

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION

SUBJECT: ROBERTO CLEMENTE

FILE NUMBER: 92-6347

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Pittsburgh

Report of: [REDACTED] b7c

Date: 7/30/64

Office: PITTSBURGH

Field Office File No.: 92-646

Bureau File No.: 92-6347

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Synopsis:

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 7/16/64

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Surveillance conducted in the vicinity of the residence of [REDACTED] Pittsburgh, Pa., disclosed that the following two cars were parked on the street directly in front of the residence during the period of the surveillance:

1964, light green, Cadillac Coupe de Ville, tan top, bearing 1964 Pennsylvania License DC6396

Black Lincoln sedan, bearing 1964 Pennsylvania License B05931.

On 7/10/64 at Pittsburgh, Pa. File # Pittsburgh 92-646

by SA [REDACTED] ndp Date dictated 7/13/64

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at Pittsburgh, Pa.:

[redacted]

[redacted]

Surveillances conducted in the vicinity of the Crystal Barber Shop, 1605 Centre Ave., on July 10, 1964, and July 22, 1964, disclosed no activity of interest to this investigation.

On July 13, 1964, [redacted]

[redacted] advised that the records of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Harrisburg, Pa., reflect that 1964 Pennsylvania license number OC6396 is issued for a Cadillac coupe, the property of ROBERTO CLEMENTE, whose address is listed as Forbes Field Baseball Club, Pittsburgh 13, Pa.

ROBERTO CLEMENTE is a nationally known baseball player, and is presently playing as a right fielder for the Pittsburgh Pirates Baseball Team, Forbes Field, Pittsburgh, in the National League.

An item appeared in the "Pittsburgh Post-Gazette," a daily Pittsburgh newspaper, on July 11, 1964, reflecting that the mother, sister, and fiancée of ROBERTO CLEMENTE were visiting in Pittsburgh over the weekend.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

On June 2, 1964, Trooper [redacted] Pennsylvania State Police, Bureau of Criminal Identification, Washington, Pa., advised that he had no record for [redacted]

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SUBJECT: ROBERTO CLEMENTE

FILE NUMBER: 9-55112

FBI

Date: 11/13/72

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

Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (9-2498) (P)

SUBJECT: UNSUB;
ROBERTO CLEMENTE -
VICTIM
EXTORTION
(OO: PITTSBURGH)

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Enclosed for the Bureau, Newark, and San Juan is one copy each of an FD-302 of an interview with _____ the Pittsburgh Pirates, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Enclosed for the FBI Laboratory and the original of an envelope postmarked Clifton, New Jersey, 9/26/72, and addressed "in care of Roberto Clemente, Pittsburgh Pirates, Three Rivers Stadium, Pitts., Pennsylvania, 15212," and a typewritten note in red ink contained therein beginning with "TO MR. ROBERTO CLEMENTE," and ending with "DID YOU EVER GET SHOT WITH A SHOTGUN BEFORE?"

the Pittsburgh Pirates, advised that a letter postmarked 9/26/72, making a threat on the life of ROBERTO CLEMENTE during a game played at Three Rivers Stadium in Pittsburgh on 9/29/72, was received at Three Rivers Stadium. The

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 - 1 - Newark (Enc. 1) (Info)
 - 2 - San Juan (Enc. 1)
 - 2 - Pittsburgh
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Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

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letter was processed presumably as normal fan mail and did not come to [redacted] attention until 11/1/72. [redacted] advised that the game referred to in the letter was in fact played on 9/29/72, without incident. [redacted] further advised that ROBERTO CLEMENTE is currently in Puerto Rico.

On 11/7/72, the facts of this case were discussed with AUSA JAY WALDMAN at Pittsburgh, Pa. Mr. WALDMAN advised that inasmuch as the date of the threat against the life of ROBERTO CLEMENTE was passed, and since there were no follow up threats nor any clue as to possible suspects, the matter did not merit further investigation.

Request of the Bureau:

The FBI Laboratory is requested to copy enclosed letter for inclusion in anonymous letter file and return to Pittsburgh.

LEADS

SAN JUAN

AT SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO

The San Juan Office is requested to contact ROBERTO CLEMENTE and advise him of the threat that has been made against his life.

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in care of
Roberto Clemente
Pittsburgh Pirates
Three Rivers Stadium
Pitts., Pennsylvania
15212



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9-55112-1

TO MR. ROBERTO CLEMENTE:
ON SEPTEMBER 29TH, FRIDAY AT PITTSBURGH PIRATES THREE RIVERS
STADIUM IN THE TOP OF THE SECOND INNING YOU WILL BE SHOT
WHILE PLAYING RIGHT FIELD. I'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU. LET'S SAY
IT'S A PRESENT FROM A MET'S FAN. SEE YOU IN HELL.
P.S. DID YOU EVER GET SHOT WITH A SHOTGUN BEFORE?

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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NO LAB FILE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: UNSUB;
ROBERTO CLEMENTE -
VICTIM;
EXTORTION

File # 9-55112-1
Lab.# D-721116009 NL

OO: PITTSBURGH

Examination requested by: Pittsburgh (9-2498) airtel 11/13/72

Examination requested: Document

Date received: 11/15/72

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Grimes

ALL - Neg - added.

No P.W. on W 113 Q1 & Q2

*84 U. S. postage stamp - came from a card
of stamps attached to P1*

*T. W. Q2 - too thin to identify. Hand writing
same. The stamp and its entire corner piece
style of type. Same as for. 4. of 10. 11. per*

Q1 Envelope postmarked "CLIFTON, NJ PM SEP26 1972,"
bearing the hand printed address "-in care of
Roberto Clemente Pittsburgh Pirates Three Rivers
Stadium Pitts., Pennsylvania 15212"

Q2 Accompanying sheet of paper bearing typewritten message
beginning "TO MR. ROBERTO CLEMENTE: ON SEPTEMBER
29TH, FRIDAY . . ."

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RETURN EVIDENCE

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Q1 6.45 X 3.60 X .0030 No um, No indent mt, 8^t stamp
from coil of stamps

Q2 9.00 X 8.50 X .0035 No um, No indent mt

Serialized & added ALF

Q2 Pica .254 1263 Smith Corona Kate

Q1 HP Low core Penn, N.J. Kate



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

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To: SAC, Pittsburgh (9-2498)

Date: December 1, 1972

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From: Director, FBI

REC-140

Re: UNSUB;
ROBERTO CLEMENTE - VICTIM;
EXTORTION

FBI File No. 9-55112 - 1

Lab. No. D-721116009 NL

OO: PITTSBURGH

Examination requested by: Pittsburgh

Reference: Airtel dated 11/13/72

Examination requested: Document

Remarks:

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Enclosures (4) (Q1, Q2, and 2 Lab report)

- Felt _____
- Baker _____
- Bates _____
- Bishop _____ (4)
- Callahan _____
- Cleveland _____
- Conrad _____
- Dalbey _____
- Jenkins _____
- Marshall _____
- Miller, E.S. _____
- Ponder _____
- Soyars _____
- Walters _____
- Tele. Room _____
- Mr. Kinley _____
- Mr. Armstrong _____
- Ms. Herwig _____
- Mrs. N. Shanahan _____

MAILED 7
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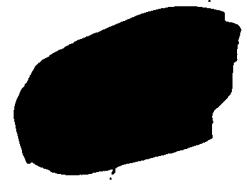
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REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: SAC, Pittsburgh (9-2498)

Date: December 1, 1972
FBI File No. 9-55112
Lab. No. D-721116009 NLRe: UNSUB;
ROBERTO CLEMENTE -
VICTIM;
EXTORTION

Specimens received 11/15/72

- Q1 Envelope postmarked "CLIFTON, NJ PM SEP 26 1972," bearing the hand printed address "-in care of Roberto Clemente Pittsburgh Pirates Three Rivers Stadium Pitts., Pennsylvania 15212"
- Q2 Accompanying sheet of paper bearing typewritten message beginning "TO MR. ROBERTO CLEMENTE: ON SEPTEMBER 29TH, FRIDAY..."

Result of examination:

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

No indented writing or watermarks were found in Q1 and Q2.

An eight-cent U. S. postage stamp, which came from a coil of stamps, is attached to Q1.

The questioned typewriting on specimen Q2 is too limited to specifically classify, however, it most closely resembles the standard for Smith-Corona pica style of type, having a horizontal spacing of ten letters per inch.

Specimens Q1 and Q2 are returned herewith. Photographs are retained.

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DATE 10-2-86 BY SP8GJ/CL
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CLIFTON
PM
SEP 26
1972



-in care of
Roberto Clemente
Pittsburgh Pirates
Three Rivers Stadium
Pitts., Pennsylvania
15212

D-721116009 Q1 NL

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WHILE PLAYING RIGHT FIELD. I'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU. LET'S SAY
IT'S A PRESENT FROM A RED'S FAN. SEE YOU IN HELL.
P.S. DID YOU EVER GET SHOT WITH A SMITH? BEFORE?

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION

SUBJECT: ROBERTO CLEMENTE

FILE NUMBER: 62-12188

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- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Felt
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Bishop
- Mr. Miller, E.S.
- Mr. Callahan
- Mr. Casper
- Mr. Conrad
- Mr. Dalbey
- Mr. Cleveland
- Mr. Ponder
- Mr. Bates
- Mr. Waikart
- Mr. Walters
- Mr. Soyars
- Tele Room
- Miss Holmes
- Miss Gandy

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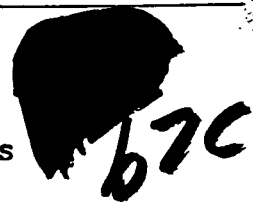


Manchester NH 03102

Dear Sir

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How are you I want to take this opportunity to tell you whats in my Heart.



I think you are the Greatest American of this Century and History will record you as such. I realize the years are advancing But Mr Hoover you are. Great and Erned that title

I am down Hearted when Somebody puts you down that Couldn't even tie your Shoelaces you have Dvoted your Life to make the FBI the Greatest and it only reflects its Great Leader Both as a man as a Great Church Leader. and a Great Humanartian Im only 36 But you've always Been my Idol. I wrote you once Before & you wrote Back in your own Handwriting I appreciated that Its Popular today to put People Down in Govt whether they Be President or Vice Pres or so on all these Johnny Come lately that are going to save us. for my Money, I wish they'd all go back to Minn, Mass, So Dak, Maine and So on

I just wanted to Let. you know Mr Hoover that you still have great Following & when you decide to step down they may Replace you in Name. But to all good Americans they'll be only one Mr FBI or Mr G. Man Excuse my. Spelling as I am a Retired G.I. and not all that Bright

copy:el

62-12188-12530

b7c ack

1-31-72
JPK: am...

Enclosed is Something you may. want to show the
President We had Roberto Clemente at a Banquet *Pa*
& you can Read what he. Said We need a lot more
Roberto Clemente today God Bless You. Mr Hoover *N.H.*
& keep you in good. Health The Pope I Believe
made you a Knight ^{of} Pythes ^{of} he couldn't have
made a wiser selection

God Bless & Keep You



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To a Great American...

PS this touched me deeply Mr Hoover

ROBERTO CLEMENTE ★
OF THE WORLD CHAMPION
PITTSBURGH PIRATES!



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" I WOULDN'T TRADE THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR ANY COUNTRY IN THE WORLD!!"
CLEMENTE

" THE OPPORTUNITY PRESENTS ITSELF IN THIS COUNTRY FOR EVERY PERSON TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT. I JUST CONSIDER MYSELF FORTUNATE TO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO LIVE AND PLAY BASEBALL IN AMERICA, THE GREATEST COUNTRY OF ALL! "
CLEMENTE

DEAR ROBERTO,
Your statements at the recent Baseball Dinner in Manchester, show that not only are you a great ball-player, but a great human being and a great American.
Your sincerity truly makes those of us who are inclined to run this country down really ashamed.
You prove that despite the problems we face in America today, that this country is still truly the greatest land in the world.
Our deepest thanks to you for restoring this confidence in us!
Sincerely yours, AMERICA!



[Handwritten signature]
11/23/72

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