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SUBJECT: Silas Newton

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE ALBUQUERQUE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN ALBUQUERQUE	DATE 7/21/70	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 4/3/70 - 6/26/70
TITLE OF CASE BUCKHORN MINING COMPANY; MAGNETIC RESEARCH FOUNDATION; SILAS MASON NEWTON; [REDACTED]		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED]	TYPED BY dl
		CHARACTER OF CASE ITSP - CONFIDENCE GAMES	

REFERENCES:

Albuquerque airtel to Los Angeles, dated 4/3/70;
Albuquerque letter to Oklahoma City, dated 5/28/70;
Oklahoma City letter to Albuquerque, dated 6/26/70.

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LEADS:

OKLAHOMA CITY DIVISION (INFORMATION)

Information copy of this report is being furnished to Oklahoma City Division in view of outstanding investigation that Division.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED					☒ NONE	ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN
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							PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☐ YES ☒ NO
							PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☒ NO
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Report of: SA [REDACTED] Office: ALBUQUERQUE
Date: 7/21/70

Field Office File #: AQ 87-7861

Bureau File #:

Title: BUCKHORN MINING COMPANY;
MAGNETIC RESEARCH FOUNDATION;
SILAS MASON NEWTON.
[REDACTED]Character: INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN PROPERTY -
CONFIDENCE GAMES

Synopsis:

SILAS NEWTON, presently under indictment Los Angeles, California, for fraud, returned to Silver City, New Mexico, area January, 1970, and began to organize what appears as a mining swindle [REDACTED]. Investigation shows contacts have been made with out-of-state individuals to purchase property [REDACTED] developed by NEWTON. No traces of minerals claimed to be on property have been located in assay and indications are property is being salted.

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DETAILS:

AT SILVER CITY, NEW MEXICO

This matter reopened in the Albuquerque office upon the return of subject SILAS MASON NEWTON to the Silver City, New Mexico, area and the apparent indication that he has begun to operate a confidence game in this area.

NEWTON returned to Silver City, New Mexico, approximately January, 1970, and has associated himself with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The business relationship between NEWTON and [REDACTED] has not been established; however, NEWTON has opened an office in Silver

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ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION

AT SILVER CITY, NEW MEXICO

Maintain contact with established sources close to the mining operation of captioned subjects.

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City and has printed on the window of the office "Magnetic Research Foundation and Buckhorn Mine." An extension phone connects the offices [redacted] of NEWTON although they are in opposite ends of the block.

The Buckhorn Mine basically consists of two properties, one of which is the mining property where the development work is being conducted and secondly a piece of property approximately fifty miles distance on the other side of the county in Vanadium, New Mexico, whereon is located a small mill and custom smelter. The second property is believed to be leased with option to buy. A source actually working in this operation has provided rock samples and a surreptitious assay of these samples for mercury, which is the stated mineral the property is being developed for, show absolutely no traces of mercury in the assay. Statements have been made to also locating silver; however, as of this date the silver assay has not been completed.

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A recent conversation between NEWTON, [redacted] and an unidentified third person was overheard in which it was stated that one of the three was to leave for El Paso where he was to obtain mercury and in addition to that an exclamatory statement was made, "This mill has to operate for only one day, that's all we need, just one day."

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

A review of the records of the County Clerk, Los Angeles, California, by SA [redacted] revealed the following information:

On April 30, 1969, SILAS MASON NEWTON appeared

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and withdrew not guilty plea and pled guilty to count one (26104A Corp Code). Probation and sentencing on count one and disposition on remaining counts set for June 24, 1969.

On June 24, 1969, probation and sentencing continued to December 29, 1969.

On December 29, 1969, on a motion of the defendant, probation and sentencing continued until July 13, 1970.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on April 30, 1970:

AT SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

[redacted] State Corporation Commission, Corporation Records' Section, advised there was nothing on record in his office for the Buckhorn Mine, Magnetic Research Foundation, but that the Copper Corporation of America, filed articles of incorporation on February 14, 1969, listing their principal address as 110 Yankie Street, P. O. Box 922, Silver City, New Mexico, and the agent of the company as [redacted]

[redacted] The corporation has authorization for 25,000 shares of issued stock valued at \$25,000.

According to the articles of incorporation, the purpose of this corporation was to mine, smelt, refine, convert, prepare for market copper, sulfuric acid, chlorine, cryolit aluminum by-products, gold, silver, lead, zinc, brass, iron, and steel.

The Directors of the company are [redacted]

The Incorporators are the same persons named as Directors.

The names of the stockholders and the value of the stock was not given on the record and there was no description of the properties held by the corporation in this record.

AT SILVER CITY, NEW MEXICO

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REPORTING OFFICE ALBUQUERQUE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN ALBUQUERQUE	DATE 11/30/70	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 7/2/70 - 11/24/70
TITLE OF CASE BUCKHORN MINING COMPANY; MAGNETIC RESEARCH FOUNDATION; SILAS MASON NEWTON; [REDACTED]		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED]	TYPED BY dak
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REFERENCES:

Report of SA [REDACTED] at Albuquerque, dated 7/21/70. ✓
 Oklahoma City letter to Albuquerque, dated 7/30/70.
 Albuquerque letter to Los Angeles, dated 9/21/70.
 Los Angeles letter to Albuquerque, dated 10/12/70.

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LEADS:ALBUQUERQUE DIVISIONAT PINOS ALTOS, NEW MEXICO

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED						☒ NONE	ACQUIT- TALS	CASE HAS BEEN
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[REDACTED]

2. Will, thereafter, set forth appropriate leads to have [REDACTED] interviewed concerning information that he reportedly advanced a substantial sum of money to NEWTON and [REDACTED] in connection with the Buckhorn Mining Company.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - U. S. Attorney, Albuquerque

Report of: SA [REDACTED] Office: ALBUQUERQUE
Date: November 30, 1970

Field Office File # AQ 87-7861 Bureau File # 87-111909

Title BUCKHORN MINING COMPANY;
MAGNETIC RESEARCH FOUNDATION;
SILAS MASON NEWTON;
[REDACTED]

Character: INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN PROPERTY -
CONFIDENCE GAME

Synopsis:

[REDACTED]

that an individual known only as [REDACTED] reportedly advanced
a substantial sum of money to NEWTON [REDACTED] in connection with
an apparent "salted" mining operation near Buckhorn, New Mexico.

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DETAILS:

The following investigation was conducted by SA
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AT POTEAU, OKLAHOMA

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The following investigation was conducted by SA
[redacted] on September 30, 1970:

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

File Number A-226576, which is a criminal case in the Superior Court, Los Angeles County, Los Angeles, California, charges SILAS M. NEWTON with illegally selling a security for value without having permission from the Commission of Corporations, State of California. He allegedly sold an interest in an oil well to be drilled in Sedona, Arizona.

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The file reflects that on July 21, 1970, [redacted]
[redacted] attorney for the victims in this criminal case, advised Superior Court Judge RICHARD HAYDEN that complete restitution had been made by NEWTON to the victims, and that mutual releases had been signed with regard to all transactions between NEWTON and the victims.

This case came up for hearing on July 24, 1970, and the defendant entered a motion to withdraw his plea of guilty and to enter a plea of not guilty.

On the court's own motion, the case was dismissed in the interest of justice pursuant to Section 1385 Penal Code (PC), and NEWTON's bail was exonerated.

For the information of the Albuquerque Office, the probation report, which was dated June 30, 1969, contained the following information concerning NEWTON:

He was born on July 19, 1937, at Shelby County, Kentucky. He is divorced and is a college graduate. He has claimed his occupation was that of a geologist, who had an income of \$500 a month, being employed by the Mechanic Research Foundation, Tucson, Arizona. He claims to have a Bachelor of Science in geology from Baylor University and to have studied for six months at Oxford University in London.

NEWTON has been married four times. Two of these relationships ended in divorce, and two with the deaths of his wives. He was last married in 1950, and this wife divorced

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him in 1961.

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NEWTON has had no military service. He claims to be a life member of the Professional Golfers Association.

He has FBI Number 835 061.

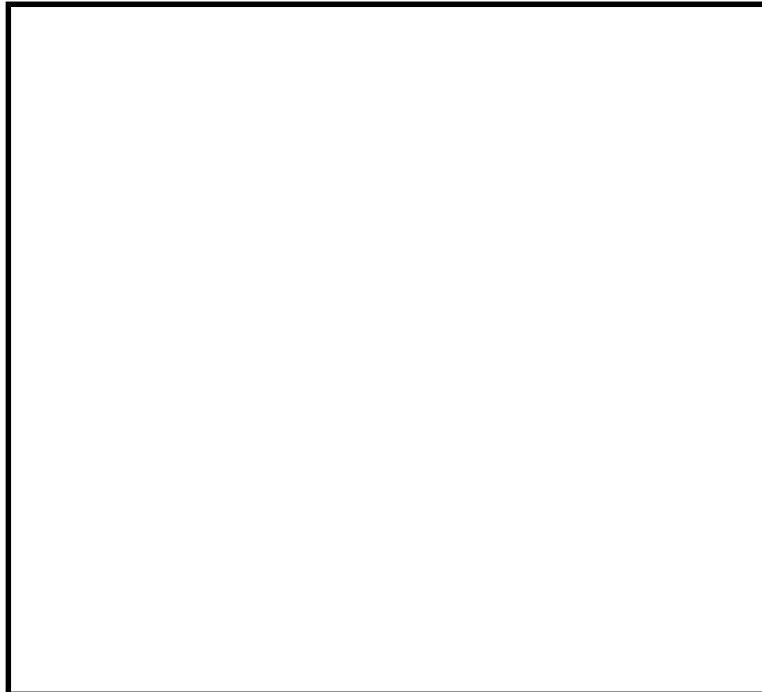
The probation report sets out the following arrest record:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
July 8, 1931	New York City Police Department	Conspiracy	No disposition
September 23, 1934	SP Oneida, New York	False stock statement	No disposition
July 15, 1935	SO El Mira, New York	952 PL	No disposition
September 25, 1936	PD New York City	Grand Larceny	No disposition
October 15, 1952	USM, Los Angeles	ITSP	
October 14, 1952	Sheriff's Office Los Angeles	Suspicion fugitive from Colorado (con game)	No disposition
March 12, 1958	USM Denver	Fraud by Mail; Acquitted by Violation Security jury and Exchange trial Act and Conspiracy	
December 7, 1967	Los Angeles Police Department	Grand Theft Merchandise	No disposition (Probation officer states this is possibly the arrest for the current offense.)

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Senior Special Investigator [REDACTED]
California Commission of Corporations, described NEWTON as an accomplished con man of many years standing, who is knowledgeable in the field of petroleum and mining, and has exploited this knowledge in swindling people.

Letters of commendation to the subject were sent to the probation office by the following individuals:



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AT SILVER CITY, NEW MEXICO

The August 12, 1970, issue of the "Silver City Daily Press," published at Silver City, New Mexico, contained on the front page two photographs bearing the caption, "New Mine Near Buckhorn." The caption under the photographs continued to state that S. M. NEWTON shipped ore samples from the above shown mine to California by air Monday to be assayed. The mine, which is believed to contain silver ore, is located about one mile north of Buckhorn in Western Grant County. The mine is located on the side of a hill on state land and is near an area where NEWTON has been seeking mercury for about five years. A fault runs through the area of the small pit and black rock is located in the earth below the fault.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

November 30, 1970

Date

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[redacted] office at [redacted]
[redacted] furnished the
following information:

He has, in the past, been acquainted with SILAS NEWTON [redacted] who have been engaged in numerous mining ventures in the vicinity of Silver City and Grant County, New Mexico. He has seen recent publicity in the Silver City newspaper concerning a mine near Buckhorn reportedly operated by NEWTON and he has, in fact, had occasion to perform assay tests on samples of ore allegedly coming from the mine near Buckhorn as well as from a mine near Vanadium, New Mexico, also reportedly operated by NEWTON [redacted]. He said his tests on the ore proved that the ore was worthless and did not contain substantial amounts of silver or mercury as indicated in the publicity in the local press. He further commented that the publicity concerning the mine near Buckhorn, New Mexico, made mention of the possibility of mercury in this area, which he stated was practically impossible inasmuch as this area is located in an old lava flow where mercury would be unlikely to be found.

[redacted] stated that his office was [redacted] to an office occupied by NEWTON [redacted] and the partitions in the office were very thin and NEWTON [redacted] being elderly, were somewhat hard of hearing and conversed in loud voice. He does recall hearing conversation through the partition at one time wherein somebody was being asked or told to go to El Paso and buy a quantity of mercury. He could conclude only that the purpose of the mercury was to be used to "salt" the mine either near Buckhorn or Vanadium, New Mexico, with the idea of convincing someone that the mine was, in fact, valuable for the purpose of obtaining mercury.

[redacted] continued that it has been rumored that an individual known as [redacted] had advanced a substantial sum of money, something in the neighborhood of \$50,000, to NEWTON [redacted] ostensibly for development work on the Buckhorn mine. He could conclude only knowing NEWTON's background as

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by SA [redacted] /dak Date dictated 11/25/70

being a con man, [redacted] of course, lost this investment and had been taken by NEWTON [redacted]. He said he does not know the present whereabouts of [redacted] however, [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] further stated that a recent paving contractor in Silver City, [redacted] employed a [redacted] whose name is unknown to him, who has reportedly stated that one of the principal reasons he came to Silver City for the paving job was that he had contact with some person in either Arkansas or Tennessee who had discussed with him the possibilities of a mining venture in connection with either the Buckhorn mine or the property in Vanadium. [redacted] said that the name of this [redacted] could probably be obtained from the City Hall inasmuch as the paving contract was a city project and this individual was the first [redacted] to arrive in connection with this contract.

[redacted] advised that to the best of his knowledge, [redacted] NEWTON [redacted] have now left the Silver City area, apparently after obtaining the funds from [redacted] and he has no information concerning the whereabouts of [redacted] NEWTON [redacted]. He said that [redacted] is reluctant to accept the fact that he has been taken insofar as he, [redacted] knows, [redacted] has not made any complaint to any law enforcement agency that he has been swindled by NEWTON [redacted]. He said [redacted] is apparently convinced that he has invested in a good thing and he is determined to salvage something from the operation, although in [redacted] opinion, the mine near Buckhorn as well as the property near Vanadium, is worthless insofar as obtaining any substantial quantities of silver ore or mercury from either property.

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REPORTING OFFICE ALBUQUERQUE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN ALBUQUERQUE	DATE 3/31/71	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 12/23/70 - 3/26/71
TITLE OF CASE BUCKHORN MINING COMPANY; MAGNETIC RESEARCH FOUNDATION; SILAS MASON NEWTON; [REDACTED]		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED]	TYPED BY jj
		CHARACTER OF CASE ITSP - CONFIDENCE GAME	

REFERENCES:

Albuquerque report of SA [REDACTED] 11/30/70.
Albuquerque airtel to Jackson, 1/27/71.

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LEADS:

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Furnish Albuquerque results of interview with [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] as requested in reAQairtel.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED						☒ NONE	ACQUIT- TALS	CASE HAS BEEN: PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☐ YES ☒ NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☒ NO
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Report of:
Date:SA [REDACTED]
March 31, 1971

Office: ALBUQUERQUE

Field Office File #:

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Bureau File # 87-111909

Title:

BUCKHORN MINING COMPANY;
MAGNETIC RESEARCH FOUNDATION;
SILAS MASON NEWTON;
[REDACTED]

Character:

INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN PROPERTY -
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Synopsis:

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] advised subjects
in contact with unidentified persons from [REDACTED] through
[REDACTED] FNU
[REDACTED]

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DETAILS:

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ALBUQUERQUE

AT SILVER CITY, NEW MEXICO

(1) Maintain contact with [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] for any further information concerning subjects' activities.

(2) Upon receipt of results of interview with [REDACTED] from Jackson, conduct any further necessary investigation.

AT ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

Through contact with the [REDACTED] attempt to identify and obtain background information on an FNU [REDACTED] reportedly [REDACTED] who has been in contact with individuals from [REDACTED] on behalf of subjects NEWTON [REDACTED]

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Date 12/30/70

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[redacted] office at [redacted]
[redacted] furnished the
following information:

He has recently heard that SILAS NEWTON [redacted]
[redacted] have, through a [redacted] (FNU)
[redacted] been in contact with some as yet unidentified "pigeons"
from [redacted] He said NEWTON [redacted] have established an
assay laboratory on Bullard Street in Silver City, New Mexico,
and in addition to NEWTON [redacted]

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[redacted] said that the establishment of the laboratory
lends a certain amount of credence to the information that
NEWTON [redacted] are setting up some "pigeons" from [redacted] in
order to get these individuals to put up some money in a mining
venture either in Vanadium, New Mexico, or at the mine near
Buckhorn, New Mexico, which has recently received a considerable
amount of publicity.

On 12/23/70 at Silver City, New Mexico File # AQ 87-7861

by SA [redacted] na 2 Date dictated 12/24/70

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AT SILVER CITY, NEW MEXICO:



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The following Identification Record under FBI Number 835 861 was received from the Identification Division of the FBI on February 11, 1971:

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20537

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Director.

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD., NYC, N.Y.	Silas M. Newton #-	7-8-31	fug. warrant - Montclair, N. conspiracy	7-10-31 del. to N.J. Auth.
SPol., Oneida, N.Y.	Silas Mason Newton, #2268	9-23-34	false stock statements	
SO., Elmira, N.Y.	Silas M. Newton #-	7-15-35	2 indictments - vio. 952 P.L.	rel. on bail \$2500
PD., NYC, N.Y.	Silas M. Newton #E-93874	9-25-36	G.L., 2nd -warrant	
USM Los Angeles Calif	Silas Mason Newton #29068	10-15-52	transp Inter State stolen prop	2-11-53 no page bill ret US CJ Denver Colo on chg of 115P
SO Los Angeles Calif	Silas Mason Newton #B-242832	10-14-52	Susp Fugitive Colo (Confidence Game)	
SO Riverside Calif	Silas Mason Newton #50116	12-2-52	Confidence Game	Hold for Colo.
SO Denver Colo	Silas Mason Newton #37279	12-5-52	hold for DA's office	
SO Denver Colo	Silas Mason Newton #5501	3-12-58	mail fraud vio Securities & ex- change act & Conspiracy	acquitted by jury trial
SO Los Angeles Calif	Silas Mason Newton #C-630673	12-7-67	GT money	

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3/31/71

Date _____

_____ furnished the following information:

He has no recent information concerning the whereabouts of SILAS NEWTON _____. He said NEWTON was scheduled to appear in District Court, Silver City, during the past week but he understands the appearance has been postponed because NEWTON is reportedly ill somewhere in California.

_____ advised that the _____ is operated by one _____ and it does not appear at this time as though either NEWTON or _____ have an interest in this venture.

_____ also said that he had no additional information concerning the identity of (first name unknown) _____ the _____ who is said to have been in contact with people from _____ who are interested in investing in mining ventures with NEWTON _____

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On 3/26/71 at Silver City, New Mexico File # AQ 87-7861
by SA _____ /jj Date dictated 3/30/71

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE ALBUQUERQUE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN ALBUQUERQUE	DATE 5/19/71	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 3/25/71 - 5/17/71
TITLE OF CASE BUCKHORN MINING COMPANY; MAGNETIC RESEARCH FOUNDATION; SILAS MASON NEWTON: [REDACTED]		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED]	TYPED BY MCC
		CHARACTER OF CASE ITSP - CONFIDENCE GAME	

P REFERENCES:

Albuquerque report of SA [REDACTED]
dated 3/31/71.
Jackson letter to Albuquerque, 3/25/71.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

In view of the fact that [REDACTED] whose interview is reported herein, has stated he loaned NEWTON approximately \$10,000 about 4 years ago and because of the fact that [REDACTED] considers this to be a loan to NEWTON rather than considering that he was cheated or swindled by NEWTON in any way and further in view of the fact that NEWTON at this time is no longer in the Silver City, NM, area, this matter is being closed.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED ☐ NONE						ACQUIT- TALS	CASE HAS BEEN: PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☐ YES ☐ NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☐ NO
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Report of SA [redacted] Office: Albuquerque
Date: May 19, 1971
Field Office File #: AQ 87-7861 Bureau File #: 87-111909
Title: BUCKHORN MINING COMPANY;
MAGNETIC RESEARCH FOUNDATION;
SILAS MASON NEWTON;
[redacted]
Character: INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN PROPERTY -
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Synop: [redacted] advised he loaned NEWTON approximately \$10,000 about 4 years ago. [redacted] advised that he considered the money advanced to NEWTON as a loan and did not consider that he had been cheated or swindled in any way. Efforts to identify FNU [redacted] [redacted] unsuccessful. [redacted] [redacted] could furnish no additional information concerning [redacted]. He further stated NEWTON is not known to be in the Silver City, NM, area at this time.

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DETAILS:

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date March 25, 1971

[redacted] was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the inquiry which concerned [redacted] knowledge of SILAS NEWTON [redacted] and their mining property in Silver City, New Mexico.

[redacted] stated that he has known SILAS NEWTON for about four or five years and that he loaned him \$10,000 about four years ago and that NEWTON has paid back part of this money. He advised that he never gave NEWTON a lump sum of this money but that it was over a period of time. He stated that neither NEWTON [redacted] have tried to sell him any stock in any mines and that he has spent some time in Silver City with NEWTON who is a [redacted] of his.

[redacted] stated that he met [redacted] who is also known to him as [redacted] through NEWTON and that [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he believed NEWTON was to have some silver and mercury mines. [redacted] stated that he could not be led to believe that NEWTON would attempt to sell any fraudulent mining stock as he was in his opinion too fine a gentleman; however, [redacted]

[redacted] stated that in 1968 when he was in New Mexico, he believed Mr. NEWTON advised him that [redacted] had "beaten him out of lots of money", but he could not prove it.

[redacted] stated that he could furnish no further information concerning any of the mining adventures of NEWTON [redacted] and could furnish no further information concerning either of them.

On 3/23/71 at Jackson, Mississippi File # Jackson 87-7861

by SA [redacted] yh

by _____ Date _____

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The following investigation was conducted by
Special Agent [REDACTED]

AT SILVER CITY, NEW MEXICO

[REDACTED] further advised that SILAS NEWTON has not been in the Silver City, New Mexico, area for quite some time and noted that NEWTON was the defendant in a law suit involving the Village of Bayard, New Mexico. He said NEWTON conveniently

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became ill when this suit was called for trial in Grant County District Court and he has not known NEWTON to be back in the Silver City, New Mexico, Area since that time.

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