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AT SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA

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BUTTE DIVISION

AT BILLINGS, MONTANA

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and handed it to FBI Agents at which time the jewelry was examined and found to contain the initial "TJ" on a silver turquoise bracelet and "GJ" on a turquoise silver helt buckle. identified himself as at which time he was placed under arrest by Bureau Agents. On 10/21/75. USA. Billings, filed complaint charging with violation of Title 18, Section 1153. USC. and Section 94-6-204(1), RCM, 1947. On 10/21/75, appeared before U. S. Magistrate, Billings. Preliminary hearing continued until 2:00 p.m., 10/23/75. incarcerated at Yellowstone County Jail, Billings, in custody of U. S. Marshal's office, Billings, in lieu of \$5,000.00 bond.
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DETAILS:
Investigation in this matter was initiated on October 21. 1975. upon receipt of a telephone call from FBI Agent, who advised that Chief of Police JOSEPH ST. PIERRE, Crow Agency, Montana, advised a burglary had occurred at the SUN LODGE MOTEL, Crow Agency, Montana. The burglars had taken approximately \$1,300.00 in turquoise Indian jewelry.
On October 21. 1975. at approximately 9:00 a.m., Investigative Officer Bureau of Indian Affairs, Lame Deer, Montana, was contacted at the SUN LODGE MOTEL at Crow Agency, Montana.
Investigative Officer advised that he had attempted to obtain fingerprints from broken glass off the showcase which contained the missing jewelry.
also advised that it appeared that the burglars gained entry to the SUN LODGE through an unlocked door located on the south end of the motel.
Also found on top of the showcase was a large metal Scotch tape holder which was believed to be used to break the glass to gain entry to the showcase.

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R-13	30.00	One ring, small
R-14	30.00	One ring, small
R-16	30,00	One ring, small
R-17	30.00	One ring, small
R-18	30+00	One ring, small
R-20	30.00	One small ring
R-21	30,00	One small ring
R-22	30.00	One small ring
R-23	30,00	One large ring
R-24	30,00	One large ring
	30.00	One beaded medallion
	17.50	Two chokers, \$17.50 each

advised that all the items taken in the theft other than the medallion and chokers contained turquoise or coral and could be identified by the initials either "GJ" or "TJ".

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	continued that the film crew had come Battle Field to film a documentary to be see and that RUSSELL MEANS was narrating and filming.
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## AT CUSTER BATTLE FIELD, MONTANA

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then revealed that the bags that had the tags on them with the name RUSSELL MEANS were one, small leather imitation dark blue bag approximately two foot by two foot in dimensions. Number two is an old type flight bag, gray in color, with a suit compartment in the middle and a large pouch on each side of the bag with a leather handle.



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On October 21, 1975, U. S. Attorney KEITH L. BURROWES was presented with the facts of this case, and he revealed that if jewelry was found in luggage that was searched by the security personnel at Logan International Airport, his authorization was given to arrest the owner of that luggage, under Title 18, Section 1153, U. S. Code.

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	andInternational Airport RUSSEIL MEANS andproceeded through airport security to the location where WESTERN AIRLINES flight #26 was	
	due to depart. The two unidentified Indian males, both carrying suitcases, one a small blue imitation leather bag, and the other a gray old type Air Force bag, seemed to be in a very nervous state and constantly one would stay with the two bags outside of the security area and the other would go and confer with RUSSELL MEANS.	
	Shortly before departure of WESTERN AIRLINES flight #26, security officer, Logan International Airport, revealed that the two unidentified Indian males had asked that their baggage be taken aboard WESTERN AIRLINES flight #26 by a WESTERN AIRLINES employee. advised that this luggage would have to be brought through the security counter. The luggage at this time was opened for inspection and one of the Indian males who identified himself as	ъ6 ъ7С
	advised that it was his grav flight bag that was being opened for inspection.  The identity of Special Agent of the FBI.  Immediately stated that there was a belt buckle and bracelet in the side pouch of his flight bag.  The jewelry was inspected by SA and SA and found to be a turquoise stone and a silver in color body. The bracelet had the initials "TJ" stamped in the inside of it, and the belt buckle had "GJ" stamped in the inside of it. The jewelry was then determined to be identical with that that was stolen from the SUN LODGE MOTEL, Crow Agency, Montana.	
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International Airport by SA without incident. was then arrested at Loran and SA without incident. was then arrest for a crime on an Indian reservation - Burglary - Title 18, Section 1153, U. S. Code.

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RUSSELL MEANS and four unknown male Indians were observed at the Logan International Airport. Billings, Montana, near gate #3 where they were attempting to board NORTHWEST AIRLINES flight to Denver, Colorado. MEANS and one of the male Indians entered the security area with no carry-on luggage. A short time later the two remaining unknown Indians. later identified as attempted co gain entry to the and | boarding area each carrying one piece of luggage. They both became rather nervous when the security people advised them that the luggage had to be searched. The two then placed their luggage outside the security area. and as sat watch by the luggage. returned to the WESTERN AIRLINES ticket booth. An announcement was made on the public address system for the last call for boarding for the flight to Denver. RUSSETT MEANS and the male Indian later identified as left the boarding area to obtain seats on the flight to Denver. and remained behind watching their luggage. As the security men for WESTERN AIRLINES picked up the luggage that had been carried by to search. and |

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and boarded the plane.

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was followed on to the plane by this Agent and approached to determine his knowledge of the burglary at the SUN LODGE MOTEL.
and that ne knew nothing of the theft at SUN LODGE MOTEL at Crow Agency, Montana.
had on his person a large turquoise ring and bracelet which he voluntarily showed this Agent.
advised he had not been down on the Crow Agency and that he had been in the Billings, Montana area the last several days.
Upon returning to the security check point for WESTERN AIRLINES, was observed removing a silver best buckle and bracelet from a brown khaki color luggage which he had been in possession of earlier.
jewelry was in the luggage, however, did not know where the jewelry came from; however, he stated that he thought it was probably stolen.  placed under arrest by SA for possession of stolen property as the two places of jewelry were identical to that taken in the burglary of the SUN LODGE MOTEL earlier on October 21, 1975.

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On October 21, 1975, appeared before U. S. Magistrate G. TODD BAUGH, BILLINGS, Montana, and advised of the charges being filed against him; violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 1153 and Section 94-6-204(1), Revised Code of Montana, 1947.

Mr. BAUGH set bond at \$5,000.00 and continued the preliminary hearing until October 23, 1975, at 2:00 p.m. Subject remanded to custody of U. S. Marshal, Yellowstone County Jail, Billings, Montana, in lieu of \$5,000.00 bond.

# Memorandum

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TO. (1)	DIRECTOR, FBI Attention: Identification Division, Latent Fingerprint Section	*
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Inasmuch as was unable to supply information as to where the jewelry had come from, he was arrested and charged with Possession of Stolen Jewelry.
Investigation by the Denver Division has determined that Subject RUSSELL MEANS, while in Denver, gave several pieces of jewelry to a relative.
The Identification Division, Latent Fingerprint Section, is requested to examine the enclosed evidence, for latent fingerprints and compare with known fingerprints of DOB and RUSSELL MEANS,
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It is requested the Identification Division maintain possession of evidence if latent fingerprints are found in order that they can be compared with other known Subjects in this matter.

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1 tape holder with tape

3 glass fragments

Named Subjects:

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> One white face towel: One blue knit shirt: One black, white, gold shirt; One blue wind breaker; One pair Levi jeans, size 33-34; One unknown size blue jeans: One cancelled airline ticket from Northwest Orient dated 10/13/75, from Minneapolis -St. Paul to Washington, D. C. issued ticket #0124010-101. \$109.60 ticket issued to a One Western airline ticket #0174010181968 issued October 28, 1975, to a Mr. from Sioux Falls, South Dakota, from Minneapolis - St. Paul, to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, issued October 28, 1975; One unused ticket from Western airlines from Billings, Montana, for to Denver, 10/21/75, from Denver to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, 10/22/75; One beaded Medallion necklace, white, green, brown, with three sea shells dangling from end; One light brown polished stone; One polished imitation turquoise stone

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Obtained from the Yellowstone County Sheriff's Department was one neck choker taken from the person of at the time he was arrested on October 21, 1975.

The choker is described as white bone containing brass balls and leather tong having two Indian head nickels dated 1934

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advised all property obtained from

to be returned to his court appointed attorney

and only the following items were retained:

Two pair of Levi jeans, one being 33-34 size, the other unknown size, both blue in color;

One bracelet, silver and turquoise with design on the silver band, containing initials TJ on inside of bracelet;

One brown polished stone;

One imitation turquoise polished stone;

One silver turquoise belt buckle with initials GJ on back side;

One beaded medallion, white, green, and brown in color containing three sea shells at end of medallion;

One choker, white with brass balls and tongs with two Indian head nickels dated 1934

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A crime scene search was conducted at the site of the alleged burglary of the SUN LODGE MOTEL at Crow Agency, Montana, and the following items were obtained for possible evidentiary use:

Three small fragments of glass located inside the show case; the fragments caused from the breaking of the front of the show case

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SA advised that he had been given a light green, metallic, scotch tape holder from Investigator, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation, Lame Deer, Montana.
SA advised that had obtained the scotch tape holder from the top of the show case at the SUN LODGE MOTEL, Crow Agency, Montana, during his investigation of the theft of Indian jewelry on October 21, 1975.

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a French citizen, temporary address SUN LODGE MOTEL, Crow Agency, Montana, and a permanent address of IF Rue Des Bernardins, Paris, France, was interviewed. At the outset of the interview, she was advised of the identity of SA and SA RICHARD H. PICKEW, both Special Agents of the FBI. SA advised that he wanted to talk to her about the burglary of the SUN LODGE MOTEL of which she was a resident at the time of burglary.	
was then given an advice of rights form and asked to read it out loud. After read the form, she indicated that she understood her rights and executed the form as shown on the executed advice of rights and waiver form. then revealed that at approximately 7:00 a.m. on October 21, 1975, and she then drove RUSSELL MEANS, and (Last Name Unknown) to Logan International Airport, Billings, Montana.	b6 b7С
prearranged and was not connected to the burglary at the SUN LODGE HOTEL. then revealed that she was of a French Government movie crew that was producing a movie on the history of Indian suppression in the United States. then revealed that BUSSELL MEANS was the commentator or the movie, and was just along with RUSSELL MEANS as a helper. then stated that one other Indian was along with MEANS, and his name was TOM (Last Name Unknown).	
International Airport, she purchased three tickets using three French names for RUSSELL MEANS.  and (Last Name Unknown) then stated that she used her own name and two other French names to buy the tickets then stated that this was not unusual	
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in any way and that she did it all the time, and would not comment further.
then revealed that she did not know anything about the burglary of the SUN LODGE MOTEL until after she returned to the lodge.
was that was round on was told by SA that it was in his possession and nothing more.
then revealed the identities of the French camera crew which were in America making this movie:
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then revealed that she was very sympathetic with RUSSELL MEANS! political activities and believed that someone planted the jewelry on
then stood up from the chair she was sitting in and started to leave; before exiting the door she asked, "Where in
was then asked by SA to completely identify
he was with RUSSELL MEANS.
then stated that she had not been in contact with RUSSELL MEANS since October 21, 1975.

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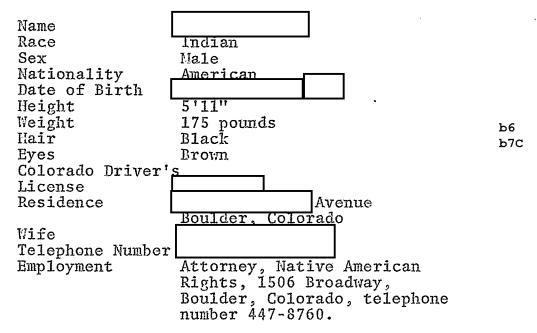
value. She could provide no further information of

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The following description was obtained through observation and interview:



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On October 28, 1975,

Rent-All, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, advised that their company, on October 14, 1975, rented a Dodge Van License No. FIT 648 (1875 South Dakota) to French TV T.F.L., 15 Rue Cognacq-Joy, 75007 Paris, France. A French man and picked up the van in Sioux Falls and the man signed to the rental agreement. Mileage on the van when rented was 25,173. He advised he would notify the FBI when the van returned.

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On October 31, 1975, employee at Elmen Rent All, 1701 West 12th Street, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, furnished this Agent the keys to a rental van which he advised was turned in the day before by a French couple.

The van was determined to be a Dodge maxi wagon, yellow in color, bearing 1975 South Dakota license #31T648. Mileage was 28037.

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Found in this vehicle and taken by this Agent as possible evidence of a violation of Federal law, were the following items:

one roll of movie film (developed)
one map of the State of Montana
One pamphlet entitled "Custers Battlefield"
one historical map of the Crow Indian Reservation
one bag from the "Abourezk's Store", Mission,
South Dakota
eight pieces of paper with French writing on them.

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## AT BILLINGS, MONTANA

On October 24, 1975, the facts in this case were presented to the U. S. Federal Grand Jury at Billings, Montana, at which time the Grand Jury returned an indictment against Subject. for violation of Title 18, Section 1153, U. S. Code, and Section 94-6-204(1), Revised Codes of Montana, 1947.
On October 28, 1975, appeared for arraignment in U. S. District Court, Billings, Montana, before U. S. District Court Judge JAMES F. BATTIN and entered a plea of not guilty to violation of Title 18, Section 1153, U. S. Code, and Section 94-6-204(1), Revised Codes of Montana, 1947. Subject was released on his own recognizance. Trial date was set for December 15, 1975.
On December 11, 1975, the U. S. Attorney's Office, Billings, Montana, advised by letter that this matter was dismissed on December 9, 1975, as it had been found that the SUN LODGE MOTEL where the burglary had taken place, is wholly owned by Indians and thus, and other possible subjects in this case could only be charged for crimes as specified in Title 18, Section 1153. U. S. Code; therefore, the indictment against dismissed along with any possible indictments against other Subjects.
On December 15, 1975, Assistant U. S. Attorney Billings, Montana, advised he was considering the possibility of re-filing a new indictment against
On January 5, 1975, Assistant U. S. Attorney
Billings. Montana, advised he would not re-file
on the Subject, or other possible Subjects in this matter, and that his office is considering this matter closed.
On January 5, 1976,  Bureau of Indian Affairs, Crow Agency, Montana, and JOSEPH ST. PIERRE, Chief of Police, Crow Agency, Montana, were advised of the decision made by the U.S. Attorney's Office, Billings, Montana.

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Dear Mr.

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This is to acknowledge receipt by the FBI on August 17, 1976, of your Freedom of Information-Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request dated August 10, 1976.

A preliminary review of the index to our central records discloses references to a name similar to yours. Since our records contain innumerable instances of different people with the same name, and we have reviewed only the index to our records at this point, and not the records themselves, we do not know whether the records in question relate to you.

An exceedingly heavy volume of FOIPA requests has been received these past few months. Additionally, court deadlines involving certain historical cases of considerable scope have been imposed upon the FBI. Despite successive expansions of our staff responsible for FOIPA matters, substantial delays in processing requests continue.

We are now beginning to work on requests which we received during November, 1975.

Since January 1, 1975, the FBL has received a total of 24,972 FOIPA requests. Of these, our present backlog is 8,530. In an effort to deal fairly with any requests requiring the retrieval, processing and duplication of documents, each request is being handled in chronological order based on the date of receipt. Please be assured that your request is being handled as equitably as possible and that all documents which can be released will be made available at the earliest possible date.

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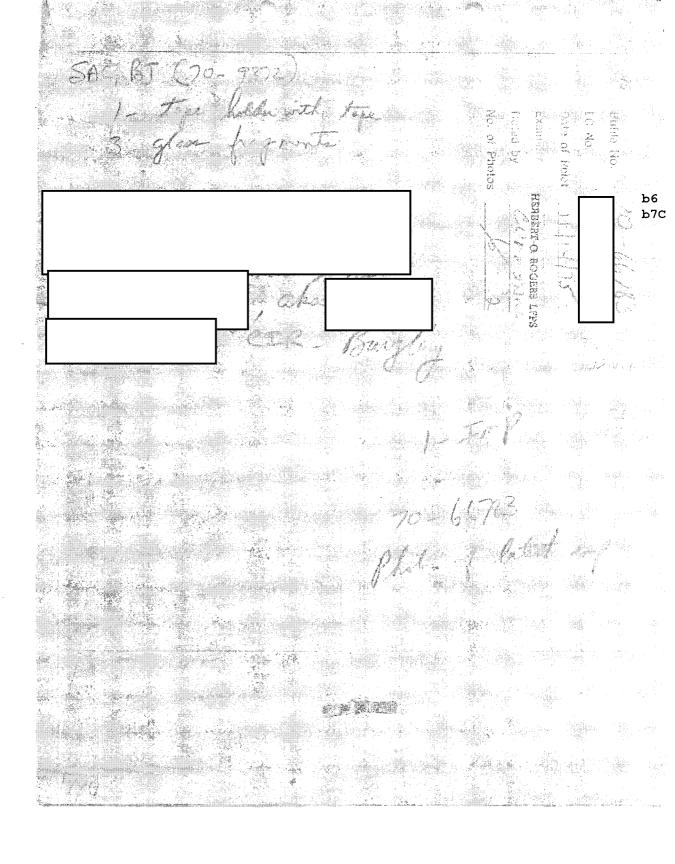
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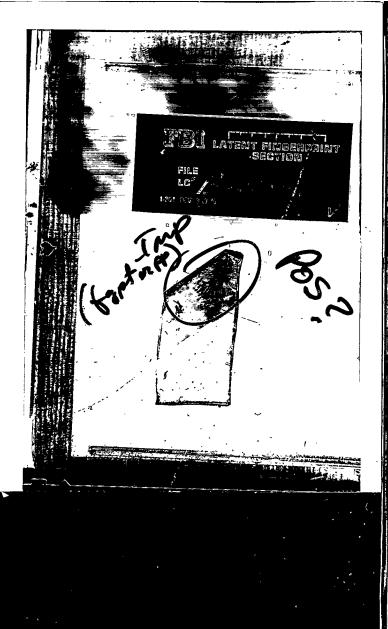
Before we can commence processing for release any documents which may pertain to you, it will be necessary for you to submit your notarized signature. This procedure is designed to insure that information concerning an individual is released only to that person.

Your patience and understanding will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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