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In June, 1973, Special Agents of our Philadelphia office launched an intensive investigation into an organization of black racketeers self-styled the "Black Mafia," which was then active in a wide spectrum of criminal activities including murder, robbery, extortion, and narcotics traffic.

The investigation, which is continuing, has produced voluminous information concerning the criminal activities of this group. As a direct result of this concentrated investigation, "Black Mafia" Supreme Capital  and two associates were recently convicted in United States District Court, Philadelphia, for violation of the Hobbs Act and were sentenced to long prison terms. A fourth subject  who assaulted an FBI Agent with a knife during the initial arrest in the Starks case, is awaiting trial in United States District Court for violation of the Assaulting a Federal Officer Statute.

Information which has been developed in the course of this investigation not relating to a specific Federal statute within our jurisdiction was promptly disseminated to other Federal and local agencies. This has resulted in the arrest by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms of seven high-ranking members of the "Black Mafia" for violation of Federal firearms statutes. In addition, the Drug Enforcement Administration has moved against 25 other "Black Mafia" members for violation of Federal narcotics statutes. Among those currently under Federal indictment for narcotics violations are

who are major figures in the "Black Mafia."

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**The Attorney General**

**The "Black Mafia" is currently attempting to gain control of the entire numbers racket in the Philadelphia area and our investigation is now concentrated on this aspect of their operation.**

**The above is being furnished for your information and you will be promptly advised of any additional pertinent developments.**

**1 - The Deputy Attorney General**

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Re Philadelphia LHM to Bureau, dated 10/30/73,  
Philadelphia report of SA [REDACTED], dated  
11/30/73, Philadelphia report of SA [REDACTED]  
dated 7/30/74.

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In June 1973, Philadelphia Division instituted  
a ten man special to locate and apprehend [REDACTED]

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Mich., pending extradition hearings to New York. As a  
result of an intensive investigation it was determined  
that there exists in Philadelphia an organization of  
Black hoodlums, commonly known as the Black Mafia. It  
was ascertained that this group is engaged in a wide  
spectrum of criminal activities, including, but by no  
means limited to, murder, robbery, extortion and narcotics  
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As noted in the administrative section of referenced report, dated 7/30/74, all known criminal information developed by the Philadelphia Division has been promptly disseminated to local and other federal agencies, such as Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Alchohol Tobacco Firearms and Secret Service. Initially, this information comprised the names and associates of all known members of the Black Mafia and their primary criminal activities. Subsequently, the Philadelphia Division has consistently disseminated voluminous and valuable information to these agencies concerning those criminal activities outside FBI jurisdiction. As a result of this dissemination, the IRS, ATF and DEA have accomplished the following respectively:

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Black Mafia in Philadelphia is Black Muslim dominated in that all of its leaders have their Xs, and the majority of members is "own form," to obtain their Xs, making them full-fledged members of the Nation of Islam (NOI).

The local NOI Mosque in Philadelphia, PA. Mohammed Mosque Number 12 is referred to as the gangster or hoodlum Mosque. The Leader or Master of this Mosque is [redacted] aka [redacted] [redacted]

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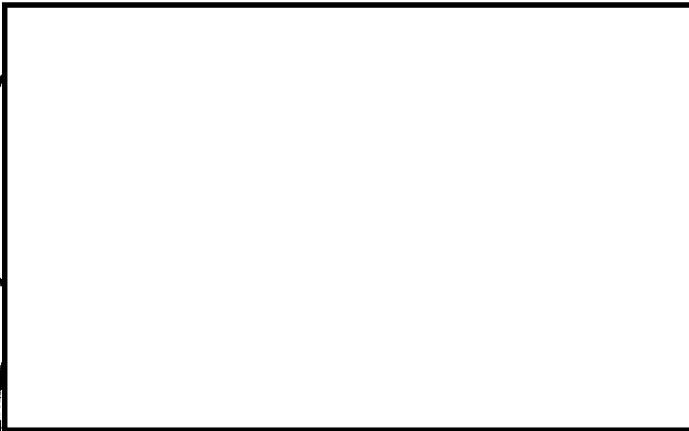
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In July 1974, the Philadelphia Office furnished information to DEA which directly implicates [redacted] in narcotics traffic in Philadelphia and [redacted] major cities along the Eastern Seaboard. Based on this information, national investigation with international ties is presently being conducted by DEA.

In addition to the above, Philadelphia Division has furnished local law enforcement authorities with information concerning numerous murders and shootings involving members of the Black Mafia, the results which are not presently known.

In July 1974, Philadelphia Division was able to furnish information to New Jersey State Police which enabled them to make a positive identification on a Black male found dead, whose body had washed up on the beach of the State Police Barracks in Sea Girt, New Jersey, on 6/28/74. This individual was HARRISON RAY, a Black Mafia member and narcotics trafficker.

As far as violations within FBI jurisdiction are concerned, the Bureau is already aware of the three convictions obtained (where a total of 25 years were imposed) in the following matter.



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SA [redacted] - Victim b7C  
Hobbs Act - Extortion  
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Philadelphia is presently investigating a very large scale numbers gambling operation, operated by the Black Mafia. Black Mafia is rapidly gaining control of the entire numbers racket in Philadelphia, and a report on this matter is currently being typed to be submitted to the Bureau.

Finally, as a result of Philadelphia's investigation in captioned matter, valuable criminal and noncriminal contacts have been established throughout the entire community, which has afforded this Division excellent coverage concerning activities of the Black Mafia. These contacts have freely availed themselves of criminal information, not so much because of positive feelings towards law enforcement in general, but because of the outstanding reputation for integrity and honesty of the FBI, and the ability of this organization to cope with organized crime.

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LEADS

Because of the volume of leads in the Philadelphia Division they are not being set out in this report. Investigation in this matter continues to be vigorously pursued.

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In instances where information was developed regarding criminal activities outside FBI jurisdiction, this information was disseminated to the proper agencies for whatever action they deemed necessary. It should be noted, however, that some information could not be disseminated to protect informants. Additionally, Philadelphia has been circumspect because of "leaks" from other agencies according to well-informed sources.

In referenced communication dated 9/14/74, the Bureau was apprised of the contributions the Philadelphia Division made to other law enforcement agencies leading to them ultimately making numerous arrests. Also, the Bureau has been made aware of the four convictions obtained by Philadelphia regarding Black Mafia members involved in extortions.

Narcotics trafficking continues to be the BM's most visible and lucrative enterprise, however, numbers gambling has also become a valuable source of income. Indications are that the BM intends to control all currently controlled Black numbers operations in Philadelphia. A T-III coverage of the BM numbers operation is anticipated in the near future.

The investigative period is extensive because of case agent's participation in several specials during this period. Additionally, he attended two weeks of in-service training. However, the investigation has been kept current through intra-office communication.

Telephone subscriber identifications set forth on FD-302s resulted from telephone numbers found in the possession of BM members when they were arrested by Federal and local law enforcement officials.

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Although Philadelphia is aware of numerous extortion schemes perpetrated against businessmen by the BM, no one has been willing to prosecute for fear of reprisal against their families.

The following information was given confidentially and is, therefore, included in this section:

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The following investigation was conducted on  
December 5, 1974, by SAs [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] SOURCE  
[REDACTED] also known as [REDACTED]  
(Protect). [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said that he is involved in numbers  
gambling, however, he is not now, or has he ever turned  
any of his numbers work to the Black Mafia numbers  
operation. He did say, however, that several months ago,  
he was approached by [REDACTED]

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in that regard. [REDACTED]

MEMBER OF SUSPECT ORGANIZATION [REDACTED]

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Another individual who is involved is [REDACTED]

the office man for the Black Mafia numbers operation,  
and he keeps all of the books and records. [REDACTED]

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old, 5'2" - 5'3", [REDACTED]  
added that he does not know [REDACTED]  
on several occasions in the past, he has seen [REDACTED]  
driving south on Mount Pleasant Avenue, and he presumes  
he lives somewhere north of his residence.

According to [REDACTED]

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In addition to the aforementioned individuals,  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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is the main financier for the Black Mafia numbers operation. He believes that this operation is centered around the 56th and Wyalusing area.

PA. [redacted] also said that he is of the opinion that the majority of the Black Mafia numbers operation is located in South and West Philadelphia. He suggested that Bureau Agents also talk to numbers gamblers in North Philadelphia, such as [redacted]

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[redacted] said that he would provide the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) with any information concerning the Black Mafia numbers operation, should he acquire such. [redacted]

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[redacted] said that this number, which is MA . . . . ., could possibly be a significant number, and that when he goes to his place of business, he would contact Bureau Agents and provide this number to them.

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PA. [redacted] further said that a couple of weeks ago, an after-hours establishment [redacted] in West Philadelphia was robbed by individuals believed to be members of the Black Mafia. [redacted] that he was initially approached by [redacted] who wanted [redacted]

[redacted] apparently did not accede to their wishes and, in turn, he was robbed a couple of weeks later. The robbers had a machine gun in their possession when they came into this place. [redacted] PA.

[redacted] was visiting at this location when the robbery attempt was made, however, he managed to escape by jumping out of a window. An attempt was made to shoot him, but the gun misfired, thus enabling [redacted] According to [redacted] notified the police and, consequently, the robbery attempt was thwarted because they [redacted]

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Synopsis:

The Black Mafia (BM) continues to exist in Philadelphia and the criminal activities of this group represent a serious threat to the citizens of this city. Membership estimates range from 200-250 individuals with 15 to 25 of them considered to be "hard-core" members. The BM controls 80 percent or more of the narcotics traffic within the "Black community." In September, 1974, the Drug Enforcement Administration arrested 20 BM members including key figures such as [REDACTED]

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Their trials are expected to begin in January, 1975. "The Black Mafia is an organized group of Black hoodlums involved in criminal activities including, but not limited to, murder, robbery, extortion, and narcotics trafficking. The Black Mafia's primary weapons used to control these criminal activities are the use of fear and murder." [REDACTED]

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I. EXISTENCE

A. NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

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# Petty Hoodlums Organize

The Sunday Bulletin

Sunday, October 6, 1974

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## and Become Black Mafia

### Group Controls 80 Pct. of Heroin and Cocaine

By JOSEPH D. McCAFFREY

*Of The Bulletin Staff*

Early on a winter evening on a dark, depressing South Philadelphia street in the middle of the black ghetto, several shotgun blasts from a rooftop boom through the darkness. Three out of four men in a convertible below are hit; the fourth flees.

On an equally gloomy, debris-littered North Philadelphia street the disembodied head of a heroin dealer is left in a place where it can be found by other heroin dealers, left there by those who want to take over the territory.

In a Washington, D.C., neighborhood a small group of gunmen invade a house occupied by members of a small black religious sect and murder seven people, including four children whom they drown in bathtubs.

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## Apparent Ties

### There's Connection

All of the above incidents at first glance seem to have no connection, but they do. In all cases members of an organization that calls itself the Black Mafia were involved.

In the first two cases, the Black Mafia was deeply involved in a war with street gangs and drug pushers to control the heroin traffic of the ghetto.

In recent weeks the Black Mafia has come into the news as federal Drug Enforcement Administration agents and Philadelphia policemen rounded up 20 major heroin dealers here and identified them as Black Mafia members.

Immediately following the arrests several black clergymen and community leaders claimed that the Black Mafia had them marked for assassination. Among those who said they were marked were Muhammed Kenyatta, executive director of the Black Economic Development Corp., and Reggie Schell, former leader of the Black Panther Party and a community leader.

But the Black Mafia has been an emerging force in the criminal underworld since about 1969. It is, some law enforcement officers say, centered around a small group of black criminals who, by their strong personalities and talents for organization, have welded a group of otherwise disorganized black drug pushers and petty hoodlums into an effective criminal force.

Even though they have adopted the name, "Mafia," the group has no known ties with the old Italian crime syndicate and in many cases is in competition with them.

They do, however, have apparent ties with black crime organizations in other cities as evidenced by the ease with which members who go into hiding can find refuge in other cities. And they are different from other black gangs in their high degree of organization, lawmen say.

Here is the story that emerges:

It all began in 1969 when Samuel Christian, 35, a hulking black hoodlum, six feet tall and 215 pounds, became interested in the Nation of Islam (NOI) or as it is widely known, the Black Muslims. Christian, who had a record of 27 arrests going back many years, joined the mosque which is now at 1319 Susquehanna ave. and soon became a leader in the para-military youth group called the Fruit of Islam.

There, lawmen say, Christian learned valuable lessons about organization and discipline.

The group is an all-black religious organization that accepts all blacks, regardless of their criminal records, lawmen said. But spokesmen deny their mosques are havens for criminals; rather they say their job is to accept criminal types with the hope of making them responsible members of the community.

The relationship, however, if there is one between the Black Muslims and the Black Mafia, remains a delicate issue. Attempts to reach members of Muhammed's Temple of Islam at 1319 Susquehanna ave. were unsuccessful. The fact remains that many of the original members of the Black Mafia were Black Muslims and in at least one case the Hanafi Muslims murder in Washington, D.C. committed a crime apparently to avenge the honor of the Black Muslims.

### Group Organized

At any rate, Christian,

ce Below)

along with Roosevelt "Spooks" Fitzgerald, 47, Ronald Harvey, 34, and two or three others became involved with the mosque and began building a group around them, either within the mosque or on their own.

At first, lawmen say, following the teachings of the group they began to drive dope pushers off the streets. Then they began extorting money from the pushers as a price for letting them alone.

It was then, lawmen say, sometime in 1972 or 1973 that they began to take over all the heroin traffic and all of the extortion and other action in the black ghetto.

On Easter Sunday, 1972 during a floor show at the Club Harlem in Atlantic City, a very fat, very rich heroin dealer named Tyrone "Fat Ty" Palmer was assassinated in front of 500. "Fat Ty," his bodyguard and three others were left for dead by four gunmen.

Christian and Harvey were prime suspects in that murder, but so far none of the 500 at the Club Harlem have been willing to step forward and positively identify Christian or Harvey; so charges have been dropped.

It is believed that "Fat Ty" refused to kickback to Christian or Harvey, so he was "capped," lawmen said.

But heroin was to dominate their interest.

All during 1972 and 1973, law enforcement men say, Christian's gang continued moving into the heroin distribution business. Some pushers were recruited, others were allowed to be associated as long as they paid tribute to the Black Mafia. Those who didn't were killed.

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### Both Executed

Among those murdered were Hilton Stroud, 31, of 43d near Mantua and Walter Tillman, 34, also of West Philadelphia. Both were executed in Camden on May 21, 1973.

Another independent drug pusher known to lawmen as "Bo" Agney was murdered by the Black Mafia Feb. 20, 1974. Abley's head was chopped off and put in a bag. The bag was left on a doorstep at 20th and Mt. Vernon st. All the other independent drug pushers in North Philadelphia got the message as the Black Mafia consolidated its control this year.

As of last week law enforcement officials were estimating the Black Mafia controls 60 percent of the heroin and cocaine sold in Philadelphia black ghetto.

Sometime in 1972 Christian, head of the Black Mafia, went into hiding, law officers say. He was wanted in connection with the murder of Major Coxson in Cherry Hill, N.J., in connection with the murder of seven members of the Hanafi Muslim sect in Washington, D.C., in 1973 in connection with the Club Harlem shootout and was a prime suspect in an armed robbery investigation in New York.

While Christian was in hiding, Eugene "Bo" Baynes — a thin, dapper man with only a few minor arrests — is believed taken charge with the help of a daily telephone call from Christian.

### Fights Extortion

But in December 1973, the FBI arrested Christian in Detroit where he still waits, fighting extradition to a number of places.

From that time on law enforcement officials believe Baynes has been running the Black Mafia in Philadelphia.

It is not known how much Fitzgerald has to say—now that Christian is off the scene. Lawmen said he has developed a heroin habit and has been suspended from the mosque for drug use. It is believed this will hurt his standing in the crime organization.

Many law officers believe, however, that public reports of criminal activity among members of the Philadelphia mosque has alarmed some Islam officials.

"Ninety-nine percent of the members of Islam are 'true believers' and detest criminal activity," one lawman said. "Those few are giving the whole group a bad name."

And since many of the younger members of the Black Mafia refuse to abide

by the strict rules of personal conduct set by the group, they are not members and some law enforcement officials believe a public break may be imminent. Others disagree.

### Organization Built Up

Baynes, who was arrested last week by U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration agents and is now on bail, has built up an organization that has several hundred members and associates.

The organization has found its new members by absorbing many of the street gangs in the ghetto, by actively recruiting among the black populations in all the prisons, and by bringing in drug dealers and other petty hoodlums from the streets who will cooperate with them.

The officers in the Black Mafia for the most part are former gang leaders.

Heroin appears to be their prime moneymaker, lawmen say.

Although the organization is active in the distribution of heroin, law enforcement officials said, they come in the chain of distribution relatively low, or close to the street level, so their profits are not as high as those of an international smuggler.

Estimates of their heroin business go as high as \$50,000 a week and their extortion take, mostly from black businessmen, tops \$40,000 weekly.

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### Goes to the Law

Now and then an extortion victim goes to the law, as in the case of Ulysses Rice, a tavern owner on Wister St. in West Oak Lane.

Three men came into his bar early this year asking for money for the Black Muslims. Rice made a donation. They then came back and demanded \$300 a week protection.

Rice called the cops. At the appointed time Rice had three FBI agents waiting at the bar. Rice paid the extortionists, the FBI agents yelled: "FBI, Freeze!" One of the extortionists lunged at the agent with a knife and was wounded in a hail of double-ought buckshot from a sawed-off shotgun the agent had beneath his coat.

### Shot, But Lived

All three extortionists were arrested and identified as Black Mafia members. Now serving time in a federal penitentiary are Larry Starks, 25, his cousin Clarence Sparks, 22, and Deramus Knowles, 23, who was hit by the shotgun blast and lived.

Three other Black Mafia members also were arrested and convicted.

The supervisor of the FBI

agent who fired the sawed-off shotgun was heard to say, "When we say freeze, we don't want to kiss them. We mean Freeze!"

### Setback for Group

The latest in a series of incidents, the recent sweep of major Black Mafia drug dealers has dealt the organization a setback, but has not permanently crippled it, law enforcement officials believe.

Among the 20 captured were Baynes, the leader, Eugene Hearn and James Fox, both high-ranking members, Russell Barnes who is thought to control all the teen-age gang members who work for the organization and James Hershaw Williams, a six-foot-six drug dealer who drives a black Cadillac and who is known as the "Jolly Green Giant."

All but a few are now on bail and back on the street.

Lawmen do feel, however, that they have made a dent in the organization. While the organization will supply eager members to fill the spots vacated if those arrested go to jail, lawmen have made it tougher to do business.

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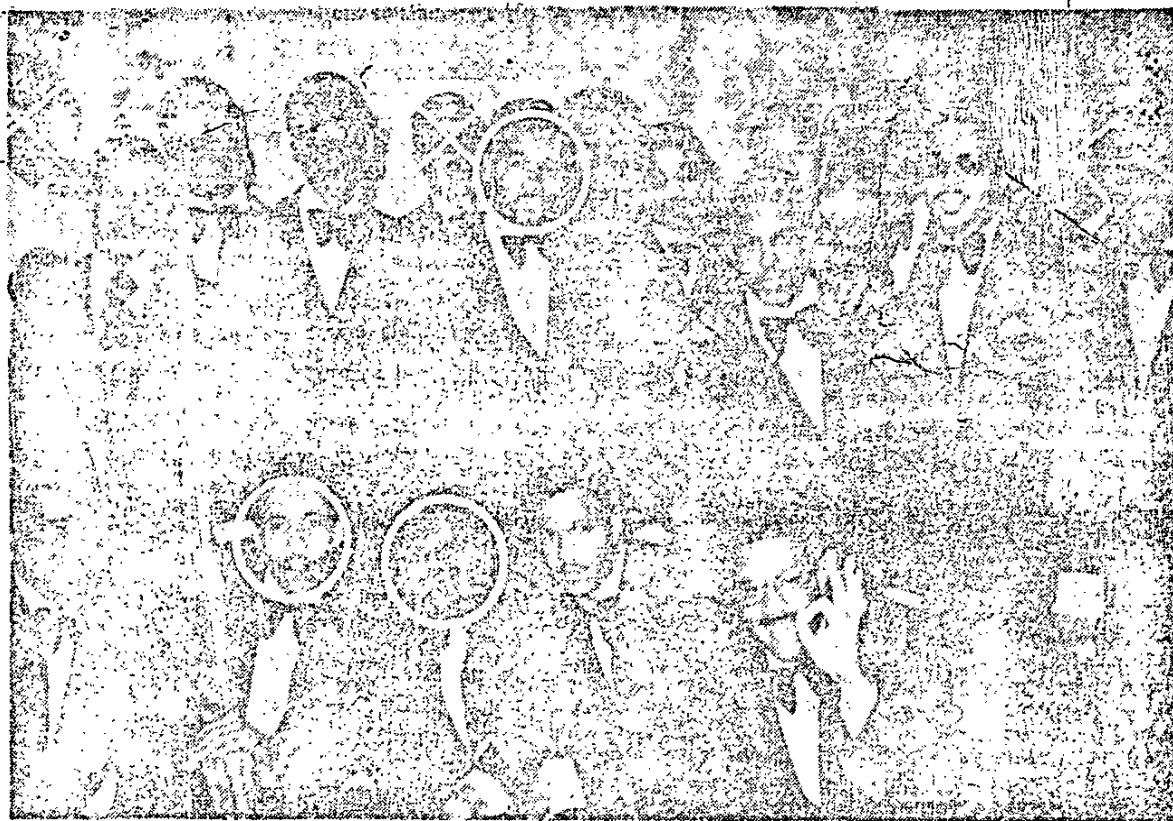
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**BLACK MAFIA NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY, DEC. 1972.**—This picture, widely circulated among law enforcement agencies, has been used to identify members. Those circled are: James Fox (top) recently arrested in a Federal drug sweep; Larris Frazier (front, left) also brought in in the Federal Drug net, and Larry Starks, now in a Federal jail following his arrest last February for extortion of interstate commerce. Those blanked out either are not identified or have no charges pending against them. All the others are either in jail or awaiting trial.

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# Organization Chart of Black Mafia

as of June 1, 1974 according to Law Enforcement Sources

**Eugene "Bo" Baynes**  
Reputed to be top man with Sam Christian (on bail)

**Eugene Hearn**  
(on bail)

**Roosevelt "Spooks" Fitzgerald**  
(no charges pending)

~~AKA ALBERT CARTIER~~  
**Albert Cartier**  
Reputed to control all drugs north of Market st.

**James Fox**  
(on bail)

**Russell Barnes**  
Reportedly controls all street gang members working for Black Mafia.  
(on bail)

**Larris Frazier**  
Reportedly controls all drugs south of Market st (on bail)

~~Lonnie Dawson~~  
**Lonnie Dawson**  
Now serving time in a Federal jail for a narcotics conviction

~~Harold Saymon~~  
**Harold Saymon**  
(no charges pending)

~~DONALD DAY~~  
**Donald Day**  
Drug pusher who reportedly became his own best customer. Out of favor nursing a heroin habit.

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FOR OUR PEOPLE

# The Black Community Versus the Black Mafia

By REV. MUHAMMAD  
KENYATTA

On September 16 and 17 Philadelphia was jarred awake by over 20 arrests of "Black Mafia" thugs on charges of peddling heroin and cocaine. Federal drug agents and FBI spokesmen accused the "Black Mafia" of at least 15 murders over the past two years.

Brother Arthur Lewis, the dedicated regional director of the Federal Drug Enforcement Agency (FDEA) explained that "an unusual aspect of the syndicate's operation was the diversionary operation of organizing juvenile gangs to commit holdups, extortion and peddle drugs."

## "IMMUNITY"

Brother Lewis explained "the gang's activities were geared to focus police and community attention on them, allowing the older Black Mafia members to operate with virtual immunity."

On January 2, 1974, the Black Economic Development Conference (BEDC) and a small group of Black ministers launched a community drive to resist dope-pushers and organized criminals in the Black and Puerto Rican communities. We named names and demanded that police authorities move to crush the "Black Mafia".

Some Black leaders were embarrassed by our audacity. More were just plain scared. But support from the poor and working class majority of Black people has been strong and unwavering.

In this column (September 14, 1974) we charged that the gang problem is being used to obscure "the graver problem posed by professional adult criminal elements." We wrote, "At least three of the deaths alleged to be youth gang killings this summer were instead casualties of the drug war."

"The fact is," we stated, "that professional adult criminals—especially heroin and cocaine racketeers—have unleashed a reign of terror in ghetto neighborhoods. . . . Meanwhile the recruitment of gang youth into professional criminality escalates."

Now police authorities at every level have attested to the truth of our charges. Indeed, since the BEDC anti-heroin crusade has been underway over 30 "Black Mafia" arrests have occurred. Those arrested include such notorious figures as Sam Christian, Ronald Harvey, Eugene "Bo" Baynes and James Fox.

Once again the people were way ahead of both the authorities and the so-called

Black establishment. As FDEA director Arthur Lewis pointed out, the FDEA crack-down reflected the efforts of community people.

The battle is far from over. Some top-echelon mobsters in the Philly heroin syndicate are still riding in style while their underlings face court proceedings. Many of the once der-for-money goons, once arrested, have been released on bail bonds, thanks to carelessness in the court system.

Yet, the recent arrests prove that a militant, aroused community can make its muscle felt. The necessary ingredients are good information, careful analysis of events and reliance on our own collective strength. It can be done. Black people are doing it.

Black Philadelphia, this writer extends you deepest congratulations. Do it to the max, baby!

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# 20 in 'Black Mafia' Arrested in Raids; Syndicate 'Broken'

Federal authorities early Monday arrested 20 members of the so-called "Black Mafia" in pre-dawn drug raids throughout the Philadelphia area.

John R. Bartels Jr., administrator of the U. S. Drug Enforcement Administration, called the arrests the "break-up of Philadelphia's infamous Black Mafia, an all-black crime syndicate dealing in narcotics, gun trafficking and murder."

The arrests, occurring at 5 A. M., climaxed six months of cooperative work between the DEA and Philadelphia police.

"This is a major victory in the war against narcotics,"

Bartels said, "made possible only through close cooperation of local and Federal agencies."

## 'No Letup in Efforts'

"This operation, coupled with the smashing of trafficking in mini-bennies throughout the United States last week, should serve as a warning to traffickers everywhere that there will be no letup in our efforts to put them out of business," Bartels said.

Arthur Lewis, regional director of the DEA, said all the drugs used in the so-called Black Mafia operations here were smuggled in from Jamaica.

These include cocaine, heroin and "large quantities of marijuana," he said in a statement released yesterday.

The alleged crime syndicate also passed counterfeit money, trafficked in guns and is involved in extortion "as well as murder," he said.

"These arrests," Lewis said, "are bound to have a national as well as international aspect, and we will not ease the pressure, (so as) to keep any other groups from filling the power vacuum."

## 12 From Area

One of those named in the original indictment, handed up last week but sealed until yesterday, was Harrison Ray. He was murdered gangland-style near Sea Girt, N. J., however, before an arrest could be made.

Those from the Philadelphia area arrested are:

Joanne Johnson, of Montrose st.; Brenda Brown, of S. 23rd st.; Edward Perry, of P. 18th st.; William Smith, of S. 17th st.; Charles [unclear], of N. Camac st.; Jerome [unclear], of S. Ringgold st.; Charles Harper, of S. 4th st.; Earl Thorton, of [unclear] st.; Fern Foster, of Dunley st.; Eugene (Bo) Baynes, of Walton ave. and James Fox, of Beverly Blvd., Upper Darby.

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# 'Black Mafia' Suspects Seized in Raids

By THOMAS J. GIBBONS JR.  
Of The Bulletin Staff

Federal agents and Philadelphia police today arrested three reputed leaders of the Philadelphia Black Mafia and six other alleged Black Mafia members as suspects on drug and weapons charges.

John R. Bartels Jr., administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration, U. S. Department of Justice, said the roundup resulted in "the breakup of the Philadelphia Mafia, an all-black crime syndicate dealing in narcotics, counterfeiting, weapons and murder."

Arthur Lewis, regional director of the Drug Enforcement Administration, described the Black Mafia as "a cancer on society, with at

least 15 murders over the past three years."

He said one of the murder victims was Harrison Ray, who was killed recently "in gangland style near Sea Girt, N. J., and who was among those to be arrested today."

Lewis said "an unusual aspect of the syndicate's oper-

ation was the diversionary operation designed to take the attention of enforcement officers away from their activities."

He explained:  
"A gang of juveniles named the Clymer st. gang was organized in South Philadelphia to commit holdups, extortion

and peddle drugs.  
"The gang's activities were geared to focus police and community attention on them, allowing the older Black Mafia to operate with virtual immunity," he said.

The three reputed leaders, arrested at their homes in early-morning raids, are:

Eugene (Bo) Baynes, 36, of the 5500 block Walton ave. West Philadelphia; James Fox, 26, of the Park Lane Apartments, Upper Darby; and Ferris Foster, 23, of the 3000 block Pierce drive, South Philadelphia.

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Robert E. J. Curran said the arrest of the three was based on sealed indictments handed up last Wednesday to U. S. District Court Judge Edward R. Becker by the federal grand jury.

Baynes, Fox and Foster are charged with distributing heroin — Baynes on 3 counts, Fox on 9 counts and Foster on 5 counts.

#### 5 More Arrested

Agents later announced the arrest of five additional suspects, ~~ARRESTED~~ ~~RAYMOND~~

They are Jerome Willie, 22, of the 1500 block S. Stillman st., Clarence Hayman, 28, of the 1800 block Morris st., Charles Harper, 35, of the 1000 block S. 4th st., William Smith, 30, of the 1600 block Fitzwater st., and Edward Perry, 27, of the 2000 block Pemberton st., all from South Philadelphia, PA.

They said Willie was cited in three indictments charging distribution of cocaine. They said Hayman was charged with possession of firearms and Harper, Smith and Perry with conspiracy to distribute heroin.

A sixth suspect arrested was Leonard Matthews, 25, of the 1400 block S. 17th st. He is charged with conspiracy to distribute heroin.

The suspects were taken to the Federal Building, 5th and Arch sts., and questioned under tight security. Two agents armed with shotguns stood guard outside the 10th floor offices.

#### Combined Operation

Joining in making the arrests were Philadelphia police and agents of the Drug Enforcement Administration and Alcohol Tax and Firearms division of the U. S. Treasury.

Curran and Lewis said the indictments handed up last week climaxed a six-month investigation in which undercover agents made buys and studied the structure of the Black Mafia.

They said the investigation disclosed that the Black Mafia smuggled in drugs from Jamaica, principally cocaine, heroin and marijuana.

Last Monday, Baynes entered a plea of guilty to a charge of failing to file a tax return on \$29,000 income in 1971. U. S. District Court Judge Donald W. VanArtsdalen said he would impose sentence Oct. 17.

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# 4 More Held In Raids on 'Black Mafia'

By ELIZABETH DUFF  
Inquirer Staff Writer

Federal authorities continued Tuesday to seek and arrest "Black Mafia" members indicted last week on drug and gun trafficking charges.

Twelve arrests were made Monday and four more arrests were made Tuesday in early-morning raids. A woman not indicted but found living with one defendant also was arrested for possession of narcotics. She is being held by Upper Merion authorities.

Those arrested Tuesday are William Jefferson, of the 3600 block of Spring Garden St. and Tamar Robinson, of the 5500 block of Walton Ave., both for possession of drugs; and Clarence Hayman and Louis Hidgett of Philadelphia, both for gun trafficking. Federal authorities said

Sealed indictments of 20 persons were signed last Wednesday by U. S. District Judge Edward Becker. As of late Tuesday, 15 had been arrested. All but four of the 15 put up bail set between \$25,000 and \$35,000. They were expected to make bail today.

Dave McKeon, special attorney for the U. S. Organized Crime Strike Force, said the raids had yielded a large quantity of heroin.

All those arrested except Hidgett and Hayman, he said, had been indicted on drug charges involving heroin or cocaine.

Two of those arrested, James Fox and Eugene Brynes, had been identified

in newspaper and magazine accounts as ranking members of the reputed black syndicate.

The regional director of the U. S. Drug Enforcement Administration, Arthur Lewis said the arrests climaxed six months of undercover work by DEA agents and the Philadelphia police.

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gers reportedly were encouraged by older gang members to strike back at their troublesome rivals — 20th and Carpenter sts. and 13th and South sts — to divert police and public attention away from their bigger brother's activities. Four boys died in that Black Mafia inspired gang war.

**THE BLACK MAFIA** members who were busted by the DEA over the last two days included reputed top leaders of the group.

The leaders were identified as Eugene (Bo) Barnes, 36, a former city trashman who with Sam Christian and Ronald Harvey (both in jail) formed the original Black Mafia in 1968; James Fox, 24, a former gang leader; Ferris Foster, 22, and Charles (Clam) Harper, 32, reputed to be top drug pushers on the east side of Broad st. in South Philadelphia; Albert Ross, 28, a Clymer st gang member who influenced the gang to join the Black Mafia, and organizer "Black" Bart Thornton, 27, in West Philadelphia.

Others arrested were Jerome Willie, 22, of Ringgold st. near Moore; Charles Bush, 31, of Camac st near Chew ave; William Smith, 29, of Fitzwater st near 17th; Edward Perry, 28, of Pemberton st. near 20th; Brenda Brown, 22, of Taylor st near 18th; William Jefferson, of Spring Garden st near 36th; Tamara Robinson, of Walton ave., near 55th; Clarence Hayman and Louis Hidgett (addresses unknown), both of Philadelphia.

Federal officials said last night all but four of the 15 had posted bail at between \$2,000 and \$25,000 and were released.

All those arrested except

Hidgett and Hayman were indicted on drug charges involving heroin and cocaine. Hidgett and Hayman were indicted for gun trafficking.

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## No Kiss of Death Seen For City's Black Mafia

By TYREE JOHNSON

Write no obits for the city's Black Mafia.

John R. Bartels Jr., chief of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, called the arrests here earlier this week of 16 suspected members of the organization as "the breakup of Philadelphia's infamous Black Mafia."

Local DEA head Art Lewis predicted "These arrests are bound to have national as well as international aspect and we will not ease the pressure as to keep any other groups from filling the power vacuum."

But the statements might be a bit premature.

The group, with an estimated 700 members, once

controlled at least 80 percent of the drug market in black neighborhoods, according to DEA figures.

INSIDERS SAY IT has a waiting list of young men eager to assume the lucrative leadership roles.

A new teenage gang is expected, according to community sources, to take the key role in keeping the operation going.

The old gang — Clymer st. — has been exposed by DEA agents and the press and is now considered a liability.

(Last July, Clymer st. was

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# 6 Black Leaders Tell of Threats

Six black community leaders said today they have been made murder targets by Black Mafia leaders for fighting heroin traffic in the city.

The Rev. Muhammed Kenyatta, chairman of the Black Economic Development Corp. (BEDC), made the charge at a press conference at BEDC.

headquarters at 1007 W. Somerset st., North Philadelphia.

"Yesterday, we received word from federal drug officials that the leadership of the Philadelphia Black Mafia has an open contract on myself and five others involved in this anticrime effort," Mr. Kenyatta said.

## Murder Contracts

He said the BEDC, a black self-help organization, and anticrime campaign in black communities since last January, with emphasis on stopping heroin sales he said were controlled by the Black Mafia, a black organized crime syndicate.

He said city and narcotics officers have been rounding up heroin dealers in larger numbers lately. Following the arrest of a "leading figure in the Philadelphia Black Mafia" last Friday, he said, federal agents learned that the murder contracts had been issued.

Mr. Kenyatta said he had verified the information through his own sources.

## Others on List

Served nearby were the five other men Mr. Kenyatta said

were on the murder list: Claude Ross, BEDC executive director; Reggie Schell, chairman of the Black United Liberation Front; Leodus Jones, chairman of Community Assistance for Prisoners; [redacted] for the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania, and Joseph Miller, an official of the Philadelphia chapter of the Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy.

Also the Rev. Wycliffe Mangoharrie, president of the Delaware Valley Association for Family Services and a project coordinator for the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority; and the Rev. Dwight Campbell, general secretary of the Church of God and Christian International, of North Philadelphia.

Also at the press conference to show their support for the BEDC officials and others were several civil rights activists, including the Rev. David Gracie, urban mission-

## Sharpening Teeth

The Mong people of Vietnam file their upper teeth down to the gums and sharpen the lower teeth into points. A shiny black lacquer made from tree sap is often spread over the remaining teeth for further beautification.

## Will Protect Selves

Mr. Kenyatta said no attempt or threats on the lives of the six men had occurred since last Friday.

"All of us involved want to serve notice that anything that happens to one of us will be responded to by all of us," he said.

"We will not sit by idly and watch ourselves become victims like the family butchered in Washington last year (a reference to seven Hanafi Muslims who were murdered by hired gunmen Jan. 13, 1973, in a house owned by basketball player Kareem Abdul Jabbar)," he said.

"We will take whatever measures are necessary to protect ourselves," he added.

When asked if he meant that he and his supporters would retaliate in violent fashion to any threats, Mr. Kenyatta said some of his backers have gun permits, but would not be more specific.

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# Kenyatta and Five Others On Black Mafia Death List

By ACCEL MOORE  
Inquirer Staff Writer

A contract for the assassination of the Rev. Muhammad Kenyatta has been issued by the Black Mafia because of the Baptist minister's continuing campaign against black organized crime, a Federal drug enforcement official said Wednesday.

Five other community leaders have been marked for death by the crime syndicate, Kenyatta said at a press conference at the office of the Black Economic Development Conference, which he heads.

Contacted after the press conference a high-ranking federal drug official confirmed Kenyatta's contention.

"I am aware that certain individuals have issued a contract for the assassination of Muhammad Kenyatta to silence him," said James Dino, deputy regional director of the Federal Drug Enforcement Agency.

Kenyatta and the BEDC began a campaign against the Black Mafia and organized

drug traffic in January by publicly naming and denouncing the leaders.

Last week, after a six-month investigation, Federal drug agents arrested 22 persons identified as leaders of the Black Mafia.

"Our campaign has proven to be successful in that it has forced Federal and local police to move against members of the black organized crime element," Kenyatta said.

Arthur Lewis, director of the drug enforcement unit, praised Kenyatta and other community leaders for their

support of his agents.

Most of those arrested were released within hours after making bail, which Kenyatta complained as being ridiculously low.

Kenyatta said that it was after the arrest of one of the reputed Black Mafia leaders that an "open contract was issued on me and the others."

Kenyatta was joined at the press conference by the others who identified themselves as being on the Black Mafia's death list.

They are: the Rev. W. (See KENYATTA on 3-C)

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BEDC official; Leotis Jones,  
of the Community Assistance  
for Prisoners, Reggie Schell,  
leader of the Black United  
Liberation Front, the Rev.  
Dwight Campbell of the  
Church of God in Christ, and  
Claude Ross, another BEDC  
official.

"The courts are saying any  
kind of crime is pardonable  
as long as the victim is  
black," Kenyatta said.

Kenyatta issued a warning  
to those who are seeking to  
harm his group, saying, "We  
will not sit by and watch  
somebody harm us."

"We will not try to stop a

bullet with a prayerbook," he  
said, adding that some of  
those on the death list are  
seeking gun permits

"We intend to take what-  
ever steps necessary to de-  
fend ourselves. Anything that  
happens to one of us will  
cause a response from all of  
us," he said.

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# In the Courts: The Fear Factor

By ELIZABETH DUFF  
Inquirer Staff Writer

Ernest Kelly was at home, watching television with his wife, when the telephone rang last Monday night. Picking it up, he heard the chilly, disembodied tones of an anonymous caller.

"You're testifying against the Brothers," the voice said.

"I have to," he replied.

"Well, you're dead, your family's dead and the FBI won't be able to save you. We'll get you one by one, day by day."

"Who is this?" Kelly asked, only to hear a click and then a dead line.

Ernest Kelly, now under protection by U. S. marshals, was to testify in the bank robbery trial here of three men, two of whom have been

convicted in Washington, D. C., for what was reportedly the largest mass murder in the capital's history.

The third was awarded a new trial by the judge.

Kelly arrived in Federal court Tuesday dressed in a brown turtleneck and wearing a gold medallion to announce he'd changed his mind.

If only he and his wife would be risking their lives, he said, it would be different. But Kelly is a family man with two sons, three grandchildren, a mother and in-laws.

The caller said everybody.

Kelly's testimony is important. A fourth man, Richard Dabney, had a separate trial on the same bank-robbery charge and the jury chose to believe Kelly. It convicted Dabney last May.

So U. S. District Court Judge Herbert A. Fogel ordered round-the-clock protection of Kelly, saying he would personally ask the Philadelphia police to cooperate.

And, calling the incident a "monstrous travesty," Fogel asked Kelly to reconsider his decision before the next hearing date, later this week.

But the Kelly incident points up a predicament for Federal authorities: When hugs (though not necessarily) (See WITNESS on 4-A)

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WITNESS, From 1-A  
defendants) use their ultimate weapon — the threat to kill a witness — to hamper the machinery of justice, just what can authorities do?

"It's a monstrous thing if, in effect, a case could be aborted and a trial never take place because principal witnesses are in fear of their life and their families' lives," Judge Fogel says.

The only way to prevent it, he says, is to come down with the "full force of government facilities," which occasionally means uprooting a witness and providing him with a new identity.

Nearly 80 percent of the 3,500 witnesses protected for trials have been replanted since 1970, a spokesman for the U. S. Marshal's Service says.

This involves new jobs, new homes, new schools for children, new names, new identities and sometimes even new hospital records.

But short of uprooting someone who simply by unfortunate circumstance witnessed a crime, what can be done?

### Withhold Names

"One measure we can take is not to disclose their names until they are required to testify," says U. S. Attorney Robert E. J. Curran.

Witnesses' names can be extremely important — so important that one agent recalls finding a man dressed as a janitor going through his desk apparently to find a list of them.

Under current rules, a court can refuse to give defendants the names of witnesses if, for example, the witnesses think they may be hurt. Now that may change, and what Curran considers the first line of defense may soon be gone.

In April, the Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure of the U. S. Judicial Conference proposed that all witnesses' names be made available to the defense.

(N, however, something happens to a witness, the

rules his pre-trial state to be entered as evidence. That has prompted a joke among U. S. attorneys that it is decent of them to plan ahead for witnesses getting "knocked off.")

Less than three weeks before the rules were to become effective, the House stepped in, granting prosecutors an extra year to study the measure.

The Judicial Conference committee's original idea, says Mike Dolan, deputy chief of the Justice Department's Office of Legislation, was to make a defendant's day in court "less and less of a game" with surprise witnesses and maneuvering, and more "a search for the truth."

But Dolan, who called the witness "the forgotten man in criminal justice," said he thought the plan would severely hamper Federal prosecutions because witnesses, already reluctant, might refuse to testify if they knew their names and addresses would be handed to defendants.

In most trials, of course, witnesses' names matter very little. For one thing, as Jeff Miller of Curran's office's criminal division points out, nearly 85 per cent of criminal cases are disposed of through plea bargaining.

He estimates that only 5 percent of cases that go to trial involve organized crime. In those cases, as Curran says, "the more professional the criminal the more apt it (intimidation of witnesses) is to happen."

What this means, Federal authorities say, is while it happens infrequently, it happens in important cases, and when it does, says Miller, it's given the "highest priority."

Physical protection of witnesses, even with round-the-clock surveillance and bodyguards, says Chris Rice of the U. S. Marshal's Service, "is not the most effective way" to counter intimidation.

Federal authorities do their best to convince witnesses to

new identity, Rice because their best protection "is space — the criminal element can't push a computer button to find out where everyone is at any given time."

But failing secrecy, physical protection or relocation, Rice concedes that it's a psychological battle for the faith of the witness, for his belief that the Federal government is stronger than a criminal.

"The decision to testify by a witness is his decision alone," he says. "We obviously encourage attempts to convince the person that it's in the best interest of justice and their own best interest to testify."

## Man Linked to Black Mafia Guilty In Slaying of Youth By Mistake

By DORIS B. WILEY  
Of The Bulletin Staff

A South Philadelphia man identified by FBI agents as a member of the "Black Mafia" was found guilty last night of first degree murder in the fatal shooting of a 16-year-old Bok Vocational High School student last Jan. 25.

Common Pleas Court Judge Robert A. Latrone deferred sentencing Clarence Starks, 23, of the 2000 block of Fitzwater st., when the jury returned their verdict after deliberating about two hours.

Starks was convicted of

shooting Jeremiah Middleton, of 1916 Montrose st., as he waited at 19th and Carpenter sts. for a bus on his way to school. The youth died a short while later.

Assistant District Attorney Dennis J. Cogan said a 17-year-old girl witnessed the shooting and testified that Starks chased Middleton until he fell and then pumped seven bullets into him.

Cogan said Starks thought Middleton was a member of the 19th and Carpenter sts. gang. However, during testimony it was brought out that the victim was a reformed

gang member when he was shot.

Starks and his cousin, Larry Starks, 26, of the 1400 block S. 18th st., were arrested in a West Oak lane bar last Feb. 21, when they allegedly attempted to extort protection money.

FBI agents were tipped in advance and were inside the bar.

At a federal hearing the next day an FBI agent identified Larry Starks as "near the top" of the Black Mafia and Clarence Starks as a member of the organization's narcotics and extortion ring.

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# Judge Admits Press to 'Black Mafia' Trial

A third attempt to bar newsmen from the trial of eight reputed Black Mafia drug pushers was quashed yesterday by U. S. District Court Judge John B. Hannum.

Judge Hannum's ruling said he had told the 30 prospective jurors to avoid news stories or broadcasts concerning the trial.

"I HAVE EVERY reason to believe they are complying with my order," said Judge Hannum.

However, attorney Morris Wolf said

he had seen several jurors reading last Friday's Daily News, which contained a story about the trial.

Morris contended the story went "beyond the record" in reporting that defendant Eugene (Bo) Barnes, 36, had been sentenced to six months in prison and fined \$1,000 for refusing to take a voice-print test.

Morris said the information might prejudice the jurors.

A jury has yet to be picked in the month-old proceedings.

**THE MEN ARE** charged with selling and distributing drugs in their South Philadelphia neighborhoods. If convicted, each could face up to 90 years in prison.

During a recess outside the courtroom, defendant Russell Barnes, 26, angrily accused Daily News reporter Tyree Johnson of trying to instigate a confrontation with him and of "working with the devil" (a phrase some use to mean "the white man"). Both Barnes and Johnson are black.

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## Reputed 'Black Mafia' Leader Jailed 4 Months in Tax Case

Eugene (Bo) Baynes, 35, reputed leader of the Philadelphia "Black Mafia," was sentenced to four months in prison and fined \$1,000 in U.S. District Court Thursday for failing to file a 1971 tax return.

Baynes, of 5553 Walton Ave., pleaded guilty Sept 9 to failing to file a return on gross income of \$29,215. The unpaid tax was \$6,141.

Baynes is one of 20 people facing federal charges of drug peddling and conspiracy. He was arrested in a Sept. 16 raid that the Drug Enforcement Administration authorities called a crack-down on the Black Mafia.

Baynes, a former city street cleaner, bartender and record promoter, Baynes owned a food market on South 56th Street in West Philadelphia.

Baynes' attorney, Harry Denker, asked U. S. District Court Judge Donald W. Van Artsdalen not to send Baynes to prison.

"I certainly do not feel, based on his background, any sort of incarceration is

warranted," Denker said.

But Assistant U. S. Attorney Richard Meltzer asked that Baynes be jailed, pointing out that Baynes faced other charges.

Meltzer said the government would now institute civil proceedings to recover the taxes and penalties. To the best of his knowledge, Meltzer

said, Baynes has not paid the back taxes.

Although Judge Van Artsdalen refused to consider the other indictment, he said "It seems to me one of the important objectives of criminal penalties is to act as a deterrent" finding that it was "not inappropriate" to give Baynes the jail sentence.

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B. INFORMANT INFORMATION

On October 22, 1974, [ ] furnished the following information:

He was originally a member of the Black Mafia (BM), however, it was then called "the family." [ ]

[ ] were the lieutenants in the district from 20th to 13th Street and from Dickerson to Chestnut Street. Each one of the above and other people like himself were considered soldiers who sold narcotics on the streets.

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In April, 1972, after the Atlantic City deal went down in the Club Harlem, Major COXSON was the biggest narcotics distributor in the area. [ ] was getting his narcotics from COXSON who was getting his narcotics from "The Dagos" from around Eighth and Ninth Streets in South Philadelphia. About this time two or three guys robbed some Dagos who were making a narcotics shipment at 50th and Baltimore. COXSON, because it was his shipment, put the word out that he wanted these men killed. They were subsequently killed in Camden, N.J. The guys who did the killing were supposed to be sent from "The Temple" and included [ ] [ ] Subsequently, "The Temple" ordered COXSON killed because he was not giving up enough money and was speaking out against the Temple.

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After the killing of COXSON, Black Incorporated (BI) was formed and the members began extorting from businessmen and racketeers. BI started for the following reasons:

- (1) To throw the community off by saying they were doing good, and
- (2) The soldiers were supposed to organize the young boys - gang members. They were to be used to sell and distribute narcotics and to collect extortion monies.

[ ] were the brains behind BI.

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[redacted] were supposed to be the lieutenants for all of the gang members. Around then there developed warfare between some of the gangs and BI. [redacted] was a close friend to [redacted]

SUNNY PINKARD was killed by two young gang members and on that same day, shots were fired at [redacted] by a young gang member. [redacted] decided to break away from BI, and he moved to West Philadelphia.

He got himself a job and started working. At about this time the Black Mafia opened up Chestnut Auto Body Shop at Chestnut and 49th Streets. The men who are actually supposed to [redacted]

On many occasions, source has seen [redacted]

and numerous other members of the Black Mafia (BM) coming to this location. [redacted]

Sometime later, the car [redacted] had, something happened to it, and [redacted]

After giving [redacted] the \$500, he approached [redacted] at the [redacted]

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of this happened before February, 1974, and he had no further [redacted]  
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The first week in July, 1974, after [redacted]  
[redacted] a guy (possibly from North Philadelphia, because source does not know him from South or West Philadelphia) came to him and told him he had to give up \$200 every month and for him to have the money on his person every day beginning with the 25th of the month to the end of the month or until they collected from him.. [redacted]  
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[redacted]

[redacted] Last month (September) they sent a wino and told him to leave the money in a [redacted]  
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[redacted] The money in the machines was taken and they were broken. He later received a call, and the caller told him to go around to the store. He did so and saw the damage they had done. He has not seen or heard from the BM since then.

In regard to the BM-NOI relationship, [redacted] said the relationship is strictly money, and the Mosque does not care about anyone unless he is in the Mosque. With [redacted] and other leaders in jail in difficulty with the law, whoever comes forth with the most money can fill their shoes. The BM is run like the army, and the Mosque particularly the FOI are the "overseers." PA

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Financial backers for the BM are the [redacted] and [redacted] which is located on a [redacted] and also [redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted] usually put up the bail money for the BM because the Mosque will not. He said the Mosque will take the money, but they will not give it up.

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[redacted] said the majority of businesses on 52nd Street are paying extortion money to the BM. He said those which are not are owned by cops or someone with a lot of power.

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The BM is extorting heavily from GAMBLE and HUFF, musicians and composers, who are not involved in any known illegal activities. They are also forced to provide free entertainment for the Temple whenever they present any social functions.

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On October 29, 1974, [redacted] furnished the following information:

He is associated with many individuals who consider themselves part of the "Organized Crime Element" in Philadelphia. These individuals frequently meet as a group. They are constantly aware of police, FBI, and other Federal agencies constantly seeking information about them and their operation. As a result, they have decided upon a code that enables them to record phone numbers, which they consider to be confidential in such a way that the law enforcement agencies may not easily obtain the real number.

These codes are usually changed approximately once every month and is decided upon and passed on to each individual in the group, so that all know the code. The code that is now being used involved what source describes as the rule of tens. He used an example of number BA 5-8471. This number, when written down in a book, would appear as BA 5-2639 because the individual with the number would know the code he got and easily add the numbers necessary to the last four digits to obtain the real number. For example, the number when written would appear BA 5-2639. The real number would be obtained by adding eight to the two to make ten, four to the six to make ten, seven to the three to make ten, and one to the nine to make ten.

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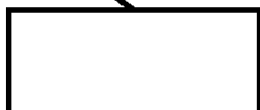
The two beginning letters can also be changed and are sometimes used as multiples of five or ten, depending on what exchanges are available.

The following current numbers for individuals in this group who frequently change their phone numbers:



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The organization as he knows it, is set up and includes the following individuals who make up part of the leadership:



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Other individuals who hold other positions not known include [redacted] and [redacted]

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The leadership of this group recently called a meeting and during this meeting it was also decided that because of a current dyed money situation, and the fact that the Nation of Islam had also tied down on their operations, the Organized Crime Element would again start collecting taxes in North Philadelphia.

On Friday, October 25, 1974, the North Philadelphia Business Establishments were first contacted. The taxes were determined to start at \$100.00, and go up, depending on the source of income and the type of business. They decided to hit all legitimate, semi-legitimate, and illegal operations going on in North Philadelphia and to assess all of them as soon as possible. All of the businesses and operations were informed that every Friday would be tax day. The individuals responsible for the threats, which were made on October 25, 1974, include [redacted]

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[redacted] and several other individuals from South Philadelphia, whom the source did not know. Four of the individuals arrived at the Dew Drop Inn, 13th and Cumberland Streets, at approximately 1 P.M., on October 25, 1974, and they attempted to ascertain the identity of any numbers operators, loansharks, speak easies, or pushers, working near that corner. They attempted to attain those names by using strong armed tactics on anyone found on the street, when they arrived.

He does not know of any direct connections to the Nation of Islam, except that all of the individuals involved in the Organized Crime go to the Temple and [redacted] and [redacted] both have their Xs. He stated that this group includes about 300 other individuals who are all affiliated in one way or another with the Mohammed Temple. Because of the pressure being exerted and by rumors, a war may result from these collection operations between the Muslims and the Organized Crime. People are now carrying weapons because of these rumors. During the weekend of October 26-27, 1974, CARL PRESTON was shot and killed at 10th and Dauphin Streets, and THOMAS TROTTER was murdered and his body dumped in West Oak Lane.

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Several persons approached by the Organization who do not intend to pay include [redacted] from the Dew

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Drop Inn, [redacted] from the Dew Drop Inn, as well as [redacted]  
who [redacted]  
[redacted] whom the source does  
not know, is also attempting to resist the payments.

DA. PA. [redacted] who is good friends with [redacted]  
[redacted] has been resisting the  
Muslims attempting to muscle in on their operations in the  
vicinity of 17th and Cumberland, 18th and Dauphin area.  
[redacted] has many of the "corner boys" lined up with  
him, and if the shooting starts, [redacted] could "take  
out" many of the Muslims, because he has control of many of  
these gang members.

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## II - BLACK MAFIA MEETINGS

On July 17, 1974, [ ] furnished the following information:

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The Black Mafia meeting was held on July 13, 1974, but that it was delayed until approximately 9:00 p.m. He felt that the reason for the delay was the shooting of [ ]. In any case, the meeting was held at [ ] and lasted approximately two hours. He estimated that twenty members of the Carpenter Street gang and forty Black Mafia members were present. The main points of discussion were the individuals targetted for collection at the last meeting. The deadline of two weeks was set for these individuals to pay, and after that time, they would shoot them. The Black Mafia members also discussed their program for recruiting hitmen. They now plan to recruit members from the ~~XZulu Nation~~ gagg of North Philadelphia. <sup>PA</sup> The final point of discussion was the fact that the police are too aware of the cars driven by the Black Mafia members. The members were instructed to buy junkers and to use these cars when making collections or when going to the Black Mafia meetings.

[ ] was questioned regarding the security at the Black Mafia meetings. He stated that they are conducted very much like the Nation of Islam, (NOI), meetings, in that everyone is searched at the door, and all firearms are surrendered at that time. One member stands guard outside, while another stands guard inside the front door. A table is set up in the front, where several of the board members sit and the meetings are reportedly conducted in a business-like fashion.

On July 29, 1974, [ ] furnished the following information:

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The Black Mafia meeting was held on July 29, 1974, at [redacted] and was conducted by [redacted]. The meeting lasted approximately 45 minutes, and the only topic of discussion was the individuals who have not been making payments to the Black Mafia.

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The information advised that the following individuals were listed as not paying off to the Black Mafia:

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[redacted] Philadelphia, PA.

[redacted] Philadelphia, PA.

[redacted] Philadelphia, PA.

[redacted] Philadelphia, PA.

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[redacted] Philadelphia, PA.

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The Black Mafia wants to collect \$1,000 in back debts from [redacted] and at least \$2,000 from [redacted]. The Black Mafia has put a limit of ten days on the collection of these back debts, and plans to use force if necessary. The Black Mafia members named as the group to do the enforcing are [redacted]

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The following Black Mafia members were present at the meeting on July 29, 1974:

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Several members of the 20th and Carpenter Streets gang were also present at the Black Mafia meeting. He stated that [redacted] (First Name Unknown), (FNU), [redacted] were present. The Black Mafia warned the Carpenter Street gang that some of their

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members were making collections and doing other things which had not been approved by the Black Mafia. The Black Mafia told the Carpenter Street gang that the situation would have to be straightened out or they would "deal with them." The Carpenter Street gang members took offense at this statement, and dared the Black Mafia to try anything.

On August 5, 1974, [ ] furnished the following information:

The Black Mafia held a meeting on August 4, 1974, at [ ]

[ ] The meeting was run jointly by [ ]  
[ ] The meetings are being moved around again in the interest of security, and the next one will be held at a house of a relative of [ ] in the area of [ ]

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One of the topics of discussion at this meeting was the Black Mafia's numbers operation. He stated that the following numbers writers were mentioned, along with the percentage of business the Black Mafia wanted to receive from each:

[ ] Philadelphia, PA.  
30%

[ ] Philadelphia, PA.  
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[ ] Philadelphia, PA.  
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[ ] Philadelphia, PA.  
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30% [redacted] Philadelphia, PA.

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20% [redacted] Philadelphia, PA.

50% [redacted] Philadelphia, PA.

[redacted] made the statement that the Black Mafia is tired of playing games with the above named individuals, and when the ten days is up, those who have not paid will be killed. The Black Mafia is also concerned that everyone tends to discredit them because they allowed the 20th and Carpenter Streets Gang to push them around a year ago.

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No one will be allowed to sell dope or write numbers without paying a percentage to the Black Mafia. [redacted] stated that if they catch anyone violating this edict, they will receive the same treatment as WILLIAM PARKS. Anyone who is now paying and attempts to back out will also receive the same treatment. (It is noted that WILLIAM PARKS was a drug dealer who was killed on the evening of August 1, 1974.)

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The shooting of [redacted] by [redacted] was not specifically mentioned at the Black Mafia meeting. However, many of the comments heard at the meeting were prompted by the shooting. [redacted] told the Black Mafia members that they would not allow the Carpenter Street Gang to create problems like last year. If necessary, they plan to wipe out the Carpenter Street Gang.

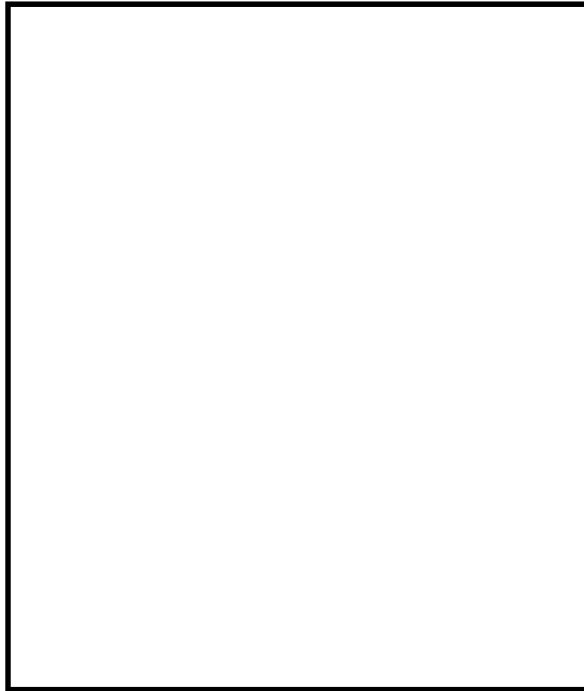
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The Black Mafia talked about informants P.A. within their ranks. They believe that [redacted] is an informant, and they plan to kill him. They also believe that there are at least five other informants, and they will also be killed as soon as they are sure who they are. It was stressed that each member must be careful what he says, and he can discuss "Family" matters only with other "Family" members. Attendance at the Black Mafia meetings is being limited to family members. All members must obey orders, and they were told that they could not turn back once they were members.

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The Black Mafia meeting lasted approximately two hours, and the following members were present:



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[redacted]  
lives in West Philadelphia, and can usually be found  
with [redacted] He is described as a Negro male,  
[redacted] approximately 25 years old, clean  
[redacted]

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[redacted] was questioned about the method of  
passing out Black Mafia contracts. He stated that they  
usually ask for volunteers first, and will draw if no  
one volunteers. So far, [redacted] has volunteered to  
handle any contracts.

On August 21, 1974, [redacted] furnished the  
following information:

The Black Mafia held a meeting on the evening  
of August 19, 1974, at [redacted] house, [redacted]  
[redacted] The meeting began approximately  
9:00 p.m., lasted for one and a half hours, and was  
attended by approximately 50 people. The meeting was  
run by [redacted]

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Philadelphia, PA.  
The main point of discussion in the  
earlier part of the meeting was the money situation.  
A statement was made that the money is now being collected,  
which seemed to indicate that the individuals previously  
listed as not making payments to the Black Mafia are now  
paying off. The Black Mafia's problem with the 20th and  
Carpenter Street Gang and the Black Mafia's numbers  
operation was not discussed at this meeting.

~~REDACTED~~  
At approximately 10:00 p.m., [redacted]  
arrived at the meeting. None of the Black Mafia members  
seemed surprised that [redacted] came to the meeting. He  
was accompanied by six individuals from the NOI: four  
of whom were identified as [redacted]

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[redacted]  
of the NOI of the West Philadelphia Temple.

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[redacted] appeared to be visibly upset.  
He addressed the Black Mafia meeting and told them that  
he was warning the members that they must "keep the money  
straight." [redacted] stated some members are not giving all

they collect, and he is now aware who these individuals are. He stated that if the situation is not corrected, he will personally deal with them. [redacted] then [redacted]

[redacted] and left the meeting. The Black Mafia members made no comment regarding [redacted] after he left.

On September 4, 1974, [redacted] furnished the following information:

The last meeting of the Black Mafia was held on Monday, August 26, 1974. The meeting began at approximately 9:00 p.m., and lasted 30 minutes. The meeting was held at [redacted], located at [redacted] Philadelphia, Pa., and was attended by approximately 40 members. The meeting was shorter than usual, and things appeared to be extremely quiet.

*WILLIAMS PARKS Deceased*  
The main topic of conversation was [redacted] who is responsible for the recent slaying of WILLIAM PARKS, 20th and Manton Streets, Philadelphia, Pa. PARKS and [redacted] were both heavily involved in narcotics traffic, and PARKS was slain because he refused to cooperate or give up anything to the Black Mafia. [redacted] was cautioned that he was being too open in his activities, and he should back up a little bit, and exercise more discretion.

[redacted] arrived at the beginning of the meeting, picked up an unknown [redacted]

[redacted] was gone for approximately ten minutes, and the source speculated that he was hiding the money in his car. [redacted] was operating a 1972 Cadillac Fleetwood Brougham. [redacted] remained after the meeting was over, but the source was unable to tell what happened after the general membership left.

There are approximately 200 active members of the Black Mafia in the Philadelphia area. The majority of members were recruited last winter from the Carpenter Street area of Philadelphia.

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On September 18, 1975, [ ] furnished the following information:

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The last Black Mafia meeting, there were 40 or 50 people present. [ ] again attended the meeting in order to get the money. He left and after a while, he returned. He stayed after the meeting was over, and talked to members of the board. A [ ]

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[ ] is in constant communication with [ ] in Detroit, Michigan. This money was held at the [ ]

[ ] Philadelphia, Pa. [ ] now has a state restaurant at [ ] Philadelphia.

[ ] also known as [ ] is now driving a beige 1970 Buick. [ ] aka [ ] is now driving a 1973 Buick with a black vinyl top. There is a new narcotics connection in New York City through [ ] Black Mafia presently consists of approximately 200 members, which is now limited because of a suspected leak. Last members recruited to this organization occurred last year, and there have been no new members since then.

[ ] and [ ] are "doing things together," by this he means that these individuals as well as other Black Mafia members have their own thing on the side whereby profits them.

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On September 21, 1974, [ ] furnished the following information:

There was no Black Mafia meeting held again this week. There might possibly have been a board meeting, but he was not able to confirm it, and any information concerning activities was passed to the general membership at local bars.

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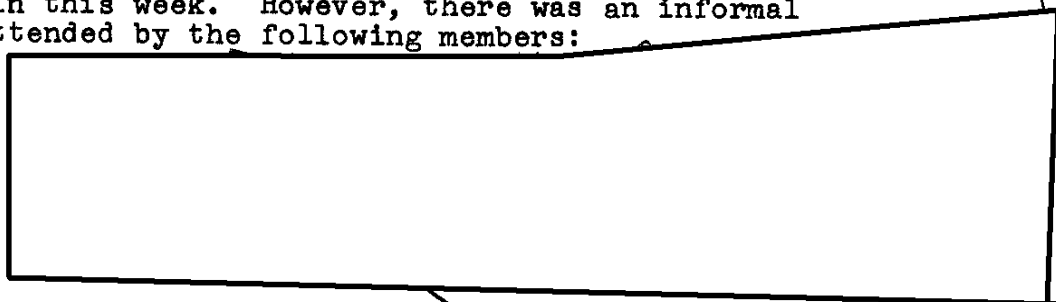
On September 28, 1974, [ ] furnished the following information:

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Black Mafia meetings are not being held for a while until a secure meeting place can be found. At that time, the meeting time and place will be passed by word of mouth. Every member has been warned about using the telephone, because the "Feds" served an inventory on some members.

On October 2, 1974, [ ] furnished the following information:

There was no formal membership of the Black Mafia again this week. However, there was an informal meeting attended by the following members:



The meeting, which was very brief, was held on September 25, 1974, at [ ]

[ ] is the girl friend of [ ]  
*Philadelphia, PA.*

The main topic of conversation was [ ] aka [ ] "The Black Mafia felt that [ ] was an informant for the Drug Enforcement Agency, and he was responsible for the recent drug arrests by the Drug Enforcement Agency. They have a contract on [ ] but no one has seen him in the Philadelphia area for several days.

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**MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION**

On October 10, 1974, [ ] furnished the following information:



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A meeting of the Black Mafia was held on the evening of Monday, October 7, 1974, at [redacted] [redacted] advised that he was unable to attend this meeting.

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[redacted] aka [redacted]" informed him that the main topic of conversation at the meeting evolved around the establishment of a bail fund. All active members of the Black Mafia are being assessed \$500, which will be turned over to the treasury, and thereafter, used to bail members out of jail. The collection is being coordinated by [redacted] There were a number of individuals attending the meeting from out of town, but he was unable to determine their identities.

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A new policy is being instituted at Black Mafia meetings, whereby members are no longer permitted to discuss what took place at a meeting with another member if the other member did not attend the same meeting. The only way a member is supposed to be able to learn about a missed meeting is by staying after one of the next regular meetings, and inquiring about same.

On October 16, 1974, [redacted] furnished the following information:

The Black Mafia meeting was held at 8:00 p.m., on Monday, October 14, 1974. The meeting was held at the residence of [redacted] Philadelphia, Pa., telephone number [redacted] There were roughly 30 members in attendance. [redacted] during the meeting, and no members were admitted that did not pay into the bail fund.

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On October 31, 1974, [redacted] furnished the following information:

A meeting occurred on October 27, 1974, at a building owned by Muslims at 4th and Queens Streets. This meeting was called by [redacted] Also present was [redacted]

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[redacted]  
[redacted], whom [redacted] knows as [redacted] and two other so-called leaders, whose names he does not know. At this meeting, [redacted] openly discussed the consolidation of their group to include only 20 individuals who would be loyal only to the organization and be willing to sever their financial ties with the Nation of Islam. They all agreed that it would take as many as 100 street soldiers to keep the organization going.

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In order to insure that the Muslim element which would be removed from the group would not retaliate against their organization, the discussion was held in an attempt to best show the Muslims their serious intentions and to also create the threat necessary to force payments from the various legal and illegal business establishments.

This discussion centered around the killing of a Philadelphia Police Officer or officers on a Drug Enforcement Agency agent. They discussed whom they should eliminate and decided that the officer or officers killed should be the ones who had been the most problem to their organization. There was also mention made of the possible killing of a Federal Bureau of Investigation agent or other law enforcement officers; however, no specific plans were made concerning any of these possible murders.

Following the heavyweight championship fight on October 29, 1974, a party had been planned at Giro's, at 72nd and Ogontz Avenue. [redacted] had sold tickets to a party where the Delphonics were scheduled to play following the fight. The tickets had sold for \$4.00 a piece. The take included approximately \$12,000, and the Delphonics never made an appearance, and [redacted] advised everyone there that their money would not be returned.

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After Giro's closed at 2:00 a.m. on October 30, 1974, another meeting was held at [redacted] which is [redacted] Philadelphia. The meeting included [redacted]

[redacted] Again, the discussion centered around ways to insure the protection of the organization once the reorganization occurred. The discussion again occurred concerning the possibility of killing a law enforcement officer. The discussion centered around who the target should be and ways to insure that the killing would not cause undue police pressure or harassment on their organization. They discussed the fact that [redacted] who also uses the name of [redacted] who lives at [redacted] Philadelphia, Pa.

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[redacted] had in his possession, which included a manila envelope and police stationery, on the breakdown of both the "Black Mafia" and the "criminal element within the Nation of Islam." This file included names and other detailed information on individuals that he himself was not even aware of.

It was also discussed that [redacted] had developed a contact in Harrisburg, Pa. This contact enabled the organization to obtain the registration information for any Pennsylvania tag. The plan discussed included the watching Philadelphia Police Districts and obtaining the registration for a police officer's vehicle, and once the home address was located, to plan the murder in such a way that it would appear as a normal house robbery, or to kill the police officer in a place he frequents during what appeared to be a normal business robbery. Ideally, the plan included an officer who had been selected who frequented a bar which could be held up.

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The meeting included specific discussions concerning several stakeout and highway patrol officers who had been particularly aggressive in investigating both the Muslims and other members from the organization. Source advised that the only individual from within the Federal Bureau of Investigation who was mentioned at this meeting was an individual who was described [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

The group also believed that [REDACTED] may still be able to make bail. There is \$30,000 in a bail fund and that this money could be put up for [REDACTED] immediately if bail was set. There was an open contract in Detroit, Michigan, that had not been completed. He did not know if this contract included someone from within their organization or from some law enforcement agency; however, the discussion included the possibility of this contract being completed.

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The group also discussed the fact that a law enforcement agency, believed to be the Drug Enforcement Agency, had a green van which was conducting a surveillance at Cumberland and Warnock Streets, in the vicinity of the Dew Drop Inn. It was well known among their organization that the van was taking photos of individuals in and around the Dew Drop. The group believed that the van was being watched by other law enforcement officers, and they were also afraid that there were armed police inside the van who might be watching for them. If it could be determined that there were only two police officers in this van, they would possibly attempt to kill these police officers. Again, no specific plans were made in an attempt to confirm how many officers were conducting the surveillances.

The discussions were only general discussion, and there was no definite specific decisions made as to who would be killed or where any of these killings would take place.

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On November 7, 1974, [ ] furnished the following information:

No other meetings have been called concerning the expected reorganization within the Black Mafia. He believed that the recent arrest of [ ] is partially responsible for no meeting having been called. [ ] has been out of Philadelphia for four or five days. He believed [ ] has traveled to California on "business." [ ] is believed to have traveled with another Muslim named [ ]

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He has learned that [ ] keeps a woman there, whose last name is [ ] and has been staying there since his recent arrest by the Drug Enforcement Agency. He believes the [ ] level, and is not sure of the number, however, he believes [ ]

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A part of the "taxes" which are to be collected on Friday, are scheduled to be used for bail money for [ ]. There continues to be much discussion about the possibility of [ ] being released in New York and his returning to Philadelphia and resuming place in the organization.

[ ] was questioned concerning night spots frequented by the organization members. He stated that the places most commonly used include "The Latin Casino," "The Rickshaw Inn," Cirio's, 22nd and Ogontz, as well as "The Downingtown Inn," which is frequented on the weekends.

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III. INTELLIGENCE REGARDING BLACK  
MAFIA MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATES

On June 28, 1974, [REDACTED] furnished the following information:

[REDACTED] was presently out on bond after being arrested by IRS Agents from his fugitive status of approximately six or seven months. [REDACTED] has taken over his leadership position in the Black Mafia from [REDACTED] along with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] are now in the illegal numbers business. [REDACTED] is presently stepping up extortion activities from people dealing in any type of illegal business such as narcotics, illegal numbers, etc. [REDACTED] are not as "tight" as they used to be. At one time [REDACTED] However, during [REDACTED] absence and fugitive status [REDACTED] took over the organizations West Philadelphia operation and now has his own source of narcotics.

On July 2, 1974, [REDACTED] furnished the following information:

A Black Muslim by the name of [REDACTED] from Chicago, Ill., is now [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] described [REDACTED] as a Negro male in his late 20s, [REDACTED] He was brought in to replace [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] come to the Wyalusing Inn at 56th and Wyalusing Avenue everyday between 6 and 7 p.m. This is the location from which [REDACTED] controls both his shakedown and numbers business.

On July 9, 1974, [REDACTED] furnished the following information:

The following is a partial list of BM members and their girlfriends:

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BM MEMBER

GIRLFRIEND

ADDRESS

TELEPHONE  
NUMBER

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CARPENTER STREET MEMBERS

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On July 18, 1974, [Redacted] (Philadelphia, PA.) furnished the following information:

[Redacted] recently applied for DPA because the IRS is "coming down hard" on him and he feels his being on welfare will help him in his battle with IRS. He also recently [Redacted] but the word is that he intends to try and open a day care center in South Philadelphia. How he intends to accomplish this is unknown to [Redacted] however, [Redacted] is known to be very friendly with (LNU) [Redacted]

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[Redacted] could possibly be a financial supporter for this cause. [Redacted] is currently being seen driving a late 1960 model Pontiac Bonneville bearing Temporary Pennsylvania tag [Redacted] He is still in possession of his 1972 green Cadillac which [Redacted] believes was financed by Camden Trust in Camden, N.J.

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On July 23, 1974, [ ] furnished the following information:

[ ] also known as [ ], was raised in West Philadelphia and mostly frequents the 60th and Market Streets area of Philadelphia. [ ] is in the Black Mafia and is heavily involved in heroin and coke dealings. [ ] owns a 1973 green Eldorado with a white vinyl top, and the car has a Continental wheel on the back.

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Some of the people that [ ] would be closely associated with would be [ ], also known as [ ] who is from the [ ] was described as a Negro male, [ ] and he drives a Cadillac Fleetwood or Coupe de Ville. Other close friends of [ ] would be [ ] and [ ] the address [ ] uses when in trouble. However, [ ] actually resides in the [ ]

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On July 24, 1974, [ ] furnished the following information:

The BM members have started to purchase older cars as they were instructed to do at an earlier meeting. He has noted the following cars:

[ ]	1960 Black Dodge
[ ]	1965 White Mustang with black interior
[ ]	1965 Yellow Chrysler with black interior
	1966 or 1967 Grey Toronado with black interior and a black vinyl top
Several BM members driving	1965 four-door white Pontiac Bonneville with a black top and black interior. On passenger side, one door is blue and one is black.
Several BM members driving	1965 Greenish-blue Pontiac Tempest with greenish-blue interior

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On July 25, 1974, [ ] furnished the following information:

PA. [ ] is still closely associated with [ ] and [ ] who continue to supply the Black Mafia with intelligence on West Philadelphia racketeers. [ ] has approached and beaten several individuals who did not want to pay for the privilege of operating a numbers business in West Philadelphia.

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On August 5, 1974, [ ] furnished the following information:

A Negro male approximately 35-37 years old, driving a green 1973 Cadillac convertible car has been seen recently with [ ]

The car has Pennsylvania license [ ] This Unsub has numerous Department of Public Assistance (DPA) checks that are mailed to him somehow by a girl, or couple of girls, who work for DPA. The mailman is also in on the racket, because he knows that this guy should not be receiving 10-15 welfare checks every two weeks.

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On August 5, 1974, [ ] furnished the following information:

PA. [ ] is known to [ ] as [ ]. He is a member of the Black Mafia and deals in narcotics. He cannot be classified as a supplier, but does handle at least one piece of heroin at a time. [ ] will only sell one half or a full bundle at a time. He can be found selling in the area of [ ]

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[ ] does not have a car, but frequently rides with [ ] in a 1966 Tempest.

PA. [ ] narcotics operation is being handled by [ ]

[ ] but can also be found at [ ] makes a trip each day to Swint's Auto Parts on 61st and Passyunk Avenue, an individual who also has narcotics connections.

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He had visited [ ] at his girl friend's house in the [ ]. While he was there, [ ] was in the process of cutting approximately \$5,000 worth of heroin. [ ] had approximately \$6,000 in cash on him.

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On August 19, 1974, [ ] furnished the following information:

[ ] have fallen out with [ ]. It is felt that [ ] is going it alone and making too many decisions that should be made by all of the leadership. Also, he advised that some money that had been collected by [ ] had not been properly accounted for. [ ] appears to feel that [ ] is "hell bent" on becoming a lieutenant in the Nation of Islam (NOI) Mosque. The dissension has caused a lot of friction between the leadership and has caused the membership to choose up sides. [ ] has told [ ] in no uncertain terms that the organization was bigger than any one man, and that he had better get in step. [ ] said that this came down from the "Top."

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On August 21, 1974, [ ] furnished the following information:

The Black Mafia has another car which is being driven by the members and is owned by [ ]. It is a 1973 white Cadillac with a black vinyl top. [ ] can usually be seen riding with [ ].

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On August 21, 1974, [ ] furnished the following information concerning members of the Black Mafia:

[ ]  
member

[ ] also known as [ ] and is a member and is involved in narcotics, extortion, and is a stickup man, and he lives near [ ] and used to go with a girl named [ ] (LNU). His associates are [ ]

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[redacted]  
high ranking Black Mafia member, goes with a girl  
names [redacted] (LNU), who is called [redacted] and who  
hangs out with a girl named [redacted]  
[redacted] is involved in selling cocaine.

[redacted] member, a check man, stickup artist and extortionist

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[redacted] also known as [redacted]  
member

[redacted]  
member

[redacted]  
member

[redacted] AKA [redacted]  
member

[redacted] Del. [redacted]  
member

[redacted] also known as [redacted]  
member, but has not been seen at recent Black  
Mafia meetings

[redacted]  
member, a check man, stickup artist, burglar and  
a narcotics dealer, presently drives a Dodge truck  
and also a white 1974 Cadillac Coupe with a vinyl  
top with the [redacted]

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[redacted]  
member, stickup artist, burglar, extortionist, and  
narcotics dealer. [redacted]

[redacted]  
stickup artist, burglar, extortionist

[redacted]  
stickup artist, burglar, narcotics dealer, extortionist

[redacted]  
member, stickup artist and drug dealer, [redacted]  
[redacted] Hangs out in the vicinity  
of [redacted] Closest associate  
[redacted]

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[redacted]  
member, is involved in Black Mafia numbers operation,  
narcotics, extortionist, and lives in the vicinity  
of [redacted] Closest associates are  
[redacted]

[redacted]  
member

[redacted]  
member, minister in the NOI, hangs out in the  
vicinity of 4th and Washington Streets, South  
Philadelphia.

[redacted]  
member, dope dealer, extortionist, burglar,  
stickup artist, and Black Mafia meetings used to be  
held at [redacted]

[redacted] also known as [redacted]  
member, involved in everything

[redacted]  
member, also involved in everything, closest  
associates [redacted]

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[redacted]  
member, drug addict, stickup artist, burglar, check  
man and extortionist

[redacted]  
member

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[redacted] also known as [redacted]  
is involved in Black Mafia numbers operation  
and is an extortionist

[redacted]  
member, stickup artist, extortionist and  
narcotics dealer

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[redacted] also known as [redacted]  
stickup man, extortionist, drug dealer, and  
lives in vicinity of [redacted] and  
his closest associates are [redacted]

[redacted]  
member, involved in drugs and is a stickup man.  
Has not attended any recent Black Mafia meetings.

[redacted]  
member, involved in narcotics, numbers, and  
extortion. Lives somewhere in New Jersey.  
Associates with [redacted], who lives in the  
vicinity of [redacted]

[redacted] also known as [redacted]  
cocaine and marijuana dealer who frequently travels  
in and out of the country in connection with his  
narcotics activities. He is also involved in  
extortion and stickups.

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[redacted]  
member, [redacted] at  
[redacted] outside the Pom Pom Bar  
over narcotics because [redacted] did not want to be  
in on his narcotics business.

[redacted] PA. MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION  
member, involved in narcotics and extortion

On August 30, 1974, [redacted] furnished the following  
information:

[redacted] and others are now  
officially members of the Black Mafia and the NOI. Many  
of Black Mafia members now have their Xs for the last names  
and are recruits in the FOI (Fruit of Islam).

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[redacted] has been seen for the last three Sundays attending NOI meetings in the FOI uniform and hat. [redacted] does not have his uniform as yet, but still participated in all the activities.

On September 4, 1974, [redacted] furnished the following information:

The Black Mafia has acquired two new vehicles to be driven by members. The first vehicle is a 1973 beige Buick Electra 225, driven by [redacted] also known as [redacted]. The second vehicle is described as a 1973 maroon Buick Electra 225, with a black vinyl top, operated by [redacted] also known as [redacted].

The Black Mafia has a new dope connection in New York City, which was arranged by [redacted].

Three members of the Black Mafia have placed orders for 1975 Cadillacs at De Simone Cadillac, Cherry Hill, N.J., on September 3, 1974. Members were identified as [redacted] also known as [redacted] also known as [redacted] also known as [redacted].

[redacted] who resides at [redacted] in Philadelphia, is presently corresponding with [redacted] in prison. The source advised that he will attempt to ascertain the nature of their communication.

On September 9, 1974, [redacted] furnished the following information:

[redacted] Philadelphia, Pa., is operating under Black Mafia cover. [redacted] has quite a bit of money in the place and the place is also used to push drugs.

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On September 11, 1974, [ ] furnished the following information:

[ ] has been [ ]  
[ ] a member of the Black Mafia, usually hangs in the area of 20th and Carpenter Streets of 5th and Carpenter Streets. [ ] usually hangs around in the company of [ ]

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[ ] is now operating a sky blue Mark IV Continental, year unknown.

On September 16, 1974, [ ] furnished the following information:

[ ] has joined the Black Mafia. He is heavily involved in narcotics trafficking and most of the Black Mafia dope is dropped off with him, and he, in turn, distributes the narcotics to his runners for street distribution.

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The 20th and York area is one of the main distribution points for Black Mafia drugs in North Philadelphia.

[ ] is now hooked up with the Black Mafia in some manner, but he is not believed to be a Black Muslim.

[ ] (LNU), turned Muslim two weeks ago and is still hooked up with [ ] and his numbers operation.

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On September 18, 1974, [ ] furnished the following information:

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[ ] MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION [ ] also known as [ ] and [ ] both Black Mafia members, were recently on rape charges but are believed to be on the streets while their cases are being appealed. Another individual whose name is [ ] which was arrested with [ ] is a non-member but used

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his car as a hack and just happened to drive the other two to their destination when they committed a crime.

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~~PA~~ AKA [redacted] had just recently got out of prison and was seen in the vicinity of 20th and Reed Streets recently.

[redacted] also known as [redacted] and [redacted] recently returned from a vacation in Canada. He does not personally know that they were there on drug business or not. PA

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He identified the following members of the Black Mafia as also members of the NOI as having received their Xs in recent weeks:

1. [redacted] also known as [redacted] is now [redacted]

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2. [redacted] also known as [redacted] is now [redacted]

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On September 18, 1974, [redacted] furnished the following information: [redacted]

AKA [redacted]

[redacted] also known as [redacted] flew out of the city of Philadelphia after [redacted] had suspected that there was an outstanding Federal warrant his arrest. [redacted] was in Hollywood, Calif., on Saturday, September 14, 1974, inasmuch as it was known that [redacted] made a telephone call from Hollywood, Calif., to Philadelphia.

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[redacted] had telephonically contacted an individual known as [redacted] who lives in the [redacted] Philadelphia. PA [redacted] is an underling for [redacted] and [redacted] definitely knows many of the Black Mafia members in Philadelphia. [redacted]

[redacted] frequents Tillman Turf Bar, 20th and Reed Streets, on an almost daily basis. [redacted] a Negro male, 34-35 years old, owns a 1967 to 1969 green Buick LeSabre, and resides with [redacted] (LNU), Negro female, 27-28 years old.

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[redacted] is currently married to [redacted] (LNU), but separated, and lives in a two-story residence in the [redacted]

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[redacted] in Philadelphia. [redacted] was released from Graterford State Correctional Institute in September or October of 1970. He was possibly incarcerated for receiving stolen goods.

On September 25, 1974, [redacted] furnished the following information concerning members of the Black Mafia:

AKA [redacted]

Member of the Black Mafia involved in drugs, extortion and stickups in the Philadelphia area. He is associated with the Nation of Islam (NOI) and attends meetings frequently, but he is not a registered member.

[redacted] Philadelphia, PA.  
Member of the Black Mafia involved in drugs, extortion, and stickups. [redacted] is currently incarcerated at Holmesburg Prison awaiting sentencing for rape and robbery. [redacted] is associated with the NOI and frequently attends meetings, but he is not a registered member.

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Member of the Black Mafia involved in drugs, extortion, and stickups. [redacted] is associated with the NOI and frequently attends meetings, but he is not a registered member.

Member of the Black Mafia involved in narcotics, extortion, and stickups. He is a registered member of the NOI.

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~~MEMBER OF THE BLACK MAFIA ORGANIZATION~~  
[redacted]  
Member of the Black Mafia involved in narcotics, extortion and stickups. He is associated with the NOI, and frequently attends meetings, but he is not a registered member.

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An employee at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, (FNU) [redacted], an old time drug addict in Philadelphia, Pa. drove [redacted] to his hiding place in Delaware. [redacted] was unable to provide [redacted] exact address. [redacted] operates a 1968 Pontiac, two door, color gold, with a gold vinyl top.

[redacted] B. APPROX [redacted] also known as [redacted] sells narcotics at bars located at 27th and Manton Streets, 26th and Federal Streets, and 28th and Federal Streets. [redacted] resides at [redacted]

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[redacted] He operates a 1972 green Cadillac with a white top.

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On September 28, 1974, [redacted] furnished the following information:

The Black Mafia organization is shook up because of the recent arrest of some members. [redacted] was particularly apprehensive because he was arrested once and then let out on bail. While getting things together to make a run for it and to skip bail, he was rearrested. This time the bail was raised substantially. Now [redacted] is wondering (along with a lot of other Black Mafia members) who are the "Fed's informants." A lot of fingers are being pointed, but no one knows for sure who is telling what on whom.

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On October 2, 1974, [redacted] furnished the following information:

[redacted] is back in the Philadelphia area. [redacted] stays at a house in the [redacted] Going west it is about the [redacted]

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[redacted] The main door to the building

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is painted black. Source advised that this is the residence of [redacted] PA.

[redacted] The car has numerous spots on it where the car was sanded and body putty was applied, but the car was never painted again. If not staying at the [redacted]

[redacted] can be found with [redacted] also known as [redacted] in the [redacted]

[redacted] drives a gold 1962 Chevrolet four-door sedan. [redacted]

[redacted] is [redacted] and on the night of October 1, 1974, visited [redacted] also known as [redacted] is moving around the city freely as if he was not wanted by DEA. [redacted] AKA [redacted] Philadelphia, PA.

On October 10, 1974, [redacted] furnished the following information:

[redacted] is still in the Philadelphia area. He has been staying with [redacted]

[redacted] Philadelphia, Pa., telephone number [redacted] is allegedly living with his girl friend, [redacted] is operating a green 1966 or 1966 Ford Mustang bearing an unknown Pennsylvania registration. When [redacted] does not stay at the [redacted] he usually stays with [redacted]

[redacted] telephone number [redacted] Philadelphia, PA.

On October 11, 1974, [redacted] furnished the following information:

There are three members of the Black Mafia not known to the police because their names did not appear on the list confiscated from [redacted] by the Philadelphia Police Department (PPHD). These individuals, [redacted] are

[redacted] is a fugitive out of New Jersey, and [redacted] recently got out of prison after having served six months for a narcotics conviction.

[redacted] is more or less [redacted] representative because of his fugitive status. [redacted] also tries to settle disputes which occur between Black Mafia (BM) members.

[redacted] used to hold meetings when they were on the streets. PA.

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The Black Mafia is broke in the sense that they are not handling the sums of money they used to. The money they are earning is going for legal costs and bail.

Aside from trying to raise the money for legal defense, the main objective of the BM is to kill [redacted] [redacted] is to be killed because "when the raid on BM members jumped off" he complained the bail was too low and [redacted] got locked up again. (S)(u)

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[redacted] is the [redacted] [redacted] is the BM member who has the last say on all contracts. [redacted] who received his X personally from ELIJAH MUHAMMAD in Chicago, called Chicago to get permission to get [redacted] "knocked off." The matter was left up to [redacted] to use his own discretion. The Mosque realizes [redacted] is a [redacted] (S)(u)

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On October 23, 1974, [redacted] furnished the following information:

[redacted] belongs to the Black Mafia from Chicago, and is still in Philadelphia. He continues to associate closely with [redacted] and is staying at the home of [redacted] [redacted] provided all of the [redacted], but he is not sure just what these two people are doing now.

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On October 23, 1974, [redacted] furnished the following information concerning Black Mafia members:

[redacted] is a member of the Black Mafia. [redacted] is also a member of the Nation of Islam and a lieutenant at Muhammed's Mosque #12 in Philadelphia.

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[redacted] has been a member of the Black Mafia in the past; however, the source advised that he has not seen [redacted]

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[redacted], member of the Black Mafia, that specializes in extortion, stickups, and narcotics traffic

[redacted], member of the Black Mafia that specializes in extortion, stickups, and narcotics traffic

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[redacted] not publicly known as member of the Black Mafia. [redacted] felt that [redacted] has an unusual amount of connections with members.

[redacted] Also known as [redacted], [redacted] is associated with the Black Mafia involved in fraudulent credit cards and checks and stickups. [redacted] is also a registered member of the Nation of Islam.

[redacted] is associated with both the Black Mafia and the Carpenter Street Gang. [redacted] has been supplying both with guns as well as being involved in drug traffic and stickups.

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On October 29, 1974, [redacted] furnished the following information:

The Black Mafia had part of its political pull and strength from State Senator HERBERT ARLENE through the help of [redacted] also known as [redacted]. ARLENE has been able to persuade court administrators to switch certain cases to judges more lenient toward his "friends." Black Mafia overseer [redacted] has been suspended from Mohammed's Mosque #12 because of his strong narcotics habit. [redacted] was recently exposed in the "Philadelphia Daily News" and has been an informant for the Drug Enforcement Administration.

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On October 30, 1974, [ ] furnished the following information:

[ ] is still located in the Philadelphia area. He is living in [ ] lives on the [ ] . [ ]

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[ ] is living [ ] a Negro female identified as [ ] also known as [ ]

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[ ] is moving about freely in Philadelphia and attempting to set up his narcotics operation again. He is still operating a blue 1965-1966 Mustang convertible.

The source advised that [ ] also known as [ ] recently threatened the [ ] for refusing to pay "taxes" to the Black Mafia on the proceeds of their narcotics traffic. [ ]

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[ ] also known as [ ] are selling narcotics [ ] The source advised that [ ] was with [ ]

The source advised that the [ ] did not get upset with the threat and apparently will continue their operation without paying the Black Mafia. [ ]

On November 14, 1974, [ ] furnished the following information: [ ]

[ ] is now residing at [ ] Philadelphia, Pa. He resides with a [ ] and they are both involved in a large-scale narcotics selling operation at that location.

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On November 14, 1974, [ ] furnished the following information: AKA [ ]

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[ ] who resides at [ ] is now a member of the Black Mafia.

(Philadelphia PA)

On November 24, 1974, [ ] furnished the following information:

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The following individuals were identified by [ ] as being members of the Black Mafia:

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[ ] also known as [ ] (Philadelphia Police Department Number [ ]), is a lieutenant and a big man in the Black Mafia now that many of its members are in difficulty with the law. He is very big in narcotics in South Philadelphia and now drives a 1975 Cadillac.

[ ] also known as [ ] (Philadelphia Police Department number [ ]), is a Black Mafia member who was one of the original financiers. He provides loan-shark money and is also involved with numbers and narcotics.

[ ] (Philadelphia Police Department Number [ ]), is a Black Mafia member and sells narcotics for [ ] PA.

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[ ] (Philadelphia Police Department Number [ ]), is a Black Mafia member and stick-up man.

[ ] (Philadelphia Police Department Number [ ]), Black Mafia member involved in extortion and stick-ups. He also has a "couple of bodies to his credit".

[ ] Black Mafia member who used to work for [ ]

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[ ] (Philadelphia Police Department Number [ ]), Captain in NOI; Black Mafia member and strongarm man. PA. NATION OF ISLAM

[redacted] (Philadelphia Police Department  
Number [redacted], Black Mafia member and brother of [redacted]  
[redacted].

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[redacted], a Black Mafia member who is a  
car thief.

On November 26, 1974, [redacted] furnished the following  
information:

He learned that NOI officials had traveled from  
Chicago, Ill., to Philadelphia and met with [redacted]  
This meeting concerned [redacted] having provoked NOI Head-  
quarters officials. The exact details concerning the meeting  
with NOI officials and [redacted] was not known; however,  
[redacted] advised close associates that he had been given a  
30-day reprieve by NOI officials in order to straighten out  
Temple Number 12's affairs to the liking of headquarters.  
He also believes that [redacted] received instructions con-  
cerning the Temple's attempting to place pressure on [redacted]  
[redacted] involving his testimony in district court. These in-  
structions were believed to be brought about as a result of  
someone from Chicago headquarters having been contacted  
concerning the [redacted] matter. [redacted] did say openly  
at a Temple meeting that the brothers involved in both  
Washington and Philadelphia were "good brothers" and were  
innocent of the charges.

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On Thursday, November 21, 1974, [redacted] <sup>AKA [redacted]</sup> <sub>PA. 311</sub>  
received instructions from someone in Temple Number 12 that  
he should report to NOI officials in Chicago immediately.  
On the evening of November 21, 1974, [redacted] flew to Chicago.  
He believed this order was as a result of [redacted] involvement  
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When [redacted] returned to Philadelphia, he again  
reported to [redacted] The details of this conver-  
sation were not known to him; however, no other meetings



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either at Mohammed's Temple Number 12 or by the so-called Black Mafia had been called, and that there was no recent discussions concerning [redacted] or the contemplated reorganization of the black organized element within the Temple.

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During the past week or ten days, [redacted] had had a meeting with [redacted] and that as a result of this meeting, [redacted] had had a disagreement over money problems. He believed these problems may be a result of the planned reorganization, and that with [redacted] being in jail, source believes that [redacted] are trying to take over the organization.

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On November 29, 1974, [redacted] furnished the following information:

[redacted] Black Mafia members had worried [redacted] and [redacted] so much that [redacted] has recently been hospitalized. He stated that the Black Mafia got their hooks into [redacted] by supplying him with free cocaine in exchange for the use of the [redacted] Products Entertainers. The entertainers were used for various cabarets in order to make money for the Black Mafia and the NOI Mosque number 12. [redacted] are aware that drugs are being supplied to [redacted] the [redacted] and to [redacted]

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[redacted] has become worried that these groups may soon form some type of dependency on the drugs and thereby become under the control of the Black Mafia rather than himself. Also, [redacted] is said to be afraid that the Black Mafia may try to [redacted]

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[redacted] This would give the Black Mafia a chance to use members of the group as carriers of narcotics in the same way that [redacted]

[redacted] is resigned to going to jail because he knows he cannot get out of the Black Mafia and that if he talks they will kill him. [redacted] told source that his only source of income was the Black Mafia's numbers operation and a few placed that Black Mafia was starting from such as [redacted]

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[redacted] told him that [redacted] was the United States Drug Enforcement Agency's source who fingered everyone. According to [redacted] hiding in Washington, D.C., and the Black Mafia is looking for him there. [redacted] further stated that there are a lot of "Brothers" that are just not pure, that is they will probably talk to law enforcement officers to save them from going to jail. [redacted] is worried that someone in the brotherhood will talk about him and his involvement in the Black Mafia. P A.

Source stated that the three men who tried to rob the Society Hill Furniture Store, on October 29, 1974, were part of the Fifth Street Gang, that is wholly owned by the NOI. Each member of the gang is now a member of Muhammad's Mosque number 12. Source stated that [redacted] according to the word on the street, was now a captain in the Fruit of Islam which is part of the NOI. [redacted] position is to take up all the slack left after [redacted] went to jail. [redacted] is probably one of the most feared men in the Black Mafia or the NOI [redacted]

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On December 3, 1974, [redacted] furnished the following information:

[redacted] still an active member of the Black Mafia. [redacted] is involved primarily in extortion, drug traffic and stick-ups. He resides at [redacted] He usually travels in the company of [redacted]

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[redacted] - is still an active member of the Black Mafia. He is also the Minister of Nation of Islam

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Temple located at Fourth and Bainbridge Streets. [redacted] is heavily involved in drug traffic and extortion. He usually hangs out in the Germantown area and frequently associates with [redacted]

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[redacted] is still an active member of the Black Mafia. He has been chosen to be Minister of the new Temple opening up at 52nd and Walnut Streets within the next two weeks. [redacted] is involved in drug traffic, extortion and stick-ups.

[redacted] also known as [redacted] is now operating a 1975 Cadillac Coupe De Ville - powder blue with blue interior. The vehicle displays temporary Pennsylvania registration tags.

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[redacted] is [redacted] at [redacted]  
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[redacted] There is, also, [redacted]  
[redacted] There is usually a large supply of narcotics kept in the house and buyers visit the house all day long. [redacted] is operating a green 1971-1972 Plymouth, with a black vinyl top.

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On December 6, 1974, [redacted] furnished the following information:

An individual known as [redacted] (Last Name Unknown) is associated with the Black Mafia in Philadelphia. [redacted] constantly hangs out at the bar on the corner of 56th and Woodland Streets and can be contacted at that bar, the telephone number is SA 6-4686. [redacted] is involved in dealing with Black Mafia drugs and in the past has been an extremely close associate of [redacted] in West Philadelphia. [redacted]

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On December 9, 1974, [ ] furnished the following information:

[ ] known to him as a member of the Black Mafia in Philadelphia, Pa., frequently the Al's Pals and Gals Bar at 4500 Wayne Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa.

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Further, [ ] advised that [ ] generally sleeps at [ ] Philadelphia, Pa., and currently is driving a 1974 Cadillac two door, yellow vinyl over white. He stated he would furnish the Pennsylvania tag number as soon as possible.

IV. CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

A. EXTORTION

On July 9, 1974, [ ] furnished the following information:

The source also advised that [ ] PA. collected \$400 from [ ] at 5:00 p.m. on July 8, 1974. The source advised that this is the regular amount paid by [ ]

On July 18, 1974, [ ] furnished the following information:

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[ ] (Last Name Unknown), [ ] is believed to be paying "protection" money to the Black Mafia. [ ] is thought to be collecting from this individual.

On July 18, 1974, [ ] furnished the following information:

A Black Mafia member named [ ] and others unknown to [ ] have been attempting to extort money from a man called [ ] who [ ]

[ ] " drives a late model brown El Dorado Cadillac convertible car and he works at the [ ] in Philadelphia, Pa. [ ] et al have threatened to kidnap [ ] 's" family and/or do physical harm to them if he does not cooperate with them. [ ] Pa.

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On July 24, 1974, [ ] furnished the following information:

He has recently been in contact with [ ] a numbers writer and narcotics salesman in Philadelphia. PA.

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PA. [redacted] advised him that [redacted] also known as [redacted] PA. [redacted] from [redacted] approached him for money the same night that they robbed [redacted] PA. [redacted] told [redacted] [redacted] told them that he had given [redacted] \$100 for "the cause" just before [redacted] had been arrested for extorting from [redacted] At that time, he told [redacted] that he could not pay anymore. He told [redacted] that they would not get anymore money from him. [redacted] Philadelphia, Pa., and [redacted] [redacted] may be willing to talk about the extortion attempt.

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PA. The BM is still making the collections from the numbers writers. He stated that every Friday between noon and 5:00 p.m., [redacted] (Last Name Unknown), a new BM member from 13th Street, make collections from [redacted]

PA. He stated that [redacted] (Last Name Unknown) and [redacted] will be driving either a 1973 white over red Cadillac with red trimmed white interior, coach lights, and a small letter "s" on the trunk, or a 1973 white over maroon Chevrolet Monte Carlo, maroon interior, the letters "ESR" or "ERS" by the door handles and the letter "E" on the trunk.

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On July 28, 1974, [redacted] furnished the following information:

PA. [redacted] and other BM members have put a lot of pressure on [redacted] located at [redacted] Philadelphia, Pa., to give them "some of the action."

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PA. Agreements have been made through [redacted] to let BM sponsor the [redacted] and other [redacted] in order to make money for their men who presently are in jail or soon coming to trial.

The Muhammad's Mosque #12 will also get a part of all profit from the various performances put on.

On August 13, 1974, [ ] furnished the following information: *PA*

[ ] has been the victim a Black Mafia shakedown. [ ] went on to say that [ ] used to have a numbers office in a house in Sharon Hill, Pa. Several Black Mafia members led by [ ] went to this location recently looking for [ ]. However, [ ] was not there and the Mafia members beat up an elderly woman who was on the premises. This woman filed a complaint with the Sharon Hill Police but nothing further has happened. After beating up the woman at Sharon Hill, the Black Mafia members went to [ ] and there again threatened him with harm if he did not contribute money and turn part of his numbers work over to them.

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On August 19, 1974, [ ] furnished the following information:

[ ] is in very big trouble with the Muslims because [ ] and one other person not known to the source has been shaking down bar owners and merchants in West Philadelphia. [ ] made these shakedowns in the name of the Black Muslims but refused to turn over any of the money he obtained in this matter to the Black Muslims. As a result, the Muslims picked up [ ] and severely beat him. The person behind the beating of [ ] is a man known to her only as [ ]. *PH.*

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The people who belong to the criminal group known in West Philadelphia as the Black Muslims are busily taking over the numbers business. Instead of forcing people to pay protection money, these individuals are forcing numbers writers and bankers to turn a part of their businesses over to them. The Black Mafia operates several numbers offices through which all this work is handled.

Their usual method for acquiring the numbers work is to walk in on the numbers operator with several strongarm men. At this time, they ask the individual for a certain

percentage of his work and if the person does not comply, he is beaten up or worse. So far, most numbers people have found it easier to give a part of the business to the Black Mafia. The Black Mafia has a good reputation for paying up the numbers hits, but source stated that she has also heard that after the numbers hit was paid, the Muslim enforces same to the winners and extorts a good part of the winnings out of the winner under the guise of a contribution to the temple.

On September 13, 1974, [ ] furnished the following information:

[ ] also known as [ ] was recently released from jail following his acquittal on Federal charges of extortion and State charges of murder. [ ] is now hanging out at Broad and South Streets and has again organized a gang involved in extortion and shake-down operations all over Philadelphia. The gang consists of [ ] and [ ]

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PA. [ ] age, approximately 21, [ ] age, approximately 19-20, and another [ ] first name not known, who uses the street name of [ ] who is approximately 25 years old. They are frequently using a late model black over red Chevrolet bearing Pennsylvania license [ ] PA. The other member of his gang is [ ] (Last Name Unknown) who is approximately 23-24 years old and drives a late model white Cadillac.

The [ ] have two places that he knows of in South Philadelphia, one is at [ ] and the other is near [ ]

On the evening of September 9, 1974, and September 10, 1974, he heard [ ] bragging about pulling a \$12,000 robbery with his gang. The [ ] openly talk about their activities and frequent the poolroom known as Chick's Poolroom at Broad and South Streets, as well as J & L's Sandwich Shop which is on the corner near the Flame Bar on the east side of Broad and South Streets.

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The only crime that the [ ] have committed was the [ ]



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During this robbery, they removed the wallet and jewelry of the individual and that this has become common knowledge in South Philadelphia.

On September 26, 1974, [ ] furnished the following information:

An individual known only as [ ] had recently been visited by black males believed to be members of the Black Mafia who had made "strong suggestions" that they be allowed to buy into this store. No physical threats were made to his knowledge, but that it was common knowledge in the area that business people were being contacted in this manner.

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On September 26, 1974, [ ] furnished the following information:

A black male named [ ] takes numbers for [ ] in the area of 17th and South Streets. [ ] who goes by the name [ ] a member of the Black Mafia in Philadelphia and who is shaking down many of [ ] Individuals in the Black area of South Philadelphia are afraid to write numbers in a public place because they will be quickly shaken down by members of this group.

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On October 2, 1974, [ ] furnished the following information:

[ ] are continuing to extort money from [ ] [ ] estimated that \$500 to \$600 per week is being extorted.

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[ ] and [ ] are also still extorting money from [ ]

This location is apparently the narcotics drop-off location for [ ] a member of the Black Mafia and [ ] also a member of the Black Mafia who lives at [ ]

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[ ] is allegedly a numbers writer and aware of narcotics being dropped off at his restaurant, and he is afraid of Black Mafia members. Source estimated that \$500 to \$600 per week is extorted from [ ]

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Money is still being extorted from [ ] who [ ] They get up to as much as \$1,000 per week from [ ], who has his own bank for his numbers operation.

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On October 15, 1974, [ ] furnished the following information:

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[ ] is paying the Black Mafia extortion money. [ ] denies this, however, even to his friends. Every Saturday, a Negro male called [ ] who is 5'7", 165-170 pounds, and other Black Mafia members come to collect from [ ]

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[ ] (phonetic). [ ] [ ] was contacted by the Black Mafia approximately two months ago in an extortion attempt and they wanted \$100 weekly from [ ] is "hush-hush" about this because he does not want it publicly known that he is involved with this bar. [ ] does not know if [ ] is paying any money to the Black Mafia.

In addition to the Black Mafia, another group is also extorting money from businessmen in North Philadelphia; however, this group is also affiliated with the Black Muslims.

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On November 5, 1974, [ ] furnished the following information:

He was approached by two Negro males who had informed him that they were again instituting taxes in order for him to run his business. The individuals informed him that he would be taxed \$100 per week and the taxes would be collected on each Friday.

These individuals were driving a 1974 Plymouth that was believed to be a rental car and both of these individuals were Muslims. The individuals informed him that if he did not pay, they would report his being uncooperative to [redacted] and that [redacted] reputation would speak for itself. The two males informed him that they would return to his business on Friday, November 8, 1974, for the payment.

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On November 16, 1974, an anonymous caller furnished the following information:

Caller stated that the Black Mafia has "taken over" the [redacted] distributing drugs for them, and a Muslim is stationed at the door to keep undesirables out. Caller was also disturbed with the Black Mafia because they just executed a very close friend of his, JUNE (NFI). JUNE was found about a week ago on Oxford Street wrapped in a sheet with three bullets in his head. Caller claimed to know who is responsible. Caller further stated that the NOI is smuggling drugs into this country inside of fish that they import from Peru and other foreign countries.

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On November 12, 1974, [redacted] furnished the following information:

PA. The Black Mafia members are still trying to raise money in order to bail [redacted] out of prison. The primary people behind this move to raise the money are [redacted] and [redacted] both leaders of the Black Mafia. They are attempting to obtain the money through the various people connected with the Black Mafia numbers operation. Additionally, they are shaking down other numbers operators such as [redacted] who [redacted] and [redacted] as well as Black [redacted] and the total the source stated the Black Mafia attempted to get was \$15,000 from Black [redacted]

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B., NARCOTICS

On July 16, 1974, [ ] furnished the following information:

The following men are involved in [ ] narcotics operation: PA.

[ ] is considered [ ] number one man; [ ] who source stated not only sells narcotics but is also a "hit man" for the Black Mafia. [ ] drives a 1973 Cadillac El Dorado which has a black vinyl top and black body. [ ] license is [ ]. The Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Harrisburg, Pa., advised that Pennsylvania license [ ] is registered to [ ] Philadelphia, Pa., and is registered for a 1973 Cadillac, Vehicle Identification Number [ ]

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The following individuals are connected with [ ] either as financiers or as distributors of narcotics:

PA. [ ] also known as [ ] "did time" for the murder of MUMFORD JAMES;

PA. Another individual connected with [ ] who sells narcotics in the area of 46th and Walnut Streets. [ ] is sometimes supplied narcotics by [ ] (phonetic), [ ] exact address unknown. [ ] is a large distributor of narcotics to various people as well as to the Black Mafia. PA.

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On July 17, 1974, [ ] furnished the following information:

[ ] (Last Name Unknown) will take over as the main supplier of narcotics for the Black Mafia. He stated that he understands that [ ] (LNU) has the capability of supplying large quantities of narcotics and believes that he will be able to supply the Black Mafia. [ ] (LNU) also brings the narcotics in from New York. The source reiterated that the shooting of [ ] was not planned by the Black Mafia, but their narcotics operation will not suffer without him.

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On July 17, 1974, [ ] furnished the following information:

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[ ] a heavy dealer in narcotics, has not been seen in the Philadelphia area since late May, 1974. [ ] is presently under indictment by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for failure to report the total income derived from his former Atlanta, Georgia, dry cleaning business. When last seen in Philadelphia, [ ] was frequenting the "Playmate Bar," Broad and Race Streets, with [ ] who was released from a Federal penitentiary in December, 1973, where he had been serving six to nine months for a counterfeit conviction.

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[ ] are also close associates of [ ] AND [ ] are known to travel to Atlanta and New York City *GA*.

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With the departure of [ ] to New York City, [ ] recently joined forces with [ ] and [ ] at [ ] [ ] allegedly shot and killed one JACK (LNU) in the bar a few years back.

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[ ] He recently met with [ ]

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[ ] has a new Cadillac, Pennsylvania license [ ]

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[ ] has a new Mark IV Continental, sky blue in color, telephone in car, and "chauffeur" driven.

On August 1, 1974, [ ] furnished the following information:

Several firemen in Philadelphia are involved in drugs and the Black Mafia numbers operation. [ ] also known as [ ] have a

*PA*  
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[redacted] and [redacted] are involved in drugs and they are edging numbers into the Black Mafia.

[redacted] is a Negro male, 24-25 years old, 5'7" tall, [redacted]

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[redacted] is a Negro male, 34 years old, 5'9" tall, 145 pounds, medium brown complexion, and is a [redacted]

[redacted] another [redacted] [redacted], is also involved in the Black Mafia numbers operation and deals in coke. *PA. APPROX.* [redacted]

[redacted] is a Negro male, 26 years old, 5'9" tall, 170 pounds, resides in the [redacted] also [redacted]

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[redacted] is also a [redacted] and could work any place in Philadelphia. [redacted] is a Negro male, 5'10" tall, 180 pounds, and 22-24 years old. *PA. APPROX.* [redacted]

On September 16, 1974, [redacted] furnished the following information:

[redacted] a heavy dealer in narcotics, was in Atlantic City, N. J., and at Atlantic City Race Track the first week of September. [redacted] was in Atlanta, Georgia, the week of September 10-17, 1974, and is due back to New York City on September 17, 1974. [redacted] did not visit Philadelphia because he learned from [redacted] that members of the Black Mafia were allegedly waiting to kidnap [redacted] [redacted] was [redacted] of tax evasion by IRS in connection with his dry cleaning business in Atlanta, Georgia, and starts serving his sentence in a Federal penitentiary in Florida on November 22, 1974.

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On September 18, 1974, [redacted] furnished the following information: *PA.*

[redacted] is getting involved pretty heavily in narcotics. He advised [redacted] has enough money to bankroll

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large narcotics deals and he has the connections in West and South Philadelphia to get in touch with the proper people. [redacted] heard speculation that [redacted] might have made some drug deals in the past with members of Philadelphia's Black Mafia.

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On September 25, 1974, [redacted] furnished the following information:

[redacted] is still running a large-scale narcotics operation out of her home, which is located in the [redacted] exact number unknown).

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[redacted] <sup>PA.</sup> are still selling narcotics out of their house at [redacted] (exact location previously given).

On October 2, 1974, [redacted] furnished the following information:

[redacted] is still in operation selling narcotics.

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[redacted] <sup>PA.</sup> is still in operation. [redacted] sells most of narcotics during the day directly out of her house located in the [redacted] [redacted] is very cautious when selling at her house and she will not sell narcotics to anyone that she does not know personally. She also sells narcotics evenings at Neet's Bar, 51st and Market Streets, and the Round Table Bar, 62nd and Walnut Streets. There is going to be a surprise birthday party for [redacted] on October 6, 1974, at 4:30 p.m. The party to be held at the Evangelistic Theater, 21st and Market Streets, will be attended by [redacted] and a number of other narcotics dealers from the Philadelphia area.

[redacted] has purchased a large order of cocaine from [redacted] operates a blue 1972 Cadillac Coupe de Ville. [redacted]

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[redacted] also known as [redacted] who resides at [redacted] Bronx, N. Y., [redacted], has been a supplier of narcotics for [redacted]

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[redacted] also known as [redacted] is selling out of his house with [redacted] Their narcotics are stored at a girl friend's house, [redacted] (LNU), [redacted] They also sell in the vicinity of 20th and Ellsworth Streets Philadelphia, PA.

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[redacted] is still selling narcotics [redacted] lives in the [redacted] and sells at a bar located at the corner of 26th and Federal Streets. [redacted]

Source believed that [redacted] main supply is kept with [redacted]

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[redacted] There are two houses of this type on the block on the left-hand side of the street. [redacted]

[redacted] also keeps some at his [redacted]

On October 10, 1974, [redacted] furnished the following information:

[redacted] also known as [redacted] received a large supply of narcotics from [redacted] reside at [redacted] telephone number [redacted] resides in the [redacted] the fourth house on the north side of the street coming from 23rd Street). The [redacted] do most of their selling on the street or in the bar located at 20th and Ellsworth Streets. Philadelphia, PA.

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[redacted] also known as [redacted] also known as [redacted] and [redacted] also known as [redacted] are expecting a large shipment of narcotics within the next two weeks. The details of the shipment are unknown at the present time.



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On November 18, 1974, [ ] furnished the following information:

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There is a very large drug operation taking place in the 5100 block, possibly [ ] Philadelphia, Pa. This operation is connected with the Black Mafia and on Saturday, 12 to 15 people can be found at that location at any given time. This operation deals in heroin and cocaine. Some law enforcement agencies are aware of the activities at this address and even within the past few weeks police were at the location.

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Two other individuals are known to be dealing drugs in the vicinity of 20th and Federal Streets, and 20th and Ellsworth Streets. An individual known only as [ ] is dealing in heroin and cocaine in the vicinity of 20th and Ellsworth Streets. [ ] was described as a Negro male, 5'9", 140 pounds, 33 years old, dark complexion with an Afro haircut. PA. [ ] B. APPROX. [ ]

An individual associating with [ ] in dealing drugs is known only as [ ] (LNU) who was operating in the 20th and Ellsworth Streets area. [ ] was described as a Negro male, 5'7", 180 pounds, 35 years old, medium brown complexion. Source stated that he considered these two individuals to be the main operators of the drugs and that they have several kids dealing drugs for them.

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[ ] an associate of [ ] a drug kingpin in Philadelphia, continues to live in the housing project at [ ] [ ] a 36 year old Negro male, has a lengthy police record.

On November 21, 1974, [ ] furnished the following information: PA. [ ]

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[ ] the [ ] a narcotics peddler for Philadelphia's Black Mafia, has returned to town from the West Coast. He is back at his [ ]

[ ] is still involved in narcotics activities.

On November 25, 1974, [redacted] furnished the following information:

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*PA.* *B. Appax* [redacted] also known as [redacted] gave [redacted] 0 bundles of heroin in order to sell within the last few days. [redacted] was working directly under [redacted] and [redacted] appears to be working under [redacted] picks up the money from [redacted] has as much as 100 bundles out on the street in the West Philadelphia area, specifically around 60th and Market Streets. [redacted] is still dealing from the barber shop located at 60th and Larchwood Streets, which is also the numbers drop. [redacted] is driving a 1963 or 1964 Oldsmobile bearing Pennsylvania license [redacted] which is white in color.

*PA.* [redacted] is still hooked up with [redacted] *PA.* [redacted] whose real name is [redacted] who presently resides at [redacted] Philadelphia *PA.* [redacted] Source stated that he saw the above three men dropping off some cocaine to be baby-sat by [redacted] Source stated that [redacted] is presently after [redacted]

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[redacted] who pushes narcotics in the 46th and Walnut Streets area, [redacted] The narcotics came out of the house located at [redacted] Source stated that [redacted] advised him confidentially that she believed that [redacted] actually killed CHICAGO because he would not give up his heroin. [redacted] recently got busted with approximately one kilo of heroin in Chester, Pa.

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*PA.* *AKA* [redacted] Hoagie Shop located at 60th and Larchwood Streets was recently burned by [redacted] in an effort to have [redacted] collect the insurance and get back in the narcotics business. [redacted] now has to put in a claim for the damage but it is really a conspiracy between [redacted] so that they could get back into the narcotics business. There is a Negro male only known as [redacted] who has a narcotic hookup straight to the distributor in New York City.

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On December 3, 1974, [ ] furnished the following information:

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[ ] <sup>PA</sup> also known as [ ] have one of the best narcotics operations in the City of Philadelphia. They sell narcotics on a daily basis until about 7:00 p.m., out of [ ]

[ ] <sup>PH</sup> are cutting heroin at a house in the [ ] The source advised that there is no number of the house, but it is located [ ] The house is normally occupied by an individual whom [ ] identified as [ ]

C. MURDER

On July 9, 1974, [ ] furnished the following information:

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He had attended a Black Mafia meeting on June 29, 1974, and that no meeting was held on July 6, 1974. He stated that the meeting was held at [ ] and that approximately 50 members were present.

One of the topics of discussion was the elimination of several narcotics pushers who have not been paying a percentage to the Black Mafia. The names mentioned were:

<sup>PA.</sup> [ ] (LNU);  
[ ] also known as [ ]  
[ ] <sup>deceased</sup> also known as [ ] AKA [ ]  
[ ] also known as [ ]  
[ ] <sup>VS:</sup> also known as [ ]  
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were the Black Mafia members who discussed these contracts.

The Carpenter Street gang also stated that they had picked up a contract for [redacted] also known as [redacted] who is a small-time narcotics dealer.

[redacted] also known as [redacted] who sell narcotics for [redacted] were approached by [redacted] sometime during the week of July 1, 1974. The [redacted] were advised not to be selling narcotics after July 8, 1974, or suffer the consequences.

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(It should be noted that the body of JAMES JOHNSON, also known as Flapps, was found during the weekend of July 6, 1974, in the area of 17th and Wharton Streets. JOHNSON had been killed by a shotgun blast in the face.)

The Black Mafia has decided to force [redacted] also known as [redacted] into selling them narcotics at a price lower than they are currently paying. The Black Mafia has learned that [redacted] crosses the George Washington Bridge every Friday night at approximately midnight on his way to Philadelphia from New York. He stays at the Holiday Inn, 18th and Market Streets, while he is in town. The Black Mafia plans to stick up [redacted] one Friday night in the near future shortly after he checks into the hotel. The Black Mafia learned [redacted] route and time of arrival through [redacted] reportedly attends medical school in Connecticut and returns to Philadelphia each weekend. [redacted] takes all the narcotics orders for [redacted] and passes them to him in New York on his way back to Connecticut. [redacted] is a relative of the [redacted]

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[redacted] He drives a 1974 black Chevrolet with red interior or a 1973 black Oldsmobile Cutlass with red interior and New Jersey tags.

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[redacted] also known as [redacted], was mentioned as a person to be approached by Black Mafia members. [redacted] is selling narcotics and lives at [redacted], telephone number [redacted].

Philadelphia, PA.

On July 16, 1974, [redacted] furnished the following information:

[redacted], Negro male, age 23, was shot three times in the back, Saturday evening, July 6, 1974, by the following three individuals: [redacted]

[redacted] also known as [redacted]



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two to three times in the back. Because of numerous attempts to get in to see [ ] by various people and alleged threats received by the family, [ ] advised he posted guards at [ ] stated that on early Monday, July 8, 1974, [ ] came

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On July 17, 1974, [ ] furnished the following information:

Regarding the recent murder of HARRISON RAY whose body washed up on the beach at Seagert, N. J., [ ] said he was murdered because he was believed to be a "snitch." Although the actual murderer(s) is not known to source, he said [ ] and an unknown Negro male were responsible for RAY's death.

Regarding the recent murder of JERRY SMITH inside the Storybook Bar, [ ] said he was killed because of money he owed the Black Mafia which he said he was not going to repay. He had \$3,000 or \$4,000 on his person when he was murdered. It is rumored [ ]

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[ ] is also to be murdered by the Black Mafia. [ ] and SMITH were drug contacts for the Black Mafia and who had contacts in New York City. In fact, JOHNSON acquired his money from New York City to purchase the bar to use it as a front for narcotics distribution in South Philadelphia.

On July 17, 1974, [ ] furnished the following information:

JERRY SMITH, also known as Little Jerry Garbage Man, was killed by [ ] and [ ] also known as [ ] on July 13, 1974. [ ] was the one who pulled the trigger.

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[redacted] SMITH was waiting for [redacted] in the  
Storybook Lounge when he was gunned down. [redacted]  
approached SMITH earlier in the day of July 17, 1974, and  
[redacted] SMITH advised them that  
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later returned to the Storybook and gunned SMITH down.

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[redacted] is currently driving a 1973 or 1974 yellow  
Thunderbird with a white top and a sun roof. [redacted] and  
[redacted] rarely leave the Philadelphia area. He speculated  
that they may be in Atlantic City, N. J., or possibly in  
New York City.

On July 18, 1974, [redacted] furnished the following  
information:

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Members of the Black Mafia shot and killed JERRY  
SMITH this past Saturday in the Storybook Bar at 23rd and  
Dickinson Streets in Philadelphia. [redacted] does not know who  
killed SMITH but has heard that it was over money he owed the  
Black Mafia. SMITH had Massachusetts tags on his automobile  
but is or was possibly [redacted]  
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On July 19, 1974, [redacted] furnished the following  
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JAMES JOHNSON, also known as Flats, was killed at  
Boots Lounge, 17th and Wharton Streets, Philadelphia, a  
couple of Saturday nights ago. JOHNSON was killed by the  
same individual who had argued with him the Saturday morning  
of his death about a \$5.00 debt. The argument took place in  
and around 17th and Wharton Streets.

The Black Mafia in Philadelphia was responsible  
for murdering JERRY SMITH, also known as the Garbage Man, at  
23rd and Dickinson Streets last week. Word on the street is  
that contracts are out for three more persons.

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On July 22, 1974, [ ] advised that the Black Mafia had approached JERRY SMITH and tried to extort money from him; however, SMITH refused to "pay off." As a result, SMITH was murdered. Source advised that the Black Mafia is allegedly also trying to get to [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] was supposed to have been [ ]

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On July 23, 1974, [ ] furnished the following information:

JERRY SMITH, also known as Little Jerry Garbage Man, who was killed a couple of weeks ago at the Storybook Lounge, 23rd and Dickinson Streets, was actually [ ] and SMITH were always close. SMITH's death was a result of problems with the Black Mafia. [ ] a lead man and hit man for the Black Mafia, was in the bar with his girl friend, [ ] at the time SMITH was killed.

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The killings of JAMES JOHNSON, also known as Flats, at Boots Lounge, 17th and Wharton Streets, was also a slaying perpetrated by the Black Mafia as a result of some bad drug dealings.

On July 24, 1974, [ ] furnished the following information:

The Black Mafia still has a contract out on [ ] P.A. a narcotics dealer [ ] [ ] They also have a contract out on [ ] who sells narcotics for [ ] P.A.

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On November 7, 1974, [ ] furnished the following information:

THOMAS ~~TROTTER~~ <sup>DECEASED</sup> was killed as a result of TROTTER's not showing good faith in completing jobs which were assigned to him. TROTTER had repeatedly failed to comply with the



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directive, who was attempting to play the role of a tough guy. However, he was "too straight" and was hit as a result of his being unwilling to comply with certain orders involving criminal activity. He has heard that the contract has been ordered by [ ] and had been carried out by [ ]

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V. BLACK MAFIA VERSUS  
20TH AND CARPENTER STREETS GANG

On August 1, 1974, [ ] furnished the following information:

Trouble is brewing once more between the Black Mafia and the 20th and Carpenter Street gang in Philadelphia. The situation between these two factions had been quieted in the past when the Black Mafia "bought off" [ ]

[ ] Now the gang is no longer satisfied with the money and has started pulling off some job on their own. For example, [ ] recently approached one known drug dealer, [ ] by putting a shot gun in the dealer's face and demanding a percentage of sales for the drugs.

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Also, border limitations are being drawn up and the Black Mafia will not be allowed in certain territories. The Ant Hill Mob at 24th and Mountain Street and the gang at 23rd and Pemberton Street are reportedly involved in this matter. He expects much trouble in the future by the Black Mafia and gangs in South Philadelphia.

On October 16, 1974, [ ] furnished the following information:

The 20th and Carpenter Street Gang in South Philadelphia, had fire bombed automobiles owned by [ ] and [ ] Philadelphia, Pa. In addition to fire bombing the cars, several bullets were fired into the automobile.

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The 20th and Carpenter Street Gang was trying to extort [ ] and evidently, the two individuals were not paying off.

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The 20th and Carpenter Street Gang has had problems with the Black Mafia in the past and for a while were collaborating on their activities.

On October 22, 1974, [ ] furnished the following information:

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The 20th and Carpenter Street gang recently approached him and declared they are taking over the numbers and narcotics business in South Philadelphia and they are putting the Black Mafia Brothers out of business. Four young men came to him and they have also contacted several other Black numbers men in South Philadelphia to tell them they are to turn their numbers into them.

On October 23, 1974, [ ] furnished the following information:

The 20th and Carpenter Street gang is trying to muscle in on the Black Mafia operation in South Philadelphia. They are particularly interested in taking over the Black Mafia protection racket, as it concerns the shakedown off numbers operators. He stated they have fire bombed [ ] car and have threatened him and his family, in order to make him pay for protection. Another person that is being shaken down by the 20th and Carpenter Street gang is [ ]  
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On November 4, 1974, [ ] furnished the following information:

Black Mafia activities in South Philadelphia have been rather inactive on the surface as compared to the past. The 20th and Carpenter Street Gang has taken to the streets in an attempt to openly extort several people in the South Philadelphia area, for example, [ ]  
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Word on the street is that [ ] refused to pay protection money to several 20th and Carpenter Street Gang members and pointed out that three members of the 20th and Carpenter Street Gang were arrested by the Philadelphia Police Department (PHPD) in connection with the [ ]

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On November 14, 1974, [ ] furnished the following information:

The Carpenter Street Gang continues to approach South Philadelphia residents and people involved in numbers operations for weekly "protection" money. In addition to [ ] the Carpenter Street Gang has approached [ ]

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[ ] The Twentieth and Carpenter Street Gang had come back and told [ ] that it would be best if he did not testify against those members of the gang who were involved in the fire bombing and shooting into [ ]

The Twentieth and Carpenter Street Gang has apparently decided that they are again to do battle with the Black Mafia and this is why they decided to openly make extortion attempts in South Philadelphia.

[ ] in addition to being approached by the Twentieth and Carpenter Street Gang for \$150.00 of a weekly payment, was also approached about a week ago by three or four members of the Black Mafia, who wanted money for a Sam Christian Bail Fund. [ ] refused to give the Black Mafia any money.

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# Businessman Terrorized by Gang

By TYREE JOHNSON

The wife of a South Philadelphia businessman said yesterday that a teenage gang shot up her husband's two stores and firebombed two late-model cars in an attempt to force them to pay extortion money.

"They were boys from (the 20th and Carpenter st.) gang," charged Mrs. Josephine Simon.

"They did it to strike fear into our hearts, to make us pay them some money."

MEMBERS OF THE GANG earlier this year won a bloody street war against the Black Mafia.

Police said they are investigating the incident and have no suspects.

Mrs. Simon said several members of the gang threatened her husband, Eddie, with violence last Sunday afternoon if he refused to pay weekly protection money.

Mrs. Simon said neighbors saw the youths return midnight Sunday to put seven gunshot holes through her husband's two businesses—a restaurant and a grocery store—located on the corners of 16th and Federal sts.

She added that the youths were seen setting fire to her green Cadillac and a red one belonging to a neighbor, Mrs. Minnie Giggins. Both were parked outside the grocery store.

Mrs. Simon said the youths "boldly walked away when they finished."

MRS. SIMON'S husband was less vocal about the incident saying:

"I don't know anything. I haven't seen anything and I'm not going to say anything. That's how you get along down here."

During an interview in April, Simon, an admitted numbers writer, told a Daily News reporter he had been paying \$300 to \$400 a week to Black Brothers Inc., a group police said was a Black Mafia organization.

The Black Brothers were eventually overcome by the Carpenter st. gang in a series of battles in which four young men were killed.

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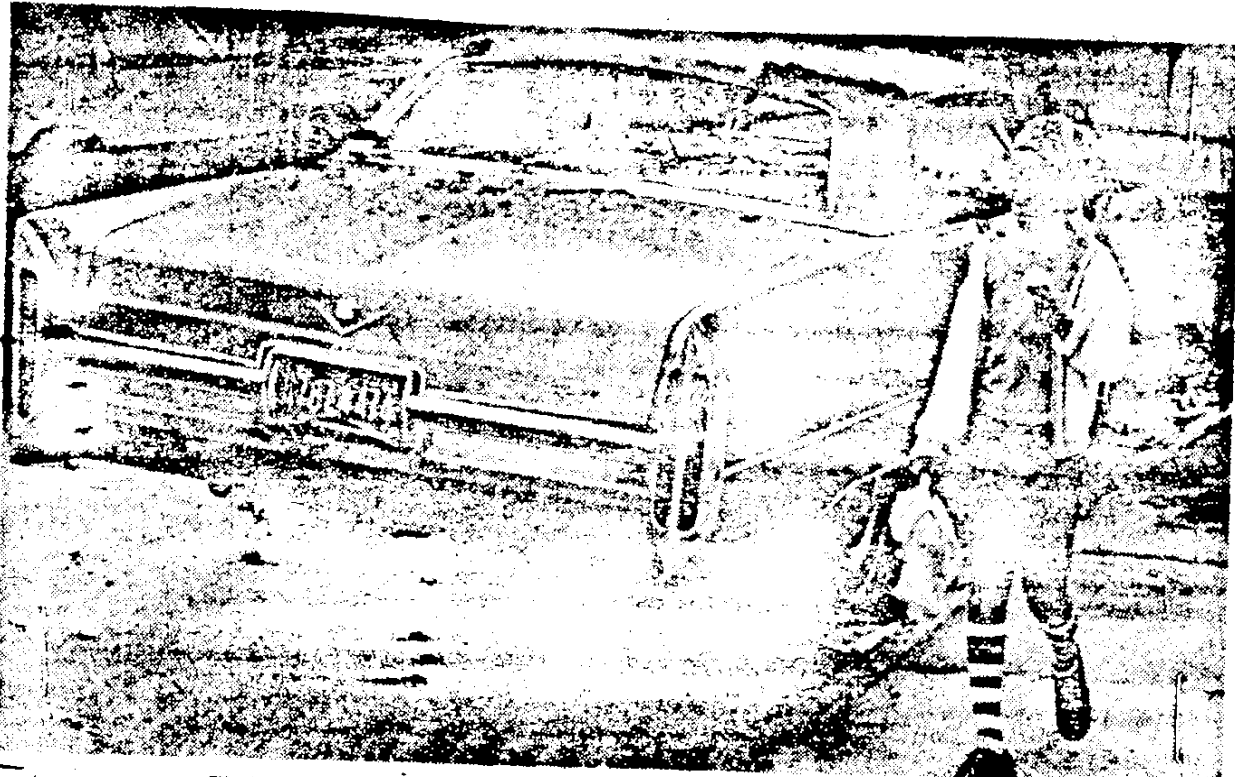
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Firebombed car on S. 16th st.: "They did it to strike fear into our hearts"

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VI. MISCELLANEOUS

On July 1, 1974, [ ] furnished the following information:

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The Black Mafia in Philadelphia has continued to move heroine and cocaine within the city of Philadelphia and recently has moved to set up their own numbers operation. The Black Mafia has "wised up" to an extent from the experience since last summer. Their activities have become more sophisticated and that they have learned to move from outright extortion of people to getting black numbers people involved in an operation on business terms. One of the reasons for this change was also the realization that arrest taken in connection with lotteries could be treated as a misdemeanor, and at the same time, the Mafia could still reap good profits from the numbers. This, more or less, ceased their activity of making black numbers writers "pay a tax" in order to keep their operation in existence.

On July 9, 1974, [ ] furnished the following information:

[ ] mentioned the fact that the BM has to raise an initial \$15,000 for [ ] defense. No mention was made as to how they plan to raise the money.

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On July 18, 1974, [ ] furnished the following information:

~~PA~~ [ ] told him that the Black Mafia (BM) is strapped for funds. Through their new enterprise, ~~Star Incorporated~~, they have set up several dances, and sponsored popular singing groups such as the O-Jays; all this was done through ~~Samble-Huff~~ organization, 309 South Broad Street. Most of the dances were put on at ~~Ciro's Restaurant and Lounge~~, 7100 ~~Grantz~~ Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa. A nice profit was made and CRO was given a small part of the profits. A lot of narcotics were sold during the various engagements at ~~Ciro's~~.

On September 16, 1974, [ ] furnished the following information:

PA. [ ] According to [ ] anytime celebrities such as [ ] or anybody connected with the [ ]-Huff recording company is performing in the area, the Black Mafia will always be in attendance to insure that "nothing happens" in the audience to disturb the performance.

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On September 16, 1974, [ ] furnished the following information:

Regarding the recent DEA arrests, he indicated that this will not effect the operation of the Black Mafia and if anything, it will cause open warfare in the streets to see who will control the illicit activities in Philadelphia.

On September 18, 1974, [ ] furnished the following information:

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The streets are extremely quiet because of recent arrests of Black Mafia members by the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA). Members are sitting back to see exactly how many additional arrest are going to be made. The members feel that DEA has a good case against them and they are resigned to the fact that they will have to serve some time for their drug arrests.

On September 19, 1974, [ ] furnished the following information:

The Thomas Jefferson Club in West Philadelphia, PA, in the vicinity of Spruce and Locust Streets is the latest hangout for Philadelphia Black Mafia Members. This club is managed by [ ] and is the daily hangout for such individuals as [ ], [ ], [ ] and other people associated with the Black Mafia.

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On September 28, 1974, [ ] furnished the following information:

Black Mafia members are up in arms because of recent arrest of leadership. Although most of them were out of jail on bail, this caused a raid on their treasury. They are certain that Federal authorities have informants in their organization, but they are not sure who he, or they, might be. They are pretty certain that there was no leak from the leadership; however, some thought [ ] was treated better than the rest. There is still suspicion as to whether [ ] is for the "Family" or for himself.

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[ ] is now clean shaven and staying at [ ] Philadelphia, Pa., which is telephone number [ ]

[ ] has not been arrested and source felt that [ ] thought that he had been set up by someone in the family. [ ] did not deal in drugs for a long time and was only persuaded to sell heroin after someone in the family vouched for the buyer.

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After he talked to [ ] it was his impression that [ ] had no intentions of appearing at his arraignment scheduled for October 2, 1974. [ ] is presently out on parole for state charges and feels that should he show up for the hearing his parole officer will place a detainer on him.

On September 30, 1974, [ ] furnished the following information:

Black Mafia leaders are now thinking about leaving town because they feel sure of convictions in Federal court for their narcotics activities.

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[ ] told him that there is no way for him to go to jail because it would kill him. He is either going to leave town or try to make some sort of deal with the Government.

[ ] is still determined to leave also. [ ] had to beg people to help him get the \$60,000 bail money together. He felt that they should have come to his aid first, but no one offered help because they had to gather their own bail money.

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[ ] is also running scared because he knows his link to Black Mafia may soon be exposed because some weak links ~~are~~ in the chain of people arrested by Federal authorities

On September 30, 1974, [ ] furnished the following information:

Since the multiple arrest by the Drug Enforcement Administration which was aimed primarily at the Black Mafia, the members of the Black Mafia have not been able to work their numbers business as well as before. They have had to spend a great deal of money for bail and lawyers fees, and as a result missed paying off on several numbers hits. Each of the winners is told he will be paid in the near future, and that he should just hang in there. Most people ~~are~~ afraid to press the issue with the Black Mafia, but that once the ~~word~~ gets around that they are not paying off on their hits, people will no longer be betting with the Black Mafia numbers office.

A Black Mafia member named [ ] <sup>PA.</sup> pays off all hits for the Black Mafia. If there are any hits to be paid on the work that the source turns into the Black Mafia, [ ] comes to 56th and Wyalusing about 6:30 P.M. He parks his car approximately one-half block away and then comes into the bar and settles up.

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Source also advised that he has talked to a Black Mafia member, [ ] who told him that they are extremely worried about the narcotics arrest, and are having ~~at~~ to steal a good deal of money in order to post bail and obtain competent lawyers. Although [ ] didn't specifically tell him how they were going to get the money necessary for all of these expenses, he got the impression that the Black Mafia would have to resume its extortion and robbery activities in order to obtain the necessary funds.

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On October 4, 1974, [ ] furnished the following information:

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The Black Mafia recently sent a small army of men into the projects at 13th and Fitzwater to ferret out dope peddlers. They have been catching the dope peddlers so that they can beat them up, turn them over to the police or kill them. The Black Mafia said if they did not sell their dope none will be sold.

On November 29, 1974, [ ] furnished the following information:

[ ] is [ ]  
[ ] and that a fix is on.  
[ ] has bragged to source that he will probably only get a couple of months in jail for his involvement with the Black Mafia narcotics operation. [ ] advised him that he is going to use the same people that [ ] used and that he has had to gather as much money as possible for the pay off. Source was not able to learn who [ ] is allegedly paying in order to get leniency for pleading guilty to the narcotics charge.

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*PA.*  
The furor calls in Philadelphia because United States District Judge CHARLES WEINER sentenced HERSHAL WILLIAMS to only six months in jail has now hit all the Philadelphia newspapers. Either the judge was paid a handsome sum under the table, or he is really naive.

[ ] in the Black Mafia and has [ ] He further advised that [ ] still has not entered court case in common pleas court, when he was seen by the daily news reporter shooting at a passing automobile. He recently saw [ ] driving a 1975 blue Mark IV Lincoln Continental bearing temporary license number [ ] The car has a black vinyl top.

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[redacted] also known as [redacted], has been picked up recently with large amounts of cash on his person. [redacted] tells the police officers to keep the money and let him go. According to source this has happened three times in the month of November and [redacted] is now bragging that he can buy anybody.

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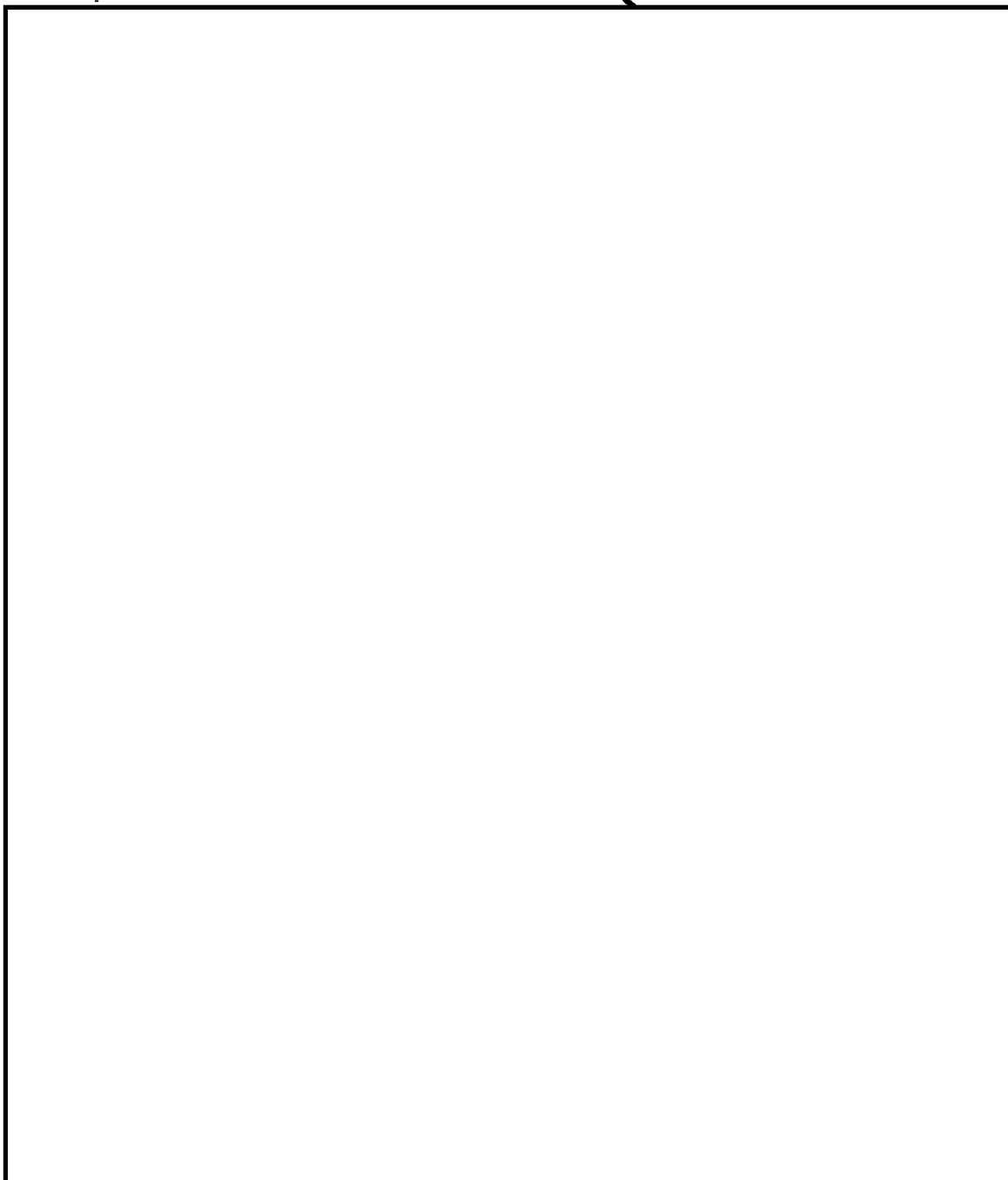
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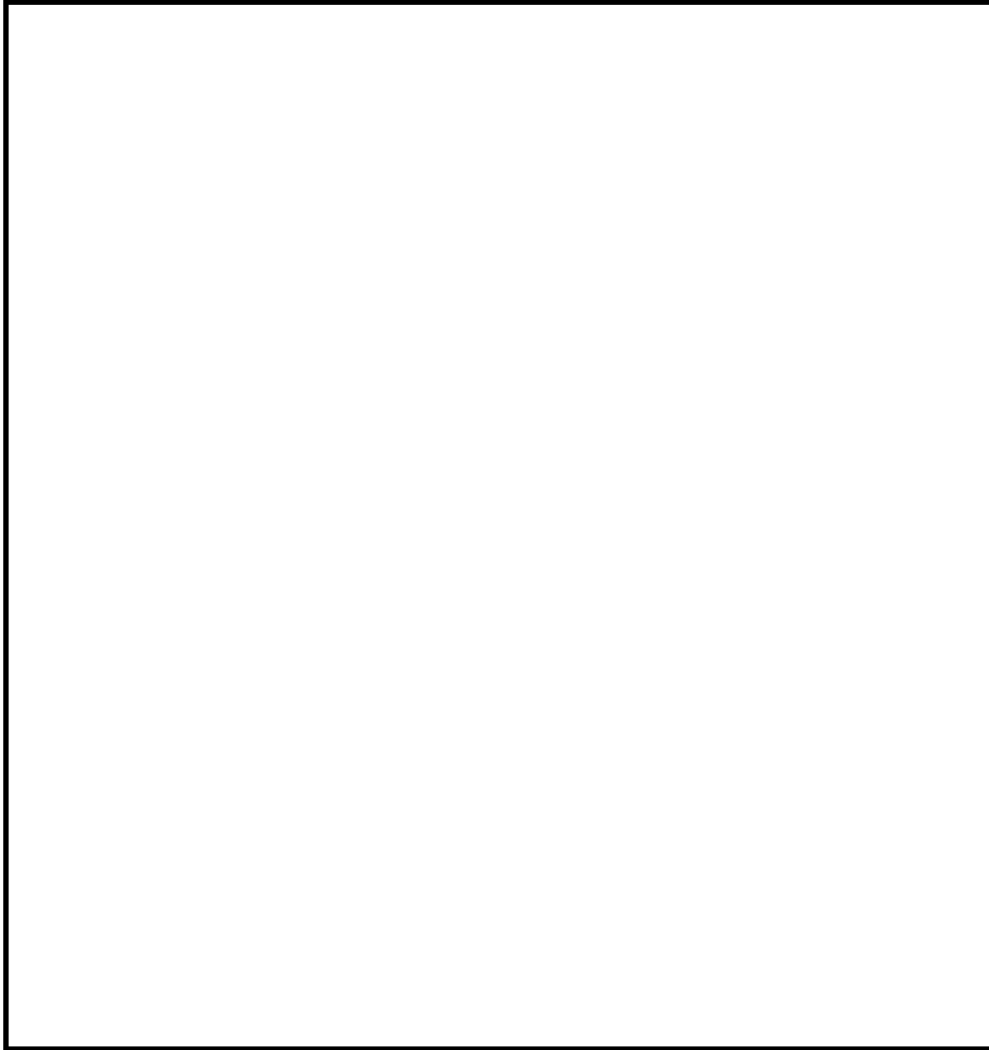
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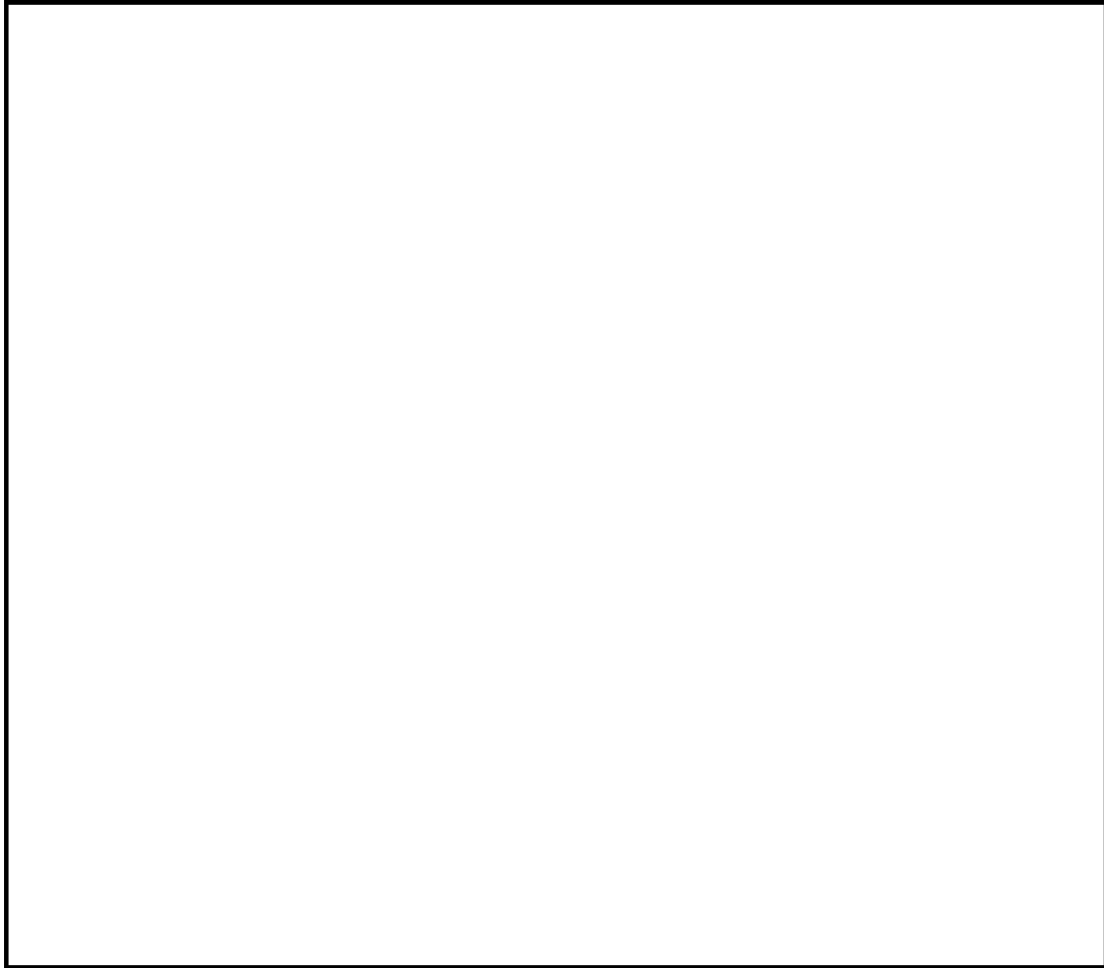
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VII. INTERVIEWS

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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On July 10, 1974 [redacted]  
 Philadelphia, Pa., [redacted] one [redacted] [redacted]:

[redacted] of the Black Muslims in Philadelphia, has basic control over all drug traffic in Philadelphia, Pa. [redacted] has been [redacted] heroin and [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] and thereafter distributes it to associates in the business. The origin of the drugs is in the Bahamas, but [redacted] [redacted] his [redacted] through an intermediate in Miami, Fla. Once a deal is made on drugs coming from the Bahamas, the drugs go to Miami and then are transported to Atlanta, Ga., onto Washington, D. C., and ultimately to Philadelphia.

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The cocaine never arrives in Philadelphia, but is kept and distributed in Washington, D. C. The heroin is raw when it leaves the Bahamas; however, it is broken down one degree in Washington, D. C., and then brought onto Philadelphia. Once the drugs reach Philadelphia, [redacted] uses women to cut. The women are usually given the drugs in 1/8 kilo quantities and, depending on who [redacted] has slated for the order, the 1/8 kilo is cut to make less than 1/2 kilo to one whole kilo. [redacted] advised that different dealers from different areas of the city each receive a different mixture of their drugs. For example, [redacted] obtained a full kilo of uncut drugs from [redacted] while other dealers would receive the 1/8 kilo which had been raised to a whole kilo. This was something just short of pure junk. [redacted]

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 After the heroin has been cut by one of [redacted] selected women, the drugs are then distributed to dealers. [redacted] stated that in addition to [redacted] another principal dealer was a [redacted] paid a lot of money to [redacted] but he usually would not receive heroin. [redacted] "has his own drug thing" in which he deals mostly in "monster". The money paid to [redacted] is a percentage which every drug dealer in Philadelphia must pay in order to operate independently of [redacted] is so strong, he either forces drug dealers throughout the city to work in his drug chain or pay a percentage in order to operate.

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[redacted] of Philadelphia is [redacted] and getting them back to the Philadelphia area. When a drug deal starts, [redacted] will receive a telegram or other correspondence indicating that the deal is ready. For example, a telegram will come in and simply say "Deal ready, \$100,000", and a figure is given such as \$100,000 or \$200,000, and this lets [redacted] know how much the deal is worth.

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[redacted] recalled two or three deals involving \$100,000 and stated that a deal could range anywhere from one to three or more kilos in each case. [redacted] again uses women in order to consummate a drug deal. Money is carried in suitcases by women and usually [redacted] would take a woman with him via airline, generally National Airlines, to Miami or he would send a woman ahead and meet her in Miami when a deal was on.

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When in Miami, [redacted] stays at only the finest hotels and [redacted] particularly recalled [redacted] staying at the Fontaine Bleu in Miami. [redacted] has been seen on a couple of occasions meeting [redacted] in Miami, Fla.

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Once the money has been passed in Florida, [redacted] drives the drugs back to Atlanta, Ga., and then onto Washington, D. C., where the heroin is cut by 1%.

The man responsible for getting the drugs cut by 1% in Washington and distributing whatever amount of the drugs designated for Washington, is an individual by the name of [redacted] who is also known as [redacted]. [redacted] which is located in the [redacted] Washington, D. C. [redacted] also owns [redacted] controls the drug traffic in Washington, D. C., much the same as [redacted] controls drug traffic in Philadelphia.

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[redacted] has a man by the name of [redacted] who is his right hand man. [redacted]

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[redacted] Washington, D. C. [redacted] deals drugs through a man known as [redacted]

[redacted], also known as [redacted], who runs a [redacted] in one of [redacted] avenues.

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Once [redacted] has the drugs cut in Washington,

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The drugs are then turned over to [redacted]  
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[redacted] Again, [redacted] has a woman who keeps books for him. [redacted] does keep his records in his car and at times in his home. [redacted]

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[redacted] does conduct some of [redacted]

[redacted] At last account, there was no telephone at that residence.

In addition to [redacted] involvement in the drug traffic in Philadelphia, he is also deeply involved in passing bad checks. [redacted]

Within the last month, an individual by the name of [redacted]  
[redacted]  
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*PC* operation. [redacted] paid \$1,000 for the book of money orders would could be raised to a maximum of \$200 each. [redacted] obtained the money orders on a 50% basis, which means he paid one-half the maximum value. [redacted] was arrested a couple of months ago in Washington, D. C., for burglary charges.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 7/19/74

On July 17, 1974, [redacted] also known as [redacted], Philadelphia, Pa., was contacted and furnished the identity of the interviewing agent and explained the purpose of wanting to talk to him. [redacted] furnished the following information:

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On the Friday before Christmas in 1973, a Black Muslim named [redacted] (Upper Darby, Pa.) is known to him as a stick-up artist and who came into the Cotton Club, at 10th and Foster Streets in Upper Darby, with a shotgun and robbed him of \$90 and threatened to shoot him. [redacted] said that [redacted] had a carload of men outside waiting on him and as he was trying to get them inside to assist him, another man entered the bar through another entrance. This man saw what was happening and turned around and ran out of the door and went and called the police. This individual apparently provided a description of the car to the police but there were no arrests made to his knowledge. The police came to the bar and asked [redacted] if he wanted to talk about what happened and they were told by him that he did not wish to do so because he felt that they would come back and do something to his family.

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Two months later, two guys called [redacted] on the telephone and said "Listen, [redacted], this [redacted] is in some trouble and he needs \$200 and you are to put this \$200 in an envelope and give it to [redacted] at PA Charm Cleaners in Darby, Pa." [redacted] said he then told them that he did not have this money and he was told, "We have ways and means of making you pay this money. We know your kid stands down there as a safety with [redacted]" [redacted] said after this he went and saw [redacted] who Her name is [redacted]. He told her what had happened and that he [redacted] was crazy for his not calling the police when her brother robbed him and when he received the telephone call. [redacted] said that [redacted] told him she was going to call the police. [redacted]

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by SA [redacted] /deb <sup>SPL</sup> <sub>b7C</sub> Date dictated 7/18/74

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[ ] said that eventually he borrowed some money from his mother which he in turn attempted to give to [ ] but she raised hell with him and would not take it. The following day a man called [ ] called and said "I understand you borrowed the money gave it to her and she threatened to call the cops and she gave the money back to you. We understand that you are not doing as well as we thought you were and that you don't have the money we thought you had but you take that \$200 and give it to [ ] and your kids will be all right and the [ ] will be punished for giving us false information." PH

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[ ] said he never heard any more from these people until about six weeks ago when his son came into the house and said that [ ] is outside and wanted to talk to him. [ ] went out and spoke with [ ] who apologized to him for what he, [ ], thought was for robbing him or taking the \$200. [ ] told him, "Listen, you could get into some big things. I know these brothers in North, South and West Philly who are getting ready to do some big things." [ ] said he interpreted this to mean that the Muslims are ready to move into Delaware County because some of them had previously come to him and asked information of him on numbers bankers, their families, where they live and whatever other information he might have concerning these people, particularly, those people who live in Chester Township and this county.

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[ ] told [ ] that he wanted him to meet these guys he had reference to. [ ] asked him if he meant those brothers who had contacted him by telephone. [ ] told him no and said those brothers "weren't nothing, man. This here is a dynamite brother named [ ]" The next afternoon, 1974 red and white Cadillac pulled up in front of the house and [ ] and [ ] got out. [ ] said there was also a big guy. [ ]

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said, "Listen, I'm [redacted]. I want to talk to you some place in private." [redacted] said, "Listen, let me tell you something. We are sick and tired of these people taking this money for all these black people and don't want to make a measly \$1,000 donation so that we can get our kids a school bus, while they send their families to Europe, their wives drive around in expensive sport cars and wearing fur coats and they (numbers men) are driving around in their big new Cadillacs." [redacted] told him to tell all of the numbers people in Delaware County that the Black Muslims are going to take over the numbers and that the Black Mafia will be coming in a few weeks also. [redacted] said that [redacted] then told him, "We are tired of giving the money to the white men."

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[redacted] said that this was the first and last time he saw [redacted] Sunday night (July 14, 1974) [redacted] said he had just opened the Cobbler Club at Woodland and Parkway, telephone number 365-8762, when he heard that two Muslims had been next door asking when the club would be open and if he [redacted] had been around. [redacted] said he opened the club at 9:00 P.M. and he told the two girls who work for him to call him at home if the Muslims returned. He was at home when he received a telephone call from one of those women who said that a Muslim was there and raising hell because he could not get in and he wanted to see you. [redacted] said he went to the club to talk to this individual whose name he has forgotten. This individual said he wanted him to furnish him information about a numbers figure in Chester called [redacted] who [redacted] said is [redacted] in Chester, Pa. [redacted] said he also wanted information regarding [redacted] [redacted] said that he told this individual that he did not know anything about [redacted] and told him to see [redacted]

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[redacted] said that last night, July 16, 1974, another Muslim, whom he described as having [redacted] a [redacted] driving a two tone green Plymouth, came to him and said that he wanted to find out where [redacted] and [redacted] said that he told him that he has not been to Chester in five years and that he did not know anything about [redacted]. This individual said, "Listen, [redacted]. I don't have time to hang around and find out where [redacted] said that this individual told him to do them a favor and get the information on [redacted] and that he would return Thursday.

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[redacted] identified Philadelphia photograph [redacted] as the individual who approached him and introduced to him as [redacted] Philadelphia photograph number [redacted] is the number used to identify the photograph of [redacted]

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Date of transcription 10/10/74

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[redacted] telephonically contacted the Philadelphia Office of the FBI and advised that a close friend of his had overheard [redacted] an ex-disc jockey in Philadelphia, discussing the threat on the life of [redacted] and others by the Black Mafia. According to [redacted] stated that [redacted] and [redacted] have not been threatened, and that no contract is outstanding on their lives; however, as for [redacted] the threat still stands.

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by SA [redacted] mrs [redacted] Date dictated 10/4/74

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Date of transcription 10/16/74

[redacted] Philadelphia, Pa. telephone number [redacted] was advised of the identities of [redacted] as Special Agents of the FBI, and that the reason for the interview was concerning his association with the various alleged Black Mafia members, namely, [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that the above [redacted] whom he considered to be members of the Philadelphia Black Mafia, have frequented his bar, [redacted]

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[redacted] for the last three or four years. [redacted] stated that he did not know these gentlemen socially but would often speak and have a few drinks with them when they entered his bar.

[redacted] stated that an organization known as Star Enterprise, Inc., put on a few shows at his bar during the months of June, July, and August of 1974. The Second Acts, The Counts, and Zulema were booked for that three month period. According to [redacted] Star Enterprise had some tie with [redacted] and [redacted]. He stated he could not be sure nor did he really care. He stated each night that the act appeared at his bar, \$1 admission fee was paid by each patron. In this way [redacted] stated he covered any loss.

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[redacted] stated Star Enterprise was represented by two Negro males, whose first names were [redacted] and [redacted] was asked if the last names could be [redacted] and [redacted]. He advised that he could not be sure.

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[redacted] was asked if he could identify the men if he was shown photographs at which time he stated that he did not want to get involved "with those people."

During the months of June, July and August, many former members of Black, Inc., attended his bar, according to [redacted]. This however, was nothing unusual.

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by SAs [redacted] [redacted] b7C  
[redacted] RLJ:jdh Date dictated 10/15/74

because he has a very young crowd and many of the members live in the vicinity of the bar. [redacted] advised that Star Enterprise lost money at each function. [redacted] and [redacted] as well as others normally came into the bar late in the evenings each night they performed.

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[redacted] asked Bureau Agents the present whereabouts of [redacted] Bureau Agents advised that had no idea where [redacted] might be. At that time [redacted] smiled and advised that a friend of his had received a postcard from [redacted] which was postmarked in the State of Colorado.

[redacted] advised that he was still attempting to sell the bar but has had few offers as of this date.

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He advised that he would continue working the bar as long as he could make any kind of money at all. He stated he is presently \$25,000 in debt.

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Date of transcription 10/18/74

[redacted]  
[redacted] Philadelphia, Pa., was advised of the identities of [redacted] as Special Agents of the FBI and that the reason for the interview was concerning the extortion of businessmen in the South Street area by individuals who are alleged to be members of the Black Mafia organization or the 20th and Carpenter Street gang.

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[redacted] advised that he has been a life long resident of the City of Philadelphia and has had his place of business on South Street for approximately ten years. He stated that [redacted] he has not been approached by anyone for contributions and/or threats to do bodily harm if he did not contribute money many businessmen have.

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[redacted] stated that he has been robbed several times in the past and as recently as February of this year. He stated he is an outspoken businessman and has even been called radical because of his views.

[redacted] stated that he had often criticized the city administrators and Commissioner of Police for not giving businessmen in the South Street area adequate protection from those that would harm them. [redacted] stated that even when the robbers are caught and he has gone to court to testify defense attorneys along with the acquiescence of the judges he himself has been put on trial rather than the robbers.

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[redacted] stated that things have gotten so bad in this city for businessmen that there is talk of vigilante groups forming.

[redacted] stated that he knows that the FBI knows that he is a member of the Jewish Defense League and an outspoken member at that. He stated he has no qualms about protecting his life and property even to the point of killing anyone who would attempt to take it away from him.

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by SA [redacted] b7C MLJ:ckm Date dictated 10/14/74

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[redacted] advised that he would not mind assisting the FBI in giving the names of businessmen who have been extorted or who are presently being extorted just as long as his name is not used. He stated he had often done so for the Philadelphia Police Department with very little results.

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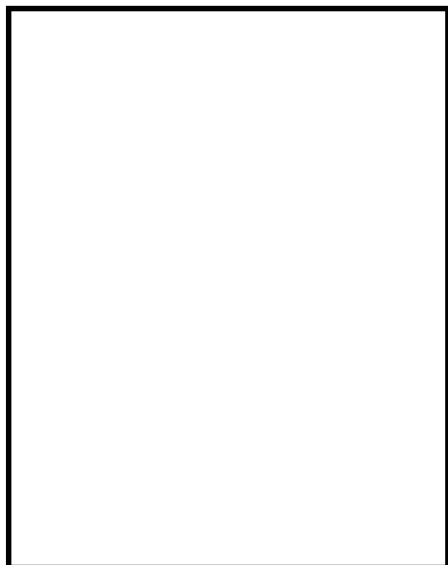
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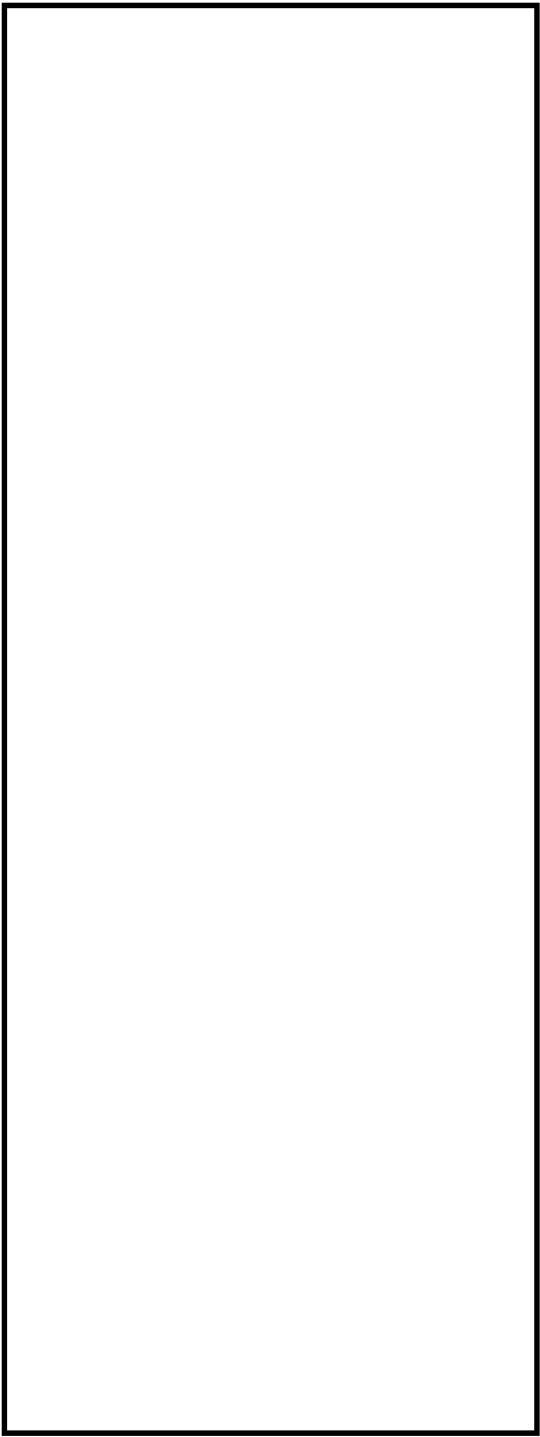
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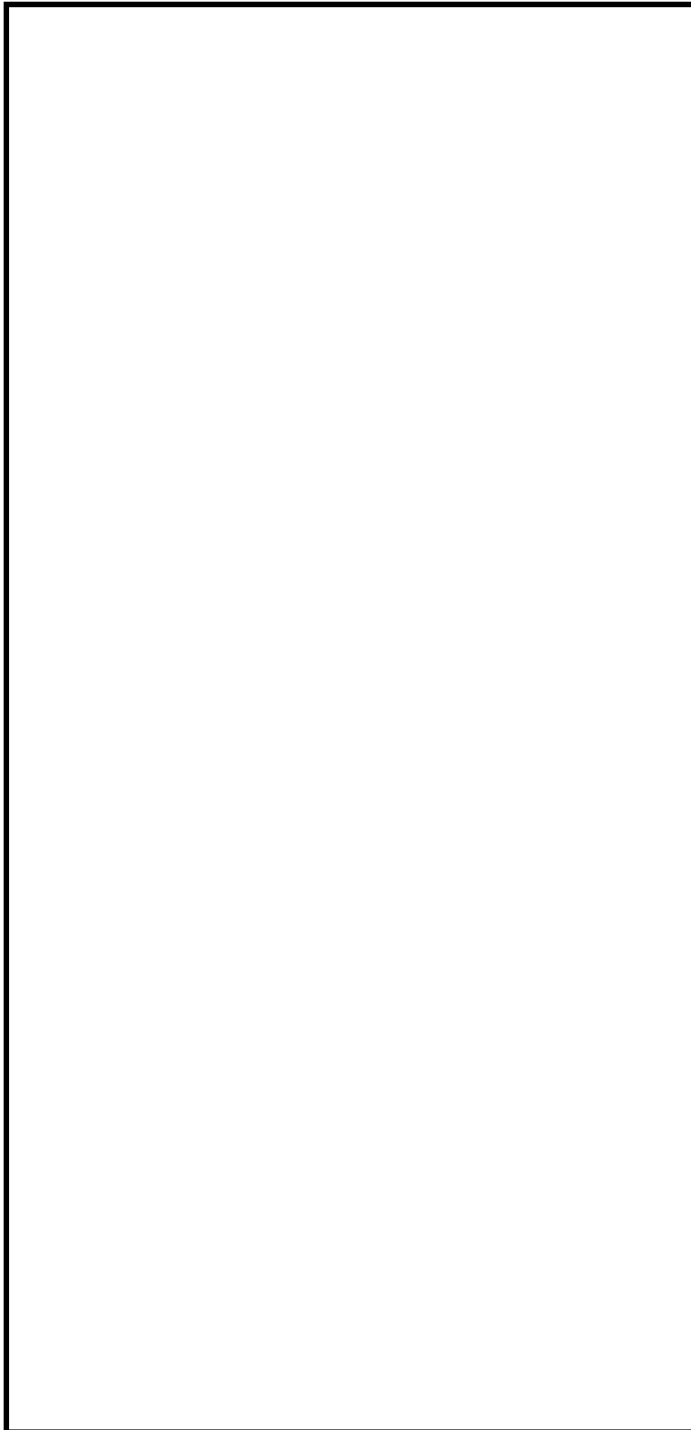
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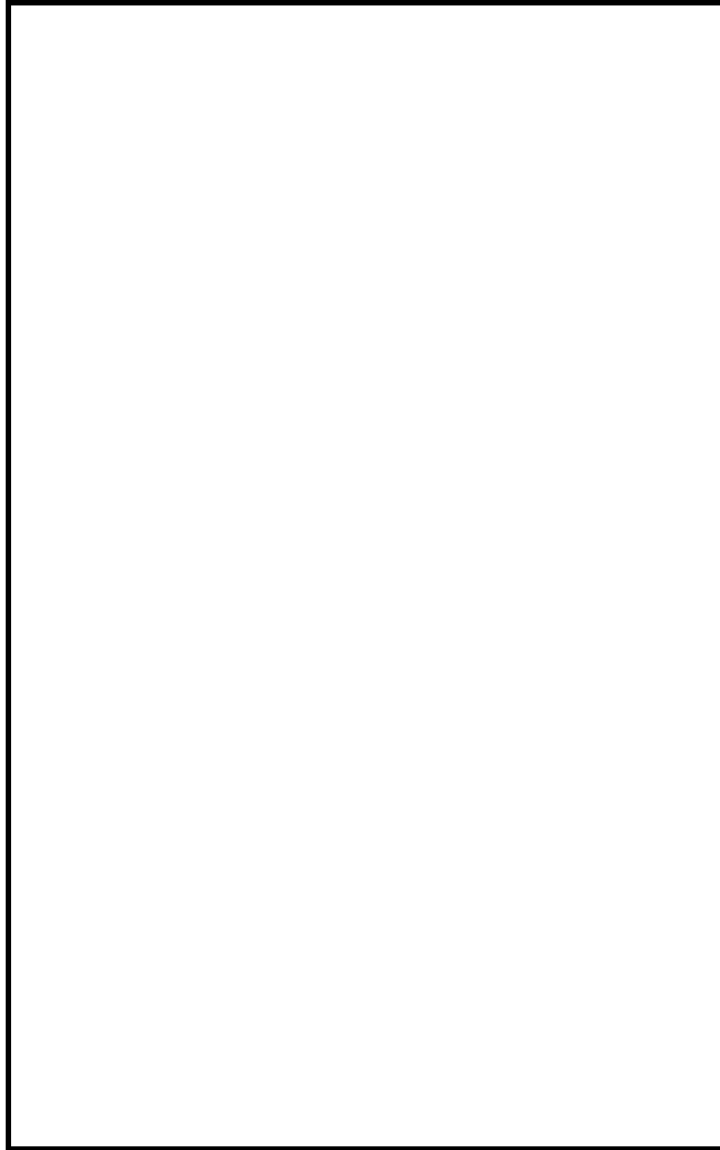
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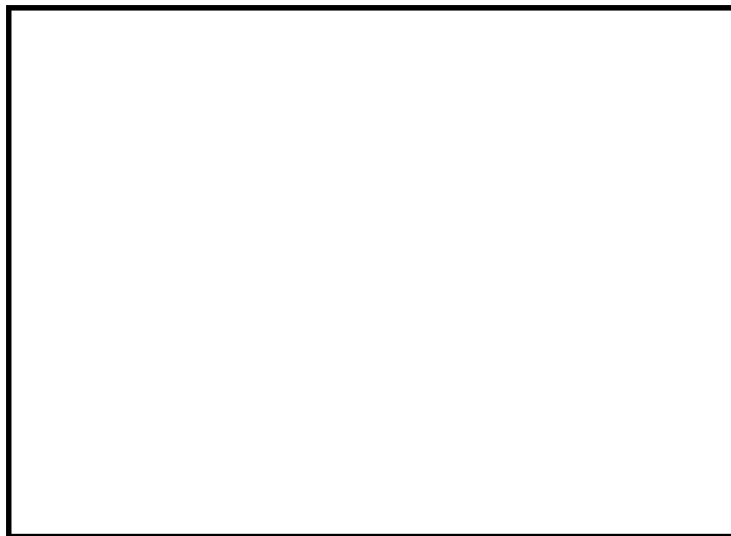
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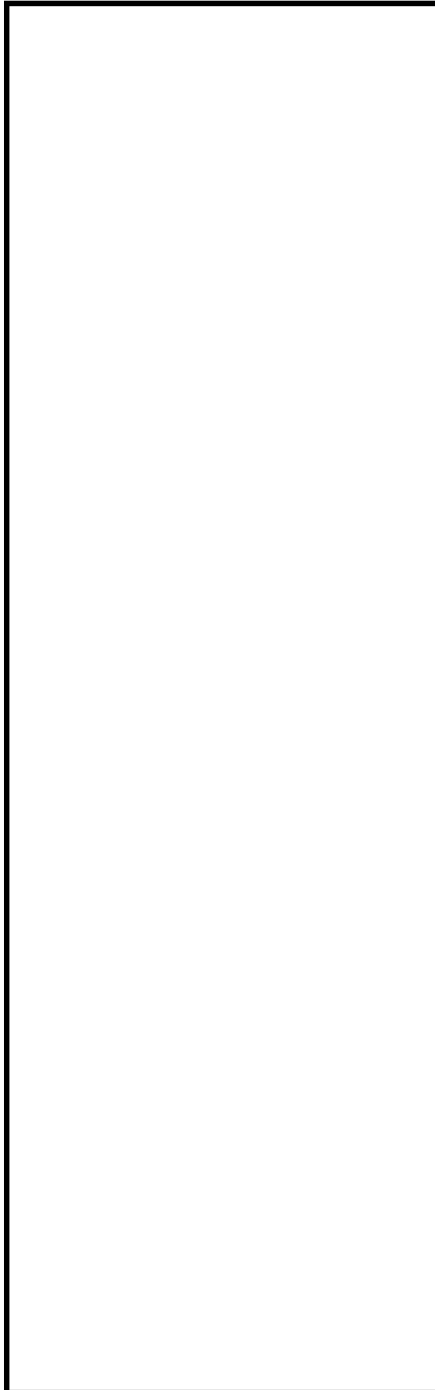


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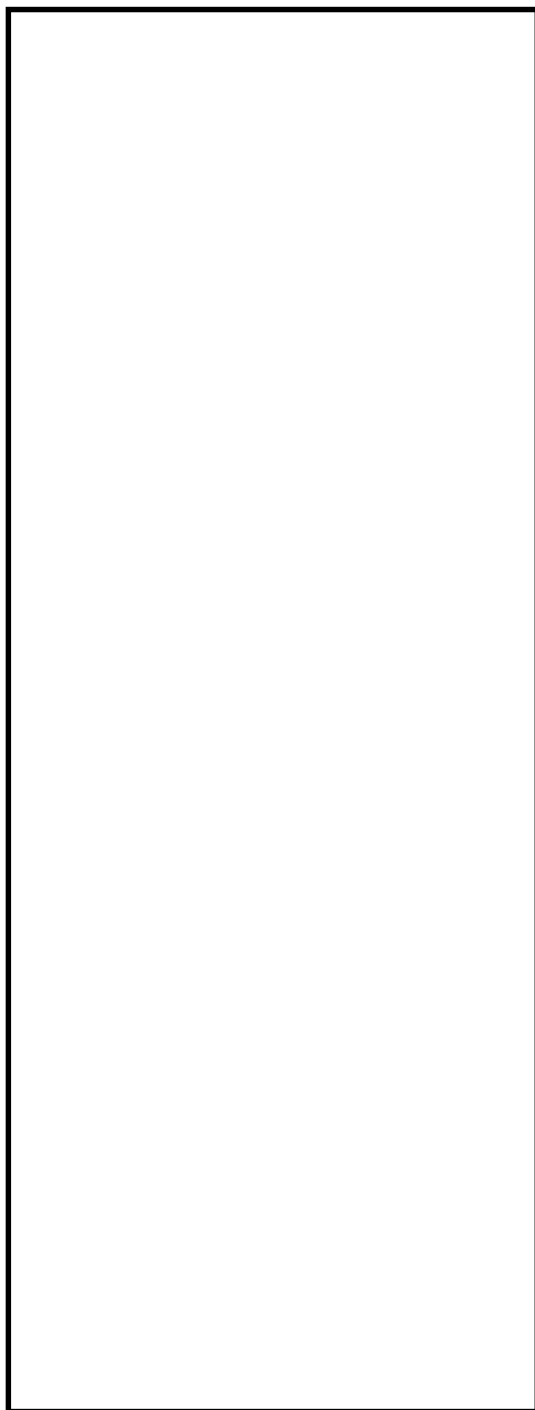
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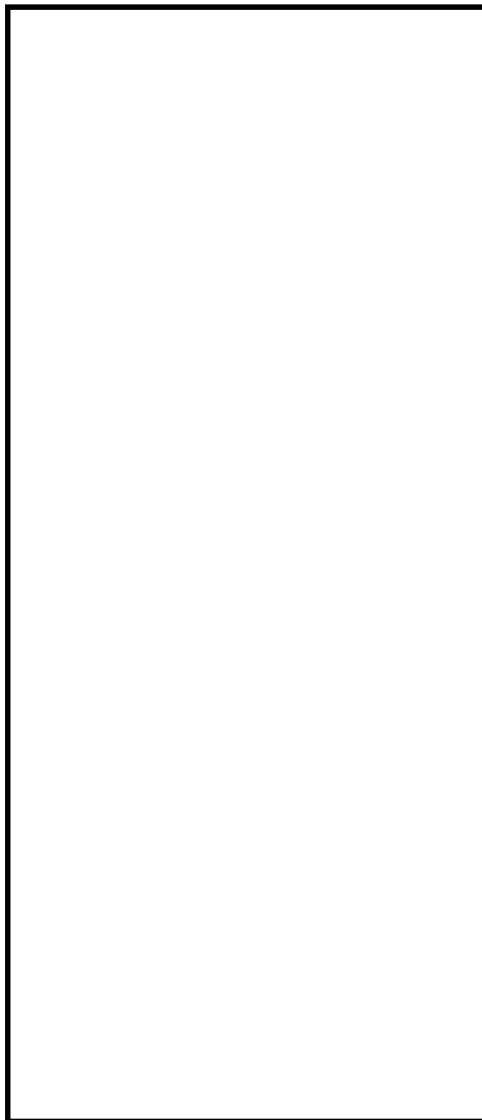
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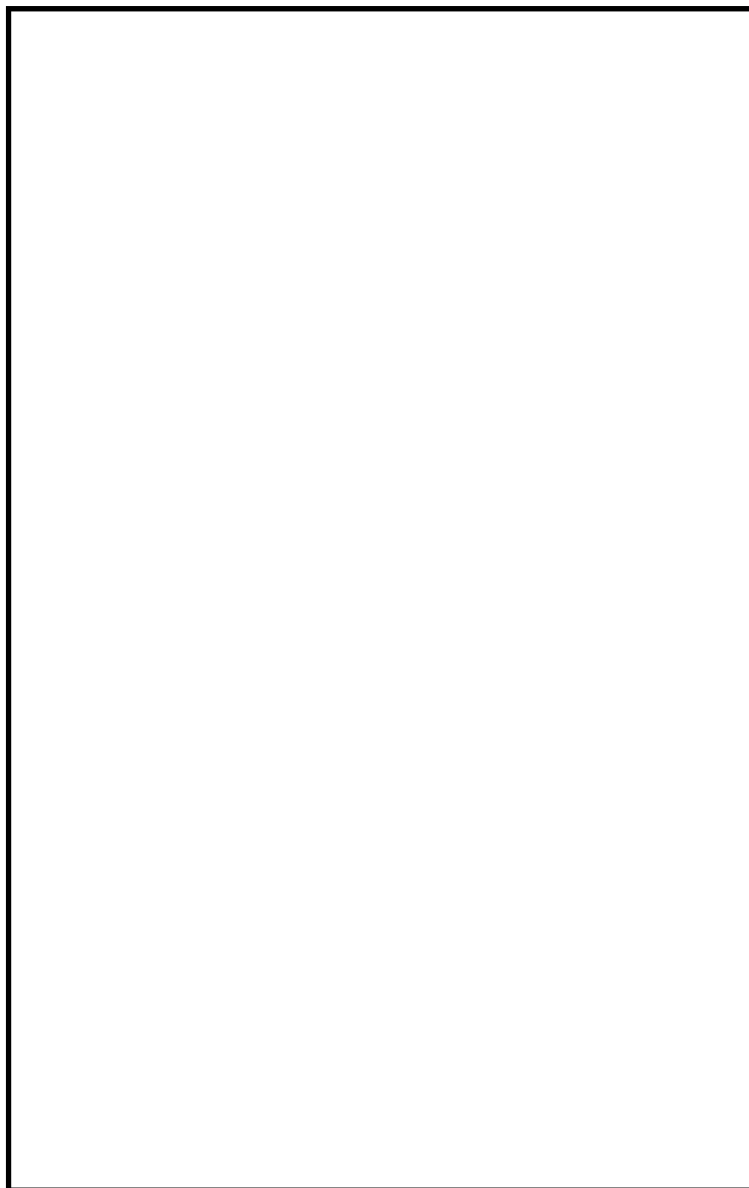
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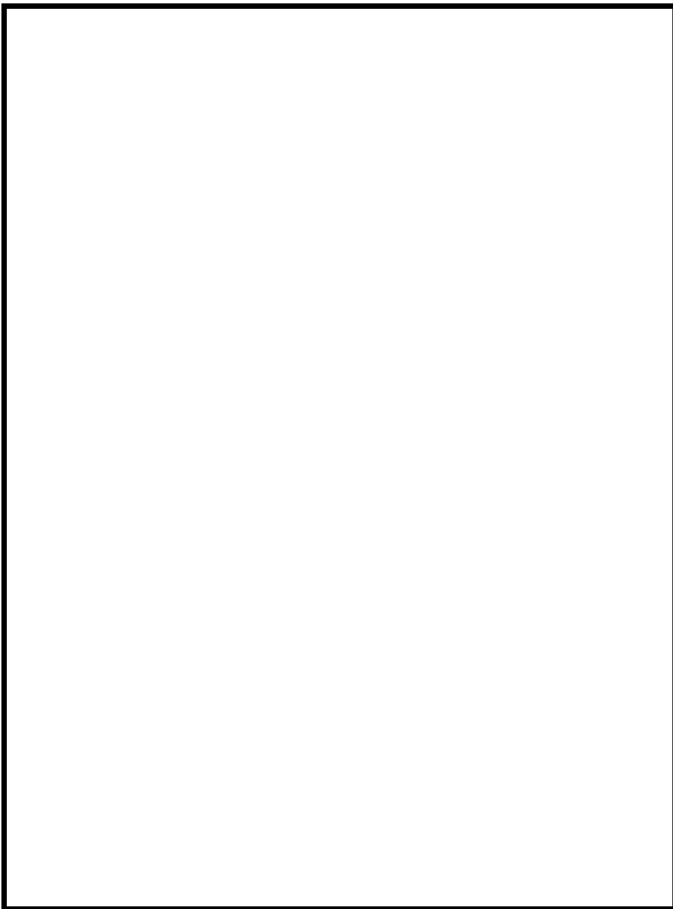
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