) 7/23/80- ANON LET TO
- 3) 7/23/80- ANON LET TO
- 4) 7/23/80- ANON LET TO
- 5) 8/13/80- ORIGINAL LET & CONVER. 7/28/80.
- 6) 8/13/80 - ORIGINAL LET & CONVER. 7/29/80.

Evidence Destroyed  
2/9/89.

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Remarks

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Date Received 9/88

From Bulky Exhibits  
(Name of Contributor)

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(Address of Contributor)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City and State)

By \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes ☐ No      Receipt Given ☐ Yes ☐ No

Grand Jury Material - Disseminate Only Pursuant to Rule 6(e), Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure ☐ Yes ☐ No

b7c Title: [REDACTED]  
FRANK SINATRA - Victim  
Extortion  
OO: NEW YORK

Reference: See 1B1  
(Communication Enclosing Material)

Description: ☐ Original notes re interview of

\_\_\_\_\_

*Package Copy for 1B1 - Evidence  
destroyed 2/9/89.*

Date

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**EXTORTION**  
**OO: NEW YORK**

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 2/23/80 - ANON LET TO  
 3/23/80 - ANON LET TO  
 4/23/80 - ANON LET TO  
 5/23/80 - ORIGINAL  
 6/23/80 - ORIGINAL

LET & CONVER. 7/28/80  
 LET & CONVER. 7/29/80

*Transferred to Bulky NYO 5/4/83*

SEMIANNUAL INVENTORY CERTIFICATION TO JUSTIFY RETENTION OF PROPERTY (Initial and Date)

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OO: New Rochelle

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*Memorandum*

TO : SAC (NR 9-8297)

DATE: 8/19/80

FROM : SA [REDACTED] (NR-9) (C)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]  
FRANK SINATRA-VICTIM  
EXTORTION  
(00: NR)

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On 8/15/80, [REDACTED] white male, date of birth [REDACTED] summer residence of [REDACTED] and with permanent residence of [REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY, was located and interviewed by the writer at his [REDACTED] address. [REDACTED] was exhibited copies of two (2) letters dated 7/28/80 and 7/29/80, such original letters he readily admitted that he wrote to Director WEBSTER.

When queried as to why he had written and mailed such items, wherein [REDACTED] threatened captioned victim, [REDACTED] alleged that the FBI through electronic surveillance, such having occurred approximately 20 years ago when he resided at [REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY, more than 100 musical compositions of his work "stolen". Among these compositions, [REDACTED] stated were such songs as "Raindrops Keep Falling" and "The Shadow of Your Smile". [REDACTED] stated that after the theft of such compositions, the FBI had given the works to FRANK SINATRA, RICHARD ROGERS, LEONARD BERNSTEIN, etc.

[REDACTED] stated that he has communicated by letter on several occasions in the past with all FBI Directors concerning the above. He stated that his letters of February, 1978, laid out in detail the circumstances surrounding the alleged electronic surveillance thefts.

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[REDACTED] advised [REDACTED]

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b7c [redacted] advised that he did not really intend any physical harm to FRANK SINATRA or anyone, as he has set forth in his letter of 7/28/80 and 7/29/80. He stated that he merely wanted to gain attention as regards to his past alleged theft of musical compositions by means of electronic surveillance. He agreed that he would write no more such letters as those described above, and that he would seek satisfaction of this matter by means of civil action.

The writer advised officials of the [redacted] Police Department on 8/15/80 regarding the [redacted] matter. In view of the aforementioned circumstances, the writer portends no violation and, therefore, recommends that this matter be placed in a closed status.