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Re St. Louis airtel 5/6/59 captioned "Top Hoodlum Program" concerning alleged assertion of captioned individual to [redacted] that he, Palermo, was cutting himself in for $5,[redacted] or [redacted]

In the event San Francisco Office is able to [redacted]

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FROM SAC LOS ANGELES 142217

FRANK QUOTE BLINKY UNQUOTE PALERMO, AR, TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM. RE LOS ANGELES AIRTEL MAY 9, 1959 CAPTIONED QUOTE TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM UNQUOTE. LOS ANGELES NOW IN RECEIPT YOUR AIRTEL TO SAN FRANCISCO MAY 8, 1959 REFLECTING COMPLETE TITLE. [redacted] AND CONDUCT OTHER INVESTIGATION, BEING ALERT TO POSSIBILITY OF INVOLVING FRANK CARBO, PALERMO OR OTHERS IN AR VIOLATION. AM COPIES SAN FRANCISCO, ST. LOUIS AND PHILADELPHIA.

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Via AIR MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (92-642)

RE: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO
ANTI-RACKETEERING;
TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM

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ReBuairtel to San Francisco, 5/8/59, and Los Angeles airtel to the Bureau, 5/9/59.

"Los Angeles Times" newspaper Sports Editor PAUL ZIMMERMAN has an article in this morning's edition reporting that "the California Athletic Commission will convene today at the Los Angeles Police Building auditorium to hear testimony both from underworld characters and professional boxing figures" in the "most unusual and perhaps far-reaching meeting of its kind."

He reports the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) Intelligence Division and the California Athletic Commission, which has regulatory powers over boxing in this state, at first had separate investigations, but now are working together and have uncovered "what they consider to be unusual indications of 'outside influence' on local boxing."

Under subpoena to testify are JOSEPH SICA (Los Angeles Top Hoodlum); LOUIS THOMAS DRAGNA (former Los Angeles Top Hoodlum); TRUMAN GIBSON, head of National Boxing Enterprises in Chicago, former officer of the International Boxing Club of which JAMES G. NORRIS was president; DON NESSETH,

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manager of DON JORDAN, world's welterweight champion; JACK LEONARD, promoter of boxing at the Hollywood Legion Stadium; and BILL DALY, a fight manager from New York City who currently represents VINCE MARTINEZ, a top-ranking welterweight.

The article states NESSETH is a "central figure in charges that Blinky Palermo, notorious Philadelphia boxing figure and friend of Frankie Carbo, has been seeking to move in on the managerial contract of Jordan."

Chief of Police WILLIAM H. PARKER, Los Angeles, is quoted as saying the investigation has been underway for several weeks. JACK URCH, Chief Enforcement Officer, State Athletic Commission, is quoted as saying, "It is anticipated that testimony will disclose undesirables are attempting to control the world's welterweight boxing title."

It was further reported that NESSETH had been approached first in St. Louis, and later in Los Angeles, by PALERMO after JORDAN successfully defeated VIRGIL AKINS at St. Louis. JORDAN was said to have scored a surprise victory over AKINS here last December 5, to win the title.

LEONARD was quoted as saying, "I don't know what it's all about."

GIBSON reportedly is in Los Angeles to discuss television bouts with LEONARD.

It is said in the article that NESSETH has been approached by CUS D'AMATO, manager of world heavyweight champion FLOYD PATTERSON, to join him, presumably for the purpose of setting up new television and radio boxing contracts.

The article refers to the investigation of ALVIN H. GOLDSTEIN, former special assistant to then State Attorney General (now California Governor) EDMUND G. (PAT) BROWN, released in part recently, regarding organized crime and racketeering in California. A portion of the report was said to have related to boxing, and that part was not released. The article says the Governor's office stated first that this portion of the report was not released because it was not "evidentiary." Later the Governor's

statement yesterday is quoted that the report recommended the State Athletic Commission be reorganized to regulate properly "a sport which has attracted an overabundance of hoodlums and racketeers."

The article concludes that representatives of the LAPD, state Attorney General, County District Attorney, as well as the Athletic Commission, would attend the hearings.

Lieutenant [redacted] Intelligence Division, LAPD, advised today that if the hearings are handled properly, some interesting information might be developed from the witnesses. b6 b7C b7D

PALERMO was arrested at the Los Angeles International Airport on the early morning of 5/7/59 by LAPD officers who allege they saw PALERMO shoplift two packs of chewing gum, two newspapers and two magazines from a newsstand in the lobby (all worth a total of 80 cents), after paying for a 10 cent candy bar. Police reported he had checked out of a Beverly Hills hotel without paying a $16 balance on his account, which included rental of a television set. PALERMO told newsmen he had paid for the items and described his arrest as "all a frame." He was subsequently released on $500 bond and apparently returned to Philadelphia. Apparently PALERMO was under police surveillance at the time he was in the Airport, as a portion of the police investigation [redacted]

Lieutenant [redacted] has stated the police will leave the warrant outstanding for PALERMO in the event he forfeits bail on the misdemeanor, in order to try to keep him from returning to Los Angeles.

The Bureau and interested offices will be kept advised of significant developments.

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RE: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO
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Re Los Angeles airtel to the Bureau, 5/20/59.

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Today's newspapers report yesterday's hearings of the California Athletic Commission, sitting at Los Angeles, occurred and quote [redacted] Chairman of the Commission, as announcing that transcripts of the testimony will be supplied all local, state and federal law enforcement agencies to see if "cause for criminal action is indicated."

Among others, JACKIE LEONARD, Hollywood Legion Stadium boxing promoter, was quoted as having testified that FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO approached him in an effort to obtain from [redacted] a half interest in the boxing contract of welterweight fighter DON JORDAN.

LEONARD also testified as to the contacts he had with FRANKIE CARBO, JOSEPH SICA and LOUIS THOMAS DRAGNA in furtherance of this effort.

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SICA and DRAGNA declined to testify on advice of counsel, Attorneys [redacted] and [redacted] respectively.

Captain [redacted] Commander of the Los Angeles Police Department Intelligence Division, stated today he was disappointed in the results of the hearings and also in the disruption of his plans to try to apprehend FRANKIE CARBO in connection with the investigation. He recalled that CARBO is wanted by New York state authorities who have a warrant for CARBO's arrest. [redacted] gave no information indicating that CARBO is in the Los Angeles area.

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[redacted] stated after testimony for the hearings is transcribed, the Los Angeles Police Department intends to make it available to the Los Angeles District Attorney, together with the additional evidence the police have, in an effort to obtain authority to prosecute the persons involved in State Court for conspiracy to commit extortion. He said he considers it a very thin case against SICA and DRAGNA, if prosecution is possible at all, because the verbatim statements of SICA and DRAGNA, taken alone, would not have the implications to a jury that they have to law enforcement officers.

Attempts will be made to obtain a copy of the testimony for review to determine if there appears evidence of any violation within Bureau jurisdiction.

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Wanted to Take Over Don Jordan

LOS ANGELES, May 20 (AP).—A boxing promoter charged today that underworld figures threatened him with harm in an attempt to take over management of world welterweight champion Don Jordan.

Hollywood Legion stadium promoter Jackie Leonard told the California Athletic Commission under oath that the threats were made by Frankie Carbo and Frank (Blinky) Palermo.

Carbo, a fugitive from justice in New York, reputedly is the underworld's boss in boxing. Police say Palermo formerly directed the numbers game in Philadelphia. His name has cropped up in boxing scandals in the past.

Leonard said threats also were made against Jordan's manager, Don Nesseth.

Underworld Influence

Leonard testified at a hearing called by the commission to investigate alleged underworld influence in boxing.

Jordan won the welterweight crown from Virgil Akins in Los Angeles last October. He defeated Akins in a rematch at St. Louis several weeks ago.

Leonard said he was summoned to Florida late last year to meet James D. Norris, former head of the now disbanded International Boxing Club. Leonard said he did not see Norris but that Carbo demanded a piece of Jordan's contract for Palermo.

Leonard said Palermo later came to his office in Los Angeles and renewed the demand. He said he told Palermo that Nesseth refused to give up part of his contract with Jordan.

"A fellow called about a week after the (Jordan - Akins rematch)," Leonard testified. "He said he was Carbo and I believe it was, and he said nobody had ever done this (refusing to give them a piece of a fighter) to us. He said something about we'd meet at the crossroads and somebody was going to get hurt. He was raving so much that I hung up."

Tape Recordings

Leonard told reporters before the hearing that police had made tape recordings of telephoned threats.

One of the recording said:

"It'll be with a pipe, wrapped in a paper sack. You'll be standing in a crowd. You'll never know what hit you."

Leonard appeared at the hearing under police guard. His home has been guarded since the threats began.

Nesseth, a former automobile dealer relatively new in boxing, testified that Palermo came to his hotel room in St. Louis after Jordan's repeat victory over Akins.

"He just wanted his money," Nesseth said. "The figure he mentioned was 15 per cent off the top.

"I told him he didn't have any interest in the fighter. I told him I was the manager and if he was foolish enough to believe someone else, he should go see them for money.

"He said a lot of people were going to be unhappy. Then he said he would be out on the coast and we would have a meeting."

"I wasn't so worried about the money matter but I got worried when the threats began. When I got back to Los Angeles, Jack Leonard was quite shook up. He would get these messages and relay them to me. One of them was something about 'we would never know what hit us.'"

Palermo Arrested

Palermo arrived in Los Angeles May 4. Police arrested him at the airport and accused him of stealing 80 cents worth of newspapers.

Leonard testified that Palermo visited him in his office repeatedly last week. He said Palermo threatened him and inquired about Nesseth's family—whether he had any children. There was no elaboration on this.

Leonard said Palermo was accompanied by Joe Sica and Louis Dragna, whom police identified as Los Angeles mobsters. Sica and Dragna have been subpoenaed and were at the hearing.

The hearing opened with testimony by Truman A. Gibson, president of National Boxing Enterprises, which came into being after dissolution of the I. B. C.

Gibson said Leonard and Nesseth told him that Palermo was trying to get 15 per cent of Jordan's contract. Gibson said he told them that they didn't have to do business with any one, including Palermo.

Leonard has no interest in Jordan's contract. He said he believed Carbo and Palermo directed demands and threats at him in belief he was co-manager.

Palermo is in the East. Carbo, a fugitive from New York, is believed in Florida, police said.

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TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (92-642)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO
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The "New York Herald Tribune," newspaper, dated 5-21-59, related that Leonard testified before the California Athletic Commission that threats were made concerning "15 per cent off the top" of interest in fighter Don Jordan. The article stated police "not identified" had made tape recordings of telephonic threats. Also Leonard testified Palermo visited Leonard in his office to make threats, according to the article and was accompanied by Joe Sica and Louis Dragna. The article added Leonard has no interest in Jordan's contract and Leonard believed Palermo, together with Frank Carbo, had directed threats at him in belief he was co-manager.

Advise immediately results of discussion of this matter with USA regarding possible violation AR Statute in accordance with existing instructions.

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ReBuairtel 5/22/59.

Assistant U. S. Attorney [redacted] b6 b7C
Los Angeles, today advised that in his opinion the allegations reportedly made by JACKIE LEONARD in testimony before a hearing of the California Athletic Commission are of sufficient detail to warrant investigation as a possible violation of Section 875B, Title 18, U.S. Code, observing that data developed might indicate a violation of some other statute.

Upon completion of the transcription of testimony before the California Athletic Commission, a copy will be sought for review. Investigation instituted to check out the allegations appearing in news articles as regards that testimony. Interviews will be sought with the principals considered as associated with the victim. Pending completion of this inquiry, investigations are not being attempted of PALERMO, JOSEPH SICA, or LOUIS THOMAS DRAGNA.

Bureau will oe kept advised of all significant developments.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

DATE: June 5, 1959

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO
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Considerable attention is being given in the press to a situation involving the sport of boxing and alleged threats on the part of well-known hoodlums and racketeers in an attempt to secure an interest in the contract of boxer Don Jordan, world's welterweight champion.

This situation first came to the Bureau's attention on April 28 after Jordan defended his welterweight title in St. Louis on April 24, 1959, by defeating Virgil Akins. According to information developed by the St. Louis Office, Frank "Blinky" Palermo, a hoodlum well known in boxing circles who is alleged to be a front man for New York top hoodlum Frankie Carbo, [redacted]. Instructions were issued to the field to follow this matter very closely for the possibility of developing potential violations of the Anti-Racketeering or Extortion Statutes. b6 b7C b6 b7C b7D

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By airtel on May 22, 1959, the Bureau instructed the Los Angeles Office to discuss the matter with the U. S. Attorney's Office regarding a possible violation of the Anti-Racketeering Statutes. Assistant U. S. Attorney [redacted] advised on May 26, 1959, that the testimony of Leonard before the California Athletic Commission as reflected in the press appeared to be sufficiently detailed to warrant investigation as a possible violation of the Extortion Statutes. He observed also at this b6 b7C

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time that data developed under this investigation might indicate a violation of some other statute.

The most recent development of this case which has been given nationwide publicity involves the beating of Jackie Leonard on the night of June 3, 1959, by persons unknown who were apparently in concealment in the vicinity of the garage at his home and struck after the police detail guarding Leonard was dismissed. Leonard was severely beaten about the head and suffered brain concussion as well as partial paralysis.

The Los Angeles Office has advised that a detailed summary of the investigation conducted to date has been prepared and is on its way to the Bureau. Leads outstanding in several offices are being closely followed and the Bureau will be advised of all pertinent developments as they occur.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (92-642)

SUBJECT: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO;
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EXTORTION

Re Los Angeles airtel 5/26/59.

Investigation to date, including interviews with LEONARD and [redacted] developed that about 11/1/58, TRUMAN K. GIBSON, JR. of Chicago, then President of the International Boxing Club, was in Los Angeles. PALERMO in Chicago telephoned GIBSON in Los Angeles. GIBSON had LEONARD talk on the phone with PALERMO. PALERMO demanded half interest in the boxing contract of DON JORDAN; expected LEONARD had already learned of this from GIBSON. GIBSON admitted to LEONARD and [redacted] that he had previously discussed this matter with PALERMO in Chicago, and had neglected to say anything about it to them. GIBSON overruled their objections to PALERMO's demands, insisted LEONARD agree to anything PALERMO wanted, and phoned PALERMO in Chicago telling him everything would be OK. LEONARD and [redacted] remonstrated with GIBSON as to repercussions. GIBSON said he would take care of any expenses, it would not cost them any money, and PALERMO would not result to violence. GIBSON expressed the opinion JORDAN would not defeat VIRGIL AKINS for the world welterweight title anyway, and nothing would come of the entire affair.

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GIBSON had advanced LEONARD $28,000.00 on future televised fights from the Hollywood Legion Stadium, leased by LEONARD. GIBSON controls fights televised nationwide by IBC, so LEONARD felt obligated to follow the instructions of

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GIBSON. LEONARD had no contractual interest in JORDAN, whose manager's contract was held exclusively by NESSETH. GIBSON promised he could handle the entire matter satisfactorily when he returned to Chicago. LEONARD phoned PALERMO at the Bismarck Hotel, Chicago, later in the day, following the instructions of GIBSON. The above discussions reportedly took place at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, where GIBSON reportedly was a guest, but hotel records have been searched by the managerial staff with the report they have no record GIBSON was a guest during that period, although he was there on numerous other occasions. When LEONARD called PALERMO at the Bismarck Hotel, PALERMO returned the call to LEONARD at a pay phone.

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The first title fight between JORDAN and AKINS was held 12/5/58 at Los Angeles; JORDAN won. GIBSON was present and told LEONARD they were in trouble over the win, but that JORDAN would have to win a rematch to hold the title. JORDAN won the fight at Los Angeles on 1/22/59 against [redacted] PALERMO demanded his cut of the purse, LEONARD so informed GIBSON, who instructed LEONARD to send PALERMO a personal check for which GIBSON would reimburse LEONARD. PALERMO instructed LEONARD to send the payment to [redacted] Philadelphia. After some delay waiting for reimbursement, LEONARD mailed a check Air Mail Special Delivery to her for $1,725.00. She endorsed it, as did one [redacted] who apparently cashed the check at the First National Bank of Hollywood, Florida, on 2/10/59. GIBSON sent a check to LEONARD for $1,800.00 to cover that check and expenses of $75.00. GIBSON's check was drawn on the Chicago National Bank. No photo of it is available and it was believed to be drawn on the International Boxing Club account, deposited by LEONARD. PALERMO criticized LEONARD for sending the check in payment.

After the title rematch at St. Louis on 4/24/59, GIBSON told LEONARD to determine the exact amount of the gate receipts so payment could be handled as previously by LEONARD to PALERMO, reimbursed by GIBSON. GIBSON estimated this payment would be between $4,000.00 and $4,500.00. GIBSON claimed he had to pay from his personal funds ultimately. Due to subsequent publicity and State Athletic Commission hearing at Los Angeles, this sum was never paid, according to LEONARD.

On 1/5/59, LEONARD went to Miami via TWA at the request of PALERMO to see [redacted] of IBC regarding possible championship fights in Los Angeles. PALERMO met him, took him to a motel where both stayed. On 1/6/59, LEONARD was visited by FRANKIE CARBO, [redacted] and [redacted] with PALERMO. No threats were made as at that time PALERMO believed LEONARD was cooperating. LEONARD was promised considerable help in promoting fights. CARBO said he was interested in seeing PALERMO make money on the JORDAN fights. LEONARD returned to Los Angeles on 2/7/59. He did not see [redacted] who was said to be out of town.

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PALERMO visited [redacted] in his hotel room on 4/25/59 at St. Louis after the rematch title fight held 4/24/59, demanding his percentage of the purse. [redacted] refused, told PALERMO he had not agreed to the deal, LEONARD had no control over JORDAN's contract, and had agreed to PALERMO's demand on the specific instructions of GIBSON. On 4/28/59, LEONARD at Los Angeles received a phone call from CARBO, who made strong threats of harm to LEONARD and [redacted] if they did not change their position on this matter. Moments later LEONARD received a call from PALERMO along the same lines. LEONARD does not know where these calls originated. He thought they were long distance but has no proof. He thinks PALERMO and CARBO were together at the time.

Numerous telephone calls from PALERMO to LEONARD followed almost daily thereafter, all relating to the same subject matter.

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At noon on 5/28/59, LEONARD received an anonymous phone call, place of origin unknown, in which the disguised voice of a man swore at LEONARD, stating LEONARD would not live through the summer, and then hung up the phone. On 5/30/59, at about 4:00 and 6:00 PM, anonymous calls were received by LEONARD at his office, the caller stating summer is almost here. The source of these calls is unknown. LEONARD considered they might be crank calls. He stated he expected some retaliation would take place against him in about six months, but expected none until after the matter quiets down.

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Leads are outstanding at Chicago, Miami, Newark, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh Offices to verify items connected with this investigation, including telephone calls and bank checks.

The Bureau will be kept advised of significant developments and a report will be submitted upon completion of immediate inquiry, when the U. S. Attorney, Los Angeles, will again be consulted regarding possible prosecutive action.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES 1 P

FRANK QUOTE BLINKY UNQUOTE PALERMO, JACKIE LEONARD DASH VICTIM- EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING-INFO VIKEX, AR. RE LOS ANGELES TEL JUNE FOUR LAST. LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT CHIEF WILLIAM H. PARKER TODAY TOLD PRESS DETECTIVES [redacted] REPORTED ASSAULT ON LEONARD JUNE THREE LAST PROBABLY WAS BLACKOUT DUE TO SOME ACUTE PHYSICAL INCAPACITATION OF STUNNING NATURE PRODUCING ILLUSION OF ASSAULT RATHER THAN ACTUAL ASSAULT. DID NOT RULE OUT ABSOLUTELY THAT ASSAULT MAY HAVE OCCURRED, STATES EVIDENCE DOES NOT SUPPORT ASSAULT. LEONARD REMAINS HOSPITALIZED WITH SOME ALLEGED PARALYSIS RIGHT SIDE. [redacted] STATES THIS DEVELOPMENT WILL NOT DECREASE EFFORTS TO INVESTIGATE THREATS MADE TO LEONARD AND OTHERS. DETAILED AIRTEL FOLLOWS.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAC LOS ANGELES 042012

FRANK QUOTE BLINKY UNQUOTE PALERMO; JACKIE LEONARD-VICTIM. AR. RE LA AIRTEL MAY 26, 1959. JACKIE LEONARD WAS ASSAULTED BY TWO UNIDENTIFIED ASSAILANTS AT HIS RESIDENCE LAST NIGHT, HOSPITALIZED, UNDER CARE PERSONAL PHYSICIAN, PROBABLY HAS SLIGHT CONCUSSION, WITH NUMEROUS BRUISES. ASSAILANTS WERE HIDING NEAR HIS GARAGE, ESCAPED, POLICE REPORT NO EVIDENCE OF IDENTITY. LEONARD BLAMES PALERMO, FRANKIE CARBO AND ASSOCIATES AS RESULT OF HIS TROUBLES WITH THEM OVER THEIR DEMAND FOR PRECENTAGE OF CONTRACT BETWEEN [redacted] AND BOXER DON JORDAN, WELTERWEIGHT CHAMPION. DETAILED AIRTEL FOLLOWS TODAY SUMMARIZING INVESTIGATION TO DATE. LEADS OUTSTANDING SEVERAL OFFICES, BEING CLOSELY FOLLOWED. BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

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RADIOGRAM URGENT

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, JACKIE LEONARD - VIKEX, AR.

REURTEL JUNE TEN LAST. LOS ANGELES OFFICE INSTRUCTED TO PREPARE IMMEDIATELY AN INVESTIGATIVE REPORT REFLECTING INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED TO DATE. NO COPY OF any REPORT IS TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND WITH U.S. ATTORNEY NO ATTEMPT SHOULD BE MADE TO CONSULT FURTHER WITH RESPECT TO THIS INVESTIGATION PENDING FUTURE BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS. THE INVESTIGATIVE REPORT SHOULD RESTATE ALL LEADS WHICH HAVE BEEN SET OUT FOR AUXILIARY OFFICES AND MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE BUREAU ON THE MORNING OF JUNE ONE FIVE, ONE NINE FIVE NINE.

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FRANK "ELLIEY" PALERMO, aka.
George Tobias, Mr. Dodono;
JACKIE LEONARD (True Name
Leonard Blakely), aka. Jack
Leonard - VICTIM;
[redacted] - VICTIM
EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING

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Rerop SA [redacted] dated 6/18/59 at Los Angeles.

A review of referenced report does not indicate specific violations of the Extortion Statute or of the Anti-Racketeering Statute within cognizance of the Bureau's jurisdiction. Since this matter has been discussed with Assistant U.S. Attorney [redacted] Los Angeles, who stated at the time that additional investigation appeared warranted, the Los Angeles Office is instructed to forward to the U.S. Attorney Photostats of signed statements examined from [redacted] and Leonard Blakely, aka. Jackie Leonard.

In letter of transmittal, reference should be made to contact with Assistant U.S. Attorney [redacted] on May 26, 1959, and it should be pointed out that the attached statements are being forwarded in connection with the above-mentioned visit. It should also be pointed out that in the event any additional information arising from this matter and having a bearing upon a possible violation of Federal Statutes is received, that such information will be promptly furnished. Do not enlarge on these comments to the U.S. Attorney either orally or in writing.

The Los Angeles Office should continue to pursue this matter discreetly as a top hoodlum investigation. In the event data subsequently developed indicates the possibilities of a Federal violation, such possibilities should be specifically considered at the Bureau before additional discussions are held with representatives of the U.S. Attorneys' Offices.

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Any requests on the part of the U.S. Attorney's Office for additional data or for investigation in this matter must be referred to the Bureau on an individual basis expeditiously, and no commitment should be made prior to the receipt of Bureau instructions.

Los Angeles will continue to be regarded as office of origin, and auxiliary offices should be advised of the fact that this matter is to be handled as a top hoodlum investigation henceforth and to be conducted with appropriate discretion so as not to unnecessarily reveal the Bureau's interest.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
LOS ANGELES	LOS ANGELES	6/13/59	5/25/59 - 6/12/59

TITLE OF CASE CHANGED
FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, aka George Tobias, Mr. Bodone; JACKIE LEONARD (True Name Leonard Blakely), aka Jack Leonard - VICTIM; [redacted]
VICTIM

REPORT MADE BY [redacted]

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CHARACTER OF CASE
EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING

SYNOPSIS: XXXX

REFERENCE: Bureau airtel 5/22/59.
Bureau radiogram 6/11/59.
Los Angeles airtels to Bureau 5/26/59 and 6/4/59.
Los Angeles teletype to Bureau 6/10/59.
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ADMINISTRATIVE

The title of this investigation has previously been carried as "FRANK 'BLINKY' PALERMO; JACKIE LEONARD - VICTIM." It has been marked "Changed" to add aliases for the subject and the true name of victim LEONARD and an alias, and to add [redacted] as a victim.

A copy of this report is not being furnished at this time to the United States Attorney, Los Angeles, pursuant to Bureau instructions. An additional copy of the report has been

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prepared so that as soon as the Bureau instructs it will be available to be furnished to him. In accordance with Bureau instructions, the United States Attorney's Office was contacted and the original allegations were discussed, and United States Attorney [redacted] is desirous of receiving a report in this matter. He is reported as having told the press on June 12, 1959 [redacted]

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The transcripts mentioned in the report as having been received from the Office of the United States Attorney, Los Angeles, where they had been received from the Los Angeles Police Department, are summarized in the signed statements of LEONARD, [redacted] and [redacted] and thus are not set forth in full in the report. The United States Attorney has the copies furnished him by the Police Department.

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Testimony taken by the State Athletic Commission at hearings May 20, 1959 have been transcribed by that agency at Sacramento, California. A transcript has just been made available. The testimony was under oath. It will be summarized for inclusion in a subsequent investigative report.

Considerable delay was encountered in obtaining records of the [redacted] because the particular items desired had been misplaced or had been misfiled.

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Information concerning the bank accounts in the [redacted] was made available to SA [redacted] on June 3, 1959 by [redacted] Chief Clerk of that branch bank.

Information relating to records of the [redacted] were made available on June 12, 1959 to SA WILLIAM J. MALONE by [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

Leads set forth in this report in most instances have been set forth by airtel and teletype to the indicated offices. In some instances airtel summaries are currently being received and the report inserts are following. They will be included in a subsequent report which will be prepared and forwarded to the Bureau in the near future.

San Francisco is receiving an Information copy of this report because [redacted] mentioned in the report, resides in Oakland, California, and subsequent investigation in San Francisco may be necessary.

LEADS

THE CHICAGO OFFICE

At Chicago, Illinois

1. Will obtain all available toll calls charged to office telephone of TRUMAN GIBSON, 1840 West Madison, SEeley 3-5317, and his home telephone, NOrmal 7-5978.

2. Will check records at Bismarck Hotel, Chicago, about the end of October, 1958, when subject PALERMO allegedly telephoned TRUMAN GIBSON at Los Angeles. PALERMO often uses alias of GEORGE TOBIAS. Obtain registration at hotel and phone calls charged to account.

Also obtain similar data re all subsequent registrations at that hotel by PALERMO.

Obtain photographs of registration cards if originals are unavailable for investigative use.

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LEONARD states Bismarck Hotel owned by [redacted] and partner, [redacted]

3. Will examine account ledger sheet of International Boxing Club or Association or Chicago Stadium at [redacted] to locate record of $1,800.00 check debited to account about February 17-19, 1959. Obtain date of debit, determine if original check has been returned to depositor. If not, photograph original item.

Determine if $1,800.00 item has been reimbursed to Club account by check on GIBSON's personal account. He told LEONARD this money would have to be paid from GIBSON's personal funds. Do not interview GIBSON at this time on captioned investigation.

THE MIAMI OFFICE

At Miami, Florida

Will check records of the Blue Mist Motel, 19111 Collins Avenue, and Chateau Motel, 19115 Collins Avenue, to determine if FRANK PALERMO, under his true name or under the alias GEORGE TOBIAS, was registered in either motel on January 5 and 6, 1959. Obtain photographs of registration cards if originals are not available for investigative use. Identify telephone calls made from motel rooms.

At Hollywood, Florida

1. Will identify JOE SONKEN, who may have endorsed $1,725,00 check payable to [redacted] Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The check was cashed at the First National Bank of Hollywood, Florida, January 10, 1959.

2. Will attempt to identify individual known as [redacted] who drove a four door Oldsmobile bearing Florida License, about 1957 model, for FRANK PALERMO and FRANKIE CARBO. Will determine relationship between [redacted] and JOE SONKEN, who may be identical with Miami, Florida PD No. 19399.

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THE NEWARK OFFICE

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At Englewood, New Jersey

1. Will obtain available toll call records for the residence telephone of WILLIAM P. DALY, 165 Grand Avenue, Englewood, New Jersey, telephone LOwell 8-3937.

2. Will check vicinity of DALY's residence for public phone at service station about one block away, which he reportedly utilizes, for call made during period May 6-14, 1959, with particular attention to HIlltop numbers in Philadelphia.

At Avon by the Sea

Will obtain all available toll calls charged to DALY's beach home, telephone PRospect 8-8663.

THE NEW YORK OFFICE

At New York, New York

1. Will check records of American Express Company for credit card No. 112-033-2184, possibly issued in name of TRUMAN GIBSON, for charges since October 1, 1958.

2. Will attempt to identify airline credit cards used by GIBSON in his name or National Boxing Enterprises, Inc.

THE PHILADELPHIA OFFICE

At Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

1. Will identify [redacted] Philadelphia, and establish relationship to [redacted] FRANKIE CARBO and FRANK PALERMO.

2. Will obtain all available toll calls charged to HIlltop 9-1585, believed residence phone for FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, particularly for calls placed to Los Angeles area and victim LEONARD.

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THE ST. LOUIS OFFICE

At St. Louis, Missouri

1. Will interview Sgt. [redacted] Louis Police Department, and obtain from him data to which he might testify as regards information contained in signed statement of [redacted] regarding events in St. Louis on April 24 and 25, 1959.

2. Will interview boxing promoter [redacted] for similar data to that requested from Sgt. [redacted]

3. Check records of the Plaza Hotel for possible registration of PALERMO and TRUMAN GIBSON on April 24 and 25, 1959. Determine, if possible, PALERMO's destination on leaving St. Louis, and travel plan.

THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE

At Los Angeles, California

1. Will summarize testimony before State Athletic Commission in hearings dated May 20, 1959.

2. Will obtain telephone toll calls from residence and business phones of JACKIE LEONARD.

3. Will obtain records of Kim Tours and Travel Agency, 505 South Spring Street, Los Angeles, for travel by LEONARD to Miami in January, 1959.

4. Will recheck records at Ambassador Hotel for possible additional registration of TRUMAN GIBSON on October 24, 1959.

5. Will report details furnished by auxiliary offices covering leads in which investigation forwarded by report inserts.

6. Upon instructions of the Bureau, will consult with United States Attorney as to prosecutive action.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: [redacted]
Office: Los Angeles, California
Date: June 13, 1959

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Title: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO;
LEONARD BLAKELY - VICTIM;
[redacted] - VICTIM

Character: EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

JACKIE LEONARD (true name LEONARD BLAKELY) born 10/12/17, Hot Springs, Arkansas, resides 8006 Louise, Northridge (Los Angeles), California, is boxing matchmaker at Hollywood American Legion Stadium, Los Angeles. Prior to 4/24/59, [redacted] born [redacted] Proctor, Minnesota, sole owner manager's contract of DON JORDAN, who became world's champion welterweight boxer 12/5/58 by defeating VIRGIL AKINS in fight at Olympic Auditorium, Los Angeles. JORDAN successfully defended title in rematch with AKINS, St. Louis, Missouri, 4/24/59. LEONARD, [redacted] and [redacted] also known as [redacted] born [redacted] former assistant to LEONARD, now partner of [redacted] alleged that commencing a few days after JORDAN defeated [redacted] then number one welterweight contender, at Long Beach, California, 10/22/58, FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO commenced a lengthy series of contacts with LEONARD, two contacts with [redacted] (one attended also by LEONARD and [redacted] to extort 15% of purse payable to DON JORDAN to obtain title fight for JORDAN, later same percentage from JORDAN's purse at each fight, with control as to time, place and opponents for JORDAN's professional matches. In furtherance of this scheme, PALERMO allegedly associated with TRUMAN K. GIBSON, Jr., Chicago, Illinois, President of National Boxing Enterprises, Inc.; FRANKIE CARBO, FBI No. 187972; WILLIAM P. DALY, 165 Grand Avenue, Englewood, New Jersey; LOUIS THOMAS DRAGNA, FBI No. 4677209, and JOSEPH SICA, FBI No. 343378, both of the Los Angeles area. Many of PALERMO's contacts with LEONARD were by

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long distance telephone calls. PALERMO and CARBO allegedly talked via long distance telephone to LEONARD in April, 1959, threatening LEONARD and [redacted] with serious physical harm unless PALERMO's demands were accepted. Demands refused by [redacted] LEONARD states he acquiesced, without authority, on instructions of GIBSON. In February, 1959, LEONARD sent check for $1,725.00. at PALERMO's direction, to [redacted] Pennsylvania. Check subsequently endorsed, possibly by JOE SONKEN, Hollywood, Florida PD No. 19399, cashed at Hollywood, Florida bank. LEONARD states he was reimbursed by TRUMAN GIBSON through $1,800.00 check drawn on account in Chicago bank. This payment allegedly represented amount equal to 15% of JORDAN's purse from fight with [redacted] 1/22/59, at Hollywood Legion Stadium. Alleged publicity interrupted payment negotiations for percentage of purse from JORDAN-AKINS match, St. Louis, 4/24/59. Bank, hotel and telephone company records obtained to date set forth. Signed statements obtained from LEONARD, [redacted] [redacted] and others. AUSA, Los Angeles considered original allegations sufficient to warrant investigation, possible violation of Federal Extortion or other Statutes.

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DETAILS:

This is a joint report of SAs WILLIAM J. MALONE and [redacted]

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This investigation is conducted to determine if there is a violation of Federal Law in facts alleged by some witnesses appearing before the State Athletic Commission, State of California, in proceedings at Los Angeles on May 20, 1959.

Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] Los Angeles, was contacted on May 26, 1959, and testimony reported in the press from the hearings before the California State Athletic Commission on May 20, 1959 was discussed. It was the stated opinion of [redacted] that the testimony contained allegations of sufficient detail to warrant investigation as a possible violation of Section 875B, Title 18, United States Code. He observed that data developed in the inquiry might also indicate a violation of some other Federal Statute.

On May 27, 1959, there was received from the Office of the United States Attorney, Los Angeles, carbon copies of documents prepared at the Los Angeles Police Department, entitled as follows:

1. Resume of Events Connected with Boxing Investigation

2. Statement of [redacted]

3. Interview with JACK LEONARD Regarding Threats Made by Individuals to Take a Percentage, or Take Over Control of DON JORDAN, Welterweight Champion, by Illegal Means. Taken in Office of Commander, Intelligence Division, May 13, 1959, at 6:00 PM

4. Transcript of Recorded Conversation Between JACKIE LEONARD, FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, [redacted] and JOE SICA [redacted] b6 b7C

5. Transcript of Recorded Conversation Between [redacted] and JACK LEONARD, [redacted]

Copies of these items were made and the originals were returned to the United States Attorney's Office.

Witnesses appearing before the California State Athletic Commission proceedings at Los Angeles on May 20, 1959 were:

WILLIAM DALY
LOUIS DRAGNA
[redacted] b6 b7C
TRUMAN GIBSON
JACK LEONARD
[redacted]
JOSEPH SICA

Their testimony is to be transcribed and made available for review.

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[redacted] was again interviewed on [redacted] at which time he furnished additional data. [redacted]

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Information supplied by LEONARD BLAKELY during the interview was reduced to the form of a written statement. He read the statement on June 12, 1959 and was given opportunity to make any corrections in it he desired. He made those corrections and signed the statement, initialing each page. The last paragraph of the statement is in his handwriting. The statement follows:

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"Los Angeles, California
June 12, 1959

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"I, the undersigned, LEONARD BLAKELY, make the following voluntary statement to WILLIAM J. MALONE and [redacted] whom I know to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats, promises, inducements or offers of reward of any kind have been made to me to obtain this statement. I understand that this statement may be used in a court of law.

"I was born at Hot Springs, Arkansas, October 12, 1917. I have resided in the Los Angeles, California, area since the age of two years. I reside at 8006 Louise, Northridge, California.

"I am lessee of the Hollywood Legion Stadium, 1628 El Centro, Hollywood, California, from the American Legion (Hollywood) Post Number 43, my lease commencing November 1, 1958 and extending for a five-year period. Prior to becoming lessee of the stadium, I was matchmaker at the stadium for about five years while the boxing matches there were promoted by the Legion Post Number 43.

"I am licensed as a Promoter and a Matchmaker by the State Athletic Commission of California.

"I formerly boxed as a welterweight under the name of JACKIE LEONARD, and I am now generally known by that name in sports circles.

"I am a graduate of Jordan High School in Los Angeles.

"During 1958, I had frequent telephone conversations with TRUMAN K. GIBSON, JR., President of the International Boxing Club, Chicago, Illinois, and [redacted] at that time at Madison Square Garden, New York City, as regards the promotion of boxing matches. The Hollywood Legion Stadium had promoted two or three televised matches in association with the International Boxing Club. GIBSON and [redacted] asked me my opinion as to promising boxers in the Los Angeles area, and I told them that a DON JORDAN was a promising lightweight boxer.

"At that time, [redacted] was the number one contender for the welterweight championship.

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"In July, 1958, a match between [redacted] and DON JORDAN was negotiated and held at the Hollywood Legion Stadium. JORDAN won this nationally televised match. JORDAN was under contract to [redacted] his Manager, with whom I am acquainted. [redacted] negotiated with the manager of [redacted] for the match.

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"Subsequently, [redacted] negotiated a boxing match for DON JORDAN against [redacted] This match was promoted by the International Boxing Club and was held in Madison Square Garden, New York City. The match was televised nationwide. JORDAN won. I had nothing to do with the arrangements for that match except that TRUMAN GIBSON of the International Boxing Club called my by phone and asked me to contact [redacted] and have [redacted] call GIBSON with reference to the match. Apparently, GIBSON did not know how to contact [redacted] directly.

"In September, 1958, DON JORDAN defeated the number one welterweight contender, [redacted] at Portland, Oregon. This match was televised nationwide through the sponsorship of the International Boxing Club. With reference to this match, the only part I had in it was another telephone call from TRUMAN GIBSON asking me to contact [redacted] and have [redacted] call GIBSON. A re-match of [redacted] and JORDAN was held at Long Beach, California, on October 22, 1958. This match was promoted by [redacted] of the Olympic Stadium, Los Angeles. I had nothing to do with this match as it was negotiated by [redacted] with [redacted] The match was televised nationwide under the auspices of the International Boxing Club. DON JORDAN was then engaged to box VIRGIL AKINS at the Olympic Auditorium, Los Angeles, on December 5, 1958, for the world welterweight championship. This match was promoted by [redacted] of the Olympic Auditorium, and the matchmaker was [redacted] of the same stadium. I had nothing to do with the negotiations for this match. JORDAN won.

"On January 22, 1959, DON JORDAN had a match with [redacted] at the Olympic Auditorium, Los Angeles. JORDAN won. This match was promoted by [redacted] and I had nothing to do with the match.

"A re-match between VIRGIL AKINS and DON JORDAN was scheduled to be held in St. Louis, Missouri, on April 24, 1959. I had nothing to do with that match, which was televised nationwide.

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"I did not attend the match between [redacted] and DON JORDAN at Long Beach on October 22, 1958. I believe this match was staged at 7:00 PM for benefit of the television audience. TRUMAN GIBSON was in Los Angeles to attend the match, according to information I received at the time. b6 b7C

"It is my information that [redacted] and [redacted] are managers of VIRGIL AKINS and that they signed contracts for the fights on behalf of AKINS, and [redacted] signed contracts on behalf of DON JORDAN as manager.

"After the [redacted] fight on October 22, 1958, and at a time I recall as being within approximately one week later, [redacted] and I were in the office of [redacted] at the Olympic Auditorium. Present in the office of [redacted] that morning upon our arrival were TRUMAN K. GIBSON, Jr., President of the International Boxing Club, Chicago, Illinois, [redacted] and myself. I am not certain, but [redacted] may also have been there. Negotiations were then underway between [redacted] and GIBSON with reference to the forthcoming championship fight between DON JORDAN and VIRGIL AKINS, which was later scheduled for the Olympic Auditorium on December 5, 1958. I was merely an observer with reference to those negotiations. While we were in the office of [redacted] a telephone call was received which I believe was a person-to-person call for TRUMAN GIBSON. GIBSON spoke briefly with the caller and then said something to the effect, 'I'll let you talk to [redacted] With that, he handed the telephone to me and said, 'It's BLINKY. He wants to talk to you.'

"I took the phone and spoke to the caller who told me he was PALERMO and who said, 'We're in for half the fighter.' I replied that I did not know what he meant, and he said, 'We're in for half the fighter or there will be no title fight.' I told PALERMO it was my understanding the match contracts had already been signed. PALERMO said they had not been signed and that TRUMAN GIBSON had told PALERMO that GIBSON had made a deal with reference to JORDAN. PALERMO said GIBSON has no contract on AKINS to fight against JORDAN unless PALERMO's demands were met.

"His conversation indicated to me he was referring to the proposed match between DON JORDAN and VIRGIL AKINS. I am not now certain whether or not contracts had been signed for the fight at that time. I told PALERMO that this was the first I had heard of such a proposition. He asked me if TRUMAN GIBSON had told me about it. I told him GIBSON had not spoken to me about it and that I had not heard of it from any source. I told PALERMO I would have to call him back. He told me to call him back later in the day at the Bismarck Hotel in Chicago and gave me a room number where he could be reached. I do not recall the number of that room.

"I then asked TRUMAN GIBSON and [redacted] to leave the office and talk to me in the hallway at the Olympic Stadium. There I told both of them that BLINKY PALERMO had demanded a half interest in the manager's contract on DON JORDAN or there would be no title fight and that he claimed to me TRUMAN GIBSON had talked to him about it and he thought GIBSON had also talked with me. GIBSON said he had talked to PALERMO concerning this matter in Chicago and had intended to discuss it with me and with [redacted] but that he had been so busy due to pressure of other business he had just neglected to mention it. We started to discuss the matter further, and at his suggestion, we agreed to meet at the Ambassador Hotel later, where the discussion would continue, as he said he did not want to discuss the matter at the Olympic Auditorium and he did not want us to tell [redacted] anything about it.

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"We met later in the day at the Ambassador Hotel in a cottage suite adjacent to Wilshire Boulevard, occupied by GIBSON. [redacted] was with [redacted] and me at the Ambassador Hotel. GIBSON, [redacted] and I were in discussion on PALERMO's demands for some time.

[redacted] stated he would never agree to give up a portion of his contract with DON JORDAN, that he was opposed to giving any indication of that kind. I made it plain to TRUMAN GIBSON that [redacted] had entire control over the contract of DON JORDAN.

"GIBSON insisted that I should telephone BLINKY PALERMO in Chicago and tell PALERMO that everything

would be all right, meaning to convey to PALERMO that the proposition demanded by PALERMO would be agreed to. GIBSON said he would be able to handle the entire matter when he returned to Chicago and that he would pay any expenses involved so that there would be no cost to me [redacted] and I expressed to GIBSON that PALERMO and associates by reputation 'play rough' and we did not want to become involved in any way with misleading PALERMO because of the possible repercussions to us personally. GIBSON assured us that PALERMO would not result to violence or take any other extreme action against us, saying that such action as that 'went out with high-buttoned shoes.'

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"GIBSON insisted on my making a telephone call to PALERMO. GIBSON had advanced to me $28,000.00, which is to be repaid out of proceeds from the televised boxing matches at the Hollywood Legion Stadium. These funds were posted by me with the American Legion Post Number 43 as a guarantee of the rental on the stadium during the next five years. I felt another obligation to GIBSON because he has great influence in arranging matches at the Hollywood Legion Stadium which are of a caliber that may be televised, and without that assistance, it is not possible to have televised matches from the stadium I operate. The television rights to a match at the Hollywood Stadium are worth $4,000.00 per match to the stadium. The persuasion of TRUMAN GIBSON overcame my skepticism and I followed his instructions, against the wishes of [redacted]

"I made a long-distance telephone call from a coin box telephone booth in the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, to SLINKY PALERMO at the Bismarck Hotel in Chicago. When I spoke with PALERMO, he asked me the telephone number from which I was calling. I gave him the number of the telephone in the booth. He said he would go to a coin box telephone in the lobby of the Bismarck Hotel and return the call to me at the telephone booth in the Ambassador. I hung up the phone, and in less than five minutes, PALERMO returned the call to me at that phone booth. I told PALERMO that I had been discussing the matter with TRUMAN GIBSON and I was calling him to tell him that everything would be OK. I said, 'I think we can make a deal.' He said, 'What

do you mean you think?' I said, 'All right, you've got a deal. TRUMAN GIBSON says its all right.' PALERMO said, 'We're dealing with you and [redacted] I said, 'I think it will be all right.' PALERMO said, 'Don't think,' and I said, 'OK, you've got a deal.'

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"To my knowledge, PALERMO never offered to pay for, or give any other consideration for a percentage of JORDAN's contract. From the comments made by PALERMO, it was my understanding he

"was demanding 50 per cent of the manager's share of profits from the purses received by Jordan.

"Following this conversation with Palermo, which took place either late in October or early in November, 1958, at which time [redacted] was standing outside the telephone booth, I received numerous telephone calls from Palermo. He called me day and night, sometimes asking reassurance that the 'deal' with reference to Jordan was in effect and other times merely to ask my opinion on a boxing match. These calls came to me throughout the day and sometimes as early as 5:00 AM in the morning when he was in the Eastern part of the United States. He was very friendly with me in these conversations. At one time, I mentioned to him that a [redacted] of the Olympic Stadium and I did not always get along as well as I would like. Palermo said Truman Gibson works for [redacted] and I should come down to Florida to meet with [redacted] I said I would not do that unless I first told Truman Gibson about it, and Palermo told me not to tell Gibson, but that if I would come to Florida to see [redacted] Palermo was certain I could arrange to have a televised fight between [redacted] and Don Jordan staged at the Hollywood Legion Stadium. I told Palermo that Truman Gibson had turned me down on such a request and wanted the re-match between Akins and Jordan to be fought first. Palermo said that if I would come down and see [redacted] in Florida he was sure [redacted] would give me $50,000.00 to promote a fight between Aragon and Jordan which could be televised. b6 b7C

"During the week following Christmas of 1958, I went to Mexico City with [redacted] with reference to a bantamweight fighter, [redacted] I came back to Los Angeles on December 30, 1958. Palermo had called my residence from Miami and wanted me to return his call when I got back to Los Angeles. I called him and he asked me to come to Florida. I was not anxious to make the trip at that time because of other plans. Palermo insisted. I told him it was difficult to get plane reservations out of Los Angeles during the holidays. Finally, on one other call to me, Palermo told me I could get a flight on TWA at a certain time during the morning of January 5, 1959, and he told me I should take that flight. He asked me if I wanted [redacted] to pay for the flight ticket and I told him that would not be necessary. I telephoned the Kim Travel Agency in Los Angeles and asked them to get the reservation for me on the flight leaving Los Angeles on the morning of January 5, 1959 for Miami. I made the reservation about two days before the flight and departed as scheduled on the morning of January 5, 1959.

"I arrived in Miami late that night and was met at the airport in Miami by Blinky Palermo and another man who was driving the car and who identified himself as 'Mike.' He was about 45 years of age, and I believe of Italian extraction. He was driving a car which I believe was a 1957 Oldsmobile four-door sedan bearing Florida license plates. I had met Blinky Palermo once before in a crowd and I had seen him at fights on many occasions where he had been pointed out to me but I never had personal conversation of any length with him prior to meeting him at the Miami Airport, other than on the telephone. I had never met the other individual before this occasion. I was driven to a motel in the beach area of Miami. I am not familiar with Miami and the motel was either the Blue Mist or the Chateau. Palermo had two adjoining rooms at the motel. I was very tired and immediately went to bed.

"The next morning, Palermo had some sort of a dispute with the management at the motel and we each took our bags and moved to the motel next door where we both registered. I did not register at the first motel, to the best of my recollection, as the motel had already been engaged.

"At the second motel, we had adjoining rooms. We went to the dining room in the second motel for breakfast, and while we were in the dining room and at approximately 11:00 AM, 'Mike' entered the second motel with a man who is known to me as Frankie Carbo. 'Mike' told me he had had a long drive to get Carbo and had not slept during the night. I was not previously acquainted with Carbo. The four of us had breakfast and then returned to our rooms.

"The others ordered several bottles of whiskey and b6 b7C we engaged in a general conversation. They wanted to know about my disagreement with [redacted] and we discussed the possibility of a fight in Los Angeles which could be televised if [redacted] would provide promotional expenses. I was told that [redacted] would not be able to see me that day because he had to go some place in connection with some of his race horses, but that if I had arrived a day or so earlier, I could have talked to [redacted] I explained what I would like to have in the way of a match between [redacted] and Don Jordan in Los Angeles. Carbo told me that he could take care of that with [redacted] if I could take care of [redacted] By [redacted]' he referred

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"to [redacted] in Los Angeles. Carbo told me he wanted no money out of the transaction concerning Don Jordan's contract but that he was a friend of Blinky Palermo and was interested in seeing Blinky 'make a dollar'. Carbo told me he did not want anything to go wrong and that if I would handle [redacted] he would have [redacted] help me.

"During the day, two other individuals introduced to me as [redacted] and [redacted] came to the motel and stayed a while. I could see another individual sitting in a car outside our motel, but I do not know who that person was. Our rooms were on the ground floor, and it was easy to see from the front window into the parking lot.

"Carbo did most of the talking in the conversation held at the motel. He told me [redacted] had plans to make a big promoter out of me in Los Angeles. He told me he could handle Truman Gibson, whom he described as an employee of [redacted]

"Carbo told me that I should not let [redacted] make arrangements for any fights for Don Jordan without first contacting Palermo.

"Palermo said they meant to take charge of Don Jordan and control whomever Jordan would fight, when and where those fights would take place. I commented that they really intended to take charge of the fighter, and they assured me that was their intention. I made no statements indicating I would not be able to control [redacted] actions, but I never did tell them that I had any ownership interests in Don Jordan's contract nor did they ask me if I had such ownership.

"By the time it was dusk, Carbo had departed from the motel, and shortly thereafter, [redacted] and the others departed. We were hungry and decided to stop at a seafood restaurant for dinner en route from the motel to the Miami Airport where I was to take a plane back to Los Angeles. We stopped at a seafood restaurant about ten minutes drive, I estimate, from the motel. The dining room had windows overlooking a bay filled with small boats. While we were in the dining room, I observed Frankie Carbo enter, speak to Palermo and hand Palermo some currency. I believe we were in the dining room approximately three hours, and 'Mike' and Palermo took me to the airport. I departed at about 1:15 AM on January 7, 1959 and returned to Los Angeles by TWA plane via Chicago. I have retained a portion of my ticket book for this flight.

"After the Gutirrez-Jordan Fight at the Olympic Auditorium in Los Angeles, January 22, 1959, I received a telephone call from Blinky Palermo. I do not recall the exact time or date of this call, but I do recall that Palermo demanded to know when he was going to get his money from Jordan's purse for this fight. During one of the telephone calls, which I had received from Palermo, he told me that his previous demand for a half interest in the manager's share of Jordan's contract was being changed to 15% 'off the top.' By this, he meant that he wanted 15% of Jordan's gross purse before training and other expenses were deducted, rather than 50% of the manager's share of Jordan's net purse. I attempted to stall Palermo temporarily by telling him that I did not have the money, and that he should contact Truman Gibson. Palermo told me that I was being held responsible for the money. I contacted Truman Gibson and told him of Palermo's demand. Truman Gibson told me I should pay Palermo myself, and he would reimburse me.

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"I waited for Gibson to send me the money so I could pay Palermo, and, meanwhile, Palermo kept demanding payment. The day Truman Gibson told me over the telephone that he had mailed a check to me for eighteen hundred dollars, I drew a check on my personal account under the name of Leonard Blakely, Gower-Sunset Branch, Bank of America, Los Angeles, in the amount of seventeen hundred and twenty-five dollars. Pursuant to prior instructions I had received from Palermo that the money should be sent to [redacted] Pennsylvania, I made my check payable to that person and mailed it via Air Mail, Special Delivery, Registered Mail, with a return receipt requested from the Post Office Department. I dated the check January 27, 1959, and told Palermo the check had been forwarded earlier, but had been returned for lack of postage because my son had failed to put sufficient stamps on the envelope the first time, and this would explain the reason the check was dated several days prior to the time it was mailed.

"I received from the Post Office Department a return receipt for this registered letter. I have retained the

"receipt and it has the handwritten name of [redacted] or [redacted] as the addressee of the letter and delivery date marked thereon of 2-7-59. The receipt bears Registered Number 232765, and a postmark stamp of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. b6 b7C

"The check I forwarded in that letter was endorsed by [redacted] and a second endorser, whose name I do not know, and whose endorsement is partially illegible, but appears to be possibly Joe Sonken. The check bears endorsement of the First National Bank of Hollywood, Florida, under date of February 10, 1959, and indicates it was forwarded for collection to my bank in Hollywood, California, where the check was paid on February 13, 1959. I have retained the cancelled check.

"The day my check was received by my bank for payment, I had not received the eighteen hundred dollar check from Truman Gibson, and I had a check drawn on the Hollywood Boxing and Wrestling Club account in my bank in the amount of eighteen hundred dollars, which was deposited in my personal account to cover the check for seventeen hundred and twenty-five dollars, made payable to [redacted] On February 16, 1959, Truman Gibson's check for eighteen hundred dollars was deposited in the Hollywood Boxing and Wrestling Club account to reimburse the withdrawal which had been made on February 13, 1959.

"I believe the check I received from Truman Gibson was drawn on the account of the International Boxing Club in a Chicago bank. The reason I sent Palermo seventeen hundred and twenty-five dollars, rather than eighteen hundred dollars, was because I was permitted to deduct expenses I had incurred in connection with the numerous telephone calls to Gibson and Palermo. They did not question my deduction of seventy-five dollars for these expenses. I am certain that Blinky Palermo ultimately received the check I sent to [redacted] because Palermo telephoned me and strenuously objected to my sending the money in the form of a check. He told me never to do that again, and said that I should know better. Although I did not tell Palermo, I handled the transaction in the manner I did because I wanted a record of it. Otherwise, I would have been required to pay income tax

"on the eighteen hundred dollars I received from Truman Gibson. I do not know the true identity of [redacted]

"On April 22, 1959, I received a telephone call from Blinky Palermo, and it is my recollection Palermo said he was then in St. Louis, Missouri. Palermo asked me who he should see to get his money from Jordan's purse after the Akins-Jordan Re-Match in St. Louis on April 24, 1959. Palermo said he wanted Jordan to fight Sugar Hart in Philadelphia in the near future, and I asked him if he intended to take over control of Jordan's fights, as to time, place and opponents. Palermo said he did intend to do that. I told him that he would have to see [redacted] because I had no part of [redacted] contract. Palermo said he wanted to deal with me and I told him he should not plan to deal with me anymore, because I could not be of assistance and he would have to deal directly with [redacted]

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"The Jordan-Akins Fight was held in St. Louis on April 24, 1959, which was a Friday. On Saturday night, April 25th, I received a telephone call at the Hollywood Legion Stadium from Blinky Palermo. I did not attend the Jordan-Akins Fight, because I was staging the Aragon-Macelli Fight at the Hollywood Legion Stadium on April 25th. The call from Palermo was received by me at about 7:00 PM. Palermo was very excited. He told me he had contacted [redacted] and that [redacted] had insulted him, and had practically thrown him out of the hotel room. Palermo demanded I do something to straighten [redacted] out. I told him I had no control over [redacted] Palermo said that he was coming out to the Coast to see me. I told him it would be of no use to him and he should deal directly with [redacted] Palermo said that he was going to see me on the Coast anyway. I tried to convince him that I was going to have nothing to do with the matter.

"I telephoned [redacted] at Indianapolis, Indiana, on Sunday, April 26th, and spoke with him briefly about the call from Palermo. [redacted] returned to Los Angeles, I believe, on April 28, 1959, which was a Tuesday. He came to my office in the Hollywood Legion Stadium.

"While [redacted] was in my office that day, I received a telephone call. I do not know the place from which the call was made because, when I answered the telephone, the caller was on the line and said, 'You know who this is.' I thought a moment, placed my hand over the mouth of the telephone, and said to [redacted] 'It's Frankie Carbo.' I then spoke to the caller and said, 'Yes, I know you.' I recognized Carbo's voice because it is distinctive to me, and I had talked with him at length in Miami, Florida in January of this year. Carbo did not use his name during the conversation. He sounded extremely angry. He said he had found out I had been double-crossing him and that I would not get away with it. Carbo said if he were present on the Coast, he would 'goudge out' my eyeballs. He said he had people on the Coast who would take care of me, and just because he was two thousand miles away was no sign he had no friends on the West Coast to do things for him. He said that some day we would meet at the crossroads and when that occurred, I was going to get hurt, and when he said 'hurt', he said he meant 'dead'. He told me that [redacted] meaning [redacted] and I could keep the money involved because 'where both of you are going, you won't need any money.' Carbo was raving and shouting over the telephone and the moment I hung up the telephone, I told [redacted] the gist of the call. I was extremely upset over Carbo's comments and frightened by them. Within a matter of seconds after Carbo hung up the phone, I received another call on my telephone. When I picked up the receiver, I discovered it was Blinky Palermo calling. I do not know where he called from, but the call was so closely following that of Carbo that I believe they must have been together. I asked Palermo what he meant by having Carbo call me and Palermo said, 'You can't blame him.' I told Palermo I did blame Carbo for it and I didn't like anyone calling me and making such threats over the phone. Palermo told me to cool down. I told him I did not intend to cool down; that I was not used to receiving telephone calls of that type and that I resented it.

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"About three hours later that day, at my home, I received a second telephone call from Palermo. He asked me if I had cooled off yet, and I told him I would

"never cool off to threats being made such as Carbo had made earlier in the day. I told Palermo that the entire matter was the fault of Truman Gibson and Palermo agreed with me, but said that even so, I should never have agreed to the proposition in the first place. I explained to Palermo that, as he well knew, Truman Gibson had advanced money to the Hollywood Legion Stadium for forthcoming television programs of boxing matches, and that this advance was of considerable benefit to the Stadium operations. I told him he well knew that my agreeing to Gibson's proposal was because of Gibson's influence in the television programs, and I explained to him that I had agreed to his proposition only because Gibson had insisted on it. Palermo told me he planned a trip to the West Coast and that he would see me then.

"On Sunday, May 3, 1959, I received a telephone call from Blinky Palermo. He told me he was in the Los Angeles area, and that the matter with reference to Don Jordan's contract 'has to be straightened out.' Palermo told me that he and I 'have our heads in a noose' and some satisfactory disposition of the matter must be made.

"When I got to my office at the Hollywood Legion Stadium on the morning of May 4, 1959, shortly prior to 9:30 AM, JOSEPH SICA was waiting for me. I recognized him because I had been introduced to him on a prior occasion, but I had never had any dealings with him. He told me that he was a friend of 'The Grey' and 'Blinky', and that he would like to see the Jordan matter get straightened out. He said we should be able to do something about it. I told him I didn't see how Blinky could have his way because [redacted] would not give up a share of his contract with Jordan. Sica insisted that something should be worked out.

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"By his reference to 'The Grey', I understood he was referring to Frankie Carbo, as in boxing circles, Carbo is known by that nickname. When Sica referred to 'Blinky', I understood him to be referring to Blinky Palermo.

"Later on May 4, 1959, Palermo telephoned me several times during the day asking that I meet with him at Frank Sinatra's Puccini's Restaurant in Beverly Hills. He said he had Joseph Sica and George Raft with him. I told him I didn't want to have any business with Joseph Sica and he said that I should have no objection to having business with George Raft. I said I didn't see much difference. Palermo called me again that evening at my residence and asked me to come to the restaurant to meet with him and Sica. I also received one or two telephone calls during the day from Joseph Sica asking me to come to the restaurant to meet with him and Palermo. I used the excuse that a relative of mine had been injured in an accident; that my wife had our automobile, and I could not meet with them. I was urged to take a taxi and, after half-way promising I would try to see them that evening, I did not go to the restaurant, nor did I see them during the balance of the day.

"On May 5, 1959, during the morning, I was in my office at the Hollywood Legion Stadium. [redacted] was sitting there with me. At about 10:00 AM, Palermo came into the office, accompanied by Louis Dragna. I had seen Dragna at the fights, but I had never met him previously. When they entered the office, [redacted] recognized Palermo, got up and walked out. Palermo said to [redacted] 'We want to talk to you.' [redacted] either replied in the negative, or just walked out without answering. [redacted] did not return to the office while Dragna and Palermo were there. Palermo asked me, 'What kind of a guy is this [redacted] He won't even sit down and talk.'

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"I told Palermo that [redacted] had a mind of his own, and apparently had made a final decision. Palermo said he wanted me to see what I could do with [redacted] I told him that the entire matter was brought on by

"Truman Gibson and he should discuss it with Gibson. Palermo said he didn't want to hear anymore about Gibson. Palermo became belligerent, told me I had my 'head in a noose,' that I was in very bad trouble and that I had to get the matter straightened out.

"Palermo shouted and screamed at me; said somebody was going to be hurt; that he and his associates had had the welterweight boxing title for a long time, and that they were going to hold onto it, and not let anyone steal it from them. I told Palermo that I would try to do what I could with [redacted] but I did not think I would be successful in getting him to agree to Palermo's demands. b6 b7C

"Louis Dragna, to me, seemed overly polite on this occasion. Dragna told me I was 'in very deep.' Dragna said, 'You're dealing with people whose word is good.' Dragna told me I was in 'bad trouble if you don't straighten the matter out.' Dragna told me he was present because he is acquainted with 'these people'. He said, 'I am not here to pressure you, but you are very wrong and you better get the matter straightened out.' He did not raise his voice in talking to me.

"Dragna asked me if [redacted] lived 'out my way', referring to Dragna's residence. I said I thought [redacted] lived [redacted] Dragna said, 'No, he lives in [redacted]

"Palermo told me I had to get hold of [redacted] and make [redacted] sit down and talk to Palermo. I told him I would try.

"Later in the day, I received a telephone call from Palermo, asking me to meet with him and Joseph Sica at Puccini's Restaurant in Beverly Hills. I didn't promise to meet him and I did not see him again that day.

"On May 6, 1959, when I arrived at work at the Hollywood Legion Stadium, during the morning, Joseph Sica was waiting for me. He asked me out to breakfast with him and Palermo. I told

him I had to stay at the office and suggested he might want to call PALERMO and have PALERMO come to my office. SICA made a telephone call and asked for a room number. He spoke to someone and arranged to meet that person in the hotel in a few minutes for breakfast. SICA then told me he would get PALERMO and return to my office.

"About an hour later, as I recall, JOSEPH SICA returned to my office, accompanied by FRANK PALERMO. [redacted] was present, as was [redacted] SICA looked all over the room, as if he were searching for a hidden recording device. He and PALERMO then sat down to talk with us. I had previously told JOSEPH SICA not to come around my office because I did not wish to talk where others would see us, as I was afraid I might have trouble over my boxing license with the State Athletic Commission. On this occasion, I had insisted the conversation take place in my office, and I am of the opinion this insistence might have alerted JOSEPH SICA to the possibility that a recording device was installed in my office. b6 b7C

[redacted] told SICA and PALERMO that his reason for talking with them was to try and settle the matter and allow him to get his comments off his chest. He said he wanted to bring the situation to a conclusion, although he had talked once before with PALERMO and had attempted to conclude the matter then.

"PALERMO had a different attitude on this occasion than the day before. He started out his comments by saying that he wanted an arrangement for DON JORDAN to fight SUGAR HART in Philadelphia or Pittsburgh. [redacted] refused these suggestions and then PALERMO suggested the fight be held in Los Angeles, and that he even might let me promote it. [redacted] told PALERMO that everyone was pressuring him into a fight between JORDAN and HART, and he did not intend to yield under that pressure. He said he wanted to get rid of the pressure from CARBO. [redacted] explained the part TRUMAN GIBSON played in this entire matter, and PALERMO told [redacted] he did not want to hear anymore about TRUMAN GIBSON at all and to leave

GIBSON out of the discussion. He tried to get me to admit I was wrong in having agreed sometime before to his proposition. Again, I explained to him, as did [redacted] that the idea was TRUMAN GIBSON's, that we were telling the truth, and that if he didn't believe it, we would tell the same story to him in front of TRUMAN GIBSON, if he would arrange it. We expressed the opinion that TRUMAN GIBSON would deny it, but we told PALERMO and SICA that made no difference as we were speaking the truth. They inquired if we all three were present at the time and it was agreed that we all were aware of the situation and the remarks made by GIBSON in instructing me to telephone PALERMO in Chicago, and agreeing to PALERMO's proposal.

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"At one point in the conversation, PALERMO and I got into a heated argument and called each other liars. PALERMO asked [redacted] PALERMO commented that he was not so much interested in the money, but that he was interested in seeing a fight between JORDAN and HART, and he wanted me to admit I was wrong by telling him I agreed to the arrangements he had suggested when I was not sure that [redacted] would go along.

"During this entire conversation, JOSEPH SICA said very little, but he did tell me that he did not want to see me 'get in bad back East'. Just as SICA and PALERMO departed from the office, SICA leaned over to me and whispered, 'You've really got your head in a noose, JACK.'

"Since that time, I have not heard directly from FRANK PALERMO or JOSEPH SICA.

"I have received two anonymous male telephone calls at my residence on the afternoon of May 30, 1959, and one at my office on May 27, 1959. In the

first call, the caller swore at me and said, 'You will not live through the summer.' In the first call on May 30, the caller said, 'Are you satisfied that they got FRANKIE? Now we are going to get you.' The second caller said, 'Well, you are going to get it.'

"I have no idea who made these three anonymous calls, and I do not know where they originated.

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"I met JOSEPH SICA sometime ago through an introduction by [redacted] a local boxing manager. I am informed that JOSEPH SICA and [redacted] at one time, tried to arrange a Lightweight Championship match between CISCO ANDRADE and BUD SMITH, to be staged in Los Angeles. I have been told that this effort was discouraged by FRANKIE CARBO, who was reported in boxing circles to have said thereafter, 'What does JOE SICA mean trying to get a title fight. I don't mess in his business and he sould not mess in mine.'

[redacted] told me that he received a telephone call from JOSEPH SICA on or about the same day that I had my last conversation with SICA and PALERMO. [redacted] told me he had been instructed by [redacted] to call JOSEPH SICA at the Main Street Gym in Los Angeles. [redacted] said he called SICA there and SICA told [redacted] he was working for a 'bad guy', referring to me. [redacted] said he disagreed with SICA. SICA insisted that [redacted] should not work for me, and told [redacted] he wanted [redacted] to contact [redacted] of Oakland, who was expected to be in Los Angeles the following day, as SICA wanted to talk to [redacted] before [redacted] could talk to me. As [redacted] had no advance information concerning the matter about which I had been in discussion with PALERMO and SICA, [redacted] agreed to do as SICA requested.

"In one of the conversations over the telephone which I had with PALERMO, date I cannot now recall, but I believe during the period following the second JORDAN-AKINS Fight on April 24, 1959, and my first

meeting in Los Angeles with PALERMO about May 4, 1959, PALERMO asked me if I remembered what happened to RAY ARCEL. I recall that ARCEL was a boxing promoter, matchmaker and trainer. Four or five years ago, in either Boston or New York City, ARCEL was standing, engaged in a conversation with one [redacted] also known as [redacted] While engaged in this conversation, in a crowded area, ARCEL was struck on the head by someone standing to his rear. His assailant has never been identified and it is my information that [redacted] denied having seen the assailant, although he was facing in the direction from which the blow was struck. At that time, ARCEL apparently had set up a television showing of boxing matches on Saturday nights in opposition to the television shows then being put on by the International Boxing Club. It is my understanding that RAY ARCEL refused to accede to the demands of FRANKIE CARBO, and to go along with the International Boxing Club as regards television shows of boxing matches, and it is my belief that this was the reason behind the assault on ARCEL. RAY ARCEL is no longer connected with the boxing game, to my knowledge.

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"I have also heard that [redacted] recently struck [redacted] at a weighing-in session prior to a boxing match in Philadelphia. I have been informed that BLINKY PALERMO was with [redacted] on that occasion, and I am also aware that on June 2, 1959, [redacted] was moved into the Number Three contender rank for the Welterweight title.

"I have also been informed that SAM SILVERMAN, former boxing promoter of Boston, Massachusetts, had his house blown up on one occasion because of a dispute in boxing circles.

"Shortly after the re-match between JORDAN and AKINS at St. Louis, on April 24, 1959, I received a telephone call from TRUMAN GIBSON who asked me to

establish the exact net receipts for the fight. I believe this call was received by me on the Monday night following the fight the previous Friday. GIBSON told me he had to 'give them the money.' He said he wanted to find out the exact purse received by JORDAN, so that he could figure the percentage to be given PALERMO. He told me he would send me a check and I could send the money to PALERMO, as had been done after the GUTIRREZ Fight.

"Publicity appeared shortly thereafter concerning this entire matter, and I did not receive a check from GIBSON, nor did I pay any money to PALERMO following the re-match.

"I do recall that GIBSON estimated the amount to have been somewhere between four thousand and four thousand five hundred.

"WILLIAM P. DALY of Philadelphia, who has been connected with the boxing game for some time, was in Los Angeles during May, 1959, and I visited with him in his room at the Ambassador Hotel on May 14, 1959. I also talked with him on the telephone several times during the month of May. DALY told me he would like to talk to [redacted] in an attempt to straighten out the difficulty with PALERMO. I told DALY that I did not believe such an attempt would be successful in changing [redacted] mind or position on the matter. DALY told me he believed the entire matter had come to a point where it had gone too far to be repaired and that trouble could be expected. I told DALY about the dispute with PALERMO, the conversation between PALERMO, JOSEPH SICA, [redacted] and myself. DALY told me he was closely associated with FRANKIE CARBO, and had transacted business with CARBO on numerous occasions. b6 b7C b6 b7C b7D

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"I asked DALY if [redacted] is associated with FRANKIE CARBO, and DALY said that was true. b6 b7C b7D

"DALY told me he expected to hear from CARBO by telephone in the near future. I asked DALY if some law enforcement agency was not looking for CARBO at the time, and DALY said that was true.

[redacted]

"I have read this thirty-three page typewritten statement. It is true and correct to the best of my recollecollection.

"/s/ LEONARD BLAKELY b6 b7C

"Witnesses:

"/s/ [redacted] Special Agent, FBI, Los Angeles, Calif.

"/s/ WILLIAM J. MALONE, Special Agent, FBI, Los Angeles, Calif."

LEONARD was hospitalized on the night of June 3, 1959, following an incident at his residence, which was reported to the Los Angeles Police Department as an assault by unidentified assailants. The incident was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department. On June 10, 1959, Chief of Police WILLIAM H. PARKER notified the press at Los Angeles in part, that "...physical facts fail to support the probability that Mr. LEONARD was subject to assault as originally reported. It now appears that Mr. LEONARD suffered some acute physical incapacitation of a stunning nature that produced an illusion of assault. In light of the known threats to his physical well-being it is easy to understand the basis for such an erroneous impression...."

LEONARD was returned to his residence from the hospital on June 10, 1959. Prior to his departure, LEONARD was interviewed at his room in Parkview Hospital, 1021 North Hoover Street, Los Angeles. Information he furnished was reduced to statement form. He read the statement and signed it on June 12, 1959, the last paragraph of the statement being in his handwriting. The statement follows:

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"Los Angeles, California
June 12, 1959

"I, the undersigned, LEONARD BLAKELY, make the following voluntary statement to WILLIAM J. MALONE and [redacted] whom I know to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats, promises or inducements of any kind have been made to me to obtain this statement, and I understand this statement may be used in a court of law.

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"At a time I now recall to be about February 1st, 1959, BLINKY PALERMO of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, telephoned my residence and left a message to have me call him by long distance telephone. I believe that message was to call Mr. BLINKY at the Palermo Hotel, in an Eastern city. I understood from this message that the caller was FRANK (BLINKY) PALERMO.

"I made a telephone call to FRANK (BLINKY) PALERMO on a public coin box telephone in a drug store near the intersection of Bronson Ave. and Franklin Ave., in Hollywood, Calif. At the time I made this call I was accompanied by [redacted] and I recall I placed several dollars worth of coins in the telephone coin box to complete the call. I had [redacted] get some change to pay the complete charges.

"I called the requested number and spoke to FRANK (BLINKY) PALERMO. He wanted me to tell him when he would receive 15% of the DON JORDAN purse from the JORDAN-GUTIRREZ fight which was held January 27, 1959 at the Hollywood Legion Stadium.

"I had not as yet forwarded a check to PALERMO for $1725.00, as I sent the check several days later after TRUMAN GIBSON had told me to do so and that he, GIBSON, would reimburse me. During the telephone call, PALERMO shouted at me that I had

"better send to him 15% of JORDAN's purse from the fight, or he would cause me a great deal of trouble.

"PALERMO then put FRANKIE CARBO on the telephone and CARBO talked to me, concluding with the statement that if I did not send the money to PALERMO at once I would have the money taken out of my hide.

"I have read this two page typewritten statement. It is true & correct to the best of my recolection.

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"/s/LEONARD BLAKELY

"Witnesses:
/s/[redacted] Special Agent, FBI, Los Angeles, Calif.
/s/WILLIAM J. MALONE Special Agent FBI Los Angeles Calif."

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORT

Date June 8, 1959

[redacted] was interviewed at his residence and furnished the following personal identification data: b6 b7C b7D

[redacted]

[redacted]

Information supplied by [redacted] during the interview was reduced to the form of a statement.

On June 12, 1959, [redacted] read the statement, was given the opportunity to make any corrections he desired in it, and did so. He initialled each page of the statement, and signed it at the end, adding the last paragraph in his own handwriting. The statement follows:

Interview with [redacted] File # LA 92-642

on 6/4/59 at [redacted] Date dictated 6/5/59

by Special Agent WILLIAM J. MALONE and [redacted] :jw

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"Los Angeles, California
June 12, 1959

"I, the undersigned, [redacted] make the following voluntary statement to WILLIAM J. MALONE and [redacted] whom I know to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats, promises, inducements or offers of reward of any kind have been made to me to obtain this statement. I understand that this statment may be used in a court of law.

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"I was born [redacted] at [redacted] and I reside at [redacted] California. My telephone number is [redacted] and I am currently associated with [redacted]

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"I have read the above nine typewritten pages and this page. The entire statement is true and correct to the best of my recollection.

[redacted]

"Witnesses:
/s [redacted] Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Los Angeles, Calif.
/s/WILLIAM J. MALONE Special Agent Federal Bureau of Investigation Los Angeles, Calif."

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORT

Date 5/8/59

[redacted] was interviewed at [redacted] on June 5, 1959 and furnished the following signed statement:

"Los Angeles, Calif.
June 5, 1959

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"I, the undersigned, [redacted] make the following voluntary statement to William J. Malone and [redacted] whom I know to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats, promises or inducements of any kind have been made to me to obtain this statement. I understand this statement may be used in a court of law.

[redacted]

Interview with [redacted] File # LA 92-642

on 6/5/59 at [redacted] Date dictated 6/8/59

by Special Agent WILLIAM J. MALONE and [redacted] fjw

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[redacted]

"The above statement of two handwritten pages and this page have been read to me and they are the truth to the best of my recollection."

[redacted]

"Witnesses:
[redacted] Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Los Angeles, Calif.
William J. Malone, Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Los Angeles, Calif."

The last paragraph of the above statement is in the handwriting of [redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORT

Date June 8, 1959

[redacted] was interviewed at [redacted] on June 5, 1959. [redacted] gave the following personal identification information concerning himself:

Name	[redacted]
Sex	Male
Race	Caucasian
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Place of Birth	[redacted]
Height	[redacted]
Weight	[redacted]
Hair	[redacted]
Eyes	[redacted]
	[redacted]
Residence	[redacted]
Business Addresses	[redacted]
Residence Phone No.	[redacted]
Occupation	[redacted]

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[redacted]

[redacted] furnished the following signed statement:

Interview with [redacted] File # LA 92-642

on 6/5/59 at Los Angeles, California Date dictated 6/8/59

by Special Agent WILLIAM J. MALONE and [redacted] fjw

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"Los Angeles, Calif.
June 5, 1959

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"I, the undersigned, [redacted] make the following voluntary statement to William J. Malone and [redacted] whom I know to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats, promises, inducements or offers of reward of any kind have been made to me to obtain this statement. I understand that this statement may be used in a court of law.

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"I have read the above statement and it is true and correct."

[redacted]

"Witnesses:

[redacted] Special Agent, FBI, Los Angeles, Calif.
William J. Malone, Special Agent, F.B.I., Los Angeles, Calif."

The last sentence of the above statement is in the handwriting of [redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORT

Date June 8, 1959

[redacted] was interviewed at [redacted] on June 5, 1959. He gave the following personal identification information concerning himself:

Name [redacted]
Sex Male
Race Caucasian
Residence Address [redacted]

Telephone No.
Business Address [redacted]

Occupation

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[redacted] gave the following signed statement:

"Los Angeles, Calif.
June 5, 1959

"I, the undersigned, [redacted] make the following voluntary statement to William J. Malone and [redacted] whom I know to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats, promises or inducements of any kind have been made to me to obtain this statement and I realize this statement may be used in a court of law.

Interview with [redacted] File # LA 92-642

on 6/5/59 at Los Angeles, California Date dictated 6/8/59

by Special Agent WILLIAM J. MALONE and [redacted] jw

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[redacted]

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"I have read the above statement and found it to be true."

[redacted]

"Witnesses:

[redacted] Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Los Angeles, Calif.
William J. Malone, Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Los Angeles, Calif."

The last sentence of the above statement is in the handwriting of [redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORT

Date June 10, 1959

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telephone NOrmandy [redacted] business address [redacted] Los Angeles, telephone [redacted] was interviewed at his residence, the interview being continued at his office later in the day.

[redacted] furnished the following signed statement regarding [redacted] described above:

"Los Angeles, Calif.
June 8, 1959

"I, the undersigned, [redacted] make the following voluntary statement to William J. Malone and [redacted] whom I know to be Special

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Interview with [redacted] File # LA 92-642

on 6/8/59 [redacted] File dictated 6/9/59

by Special Agent [redacted] fjw and WILLIAM J. MALONE

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"Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats, promises, or inducements of any kind have been made to me to obtain this statement and I understand this statement can be used in a court of law.

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"I have read the foregoing two page hand written statement and it is true and correct."

[redacted]

"Witnesses:
[redacted] FBI, Los Angeles, California
William J. Malone, FBI, Los Angeles, California"

The last sentence of the above statement is in the handwriting of [redacted]

OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (92-642) DATE: 6/8/59

FROM: SA [redacted] Dictated: 6/8/59

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SUBJECT: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO;
LEONARD BLAKELY - VICTIM;
[redacted] - VICTIM
EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING

Records of [redacted]
were reviewed on June 3, 1959. [redacted]

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The described [redacted] are available for use only after the issuance of an appropriate subpoena duces tecum, directed to [redacted]

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (92-642) DATE: 6/3/59

FROM: SA [redacted] Dictated: 6/3/59

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SUBJECT: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO;
JACKIE LEONARD - VICTIM
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Records of the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, telephone DUnkirk 7-7011, were made available to SAs WILLIAM J. MALONE and [redacted] on June 1, 1959 by [redacted] These records show that TRUMAN K. GIBSON, JR. gave the address of 1840 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois, when registering at the hotel on the following dates:

June 23, 1958 to June 24, 1958, Rooms 281-282, at $44.00 per day. Total bill--$240.83. Ledger sheet shows account was to be sent to the Chicago Stadium Corporation, attention [redacted] Madison and Wood Avenues, Chicago 12, Illinois. GIBSON gave his business as International Boxing Club.

GIBSON gave the business address of 304 West 50th Street, New York, New York, International Boxing Club, Inc., when he registered at the Ambassador Hotel on August 17, 1958. He was assigned Rooms 211 and 212 at $36.00 per day, and checked out of the hotel on August 19, 1958 at 4:05 PM. His total bill was $288.58.

On October 22, 1958, TRUMAN GIBSON of the International Boxing Club, Chicago, Illinois, was registered in at the Ambassador Hotel by Room Clerk [redacted] at 9:01 PM, and was assigned Rooms 5-6-A. He checked out on October 23, 1958 at 5:47 PM. His total bill was $83.98, and he ordered it charged to the International Boxing Club, 1840 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois. This is ledger sheet No. 7124 in the hotel records, and shows room charges of $40.00, restaurant charge of $3.03 on October 23, 1958, pool charge of $6.00 on the same date, telephone charges of .30 on October 23, 1958, and long distance telephone charges on October 23, 1958 as follows:

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$18.48
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GIBSON registered in at the Ambassador on January 22, 1959 at 6:36 AM and checked out at 4:25 PM the same day. He was assigned Rooms 568-569 at $36.00 per day. He presented American Express Company Credit Card No. 112-033-2184 for his total bill of $40.44.

Telephone calls charged to his bill on January 27, 1959 included long distance calls of $5.61, $1.03, $2.75, and local phone calls of .90.

GIBSON checked into the Ambassador Hotel at 5:20 PM on March 17, 1959 and out at 6:30 PM on March 19, 1959. He was assigned Rooms 119-120H, at $44.00 per day. His total bill was $243.61, and he presented an American Express Company Credit Card No. 112-033-2184 in settlement of the account. Numerous long distance telephone calls were charged to his account during this visit.

GIBSON registered at the Ambassador Hotel on April 14, 1959 at 8:07 PM and checked out at 6:53 PM, April 15, 1959. He listed his business as National Boxing Enterprises, Chicago, Illinois. He was assigned Rooms 270-271 at $46.00 per day and presented an American Express Credit Card No. 012-033-218-4 in settlement of the total account for $90.44. He had several long distance telephone calls charged to his account and a restaurant bill on the 15th for $15.82.

GIBSON registered at the hotel on May 11, 1959 at 1:12 PM and checked out the same day at 8:42 PM, presenting an American Express Credit Card No. 012-033-218-4 in settlement of the total bill of $93.44. His room charge was $30.00 per day, and he had a restaurant charge of $42.05 and a number of long distance telephone calls. He gave his business address as 1840 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois.

GIBSON registered at the Ambassador Hotel at 2:41 AM on May 19, 1959 and checked out at 9:26 AM the same day.

His room charge was $38.00 per day and his total bill was $61.71. He again registered at the hotel at 7:41 PM on May 19, 1959 and checked out at 8:44 AM on May 20, 1959. He presented American Express Credit Card No. 4-121-033-012 in settlement of his total bill of $50.22.

[redacted] stated the Ambassador Hotel has no other record of a registration at the hotel for TRUMAN GIBSON between June 23, 1958 and June 1, 1959. b6 b7C

On June 3, 1959, [redacted] temporarily assigned to the Records Office, Statler Hilton Hotel, 930 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, made available to SA [redacted] the hotel guest registration cards for the period July through December, 1958. One registration was found for TRUMAN K. GIBSON, 304 West 50th Street, New York 19, New York, indicating association with "IBC." He was registered in at the hotel at 9:11 PM, December 4, 1958, and checked out at 8:06 PM, December 6, 1958. He was assigned rooms 1584/1586 @ $36.50 per day. He indicated he held hotel credit card No. 3404.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (92-642) DATE: 6/3/59

FROM: SA [redacted] Date Dictated: 6/2/59

SUBJECT: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO;
JACKIE LEONARD - VICTIM
ANTI-RACKETEERING

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Records of the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, telephone DUnkirk 7-7011, were made available to SAs WILLIAM J. MALONE and [redacted] on June 1, 1959 by [redacted] These records show [redacted] New Jersey, was a guest at the hotel from August 17 to 19, 1958 and was assigned Room 507. Charges on his hotel bill indicated he made some of those charges from Room 307.

The hotel records show Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM P. DALY, 165 Grand Avenue, Englewood, New Jersey, registered at the Ambassador Hotel at 7:20 PM on March 16, 1959 and checked out on April 27, 1959 at 8:20 PM. They were assigned Room 586 until April 10, 1959, when they were changed to Room 572.

Some hotel charges were made on April 22, 1959 from Room 575 and placed on DALY's bill. His total bill on this visit was $611.96. On April 27, 1959 a long distance telephone call with charges of $1.00 was made from Room 573 and placed on this bill.

BILL DALY, 165 Grand Avenue, Englewood, New Jersey, was registered in Room 573 of the Ambassador Hotel from May 11, 1959 to May 17, 1959. He presented an American Express Company credit card and ordered that charges for his bill totaling $139.87 were to be made to Mr. TRUMAN GIBSON, Chicago Stadium, Chicago, Illinois.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office	Office of Origin	Date	Investigative Period
ST. LOUIS	LOS ANGELES	6/24/59	6/11-24/59

TITLE OF CASE	Report made by	Typed By:
FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, Aka., George Tobias, Mr. Bodone; JACKIE LEONARD, (TN LEONARD BLAKELY), Aka., Jack Leonard [redacted] Aka., [redacted] - VICTIM	ROBERT R. HANNI	hm

CHARACTER OF CASE

EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING

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REFERENCE: Los Angeles radiogram dated 6/15/59;
Report of SA [redacted] dated 6/13/59 at Los Angeles;
St. Louis airtel to Los Angeles dated 6/18/59; and
Philadelphia airtel dated 6/11/59.

STATUS: P

ENCLOSURES:

TO LOS ANGELES (5) one autostatic copy each of Chase Hotel room bills for room 404, April 24-25, 1959, room 437, April 24-25, 1959, room 439, April 24-25, 1959, room 456, April 24-25, 1959, and room 860, April 24-25, 1959.

LEADS:

LOS ANGELES DIVISION

Approved	Special Agent in Charge	Do not write in spaces below
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AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Will advise whether background data and interviews desired of subscribers to telephone numbers listed below in St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS DIVISION

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

Check the Chase Hotel registration for room 816, which was believed occupied by subject PALERMO in view of the fact that airline reservations made by PALERMO allegedly from that room, Chase Hotel, April 25, 1959.

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INFORMANTS:

[redacted] confidential source whose identity should not be revealed, [redacted] furnished the following list of subscribers to telephone numbers indicated which were called from rooms 404, 437, 439, 456, and 860, April 24-25, 1959, Chase Hotel.

NUMBER	SUBSCRIBER
FOrest 1-1800	Ambassador-Kingsway Hotel, 108 North Kingshighway, St. Louis, Missouri
FOrest 1-5311	[redacted] St. Louis, Missouri
FOrest 1-6646	Straub's Stores and Shops, 302 North Kingshighway, St. Louis, Missouri
FOrest 7-6956	[redacted] St. Louis, Missouri
CArfield 1-2400	Universal Carloading and Distributing, 106 Gratiot Street, St. Louis, Missouri

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NUMBER	SUBSCRIBER
TAylor 1-8048	[redacted] St. Louis, Missouri
TAylor 2-2382	[redacted] St. Louis, Missouri
PArkview 1-9931	Clardel Drug Company, 5501 Delmar, St. Louis, Missouri
PArkview 5-2500	Clardel Drug Company, 5501 Delmar, St. Louis, Missouri
EVergreen 3-5310	[redacted] St. Louis, Missouri
EVergreen 3-4953	[redacted] St. Louis, Missouri
EVergreen 5-6676	[redacted] St. Louis, Missouri
MAin 1-7580	Delta Airlines, St. Louis, Missouri
MAin 1-4600	Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri
TWinbrook 2-3405	[redacted] St. Louis, Missouri

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Reference Philadelphia airtel dated 6/11/59 reflected a call from St. Louis telephone number OLive 2-4573 on 12/18/58. [redacted] advised the subscriber to this number [redacted] St. Louis. [redacted] still resides at this address, however, service discontinued 5/9/59.

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PCI [redacted] advised SA [redacted] on 6/22/59 that to the best of his recollection he believed PALERMO may have stayed in rooms occupied by [redacted] at the Chase Hotel on the night of April 24, 1959.

On 6/23/59 [redacted] advised SA ROBERT R. HANNI that JACK LEONARD has been very close to TRUMAN GIBSON and about a year ago he invested money in a sports arena in Los Angeles. The $25,000 allegedly invested by LEONARD was rumored to have come from GIBSON. [redacted] stated he is of the opinion that LEONARD probably had financial dealings with PALERMO in the past and that his alleged betting resulted from his welshing on a former agreement.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

There were four long distance phone calls made from room 439 on the 24th and 25th of April as indicated in the body of this report. Leads were set forth to Chicago and Portland to check subscribers to these numbers. One of these long distance calls, the TAylor 2-2382, was actually a telephone call to St. Louis County, the subscriber to same listed above.

Sergeant [redacted] of the Detective Bureau, St. Louis Police Department was present during the interview of [redacted] pursuant to request of [redacted] that [redacted] be present to aid [redacted] in refreshing his memory of events as they transpired concerning PALERMO and the boxing match held 4/24/59.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA ROBERT R. HANNI Office: ST. LOUIS
Date: June 24, 1959

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File Number: 92-442

Title: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO;
JACKIE LEONARD;
[redacted]

Character: EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

Sergeant [redacted] Detective Bureau, SLPD, not present during any conversations involving FRANK PALERMO as a principal. [redacted] promoted AKINS-JORDAN fight and claims only met and talked to PALERMO on one occasion on the morning of 4/25/59, subsequent to fight when PALERMO and [redacted] GLICKMAN appeared at [redacted] office. GLICKMAN came to discuss AKINS' purse. Reason for PALERMO's presence unknown other than fact that PALERMO or [redacted] commented to [redacted] that JORDAN and/or [redacted] owed PALERMO some money, the amount of which was not mentioned. No record located of PALERMO's registration at Chase or Park Plaza Hotel, however, [redacted] and [redacted] believe PALERMO probably stayed in room of [redacted] [redacted] or one of rooms reserved for TRUMAN GIBSON. List of phone calls from these rooms obtained as well as names of registered occupants. PALERMO reserved space for himself and [redacted] on Delta Flight 486 departed St. Louis 4/25/59 at 3:25 p.m. for Chicago. [redacted] reservations cancelled, PALERMO's used. Reservations made from room 816, Chase Hotel, which was not one of rooms occupied or reserved by GIBSON or [redacted]

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DETAILS: AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

[redacted] St. Louis Police Department Detective Bureau, Hotel Squad, was contacted by SA ROBERT R. HANNI on June 16, 1959, at which time he furnished the following information relative to the AKINS-JORDAN fight held in St. Louis, Missouri, April 24, 1959. b6 b7C

[redacted] stated that [redacted] and [redacted] contacted him approximately five weeks prior to the AKINS-JORDAN fight, April 24, 1959, stating to b6 b7C b7D

[redacted]

[redacted] of the Hoodlum Squad, St. Louis Police Department Detective Bureau, assigned [redacted] and his partner, [redacted] to check hotels and other likely spots where they would be on the lookout for boxer DON JORDAN and [redacted] for the purpose of protecting them from any hoodlum extortion or coercion. JORDAN and [redacted] arrived at the Ambassador-Kingsway Hotel, according to [redacted] on April 20, 1959, at which time [redacted] contacted [redacted] and explained to [redacted] that he and the Police Department had received information hoodlums PALERMO and CARBO may attempt to muscle in on JORDAN and [redacted] and [redacted] was present to prevent this. [redacted]

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boxer, [redacted] and JORDAN were kept under surveillance by [redacted] until the night of the fight, April 24, 1959. After the fight was over, [redacted] and his partners stationed themselves outside of JORDAN's dressing room and while awaiting there, observed FRANK PALERMO in the company of St. Louis criminal attorney MORRIS SHENKER talking to one [redacted] a sports writer for the St. Louis Post Dispatch Newspaper. PALERMO, SHENKER and [redacted] were in the hallway leading to the dressing room. JORDAN and [redacted] proceeded to Jewish Hospital where JORDAN had his hand x-rayed and then on to the Kingsway Hotel where they had a victory party in a room on the third floor rented by [redacted] in the Ambassador-Kingsway Hotel. [redacted] believing that any trouble that may have come would have been prior to the fight itself, discontinued his surveillance of JORDAN and [redacted] at about 1:00 a.m., April 25, 1959, at the Ambassador-Kingsway Hotel.

About noon on the 25th of April, [redacted] received a call from [redacted]

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[redacted] stated he had no idea how PALERMO left St. Louis or when he left St. Louis. He stated it was his impression that PALERMO may have stayed in rooms occupied by [redacted] at the Chase Hotel.

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INTERVIEW REPORT

Date June 24, 1959

[redacted] was interviewed in the presence of [redacted] St. Louis Police Department Hotel Squad, concerning the events surrounding the DON JORDAN-VIRGIL AKINS fight held in St. Louis on the night of April 24, 1959.

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Interview with [redacted] File # 92-442

on 6/16/59 at St. Louis, Missouri Date dictated 6/19/59

by Special Agent ROBERT R. HANNI:hm

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"June 16, 1959
St_ Louis, Mo.

"I, [redacted] do hereby make the following Voluntary statement to Robert R_ Hanni, who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I realize I do not have to make a statement and this statement may be used in a court of Law.

[redacted]

[redacted] stated that he made reservations for TRUMAN GIBSON at the Chase Hotel. b6 b7C

On June 18, 1959, [redacted] Assistant Manager, Chase Hotel, made available registration records for the hotel for the month of April 1959, which were reviewed by SA ROBERT R. HANNI. The records reflected that the following rooms were occupied by individuals indicated, which comprised the party of TRUMAN K. GIBSON, Jr., and room occupied by [redacted] b6 b7C

Room 404, occupied by [redacted] April 24-25, 1959, who gave residence address of [redacted] Chicago, Illinois. This bill was charged to TRUMAN K. GIBSON, room 439.

Room 437, occupied by [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, April 24-25, 1959, who also gave an address of [redacted] Chicago, and charged his bill to American Express Company, credit card number [redacted]

Room 439, occupied by TRUMAN K. GIBSON, Jr., 1840 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois, charges paid for by GIBSON's American Express Company credit card number 012-033-218-4.

Room 456, occupied by [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, April 24-25, 1959, charged to TRUMAN K. GIBSON.

The records reflect that room 860 was occupied by [redacted] April 24-25, 1959, giving his address as [redacted] Illinois.

The following local and long distance calls were made from the above listed rooms:

Room 439 on April 25, 1959, calls made to TWinbrook 2-3405, FOrest 1-6646, EVergreen 3-4953, EVergreen 5-6676, and EVergreen 3-5310.

Room 439 on April 24, 1959, calls were made to PArkview 5-2500, FOrest 1-1800, FOrest 1-5311, MAin 1-4600, FOrest 1-1800 and FOrest 7-6956.

Phone calls made from Room 404, on April 24, 1959, to MAin 1-7580.

Phone calls made from room 437, on April 24, 1959, to FOrest 7-6956, one at 4:20 p.m. and the other at 4:40 p.m.

Room 456, calls were made on April 24, 1959, to GArfield 1-2400 and TAylor 1-8048

Calls made from room 860 on April 24, 1959, to PArkview 1-9931, and on April 25, 1959, to MAin 1-7580

Long distance calls were made from room 439 on April 24, 1959, to Chicago, RO -4-0423 and to Portland, Oregon CA - 3-3056. On April 25, 1959, from the same room calls to FR 2-9000, Sansberry at Chicago. On April 25, 1959, to TA 2-2382, probably a toll call, St. Louis County.

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On June 18, 1959, [redacted] American Express Company, advised SA ROBERT R. HANNI that American Express Company credit card [redacted] belonged to [redacted] Chicago, Illinois. He could not locate record of credit card 012-033-218-4, believed assigned to TRUMAN GIBSON.

On June 22 and 23, 1959, checks were made with all airlines having flights from St. Louis to Philadelphia and Chicago or connecting flights from Philadelphia and Chicago. No record of any reservations on April 25, 1959, located for FRANK PALERMO with TWA, Eastern Airlines.

[redacted] Reservation Supervisor, Delta Airlines, on June 23, 1959, advised that FRANK PALERMO, room 816 of the Chase Hotel, had called for reservations for himself and [redacted] for April 25, 1959, for departure at 12:52 p.m. on that date on Flight 182 to Midway Airport, Chicago, Illinois. However, at 12:00 noon both of these reservations were cancelled by PALERMO, who made two reservations on Delta Flight 486 departing St. Louis 3:25 p.m., April 25, 1959, for Chicago, for himself and [redacted] PALERMO did take this flight, however, [redacted] reservation was cancelled.

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On June 17, 1959, Assistant Manager of the Park Plaza Hotel, [redacted] advised that he could locate no registration April 1 through 30, 1959, for TRUMAN GIBSON, [redacted] FRANK PALERMO, [redacted] or [redacted]

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CHICAGO	LOS ANGELES	6/30/59	6/3 - 23/59	b6 b7C

TITLE OF CASE

"FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, Aka.;
JACKIE LEONARD, Aka. - VICTIM;
[redacted] Aka. - VICTIM

Report made by: [redacted] (A)

Typed By: rcg

CHARACTER OF CASE

EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING

Kpt Xs:

REFERENCES: Report of SA [redacted] dated 6/13/59 at Los Angeles.
Los Angeles airtel to Chicago dated 6/16/59. (Interoffice)
Philadelphia airtel to Los Angeles dated 6/17/59. (Interoffice)

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LEADS

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THE LOS ANGELES DIVISION

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Will advise the Chicago Division when preservation of toll tickets at [redacted] Chicago, is no longer necessary, so that same may be destroyed. b6 b7C b7D

THE CHICAGO DIVISION

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

1. Will attempt to obtain a copy of the registration card and toll tickets for long distance calls charged to the room occupied by FRANK PALERMO on April 30 and May 1, 1959.

2. Will obtain all available toll calls charged to the office telephone of TRUMAN GIBSON, 1840 West Madison Street, Seeley 3-5317.

3. Will check United Airlines Headquarters, Air Travel Plan (Credit Card) Division, to determine if GIBSON or IBC had UAL Credit Plan from which records GIBSON's itinerary during pertinent period can be reconstructed.

ADMINISTRATIVE

The information from the records of [redacted] Illinois, was furnished by [redacted]

The information obtained from the [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, was furnished to IC [redacted] by [redacted]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Copy to:

Report of: SA(A) [redacted] Office: Chicago, Illinois
Date: June 30, 1959

File Number: Chicago 92-732

Title: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, Aka.;
JACKIE LEONARD, Aka. - VICTIM;
[redacted] Aka. - VICTIM

Character: EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: [redacted]

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Numerous long distance calls made from this room, but unable to identify since toll tickets have been destroyed along with the registration card. GIBSON [redacted] but records would be made available only upon issuance of a subpoena duces tecum. Names and addresses of subscribers to various Chicago telephones set out in details.

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DETAILS:

[redacted] Credit and Filing Department, Bismarck Hotel, 171 West Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois, advised SA [redacted] on June 3, 1959, that the records of that hotel failed to indicate that a FRANK PALERMO and GEORGE TOBIAS ever registered at that hotel in the past several years. She stated that one [redacted] Boston, Massachusetts, stayed at that hotel in 1957 and on March 23 and 24, 1958, and on November 4 and 5, 1958, this [redacted] was associated with the [redacted] city not shown, and had a toll charge on his bill for $3.25 made on November 5, 1958. [redacted] advised this long distance call could not be identified because all of the toll tickets and records prior to January, 1959, have been destroyed. She stated that the only other PALERMOs who have stayed at that hotel in the past several years was one [redacted] who last stayed there in 1957. [redacted] further pointed out that registration cards are only kept for 60 days at that hotel.

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A check of the records of the [redacted] on June 4, 1959, by [redacted] and made available to IC [redacted] revealed that TRUMAN K. GIBSON, Jr., and his wife, [redacted] resided at 4628 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, in 1940, during which time he was associated with the law firm of Dawson, Gibson and Gibson. In 1946 he resided at 305 East 55th Street, and in a report of that year it was shown that he had worked for the Secretary of War in Washington D.C., for five years during World War II, and had resided at 1717 T Street, Washington, D.C. His checking account was shown to be at the [redacted]

A check of the records of the Chicago Police Department, Bureau of Records and Communications, on June 4, 1959, by IC [redacted] failed to reveal any arrest record identifiable with TRUMAN GIBSON.

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TO : SAC, CHICAGO (92-732)

DATE: June 12, 1959

Date Dictated: 6/10/59

FROM : SAA [redacted]

SUBJECT: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO;
JACKIE LEONARD - VICTIM
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Inquiry at [redacted] on June 8, 1959, by SAA [redacted] revealed that [redacted]

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The records of [redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORT

Date June 19, 1959

The following interview was conducted at the Bismarck Hotel, 171 West Randolph Street, where [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted]

FRANK PALERMO of 800 North 64th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, lodged at the hotel in room number 833 from October 21, 1958, to October 24, 1958, as evidenced by ledger card number N66836. This ledger card had been in another office of the hotel and up until very recently, had not been filed with all of the other ledger cards. In so far as the hotel is concerned, PALERMO was the only occupant in this room for that period.

The following long distance toll charges were noted on the ledger card:

October 22, 1958 - $7.59;$6.71;$1.21;$1.21;$1.21;$5.78;$2.53;$1.54

October 23, 1958 - $12.09;$.99;$5.39;$1.65;$2.20

October 24, 1958 - $1.54;$1.98;$5.67;$1.54

There is no other record at the hotel of these long distance calls because the toll tickets have since been destroyed. The registration cards are only kept for approximately 60 days at this hotel and, therefore, the registration card for PALERMO's stay in October has been destroyed.

PALERMO also lodged at that hotel from March 23, 1958, to March 26, 1958, and from April 30, 1959, to May 1, 1959.

[redacted] advised that she would be unable to furnish the identity of the party who was in room 833 on October 20, 1958. Room 833 is not a special or reserved room.

The hotel has no registrations for either [redacted] or WILLIAM P. DALY, or DAILY, or DAILEY or GEORGE TOBIAS.

Interview with [redacted] File # 92-732

on 6/16/59 at Chicago, Illinois Date dictated 6/17/59

by Special Agent [redacted] (A)/mps

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[redacted] In the event [redacted] records are desired concerning [redacted], the subpoena duces tecum should be directed to [redacted]

Subscribers and their addresses for the following Chicago telephone numbers were obtained on the dates indicated from the [redacted] through a public source and made available by dialing a certain number. These subscribers are as follows:

'AMbassador 2-7079 — [redacted]
Chicago, Illinois
June 17, 1959

'KEnwood 8-4440 — TRUMAN K. GIBSON, JR. b6 b7C
Lawyer, 3507 South South Park, Chicago, Illinois
June 17, 1959

'NOrmal 7-5978 — TRUMAN K. GIBSON, JR.
5111 South Drexel
Chicago, Illinois
June 17, 1959

'ROgers Park 4-6423 — [redacted]
Chicago, Illinois
June 17, 1959

SEeley 3-5121 — Unlisted
June 17, 1959

SEeley 3-5455	Chicago Stadium Corp. 1800 West Madison Chicago, Illinois June 17, 1959
SY 3-5317	No such exchange in Chicago or suburbs, but possibly SEeley 3-5317, which is unlisted telephone at Chicago Stadium Corp., 1800 West Madison Chicago, Illinois June 17, 1959
ROgers Park 4-0423	[redacted] b6 b7C Chicago, Illinois June 23, 1959

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TO : SAC, CHICAGO (92-732)

DATE: June 26, 1959

FROM : SA [redacted]

Date Dictated: June 23, 1959

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SUBJECT: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, Aka.;
JACKIE LEONARD, Aka., ET AL - VICTIM
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The records of the [redacted], 230 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois, revealed on June 19, 1959, that the unlisted telephone number SEeley 3-5121 is listed to the International Boxing Club, Incorporated, 1838 West Madison Street, floor one, Chicago, Illinois.

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Reporting Office	Office of Origin	Date	Investigative Period
LOS ANGELES	LOS ANGELES	6/26/59	6/12-25/59

TITLE OF CASE

FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, aka;
JACKIE LEONARD, aka - VICTIM;
[redacted] aka - VICTIM

Report made by [redacted]

Typed By: elc

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CHARACTER OF CASE

EXTORTION;
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

REFERENCE

Report of SA [redacted] dated 6/13/59 at Los Angeles.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

A copy of this report is not being furnished at this time to the United States Attorney, Los Angeles, pursuant to Bureau instructions. An additional copy of the report has been prepared so that it will be available for him upon receipt of Bureau Instructions. In accordance with Bureau instructions, the United States Attorney's Office has not been recontacted in this matter.

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As the Bureau was advised by Los Angeles radiogram on 6/24/59, the Special Federal Grand Jury at Los Angeles is reported to [redacted]

Three copies of this report are supplied the Bureau for possible utilization, especially relating to [redacted]

Information relating to records of the [redacted] were made available on June 12, 1959, and June 18, 1959, to SA WILLIAM J. MALONE by [redacted] of the company, Room 510, 520 West 7th Street, Los Angeles, California.

San Francisco is forwarded an information copy of this report because the headquarters of the State Athletic Commission is at Sacramento, and subsequent investigation in the San Francisco Division may be necessary.

LEADS

All offices submit three copies of reports to Los Angeles. Do not indicate copies for USA, Los Angeles. Upon receipt of Bureau instructions, appropriate copies will then be furnished USA, Los Angeles.

CHICAGO OFFICE

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

(1) Obtain complete details concerning phone call from TRUMAN GIBSON's phone, NO 7-5978, on 5/5/59 to GEORGE TOBIAS, Room 663, Beverly Hilton Hotel, Beverly Hills, California, CR 4-7777. (See Los Angeles airtel 6/25/59)

(2) Submit report covering all investigation conducted.

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(3) Request [redacted] to retain microfilm of all toll calls charged to SEeley 3-5317, from October 15, 1958, to June 30, 1959, for possible future use.

MIAMI OFFICE

Two copies of this report are submitted to Miami as investigation is pending there on leads set out in report of SA ELMER F. EMRICH dated 6/16/59 at Miami, and additional investigation at Hollywood, Florida, is probable concerning JOSEPH SONKEN.

NEWARK OFFICE

Two copies of this report are forwarded Newark as additional investigation in that division is probable.

NEW YORK OFFICE

Submit report on all investigation conducted at New York City.

PHILADELPHIA OFFICE

Submit report on all investigation conducted at Philadelphia.

ST. LOUIS OFFICE

Submit report on all investigation conducted at St. Louis.

LOS ANGELES OFFICE

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

(1) Will complete check on telephone toll calls charged to phones at Hollywood Legion Stadium.

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(2) Attempt to identify telephone used by FRANKIE CARBO and FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO to call JACKIE LEONARD on about 4/28/59 at Los Angeles.

(3) Upon receipt from the FBI Identification Division, will report identification records on individuals involved in this investigation, in addition to subject PALERMO.

(4) Upon receipt of Bureau instructions, will consult with United States Attorney as to prosecutive action.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA [redacted] Office: LOS ANGELES

Date: June 26, 1959

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Title: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO;
LEONARD BLAKELY - VICTIM;
[redacted] - VICTIM

Character: EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

Summary of testimony 5/20/59 before California State Athletic Commission by TRUMAN GIBSON, WILLIAM DALY, JACK LEONARD, [redacted] LOUIS DRAGNA, JOSEPH SICA, [redacted] and [redacted] set forth. Data regarding LEONARD's phone calls 1/27/59 to PALERMO and FRANK CARBO, and 10/23/58 to PALERMO set forth. Records on LEONARD's trip from Los Angeles to Miami on 1/5/59 and return 1/7/59 summarized. Records of TRUMAN GIBSON's stay at Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, 10/22,23/58 and PALERMO's stay at Beverly Hilton Hotel, Beverly Hills, California, 5/2-6/59, reviewed. Phone calls between PALERMO, GIBSON, DALY and LEONARD reviewed. Conversation between PALERMO and LEONARD on 5/5/59 set forth. Record on LEONARD's divorce suit reviewed. Identification record on PALERMO listed.

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LA 92-642 DETAILS: AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA:
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PROCEEDINGS OF STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION
STATE OF CALIFORNIA, MAY 20, 1959

The U.S. Attorney at Los Angeles made available a printed copy of the transcript of proceedings of the State Athletic Commission, State of California, held in the Los Angeles Police Department auditorium, Los Angeles, California, May 20, 1959. The transcript is entitled "In the Matter of the Investigation of Efforts to Control the World Welterweight Boxing Title." Members of the Commission present were [redacted] Chairman and [redacted] and [redacted] Also present were [redacted] Executive Officer of the Commission, who questioned the witnesses, and [redacted] Assistant Secretary to the Commission. b6 b7C

The proceedings transcript was prepared by [redacted] certified shorthand reporter. She certified that she transcribed the recorded tapes of the proceedings which were furnished her by the State Athletic Commission and the resulting transcript consisted of 92 pages. She certified to the correctness of the transcript on June 6, 1959, at Sacramento, California.

Witnesses before the Commission were WILLIAM DALY, LOUIS DRAGNA, [redacted] TRUMAN GIBSON, JACK LEONARD, [redacted] and JOSEPH SICA. There follows a summary of the testimony as set forth in the transcript, the original document being retained in the files of the FBI Office in Los Angeles as an exhibit.

Chairman [redacted] described the proceedings as an investigative hearing based upon investigation by officers of the State Athletic Commission and the Intelligence Division, Los Angeles Police Department. Each witness was sworn by Secretary [redacted] of the Commission and testified under oath. Testimony of the witnesses follows in the order they appeared before the Commission:

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TRUMAN A. GIBSON

GIBSON's name included the middle initial A. It is believed this initial should be K. The witness gave his residence address as 5111 Drexel Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and his occupation as lawyer and his business as President of the National Boxing Enterprises, an Illinois corporation. He explained this is not formerly the International Boxing Club (IBC), which was dissolved by order of Federal Judge SYLVESTER J. RYAN of New York. He testified the National Boxing Enterprises is a successor and new corporation. The stock ownership is identical to the old corporation. The Chicago Stadium Corporation owns all of the stock of National Boxing Enterprises, as it did with the IBC.

GIBSON testified he handles television rights to certain television programs, currently the Wednesday night series of boxing matches that are televised nation-wide. GIBSON travels extensively and, among many other things, negotiates for and buys the rights to televise fights for the television program. GIBSON maintained he negotiates for single fights, does not purchase television rights on an exclusive basis over a period of time. He recalled two or three televised matches held at the Hollywood Legion Stadium. He denied having bought any television rights in advance except for an individual fight.

GIBSON said he purchased television rights to the ORTEGA - JORDAN fight held at Long Beach, California (October 22, 1958). When asked when the fight was held, GIBSON said he believed it was in November, 1958, and that he attended the fight. He said he arrived at the Los Angeles Airport by plane from Chicago, was a little late and was driven directly from the airport to the hotel in Long Beach by [redacted] The fight was held in the hotel ballroom. The fight was staged at 7:00 p.m. b6 b7C

GIBSON said he was fairly certain he stayed over night. When asked to identify a luncheon engagement the following day, he said he was uncertain as to the date but he did recall having luncheon on one occasion with [redacted] JACK LEONARD and [redacted] He said the luncheon was at the Ambassador Hotel, although he could not designate the date.

He was asked, "And at that time did you tell [redacted] that certain people wanted 15 per cent of the fighter in order to let JORDAN fight the first title fight when he fought AKINS here in December?" b6 b7C

A: I don't ever recall having made that statement to [redacted] or anybody else.

GIBSON testified he had told [redacted] and LEONARD immediately after the fight between ORTEGA and JORDAN in Portland, Oregon, "That we would make the fight; that they were not beholden to anybody; that I had made no promises of any kind to anybody. We promised you, the Commission, that the winner of the fight (rematch between ORTEGA and JORDAN) in Long Beach would get a chance at the title (then held by VIRGIL AKINS, welterweight champion). The fight in Long Beach was between the No. 1 and No. 2 contender. I told them there is no condition of any kind; that they would get in on a straight percentage with no obligations of any kind to anybody; and I don't care what anybody said to them, or what they said to anybody. This fight was not based on any conditions except those that would appear in the Commission contract."

GIBSON was asked if he had heard rumors "That somebody back East did want 15 per cent of any fighter who fought for the welterweight title?" GIBSON said, "The business consists mostly of rumors apparently." He said it is not uncommon for managers to try to protect themselves when they have a fighter in a championship fight. He said he heard the "AKINS people ... wanted a protection, but I made it very explicit to [redacted] and [redacted] and Mr. LEONARD whom I always saw together that I don't care what they did, we were going to make a fight. That was not a condition - their doing business with anybody was not a condition of their getting the fight."

GIBSON was asked if [redacted] told him "He had been approached or he had heard that people wanted 15 per cent of the fighter or he couldn't get the title shot?" GIBSON replied, "I don't recall, [redacted] because I get very irritated with discussions of that kind. I told [redacted] and [redacted] and LEONARD that there were no conditions surrounding

their getting the title fight except the straight percentage that we would pay."

GIBSON said he was in Los Angeles for the title fight between AKINS and JORDAN (December 5, 1958). He could not recall any conversation with JACKIE LEONARD at the Olympic Auditorium after the fight. He attended a victory party given by [redacted] at a hotel, not named ;that JACKIE LEONARD was present at the party. He was asked if he said to JACKIE LEONARD that evening, "We're in a lot of trouble but JORDAN has to win twice?" GIBSON testified, "I don't recall making any such statement as that."

GIBSON was asked if he made a telephone call to the Hollywood Legion Stadium on May 6, 1959, and replied, "May 6th? I call the Legion about every day because we have some $30,000.00 stuck in that operation so I could very well have called him on May 6th." He was asked if in that conversation he might have mentioned a match between JORDAN and (SUGAR) HART. He identified the conversation as taking place on Sunday, May 3, 1959, saying, "I recall that conversation very good." He said he received a call in the afternoon at his residence about 4:00 or 4:30 o'clock. LEONARD told him that BLINKY PALERMO was in town and LEONARD was very upset. "I said, 'Well, that's too bad. I'm sorry you're upset. What's this all about? What do you want me to do about it?' ... I said, 'Well, [redacted] was to have called me Saturday in Chicago, last night. I came in from the (Kentucky) Derby. I got in late and he didn't call.' I said, 'I've been very anxious, as you know, to get in touch with him about this reported deal he made with [redacted] JACK said, 'Well - I'm upset but [redacted] is here. I'll let you talk with him.' So he put [redacted] on the phone, and [redacted] said, as near as I can remember it, 'BLINKY's in town yelling.' I said, 'Well, it's very hard for me to be sorry for you after what you've done to us: in your [redacted] announcements, but don't walk, you run to the Chief of Police or the nearest District Attorney and tell him BLINKY's in town yelling. I don't know what you want me to do about it? I can't feel sorry for you.' ... I said, 'What do you want me to do?' He said, well, I want you to call your boss.' I said, 'Let me get you straight on one thing. You

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tell me now, in the event you've got somebody listening to your conversation, whom you mean by my boss?' He said, 'Well, I mean [redacted]' I said, 'Well, I'll tell [redacted] But what's he got to do with BLINKY PALERMO being in Los Angeles?' He said, 'Well, I just want you to tell him.' I said, 'Now look, when we get around to telling, I want you to tell the whole truth when you go in. You tell whomever you go to that the only thing I've ever discussed with you are fights for your fighter; when we begged you to take the LOGART fight that you didn't want; when you went to Portland, but you said you wanted that fight; when you went to Long Beach and asked for additional money, we begged you to go in there. Then you got the title fight. The only thing I've come to you on is a fight with SUGAR HART, who happens to be the No. 1 contender. I propose that you put the fight on in Los Angeles, in the Coliseum, under the promotion of your partner, JACK LEONARD, where you can get all of the proceeds, as you and he divide up, as I understand it, and in addition I will advance LEONARD television money to enable him to pull through his current crisis in the Legion. So when you tell, you tell the whole story.' That was May 3rd on a Sunday afternoon."

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GIBSON was asked if [redacted] had asked him to ask [redacted] "To call off the dogs?" GIBSON replied, "He didn't get that far. When he said, 'You tell - I want you to tell your boss he's in town,' I asked him who he meant by my boss. I said, 'Now that has a connotation that I'm not going to accept from you on the telephone or any other way.' Then he asked me to tell [redacted] that BLINKY PALERMO was here." Asked if he told [redacted] GIBSON said, "Oh, yes, I told [redacted] I told him the whole conversation too, as I have reported to you."

Asked if he had first proposed the JORDAN-HART fight to take place in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, GIBSON said, "I never mentioned Pittsburgh to [redacted]" He said [redacted] suggested there were other fights he would rather have than one with HART such as with ART ARAGON. He said he claimed to [redacted] that in his opinion "We couldn't go to our sponsors with that kind of fight but if he would take a SUGAR HART fight that I would go to the sponsors to

try to get them to buy the two fights, both the ARAGON and the HART fight, though, frankly, people around the country, in my opinion would not be particularly interested at this time ... in an ARAGON fight. But I never mentioned any place except Los Angeles for him and in connection with LEONARD's then pressing problems to raise some money for the Legion to stay open."

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GIBSON was asked if he reported to JACKIE LEONARD that he had talked to [redacted] about this and he said, "Oh yes."

GIBSON was asked, "And did you tell him (LEONARD) that there would be no more phone calls and that BLINKY would be getting out of California?"

A: Well, I said to the extent that if we have anything to do with it there would be no more telephone calls. But that was not as a result of any call to [redacted]

Q: Did you call BLINKY?

A: No. He called me.

Q: Did you tell him to get out of California?

A: I told him he was being - I told him he was being very silly and very foolish. He called me from Los Angeles. Collect.

Q: Now, what position does BILL DALY have with the National Boxing Enterprises?

A. None.

GIBSON testified he came to Los Angeles about May 11, 1959, to discuss the operation of the Hollywood Legion Stadium with [redacted] (of the Hollywood American Legion Post No. 43, owners of the Stadium) and BILL DALY. He said he called [redacted] at the Legion Stadium office "To find out what the bank balance was." He learned that JACKIE LEONARD was in Tijuana for boxing matches that night and would return the next morning. He

said he telephoned LEONARD at the Hotel Caesar in Tijuana on May 11, 1959. "I told him (LEONARD) I couldn't wait over, I had an appointment in Chicago the next morning. It was a [redacted] appointment that never materialized. But, in any event I ... left Los Angeles that night but I told LEONARD I would be back the following Monday (May 18, 1959)."

GIBSON said he arrived in Los Angeles on May 19, 1959, and asked LEONARD to meet him in the office of attorney [redacted], legal counsel for the Legion, "To discuss the obligation that we had incurred and the reports of the new alignment with [redacted] and its effect on the commitment we'd made with him with regard to the repayment of our $30,000.00 out of television proceeds, if any." b6 b7C

GIBSON denied mentioning to LEONARD that BILL DALY would discuss matters relating to PALERMO with LEONARD. He said he told LEONARD DALY would discuss the Hollywood Legion lease situation, commenting that DALY "Came into this picture at my request because of his long friendship with [redacted] and because of my desire to help save the Legion, which activity is well known to you and to the Commission, since we discussed it all in advance of our making any committments."

GIBSON testified, "Mr. DALY participated in the meeting with [redacted] at my request. Mr. DALY came out to California. We happened to have been on the same plane from New York. I did not know he was going to be on that plane. I asked him to sit in the meetings with [redacted] I asked him to stay over for a meeting the following Monday in the offices of [redacted] that - I had postponed the meeting until Tuesday because I couldn't get out on that Monday."

GIBSON testified there was never any agreement that $50,000.00 would be paid for the television rights to the JORDAN - AKINS fight held at the Olympic Auditorium (December 5, 1958). He said, "The agreement was the agreement that we paid on, $45,000.00. We discussed $50,000.00 - I tried to get $50,000.00 - I couldn't get $50,000.00. There was never any agreement to pay $50,000.00."

He said he obtains funds directly from the sponsor for individual championship fights and with reference to the JORDAN - AKINS fight of December 5, 1958, it "would have been the Gillette Company."

Q: ... Gillette would be the ones who determined that and paid you the amount of money?

A: That's right.

Q: Did they pay you exactly $45,000.00 for this fight?

A: [redacted] (NED IRISH, President of Madison Square Garden) handles the negotiations - had then handled the negotiations for Gillette. The only thing I got from Madison Square Garden - Madison Square Garden Corporation is, it being a Friday night, was a check for $45,000.00, which I delivered to [redacted] b6 b7C

GIBSON stated, "Well, in discussing the fight with [redacted] (matchmaker, Los Angeles Olympic Auditorium) we got - I got an estimate from him as to what the fight - we had great difficulty in getting AKINS out here. He didn't want to come to California and didn't want the fight. I told his manager the fight would do - that he would get a purse of $50,000.00 out of the fight. Well, and just as rumors ride with our business, you learn, but you don't always remember, not to make estimates because managers accept those estimates as facts. So we had to make up some $13,000.00. The fight was a very expensive fight for us. We had to make up the difference between the amount I told [redacted] (manager of AKINS) he would get and the amount he was actually paid out here."

Q: You know BLINKY PALERMO, I take it?

A: Yes, I do.

Q: And what is his position with respect to AKINS?

A: I don't know that.

Q: Did he ever seem to have anything to say to you with respect to AKINS? ...

A: I'll answer you directly. He never said anything to me about AKINS, no.

Q: He never did at any time?

A: Well, not any time covers a lot of territory because when he called me collect from Los Angeles I asked him what the hell he was doing out there. After these calls he told me he was out because of AKINS.

Q: What did he tell you with respect to AKINS?

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A: He didn't get a chance to tell me anything. I told him he was being very foolish and very silly and he ought to cut out stuff that went out as I - my words with [redacted] things that went out with high button shoes.

Q: In other words, at that time you had heard that he was out here putting pressure on [redacted]

A: Well, I heard it because LEONARD and [redacted] told me. ...

Q: Did you also tell them in that same conversation that - not to worry about any of this sort of activity because you would take care of him?

A: I never said I would take care of him. I told him to go to the Chief of Police or the District Attorney; that that activity went out with high button shoes, and not to worry about it. I think I went on further to say that if people are going to do things, they don't come in and tell you in advance, they go ahead and do them. Which is my opinion.

Q: When LEONARD and [redacted] were complaining to you about BLINKY PALERMO, did they also inform you that FRANK CARBO had called them?

A: [redacted] didn't. I don't recall any such statement.

Q: Do you know FRANK CARBO?

A: Yes, I know him.

Q: When did you see him last?

A: It was before the grand jury investigation in New York. To my knowledge, not within the last two years.

Q: Have you ever talked to him in the last two years?

A: I talked to him during the course of the grand jury investigation in New York, which I think was over a year ago.

Q: But not since that time?

A: No. He called me at my home early one evening.

Apparently this line of questioning was discontinued and the phone call from CARBO to GIBSON was not pursued.

GIBSON was then questioned about a luncheon meeting at the Ambassador between himself, [redacted] LEONARD and [redacted] GIBSON said it was his recollection this luncheon took place a considerable time after the ORTEGA - JORDAN fight at Long Beach (October 22, 1958). GIBSON said he had come to Los Angeles to close a deal with [redacted] b6 b7C When pressed for the date with the question, "But it was in November of 1958?" GIBSON answered, "Yes. I remember the luncheon."

Again asked if LEONARD and [redacted] told him PALERMO wanted 15 per cent interest in order to let JORDAN fight a title match, GIBSON said he did not recall that, "But I do recall telling them that so far as I was concerned they had the fight. I never at any time told them, or intimated, or indicated to them that they had to do business with anybody to get the fight. They had earned the fight; they were going to get it. I negotiated the terms with them and so far as conversations are concerned I said, 'You hear a lot

of things in this business. You have the championship fight.' I did not impose it as a condition that they do business with anybody for the fight."

Q: Did they inform you that certain people were insisting that they did put that in as a condition?

A: Someone, in the conversation, who it was I don't know, did refer to the fact that they'd been approached on giving up a piece of the fighter. ... I said "You don't have to do that to get the fight." ... "What you do is your business."

GIBSON denied knowing JOSEPH SICA or LOUIE DRAGNA and stated positively he had never discussed this matter with either of them. He said he did not recall having been introduced to either SICA or DRAGNA but their names were familiar to him, as he had seen the names in the papers. He said he did not recall ever having been in their company and that he had never discussed any fight business with either of them.

Asked if he had told JACKIE LEONARD a fight between JORDAN and SUGAR HART would relieve the financial trouble at the American Legion Stadium, GIBSON replied, "Yes, I told him he'd be all right because then he would get in the parlance of our business, a pay day - ... - the Legion would stay open, and he would have activity. His immediate and pressing problem then, having received a five day notice, was to keep the doors of his establishment open, and I was proposing a course to him where he would make money, and [redacted] where we wouldn't make anything except out of what we might get out of television. But I proposed to LEONARD that he promote the fight; that whatever his relations with [redacted] were, partnership or whatnot, that they would have the entire operation themselves; we were interested in a championship fight with SUGAR HART only because he was the No. 1 contender."

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GIBSON identified HART's manager as [redacted] GIBSON insisted he pointed out to [redacted] that HART was the only fighter who would draw money at the gate for a fight with JORDAN. He said he went down the list of NBA (National Boxing Association) rated contenders: FLANAGAN, DUPAS, CHARLEY SCOTT, MOYER, ORTEGA and LOGART. GIBSON said he

pointed out to LEONARD that HART was the only fighter who could logically fight where he would hope to make any money. LEONARD interposed ART ARAGON's name, saying that would be the biggest fight for him.

GIBSON denied BLINKY PALERMO ever talked to him directly about a 15 per cent "cut in on JORDAN." GIBSON maintained the only conversation he had about that was after his discussions with [redacted] LEONARD and [redacted] in Los Angeles when they referred to the 15 per cent, "And I told BLINKY was being very, very foolish." b6 b7C

Later in the day GIBSON requested permission to make a statement on matters brought up during the hearing. He was given that privilege. GIBSON testified that in an alleged conversation between PALERMO and LEONARD references were made to the fact that [redacted] was in Florida and that was one of the reasons for LEONARD making a trip there, and there was "an inference that might have been drawn from the testimony, perhaps unintended, that there was ... an apparent connection between PALERMO's departure from California and a conversation I had with [redacted] on the telephone. The facts on both of the matters is that [redacted] was in Florida constantly during the winter season because he had horses running at the race tracks there, which doesn't prove anything except that he was in Florida. The other, the reference to the conversation with PALERMO and his departure from California, I would refer again to my testimony with [redacted] on Sunday, and I fix the date of Sunday because it was a day after the Kentucky Derby and two days after the fight in Indianapolis that [redacted] attended (FLOYD PATTERSON - BRIAN LONDON), and originally he had said that he was going to stop over in Chicago to talk with me on his way back to Los Angeles. ... [redacted] first comment was the fact that 'I want you to tell your boss.' I had quite an extended colloquy with him as to whom he meant by my boss. I told him [redacted] was my boss. He said, 'Well, I wish you'd speak to him about PALERMO.' I said, 'He has no control over PALERMO, nor do I, but I will, for your information, talk with him about it.' The next day Mr. PALERMO called me collect from Los Angeles; he used the name of GEORGE TOBIAS. He called on a pay phone from the Beverly-Wilshire Hotel. And it was in this conversation that I told him he was being very foolish

and very silly and he ought to get the hell out of Los Angeles. So that any inference drawn between the conversation with [redacted] and PALERMO's departure could not properly be drawn from the facts. ...

"The second major point had to do with a reference to the insistent and constant use of the word 'protection' which related to the luncheon conversation that took place between [redacted] JACK LEONARD and myself. I at no time used the word 'protection' but without quibbling about semantics - what I said then, and what I meant was, that they had the fight; whoever the manager or managers were of DON JORDAN that they had it; we didn't care who the managers were; they did not have to make any promises or any commitments to anyone and any promises or commitments they made would have no force or effect insofar as we were concerned; we had no interest in the fighter; we wanted none; we would put no pressure on them to make any kind of deal with anybody. ... At no time did [redacted] tell me that PALERMO had negotiated with him or started negotiating for a SUGAR HART fight. I started on HART only because he was the only logical contender that could possibly fight for the title and might draw some money in Los Angeles, and I never referred to any place but Los Angeles as a site for this proposed fight."

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Q: Mr. GIBSON, if I informed you that BLINKY PALERMO stated here in Los Angeles that he had talked to you in Chicago, and that you were told about his desire to cut in on JORDAN, and that he had asked you to get him in touch with the manager or the person that controlled the fighter, and that you had referred him to JACKIE LEONARD, would that be true or not true?

A: It would be wholly and completely untrue, and I so state under oath.

Asked if he had contacted [redacted] at the request of [redacted] GIBSON stated, "I didn't talk with [redacted] until Tuesday after the Sunday in which I had the [redacted] conversation. I talk with [redacted] normally every day. I did not talk with him that following Monday but I did on Tuesday and I did tell him of the confusion in California

that he had seen something in the papers about that time, but I made clear to [redacted] that in agreeing to do so that I was not admitting that any of us had any control over BLINKY PALERMO nor had we any interest in what he was doing in California."

In response to questions, GIBSON said it would be impossible for [redacted] to call Mr. PALERMO. When asked if this were not a presumption, he replied, "There are no facts in the record to indicate any contact between [redacted] and PALERMO."

Reference was made to GIBSON's testimony of receiving a collect telephone call from PALERMO, who used the name GEORGE TOBIAS, and he was asked by Commissioner [redacted] "And, Mr. GIBSON, at the time that you accepted that call did you recognize Mr. TOBIAS as an alias or as an individual whom you knew?" b6 b7C

A: I did not know that, [redacted] until after PALERMO started talking because the operator said, "I have a collect call for you from GEORGE TOBIAS in Los Angeles." Many managers constantly call and unfortunately a lot of them use the collect phone as a method of calling.

Commissioner [redacted] I am seeking to understand just how this works, then it is a matter - is it or is it not a matter of common usage for you to accept phone calls placed a couple of thousand miles away not knowing who seeks to talk to you collect?

A: It happens every day. I talk with everybody that calls me.

Commissioner [redacted] Whether the call is collect or whether or not you know them?

A: Yes sir.

WILLIAM DALY

WILLIAM DALY gave his residence address as 165 Grand Avenue, Englewood, New Jersey, temporarily staying at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, after arriving in Los Angeles about May 11, 1959, on TWA plane from New York

aboard the same plane that was taken by TRUMAN GIBSON for a trip from New York to Los Angeles, arriving in Los Angeles about noon.

DALY said he and GIBSON went to the Ambassador Hotel and checked into separate rooms.

DALY said he had a dual purpose for coming to California. GIBSON had asked him to sit in on a conference with [redacted] (of the Hollywood American Legion Post No. 43) and DALY had agreed. Prior to the request from GIBSON, DALY said he had received a call from a professional basketball player to come to Los Angeles on a business proposition, relating to an item of office equipment. When asked how GIBSON approached him to make the trip, DALY said, "Possibly called me home, I imagine." He said GIBSON told him the Legion was in difficulty at Los Angeles and were threatening to change the stadium into a bowling alley or a warehouse, and that GIBSON had $25,000.00 posted as collateral on the lease, which he was supposed to receive back out of television shows of boxing matches held at the Legion Stadium. b6 b7C

Q: In other words, as he (GIBSON) gave JACKIE LEONARD a television show he would anticipate a certain amount of this $25,000.00?

A: Yeah. He tried to get back maybe $1,000.00 back each time, I think or - ... whatever JACKIE could arrange to give him. That was somewhat the type of arrangements made. ...

Q: So then when is the first time that you heard that BLINKY PALERMO was out here attempting to muscle in on JORDAN's title?

A: Actually that it was actually brought to my attention, that I really placed some - that it must be so, a gentleman named [redacted] a writer here (sports editor, "Los Angeles Times") wrote an article on it, and then I believe another top writer out here, [redacted] ("Los Angeles Herald-Express" sports writer) wrote an article on a "Mr. X" and I put two and

two together that it must be so and that's- but I did hear rumors, which they're very prevalent in boxing but when you sought them out sometimes there's nothing to them and sometimes there is.

Q: Do you know BLINKY PALERMO?

A: Yes.

Q: How long have you known him, roughly?

A: Well, I've been in boxing forty years and I guess I've known him since he got one of the top fighters years ago when he got into the boxing game.

Asked if PALERMO controlled matches fought by VIRGIL AKINS, DALY said he had no such knowledge because he managed [redacted] in a match against AKINS "And the only people at that time I seen in the picture was [redacted] and [redacted] something or other- ... They were the managers at the time ... in boxing things change from day to day. I don't know." b6 b7C

Asked if he had any conversations with PALERMO concerning the MARTINEZ - AKINS fight, he answered, "None whatsoever. So far as I know."

Q: You lost that fight; is that right?

A: We happened to - my fighter forgot to duck that evening.

Q: Do you know FRANKIE CARBO?

A: Yes, I do.

Q: When's the last time you talked with him?

A: Well, he used to come in DEMPSEY's regularly in New York and we always had lunch in DEMPSEY's and it must be two years ago, a year and a half ago, I think. ...

Q: You would say that you haven't spoken to him or seen him in the last year to 2½ years?

A: ... I would say positive I haven't seen him in a year.

Q: Have you heard any reports to the effect that CARBO is very mad about what has happened out here in California?

A: I heard that rumor, yes.

Q: And that this has never happened before in the welterweight title?

A: Well, I don't know whether it ever happened before.

Q: That they have had - CARBO has had control of this title for the last 25 years?

A: Well, I couldn't be positive of that. I heard rumors of that effect.

Q: You have heard rumors, then, that in order to get a welterweight title you have to do business with CARBO; is that correct?

A: I never done business with CARBO and I have fought for the welterweight title with MARTINEZ. They had nothing to do with me or MARTINEZ. And may I elaborate on it; and never had nothing to do with any fighter in the 40 years that I've been in business.

Asked what plans he had with respect to the Hollywood Legion Stadium, DALY said, "I had no plans whatsoever. Except trying to keep it open as a fight club."

He said TRUMAN GIBSON asked him to stay in Los Angeles a couple of days extra. He said that JACKIE LEONARD had called him frantically at the hotel, stating that he was in trouble over putting up some bonds in order to permit the stadium to operate and that LEONARD had asked him to call [redacted] to assure [redacted] the Legion would get the rental money for the stadium. DALY said he called [redacted] to intercede for LEONARD so that the stadium could stay open and put on the Saturday night fights.

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Asked if he talked with LEONARD about BLINKY PALERMO, DALY said, "Well, he may have mentioned to me that he was being annoyed by phone calls, but I happen to be - I haven't - I wasn't in Los Angeles at the time and when the rumors became ripe, I guess we discussed BLINKY PALERMO. Maybe once or twice. Because I knew that -- ... - in one conversation JACKIE was very much upset because during the time I was back home BLINKY was supposed to have made a trip because I read it in the New Jersey papers that he got involved in a newsstand, or something, and then when I come back JACKIE started to talk to me about it, no doubt."

DALY admitted he had read in the newspapers in New Jersey "That an incident at the newsstand at the airport" (refers to arrest of PALERMO at Los Angeles International Airport May 6, 1959, for petty theft from a newsstand).

Asked if he had discussed the alleged threats made by PALERMO to LEONARD, with LEONARD, DALY said, "I may have, yes, because he mentioned it to me and we must have had a general conversation on it because it -.

Q: Do you recall where that was?

A: No. If you refresh my memory I could help you along on that.

DALY was asked if he is a licensed manager at this time and he said, "Practically all over the United States. Wherever I go in and have a fighter I get a license.

Q: Are you licensed in New York at this time?

A: No. I didn't apply there. The last time I had difficulty there with JULIUS HELFIN (HELFAND) and since then he lost his job and District Attorney is investigating his regime.

Asked what his difficulty was with HELFAND, DALY replied that HELFAND conducted an inquiry and DALY was called as a witness. He appeared with a New York State Senator acting as his attorney and HELFAND "refused to allow

my attorney to participate in the hearings." DALY said he had requested [redacted] to act as his attorney in Los Angeles at the current hearings but HELFAND refused him the right to have an attorney at the hearings in New York. DALY said he told HELFAND, "We don't want no one to suppress our legal rights and we're not in Russia. If you don't allow my attorney here I'm leaving. I will not go under oath." He said he walked out of the hearings and some time afterwards when his license ran out, HELFAND suspended him. b6 b7C

DALY said "... I have give statements to the New York press and to everywhere, as long as JULIUS HELFAND was boxing commissioner in New York I won't take a license if he served one on a tray." He said HELFAND's investigations came to nothing, that HELFAND used smear tactics and hurt the boxing game.

DALY was asked if HELFAND was allegedly investigating a $20,000.00 bribe and DALY said, "I don't know about that."

Asked if he heard since coming to California that CARBO has been calling out here, he replied, "On this trip, yes, I heard it, within the past week."

Q: And that he's quite angry with respect to the way the -

A: I heard that BLINKY was calling. I don't think I heard CARBO was calling. I think it was BLINKY ... that JACKIE LEONARD and I discussed.

Q: And CARBO has not called you?

A: No, no.

He denied knowing the present whereabouts of CARBO and said, "Every agency in the country is searching for him."

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JACK LEONARD

JACK LEONARD, promoter at the Hollywood Legion Stadium, 1628 El Centro, Hollywood, California, testified that he is acquainted with [redacted] manager of DON JORDAN (world welterweight champion). LEONARD testified he has never arranged a fight for DON JORDAN, although he has helped [redacted] negotiate fights for JORDAN. He testified the match between JORDAN and VIRGIL AKINS for the welterweight championship was negotiated by [redacted] and [redacted] (matchmaker at the Olympic Auditorium, Los Angeles). LEONARD testified he did not remember TRUMAN GIBSON contacting him on the JORDAN-AKINS fight. He said they discussed it when GIBSON was in Los Angeles but nothing was discussed about making the fight itself.

LEONARD testified that at a time he believed to be the first part of November, 1958, at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, he discussed the forthcoming AKINS-JORDAN fight with TRUMAN GIBSON, [redacted] and [redacted] He recalled it as a discussion at a lunch table. LEONARD said BLINKY PALERMO had contacted him saying he, PALERMO, was at the Bismarck Hotel in Chicago. LEONARD described the situation at the time he received this call from PALERMO as follows:

A: Well, we were in [redacted] office when he called. The first thing he said was, "We're in for half." I said, "I don't know what you're talking about." He said, "We're in for half of the fighter." I said, "Well, this is news to me. I don't have anything to do with it. I'll have to talk to [redacted] about it." So he gave me a number to call him back, and then we--I told [redacted] what happened and went from there.

Q: When you told [redacted] about this, who was present at that time?

A: Well, that was in the Olympic Auditorium hallway. I believe it was just [redacted] and myself when I told him. TRUMAN GIBSON and [redacted] were in another office in the building.

Q: Then at that time did you say anything to TRUMAN GIBSON about this?

A: Not right at that moment. We went to the Ambassador and had lunch and then it was discussed. b6 b7C

...I just told him what the phone call was and told [redacted] and we had discussed it back and forth for a few minutes.

Q: In other words that BLINKY PALERMO wanted a piece of the fighter; is that right?

A: Yes sir...Well, he didn't say he. He just said "we're in for half." I don't know whether he meant himself or the managers of AKINS or who. He just said, "we're in for half."

Q: What, if anything, did Mr. GIBSON say with respect to that at that time?

A: Well, Mr. GIBSON at first said, "Aw, they're crazy. I mean they shouldn't be doing those things," and then finally in our future discussions there he did say, "Well," he says, "tell them to go ahead but," he says, "it doesn't mean a thing anyhow," something to that effect.

Q: And what, if anything, did [redacted] say with respect to this demand that PALERMO had made on you for 50%?

A: [redacted] was strictly against it from--right from the start. He didn't want to give up any part of the fighter. He figured he earned a title shot. He said he'd rather pull out of the fight than to give anybody a piece of his fighter.

Q: Then you say that at that time TRUMAN GIBSON told you to tell them anything, say yes to anything, that everything would be alright?

A: ...Something like that. I can't remember the exact words. Was "go ahead and tell them that, they won't bother you."

Q: What, if anything, did you discuss with respect to that?

A: I don't remember the exact words...I think I said something about, "Well, we might end up in the river," or something like that. He said something about, "Aw, that went out with button shoes," something to that effect.

Q: In other words, you knew these people by reputation; is that right?

A: Well, I heard about them. I don't know them too well, but I heard a lot about them...I knew the repercussions, what they would be afterwards if there was--JORDAN won.

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Q: Then what, if anything, did you do after that conversation with TRUMAN GIBSON and [redacted] did you call BLINKY PALERMO and tell him that everything was going to be alright?

A: Yes, I called him. I don't remember if it was that same day or not. I called him.

LEONARD testified the JORDAN-AKINS fight took place at the Olympic Auditorium in Los Angeles (December 5, 1958) and JORDAN won. LEONARD stated that after the fight, "Kiddingly, I believe there was two or three of us around at the hotel afterwards and I said something to the effect, 'Well, we got our necks in the wringer now but he's got to do it twice,' something like that." This referred to a rematch between AKINS and JORDAN called for in their contract for the first fight.

LEONARD denied having any authority to indicate to PALERMO or anyone else that they could have a percentage of the fighter's contract and denied that he is the manager of DON JORDAN. He said, "I had no authority to do it except that [redacted] would know that I did it, but he didn't tell me to go ahead or anything. He knew what I was doing."

Q: Did you ever let people think you were the manager or had anything to say with respect to DON JORDAN?

A: No, I don't believe anybody ever thought that I was the manager. [redacted] (matchmaker at Madison Square Garden) used to call, or TRUMAN (GIBSON) used to call, or [redacted] when he was gone; I used to bother them to death about using JORDAN because DON was a good friend of mine and the kid (JORDAN) was a good fighter, and they'd say, "Who you got out there?" and I'd say, "Why don't you use JORDAN?" I hounded them for about, oh, about eight or nine months before the kid finally got a break on television. TRUMAN (GIBSON) gave him the break to fight (ISAAC) LOGART, the contender, and he (JORDAN) won that.

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LEONARD was asked if he was contacted by BLINKY PALERMO or anyone else between the first part of November after he had received the call from PALERMO and the date of the fight in December, 1958. LEONARD said he may have talked to PALERMO once or twice.

With reference to the conversation LEONARD claimed with TRUMAN GIBSON regarding DON JORDAN having to win twice before the agreement would be in effect, LEONARD said, "I believe there was three or four of us standing in the hotel at the celebration after the fight that [redacted] gave at the hotel."

Q: Did you have any conversation with him as you were walking from the ring to the dressing room immediately after the fight?

A: I might have. I believe we walked to--I believe we did walk a few feet together towards the dressing room right immediately after the fight. I don't recall whether the conversation was then or whether it was at the hotel because we talked both places.

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LEONARD testified he heard once or twice from PALERMO between the December match and the rematch on April 24, 1959 between AKINS and JORDAN. He said PALERMO "just wanted to know a couple of times when [redacted] was leaving for St. Louis, how long ahead of time he'd be in, and wanted to contact [redacted] in St. Louis to make sure everything was alright."
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Q: In each of those times you assured him everything was alright as far as you knew?

A: Well, the times he asked me, yes. I mean after that first time he didn't ask too many times. I guess he figured they were in.

Q: Do you recall the last time that he contacted you with respect to this prior to the St. Louis fight?

A. I believe that it was--the fight was on a Friday. It was on a Wednesday or Thursday before the fight.

LEONARD said he told PALERMO, "He'd have to see [redacted] that I was--I couldn't do anything for him, he'd have to see [redacted] in St. Louis."

LEONARD said he made a trip to Miami, Florida between the December 5, 1958 and April 24, 1959 fights. He said he could not recall the date but he thought it was between Christmas and New Year's.

Q: And how did you happen to go to Miami?

A: Well, BLINKY had called me several times and he said that something had come up and he wanted me to see [redacted] who was there for a few days and I kept stalling because of the holidays, I wanted to be with my family, but he finally told me I had to get in there, that there were some people who wanted to see me so I finally made the trip....BLINKY and a fellow--I don't know the fellow's

name. I think it was [redacted] but I don't know the last name--picked me up at the airport and took me to a motel...

Q: What, if anything, occurred at the motel? b6 b7C

A. Well, we went through the same thing: that he wanted to make sure everything was alright with [redacted] and I assured him I thought it was alright. He said, "What do you mean, you think?" I said, "Well, you never know but I'm pretty sure that everything is alright." There wasn't too much discussion.

Q: Now, did you see [redacted]

A: No. By stalling that couple of days [redacted] had left. He had a horse ranch some place and he had left and they told me that I had just got there about eight hours too late to see him. ...

Q: Did anyone introduce you to anyone called Mr. CARBO?

Q: I was introduced to a fellow that was referred to as Mr. CARBO.

Q: Right. Had you ever met CARBO before?

A: I had seen him in Chicago one time at a cafe and I knew it was him.

Q: At that time did you also meet a [redacted] ...

A: Yes sir, I think that is the name. [redacted] something like that.

Q: At that time did Mr. CARBO indicate what his position there was and what he was doing there?

A: No, he didn't never say anything about wanting a piece of JORDAN or anything. He just said he was friends of everybody, and he wanted to make sure everybody made a dollar

and BLINKY made a dollar and -- ...but he didn't say anything about wanting any money. He never demanded anything.

Q: He wanted to make sure BLINKY got his 15% or one-half of the manager's share; is that right?

A: Words to that effect, I guess. Just discussed boxing in general mostly and he said he wanted -- he liked BLINKY and as a friend he wanted to see him make a dollar.

LEONARD said CARBO did not ask him if he were the manager of DON JORDAN.

Q: Did he ask you if you controlled the fighter?

A: I don't recall exactly what he did ask me. He asked something to that effect but he didn't use the word "control." He just asked me if [redacted] was a close enough friend that I could work with him and do alright. b6 b7C

Q: And you indicated that you did, I take it; is that right?

A: Yes sir.

Q: Do everything you could?

A. Yes sir.

Q: There was no threats in Miami against you whatsoever; is that correct?

A: No sir, no sir.

Q: Were there any threats made to you in Miami whatsoever, against you or anybody in your family?

A: No, there was no threats made at that time, but, well, I was a little scared because I didn't know exactly where I was at or who I was meeting at the time I went there.

Q: You know [redacted] by reputation?

A: By reputation is all. I only seen him once before that.

Q: And you had known CARBO mostly by reputation but you had seen him once before; is that right?

A: I had seen Mr. CARBO probably twice before.

LEONARD testified that up to this point he had told PALERMO that 15% of the fighter (JORDAN) would go to PALERMO because PALERMO had told LEONARD the day he called at the Olympic Auditorium that JORDAN would never get a title fight unless this arrangement were made. He said PALERMO referred to himself as "us" and said he didn't know who was included in that term. He said TRUMAN GIBSON told him, "Go along with it." "We'll straighten that out."

LEONARD testified that after the second title fight between JORDAN and AKINS, he received a telephone call from a person whom he believed to be FRANKIE CARBO, although he could not prove it. He said the caller he believed to be CARBO had said,"'Nobody had ever done this to us, and,' he says, 'we're going to meet at the crossroads, and,' he says, 'you're going to get hurt.' He says, 'We're going to make an example out of you.'" LEONARD testified "Well, he was raving so much I don't know the exact words he did use and he hung up."

LEONARD testified that BLINKY PALERMO came to his office on two or three different occasions and he saw PALERMO once at a hotel.

About May 4, 1959, PALERMO walked into LEONARD's office with LOUIS DRAGNA. When asked what occurred on that occasion, LEONARD testified, "We just discussed it. BLINKY and I discussed it and I told him that there was nothing I could do; that this situation was out of hand; that [redacted] wasn't going to give anybody anything; and nobody was going to control the fighter; and [redacted] was going to be the manager and that was it." b6 b7C

Q: What, if anything, did DRAGNA say at that time?

A: He didn't say anything, no threats, no -- in fact, he was a very good gentleman there. He did very little talking. Listened. ...I don't recall him saying anything outside of, I don't know, just general discussion of where he lived out in [redacted] area, or something about him having -- being married or having kids or something (referring to [redacted] but I mean he never discussed anything -- no, no, -- nothing about the boxer or anything.

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Q: I take it, he asked you then where [redacted] lived; is that right?

A: Something, yes, and I told him I thought he lived out between [redacted] and I think he said, oh, he lived in [redacted] nothing, just a discussion, I mean a general discussion and --

Q: Did he ask you if [redacted] had a family, or anything like that?

A: What was the question now? Did he have a wife or child or --

Q: Did he ask about whether [redacted] had a wife or child or not?

A: I can't recall, I mean, either he or BLINKY asked. Now, I don't remember exactly which one it was.

Asked to give the gist of the conversation that occurred on Monday, May 4th, during this meeting, LEONARD replied, "Well, was the same conversation that went on day after day; that they wanted their piece and they wanted more or less control of the fighter, say who he was going to fight and for whom he was going to fight. ...and he was a little excited because JORDAN was fighting MOYER up at Portland (July 10, 1959). I don't know. He didn't want him to fight him."

Q: Who did PALERMO want JORDAN to fight?

A: HART, SUGAR HART.

Q: And where was that fight supposed to take place?

A: Well, he talked about Philadelphia or Pittsburgh for some benefit show there.

Q: Did he demand or ask for any money at that time?

A: Oh, he said something "When are we going to get our money" or something like that. He didn't demand it but he asked when, and then --

Q: What, if anything, did you say with respect to any money for him?

A: Well, I told him that if there was any money coming he was going to have to see [redacted] or somebody else because I couldn't get it for him. [redacted] as far as I know wasn't going to give anybody anything. b6 b7C

LEONARD testified he had seen LOUIS DRAGNA before but did not know him personally. He said he believed he met him one time. PALERMO did not introduce him when they walked in but DRAGNA spoke to LEONARD.

Q: Did anyone explain to you or tell you why DRAGNA was there?

A: No. I imagine he came -- I imagine he came to talk about the situation because he did say a couple of words like he knew what was going on, but I mean, he didn't try to use any tactics or forceful tactics or anything.

LEONARD said BLINKY PALERMO returned to his office the next morning accompanied by JOSEPH SICA whom LEONARD had known for two or three years.

Q: And did BLINKY say why or did anyone else say why SICA was here to see you?

A: No, no. I believe I asked him at the time and he says, "Well, JOE's a friend and he's a friend of mine and we're going to try to settle this thing," something to that effect.

Q: Who said that, BLINKY PALERMO?

A: Yes, and I believe JOE said it too, you know. I mean I have known JOE around there for two or three years.

Q: Could you tell us what occurred at that conversation?

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A: Well, just about the same thing that had occurred the day before. They went over -- only [redacted] was there this time, and they discussed it with [redacted] and got the straight story, that he wasn't going to give them anything.

LEONARD said he believed [redacted] was in his office when PALERMO and SICA arrived and that [redacted] had been in the office the day before when PALERMO and DRAGNA arrived, but had walked out when they walked in. When asked if any of the individuals had threatened him, LEONARD stated, "The only one that has ever threatened, to my knowledge, is BLINKY PALERMO and the fellow who said he was CARBO calling. JOE SICA and the other fellow, Mr. DRAGNA, as far as threatening, they weren't threatening."

LEONARD testified he recognized the voice of CARBO as the same voice he had heard in Miami and in his opinion the caller was CARBO.

Q: Now, up until this Monday morning of May 4th, had you been contacted by anyone else and threatened other than CARBO, if it was CARBO, and BLINKY PALERMO?

A: No, I believe that's all that called me to threaten me, yes.

LEONARD said he recalled JOSEPH SICA was waiting for him one morning at the Hollywood Legion Stadium about May 4 or 5, 1959. He said they engaged in a short conversation in which SICA had said, "He hoped we could get straightened out because it was a bad situation and that he would be back a little later," or something like that.

Q: Did he make any threats to you at that time? ...

A: No, he never threatened me himself. No. Only thing he said, "It's a bad situation and we got to get the thing straightened out." He didn't threaten to do anything himself.

Q: The "bad situation" he was talking about, I take it, then, was the fact that BLINKY PALERMO was not being cut in on the fighter and was not directing the fighter; is that correct?

A: Well, I imagine that's what he meant.

Q: Can you repeat any of the threats that BLINKY PALERMO made to you either on Monday, May 4th, or on Tuesday, May 5th, here in Los Angeles County?

A: Well, not remembering word for word, but to the effect that something happened to RAY ARCEL once and it could -- the same thing could happen to me. One time he said that.

Q: What was that?

A: He said the same thing that happened to RAY ARCEL could happen to me.

Q: Do you remember what happened to RAY ARCEL?

A: Yes, he got hit in the head and nearly died. And you know, things along that line. Another time he told me that, "We're not going to let this go by. We're going -- it might take a long time but we'll get even."

Q: And this was all said by BLINKY PALERMO?

A: BLINKY was doing all the threatening, yes.

With reference to the meeting on May 5, 1959 in LEONARD's office, he was questioned:

Q: And at that time were there any threats made with respect to any of your activities in denying the ownership?

A: No, the only thing he said, "Your head's in a noose," or something like that, to that effect. I mean, he didn't threaten to shoot me or kill me or anything like that, if that's what you mean.

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LEONARD said PALERMO at first wanted [redacted] and himself to take DON JORDAN out of the coming fight at Portland with MOYER but later agreed that the fight should be held. He said PALERMO wanted JORDAN to fight SUGAR HART. At first PALERMO insisted the fight be held in Philadelphia or Pittsburgh but finally agreed it could be held anywhere, even in Los Angeles. He said PALERMO accused him of going back on his promise and that is when "BLINKY told me my head was in a noose and that I was in trouble with 'a fellow back east' because of this." He said he did not believe the name of CARBO was mentioned during this particular conversation.

Q: And it has been your experience in the boxing -- as a boxing promoter and in boxing for a considerable number of years, that CARBO was very seldom mentioned by name; isn't that correct?

A: That's right.

Q: Most of the time they just say "that fellow" or "that guy" or [redacted] doesn't like it" or "the man doesn't like it" or something like that; isn't that correct?

A: Well, that's the usual conversation. ...Most of the time you think you know who they mean, anyhow. b6 b7C

Q: When the voice from Miami called you and you think it was CARBO, did he say he was CARBO, or anything like that?

A: No, no. He just says, "You know who this is," and then he started talking.

Q: And you knew who it was?

A: Well, yes. I says, "Yes I do." I recognized the voice for one, or I thought I did. I'm not sure. Couldn't prove it.

LEONARD testified that TRUMAN GIBSON offered a JORDAN-HART fight to be held in Los Angeles and that this was the same fight BLINKY PALERMO wanted. He was asked:

Q: And did Mr. GIBSON propose the fight for Los Angeles?

A: He said it would be a good idea in order to help everybody out, help the Legion and help everybody concerned to put the fight in the auditorium.

Q: Prior to that call had you been present when [redacted] called TRUMAN GIBSON with respect to the people that were annoying him out here in California?

A: Yes. I believe he called them from my office.

Q: And at that time he told TRUMAN GIBSON to talk to his boss, [redacted] and tell them to call these people off; is that right?

A: Yes sir.

Q: Then did TRUMAN GIBSON ever call you with respect to this request that had been made?

A: Well, he called me a day or so later ... but he did say in the conversation to tell [redacted] that he had talked to "that fellow" and straightened things out, meaning [redacted] I imagine.

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Q: Right. That there would be no more phone calls?

A: There would be no more phone calls, that's right.

Q: And that [redacted] had told BLINKY to get out of here, is that right, words to that effect?

A: Words to that effect. I don't remember. It's been three weeks ago.

Q: And after that ... a Wednesday night, then that was the last that you heard of BLINKY PALERMO; is that correct?

A: Yes, I never heard from him again, no, after that.

LEONARD testified that TRUMAN GIBSON "didn't promise me any protection. He said something to [redacted] at the table, yes."

Q: Were you there at that conversation?

A: Well, yes. [redacted] said to him, he says, "What protection do we get way out here?" and he says, "We'll take care of you. Don't worry about it," and [redacted] says, "Yeah, how can you protect us 2,000 miles away?"

Q: ...Did TRUMAN GIBSON appear to you to be familiar or aware of what actually was going on and the pressures that were being brought against you?

A: Well, yes. We called him and told him the pressure that was being brought against us. (He said they told GIBSON about BLINKY PALERMO and the people PALERMO was bringing to LEONARD's office.)

Q: Did you also tell him about the call from FRANK CARBO?

A: I told him I got a call from back east also. I mean, I think he knew -- might have known who I meant.

Q: Mr. LEONARD, were you in fear as a result of these -- for your own personal safety as a result of these threats made by BLINKY PALERMO?

A: Well, yes, because the way he was calling day and night I was very much in fear. Knowing what happened to RAY ARCEL and a couple of other fellows in the past few years.

Q: Had you been looking to TRUMAN GIBSON for protection on this matter at any time?

A: Well, I don't know what you mean "protection."

Q: From his first conversation he indicated that he pooh-poohed this; that you didn't have to worry about anything, tell them anything, everything would be alright. Now, how many times did you call that to TRUMAN GIBSON's attention, if you ever did?

A: Couple of times on the phone when he called me.

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Q: And then he finally advised you to go to the police; is that correct?

A: No, he didn't tell me that. I think it was [redacted] he told that.

Q: That he should go to the police; is that right?

A: Yes. Said he should go to the local authorities.

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LOUIS DRAGNA was represented at the hearings by attorney [redacted] Los Angeles. DRAGNA gave his residence address as 1429 East Thelborn, West Covina, California. When asked his business or occupation he declined to answer on the grounds that his answer might tend to incriminate him. He took refuge on the same or similar answers to practically all questions asked of him by the Commission and its staff.

He admitted he was subpoenaed the previous evening at approximately 9:30 o'clock at his home. He admitted being present in the hearing room during portions of the testimony but declined to answer questions relating to that testimony and stated he may have been in the room during a portion of the testimony but did not remember what was going on or what was said. He declined to answer as to whether he is acquainted with JOSEPH SICA, FRANK CARBO, JACKIE LEONARD, [redacted] or BLINKY PALERMO and furnished no substantive material for the hearing in addition to that related above.

JOSEPH SICA

JOSEPH SICA was represented at the hearings by attorney [redacted] Los Angeles, and mentioned once that he had been talking with "my attorney, [redacted] and [redacted]"

JOSEPH SICA gave his residence address as 10219 La Tuna Canyon Drive in Sun Valley, California.

He said he was in attendance under subpoena. When asked if he had heard testimony during the hearings, he claimed he was unable to hear the testimony, had some ear trouble after he had been shot in the head some time about three years ago and had been treated by a [redacted]

In response to most of the questions asked him SICA said, "I respectfully decline to answer upon the grounds that my testimony might tend to incriminate me. I at this time avail myself on the Fifth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States and Article 1, Section 1319 of the California Constitution." He was ordered to answer

whether or not he knows JACKIE LEONARD or be held in contempt of the Commission for refusal to answer. He then admitted that he knows JACKIE LEONARD. When asked how long he has known LEONARD, he again declined to answer. He also declined to answer a question as to whether or not he knows FRANK CARBO.

He admitted he was served a subpoena about 12:30 the previous night at 326 South Ogden Drive, Los Angeles, the home of a friend. He said the friend informed him "There was some policeman downstairs" (apparently about 10:00 p.m., and he was not served until 12:30 a.m.).

He declined to answer questions concerning PALERMO and furnished no additional substantive information to the Commission in addition to that set forth above.

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TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (92-642)

DATE: 6/26/59

FROM : SA [redacted]

Date Dictated: 6/24/59

SUBJECT: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO;
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Telephone Call from JACKIE LEONARD
to FRANK PALERMO and FRANK CARBO
about 2/1/59 from Hollywood, California

LEONARD BLAKELY, also known as Jackie Leonard, furnished a signed statement dated June 12, 1959 in which he referred to a telephone call he made to FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO about February 1, 1959, at an Eastern city. He said this call was made from a coin box public telephone in a drug store near the intersection of Bronson Avenue and Franklin Avenue in Hollywood, California.

On June 12, 1959, SAs WILLAAM J. MALONE and [redacted] located two public telephones in the Hypure Drug Company, 5931 Franklin Avenue, Hollywood, which is one block West of Bronson Avenue, and on the Northeast corner of the intersection. These telephones had numbers HOllywood 2-9597 and HOllywood 2-9567.

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Telephone FUlton 9-2664 is the non-published telephone number of [redacted] Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, according to Sergeant [redacted] Pennsylvania State Police, assigned to the office of the Pennsylvania State Athletic Commission. b6 b7C

Sergeant [redacted] stated that FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO has used the names of JAMES WILSON and JOSEPH P. BARONE in making long distance telephone calls from the Beverly Wilshire Hotel, Los Angeles, to [redacted] also known as [redacted] at FUlton 9-2664, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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On June 18, 1959, [redacted]

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SA WILLIAM J. MALONE personally observed that telephone number DUnkirk 2-9869 is assigned to a public telephone located in the Keeser Drug Store, 3454 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, approximately two clocks West of the Ambassador Hotel.

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June 12, 1959

Date

On June 3, 1959, [redacted] Kim Tours and Travel Agency, 505 South Spring Street, Los Angeles 13, California, telephone MUtual 8268, searched the records of that agency and supplied to Special Agent [redacted] the original reservation card for a plane trip by JACK LEONARD from Los Angeles to Miami, Florida. This card shows a date stamp of January 3, 1959, which [redacted] stated is the date the reservation was confirmed. The card bears the date of 1/2 in handwriting which she stated indicates probably the date the reservation was requested in the name of JACK LEONARD. His address was given as the "H. Legion" and his telephone number as DI 5-2424.

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[redacted] explained the reservation card shows the flight to be taken by JACK LEONARD was on Trans World Airlines flight 200, January 5, 1959, departing Los Angeles at 9:15 a.m. and scheduled to arrive in Miami at 10:04 p.m. This reservation was confirmed and his return reservation from Miami to Los Angeles was "wait listed" as it could not be confirmed at that time. She stated a first class roundtrip ticket was made out January 3, 1959, for LEONARD in the amount of $319.90 with tax of $31.99, for a total price of $351.89. She stated subsequent advice was received by the agency that LEONARD used tourist class accommodations en route from Los Angeles to Miami instead of first class accommodations, indicating to her that LEONARD actually took that flight.

Photostat copies of the reservation card are retained in the files of the Los Angeles FBI Office as an exhibit.

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Date June 11, 1959

On June 2, 1959, JACKIE LEONARD furnished Special Agents WILLIAM J. MALONE and [redacted] with a passenger portion of an airline ticket issued by Delta Airlines, Inc., ticket No. 062X21136, bearing a stamp of Brooks Travel Service, January 6 (year not discernible), Hollywood, Florida, indicating passage for flight from Miami to Los Angeles via Chicago, utilizing Delta Airlines flight 58, January 7, to Chicago and Trans World Airlines flight 6077 on January 7 from Chicago to Los Angeles in the name of passenger J. LEONARD. The flight was to depart from Miami at 1:15 a.m. and from Chicago at 10:20 a.m. The fare was $134.65 with tax of $13.47, for a total price of $148.12.

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The item furnished by LEONARD is retained in the files of the Los Angeles FBI Office as an exhibit.

On June 2, 1959, LEONARD also made available a Trans World Airlines ticket folder, which he said was furnished him for his plane ticket at Chicago, Illinois, on January 7, 1959, indicating flight number 6077 to Los Angeles from Midway Airport, Chicago. The folder bears a date stamp of January 7, 1960.

The original item supplied by LEONARD is retained in the files of the FBI at Los Angeles as an exhibit.

Interview with JACKIE LEONARD File # LA 92-642

on 6/2/59 at Los Angeles, California Date dictated 6/5/59

by Special Agent S WILLIAM J. MALONE [redacted]:elc

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORT

Date June 25, 1959

On June 18, 1959, [redacted] Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, made available for review the registration card, the hotel ledger sheet, and the long distance telephone call charge slips for TRUMAN GIBSON, who was a guest at the Ambassador Hotel on October 22 and 23, 1958. b6 b7C

The registration card shows TRUMAN GIBSON, "IBC," Chicago, Illinois, was registered in by hotel clerk [redacted] for Rooms 5 and 6A at a rate of $40 per day with a scheduled departure of October 24. The registration card bears a time stamp of 9:01 p.m., October 22, 1958. It also bears a time stamp indicating the guest checked out of the hotel at 5:47 p.m., October 23, 1958, as the registration card bears a paid stamp of that date from Cashier No. 2.

Ledger sheet No. 7124 of the hotel in the name of TRUMAN GIBSON indicates he was registered as the only person in Rooms 5 and 6A and was charged for one day's use of the rooms at $40. Additional charges on the ledger sheet are for telephone calls, restaurant charges, and a $6.00 pool charge, which indicates, according to [redacted] that some service at the pool, such as a massage for which there is a $6.00 charge, was obtained by the guest as there is no charge for use of the swimming pool at the hotel by a guest.

The telephone call long distance slips supplied the hotel by the [redacted] indicate the following calls were made from the telephone in Room 5A: b7D

At 8:32 a.m., October 23, 1958, a call was made in the name of TRUMAN GIBSON to Reseda, California, telephone DI 5-2424. (This was the residence telephone of JACKIE LEONARD.) The call was for one minute, and the charge was 38 cents.

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on 6/18/59 at Los Angeles, California Date dictated 6/24/59

by Special Agent WILLIAM J. MALONE [redacted] elc

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A call was made in the name of T. GIBSON to New York, CI 5-8100, for 25 minutes on October 23, 1958, charge $18.48.

A call was charged to GIBSON to Chicago, SE 3-5455, for one minute, the charges being $2.42.

A call was charged to GIBSON on October 23, 1958, to Chicago telephone CE 6-0123, person called PALERMO, lasting six minutes, for which the charge was $5.23.

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A call was made in the name of TRUMAN GIBSON to New York, DI 4-0760, person called [redacted] lasting nine minutes, charges $8.14.

The above calls were made in the order listed, according to the telephone slips supplied by the [redacted] to the hotel. [redacted] explained each slip bears a number indicating the charge made to the hotel on that day for telephone calls in the order the calls are made from the hotel. These five slips bear numbers 15, 16, 35, 49 and 51, respectively. The exact time each call was made does not appear on the slips, except for the first call indicated as 8:32 a.m., this being the call from GIBSON to the residence of JACKIE LEONARD.

The ledger card bears the signature of TRUMAN K. GIBSON, JR., and indicates the bill should be charged to "Int'l Boxing Club, 1840 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill."

Photostatic copies of the registration card, the ledger sheet, and the telephone toll slips are retained in the files of the Los Angeles FBI Office as an exhibit.

[redacted] made available the hotel registration card of [redacted], Los Angeles 24, representing Specialties, Inc., indicating that [redacted] occupied Rooms 5 and 6A, checking into the hotel October 23, 1958, at 1:38 p.m. and checking out at 5:46 p.m. on October 24, 1958. He said the registration card indicates that [redacted] was a guest of the hotel in connection with a convention and would not have had available to him Rooms 5 and 6A until after the previous guest, TRUMAN K. GIBSON, had checked out of the rooms.

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Ledger sheet No. 4042, shows [redacted] was charged for use of the rooms on October 23 and made two long distance telephone calls from the rooms, both to West Los Angeles.

Photostatic copies of the registration card, ledger sheet, and telephone toll slips are retained in the files of the Los Angeles FBI Office as an exhibit.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORT

Date June 25, 1959

[redacted] Beverly Hilton Hotel, Beverly Hills, California, on June 22, 1959, made available to SA [redacted] the original registration cards for hotel guest utilizing the name of GEORGE TOBIAS, giving the street address of 110 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois, who was assigned Room 663. He also made available the hotel copy of the ledger sheet for this registration, the same bearing Serial No. A-22467. The registration card bears a date stamp on the reverse side of April 1, 1959, 7:21 a.m., registration desk, and bears a handwritten phrase that the card bears no cashier's stamp. This registration card bears the identification of A-22467 to connect it with the ledger sheet.

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The ledger sheet shows the guest was charged for use of the room on May 2, 3, 4, and 5 at the rate of $15.00 per day and that no long distance telephone calls were charged to the room phone for that period.

Registration card for the same guest in the same room and bearing Serial No. A-22814 bears registration desk date stamp of May 5, 1959, at 6:. (exact time obscure). The stamp printed the month as April and the monthhas a handwritten notation of May printed over the word April. This registration card bears a cashier's front office stamp of 3:32 a.m., May 7, 1959.

Ledger sheet No. A-22814, as supplied from the hotel records by [redacted] shows the guest was charged for the room on May 6 and May 7, 1959, and that on May 6, 1959, a long distance telephone call was charged to the room telephone.

[redacted] made available a Photostatic copy of a long distance telephone call slip issued to the hotel by the Telephone Company, indicating that a call at 10:02 p.m. of one-minute duration was made in the name of TOBIAS from Room 663 to Los Angeles telephone LOrain 6-5015.

Local telephone calls were charged to the telephone in the room occupied by the person using the name GEORGE TOBIAS on May 2, 3 and 6. [redacted] stated a thorough search of hotel records failed to locate telephone slips for these calls, and he said it is impossible to identify the numbers called on

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on 6/22/59 at Beverly Hills, California Date dictated 6/25/59

by Special Agent [redacted] elc

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these occasions.

Photostatic copies of the registration cards and ledger sheets and the long distance telephone call slip described above are retained in the files of the Los Angeles FBI Office as exhibits.

LOrain 6-5015 is listed to [redacted] Los Angeles, California. b6 b7C

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INTERVIEW REPORT

Date June 15, 1959

On June 9, 1959, [redacted] b6 b7C
Beverly Hilton Hotel, 9876 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, California, stated that GEORGE TOBIAS had been identified to him as FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO by officers of the Los Angeles Police Department.

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on 6/9/59 at Beverly Hills, California Date dictated 6/12/59

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Records of telephone long distance calls billed by the [redacted] to Los Angeles telephone HOllywood 5-3303 for the period September 18, 1958, to May 19, 1959, were reviewed. This telephone is a nonpublished number and is installed in the office of JACKIE LEONARD at the Hollywood Legion Stadium, 1628 El Centro, Hollywood 28, California. This is the telephone to which the calls made by LEONARD are charged when he utilizes a [redacted] credit card.

A review of the long distance calls charged to the telephone shows that a great many calls were made and Photostatic copies of the toll slips are retained in the Los Angeles FBI Office as exhibits. Many of the calls do not appear at this time as having any relevancy to the current inquiry. An examination of the calls shows that long distance calls were made which may have some significance, and they are set forth below, segregated as to the persons called, and in each instance, unless otherwise indicated, the caller was JACKIE LEONARD.

Calls to BILL DALY

Date	Hour	To	Phone	Time	Charge
9/18/58	5:40 pm	Englewood, N. J.	LO 8-3937	14'14"	$10.65
10/2/58	7:48 am	"	"	4'12"	4.15
10/11/58	2:54 pm	"	"	4'9"	4.15
10/20/58	5:03 pm	Chicago (Bismarck Hotel)	CE 6-0123	10'35"	7.50
11/4/58	2:54 pm	Englewood, N. J.	LO 8-3937	5'32"	3.65
11/5/58	7:04 pm	"	"	3'42"	5.20
11/21/58	4:55 pm	"	"	9'20"	8.05

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Date	Hour	To	Phone	Time	Charge
12/16/58	9:50 am	Englewood, N. J.	LO 8-3937	4'50"	$4.80
3/6/59	5:24 pm	"	"	5'35"	5.45
3/10/59	1:20 pm	"	"	6'20"	8.50
Calls to TRUMAN GIBSON					
10/4/58	8:42 pm	New York	MU 6-9200	1'25"	3.00
10/27/58	2:27 pm	Chicago	SE 3-5317	1'51"	3.50
11/21/58	2:52 pm	"	"	4'13"	3.65
12/2/58	10:35 am	"	"	2'40"	3.10
12/9/58	6:22 pm	"	NO 7-5978	1'59"	2.65
12/14/58	2:32 pm	"	"	4'03"	3.10
12/15/58	2:53 pm	"	SE 3-5317	2'20"	3.10
12/17/58	11:47 am	New York	CI 5-8100	3'32"	4.15
12/18/58	11:10 am	"	"	5'30"	4.80
12/29/58	6:43 pm	Chicago (from [redacted]	NO 7-5978	2'15"	2.65
1/15/59	7:12 pm	Chicago	"	3'13"	2.65
1/15/59	3:47 pm	New York	MU 6-9200	2'49"	3.50
1/19/59	2:42 pm	Chicago	SE 3-5317	1'25"	3.10
2/2/59	4:12 pm	"	NO 7-5978	2'2"	3.10

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Date	Hour	To	Phone	Time	Charge
2/6/59	1:40 pm	New York	CI 5-8100		$3.50
2/10/59	10:27 am	Dialed direct to Chicago; no indication person called.	SE 3-5317	2'	2.20
2/12/59	3:42 pm	Miami Beach, Florida	UN 5-7561	4'1"	4.15
2/22/59	12:33 pm	Chicago	NO 7-5978	1'47"	2.65
2/28/59	11:49 am	New York City	MU 6-9200	2'44"	3.50
3/23/59	7:47 pm	Chicago	NO 7-5978	2'45"	1.75
3/24/59	3:24 pm	New York	PL 1-2673	3'3"	3.50
3/30/59	9:47 am	Chicago	SE 3-5317	1'25"	3.10
3/30/59	1:20 pm	"	"	5'54"	3.65
4/16/59	3:12 pm	New York	MU 6-9200	1'24"	3.50
5/3/59	1:30 pm	Chicago	NO 7-5978	19'3"	9.85
Calls to PALERMO					
10/24/58	2:58 pm	From DU 2-9869 (JACK LEONARD) to Chicago (PALEREMO, Room 833)	CE 6-0123	21"	3.10

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Date	Hour	To	Phone	Time	Charge
12/17/58	12:17 pm	Dialed direct to Philadelphia Penn. (station to station)	FUlton 9-2664	5'	$3.80

(This call is included as LEONARD telephone PALERMO at this same number on January 27, 1959, and it has been described as the nonpublished telephone of [redacted] in Philadelphia. There is no indication on the telephone record as to the name of the person called because the number was dialed directly rather than utilizing the long distance telephone operator.) b6 b7C

1/1/59	11:12 am	Philadelphia (To [redacted]	HI 9-1585	4'14"	$3.55

(This call is included because LEONARD has stated he has been instructed by PALERMO to ask for [redacted] at the listed number in Philadelphia, where LEONARD says a woman always answers the telephone. This telephone is listed to [redacted] Pennsylvania, reportedly a girl friend of FRANK PALERMO.)

4/12/59	10:19 am	Philadelphia (To [redacted]	HI 9-1585	4'29"	$4.10

(This call included for the same reasons as the call above.)

Calls to [redacted]

1/2/59	8:16 am	Miami, Florida	JE 8-4304	2'42"	$3.50
2/17/59	4:16 pm	"	"	3'58"	4.15

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An analysis of telephone calls made from telephone HIlltop 9-1585 listed to [redacted] Pennsylvania, where LEONARD had made calls to PALERMO asking for [redacted] during the period October 28, 1958, to April 21, 1959, shows that calls were made to JACK LEONARD as follows:

Date	Hour	Time	Charge
12/15/58	1:29 am	4'	$3.55
12/17/58	11:29 am	6'	5.45
12/17/58	11:57 am	1'	2.50
12/19/58	11:48 am	6'	5.45
12/22/58	1:16 pm	4'	4.15

An analysis of telephone calls made from telephone LOwell 8-3937 listed to BILL DALY, 165 Grand Avenue, Englewood, New Jersey, for the period November 12, 1958, through May 19, 1959, shows that calls were made to telephones listed to JACKIE LEONARD in Los Angeles on November 12, 1958; March 4, 1959; and April 29, 1959.

An analysis of telephone calls charged to the telephone of TRUMAN K. GIBSON, 511 South Drexel, Chicago, Illinois, telephone NOrmal 7-5978, to telephones listed to JACKIE LEONARD in Los Angeles shows that calls were made on December 28, 1958, January 24, 1959; and April 29, 1959.

An analysis of telephone calls charged to GIBSON's phone at NO 7-5978 shows a collect call was made by one PALERMO, DA 4-5311, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on April 29, 1959, to TRUMAN GIBSON at NO 7-5978. Telephone DA 4-5311 is listed to Joey's Restaurant, 600 East Wyoming Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, with service billed to [redacted] at that address. A check of the toll calls from the telephone discovered no phone calls on April 27, 28 or 29, 1959, to Los Angeles.

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A check of toll calls made from HIlltop 9-1585 from April 21, 1959, to May 19, 1959, discovered no toll calls to Los Angeles.

A telephone call was charged to the residence telephone of BILL DALY on May 11, 1959, the call being made to HIlltop 9-1585 in Upper Darby, Pennsylvania.

A check of the telephone calls charged to GIBSON's phone at NO 7-5978 shows that on May 5, 1959, a call was charged to that phone which was made to GEORGE TOBIAS, Room 663, Beverly Hilton Hotel, Los Angeles, telephone CRestview 4-7777. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] Intelligence Division, Los Angeles Police Department, made available to SA [redacted] a

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Records of the Los Angeles County Superior Court were checked on June 10, 1959, by SE [redacted] They show in case No. [redacted] a complaint for divorce was filed September 12, 1958, by [redacted] plaintiff, against

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On May 25, 1959, IC [redacted] checked the files of the Records and Identification Division, Los Angeles Police Department, against the name of FRANK PALERMO. An arrest record was found on one FRANK PALERMO, Los Angeles Police Department No. 480922-P, indicating he was arrested by the Los Angeles Police Department on May 6, 1959, and charged with violation of Section 484, Penal Code (petty theft; shoplifting). No disposition was listed in the file. He was described as male; caucasian; born January 26, 1905, in Pennsylvania (city not given); height 5'5"; weight 160 pounds; hair gray; eyes brown; stated he was self-employed in the restaurant business; and gave his residence address as 800 North 64th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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This individual has the following additional identification record under FBI No. 626755 as of June 22, 1959:

Contributor of Fingerprints	Name and Number	Arrested or Received	Charge	Disposition
Co Prob Off Media Pa	FRANK PALERMO #2091	Jan 1933 (day of month not given) prt rec 1/23/33	susp	1/16/33 disch
PD Phila Pa	FRANK PALERMO #80583	1/14/33	susp char	
Phila Co Prison Holmesburg Pa	FRANK PALERMO #9850	5/16/34	lottery	6 mos 6/1/34 reconsider to 60 das 7/14/34 disch 1/14/48 pardoned by St Bd
PD Wash DC	FRANK PALERMO #211 DC Boxing Commission	boxing manager 3/26/43		
St Athletic Comm Sacramento Calif	FRANK PALERMO #8158	manager's lic 5/6/48		
PD Phila Pa	FRANK PALERMO #241909	not given FP 8/15/50	reckless use of firearms vio Unif Firearm Act aslt w/i to kill	

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Contributor of Fingerprints	Name and Number	Arrested or Received	Charge	Disposition
Dept of Corr Div of Criminal Ident Albany NY	FRANK PALERMO	inquiry 4/28/51		
PD St Louis Mo	FRANK PALERMO #78376	6/6/58	sus gamb & narc	
PD Los Angeles Calif	FRANK PALERMO #LA 480 922-P	5/6/59	484 PC (PT) (shop-lifting) Bkg 850907	

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FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (92-642)

RE: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, aka;
JACKIE LEONARD, aka - VICTIM;
ET AL
EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING

Los Angeles "Mirror News" today carries article stating JACKIE LEONARD had answered one of five anonymous phone calls made to his office, the latest on 7/4/59, when the caller told LEONARD, "If you don't pull away from the police something will happen to your kids."

LEONARD is quoted as saying one of his employees, unidentified, was told, presumably in one of the calls, "He can't have the cops around forever."

Article quotes Los Angeles Chief of Police WILLIAM H. PARKER as saying he ordered the police bodyguard on LEONARD to be withdrawn at LEONARD's request. PARKER is quoted, "He apparently believes that the constant personal attendance of police officers is interfering with his ability to pursue business activities." LEONARD was quoted, "I no longer desire such protection... and I absolve the police department from further responsibility."

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News article states LEONARD accompanied DON N. CHARGIN, Oakland fight promoter, to the Federal Building here yesterday, where CHARGIN "testified before a special grand jury probing organized rackets." (CHARGIN is associated with LEONARD in promoting boxing matches at Hollywood Legion Stadium.)

Chief PARKER, according to article, said he was unaware of "new threats but said he had heard in a round-about way that LEONARD had been threatened about 10 days ago."

In view of Bulet 6/24/59 LEONARD has not been reinterviewed and he has not volunteered to this office any information concerning threats reported in above news article.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-3092)
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FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (92-642)

RE: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, aka;
JACKIE LEONARD, aka - VICTIM,
et al
EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING

Los Angeles "Mirror News" today carries article stating witnesses before special Federal Grand Jury, Los Angeles, today include DON NESSETH, Manager of Welterweight Champion Boxer DON JORDAN. Article states NESSETH is expected to retell testimony previously given "at a California Athletic Commission hearing that he had received threats from underworld figures BLINKY PALERMO and FRANKIE CARBO, who wanted to cut in on JORDAN's contract".

Other witnesses before Grand Jury today apparently have no connection with Boxing inquiry.

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TITLE OF CASE

FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, Aka.;
JACKIE LEONARD, Aka. - VICTIM;
[redacted], Aka. -
VICTIM

Report made by: [redacted] Typed By: jvd

CHARACTER OF CASE

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EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING

REFERENCES: Report of SAA [redacted] dated June 30, 1959, at Chicago.

Chicago airtel to Los Angeles dated July 7, 1959.

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THE LOS ANGELES DIVISION

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

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Will advise the Chicago Division when preservation of toll tickets and microfilm at [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, is no longer necessary, so that same may be destroyed.

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The information obtained from the [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, was made available to SAA [redacted] by [redacted] Security Department. She advised that the microfilm of the long distance calls will be retained indefinitely.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to:

Report of: SAA [redacted] Office: Chicago, Illinois
Date: July 21, 1959

File Number: Chicago 92-732 Bureau 92-3092 b6 b7C

Title: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, Aka.;
JACKIE LEONARD, Aka. - VICTIM;
[redacted] Aka. -
VICTIM

Character: EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Schedule prepared of all long distance, (ld) calls charged to SEeley 3-5317, SEeley 3-5121, SEeley 3-5315, SEeley 3-5316, from microfilm at [redacted] for a period from about December, 1958 to June, 1959. FRANK PALERMO stayed at the Bismarck Hotel, Chicago, from 4/30/59 to 5/1/59, in room number 1012. Twenty-one ld calls charged to him but only record of six calls available at hotel. Photograph of registration card and six ld toll tickets obtained from hotel. No record of any credit plans at United Airlines, Chicago, in name of TRUMAN GIBSON, International Boxing Club, International Boxing Enterprises, Inc., or Chicago Stadium Corporation located. Chicago telephone number Rogers Park 4-0423 is registered to [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The subscribers to Chicago telephone number Rogers Park 4-0423, are [redacted] Chicago, Illinois.

The subscriber to telephone number FRanklin 2-9000 is the United Press Association, 400 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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These phone numbers were obtained on June 23, 1959, from the [redacted] through a public source and made available by dialing a certain number.

On June 20, 1959, SAA [redacted] physically observed that 110 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois, is located in a city block, a block which is completely occupied by the City Hall building.

On June 30, 1959, [redacted] special investigator, United Airlines, 5959 South Cicero, advised SAA [redacted] that he could find no record of any credit plans at United Airlines in the name of TRUMAN GIBSON, International Boxing Club, International Boxing Enterprises, Inc., or Chicago Stadium Corporation.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORT

Date July 9, 1959

[redacted] was interviewed at her place of employment, Bismarck Hotel, 171 West Randolph Street, where she is employed as [redacted] She furnished the following information:

FRANK PALERMO of 800 North 64th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, occupied room number 1012 at that hotel from April 30, 1959 to May 1, 1959. He checked in at 2:25 A.M., May 1, 1959. (Check in time between 12:01 A.M. and about 7:00 A.M. is figured as the previous day.) A notation on the ledger card indicated that the cost of the room was to be billed to "IBC, TRUMAN GIBSON, Chgo. Stadium, [redacted] Cgo Stadium."

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The name and address of the room occupant on the registration card was apparently in the handwriting of PALERMO.

The ledger card indicated the following charges for long distance telephone calls on May 1st:

$1.93 - $4.62 - $11.88 - $1.32 - $2.15 - $1.54 - $4.84
$1.05 - $2.42 - $ 2.42 - $1.54 - $1.10 - $1.54 - $2.42
$2.42 - $1.98 - $ 2.86 - $1.21 - $1.21 - $1.21 - $1.21

The hotel's long distance telephone call toll tickets revealed that PALERMO was charged with a call to Los Angeles, California, HO 5-0248 for two minutes costing $1.93. A time stamp on the reverse side shows the time as 10:43 A.M. The time stamp is the approximate time of completion of the call. PALERMO was charged with a call to Hollywood, California, PA 6-9746, POWERS, lasting about five minutes. It is time stamped 11:17 A.M. and cost $4.62. He was charged with a call to Los Angeles, RI 8-4009, PARNASOLS, for seventeen minutes costing $11.88. Ticket not time stamped. He made a call to Hollywood, ___5-3303 for three minutes costing $2.42. Ticket not time stamped. PALERMO was charged with a call to Los Angeles, DA 3-2297 for three minutes costing $2.42. Ticket not time stamped. He was charged with a call to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, FU 9-6441 for two minutes costing $1.21. Ticket not time stamped.

Interview with [redacted] File # 92-732

on 7/1/59 at Chicago, Illinois Date dictated 7/7/59

by Special Agent [redacted] Jem

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[redacted] made available the registration card and six toll tickets for reproduction by the FBI. She stated that no other toll tickets were available probably due to misfiling. The original above mentioned documents were returned to [redacted] on July 7, 1959.

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (92-732) DATE: July 8, 1959

FROM : SAA [redacted] Date Dictated: 7/7/59

SUBJECT: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO;
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The records of the [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, revealed on June 29, 1959, that telephone number SEeley 3-5121 is a main line at the International Boxing Club, Incorporated, 1838 West Madison Street, and telephone numbers SE 3-5315-16-17 are trunk lines on the main line. All numbers are non-published.

Telephone number SE 3-5300, which is the main line for Chicago Stadium Corporation and International Boxing Club, Incorporated, serves the following telephone numbers:

SE 3-5301, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11
SE 3-5041
SE 3-5326-5328-5331-5362, 3
SE 3-5455
SE 3-5312, 3, 4 - 5387

Any calls to the above phones would go through the SE 3-5300 number.

On June 30, 1959, the review of a long distance toll ticket revealed that on May 5, 1959, at approximately 12:06 a.m., a call was made from Chicago telephone number NOrmal 7-5978 to Los Angeles, CR 4-7777, GEO. TOBIAS, Rm. 663, Beverly Hilton Hotel. The duration of the call was 12 minutes and 30 seconds and cost $7.15. A photostat of this toll ticket was furnished to SAA [redacted]

On June 29, 30 and July 1 and 2, 1959, the long distance toll tickets, on microfilm, for telephone numbers SE 3-5121, SE 3-5315, 6, 7 for the period from about December, 1958, through part of June, 1959, were reviewed at [redacted] by SAA [redacted] All long distance calls charged to the above telephones during this period are as follows in schedule form:

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Long Distance Calls Charged To
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DATE 1958	TO
12/13	"CHARL", D15-3863 to [redacted]
12/15	New York, C15-8100
12/16	" " " "
12/22	Philadelphia, H19-1585
12/22	New York, C15-8100
12/22	~~Portland, Oreg.~~, ~~GA3-6552~~, San Francisco, PR6-5577 to Ford
12/23	New York, CI5-8100
12/23	" " " "
12/23	" " " "
12/23	Los Angeles, HO5-3303
12/23	" " HO5-1091, to Leonard (at 3:15 pm for 3 min. 24 sec
12/23	" " HO5-3303
12/24	" " HO5-3303, to Lenard (at 2:46 pm for 1 min. 15 se
12/24	Philadelphia, HO8-2925 to [redacted]
12/24	Racine, Wis., ME2-1359
12/24	" " ME2-1539
12/24	New York, Circle 5-8100
12/26	Los Angeles, HO5-3303
12/26	Miami, PL9-5804 to [redacted] from Truman Gibson
12/27	Los Angeles, HO5-3303 from Truman Gibson at KE8-5200
12/27	" " HO9-2951
12/29	Honolulu, 994321 to [redacted] Rm 703
12/29	Philadelphia, HO8-2925
12/29	New York, C15-8100
12/29	" " " "
12/29	Philadelphia, HO8-2925 to [redacted]
12/29	Chicago, SE3-5317 to Truman Gibson Collect from Los Angeles RE5-9606 from [redacted]
12/30	New York, C15-8100
12/30	" " PL1-2580 to [redacted] from [redacted]
12/30	Los Angeles, WE6-3730 to [redacted]
12/30	Tampa, ~~993653~~ WE 9332 to [redacted] from Truman Gibson
12/30	St. Louis, M17-1500 to [redacted] (Sec) from Gibson
12/31	White Plains, 109-8999
12/31	New York, C15-8100
12/31	" " D14-0760 to [redacted] from Truman Gibson
12/31	Racine, Wis. ME2-1539
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1/2	New York, CI5-8100
1/2	" " EN2-2963
1/5	Philadelphia, PE5-4091 to Herman Taylor from Truman Gibson
1/5	" HO8-2925 to Tony Feranti from Gibson
1/5	New York, MO6-7400 to Ray Robinson from Truman Gibson
1/5	Houston, CA7-1816 to Vissesci
1/6	New York, C15-8100
1/6	Philadelphia, CL9-4254 to McKinney

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Chicago, Illinois

DATE	TO		
1/6	Philadelphia,	HO8-2925	
1/7	New York,	C15-8100	
1/7	" "	" "	
1/7	Miami,	JE8-4304 to [redacted]	b6 b7C
1/7	"	" " to Chris Dundee	
1/7	Houston,	CA7-1816 to [redacted]	
1/7	Montreal,	RE8-9000 to [redacted]	
1/8	Chicago,	SE3-5317 collect from Miami, JE8-4304 fro Sundan	
1/9	New York,	D14-0760 to [redacted] from Truman Gibson	
1/9	" "	C15-8100	
1/9	" "	" "	
1/9	" "	" "	
1/14	" "	PL1-2586 to [redacted]	
1/14	" "	C15-8100	
1/14	" "	" "	
1/14	" "	" "	
1/14	" "	D14-0760 to Freeman	
1/14	Portland, Oreg.	CA3-6552	
1/15	New York,	C15-8100	
1/15	" "	PL1-2580 to [redacted]	
1/15	Miami,	NO7-9425 to [redacted] from [redacted]	
1/16	Local	YE8-4400 (Chicago suburban toll call)	
1/16	New York,	C15-8100 from Truman Gibson at NO7-8031	
1/17	Ottowa, Can.	E4-5346 to [redacted]	
1/19	New York	E14-0760 to [redacted] from [redacted]	
1/19	" "	PL1-2580 to [redacted]	
1/19	~~Miami~~ New York,	~~PL9-5800~~ to [redacted] Park Sheraton Hotel fro Truman Gibson	
1/19	New York,	C15-8100	
1/19	" "	" "	
1/19	Los Angeles	WE6-2077 to [redacted]	
1/20	Jersey City, N.J.	HE4-1123 to [redacted] (at 1:24pm for 4 min. 22 sec	
1/23	Washington D.C.	NO7-5115 to [redacted]	
1/23	New York,	D14-0760 to [redacted] from Truman Gi	
1/23	" "	L03-3185 to [redacted] from Truman	
1/23	" "	C15-8100	
1/23	" "	" "	
1/23	" "	D14-0760 to [redacted] from Gibson	
1/23	Hollywood, Cal.	5-3303 to Leonard	
1/23	Los Angeles	R18-4009 to [redacted] from Truman Gibson	
1/23	Miami	JE8-4304 to Dundee from Truman Gibson at NO7-5	
1/26	New York	C15-8100	
1/26	" "	" "	
1/26	" "	D14-0760 to [redacted] from Truman Gibson	
1/26	" "	C15-8100	

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DATE 1959	TO	
1/26	New York	PL1-2580
1/26	" "	" "
1/26	Miami	MO1-0265 to [redacted] from Dibson
1/27	Chicago,	SE 3-5317 collect from Los Angeles, DU7-7011, Dibson, Rm. 568
2/1	Toronto	OX4-8211 to [redacted]
2/2	New York	C1 5-8100
2/2	" "	" "
2/2	St. Louis	MI7-1300 to [redacted] from Dibson
2/2	" "	MA1-3770 to [redacted]
2/2	" "	PA 5-2500
2/3	Philadelphia	HI9-1585
2/8	Fanwood, N.J.	27542
2/8	Ottawa	CE4-5346
2/9	Bronxville, N.Y.	DE7-1[illegible] from Truman Dibson at PL2-4498
2/9	New York	C15-8100
2/9	" "	CO5-6840
2/10	San Diego	BE2-8819 to [redacted]
2/10	Miami	JE8-4304 to Dundee
2/10	New York	~~OX7-9000~~ OX7-8181 ext. 297 from Truman Dibson at RA 2522 to Sales Manager
2/13	Chicago	SE 3-5317 Collect from Miami, UN5-7561 from Truman Dibson
2/15	Montreal, Can.	AV4-6651
2/16	New York	PL1-2580 to [redacted]
2/16	" "	C15-8100
2/16	" "	" "
2/16	" "	" "
2/16	Chicago	SE3-5317 Collect to Truman Dibson from Chris Dundee Tampa, Fla., 8-1329
2/17	Miami	DE8-4304 to Chris Dundee
2/17	New York	C15-8100
2/23	Los Angeles	R18-4009 to [redacted]
2/23	Miami	FR3-3381 to Ray Robinson, Rm. 242, Hotel
2/24	"	" " " " " Robinson, Rm. 242
2/25	"	PL9-5804
2/25	San Diego	BE2-8819 to [redacted] Pkg from Truman Dibson
2/25	" "	" " " to [redacted]
2/25	Los Angeles	WE6-8730 to [redacted] from Truman Dibson
2/25	New York	PL1-2580 to [redacted] from Truman Dibson
2/25	Miami	PL9-5804 to [redacted]
2/25	"	JE8-4304 to Chris Dundee
2/25	"	PL9-5804
2/26	New York	PL1-2580 to [redacted]
2/26	" "	C15-8100
2/26	Chicago	SE3-5317 Collect to Truman Dibson from New York MON6-7400, Sugar Ray Robinson

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3/1/59	Ottawa, Can.	CE4-5346
3/5	Chicago	SE3-5317 collect from Christ Dundey, Miami, JE_-8102
3/5	Columbus	AM 3-0472 to [redacted]
3/6	Chicago	SE 3-5317 collect to Miss ___ from Ft. Myers, Fla., WE 1-1058
3/11	San Diego	BE 2-8819 to [redacted]
3/11	New York	MU6-0920 to [redacted] from Truman Gibson
3/11	" "	MU6-7400 to Ray Robinson from Gibson
3/11	" "	LE 5-3552
3/11	" "	UN5-9806 to Sugar Ray Robinson from Truman Gibson at PL 2-4498
3/11	Los Angeles	WE 6-3730 to [redacted] from Truman Gibson at PL2-4498
3/11	Chicago	SE 3-5317 collect to [redacted] from Ivan, Ft. Myers, Fla., WE6-1058
3/12	Milwaukee	BR6-1764
3/12	New York	LE5-3552
3/12	" "	MU6-9200 to Rm. 946
3/12	" "	C15-8100
3/12	" "	" "
3/12	" "	" "
3/12	Los Angeles	R18-4009 to [redacted]
3/15	Ottawa, Can.	CE4-5346
3/16	San Diego	BE2-8819 to [redacted]
3/16	Washington, D.C.	D17-7700 to [redacted]
3/16	St. Louis	CE1-7486 to [redacted] from Truman Gibson
3/16	New York	MO6-6410 to Ray Robinson " " "
3/16	" "	D14-0760
3/16	" "	" " to [redacted] from Truman Gibson
3/16	Los Angeles	HO5-1091
3/16	Portland, Oreg.	CA6-2735
3/16	Miami	MO1-0365 to [redacted] from Truman Gibson at RE8-1132
3/21	New York	MO6-7400 from Truman Gibson at DA6-1359
3/23	Montreal, Can.	V12-7777 to [redacted]
3/23	Miami	MO1-0265 to [redacted] from Truman Gibson
3/23	"	JE8-4304 to Chris Dundy
3/23	Philadelphia	HO8-2925
3/23	New York	PL1-2580 to [redacted] from Truman Gibson
3/23	" "	MO6-7400 to Ray Robinson from Truman
3/23	" "	PL1-2580
3/23	" "	C15-8100
3/23	" "	PL1-2580
3/23	St. Louis	CE1-8487 to [redacted] from Truman Gibson
3/23	" "	CE1-7486

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DATE 1959		TO	
3/23/59	Chicago	SE3-5317	Collect to Truman Gibson from [redacted] Miami JE8-9539
3/24	Montreal	UN6-0814	to [redacted] from [redacted]
3/27	Los Angeles	HO5-3303	to Leonard (at 12:40 PM for 6 min. 24 sec.)
3/27	New York	CI5-8100	
3/27	Long Beach, NY	GE1-4378	to [redacted] from Truman Gibson at PL2-4498
3/28	Ottawa	CE4-5346	
3/30	San Diego	BE2-8818	to [redacted] from Truman Gibson
3/30	"Sac"	GI2-3841	to [redacted], California Hotel
3/30	San Francisco	PR6-5577	to [redacted]
3/30	New York	PL1-2580	to [redacted]
3/30	" "	CI5-8100	
3/30	" "	CO5-6800	to [redacted] from Truman Gibson
3/30	Chicago	SE3-5317	Collect to Truman Gibson from Los Angeles WE6-8730, [redacted]
3/30	"	" "	Collect to Truman Gibson from Los Angeles, DU7-7011, Bill Daily (at 11:33 am for 5 min 53 sec
3/31	Miami	JE8-4304	to Chris Dundee
3/31	New York	PL1-2580	to [redacted]
3/31	" "	DI4-0760	
3/31	" "	" "	to [redacted] from Truman Gibson
3/31	" "	CI5-8100	
3/31	" "	" "	
3/31	" "	KI9-9286	to Robinson from Gibson
3/31	" "	SU7-5000	to [redacted] from Truman Gibson
3/31	Montreal, Can.	RE8-9000	
3/31	Chicago	SE3-5317	Collect to Truman Gibson, from Los Angeles, OL2-6291, Beverly Hills, Sewell
4/1	New York	PL1-2580	to [redacted]
4/1	Miami	~~NE5-6546~~	FR9-5800 to [redacted]
4/3	Portland, Ore.	CA3-3056	to [redacted]
4/3	Los Angeles	NO1-5727	to [redacted]
4/3	" "	HO9-2951	
4/3	New York	CI5-8100	
4/3	" "	PL1-2580	to ~~Mobile~~ [redacted] on line from Truman Gibson
4/3	" "	" "	[redacted] from Gibson
4/3	" "	MO6-7400	to Sugar Ray Robinson from Gibson
4/4	Montreal	HA4-6651	
4/6	New York	PL1-2580	to [redacted]
4/6	" "	CI7-8810	to [redacted]
4/6	" "	DI4-0760	to [redacted]
4/6	" "	MO6-7400	to Sugar Ray Robinson
4/7	San Francisco	PR6-0666	to [redacted]
4/7	New York	DI4-0760	to [redacted] from Truman Gibson at KE8-5100
4/7	" "	PL1-258_	to [redacted] from " " " " "
4/7	" "	CI5-8100	" " " " " " "

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4/7/59	Chicago	SE3-5317	Collect to [redacted] from Miami, JE8-395?, Chris Dundee
4/8	New York	EL5-3498	
4/8	Columbus	AM8-6058	to [redacted]
4/9	New York	PL1-2580	to [redacted]
4/9	" "	SU7-5000	to [redacted] from Truman Gibson
4/9	Montreal	HU4-6651	to [redacted]
4/9	"	RE8-9000	to [redacted] from Truman Gibson
4/10	Los Angeles	HO5-3303	to Leonard (at 1:07 PM for 2 min. 17 sec.)
4/10	New York	DI4-0760	to [redacted] from Truman Gibson
4/10	" "	PL1-2580	to [redacted]
4/10	Chicago	SE3-5317	Collect to Truman Gibson from Buffalo, GAR 3445, [redacted]
4/13	New York	CI5-8100	
4/13	St. Louis	CE1-7486	to [redacted] from Truman Gibson
4/13	New York	DI4-0760	to [redacted] from Truman Gibson
4/13	Los Angeles	DU7-7011	to Bill Daly
4/13	New York	CI7-8810	to [redacted]
4/13	" "	JU6-0763	to [redacted] from Truman Gibson
4/13	" "	PL1-2580	to [redacted]
4/13	Miami	JE8-4304	to Dundee
4/13	Portland, Ore	RE5-9655	to [redacted] from Truman Gibson
4/13	Philadelphia	HO8-2925	
4/13	Chicago	SE3-5317	Collect to Truman Gibson from [redacted] Los Angeles, DL 2-6291
4/14	Chicago	" "	Collect from [redacted] Miami JE 8-4304
4/15	New York	PL1-2580	
4/16	Columbus	AM3-6058	
4/17	Montreal	VI9-1232	
4/20	Washington DC	DI7-7700	to [redacted]
4/20	New York	MO6-3400	
4/21	Philadelphia	HI9-1585	
4/21	New York	DI4-0765	to [redacted] from Truman Gibson
4/21	" "	PL1-2580	to [redacted] from Truman Gibson
4/22	Columbus	AM3-6058	
4/22	New York	DI4-0760	to [redacted]
4/22	" "	PL1-2380	to [redacted] from Truman Gibson
4/22	" "	WA3-3119	to [redacted] (at 3:45 PM for 4 min 2 sec.)
4/22	Washington DC	DI7-7700	to [redacted]
4/22	" "	" "	" " from Truman Gibson
4/23	St. Louis	CE1-7487	to [redacted]
4/23	Los Angeles	HO5-1091	to Leonard (at 1:03 PM for 3 min. 2 sec.)
4/23	San Francisco	PR6-5579	to [redacted]
4/24	Cleveland	BR1-2300	
4/24	Louisville	JU4-0605	to [redacted]

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4/24/59	Los Angeles	WE1-2230	to [redacted]
4/27	Louisville	JU4-0605	to [redacted]
4/27	Columbus	AM3-6058	to [redacted]
4/27	New York	C15-8100	to [redacted] from Mc Gibson
4/27	Los Angeles	H05-1091	to Leonard (at 1:43 PM for 6 min. 8 sec.)
4/28	San Francisco	PR6-0666	to Ford
4/28	Philadelphia	H19-1585	
4/28	Milwaukee	BR6-1764	to [redacted]
4/28	Montreal	WE5-7757	to [redacted] from Truman Gibson
4/28	Louisville	GL 8-3201	to [redacted] Rm. 201
4/28	Chicago	SE3-5317	Collect to Truman Gibson from Milwaukee BR6-1764 F___ ___ddy
4/28	New York	PL1-2580	to [redacted]
4/29	" "	C15-8100	
4/29	" "	" "	
4/29	" "	D14-2760	to [redacted] from Truman Gibson
4/29	Portland, Ore.	CA3-3056	
4/29	" "	" "	
4/29	Los Angeles	MA8-1245	to [redacted]
4/29	"	~~SF6-6038~~	H05-3303 to Leonard from Truman Gibson (at 11:20 PM for 5 min 10 sec.)
4/29	"	H05-3303	
4/29	"	"	
4/29	"	"	
4/29	"	R18-4009	
4/30	"	H05-3303	
5/1	Louisville	JU4-0605	to [redacted]
5/1	Philadelphia	TR8-2117	to [redacted]
5/1	Los Angeles	H05-3303	to Jack Leonard (at 4:06 PM for 7 min. 24 sec.)
5/1	"	"	
5/1	Portland	CA 3-3056	
5/1	Indianapolis	ME4-1361	to [redacted] Rm. 316
5/1	New York	MU6-0920	to Jack Hart from Gibson
5/1	" "	C15-8100	
5/1	" "	PL1-6800	
5/1	" "	D14-0760	to [redacted] from Truman Gibson
5/4	" "	C15-8100	to [redacted] from Truman Gibson
5/4	" "	"	to [redacted] from Truman Gibson
5/4	Milwaukee	BR3-5080	to [redacted] Rm 808
5/4	New York	C16-9100	to Rm 1110
5/4	" "	MU6-0920	to [redacted] from Gibson
5/4	Houston	CA7-1816	to [redacted]
5/5	Milwaukee	BR6-1764	to [redacted]
5/5	Los Angeles	H05-1091	to Leonard (at 1:12 PM for 1 min. 20 sec.)
5/5	" "	R18-4009	to [redacted]
5/5	San Diego	BE2-8817	to [redacted] from Truman Gibson

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DATE	TO		
5/5/59	Englewood, NJ	LO8-3937	to Daley
5/5	New York	PL1-2580	to [redacted]
5/5	Chicago	SE3-5317	Collect to Truman Gibson from Bill Daly Englewood, N.J., 408-3937
5/6	New York	C15-5489	
5/6	" "	MO6-7400	to ~~Sugar Ray Robinson~~ from [redacted]
5/6	" "	C15-5489	
5/6	Washington DC	DI7-7700	
5/6	" "	" "	
5/7	New York	PL1-2580	
5/8	" "	C15-5489	
5/8	" "	" "	
5/11	" "	C15-5989	
5/11	" "	C15-5489	
5/11	Los Angeles	DU7-7011	to Truman Gibson, Rm. 568
5/12	Syracuse	HA2-5861	
5/12	"	HA3-3861	to Norman Rothhold
5/12	New York	C15-8100	to [redacted] from Truman Gibson
5/12	Milwaukee	BR6-1764	to [redacted]
5/12	"	" "	
5/12	"	" "	
5/12	Miami	JE8-4304	to Chris Dundee
5/13	Philadelphia	HO8-1925	
5/13	"	" "	
5/13	Jefferson City, Mo.	68121	to [redacted]
5/13	Linden NJ	HU6-7915	
5/13	New York	RI9-9192	to [redacted]
5/13	" "	AV1-1410	
5/13	Buffalo	MAD 8700	to Buf ___ Sports Dept.
5/13	Chicago	SE3-5317	Collect to ~~Truman Gibson~~ [redacted] from Milwaukee, BR_-1704, [redacted]
5/14	Miami Bch. Fla	JE1-9504	
5/14	" "	JE8-3959	
5/14	Miami	JE8-3959	
5/14	Montreal	WE5-7959	
5/15	Miami Beach	JE8-4304	to Chris Dundee
5/15	Miami	NO1-0265	
5/15	Syracuse	~~HA2-5261~~	HA2-5861
5/15	New York	C15-8100	to [redacted] from Truman Gibson
5/15	Miami	NO1-0265	from Gibson at CA5-1000
5/15	New York	PL1-2580	to [redacted] from Gibson
5/15	" "	DI4-0760	
5/15	" "	PE6-7894	to [redacted] from [redacted]
5/15	" "	PL1-2580	to [redacted]
5/15	Chicago	SE3-5317	Collect to Truman Gibson from Milwaukee, BR6-1764, [redacted]

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DATE	TO		
5/16/59	San Francisco	GR4-5500	to [redacted] from [redacted]
5/18	Los Angeles	WE4-2206	to [redacted]
5/19	Columbus	AM3-6058	to [redacted]
5/20	Chicago	SE3-5317	Collect to Truman Gibson sta on line from Milwaukee, BR6-1764, [redacted]
5/21	Ottawa	CE4-5346	
5/22	New York	C15-8100	to [redacted] from Truman Gibson
5/22	" "	D14-0760	to [redacted] from Gibson
5/22	Chicago	SE3-5317	Collect to Truman Gibson from Camden, N.J. [redacted] ti, NO3-8634
5/22	"	"	Collect to Truman Gibson from Syracuse [redacted] 8-9875
5/25	New York	C15-8100	to [redacted] from Truman Gibson
5/25	Los Angeles	R18-4009	to [redacted]
5/25	New York	D14-0760	to [redacted] ety on line from Gibson
5/25	" "	"	to [redacted] from Truman Gibson
5/25	" "	"	" " " " "
5/26	Los Angeles	WE6-3730	to [redacted]
5/26	" "	R19-5171	to [redacted]
5/26	New York	B15-8100	to [redacted]
5/26	" "	PL1-2580	to [redacted] from Truman Gibson
5/26	" "	D14-0760	to [redacted]
5/26	" "	"	to [redacted] from Truman Gibson
5/26	Miami	JE8-3959	
5/26	"	"	to Dundee from Truman Gibson
5/26	Washington DC	D17-7700	to [redacted]
5/26	Philadelphia	HO8-2925	to [redacted]
5/27	Columbus	AM3-6258	to [redacted]
5/27	New York	PL1-2580	to [redacted]
5/27	" "	C15-8100	to [redacted]
5/27	" "	C17-7180	to [redacted]
5/27	" "	R19-9192	to [redacted]
5/27	Portland Ore.	C13-3056	[redacted]
5/27	No. Hollywood	377 8470	to [redacted]
5/27	Montreal	HU4-6651	[redacted]
5/28	New York	TR5-9440	to [redacted] from Truman Gibson
5/28	Los Angeles	WE6-3730	to [redacted]
5/28	Miami	PL9-5804	to [redacted]
5/28	Chicago	SE3-5317	Collect to Truman Gibson from Los Angeles (Beverly Hills) [redacted] OL2-6294.
6/1	Washington DC	D17-7700	to [redacted]
6/5	New York	C15-5489	[redacted]
6/9	Brownsville	IN6-1451	[redacted]
6/9	Montreal	~~WE5-7767~~	RE8-9000 to [redacted] from Gibson
6/9	New York	PL1-2580	to [redacted] from Truman Gibson
6/9	" "	D14-0760	to [redacted] from Gibson

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DATE	TO		
6/9/59	New York	MU5-8100	
6/9	" "	PL1-2580	to [redacted]
6/10	Montreal	RE8-9000	to [redacted] from Truman Gibson
6/10	New York	__1-2580	to [redacted]
6/10	" "	DI4-0760	to [redacted] from Truman Gibson
6/10	" "	PL1-2580	to [redacted]
6/10	Los Angeles	HO7-8708	
6/10	New York	_L5-3493	to [redacted]
6/10	Philadelphia	HI8-2925	to [redacted]

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1958		
12/26	Philadelphia	AO8-2925 to [redacted] from [redacted]
12/26	New York	CO5-6800 to A__SH from Gibson
12/29	Los Angeles	~~WE5-5327~~ WE6-3730 to [redacted]
12/29	" "	HO5-3303
1959		
1/2	Miami	JE8-4304
1/2	New York	C15-8100
1/3	Bronxville NY	DE7-0700
1/3	Los Angeles	WE5-5327 to [redacted]
1/5	" "	" "
1/5	" "	HO7-8708
1/5	New York	C15-8100
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1/5	" "	" "
1/6	" "	" "
1/6	" "	" "
1/9	" "	" "
1/9	Miami	JE 8-4304 to Dundee
1/15	New York	C15-8100
1/15	" "	C16-7360 to [redacted] from Gibson
1/15	Miami	MO1-0265 to [redacted]
1/15	New York	JU6-0132 to [redacted] from Gibson
1/16	" "	C15-8100
1/19	" "	" "
1/19	Houston	~~CA7-1816~~ JA2-9456 to [redacted]
1/26	New York	MU6-0920 to [redacted] from [redacted]
2/9	" "	MU6-9200 to Rm. 427
2/9	San Diego	BE2-8819 to [redacted]
2/10	New York	C15-8100
2/10	" "	CO5-6800 to [redacted]
2/10	Los Angeles	HO5-3303 to Leonard (at 12:08 pm for 4 min 47 sec.)
2/10	New York	C15-8100
2/16	Miami	JE8-4304 to Chris Dundy
2/16	"	JE4-~~9504~~ 4359 to Chris Dundee
2/16	New York	C15-8100
2/17	San Diego	BE2-8819 to [redacted] from Truman Gibson
2/21	Miami	FR3-3381 to [redacted]
2/24	New York	PL1-2580 to [redacted]
2/24	" "	C15-8100
2/24	San Francisco	PR6-0666 to [redacted] from Gibson
2/25	Sheboygan	GL7-9453
2/25	Portland, Ore.	CA3-6552 to [redacted]
2/26	New York	C15-8100
3/12	" "	PL4-0760 to [redacted] from Truman Gibson
3/20	" "	Circle 5-8100
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3/27	Montreal	RE7-7000	
3/27	Miami	PL9-5804	to Carnes from Truman Gibson
3/27	Philadelphia	HO8-2925	to [redacted]
3/27	New York	C15-8100	
3/27	" "	PL1-2580	
3/27	" "	MU6-0920	to [redacted] from Truman Gibson
3/27	" "	~~PA1-2380~~	EL 5-3493 to [redacted] from Truman Gibson
3/28	Long Beach, NY	CE1-4398	to [redacted] from Truman Gibson
3/31	Miami	~~JE8-4324~~	JE1-0427
3/31	"	JE 8-4304	
4/7	New York	C15-8100	to [redacted] from Gibson
4/9	" "	RA7-3211	to [redacted] #271
4/18	Portland Ore.	CA3-3056	
4/20	New York	C15-8100	
4/22	" "	" "	to [redacted] from Truman Gibson
4/22	Miami	MO7-9425	to [redacted] from [redacted]
4/23	New York	WH3-3119	to [redacted]
4/23	Philadelphia	HO8-2925	
4/23	St. Louis	MO7-1300	to [redacted] from Truman Gibson
4/27	Washington DC	~~D17-7700~~	EX 3-1313 to [redacted]
4/30	Los Angeles	ST6-6038	to Leonard from Truman Gibson (at 10:01 am for 6 min 46 sec.
4/30	" "	R18-4009	to [redacted]
4/30	" "	HO9-2951	
4/30	" "	HO5-~~3303~~	1091
4/30	" "	HO5-3303	
4/30	New York	D14-0760	to [redacted] from Truman Gibson
4/29	Chicago	SE3-5121	Collect to Truman Gibson from [redacted] MAD 68726 Phila. (at 1:11 pm, for 5 min 6 sec.
5/4	Los Angeles	DA9-6659	to [redacted] from Truman
5/4	" "	HO5-3303	
5/12	Cleveland	CH1-6651	to [redacted]
5/12	Los Angeles	R18-4009	to [redacted]
5/12	Mullens, W. Va.	940	to [redacted] from Truman Gibson
5/12	Montreal	RE8-9000	to [redacted]
5/15	Miami	JE8-4304	to Dundy
5/15	Milwaukee	BR6-1764	to [redacted]
5/15	San Francisco	GR4-5500	to [redacted] Rm. 1506
5/18	Washington DC	D17-7700	to [redacted]
5/22	Miami	MO1-0265	to [redacted] from Gibson Truman
5/22	Los Angeles	CR4-7777	to [redacted] Beverly Hilton Hotel
5/22	Philadelphia	HO8-2925	to [redacted] ta from Gibson
5/25	Montreal	VI2-9251	
5/26	Syracuse	HY 2-9844	
5/27	New York	DE8-5944	to [redacted]
5/27	"Wh P"	TO9-8889	to [redacted]

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5/27	Philadelphia	HO8-2925	to [redacted]
5/28	New York	PL1-2580	to [redacted] from Truman Gibson
5/29	St. Louis	PA5-2500	to [redacted]
5/29	New York	C15-8100	
5/29	Miami	JE8-4304	Dunde
5/29	Philadelphia	HO8-2925	to [redacted]
5/29	Portland, Ore.	CA6-2735	to [redacted] from Gibson
6/9	Brownsville, Ore	ENTNG	9451
6/10	Montreal	RE8-9000	to [redacted]
6/10	New York	C16-4112	
6/10	" "	MU6-0920	to Hart from Truman Gibson
6/10	Houston	CA7-1816	to [redacted]
6/10	Portland, Ore.	CA3-3056	

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12/25/58	Bloomington, Ill	ED2-5898	to [redacted] from GR2-4471
1/5/59	Toronto, Can	EM8-3611	to [redacted], Photo Dept., Toronto Sky
1/8	Green Bay, Wis	HE7-0595	to [redacted]
1/13	Buffalo	MOH 1000	to [redacted] Statler Hotel
2/6	Green Bay	HE7-0595	to [redacted] from Dotlich
2/10	E. St. Louis	BR1-1600	to [redacted]
2/11	Rockton	RO2-8261	to [redacted]
2/11	Green Bay	HE7-0595	to [redacted] from Chgo. Stadium
2/26	Montreal	WE2 6131	to [redacted] from [redacted]
4/6	Omaha	ATL 6226	to [redacted]
4/18	Local	HA6-1422	
5/1	Ft. Wayne	EAST 6345	to [redacted] Bldg from [redacted]
5/12	Syracuse	HO8-4741	to [redacted]

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2/16/59	Local	Aurora 7-8491
4/30	Columbus	AM3-6050
5/1	New York	RE9-6484

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Assistant Attorney General
Malcolm R. Wilkey

July 20, 1959

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FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO;
JACKIE LEONARD - VICTIM
[redacted] - VICTIM
EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING

Our Los Angeles Office is in receipt of a request from United States Attorney Laughlin E. Waters for a full investigation of possible violations of Section 875, Title 18, United States Code, involving captioned individuals. The incident in question involves the alleged attempts of Palermo and Frank Carbo, well-known underworld figure, to secure an interest in the contract of world welterweight boxing champion Don Jordan. It has been the subject of widespread publicity, and has been publicly aired before the California State Athletic Commission.

There is attached the preliminary investigation which we have conducted in this matter so that you may have the benefit of the allegations and developments to date. The United States Attorney has expressed the opinion that a violation of Section 875, Title 18, United States Code, is indicated and that there is a possible violation of Section 1951, Title 18, United States Code. Any further investigation is being held in abeyance until you have had an opportunity to review this situation as there appears to be a real question as to whether the facts in the attached reports disclose a violation of the law within our jurisdiction.

Enclosures (5) (For description of enclosures, see page two)

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Attention SAC: You should advise USA Laughlin E. Waters in connection with his communication of 7/7/59, that this matter has been taken up with the Department of Justice by the Bureau. Copies of investigative reports should be furnished at this time. No further comment to be made.

NOTE: See memo Rosen to Director, 7/17/59, RGE/jdn.

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Enclosures - 1 cc each of following investigative reports:

Report of SA [redacted] dated June 26, 1959, at Los Angeles, re: "Frank 'Blinky' Palermo; Leonard Blakely - Victim; [redacted] - Victim; Extortion; Anti-Racketeering."

Report of SA Elmer F. Emrich dated June 16, 1959, at Miami, re: "Frank "Blinkie" Palermo; Jackie Leonard - Victim; Anti-Racketeering."

Report of SA(A) [redacted] dated June 30, 1959, at Chicago, re: "Frank 'Blinky' Palermo, Aka.; Jackie Leonard, Aka. - Victim; [redacted] Aka. - Victim; Extortion; Anti-Racketeering."

Report of SA Robert R. Hanni dated June 24, 1959, at St. Louis, re "Frank 'Blinky' Palermo; Jackie Leonard - Victim, [redacted] - Victim; Extortion; Anti-Racketeering."

Report of SA [redacted] dated June 13, 1959, at Los Angeles, re "Frank 'Blinky' Palermo; Leonard Blakely - Victim; [redacted] - Victim; Extortion; Anti-Racketeering."

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (~~92-3092~~)

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (92-642)

SUBJECT: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, aka.;
JACKIE LEONARD, aka. - VICTIM, ET AL
EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING

ReBulet 6/24/59.

By letter dated 6/26/59 there were forwarded to USA LAUGHLIN E. WATERS, Los Angeles, photostated copies of signed statements obtained from LEONARD BLAKELY, aka. JACKIE LEONARD, and from [redacted]

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By letter dated 7/7/59, signed personally by him, USA WATERS acknowledged receipt of Los Angeles letter described above, with enclosures. He wrote that testimony in a public hearing, 5/20/59, at Los Angeles by the California State Athletic Commission indicated possible violations of Title 18, U. S. Code, Sections 875 and 1951. He continued, "The statements clearly indicate a violation of the Extortion Statute Section 875 and do not preclude the possibility of violations of Section 1951.

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Memo Rosen to Director
Lt- AAG Wilkey, 2cc-LA
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"This is to request a prompt and thorough investigation of this matter under the above statutes. Specifically you are requested to conduct investigation of the following matters, among others:

"1) Alleged telephone calls between Frank Palermo and Blakely occurring within one week of October 22, 1958, received by Blakely in the office of [redacted] This investigation to include (a) interview of all persons present when the call was received, i.e., Truman Gibson, Jr., [redacted] and [redacted] (b) check of records of the Bismarck Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, for registration of Palermo under his own name or any of his known aliases including George Tobias; (c) check of said Hotel records for long distance telephone calls to the Olympic Auditorium, Los Angeles; (d) check of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, records for registration of Truman Gibson at or about this time; check of the same records for long distance telephone calls charged to Truman Gibson.

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"2) Regarding Blakely's trip to Miami on or about January 5, 1959, I would like to have the motel registrations for Blakely and Palermo, together with any witnesses who might have seen these two meeting with Frank Carbo. Long distance telephone calls charged to these individuals at the motels should be checked. Gabe Genovese and Chris Dundee should be interviewed concerning the alleged Miami motel meeting.

"3) Blakely indicates that shortly after the April 24th Jordan-Akins re-match, Truman Gibson called him (probably on Monday, April 27) regarding the net receipts for the fight. Interview Gibson regarding this and obtain supporting documents as to the telephone call. Obtain the cancelled checks that resulted from this transaction.

"4) Ascertain the origin of the threatening Carbo and Palermo telephone calls of April 28 to Blakely. Reinterview Blakely to determine whether Carbo exhibits any peculiar speech mannerisms or distinctive voice traits; and also as to whether he has any information indicating that the second Palermo call of that day, received by Blakely at home, was identified as originating from Philadelphia.

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"5) In the re-interview of Blakely ascertain, if possible, the Eastern city to which he placed a call for Palermo on or about February 1, 1959, the time of day when placed, and the number called. Question Blakely regarding his ability to identify the second individual to whom he talked in this call as Frank Carbo.

"6) In the interview with [redacted] cover all of the incidents described in the signed statements of Blakely [redacted]

"7) Interview [redacted] regarding his telephone conversation with Joe Sica, and any other information he may have with respect to the foregoing matters.

"8) Interview [redacted] with regard to the alleged meeting with [redacted] Frank Palermo in [redacted] hotel room at the Kingsway Hotel, St. Louis, on or about April 25, 1959.

"9) Interview [redacted] Publicity Director at the Hollywood Legion Stadium, as to any knowledge he may have of the incidents covered in the Blakely [redacted] statements.

"10) Check the telephone toll tickets on the telephones of Joe Sica and Louis Tom Dragna for the period of March, April and May, 1959.

"All of the foregoing is suggested by the signed statements submitted with your letter of June 26. In addition it is my hope and request that your organization conduct its usual thorough and careful investigation of any other leads, although not specifically requested herein by me, bearing on the possible violation of the indicated and the conspiracy statutes. I shall appreciate your keeping me advised of the progress and results of your investigation."

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Much of the requested investigation has been completed and is incorporated in reports previously submitted by Los Angeles and auxiliary offices.

Bureau permission is requested to conduct the additional investigation solicited by USA WATERS, and to submit an investigative report, with copy to USA, Los Angeles, setting forth results of all investigation conducted to date and results of additional investigation which may be authorized. No action being taken on USA's request pending Bureau instructions.

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-4092)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (92-642)

RE: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, aka;
JACKIE LEONARD, aka - VICTIM;
et al
EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING

Los Angeles newspapers report WILLIAM P. DALY, New Jersey boxing figure, who was a witness before the California State Athletic Commission last May 20, is scheduled to testify today before the Special Federal Grand Jury at Los Angeles. DALY has managed welterweight boxer VINCE MARTINEZ, and is an associate of numerous persons in the boxing field.

Papers report also that DON NESSETH, co-manager of welterweight world champion DON JORDAN, testified before the Special Federal Grand Jury on July 16, 1959, concerning attempts of FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO to gain partial control of his fighter. One new article identified PALERMO as "working for FRANKIE CARBO, reputed underworld czar of boxing, now under a conspiracy indictment" in New York state.

Above for information.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: July 17, 1959

FROM : A. ROSEN

SUBJECT: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, aka.;
JACKIE LEONARD, aka. - VICTIM
[redacted] aka. - VICTIM
EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING

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Since April 28, 1959, when information was developed by our St. Louis Office, the Bureau has been following the alleged attempts of Frank "Blinky" Palermo and Top Hoodlum Frank Carbo to take over control of the contract of world welterweight boxing champion Don Jordan. Victim [redacted] and victim Leonard is a Hollywood fight promoter.

It has been alleged that on April 28, 1959, a person believed by Leonard to be Top Hoodlum Frank Carbo contacted him by telephone and indicated he would like to gouge out his eyes. This caller also allegedly told Leonard that some day they would meet "at the crossroads" and that Leonard would be dead as a result of having double-crossed him in connection with his efforts to secure an interest in Jordan's contract. [redacted]

[redacted]

This case has been thoroughly and publicly aired before the California State Athletic Commission and has been the subject of intensive press coverage on the west coast.

The Los Angeles Police Department had this matter under active investigation beginning on April 28, 1959, and on June 3, 1959, it was publicly announced that Leonard had been beaten on that date by unknown assailants in the garage attached to his home. This was followed up by a public announcement on June 10, 1959, by Chief of Police William E. Parker of the Los Angeles Police Department who stated that it was the unanimous opinion of the detectives of his department who worked on the case that Leonard had not been beaten but had rather suffered from sudden physical disability which produced the "illusion" of a beating. Medical testimony is conflicting on this point, but in any event it would serve to impair the credibility of Leonard as a witness.

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In statements to the press on that date he expressed surprise over Parker's statement concerning the alleged beating. On May 26, 1959, the U. S. Attorney's Office in discussing this matter with our Los Angeles Office advised our Agents that on the basis of public testimony before the California Athletic Commission there appeared to be sufficient indication of a violation to proceed with the investigation. The Los Angeles Office then obtained detailed signed statements from Leonard [redacted] in an effort to pin the facts down.

Based on information developed by the Los Angeles Office from a preliminary investigation of the facts, a letter on June 26, 1959, was sent to the U. S. Attorney's Office forwarding copies of signed statements obtained from [redacted] Jordan. In this letter the U. S. Attorney's Office was advised that in the event any additional information having a bearing upon a possible violation of Federal statutes might be received that it would be promptlyfurnished his office.

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As a result of the extensive preliminary investigation it has been determined that while pressure has been exerted on Leonard and [redacted] to obtain an interest in Jordan's contract there is a real question as to whether the facts developed would appear sufficient to establish a violation.

In acknowledging the letter from the Los Angeles Office in his communication of July 7, 1959, U. S. Attorney Waters stated that it was his opinion that the signed statements and the testimony before the California State Athletic Commission indicated violations of the Extortion Statute and possibly of the Anti-Racketeering Statute and requested a full investigation.

RE EXTORTION STATUTE:

Any investigation along the lines of extortion would have to first prove in this case that an interstate communication occurred during which

threats of force or violence were uttered against the victim in furtherance of an extortion scheme. Our investigation does not establish that a communication of this nature has transpired except as reflected in the comments of Leonard [redacted] b6 b7C

RE ANTI-RACKETEERING STATUTE:

In order to establish a violation of the Anti-Racketeering Statute or Hobbs Act (Section 1951, Title 18, United States Code) it is necessary to prove that threats, force or fear were employed to induce extortion in interference of interstate commerce. The information developed indicates Palermo made an attempt to pull a shakedown through intermediaries. The investigation does not reveal, however, that it could be proven that the subject committed a violation of the Anti-Racketeering Statute since his one direct contact with [redacted] could not be substantiated. This meeting took place in a hotel room in St. Louis, Missouri, immediately after Jordan's successful defense of his welterweight title against Virgil Akins on April 24, 1959. At this time Palermo allegedly attempted to extort a percentage of Jordan's contract but the meeting was not witnessed by a third party and testimony as to what transpired would be only one man's word against another.

ACTION BEING TAKEN:

This appears to be a novel situation involving considerations of widespread interest. It concerns the fight racket, has been the subject of investigation and inquiry by the Los Angeles Police Department, the California Athletic Commission, and a Federal Grand Jury. The waters have been muddied by statements by Chief Parker and conflicting press accounts. It is noted, however, that no mention of the FBI has been made in the press coverage of this incident. In view of the basic facts and the questions of law which may be raised it would be well to submit this matter to the Department for an opinion before we proceed in order to ascertain that we are on sound ground. There is attached for approval a letter to Assistant Attorney General Wilkey forwarding copies of Bureau reports and requesting that the matter be given consideration. We will take no action with respect to the requested investigation on the part of U. S. Attorney Waters until the Department has given its opinion inasmuch as the great amount of local interest may have affected the U. S. Attorney's decision to the point where it is not focused in proper perspective.

Mark Rose for one 7/17

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

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TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: August 3, 1959

FROM : Malcolm R. Wilkey, Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

MRW:PW:sll
123-12-89

SUBJECT: Frank "Blinky" Palermo;
Jackie Leonard - Victim
[redacted] - Victim
Extortion; Anti-Racketeering

After review of the report of SAA [redacted] dated July 21, 1959 we request that the investigation of this matter be continued in accordance with our memorandum of July 30, 1959 and the recent request of United States Attorney Laughlin E. Waters.

We assume that a copy of [redacted] report has been forwarded to Mr. Waters.

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To: SAC, Los Angeles

From: Director, FBI

FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, aka.
JACKIE LEONARD, aka. - VICTIM
[redacted] aka. - VICTIM
EXTORTION, ANTI-RACKETEERING

Enclosed is a copy of a letter from the Criminal Division of the Department dated July 30, 1959, which is self-explanatory.

You should immediately initiate a full investigation of this matter, endeavoring to prove or disprove allegations of victims [redacted] Leonard.

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United States Attorney Laughlin E. Waters should be advised of the Department's decision and of the Bureau's investigation.

This matter should receive continuous investigative attention and all leads promptly and thoroughly handled. A report reflecting the completed investigation should be submitted to reach the Bureau no later than August 24, 1959. In addition, the Bureau should be kept currently advised of all pertinent details.

Enclosure

NOTE: See Cover Memo, A. Rosen to the Director, same caption, dated 7/31/59, HAS:bhg.

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TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation DATE: July 30, 1959

FROM : Malcolm R. Wilkey, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division MRW:PW:sll 123-12-0

SUBJECT: Frank "Blinky" Palermo;
Jackie Leonard - Victim
[redacted] - Victim
Extortion; Anti-Racketeering

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We refer to your memorandum of July 20, 1959, which raises the question as to whether the facts related in the preliminary reports of this case disclose a violation of the law within the Department's jurisdiction.

It is noted that these reports indicate that Palermo attempted to obtain a share of Don Jordan's purses and threatened to interfere with the first Virgil Akins - Don Jordan welterweight championship fight unless his demands were met. In addition there are allegations that Palermo, sometime subsequent to April 24, 1959, in a telephone conversation with Jackie Leonard concerning the payment of a share of Jordan's purse for the second Akins - Jordan fight referred to what had happened to Ray Arcel. There are also allegations that on or about April 28, 1959, a person identified as Frank Carbo made threatening statements to Leonard which referred to both Leonard and [redacted]

It is our opinion that if the latter allegations are true they indicate a clear violation of 18 U.S.C. 875. If the first allegation is also true it may well constitute a violation of 18 U.S.C. 1951.

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Under the circumstances we believe that the matter does come within the Department's jurisdiction and join in United States Attorney Laughlin E. Waters' request for a full investigation of the matter.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-4092)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (92-642)

SUBJECT: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, aka;
JACKIE LEONARD, aka - VICTIM;
ET AL
EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING

OO: Los Angeles

Rerep SA [redacted] dated 6/13/59 at Los Angeles, page 49.

Victim LEONARD stated he received telephone call 4/28/59 from FRANKIE CARBO in which conversation CARBO threatened LEONARD with violence to his person.

LEONARD stated that shortly thereafter he received phone call from PALERMO in which PALERMO indicated knowledge of CARBO's call to LEONARD. These calls led LEONARD to conclude CARBO and PALERMO must have been together when calls made although LEONARD did not know place of origin for either call. Both received by LEONARD at his office phone, HOllywood 5-3303, non-published number.

LEONARD stated received call later that evening at home phone from PALERMO who referred to earlier calls. b6 b7C

On page 46 of rerep LEONARD told of sending $1725 check on PALERMO's instructions, to [redacted] Philadelphia, Pa.

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Philadelphia determined phone at that address in name [redacted] believed [redacted]

Check of long distance phone calls from FUlton 9-6441, [redacted] Philadelphia, for period concluding 4/28/59 determined person to person call made 7:38.1 PM EDST (4:38 PM PDST) on 4/28/59 to JACK LEONARD, HO 5-3303, Los Angeles, Calif., lasting 6.6 minutes, ending 7:44.7 PM. Second call same date to HO 5-3303, Los Angeles, made at 7:51.3 PM, ending 7:54.5 PM EDST (4:54 PDST).

On 4/29/59 at 10:58.2 PM EDST (7:58 PDST) call made to JACK LEONARD at STate 6-6038, Van Nuys, Calif., which is residence phone of LEONARD, lasting 3.9 minutes.

Photostated copies of phone company toll tickets for these calls obtained, forwarded Los Angeles by Philadelphia airtel dated 7/23/59.

Calls also made from FUlton 9-6441 to LI 7-0148, [redacted] N. J., [redacted] residence, on 5/8,9,12/59.

Philadelphia preparing report on above investigation.

LEONARD has stated he does not know [redacted] or her true identity.

Foregoing circumstantial evidence may indicate threatening call to LEONARD in Los Angeles by [redacted] was made from telephone FUlton 9-6441, Philadelphia, Pa., on 4/28/59.

Above for Bureaus information

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Date 9/3/59

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ACTION DESIRED

[ ] Acknowledge
[ ] Assign ..... Reassign .....
[ ] Bring file
[ ] Call me
[ ] Correct
[ ] Deadline .....
[ ] Deadline passed
[ ] Delinquent
[ ] Discontinue
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[ ] Initial & return
[ ] Leads need attention
[ ] Open Case
[ ] Return with explanation or notation as to action taken.

[ ] Prepare lead cards
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[ ] Recharge serials
[ ] Return assignment card
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SEAL CONSOLIDATION

Re Philadelphia report SA [redacted] 8/14/59.

Attached are supplemental pages 2a through 2f, to be inserted in rerep to include complete listing of all toll calls previously furnished as leads in PH airtel of 6/11/59 to LA and appropriate offices.

ENCLOSURE

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TO : The Director

DATE: July 31, 1959

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, aka.
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Following alleged attempts by Frank "Blinky" Palermo and top hoodlum Frank Carbo during April, 1959, to take control of the contract of world welterweight boxing champion Don Jordan the Bureau conducted a preliminary investigation to determine if there had been a possible violation of the Extortion or Anti-Racketeering Statutes.

Jackie Leonard is a Hollywood fight promoter and [redacted]

It was alleged that on April 28, 1959, Leonard received a telephone call threatening him with physical violence and death. He tentatively identified the caller as Frank Carbo. Prior to this call Palermo allegedly had attempted to obtain a share of Don Jordan's purses and had sought to control his contract. These threats allegedly resulted from Leonard's [redacted] failure to accede to Palermo's demands. This matter has received considerable publicity, especially after Leonard's alleged beating by an unknown assailant in his garage on June 3, 1959.

United States Attorney Laughlin E. Waters, Los Angeles, was furnished results of preliminary investigation, including copies of signed statements obtained from [redacted] Jordan. On July 7, 1959, United States Attorney Waters stated that it was his opinion, based on facts available, that information developed indicated possible violations of the Extortion Statute and possibly the Anti-Racketeering Statute. He accordingly requested a full investigation. Prior to initiating investigation requested by United States Attorney Waters, investigative reports were furnished to the Department.

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Memorandum to the Director
Re: Frank "Blinky" Palermo

By letter dated July 30, 1959, Assistant Attorney General Malcolm R. Wilkey advised that if allegations made by the victims are true they indicate a clear violation of Section 875, Title 18, United States Code (Extortion Statute) and a possible violation of Section 1951, Title 18, United States Code (Anti-Racketeering Statute). In this regard, the Department requested a full investigation of the matter.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN

Los Angeles is being instructed to initiate an immediate full-scale investigation of this matter, to be completed by August 25, 1959.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office	Office of Origin	Date	Investigative Period
PHILADELPHIA	LOS ANGELES	AUG 14 1959	6/1-7/23/59

TITLE OF CASE	Report made by	Typed By:
FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, aka; JACKIE LEONARD, aka-Victim [redacted] aka - Victim	SA [redacted]	FPK
	CHARACTER OF CASE: EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING	b6 b7C

Synopsis

References

Report of SA [redacted] 6/26/59, Los Angeles.

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Leads

NEWARK:

AT HADDON TOWNSHIP, N.J.:

Will ascertain from arrest records available informatio re Philadelphia address, previous arrest and background of [redacted] arrested 5/30/59, by Detective [redacted] New Jersey State Police, and New York City Detectives in company with FRANK CARBO. [redacted] was charged with delaying the apprehension of a fugitive (per Philadelphia airtel 7/22/59).

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Leads (continued)

CHICAGO, DETROIT, MIAMI AND ST. LOUIS:

Will ascertain identities of subscribers to telephone numbers called from Hilltop 9-1585 between 10/22/58 and 4/21/59, as listed on page attached report (per Philadelphia airtel 6/11/59).

PHILADELPHIA:

AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.:

Will continue inquiries to ascertain identities and background of [redacted] b6 b7C

Administrative Data

Information regarding identity of the subscriber to Hilltop 9-1585, and toll calls made from that number secured by SE [redacted] from [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

Information regarding the identity of the subscriber of Fulton 9-6441 and toll calls made from that phone were secured by SE [redacted] from [redacted]

Verifax copies of the [redacted] toll tickets re calls made from Fulton 9-6441, to Los Angeles and Van Nuys, Calif., on 4/28 and 29, 1959, were forwarded to the Los Angeles Division on 7/23/59. These copies were secured 7/22/59, by SE [redacted] from [redacted] of Pennsylvania. The originals of these tickets are being reserved by [redacted] in the event they are required as evidence in court.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA [redacted] Office: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Date: AUG 14 1959
File Number: Philadelphia 92-745
Title: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO;
JACKIE LEONARD - VICTIM
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Character: EXTORTION
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Numerous phone calls to points throughout the United States made from Hilltop 9-1585 listed to [redacted] Pa., reported friend of PALERMO. Two calls made on April 28, 1959, and one on April 29, 1959, to JACKIE LEONARD at Los Angeles and Van Nuys, Calif., from Fulton 9-6441, located in home of [redacted] reported friend of PALERMO. Background [redacted] set out.

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DATE: 6/10/59

TO: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (92-745)

Dictated: 6/5/59

FROM: SE [redacted]

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SUBJECT: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO;
JACKIE LEONARD - VICTIM
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On June 1, 1959, it was ascertained from records of the [redacted] of Pennsylvania that Hilltop 9-1585 is listed to [redacted] Pa., a suburb of Philadelphia.

The records further showed that from October 22, 1958, to April 21, 1959, the following toll calls were made from that number:

CHICAGO — Tolls on HI 9-1585 from 10/22/58 to 4/21/59

DATE	TIME	NUMBER	MIN.	COST
10/28/58	11:46 a.	Chicago-SE 3-5455	2	$ 1.40
10/29/58	10:49 a.	" AMB 2-7079	11	4.60
11/10/58	11:16 a.	" AM 2-7079	9	3.80
11/25/58	10:49 a.	" NOR 7-5978	1	1.40
11/25/58	10:56 a.	" SY 3-5317 to [redacted]	1	1.95
11/25/58	11:29 a.	" KE 8-4440 to GIBSON	2	1.95
12/15/58	1:01 p.	" SEE 3-5121 to [redacted]	3	1.95
12/15/58	1 p.	" SEE 3-5121	1	1.40
12/16/58	12:09 p.	" SEE 3-5455	6	2.60
12/17/58	11:58 a.	" SEE 3-5455	1	1.40
12/22/58	12:58 p.	" SEE 3-5121	5	2.20
12/21/58	12:01 p.	" AM 2-7079	14	4.40
4/19/59	11:33 p.	" NO 7-5978	1	1.10
4/19/59	11:28 p.	" NO 7-5978	3	1.10
4/20/59	11:46 p.	" ROG 4-6423	23	7.10

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To SAC, Los Angeles (92-642)

From Director, FBI (92-3092)

FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO; JACKIE LEONARD - VICTIM; [redacted]
[redacted] - VICTIM; EXTORTION; AR.

ReBuairtel 8/4/59, requesting that investigation be completed in this matter by 8/25/59. Bureau desires that this deadline be met and that your complete recommendations for further action in this matter be submitted. Assure that auxiliary offices complete outstanding investigation and that sufficient copies of reports from all offices are furnished to allow for proper dissemination. Any current significant developments should be immediately furnished to the Bureau by appropriate communication.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office	Office of Origin	Date	Investigative Period
LOS ANGELES	LOS ANGELES	8/21/59	6/9 - 8/20/59

TITLE OF CASE

FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, aka;
JACKIE LEONARD, aka - VICTIM;
[redacted] aka -
VICTIM

Report made by: [redacted]

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CHARACTER OF CASE

EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING

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REFERENCES: Report of SA [redacted] dated 6/26/59 at Los Angeles.
Reports of SAA [redacted] dated 6/30 and 7/21/59 at Chicago.
Report of SA ROBERT R. HANNI dated 6/24/59 at St. Louis
Los Angeles airtel to the Bureau dated 8/20/59.
Report of SA [redacted] dated 8/14/59 at Philadelphia.

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Three copies of this report are supplied the Bureau because this investigation involves currently developed data which may later indicate a violation of the Anti-trust Statutes. b6 b7C b7D

Information relating to records of the [redacted] were made available on June 16, 1959, to SE [redacted] by [redacted] Los Angeles, California.

Copies of this report are being supplied the Chicago, Newark, Philadelphia and St. Louis offices because subsequent investigation in those cities appears a possibility.

LEADS

MIAMI OFFICE

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Will attempt to identify [redacted] who reportedly drove a red Plymouth automobile, accompanied by FRANKIE CARBO to New Jersey in May, 1959, just before CARBO was arrested there. When CARBO was frequenting the Mariner Motel, 702 North Surf Road, Hollywood, Florida, in March, 1959, he was accompanied by a man called [redacted] described as in his early 30's, fat, dark complexion, wore sport shirt. JACK LEONARD states person who drove PALERMO and LEONARD in Miami in January, 1959, may have had nickname of [redacted] although he thought the true given name of this person was [redacted]

This lead was forwarded Miami by radiogram August 17, 1959.

NEW YORK OFFICE

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK:

Will check records of Diner's Club, Inc., 10 Columbus Circle, New York 19, for account of FRANK PALERMO, Sr., Samson Restaurant-Delicatessen, 111 South 39th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, account No. 5GA708. Determine therefrom cities where charges were made to this account on or about October 22 and 23, 1958, April 23, 24, 28 and 29, 1959, and obtain photo-

stated copies of any items showing places where purchases made. It is believed PALERMO was in Chicago on October 22 and 23, 1958, St. Louis, Missouri, on April 23 and 24, 1959, and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on April 28 and 29, 1959.

This lead was forwarded New York via radiogram on August 19, 1959.

LOS ANGELES OFFICE

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA:

Will present this matter to the United States Attorney at Los Angeles for prosecutive opinion.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Report of: [redacted]
Office: LOS ANGELES
Date: August 21, 1959

File Number: 92-642 Bufile 92-4092

Title: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO;
JACKIE LEONARD - VICTIM;
[redacted] - VICTIM

Character: EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Toll calls made from residence telephone of WILLIAM P. DALY, 165 Grand Avenue, Englewood, New Jersey, from 11/19/58 through 5/19/59 listed. Telephone subscribers to numbers called in California identified. Toll calls charged to public telephone, Englewood, New Jersey, sometimes utilized by DALY, listed for period 5/6 to 14/59. PALERMO identified by witness as identical to person using name LEW GROSS when registering at Chateau Motel, 191st Street and Collins Avenue, Sunny Isles, Florida, 1/6/59, assigned room adjoining that occupied by guest JACK LEONARD. Witness identified photograph of PALERMO as person who registered at Blue Mist Motel, 191st Street and Collins Avenue, Sunny Isles, Florida, 6/5/59 under name GEORGE TOBIAS. Witness identified photograph of PALERMO as person who registered as LEW GROSS at Last Frontier Motel, 195th Street and Collins Avenue, Sunny Isles, Florida, on 12/11/58 and 1/2/59. On each registration different residence address was given. JACK LEONARD received $1,000 Western Union money order 12/22/58 with name of BILL DALEY as sender. In signed statement, LEONARD said PALERMO subsequently claimed he had sent money and not WILLIAM P. DALY, described it as loan, not repaid. LEONARD deposited money in personal bank account. Documents relating to this transaction described. Physical descriptions and identification records of FRANKIE CARBO, aka, FBI No. 187972, LOUIS THOMAS DRAGNA, aka, FBI No. 4677209, JOSEPH SICA, FBI No. 343378, WILLIAM PHILLIP DALY, FBI No. 142653-C, and available physical description of TRUMAN K. GIBSON, Jr., Chicago, Illinois, President of National Boxing Enterprises, Inc., set forth.

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TO : SAC, NEWARK (92-714)

DATE: 6/10/59
Date dictated 6/10/59

FROM : SA [redacted] b6 b7C

SUBJECT: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO
ANTI-RACKETEERING

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Records of the [redacted] were reviewed on June 9, 1959, and reflected that the following out of state toll calls were made from telephone number Lowell 8-3937, subscribed to by BILL DALY, 165 Grand Avenue, Englewood, N.J., for the period November 19, 1958 through May 19, 1959:

CANADA

TELEPHONE NUMBER	DATE CALLED
RE 8-9000	10/25; 12/14/58; 1/20/59 (attempt to call [redacted] at Montreal) b6 b7C
LE 4-5186	10/25/58; 1/25/59 [redacted] Toronto, Ontario)
CL 1-9687	1/27/59 (Toronto)
WE 2-3786	1/28/59 [redacted] Montreal)

CALIFORNIA

HO 7-8708	10/31/58 [redacted], Hollywood) 3/16; 5/6/59
ST 6-6038	3/4/59
HO 2-9936	2/26/59 (collect call from [redacted]
OR 2-9931	2/23/59 (collect from BILL DALY at Inglewood, California)

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FLORIDA (CONT-D)

TELEPHONE NUMBER	DATE CALLED
PL 9-5804	12/17/58; 1/22,30; 2/3,4,24; 3/11/59
UN 5-2896	10/31/58; 11/20/58 [redacted] Miami Beach); [redacted] 3/2,7/59

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ILLINOIS

CE 6-0126	3/11/59 [redacted] Bismark Hotel, Chicago)
RA 6-7500	1/20/59 (Chicago, Room 1772 [redacted])
SE 3-5300	1/30/59 (Chicago, [redacted])
SE 3-5317	4/28/59 (GIBSON, Chicago)

MARYLAND

AT 2-2731	11/20; 12/2,4,14/58; 1/14,20; 3/2,15; 4/13; 5/1/59

MASSACHUSETTS

CO 7-5300	1/28/59 [redacted] Sheriton Hotel, Boston)
CH 3-4544	2/3/59
MI 8-1480	11/16/58 [redacted] Arlington, Massachusetts)

MINNESOTA

Minneapolis 2-3130	2/19/59

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Following is a physical description of TRUMAN K. GIBSON, Jr.:

Name	TRUMAN K. GIBSON, Jr.
Sex	Male
Race	Negro
Birth date	1912 (unverified)
Occupation	Attorney; President, National Boxing Enterprises, Inc., Chicago, Illinois
Residence	511 Drexel Avenue Chicago, Illinois
Business address	305 South Parkway Chicago, Illinois
Education	Ph.B and J.D. Degree from University of Chicago; admitted to Bar 1935; associated in law firm of Gibson and Gibson with H. H. C. GIBSON, according to Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory

Following is a physical description of LOUIS THOMAS DRAGNA:

Name	LOUIS THOMAS DRAGNA
Also known as	LOU ALLEN
Sex	Male
Race	Caucasian
Birth data	July 18, 1920 Los Angeles, California
Height	6'1"
Weight	195 lbs.
Hair	Brown - graying
Eyes	Brown
Scars	5" scar across left palm
Wife	
Residence	
Occupation	Proprietor of Sav-on Fashions, retail clothing store, 216 East Rowland Covina, California

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Date: 8/20/59

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[redacted] aka - VICTIM
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Re Bureau airtel, 8/18/59.

United States Attorney (USA) LAUGHLIN E. WATERS at Los Angeles has received the investigative reports submitted in this matter. The reports have been reviewed, and based upon that investigation, there has been drafted in the USA's office a proposed indictment, which has been submitted to the Department of Justice for approval. The USA desires to request [redacted]

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It has just been learned in confidence that the [redacted]

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[redacted] aka - VICTIM
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Information available indicates [redacted] b3

[redacted] before making final decision on indictment.

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Bureau will be advised upon receipt of results of Chicago FGJ inquiry, which USA here anticipates may take several days, in order to appear routine.

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To SAC, Los Angeles (92-642)

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From Director, FBI (~~92-3092~~)

FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, AKA.; JACKIE LEONARD, AKA. - VICTIM; [redacted] AKA. - VICTIM; EXTORTION; AR. b6 b7C

Reurairtel 8/20/59.

Continue to maintain close liaison with USA relative to action in this case. Advise Bureau immediately of Department advice to USA and during your contacts [redacted] Press release consideration will be given as case develops. b3

1 - Mr. DeLoach

NOTE: Frank Palermo, Frank Carbo, East Coast hoodlums and boxing promoters, are being investigated in connection with attempts to control welterweight boxing championship through threats to manager of current champion. U. S. Attorney, Los Angeles, has [redacted]

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JACKIE LEONARD, aka - VICTIM;
ET AL
EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING

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USA, LA, today made available [redacted] were received today by USA, Los Angeles, from USA, Chicago, after original records were subpoenaed by FBI, Chicago.

Report will be submitted describing these items.

No definite date for return of indictment has been scheduled. Indictments it will not occur until after 9/7/59. Bureau will be kept advised of all developments.

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FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, ET AL;
JACKIE LEONARD, AKA. - VICTIM; ET AL.
EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING

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Reurairtel 8-31-59 and Buairtel 8-24-59.

You are again reminded of the need for close liaison with U. S. Attorney this case.

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SAC is expected to give this case his personal attention and direction.

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1 - Mr. DeLoach
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LOS ANGELES	LOS ANGELES	9/1/59	8/21-31/59

TITLE OF CASE	Report made by	Typed By:
FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, aka; JACKIE LEONARD, aka - VICTIM; [redacted] aka - VICTIM	SA [redacted]	SCM

CHARACTER OF CASE

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Synopsis:

REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted] dated 8/21/59 at Los Angeles.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Information furnished from [redacted] was made available on 8/31/59 by the office of the U. S. Attorney, Chicago, Illinois to the office of the U. S. Attorney at Los Angeles, and by the U. S. Attorney at Los Angeles on the same date to SA [redacted] had been subpoenaed before a Federal Grand Jury at Chicago, Illinois where [redacted] of [redacted] were transmitted by the U. S. Attorney's office at Chicago. [redacted] were made available [redacted] by the FBI Office at Los Angeles, and [redacted] are retained in the Los Angeles FBI file as exhibits. [redacted] have been returned to the U. S. Attorney at Los Angeles.

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A copy of this report is supplied the Chicago Office for information as there may be some subsequent investigation conducted in Chicago relating to [redacted] described in this report.

The purpose of obtaining [redacted] was to insure the availability of this information for possible further use in court as evidence. b3
For this reason no indication was given on the subpoenas obtaining [redacted], according to the U. S. Attorney's office at Los Angeles, that [redacted] were obtained at the request of the U. S. Attorney at Los Angeles. He had requested that [redacted] be made available to the Federal Grand Jury at Chicago without indication as to the purpose for which the records were sought.

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Will follow this matter with the U. S. Attorney at Los Angeles for prosecutive opinion.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Los Angeles

Report of: SA [redacted]
Date: 9/1/59

Office: LOS ANGELES

Field Office File #: LA 92-642

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Title: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO;
JACKIE LEONARD;
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Character: EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING

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Synopsis: [redacted]

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (92-642)

DATE: 9/1/59

FROM : SA [redacted]

DICTATED: 9/1/59

SUBJECT: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO;
JACKIE LEONARD;
[redacted]
EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: September 2, 1959

FROM : A. ROSEN

SUBJECT: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, ET AL.
JACKIE LEONARD, ET AL. - VICTIMS
EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING

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The United States Attorney at Los Angeles has advised he expects a Federal grand jury

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1-Mr. DeLoach
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Memorandum to the Director

We initiated investigation in this case on May 8, 1959. The facts developed which have been presented to the grand jury and on which the indictment is predicated are as follows: b3

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USA, Los Angeles, plans presenting evidence to Grand Jury when it reconvenes on [redacted]

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES 2 P

FRANK QUOTE BLINKY UNQUOTE PALERMO, AKA., JACKIE LEONARD, AKA DASH VICTIM., ET AL, EXTORTION., ANTI RACKETEERING. RE BUTEL CAL SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN. [redacted] b3 b6 b7C

CALIFORNIA [redacted] INTERVIEWED TODAY AT [redacted] HE WAS A [redacted] HE SUBSTANTIATED INFORMATION FURNISHED BY LEONARD CONCERNING THAT PROMOTION, SAID FIGHT CANCELLED BY TRUMAN GIBSON WITHOUT ADEQUATE EXPLANATION TO [redacted] PROMOTERS LOST ABOUT SIX HUNDRED TO SEVEN HUNDRED DOLLARS. CONSIDERS LEONARD PERFORMED AS AGREED, THAT GIBSON ACTED UNFAIRLY TOWARD PORTERVILLE GROUP. USA CONSULTED FOLLOWING THESE DEVELOPMENTS, IS RECONSIDERING REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW OF GIBSON, WILL ADVISE DECISION TOMORROW. [redacted] TESTIFIED BEFORE FGJ [redacted]

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Office Memorandum · UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

DATE: September 9, 1959

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: SUBCOMMITTEE ON ANTITRUST AND MONOPOLY
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY
ESTES KEFAUVER, CHAIRMAN

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We have received a request from Senator Kefauver under date of September 5, 1959, in which he refers to the announcement on August 26, 1959, that the Antitrust and Monopoly Subcommittee, of which he is chairman, was to begin an investigation of the promotion of professional boxing contests.

He states information which has come to his attention from various sources indicates that racketeers and gangsters have generally infiltrated this great American sport.

He expresses the hope that the FBI has information on professional boxing and he requests of the Director his cooperation in making available to staff members of his committee such of this information as might be deemed proper.

WE HAVE RECEIVED NO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

As yet we have not had any contact by members of the staff nor is it indicated that any actual work has been instituted by Kefauver's subcommittee other than announcements concerning his intentions in various speeches. Preliminarily he may have talked with representatives of various sporting groups for the purpose of getting background information, which he refers to as his general source. In the event any request is received from a representative of his staff, the nature of the request will be immediately analyzed and recommendations submitted to the Director for appropriate action. No information will be furnished unless and until the Director passes upon it.

KEFAUVER'S REQUEST APPEARS TO BE MORE THAN JUST A CURIOSITY

It is significant that a request for information of the FBI comes from Kefauver at this time, particularly with the Congress

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so close and no actual hearings scheduled, at least to our knowledge. It would seem highly unlikely that any hearings would be forthcoming until after the first of the year. b6 b7C

Kefauver, we know, has been friendly with [redacted] of the Department. [redacted] went out to Chicago and [redacted]

[redacted]

There is no reason to expect that [redacted] has not continued his close contact with Kefauver, and this may be of significance in view of the Bureau's investigation of Frank Palermo, a Philadelphia hoodlum and prominent national boxing manager; and Frank Carbo, a New York hoodlum closely associated with boxing and considered a fixer; et al. Our investigation has been considered by the U. S. Attorney at Los Angeles as well as representatives of the Department, and we have been advised that it is the intention of the Department to have a true bill of indictment returned on September 15, 1950, at Los Angeles, California, in connection with these and other individuals.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

During the course of our inquiries concerning hoodlum activities, and in connection with the gathering of information concerning racketeers and others engaged in various types of activities which might presumably at some time or other come within the Bureau's interest, and in connection with inquiries into key figures in the rackets, we have obtained information from time to time concerning alleged irregularities in boxing as well as other sports.

There may be specific requests from Kefauver's committee for the Bureau to furnish to him information concerning certain individuals. This in turn may result in preparation of a memorandum which might be submitted to Kefauver concerning this matter. If we should honor these requests, we would be furnishing information to him concerning boxing. We have no

request at the present time and, if and when such a request is received, it will be given appropriate consideration and recommended action submitted to the Director. It does not appear at this time that we would have any justification for declining to furnish information in connection with specific name checks if to do so did not interfere with any action pending or contemplated in the Department of Justice. It would also seem proper that if any requests are received from Kefauver, they all be cleared with the Criminal Division before any information is furnished to Kefauver's committee.

A Key figure in the operation of any of these subcommittees is the counsel who generally is responsible for guiding the work of the subcommittee. The counsel and staff director of this subcommittee is Paul Rand Dixon. In 1957 we conducted a special inquiry investigation on Dixon at the request of the chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee. This investigation, which revealed that Dixon was from Tennessee and was previously employed as an attorney by the Federal Trade Commission, Washington, D. C., was entirely favorable. b3

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This case is to be presented to a Federal grand jury [redacted] at Los Angeles. [redacted]

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Memorandum to The Director

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Investigation Initiated in May 1959

We initiated investigation in this case on May 8, 1959. By way of background, in October, 1958, Palermo brought pressure on Jackie Leonard, West Coast boxing promoter, to secure a share of Don Jordan's earnings in exchange for getting a title fight for Jordan against the then title holder, Virgil Akins. Leonard agreed to Palermo's demands at the insistence of Truman Gibson, who was making the fight arrangements, and who promised to pay the money Palermo demanded. Neither Jordan nor [redacted] agreed to this arrangement. b6 b7C

Jordan won the welterweight title from Akins on December 5, 1958. Thereafter, Palermo continued his demands for a share of Jordan's earnings and Leonard, on January 27, 1959, paid Palermo $1,750 for which he was reimbursed by Gibson on February 16, 1959. Despite this payment, Palermo continued his threats. In addition to the threats made personally by Palermo, [redacted] Leonard were also threatened by subjects Carbo, Sica and Dragna, all of whom joined in the demand that Palermo be paid a share of Jordan's earnings. These threats were made by long distance telephone call and by personal visits in St. Louis and California.

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ACTION TO BE TAKEN

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2. A letter has been prepared to Senator Kefauver acknowledging the receipt of his request. This is attached for approval.

3. No information is being furnished to Senator Kefauver until a specific request is received and appropriate recommendation submitted to the Director.

4. A memorandum to the Attorney General, with a copy to Deputy Attorney General Walsh and Assistant Attorney General Wilkey, is attached for information advising the Attorney General of Kefauver's expressed intentions.

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TO DIRECTOR FBI

FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES 5 P

FRANK ~~QUOTE~~ "BLINKY" ~~UNQUOTE~~ PALERMO, also known as AKA, JACKIE LEONARD, AKA ~~DECEASED~~ VICTIM, ETAL, EXTORTION, ANTI RACKETEERING. REBUTELCALL SEPTEMBER FOURTEEN FROM SUPERVISOR [redacted] United States Attorney USA, LA, WILL [redacted]

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Butel call 9/15/59 Rosen to SAC memo. Acknowledged by tel call 9/16/59 from J.A. Sims

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: September 14, 1959

FROM : W. B. Welt

SUBJECT: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, ET AL.
EXTORTION, ANTI-RACKETEERING

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I telephonically contacted [redacted] Los Angeles Office, in absence of the SAC, relative to the above-captioned matter.

[redacted] advised that the U. S. Attorney was calling [redacted] before the grand jury [redacted]

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SA [redacted] was instructed to advise the Bureau by teletype tonight of the instructions furnished to the field relative to [redacted] He was instructed to keep the Bureau advised on a daily basis of pertinent facts.

At the present moment, the field is shooting for [redacted]

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES 1 P

FRANK QUOTE BLINKY UNQUOTE PALERMO, AKA, JACKIE LEONARD, AKA

VICTIM, ET AL. EXTORTION, AR. USA, LA TODAY STATED INTERVIEW OF b3

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September 19, 1959

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TO: SAC, Los Angeles

FROM: Director, FBI

SUBJECT: FRANK PALERMO
ET AL, EXTORTION—ANTIRACKETEERING

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Enclosed for each office receiving copies of this communication are [redacted]

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A Federal Grand Jury in Los Angeles [redacted]

The enclosed [redacted] should be reviewed by all offices and if any discrepancies are noted, Assistant Director C. D. DeLoach should be telephonically advised at once.

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TO DIRECTOR 9

FROM SAC, NEW YORK

FRANK PALERMO, ETAL, EXTORTION, ANTI- RACKETEERING. REURTEL INSTANT DATE.

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The Attorney General

September 23, 1959

Director, FBI

FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO
FRANK CARBO, LOUIS DRAGNA,
JOSEPH SICA, TRUMAN GIBSON;
[redacted] JACKIE LEONARD - VICTIMS;
EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING

In connection with the indictment returned on September 22, 1959, Special Agents of this Bureau arrested Frank "Blinky" Palermo, Frank Carbo, Louis Dragna, Joseph Sica and Truman Gibson. Palermo is a Philadelphia boxing figure and hoodlum. Carbo is a New York City boxing figure and hoodlum. Dragna and Sica have reputations as strong-arm hoodlums in the Los Angeles area. Gibson is a boxing promoter from Chicago who is closely associated with [redacted] national sports figure.

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These individuals were indicted in connection with their attempts to control the world welterweight champion, Don Jordan. All five individuals were charged with conspiracy, by threatening physical harm, violence, economic loss and injury to [redacted] and Jackie Leonard, boxing promoter, in order to obtain control of Jordan. The services of Sica and Dragna, persons with underworld reputations, as well as the influence of Gibson through his control of television boxing programs were used to further the demands of Carbo and Palermo.

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1 - Mr. Lawrence E. Walsh
Deputy Attorney General

1 - Assistant Attorney General
Malcolm R. Wilkey

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, LOS ANGELES

FROM SAC, PHILADELPHIA

FRANK PALERMO, FRANK CARBO, TRUMAN GIBSON, LOUIS DRAGNA, JOSEPH SICA, EXTORTION - ANTI-RACKETEERING. RE BU TEL NINE SEVENTEEN INSTANT. [redacted] b3 b7D

[redacted] PALERMO ARRESTED [redacted]

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URGENT 9-18-59 8-09PM RDF

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES 1P

FRANK QUOTE BLINKY UNQUOTE PALERMO, AKA - ET AL - JACKIE LEONARD, AKA - VICTIM, ET AL, EXTORTION, A-R. PROSPECTIVE DEFENDANT LOUIS THOMAS DRAGNA CURRENTLY ON TRIAL LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL COURT FOR CONTEMPT OF STATE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE. DRAGNA WAS WITNESS BEFORE COMMITTEE LAST NOVEMBER, REFUSED TO TESTIFY TAKING PROTECTION FIFTH AMENDMENT, WAS CITED FOR CONTEMPT. TRIAL IS WITHOUT JURY, HAS SEVERAL OTHER LOCAL HOODLUMS AS CO-DEFENDANTS. DATE TRIAL WILL CONCLUDE UNCERTAIN. USA, LOS

ANGELES, HAS BEEN ADVISED OF THIS STATE TRIAL. LEONARD RESIGNED TODAY AS MATCHMAKER AT HOLLYWOOD LEGION STADIUM. MANAGEMENT OF OLYMPIC AUDITORIUM, HIS FORMER COMPETITOR, TOOK OVER TO OPERATE SCHEDULED WEEKLY BOXING MATCHES. INFORMATION RECEIVED THAT OLYMPIC MANAGEMENT HAS PAID [redacted] GABE GENOVESE, AND CARBO IN PAST FROM FIGHT PROCEEDS. BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED ALL DEVELOPMENTS.

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TO: SAC, Baltimore

FROM: Director, FBI

SUBJECT: FRANK PALERMO
ET AL, EXTORTION--ANTIRACKETEERING

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A Federal Grand Jury in Los Angeles

The enclosed should be reviewed by you and if any discrepancies are noted, Assistant Director C. D. DeLoach should be telephonically advised at once.

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Reporting Office	Office of Origin	Date	Investigative Period
LOS ANGELES	LOS ANGELES	9/21/59	9/1-17/59

TITLE OF CASE
CHANGED
FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, aka.,
Lew Gross, George Tobias,
Mr. Bodone;
PAUL JOHN CARBO, aka.,
John Paul Carbo, Frankie Carbo;
TRUMAN K. GIBSON, JR.;
JOSEPH SICA; LOUIS THOMAS DRAGNA,
aka., Louis Tom Dragna;
JACKIE LEONARD (true name Leonard
Blakely), aka., Jack Leonard -
VICTIM;
[redacted] aka.,
[redacted] - VICTIM

Report made by [redacted]

Typed By: pra

CHARACTER OF CASE

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EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

The title of this investigation is marked changed to add the alias of LEW GROSS for subject PALERMO; to add the names and aliases of PAUL JOHN CARBO, TRUMAN K. GIBSON, JR., JOSEPH SICA and LOUIS THOMAS DRAGNA as subjects.

REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted] dated 9/1/59 at Los Angeles.

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AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA:

Will follow this matter with the Office of the U. S. Attorney, Los Angeles, relative to prosecution.

All offices receiving copies of this report will conduct investigation requested by separate communications in captioned matter that are not being repeated in this report.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Los Angeles

Report of: SA [redacted]
Date: September 21, 1959

Office: Los Angeles

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Title: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO;
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TRUMAN K. GIBSON, JR.;
JOSEPH SICA;
LOUIS THOMAS DRAGNA;

Character: JACKIE LEONARD - VICTIM
[redacted] - VICTIM
EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

[redacted] has made available [redacted] by Federal Grand Jury subpoena at Chicago. JACKIE LEONARD identified [redacted] as individual he previously believed referred to as [redacted] and who chauffeured LEONARD and PALERMO at Miami, Florida in January, 1959. LEONARD states he negotiated for boxing match scheduled by GIBSON for national TV at Porterville, California for 4/15/59, which was at first scheduled, then cancelled by GIBSON. LEONARD was to receive $6000 guaranty from gate receipts from Porterville group for arranging matches, received nothing as program not held. Denied receiving any advance from TRUMAN GIBSON or being owed any money by GIBSON re this promotion. Group of local businessmen at Porterville made arrangements for this program. Two of promoters claimed GIBSON cancelled program without adequate explanation to them.

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LA 92-642

DETAILS:

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA:

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (92-642) DATE: September 18, 1959

FROM : SA [redacted] Date Dictated: September 17, 195

SUBJECT: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO; b6
PAUL JOHN CARBO; b7C
TRUMAN K. GIBSON, JR.;
JOSEPH SICA;
LOUIS THOMAS DRAGNA;
JACKIE LEONARD - VICTIM;
[redacted] - VICTIM b3
EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORT

Date September 18, 1959

LEONARD BLAKELY, also known as JACKIE LEONARD, was interviewed at the Hollywood Legion Stadium on September 14, 1959. He was asked if he had ever discussed with TRUMAN K. GIBSON, JR., the promotion of a boxing match to be held outside the City of Los Angeles.

LEONARD stated he had negotiated with GIBSON at the request of a group of businessmen in Porterville, California. He said the businessmen represented some civic group that holds an annual celebration honoring sport figures of prominence and during the history of these celebrations they had never promoted a boxing program. He said it was their stated desire to have a nationally televised boxing match put on from Porterville, California in connection with their annual celebration in the spring of 1959.

LEONARD was asked to assist in such a promotion. He said he promised to contact TRUMAN K. GIBSON, JR. of the National Boxing Enterprises, Inc., Chicago, Illinois to see what arrangements might be made, informing the group from Porterville, which he said was led by one BOB BENNETT, an orange grower, that he, LEONARD, was scheduled to have about six televised boxing matches at the Hollywood Legion Stadium during 1959, that one such match would probably be held at about the same time the group desired one in Porterville and he was certain that both matches could not be televised.

LEONARD said he contacted TRUMAN K. GIBSON, JR. concerning the possibilities of the televised match at Porterville and in subsequent negotiations LEONARD said he was told by GIBSON that a match between GASPAR ORTEGA and DENNY MOYER would be held at Porterville and televised nationally on Wednesday night, April 15, 1959. LEONARD said he informed the Porterville businessmen of GIBSON's decision and that group took steps to obtain a boxing promoter's license from the California Athletic Commission and made other preparations for the proposed match. LEONARD said he was to assist in arranging the preliminary bouts to fill out the boxing program for the evening of April 15, but that the group at Porterville was to actually promote the matches while he would assist making only the preliminary matches.

Interview with LEONARD BLAKELY File # LA 92-642

on 9/14/59 at Los Angeles, California Date dictated 9/17/59

by Special Agent [redacted]pra

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He said GIBSON designated the fighters for the main event and the date on which the affair would be held.

LEONARD said he was to receive nothing as an individual in connection with this promotion, but that the Hollywood Boxing and Wrestling Club, of which he was an owner, was to be guaranteed $6,000 from the gate receipts of the program. He said no formal contract was ever drawn concerning the program, but that he asked the promoters in Porterville to write a letter to TRUMAN GIBSON, outlining their proposal for the program. He said such a letter was written at the time and he was informed then of the details, but does not at present recall all of them.

LEONARD said he was to receive no fee from TRUMAN GIBSON and was to receive no advance of any kind. He said the Porterville group put up a certified check as guaranty of the $6,000 they had promised to pay prior to the match.

LEONARD stated that at a subsequent time, which he believed was about four or five weeks prior to April 15, 1959, he received a telephone call from TRUMAN GIBSON who informed him that it would not be possible for the televised match to be held at Porterville. He said the reason for cancelling the match given by GIBSON was that the line charges for the telecast from Porterville were excessive. LEONARD relayed this information to the promoters at Porterville and suggested that they might wish to contact GIBSON directly or [redacted] the advertising agent for the television program. He said he was informed that the promoters did contact GIBSON and [redacted] directly, but that they were unsuccessful in obtaining the televised boxing program and it was not held. b6 b7C

LEONARD stated there was no substitute match held at the Hollywood Legion Stadium for the one that had been planned at Porterville.

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[redacted] whose residence address is [redacted] California and who said his occupation is that of [redacted] advised that he is frequently [redacted] and he can be reached there through telephone number HEmlock 7-8324 or GEneva 1-6765. [redacted] California, or by contacting [redacted] telephone HEmlock 6-6449. b6 b7C

[redacted] said he was [redacted] at Porterville, California known as the "Banquet of Champions". He said this annual banquet is promoted by the Porterville Quarterback Club, Inc., a group of local residents who are interested in sporting events. He said they desired to promote a boxing match in connection with their "Banquet of Champions" in March, 1959. While the event would bring in some money to the sponsors, he said the group turns over all profits either to school athletic programs in Porterville or to the Olympic Fund and as a result of these charitable ventures they receive the cooperation of numerous prominent individuals in sports and sports writers for newspapers.

In late December, 1958 while in Los Angeles, [redacted] and others discussed with sports announcer [redacted] the possibility of promoting a nationally televised boxing match from Porterville merely for publicity purposes in the city, as no such event had ever been held there. He explained that Porterville has a population of approximately 10,000, with a trade territory population of approximately 50,000 and the event would be planned for the high school gymnasium, where an audience of approximately 2,800 could be seated. He said he was confident the program would be a financial success. At the suggestion of [redacted] and associates contacted JACKIE LEONARD, boxing promoter at the Hollywood Legion Stadium late in December, 1958, presented their proposal and solicited his assistance.

[redacted] said LEONARD promised to contact TRUMAN GIBSON in Chicago to see what could be done and negotiations were immediately entered into for the proposed boxing program.

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on 9/15/59 at Long Beach, California Date dictated 9/17/59

by Special Agent s WILLIAM J. MALONE and [redacted] /pra

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Shortly thereafter LEONARD asked [redacted] to write a letter to TRUMAN GIBSON in Chicago setting forth the proposal of the Porterville group for financing the program and this was done. He said the group offered to guarantee JACK LEONARD or JACK LEONARD's club $6,000 to assist in promoting the fight and they wanted participants who had appeared previously on television programs. b6 b7C

[redacted] said he was subsequently notified by JACK LEONARD that TRUMAN GIBSON had approved of the televised program, had designated the date of April 15 and had designated the participants in the main event to be GASPAR ORTEGA and DENNY MOYER. [redacted] said he and his group were delighted at the prospects and immediately undertook preliminary arrangements, arranging with JACK LEONARD for the preliminary bouts on the program, soliciting funds from businessmen in Porterville to post the guaranty of $6,000, which they obtained, getting approval from the State Athletic Commission for a promoters license to promote this one program, arranged for the high school gymnasium and took out indemnity bonds to guarantee purses and other requirements of the State Athletic Commission. He said considerable sums were spent on telephone calls and the sponsoring group had finally spent about $600 to $700 on the promotion.

The group had wanted the boxing match to take place on a Friday night before the Saturday night "Banquet of Champions" in March, but were unable to obtain that time. He said they were nevertheless willing to proceed with the match as set by GIBSON.

A few weeks before April 15, 1959, exact date not recalled by him, [redacted] said he received a telephone call from JACK LEONARD telling him that TRUMAN GIBSON had cancelled the match. He said LEONARD suggested the Porterville group might wish to take the matter up directly with TRUMAN GIBSON and with [redacted] advertising agent for the program.

[redacted] said he contacted TRUMAN GIBSON several times by telephone and also [redacted] attempting to get the program reinstated. He said both [redacted] and GIBSON told him the line charges for televising a program from Porterville were excessive and for this reason they were unable to televise the program nation-wide. [redacted] said he

tried to get GIBSON to tell him exactly what the excess charges might be, but that GIBSON claimed he could not determine the exact amount from the telephone company. [redacted] said he made inquiry on his own and determined that the program could in all probability be telecast from Porterville more cheaply than the same program could be telecast from either San Francisco or Los Angeles. He said there were adequate television crews in Fresno, California which could handle the technical portion of the telecast and that he was so advised by officials of the American Broadcasting Company network. He said he was advised there was sufficient precedent in the industry for such a telecast as proposed for Porterville. He said he offered an additional $2,000 to GIBSON for the excess charges, if they should be that much. He said he also told GIBSON that if additional funds were needed he would make arrangements to guarantee them. b6 b7C

He concluded by saying he had talked to GIBSON in Chicago several times by long distance telephone and once called GIBSON at the Ambassador Hotel about April 1, 1959 from a telephone at Lebec, California and again tried to get GIBSON to reinstate the program, but was unsuccessful. He said he asked GIBSON to reconsider and perhaps reschedule the fight for some other date. He said GIBSON agreed to do so, but never did contact him again.

[redacted] said he and others connected with the promotion were practically assured the program would draw a gross of $13,000 to $14,000 and that there would be considerable surplus from the gate receipts over the expenses. He said [redacted] a contractor with offices in the Beverly Shopping Center at Porterville and [redacted] real estate dealer in Porterville were the prime movers in the proposed televised boxing match and as it "fell through" they considered themselves obligated to return all moneys which had been collected for the guaranty. This was done, he said, and he, [redacted] and [redacted] absorbed all of the costs incurred.

[redacted] said he believed LEONARD was just as anxious as the Porterville group to put on this televised match because LEONARD was to receive $6,000 for a club or for himself, and that this might be more than he would realize from putting on a televised boxing match at the Hollywood Legion Stadium as LEONARD would share none of the overhead costs of the Porterville match.

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said he believed LEONARD acted in complete good faith, but he said he did not believe TRUMAN GIBSON gave a satisfactory explanation to the Porterville group for cancelling the televised match.

In connection with the proposed program, said he attempted to have the former world champion heavyweight JOE LOUIS attend the "Banquet of Champions". He asked LEONARD to see if LOUIS would attend and LEONARD referred him to manager of the boxer and proprietor of the "Play Room Bar", in Los Angeles. He said he called who claimed that had refused to allow to appear on the proposed television program at Porterville. said the name of had not come up in their discussions and that the fighters designated for the match were selected entirely by TRUMAN GIBSON. He said claimed to be a close friend of TRUMAN GIBSON and JOE LOUIS and asked how much he would pay to have JOE LOUIS attend the banquet at Porterville. said he offered to give LOUIS $100 and his offer was not accepted, although said he would see if he could get LOUIS to attend. LOUIS did not attend the banquet.

said of Porterville had in his custody the records from the promotion of the proposed match at Porterville.

said he was led to believe the April 15 match would take place because LEONARD told him GIBSON had set the date and participants; boxing and TV program magazines listed the program; some newspapers reported the scheduled program; and personnel of the American Broadcasting Company TV studios contacted officials of the Porterville schools to make arrangements for surveying the gymnasium for the telecast. He said promoters of the program were actually awaiting the arrival of the TV representatives when they received a phone call reporting there would be some delay due to some unexplained, last minute development.

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[redacted] Porterville, California, advised that [redacted] and he, all of Porterville, endeavored to promote a nationally televised boxing match at Porterville in April, 1959 for the benefit of the "Banquet of Champions" Association. He said the boxing promotion failed to materialize. The promoting group raised sufficient money through donations from local citizens and business firms, had been granted a license by the California Athletic Commission and thought everything was in order for the boxing program until about two weeks before the scheduled event, when TRUMAN GIBSON of Chicago reneged on their agreement and the boxing program was never held. [redacted] stated GIBSON never did give the promoting group any kind of an excuse for his not going through with their proposed boxing program and that [redacted] and [redacted] spent at least $100 in telephone calls to GIBSON endeavoring to have GIBSON comply with the agreement.

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He said he believed JACKIE LEONARD, boxing promoter of Los Angeles, was really a "leg man" for GIBSON, that LEONARD acted in good faith, but in [redacted] opinion, GIBSON did not act in good faith.

[redacted] furnished a carbon copy of a letter dated January 31, 1959 from [redacted] addressed to TRUMAN GIBSON, Chicago Stadium, Chicago, Illinois. The text of the letter follows:

"Dear Sir:

"The Banquet of Champions Committee, a non-profit corporation, set up to assist all youth activities in the Porterville area, desires to promote a Nationally Televised fight card April 15, 1959.

"We have guaranteed Mr. Jack Leonard a $6,000.00 gross gate. We are quite willing to advance $3,000.00 upon signing an agreement and outlining our responsibilities,

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on 9/16/59 at Porterville, California Date dictated 9/18/59

by Special Age[redacted]pra

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"with the other $3,000.00 due prior to fight time.

"We will provide at our expense the complete facilities and location for fights. It will also be our responsibility to provide complete operational staff, including janitors, ticket takers, sellers, ushers, and police.

"We understand Mr. Jack Leonard will arrange the complete boxing card and assist us in the promotion.

"We would like a confirmation of this arrangement as soon as possible. I remain,

"Sincerely yours,

[redacted]

Porterville, Calif.

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"Copy: Mr. Leonard"

The foregoing copy of the letter was initialed by [redacted] on the reverse side for identification purposes.

[redacted] stated he appeared personally before the California Athletic Commission in San Francisco with an application for a license to promote the boxing matches on April 15, 1959 at Porterville. He said permission of the Commission was granted, the license approved, but that when the promotion failed, the license application was withdrawn and there never was an actual issuance of a license.

[redacted] said the sponsoring group were required to obtain indemnity bonds under regulations of the California Athletic Commission and these bonds had premiums totaling $283.50, the same being a $2,000 license bond, a $10,850 purses and fees bond and a $15,500 "no contest" bond and ticket refund bond.

He stated that since the boxing matches were cancelled, the sponsoring group had to pay only $50 on these bond premiums.

He furnished copies of these bond invoices indicating

the effective date of them was March 6, 1959 and the expiration date was April 30, 1959. The invoices were issued by the Allied Insurance Agency, Inc., Porterville, California under date of March 9, 1959 and the indemnity company was indicated as Columbia Casualty Company. He also furnished copies of notice of cancellation of these bonds by the Columbia Casualty Company bearing date of August 4, 1959 and addressed to the California Athletic Commission. These documents indicated the insured group was the "California Banquet of Champions Association of Porterville, California."

These documents related to the indemnity bonds were made available by [redacted] and initialed by him for identification. b6 b7C

[redacted] furnished three books of receipts numbered serially. These receipts bore the caption "Sponsor National TV Boxing, Porterville, Wednesday, April 15, 1959." [redacted] said that receipts were given to individuals who advanced money to provide the guaranty for the sponsoring group in the boxing promotion referred to above. Text of the receipt is as follows:

"Receipt is hereby acknowledged by the undersigned representative of the California Banquet of Champions Association for the amount shown above. It is understood by Depositor and said California Banquet of Champions Association that the funds hereby received by said association, along with other funds to be solicited and received from other depositors shall be used as a guarantee in the promotion of a Nationally Televised Fight Card in the City of Porterville on or about April 15, 1959. The guarantee shall include the sum of $6,000.00 gross gate to one Jack Leonard, and the necessary costs in local promotion, including facilities, gymnasium, ticket-sellers, ushers, police and janitors. Said association hereby agrees that depositor shall be refunded his deposit in full upon the successful promotion of the said fight card, or his pro-rata proportion of total funds received less actual costs of said promotion."

Examination of the receipt copies in the books shows that they were issued in each instance to depositors in the amount of $250.

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Date September 18, 1959

[redacted] State Athletic Commission of California, Room 403, Broadway Arcade Building, Los Angeles, California, advised that sometime early in 1959 one [redacted] of Porterville, California and JACKIE LEONARD, promoter of boxing at the Hollywood Legion Stadium, Los Angeles, came to the Office of the State Athletic Commission in Los Angeles in reference to a proposed boxing program to be held in Porterville, California. b6 b7C

[redacted] said he advised them that Porterville is about ten miles north of the dividing line in California for the northern and southern divisions of the Athletic Commission and that application should be made for that reason to the Athletic Commission Office in San Francisco, California.

[redacted] checked his records, stated he had no reference in his files to the visit and if there had been such a reference, he had transferred it to the San Francisco Office of the Commission or to the Commission Headquarters at Sacramento. He said his files did not indicate that a promoter's license had been issued by the Athletic Commission for the Porterville boxing program of April 15, 1959. He said he is aware that the program was not held.

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on 9/14/59 at Los Angeles, California Date dictated 9/18/59

by Special Agent [redacted] pra

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On September 5, 1959 a photograph of FRANKIE "BLINKY" PALERMO and [redacted] whose residence address was given as [redacted] New Jersey, photograph having been taken June 6, 1958 by the St. Louis Police Department, was displayed to JACKIE LEONARD at the Hollywood Legion Stadium. The photograph shows both individuals standing, full length, without hats, wearing street clothes. LEONARD positively identified the photograph of [redacted] as being one of the individual he had previously referred to only through the nickname [redacted] LEONARD stated this individual was the driver of the automobile in which LEONARD and PALERMO were driven from the Miami, Florida Airport to the Blue Mist Motel, Sunny Isles, Florida on the night of January 5, 1959 and from the Chateau Motel at Sunny Isles, Florida to the Miami Airport on the evening of January 6, 1959.

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The Attorney General

September 24, 1959

Director, FBI

EX: ARRESTS OF PALERMO, CARBO, DRAGNA, SICA, AND GIBSON

I was exceedingly pleased to receive your very favorable comments concerning the work of our representatives in the above-captioned matter. I was thoughtful of you to contact me in this regard, and, so that my associate who participated in the arrests may know of your kindness, I am making cop of your communication available to them.

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TO : J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: September 23, 1959

FROM : The Attorney General

SUBJECT:

I understand that the Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation who participated in the arrest of Palermo, Carbo, Dragna, Sica and Gibson, did an excellent job. Everything was well planned and organized and went off without a hitch. I realize how many problems are involved in a case of this kind and want you to know how much I appreciate your cooperation and that of the agents who worked on the case.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI, AND SAC, LOS ANGELES

FROM SAC, CHICAGO

FRANK QUOTE "BLINKY" UNQUOTE PALERMO, AKA., ET AL, EXTORTION., AR.

RE CHICAGO TELETYPE THIS DATE. SUBJECT GIBSON WAIVED RIGHT TO PRELIMINARY HEARING IN USDC, CHICAGO, BEFORE JUDGE IGOE THIS DATE. FIVE THOUSAND DOLLAR BOND MADE FOR APPEARANCE, USDC, SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES. JUDGE REQUESTED TO SEE INDICTMENT. LOS ANGELES ADVISE WHEN CHICAGO CAN EXPECT INDICTMENT AND ORIGINAL BENCH WARRANT AND IF FFL SUBMITTED RE GIBSON.

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Mr. Rosen

CC—MR. ROSEN

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

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FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, AKA., ET AL, JACKIE LEONARD, AKA. DASH VICTIM, ET AL. EXTORTION, AR. BUFILE NINETYTWO DASH FOUR ZERO NINE TWO. SUBJECTS SICA AND DRAGNA RELEASED ON BAIL DURING NIGHT BY USC THEODORE HOCKE, LOS ANGELES. USDC JUDGE PEIRSON M. HALL ORDERED INDICTMENT NO LONGER BE SEALED SINCE APPREHENSION OF ALL DEFENDANTS. SICA-S ATTORNEYS, [redacted] ASKED COURT TODAY FOR REDUCTION ON BAIL. HEARING SET FOR THAT PURPOSE BEFORE JUDGE HALL, SEPT. TWENTYEIGHT, NEXT. INDICATED DRAGNA-S ATTORNEY, [redacted] WILL JOIN IN SAME REQUEST. USA STATES HE WILL OPPOSE BAIL REDUCTION, WILL NOT AGREE TO RULE TWENTY PROCEDURE ON OTHER DEFENDANTS, IF REQUESTED. BENCH WARRANTS HAVE BEEN FORWARDED TO BALTIMORE FOR CARBO, CHICAGO FOR GIBSON, PHILADELPHIA FOR PALERMO. USA IS FORWARDING CERTIFIED COPIES OF INDICTMENTS TODAY TO APPROPRIATE USAS. LOS ANGELES PD ADVISED TODAY THEY WILL NOT GIVE OTHER THAN ORDINARY AND USUAL PROTECTIVE SERVICES TO LEONARD AFTER FIVE P.M. TODAY. WOULD CONSIDER SPECIAL REQUEST FOR PROTECTION FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. USA, LOS ANGELES HAS BEEN ADVISED. NO REQUEST HAS BEEN MADE OF PD TO PROTECT LEONARD. PD CLAIMS HAVE BEEN QUOTE CHECKING UNQUOTE AROUND LEONARD-S RESIDENCE.

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To: SAC, Los Angeles (92-642)

From: Director, FBI (92-4092)

FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, ET AL; JACKIE LEONARD, ET AL, VICTIMS; EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING; CONSPIRACY.

The Bureau is desirous of following the prosecution status of all subjects this case. All offices receiving this airtel will keep the Bureau advised by return airtel of subject's attempts to make bond including any reduction of bond recommended by U. S. Attorney.

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FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, ET AL; JACKIE LEONARD, ET AL - VICTIMS; EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING; CONSPIRACY.

In view of the complex investigation conducted in this case and the numerous key incidents that are involved in the proving of the charges against subjects, it is desired that a prosecutive summary report be prepared. This report should be set up in a manner that will clearly indicate the extent of each subject's participation in the violation charged. This report should be received at the Bureau by 10/28/59.

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: September 17, 1959

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: FRANKIE CARBO, et al
EXTORTION; ANTI RACKETEERING

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The Los Angeles Office has advised that a Federal Grand Jury [redacted]

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LUTHER A. HUSTON
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INFORMATION

There are attached ten copies of a press release together with photographs concerning the arrest today by the FBI of several individuals in connection with antiracketeering charges. Also attached is background data relating to each of those arrested.

I thought you might wish to make this material available to the press today.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: See Jones to DeLoach memo dated 9-17-59 captioned "Frankie Carbo, et al, Extortion; Antiracketeering. TFM:mbb

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
SEPTEMBER 22, 1959

The Attorney General announced the arrest today by FBI Agents of Frankie Carbo, aged 55; Frank "Blinky" Palermo, aged 54; Truman K. Gibson, Jr., aged 47; Joseph Sica, aged 48; and Louis Thomas Dragna, aged 39.

Special Agents of the FBI made all of the arrests with Carbo being taken into custody at a Baltimore, Maryland, hospital where he is a patient. Palermo was arrested at a service station, 2929 South 61st Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Sica was arrested in his automobile in the 700 block of South Fairfax near Wilshire Boulevard, and Dragna was arrested at a sportswear manufacturing firm 939 South Maple Street--both Los Angeles. Gibson was arrested in the 100 block of East 50th Street, Chicago, Illinois.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover stated that Carbo, Palermo, Gibson, Dragna and Sica were taken into custody on the basis of Federal warrants issued today at Los Angeles, California, charging that they conspired to violate the Federal Racketeering Statute (Section 1951, Title 18, U.S. Code), which prohibits interference with commerce by threats or violence, and with conspiring to violate the Federal statute relating to the interstate use of communications for extortion (Section 875, Subsection (b), Title 18, U.S. Code). Additionally, Carbo and Palermo are charged with the substantive offense of violating Section 875, Subsection (b), Title 18. All those arrested are charged with a violation of the Federal Conspiracy Statute.

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Conviction for violating the Federal Racketeering Statute calls for a maximum jail sentence of twenty years, a fine of $10,000, or both. The Extortion Statute provides for a maximum jail sentence of twenty years, a fine of $5,000, or both. The maximum penalty for violation of the Conspiracy Statute is five years' imprisonment, a fine of $10,000, or both.

Those arrested will be arraigned as soon as possible in the cities where arrested.

Background information regarding the five individuals arrested is attached.

SEPTEMBER , 1959

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Attorney General announced the arrest today by FBI Agents of Paul John Carbo, also known as Frankie Carbo, aged 55; Frank "Blinky" Palermo, aged 54; Truman K. Gibson, Jr., aged 47; Joseph Sica, aged 48 and Louis Thomas Dragna, aged 39. Those arrested were taken into custody in

FBI Director John Edgar Hoover stated that the arrests were made on the basis of Federal warrants issued in Los Angeles, California, on September , 1959. Carbo, Palermo, Gibson, Sica and Dragna are charged with violating

If convicted of the charges, Carbo, Palermo, Gibson, Sica and Dragna will each be subject to a jail sentence of up to years and/or a fine of up to

Background information regarding the five individuals arrested is attached.

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JOSEPH SICA

Sica was born August 20, 1911, at Newark, New Jersey, as Guiseppe Sigo. On January 10, 1928, his name was changed to Joseph Sica.

Sica, who has a tenth-grade education, claims to be employed as a carpet salesman and to have income from various property and business interests. Sica resides with his wife and child at 10219 LaTuna Canyon Road, which is in the Sun Valley area of Los Angeles, California.

Sica's arrest record goes back to June, 1928, when he was arrested at Newark, New Jersey, for robbery and, subsequently, received a jail sentence of three years. Since that time, he has been arrested on numerous occasions by several different police departments in New Jersey and California.

was rejected with a statement to the effect that the two prominent prize fighters elected officers of the enterprise had, like many other prominent and creditable persons, unwittingly allowed their names to be used by persons of ill designs.

TRUMAN K. GIBSON, JR.

Gibson was born in Atlanta, Georgia, January 22, 1912, and received his legal education in Chicago where he practiced law from 1935 through 1940. From the latter date until 1945, he served as a civilian aide to the Secretary of War in Washington, D. C., and in September, 1945, received the Medal for Merit from the Secretary of War.

Gibson returned to Chicago to resume the practice of law in 1946 and became active in various business concerns and civic organizations there. He now resides at 5111 South Drexel Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

In 1948 he became attorney for a former heavyweight boxing champion and since that time has been active in handling boxing matters generally. He was at various times secretary and a member of the Executive Board of the International Boxing Club (IBC) until it was dissolved by order of a New York Federal judge. Gibson is now President of National Boxing Enterprises, an Illinois corporation which he has stated is the successor to the IBC.

An article in the November 17, 1955, issue of a nationally circulated sports magazine alleges that in 1949, Gibson was the leading spirit in the creation of an enterprise called "World Champions Incorporated" which enterprise was formed with the single purpose of getting a franchise to sell beer in New York City. The license bid

FRANKIE CARBO

Frankie Carbo, who has used many aliases, was born on August 10, 1904, in New York City, and has been self-employed for the past 25 years. He maintains no permanent residence but travels extensively throughout the United States, frequenting leading hotels, especially in the New York City and Miami Beach, Florida, areas.

Carbo's long arrest record goes back to December, 1928, when he was charged with homicide by the New York City Police Department for the killing of an unarmed taxi driver. After some delay and a reduction of the charge to manslaughter, Carbo was convicted and sentenced to prison in Ossining, New York, where he spent less than a year before being paroled. In 1941, Carbo was indicted and tried for the Los Angeles murder of one Harry Greenberg. Carbo's first trial on that charge resulted in a hung jury and before the second trial could be commenced the indictment was dismissed on grounds of "insufficient evidence and in the interest of justice."

On May 30, 1959, Carbo was jailed by New Jersey police on the basis of a New York indictment charging him with undercover management of prize fighters and undercover matchmaking. He is presently free on $100,000 bond and no trial date has been set as yet.

Whenever a public investigation of boxing has been undertaken in recent years, Carbo's name has invariably been injected in the proceedings. As a result, numerous magazine articles and newspaper stories have referred to him as the "Underworld King of Boxing." An article in a nationally circulated magazine dated May 26, 1952, alleged that a nod from Carbo could be the turning point in a boxer's career.

FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO

Palermo, 54, of 800 North 64th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, has been active for many years as a manager of prize fighters and as a prize fight promoter. During this time he has had one of the most active stables of prize fighters in the country.

Palermo's arrest record goes back to 1933 and includes several arrests by police in Pennsylvania on a variety of charges. On June 1, 1934, he was sentenced to six months in jail on a lottery charge which was reduced to 60 days on July 14, 1934. On January 14, 1948, he was pardoned.

Palermo was arrested most recently by Los Angeles, California, police officers at Los Angeles International Airport in May, 1959, and charged with stealing two packages of chewing gum, two magazines, and two newspapers from the airport snack stand. He was jailed for this eighty-cent theft and charged with a misdemeanor. On June 22, 1959, Palermo failed to appear in court to answer to this charge and forfeited his bail amounting to $500.

During the years Palermo has been active as a manager of prize fighters, his stable has included such nationally known fighters as Ike Williams, former lightweight champion; Coley Wallace; Clarence Henry; and former welterweight champion Johnny Saxton.

An article in a New York newspaper dated July 4, 1955, describes a threat by Palermo to do physical harm to newsmen who referred to him as a criminal. This article suggested that Palermo confer with his "boss," Frankie Carbo.

LOUIS THOMAS DRAGNA

Louis Thomas Dragna, more commonly known as Louis Tom Dragna, was born July 18, 1920, at Los Angeles, California. He attended college in California from February, 1940, to the spring of 1942. Dragna entered the United States Army on April 8, 1943, and was honorably discharged on February 6, 1946. Dragna is employed as manager of Sav-On Fashions, Incorporated, 216 East Rowland, Covina, California. He resides at 1429 East Thelborn Avenue, West Covina, California.

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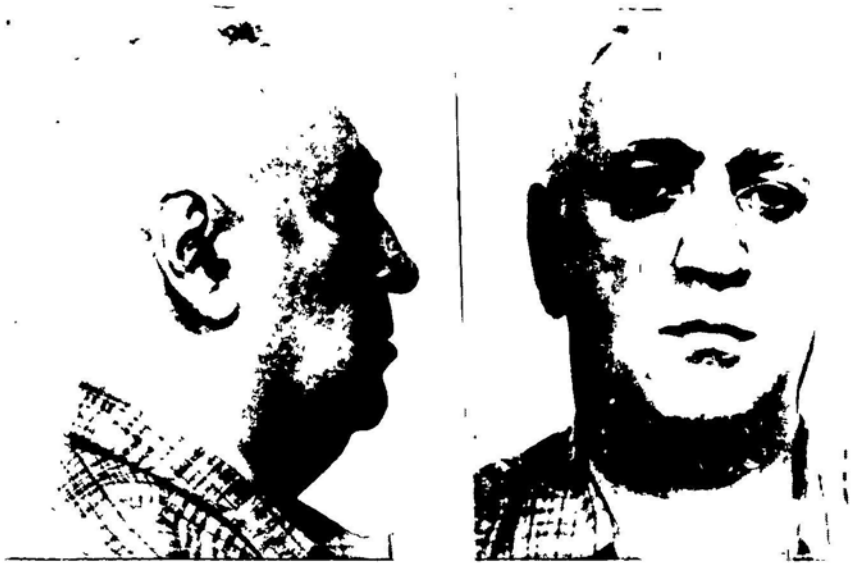
JOSEPH SICA



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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-4092) DATE: 10/1/59

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (92-642)

SUBJECT: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, aka.; et al
JACKIE LEONARD, aka. - VICTIM; et al
EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING

Enclosed is one unexecuted copy of the indictment returned against subjects in United States District Court, Southern District of California, Central Division, on September 22, 1959 in case no. 27973 CD.

A copy of the same document is enclosed for interested offices for information purposes.

ENCL. ATTACHED

2 - Bureau (92-4092) (Encl. -1)
1 - Baltimore (92-259) (Info.)(Encl. -1)
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ENCLOSURE TO BUREAU FROM LOS ANGELES

RE: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, aka;
PAUL JOHN CAREO, aka;
TRUMAN K. GIBSON, JR.;
LOUIS THOMAS DRAGNA, aka;
JOSEPH SICA, aka;
JACKIE LEONARD, aka - VICTIM;
[redacted] aka - VICTIM
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Los Angeles (92-642)

ENCLOSURE 92-4092-65

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CENTRAL DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff, v. PAUL JOHN CARBO, aka John Paul Carbo, Frankie Carbo; FRANK PALERMO, aka Blinky Palermo; JOSEPH SICA; LOUIS TOM DRAGNA; TRUMAN GIBSON, Jr., Defendants.	No. _____ CD I N D I C T M E N T (U.S.C., Title 18, Sections: 1951--Conspiracy to Violate Anti-Racketeering Act; 875(b)--Interstate Communications-Extortion; 371--Conspiracy)

The grand jury charges:

COUNT ONE

(U.S.C., Title 18, Sec. 1951)

1. Prior to October 22, 1958, the exact date being unknown to the grand jury, and continuing to the date of this indictment, defendants Paul John Carbo, aka Frankie Carbo, Frank Palermo, aka Blinky Palermo, Joseph Sica, Louis Tom Dragna, Truman Gibson, Jr., unindicted co-conspirator William Daly, and divers other persons to your grand jury unknown, did agree, confederate and conspire to commit offenses against the United States as follows:

2. Willfully to obstruct, delay and affect interstate commerce by means of extortion, in violation of United States Code Title 18, Section 1951.

3. The objects of such conspiracy were to be accomplished as

follows:

a. The defendants Paul John Carbo and Frank Palermo, by use of threats of physical harm and violence and threats of economic loss and injury to the victims [redacted] and Leonard Blakely, aka Jackie Leonard, were to obtain monies representing a share of the purses earned by a professional prize fighter then engaged in championship matches being nationally televised, to wit, Donald Jordan, and to obtain control of the professional activities of the same Don Jordan by naming the opponents whom he would fight and also the places where and conditions under which he would engage in such boxing matches. b6 b7C

b. The defendants Paul John Carbo and Frank Palermo intended to obtain said monies and control by and with the consent of the victims [redacted] and Leonard Blakely without paying any consideration for the monies and control so received.

c. It was a further part of said conspiracy that defendants would enlist the services of persons known to the said victims to have underworld reputations and to possess the necessary power to execute the conspirators' demands by force and violence; and, for that purpose did enlist Joseph Sica and Louis Tom Dragna who were to personally contact Leonard Blakely and [redacted] and obtain their agreement to the conspirators' said demands.

d. It was an essential part of the conspiracy that defendant Truman Gibson, Jr., who was an officer of the International Boxing Club, Inc., and the National Boxing Enterprises, Inc., a major promoter of nationally televised prize fights, and an influential figure in other business associations, would use his power and authority to persuade victims [redacted] and Leonard Blakely to accede

to the demands of the conspirators for control of the prize fighter Don Jordan.

4. To effect the objects of said conspiracy the defendants committed divers overt acts in Los Angeles County, California, within the Central Division of the Southern District of California, and in other places, as follows:

a. On or about October 23, 1958, defendant Frank Palermo had a conversation by telephone with Leonard Blakely.

b. On or about October 24, 1958, defendant Truman Gibson, Jr., had a conversation with Leonard Blakely, [redacted]

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c. On or about December 30, 1958, defendant Frank Palermo had a telephone conversation with Leonard Blakely.

d. On or about January 5, 1959, defendnt Frank Palermo had a conversation with Leonard Blakely.

e. On or about January 5, 1959, defendant Paul John Carbo had a conversation with Leonard Blakely.

f. On or about January 27, 1959, defendant Frank Palermo had a telephone conversation with Leonard Blakely.

g. On or about January 27, 1959, defendant Paul John Carbo had a telephone conversation with Leonard Blakely.

h. On or about April 22, 1959, defendant Frank Palermo had a telephone conversation with Leonard Blakely.

i. On or about April 25, 1959, defendant Frank Palermo had a conversation with [redacted] in St. Louis, Missouri.

j. On or about April 25, 1959, defendant Frank Palermo had a telephone conversation with Leonard Blakely.

k. On or about April 25, 1959, defendant Frank Palermo had a conversation with [redacted] in St. Louis, Missouri.

l. On or about April 28, 1959, defendant Paul John Carbo had a telephone conversation with Leonard Blakely.

m. On or about April 28, 1959, defendant Frank Palermo had a telephone conversation with Leonard Blakely.

n. On or about May 3, 1959, defendant Frank Palermo had a telephone conversation with Leonard Blakely.

o. On or about May 4, 1959, defendant Joseph Sica had a telephone conversation with Leonard Blakely.

p. On or about May 5, 1959, defendants Frank Palermo and Louis Tom Dragna visited the Hollywood American Legion Stadium where [redacted] and Leonard Blakely were present. b6 b7C

q. On or about May 6, 1959, defendants Joseph Sica and Frank Palermo had a conversation with Leonard Blakely, [redacted] and Jackie McCoy.

r. On or about May 6, 1959, Joseph Sica had a telephone conversation with [redacted]

s. On or about May 7, 1959, defendant Truman Gibson, Jr., had a telephone conversation with Leonard Blakely.

t. On or about May 11, 1959, defendant Truman Gibson, Jr, had a telephone conversation with Leonard Blakely.

u. On or about May 14, 1959, co-conspirator William Daly had a conversation with Leonard Blakely.

COUNT TWO

(U.S.C., Title 18, Sec. 1951)

1. On or about January 27, 1959, at Los Angeles, State of California, in the Central Division of the Southern District of California and within the jurisdiction of this court, Frank Palermo, a defendant herein, did knowingly, willfully and feloniously obstruct, delay and affect commerce, as that term is defined in Section 1951 of Title 18, United States Code, by extortion (as defined in the said Section of the United States Code), that is to say, defendant Frank Palermo did obtain property to the value of $1,725.00 in the form of a personal check from Leonard Blakely, by the wrongful use of force and fear, in that said defendant did threaten Leonard Blakely with physical injury and violence unless Leonard Blakely paid defendant Frank Palermo the said sum.

2. Contrary to the terms and provisions of Section 1951 of Title 18, United States Code.

COUNT THREE

(U.S.C., Title 18, Sec. 1951)

1. On or about January 27, 1959, at Los Angeles, State of California, in the Central Division of the Southern District of California and within the jurisdiction of this court, Paul John Carbo, a defendant herein, did knowingly, willfully and feloniously obstruct, delay and affect commerce, as that term is defined in Section 1951 of Title 18, United States Code, and did attempt to do so by extortion (as defined in the said Section of the United States Code), that is to say, defendant Paul John Carbo attempted to obtain property to the value of $1,725.00 in the form of money from Leonard Blakely, by the wrongful use of force and fear, in that said defendant did threaten Leonard Blakely with physical injury and violence unless Leonard Blakely paid defendant Frank Palermo the said amount of money.

2. Contrary to the terms and provisions of Section 1951 of Title 18, United States Code.

COUNT FOUR

(U.S.C., Title 18, Sec. 1951)

1. On or about May 6, 1959, Frank Palermo and Joseph Sica, defendants herein, did knowingly, willfully and feloniously obstruct, delay and affect commerce, as that term is defined in Section 1951 of Title 18, United States Code, and did attempt to do so by extortion (as defined in the said Section of the United States Code), that is to say, the defendants Frank Palermo and Joseph Sica attempted to coerce [redacted] into giving up a part of his contractual right to control the professional boxing activities of welterweight champion Don Jordan by signing a match between Don Jordan and Al "Sugar" Hart contrary to the wishes and desires of [redacted] through the wrongful use of force and fear. b6 b7C

2. Contrary to the terms and provisions of Section 1951 of Title 18, United States Code.

COUNT FIVE

(U.S.C., Title 18, Sec. 371,875(b))

1. Prior to October 22, 1958, the exact date being unknown to the grand jury, and continuing to the date of this indictment, defendants Paul John Carbo, aka Frankie Carbo, Frank Palermo, aka Blinky Palermo, Joseph Sica, Louis Tom Dragna, Truman Gibson, Jr., unindicted co-conspirator William Daly, and divers other persons to your grand jury unknown, did agree, confederate and conspire to commit offenses against the United States as follows:

2. Willfully and with intent to extort money and a thing of value, to wit, a share of the management of the prize fighter Don Jordan, from Leonard Blakely and [redacted] to transmit, b6 b7C in interstate commerce communications containing threats to injure the persons of [redacted] and Leonard Blakely in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 371 and 875(b).

3. The objects of said conspiracy were to be accomplished as follows:

a. The defendants Paul John Carbo and Frank Palermo were to transmit interstate telephone communications containing threats of physical harm and violence and threats of economic loss and injury to victims [redacted] and Leonard Blakely, aka Jackie Leonard, in an effort to obtain monies representing a share of the purses earned by a professional prize fighter then engaged in championship matches being nationally televised, to wit, Donald Jordan, and control of the professional activities of the same Don Jordan by naming the opponents whom he would fight and also the places where and conditions under which he would engage in such boxing matches.

b. The defendants Paul John Carbo and Frank Palermo intended to obtain said monies and control by and with the consent of victims [redacted] and Leonard Blakely

without payment of consideration for the monies and control so received.

c. It was a further part of said conspiracy that defendants would enlist the services of persons known to the said victims to have underworld reputations and to possess the necessary power to execute the conspirators' demands by force and violence and, for that purpose did enlist Joseph Sica and Louis Tom Dragna who were to personally contact Leonard Blakely and [redacted] and obtain their agreement to the conspirators' said demands. b6 b7C

d. It was an essential part of the conspiracy that defendant Truman Gibson, Jr., who was an officer of the International Boxing Club, Inc., and the National Boxing Enterprises, Inc., a major promotor of nationally televised prize fights, and an influential figure in other business associations, would use his power and authority to persuade victims [redacted] and Leonard Blakely to accede to the demands of the conspirators for control of the prize fighter Don Jordan.

4. To effect the objects of said conspiracy the defendants committed divers overt acts in Los Angeles County, California, within the Central Division of the Southern District of California and in other places, among which are the following:

a. On or about January 27, 1959, defendant Frank Palermo had a telephone conversation with Leonard Blakely.

b. On or about January 27, 1959, defendant Paul John Carbo had a telephone conversation with Leonard Blakely.

c. On or about April 28, 1959, defendant Paul John Carbo had a telephone conversation with Leonard Blakely.

d. On or about April 28, 1959, defendant Frank Palermo had a telephone conversation with Leonard Blakely.

e. On or about April 29, 1959, defendant Frank Palermo

had a telephone conversation with Leonard Blakely.

COUNT SIX

(U.S.C., Title 18, Sec. 875(b))

1. On or about January 27, 1959, defendant Frank Palermo, with intent to extort money and a thing of value, to wit, a share of the management of welterweight boxing champion Don Jordan, did transmit in interstate commerce a communication containing a threat to injure the person of Leonard Blakely, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 875(b).

COUNT SEVEN

(U.S.C., Title 18, Sec. 875(b))

1. On or about January 27, 1959, defendant Paul John Carbo, with intent to extort money and a thing of value, to wit, a share of the management of welterweight boxing champion Don Jordan, did transmit in interstate commerce a communication containing a threat to injure the person of Leonard Blakely, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 875(b).

COUNT EIGHT

(U.S.C., Title 18, Sec. 875(b))

1. On or about April 28, 1959, defendant Frank Palermo, with intent to extort money and a thing of value, to wit, a share of the management of welterweight boxing champion Don Jordan, did transmit in interstate commerce a communication containing a threat to injure the persons of Leonard Blakely and [redacted] in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 875(b)). b6 b7C

COUNT NINE

(U.S.C., Title 18, Sec. 875(b))

1. On or about April 28, 1959, defendant Paul John Carbo, with intent to extort money and a thing of value, to wit, a share of the management of welterweight boxing champion Don Jordan, did transmit in interstate commerce a communication containing a threat to injure the persons of Leonard Blakely and [redacted] in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 875(b)).

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COUNT TEN

(U.S.C., Title 18, Sec. 875(b))

1. On or about April 29, 1959, defendant Frank Palermo, with intent to extort money and a thing of value, to wit, a share of the management of welterweight boxing champion Don Jordan, did transmit in interstate commerce a communication containing a threat to b6 b7C injure the persons of Leonard Blakely and [redacted] in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 875(b)).

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LAUGHLIN E. WATERS
United States Attorney

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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FROM DIRECTOR

FRANK PALERMO, ETAL, EXTORTION, ANTIRACKETEERING,

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SEPTEMBER 22, 1959

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL ANNOUNCED THE ARREST TODAY BY FBI AGENTS OF FRANKIE CARBO, AGED 55, FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, AGED 54, JOSEPH SICA, AGED 48, LOUIS THOMAS DRAGNA, AGED 39, AND TRUMAN K. GIBSON, JR., AGED 47.

92-4092-66

SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE FBI MADE ALL OF THE ARRESTS WITH CARBO BEING TAKEN INTO CUSTODY AT A BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, HOSPITAL WHERE HE IS A PATIENT. PALERMO WAS ARRESTED AT A SERVICE STATION, 2929 SOUTH 61ST STREET, PHILADELPHIA. SICA WAS ARRESTED IN HIS AUTOMOBILE IN THE 700 BLOCK OF SOUTH FAIRFAX NEAR WILSHIRE BOULEVARD, AND DRAGNA WAS ARRESTED AT A SPORTSWEAR MANUFACTURING FIRM, 939 SOUTH MAPLE STREET--BOTH LOS ANGELES. GIBSON WAS ARRESTED IN THE 1100 BLOCK OF EAST 50TH STREET, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

FBI DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER STATED THAT CARBO, PALERMO, DRAGNA, SICA AND GIBSON WERE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY ON THE BASIS OF FEDERAL WARRANTS ISSUED TODAY AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, CHARGING THAT THEY CONSPIRED TO VIOLATE THE FEDERAL RACKETEERING STATUTE /SECTION 1951, TITLE 18, U. S. CODE/, WHICH PROHIBITS INTERFERENCE WITH COMMERCE BY THREATS OR VIOLENCE, AND WITH CONSPIRING TO VIOLATE THE FEDERAL STATUTE RELATING TO THE INTERSTATE USE OF COMMUNICATIONS FOR EXTORTION /SECTION 875, SUBSECTION /B/, TITLE 18, U. S. CODE/. ADDITIONALLY, CARBO AND PALERMO ARE CHARGED WITH THE SUBSTANTIVE OFFENSE OF VIOLATING SECTION 875, SUBSECTION /B/, TITLE 18. ALL THOSE ARRESTED ARE CHARGED WITH A VIOLATION OF THE FEDERAL CONSPIRACY STATUTE.

CONVICTION FOR VIOLATING THE FEDERAL RACKETEERING STATUTE CALLS FOR A MAXIMUM JAIL SENTENCE OF TWENTY YEARS, A FINE OF $10,000,

OR BOTH. THE EXTORTION STATUTE PROVIDES FOR A MAXIMUM JAIL SENTENCE OF TWENTY YEARS, A FINE OF $5,000, OR BOTH. THE MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF THE CONSPIRACY STATUTE IS FIVE YEARS IMPRISONMENT, A FINE OF $10,000, OR BOTH.

THOSE ARRESTED WILL BE ARRAIGNED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN THE CITIES WHERE ARRESTED.

END PLS ACK

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September 22, 1959

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES 022153

FRANK QUOTE BUINKY UNQUOTE PALERMO, AKA; ET AL; JACKIE LEONARD, AKA, ET AL, VIKEX, AR. USA LOS ANGELES, ADVISED HE WAS NOTIFIED TODAY BY NY ADA AL SCOTTI THAT NY STATE TRIAL OF FRANK CARBO NOW SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 5, 1959. USA AGREED TO POSTPONE ARRAIGNMENT OF CARBO IN CAPTIONED MATTER UNTIL FIRST AVAILABLE OPPORTUNITY APPEARS IN NY CASE. STATES WILL TRY TO SET ARRAIGNMENT DURING ANY RECESS IN NY TRIAL, AS CARBO IS ON BAIL, USA STATES COULD NOT SUPERSEDE NY STATE TRIAL. USA EXPECTS TRUMAN K. GIBSON, JR. MAY APPEAR OCTOBER 5, 1959 IN LOS ANGELES FOR ARRAIGNMENT. HIS ATTORNEY DESIRES TO AVOID PRESS, AS HAS NOT MADE DEFINITE ARRANGEMENTS WITH USA HERE. NY ADVISED SEPARATELY RE CARBO.

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URGENT 9-23-59 12-22 AM RLS

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, CHICAGO 1-P

ATTENTION ASSISTANT DIRECTOR A. ROSEN

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FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, AKA, ETAL, EXTORTION, ANTI-RACKETEERING.

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE NINE TWENTY TWO LAST AND PHONE CALL FROM ASSISTANT DIRECTOR A. ROSEN SAME DATE. SUBJECT TRUMAN K. GIBSON JR., APPREHENDED SEPT TWENTY-TWO LAST BY BUAGENTS CHICAGO. ADMITTED IDENTITY. NO RESISTANCE. AFTER PROCESSING IN CHICAGO OFFICE, WAS PERMITTED TO PHONE HIS ATTORNEY, [redacted] AND BONDSMAN [redacted] RE POSSIBLE ARRAIGNMENT. HIS ATTORNEY AND BONDSMAN MADE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS WITH FEDERAL JUDGE MICHAEL L. IGOE FOR HEARING AT JUDGE IGOES RESIDENCE, FIFTEEN HUNDRED NORTH LAKE SHORE DRIVE, CHICAGO, FOR PURPOSE OF MAKING BOND. JUDGE IGOE ADVISED THIS OFFICE OF HIS CONSENT TO ARRAIGNMENT, AND SUBJECT TAKEN BY AGENTS TO IGOE-S APARTMENT FOR HEARING. SUBJECTS BONDSMAN PROVIDED FIVE THOUSAND DOLLAR BOND, AND SUBJECT RELEASED PENDING FORMAL HEARING BEFORE JUDGE IGOE, NINE FIFTEEN A. M. INSTANT DATE. LOS ANGELES ADVISED BY CC THIS MESSAGE.

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RU URGENT 9-22-59 7-39 PM JC

TO DIRECTOR 10

FROM SAC, NEW YORK

FRANK PALERMO., ET AL., EXTORTION DASH ANTI DASH RACKETEERING.

RE NY TELEPHONE CALLS TO BUREAU AND CHICAGO THIS DATE.

CHICAGO WAS TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED OF THE DEPARTURE AT FOUR THIRTY PM FROM LA GUARDIA AIRPORT, NYC, OF TRUMAN K. GIBSON, JR. HE DEPARTED ON CAPITOL AIRLINES FLIGHT NUMBER FORTY SEVEN, NONSTOP TO CHICAGO, AND DUE TO ARRIVE MIDWAY AIRPORT, AT SIX THIRTY PM, CENTRAL DAYLIGHT TIME, THIS DATE. DESCRIPTION OF GIBSON AND HIS APPAREL FURNISHED CHICAGO AS FOLLOWS COLON DARK BLUE SUIT, MEDIUM GRAY HAT WITH BLACK BAND, BLACK LEATHER BRIEF CASE, LEGAL SIZE., AND CARRYING A BOOK. AGE FORTY EIGHT, HEIGHT FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, WEIGHT ONE HUNDRED SIXTY POUNDS, DARK HORN RIMMED GLASSES, LIGHT SKIN, ALMOST WHITE. CHICAGO WAS ADVISED OF INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED BY BUREAU REGARDING APPREHENSION OF GIBSON.

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URGENT 9-22-59 1-15PM DS

TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS CHICAGO, BALTIMORE, NEW YORK AND PHILADELPHIA

NEW YORK VIA WASHINGTON

FROM SAC LOS ANGELES 2P

FRANK ~~QUOTE~~ "BLINKY" ~~UNQUOTE~~ PALERMO, AKA, ET , JACKIE LEONARD, AKA-
VICTIM, ET AL, EXTORTION, ~~AR.~~ ANTI-RACKETEERING FEDERAL GRAND JURY RETURNED SECRET
INDICTMENT SEPT. TWENTY TWO INSTANT, BEFORE ~~USDC~~ U.S. DISTRICT COURT JUDGE PEIRSON M. HALL,
~~LA.~~ Los Angeles BENCH WARRANTS ISSUED SAME DATE FOR ARREST OF FRANK PALERMO, AKA
BLINKY PALERMO, FBI SIX TWO SIX SEVEN FIVE FIVE, JOHN PAUL CARBO, AKA
PAUL JOHN CARBO, FRANKIE CARBO, FBI ONE EIGHT SEVEN NINE SEVEN TWO,
JOSEPH SICA, FBI THREE FOUR THREE THREE SEVEN EIGHT, LOUIS TOM DRAGNA,
FBI FOUR SIX SEVEN SEVEN TWO ZERO NINE, AND TRUMAN GIBSON, JR., PRESIDENT
NATIONAL BOXING ENTERPRISES, INC., CHICAGO. WILLIAM P. DALY, FBI ONE
FOUR TWO SIX FIVE THREE C, NAMED UNINDICTED CO-CONSPIRATOR. INDICTMENT
CHARGES ALL DEFENDANTS WITH CONSPIRACY TO VIOLATE SEC. NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTYONE, TITLE EIGHTEEN US CODE, DEFENDANTS PALERMO, CARBO AND SICA
WITH VIOLATING SAME SECTION, ALL DEFENDANTS WITH CONSPIRACY TO VIOLATE
SEC. THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY ONE AND SECTION EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE,
SUB SECTION B, TITLE EIGHTEEN, US CODE, DEFENDANTS PALERMO IN THREE
COUNTS, AND CARBO, IN TWO COUNTS, WITH VIOLATING SECTION EIGHT HUNDRED
SEVENTYFIVE, SUB SECTION B, TITLE EIGHTEEN, US. CODE. ORIGINAL BENCH
WARRANTS AND COPIES OF SECRET INDICTMENTS BEING FORWARDED TO INTERESTED
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OFFICES AMSD TODAY. ALL WARRANTS ARE ORIGINALS, MUST BE ACCOUNTED FOR, AND IF NOT EXECUTED MUST BE RETURNED TO THE U. S. DISTRICT COURT CLERK, LOS ANGELES, APPROPRIATELY ENDORSED INDICATING DEFENDANT NOT FOUND. EXECUTED WARRANTS SHALL ALSO BE RETURNED APPROPRIATELY ENDORSED. IDENTITIES OF DEFENDANTS SHALL REMAIN SECRET UNTIL WARRANTS HAVE BEEN EXECUTED. USA, LA RECOMMENDS BAIL RETURNABLE FORTHWITH AT USDC, LA, FOR DEFENDANTS PALERMO AND CARBO IN AMOUNT ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS EACH, DEFENDANT GIBSON FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS, DEFENDANTS SICA AND DRAGNA TWENTYFIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS. MAKE CERTAIN ALL DEFENDANTS FINGERPRINTED PRIOR TO RELEASE ON BAIL. DEFENDANTS PALERMO, CARBO, SICA AND DRAGNA SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS ARMED AND DANGEROUS, ALL DEFENDANTS AS POSSIBLY HAVING BODYGUARDS. BUREAU WILL ISSUE INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL OFFICES PRIOR TO APPREHENSIONS.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: September 21, 1959

FROM : W. B. Welte

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SUBJECT: FRANK CARBO; ET AL.
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ASAC [redacted] advised that the hearing before the State Attorney General in New York is to be held in the New York City Office of the Attorney General at 10:30 a.m., 9/23/59. The office is in the Foley Square area. It is not anticipated that the hearing will last after noon on that date as Carbo has never been cooperative in the past and invariably hides behind the Fifth Amendment.

The New York Office has just learned that Carbo has entered Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland, this morning. The name used by him is not known nor the exact date of entry. By way of interest, Carbo is a diabetic and has previously been hospitalized in the past. In a hospital at Hollywood, Florida, he used the name (FNU) Sonken.

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Baltimore is presently discreetly ascertaining whether or not Carbo is a patient at Johns Hopkins.

As late as September 14, 1959, Carbo was at Atlantic City, New Jersey. On the 14th he sent a Western Union money order for $3,030 to [redacted] his bondsman in this matter.

The New York Office also has Philadelphia and Newark checking out all known addresses for Carbo, as well as the Baltimore Office running out this matter.

The New York Office advised that it is highly doubtful if they could effect the apprehension of Carbo upon his departure from the State Attorney General's Office without incident as Carbo will undoubtedly be there with a barrage of attorneys and henchment and it is anticipated that extensive radio, TV, and press coverage will be there.

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The Baltimore Office is to advise as to the results of its check at Johns Hopkins.

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The New York Office will discreetly check at the Roosevelt Hotel to determine Truman Gibson's whereabouts and possible itinerary.

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URGENT 9-21-59 8-49 PM EDST JRJD

TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, LOS ANGELES

FROM SAC, PHILADELPHIA

FRANK QUOTE BLINKY UNQUOTE PALERMO, AKA, ET AL, JACKIE LEONARD, AKA, VIKEX, AR. RE LA TEL SEPT TWENTY ONE AND BUTELCALL FROM [redacted]

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TO DIRECTOR 6 AND SACS CHICAGO AND LOS ANGELES

FROM SAC, NEW YORK

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Today I have been in telephonic contact with ASAC [redacted] New York; ASAC [redacted] Philadelphia; SAC J. M. Lopez, Chicago; and SAC W. W. Burke, Los Angeles.

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URGENT 9-17-59 10-21 PM KH

TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES 4 P

FRANK QUOTE BLINKY UNQUOTE PALERMO, AKA, ET AL, JACKIE LEONARD, AKA DASH VICTIM, ET AL. EXTORTION, AR. COPY OF LETTER DATED JANUARY THIRTY ONE LAST FROM [redacted] PORTERVILLE CALIFORNIA, TO TRUMAN GIBSON, CHICAGO, OBTAINED FROM [redacted] [redacted] PORTERVILLE. LETTER STATES NON PROFIT CORPORATION TO ASSIST ALL LOCAL YOUTH ACTIVITIES DESIRED TO PROMOTE NATIONALLY TELEVISED FIGHT APRIL FIFTEEN LAST, HAD GUARANTEED JACK LEONARD SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS GROSS GATE, WOULD ADVANCE THREE THOUSAND ON SIGNING AN AGREEMENT OUTLINING RESPONSIBILITES, BALANCE PAYABLE PRIOR TO FIGHT. WOULD PROVIDE ALL EXPENSES FOR ARENA. LEONARD TO ARRANGE COMPLETE BOXING CARD, ASSIST IN PROMOTION. ASKED CONFIRMATION. [redacted] SAID VERBAL ASSURANCES RECEIVED BUT ABOUT TWO WEEKS BEFORE DATE OF FIGHT GIBSON RENEGED WITHOUT GIVING EXPLANATION. [redacted] BELIEVED LEONARD ACTED IN GOOD FAITH, BUT THAT GIBSON DID NOT. PROMOTERS LOST THEIR

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EXPENSES. LEONARD WILL PROBABLY BE EVICTED AS PROMOTER AT HOLLYWOOD LEGION STADIUM SEPTEMBER EIGHTEEN FOR FAILURE TO PAY RENTAL PER CONTRACT. LEONARD HAS BEEN UNABLE TO BOOK EASTERN BOXERS. STADIUM OWNED BY LEGION POST USING PROCEEDS TO OPERATE LARGE POST HEADQUARTERS. [redacted] POST TRUSTEE AND HOLLYWOOD BUSINESSMAN, HAS PUBLICLY STATED HE WOULD LIKE TO INSTALL WILLIAM P. DALY OF NEW JERSEY AS PROMOTER. [redacted]

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Date: 9/15/59

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-4092)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (92-642)

RE: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO;
JACKIE LEONARD, aka - VICTIM;
[redacted] aka - VICTIM
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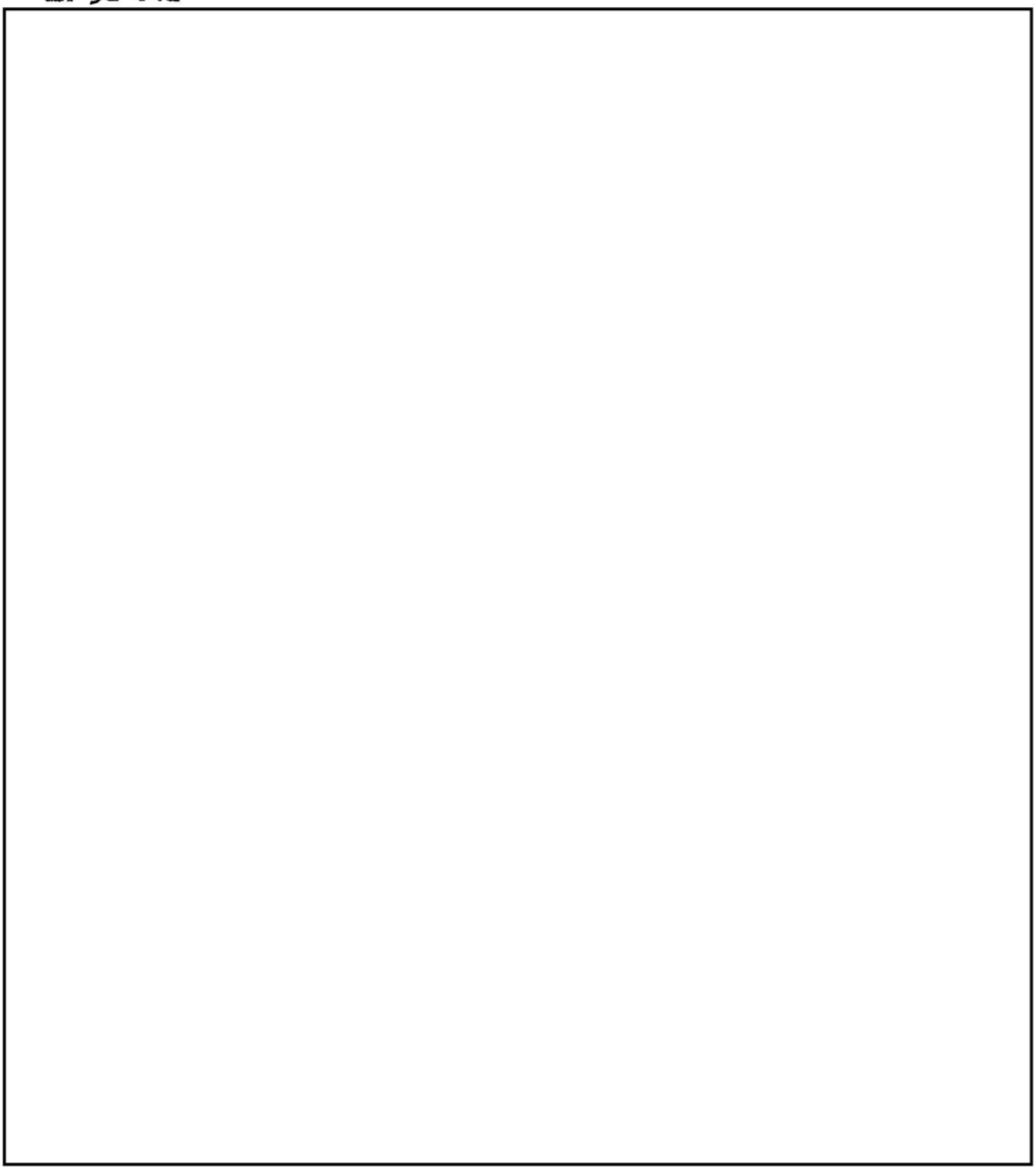
USA, Los Angeles, contemplates requesting special Federal Grand Jury, Los Angeles, [redacted]



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FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (92-642) ATTN: CRIME RECORDS DIVISION

SUBJECT: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, aka; ET AL;
JACKIE LEONARD, aka - VICTIM; ET AL
ESTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING

Investigations and incidents surrounding events backgrounding captioned matter have received tremendous amounts of publicity in Los Angeles area since last May with added editorial comment.

In anticipation of press inquiries, which appear most likely in Los Angeles for this reason, it is suggested that in any press release prepared at the Bureau, consideration be given to acknowledging therein that the Bureau has received cooperation and valuable information from various local and state law enforcement agencies which was utilized in preparing this case.

It may later be necessary to have police officers from Los Angeles, St. Louis, and New York City testify to incidents which took place prior to time Bureau investigation was instituted. California Athletic Commission conducted public hearings May 20, 1959, at Los Angeles when GIBSON, DRAGNA, SICA, and DALY were subpoenaed witnesses as were victims LEONARD and [redacted] Commission transcript has been utilized and obviously will enter trial testimony.

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CRIME REC.

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For weeks the victims, for personal protection, were accompanied by Los Angeles Police Department Officers daily. This was widely publicized. Pertinent results of their investigations were made available. St. Louis Police Department made available results of inquiries there, and New York City Police Department re apprehension of CARBO in New Jersey in May, 1959. New York Office has liaison with District Attorney re their investigation of CARBO and others.

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FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (92-642)

RE: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, et al;
JACKIE LEONARD, aka; et al - VICTIMS
EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING; CONSPIRACY

Re Bureau airtel 9/28/59 on status of bail attempts by subjects.

USA, Los Angeles, advised today as follows:

Subject PALERMO after preliminary hearing was released by U.S. Commissioner FURIA, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, on bond of $25,000, 9/22/59. Subsequently FURIA telephoned USDC Judge PEIRSON M. HALL, Los Angeles, before whom indictment was returned, requested $100,000.00 bail set in warrant be reduced. Judge HALL declined. On 9/30/59 formal petition of PALERMO for bail reduction was heard by Judge HALL, petition denied. Bail remains $100,000. PALERMO must post such bail or be taken into custody by U.S. Marshal. Bond returnable Los Angeles forthwith.

Chicago Office advised subject GIBSON posted $5,000 bond at Chicago, on 9/22/59, for appearance USDC, Los Angeles. GIBSON waived preliminary hearing in USDC, Chicago.

Subjects DRAGNA and SICA each posted bonds of $25,000 on 9/22/59 with U.S. Commissioner THEODORE HOCKE, Los Angeles. These bonds were posted late at night by a bondsman. DRAGNA and and SICA appeared before USC HOCKE on morning of 9/23/59 to verify signatures on bonds. DRAGNA and SICA were arraigned before USDC Judge HALL on 9/28/59, petitioned orally for bail reduction. Judge directed written petition be filed, set hearing thereon 10/5/59, before USDC Judge WILLIAM B. BYRNE, Los Angeles, at which time DRAGNA and SICA will enter pleas to indictment, apparently of "not guilty."

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1 - Los Angeles

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Baltimore Office advised subject CARBO given preliminary hearing at his room, Marburg Clinic, Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland, 9/23/59, by U.S. Commissioner ERNEST VOLKART. CARBO held in lieu of $100,000 bond. His attorney objected to amount of bail, stating CARBO then on $100,000 bail posted on state charges at New York City. USC stated he would consider application for reduction of bail after receiving bench warrant. USA, Los Angeles, has asked USA, Baltimore, to have CARBO removed and available this district for formal arraignment, USDC, Southern District of California, on October 5, 1959.

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New York Office advised that [redacted] (protect identity) [redacted]

Bail reduction requests by any defendant this matter will be resisted by USA, Los Angeles, who has so informed USAs at Baltimore, Chicago and Philadelphia.

Bureau will be kept advised.

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USA, Los Angeles, advised that JOSEPH SICA today appeared USDC of Judge WILLIAM M. BYRNE, Los Angeles, with formal motion to reduce bail of $25,000. USA opposed motion. Judge stated fact SICA is at liberty on bail, and seeks to have it reduced, is more reason to increase rather than decrease bail. Motion denied. SICA was represented by attorney [redacted]

LOUIS THOMAS DRAGNA appeared in court but did not file formal motion for bail reduction. He was represented by attorney [redacted] who was accompanied by former SA [redacted], attorney officing with [redacted]

SICA and DRAGNA were granted continuance to 10/12/59 to enter pleas to indictment.

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PALERMO and GIBSON did not appear for arraignment, and no formal date has been set. USA had informed USAs at Chicago and Philadelphia he desired arraignments of PALERMO and GIBSON today, if possible.

USA advised trial of CARBO commenced in NYC State Court today.

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Date: 10/2/59

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Mr. W[illegible]livan
Tele. [illegible]
Mr. H[illegible]an
Miss Gandy

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-4092)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (92-732)

SUBJECT: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO,
aka., ET AL
EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING;
CONSPIRACY

RE Bureau airtel to Los Angeles 9/28/59.

No attempts on part of GIBSON to reduce bond and no new developments.

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Mr. McGuire
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Parsons
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Mr. Trotter
Mr. Sullivan
Tele. Room
Mr. Holloman
Miss Gandy

Chicago, Illinois
September 24, 1959

PERSONAL

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

RE: MICHAEL L. IGOE
U. S. District Court Judge
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I thought you might be interested in a summary of the arraignment of Truman K. Gibson, Jr. on the night of September 22, 1959, by Judge Michael L. Igoe, USDC, Chicago, Illinois.

U.S. DISTRICT COURT

As you know, Gibson is one of several subjects in Anti-racketeering and Extortion case entitled FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, aka, et al, involving several notorious figures in the national boxing picture. Gibson was arrested by Chicago Agents early evening, September 22, and brought to the office for fingerprinting and mugging. The sole U. S. Commissioner was not available, and local federal policy has long been that the Commissioner will not hear matters after mid afternoon and the Federal judges will likewise not handle such cases during night hours. Gibson was appraised of this fact. He was offered use of telephone to contact his attorney, [redacted] Approximately 10 p.m., Judge Igoe phoned me from his home on Lake Shore Drive. He said [redacted] had called him, advising of Gibson's arrest and requested a hearing immediately. Igoe said he was perfectly willing to handle an arraignment if Gibson, attorney and bondsman would come to his home.

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Gibson made telephonic arrangements with his attorney and bondsman for a meet at Judge Igoe's home

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at 11 p.m. that night. Chicago Agents delivered Gibson to Judge Igoe's home and after a brief informal hearing, Gibson was released on $5,000 bond and arrangements made for a formal hearing the following morning.

After the formal hearing on the following morning, Judge Igoe again called me at the office. He said he wished to compliment us on the excellent fashion in which the Gibson matter had been handled; that in so many other matters persons were prone to criticize Federal agencies for their actions in various cases; that in this instance, where he felt a job had been well done, he wanted us to know of his feelings. He said he also wished to compliment the two Agents who had appeared with Gibson at the hearing in his home the previous evening. He stated they impressed him greatly as being clean cut, alert, and intelligent men who were well versed in their duties, and he thought they handled the matter in an excellent fashion. I thanked Judge Igoe for his comments and expressed appreciation for his thoughtfulness in calling.

As you know, Igoe is one of eight District Judges in Chicago. He has a long political history in Chicago and national Democratic politics. He is considered of only average legal ability and primarily as a politician. He was formerly a U. S. Attorney. Several months ago, [redacted] volunteered confidentially to this office b7D that [redacted]

Several old-time newspaper reporters observed informally that Gibson's arraignment at Igoe's home was

most unusual and precedent breaking, and interpreted it as a further indication of Judge Igoe's continued interest and possible involvement in local political matters.

I am advised by Supervisors in the Chicago Office that such night arraignment by any Federal Judge is most unusual, and they are unable to recall a similar situation over a past number of years. I thought, therefore, you might be interested in the above details and particularly Igoe's subsequent call expressing his commendation.

Sincerely,

J. M. Lopez

J. M. LOPEZ

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-4092)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (92-642)

RE: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, aka;
ET AL; JACKIE LEONARD, aka -
VICTIM; ET AL
EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING
CONSPIRACY

USA, Los Angeles, today advised that TRUMAN K. GIBSON, JR. will be arraigned 9:30 a.m., 10/9/59, before USDC Judge ERNEST A. TOLIN, Los Angeles.

FRANK PALERMO will be arraigned 10/19/59, USDC, Los Angeles.

FRANK CARBO reported held without bond at New York City, thus preventing immediate arraignment in USDC, Los Angeles. Press reports indicate state trial of CARBO in New York City continued to 10/26/59. USA, Los Angeles, will attempt removal of CARBO to Los Angeles if there is extensive delay in New York proceedings.

JOSEPH SICA and LOUIS THOMAS DRAGNA scheduled to enter pleas to indictment 10/12/59. DRAGNA has filed motions to strike two counts of indictment against him alleging no interstate commerce involved, and to paragraph of indictment alleging DRAGNA is person with "underworld reputations." USA wishes to argue these motions 10/12/59, but defense attorneys want delay. Time of argument uncertain.

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: DIRECTOR (92-4092)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (92-732) ATTN: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR A. ROSEN

FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, aka;
ETAL; JACKIE LEONARD, aka - VICTIM;
ETAL
EXTORTION; ANTI RACKETEERING;
CONSPIRACY

Re Bureau phone call to Chicago and Chicago phone call to Bureau this date.

The following information is set forth re detailed facts of the actual arrest of TRUMAN J. GIBSON, Jr., and also other information requested in re phone call:

TRUMAN K. GIBSON, Jr., was observed by Bureau Agents alighting from Flight 47, Capital Airlines, at Midway Airport, Chicago, Ill., on 9/22/59 at 6:40 PM. A physical surveillance was conducted from that time on until he was arrested. He was observed to walk from this plane through Midway Airport, then out to his automobile parked on the east side of the terminal. He traveled in this automobile alone to his home, arriving there at 7:25 PM, where he got out of the car and went into his home at 5111 South Drexel. He was observed leaving his home at 7:55 PM, getting into his car and driving to 1114 East 50th St., and arriving there at 7:57 PM. He got out of the car and went into the house.

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At 8:23 PM SAs [redacted] and [redacted] approached the front door of the residence at [redacted] After SA [redacted] rang the doorbell, a woman, who later identified herself as [redacted], came to the door and inquired as to the nature of the agents' business. She did not open the door but talked through a window panel on the

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See Assistant Director memo 10/8/59

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left side of the door. SA [redacted] exhibited his credentials in order that she could see them through the window and he also verbally identified himself as an FBI Agent. [redacted] asked the nature of the agents' business and was advised that we desired to talk to her, whereupon she opened the door wide and the agents entered the hallway. She was asked if TRUMAN GIBSON was there, to which she replied he was. Then she was informed that the agents would like to talk to him. [redacted] said that he was "back here" and she proceeded to walk along the hallway towards the back part of the house. The agents followed her along the hallway, and as they were about to enter a room another women with a drink in her hand, who later identified herself as [redacted] met them at the entrance to the room. b6 b7C

At the same time, TRUMAN GIBSON approached the entrance to this room from within with a drink in his hand. SA [redacted] exhibited his credentials to TRUMAN GIBSON and told him that the three men were FBI Agents and that there was a warrant outstanding for his arrest. GIBSON inquired as to the nature of the charge and SA [redacted] explained to GIBSON that he was charged with violation of Section 1951, Title 18, U.S. Code and that an indictment had been returned by a FGJ in Los Angeles, Calif.

GIBSON appeared to be very hesitant and SA [redacted] then inquired if there was any doubt in his mind as to the three men's identity. SA [redacted] again exhibited his credentials to GIBSON, at this time. GIBSON then replied that he did not question the agents' identity. GIBSON then said "I hope you realize that I am a prominent attorney in Chicago," to which SA [redacted] replied "Yes sir, we realize that." GIBSON then asked what was to follow, and SA [redacted] advised him that he would have to accompany the agents to the FBI office. He then asked if he would have to spend the night in jail, to which question he was advised by SA [redacted] that, if it was at all possible, he would be arraigned and possibly released that night. GIBSON asked to make a phone call and was authorized to do so. He called [redacted], his bondsman, he said, and advised him of his arrest and that he would be going to the FBI office. [redacted] expressed a desire to accompany her husband to the FBI office, but TRUMAN GIBSON told her it would not be necessary. He then asked her to call [redacted] and gave her the keys to his car. SA [redacted]

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gave [redacted] the telephone number of the FBI office. The agents and TRUMAN GIBSON then proceeded out of the room towards the front door at which time TRUMAN GIBSON told [redacted] that he was sorry that this had to happen, to which she replied that it was "all right."

At no time was any other male person observed at this home, and at no time was anyone hysterical therein while the agents were present. No children were observed in this house.

GIBSON walked out of the house voluntarily. No handcuffs were placed on him and no agents held on to him. No guns were displayed at any time while in this home. No spectators were observed outside the house. No spot lights, or flash lights or any other lights were utilized.

GIBSON was transported to the FBI office in a Bureau car by three agents.

It is to be noted that Judge MICHAEL L. IGOE telephonically advised the SAC on the morning of 9/23/59 that he wished to express his appreciation for the manner in which the arraignment was handled on the previous evening in the judge's home. He said he wished to particularly commend the two agents who handled the arraignment in his home, and he commented that they made an excellent impression, that they presented a clean-cut, business-like and intelligent appearance, were well versed in their duties, and handled the entire proceedings in a most commendable fashion.

GIBSON made no comment to either the judge, his attorney, his bondsman or anyone else in the presence of any agent to the effect that he received ill treatment or any complaint as to the manner of the arrest.

It is also to be noted on 9/23/59, following the formal arraignment before Judge IGOE, GIBSON commented to SA [redacted] while waiting for an elevator that he wished to thank SA [redacted] for the consideration shown him on the previous evening.

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The agents making the arrest were in the LANDRUM home for a total time of only seven minutes. There were ~~two~~ three Bureau cars parked in front of the house, ~~one~~ two on the same side of the street with lights out and one Bureau car parked across and down the street from the house with lights out. This house is a two-story dwelling. b6 b7C

At the time the three agents entered the house to make the arrest, SAs [redacted] and [redacted] proceeded to the rear of the house on foot via the driveway at the side of the house. The area at the rear of the house was very well lighted. The agents stationed themselves at the driveway corner of the house so that the driveway and rear door could be seen. Through a large window at the rear of the house the three agents could readily observe the subject in the room. There was a woman in the room with the subject. A small dog was leashed near the rear door of the house and barked continuously. The three agents who went in the front door appeared at the doorway of the room where the subject was observed and they started talking with the subject. The three agents remained at the rear of the house until it was observed that the subject and agents within were proceeding toward the front of the house. The agents outside of the house then proceeded to the front by way of the driveway. None of the agents in the rear of the house had a flashlight or observed any flashing of lights.

It is to be noted that GIBSON was arrested in the home of ROBERT LANDRUM, [redacted] Chicago, Illinois. The following information regarding ROBERT LANDRUM was obtained from the Chicago files:

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Reference Chicago file number 100-18956-243, captioned "CP, USA, NEGRO QUESTION", a newspaper clipping from "The Worker" - Illinois Edition, dated December 4, 1949, page 2A, column 2, titled "Parley Demands Grand Jury Probe of Racists". This article makes mention of a Conference to End Violence in Chicago, listing one ROBERT LANDRUM of the Dearborn Realty Company as the treasurer serving on the Executive Board.

Reference Chicago file number 100-8261-105, captioned "NAACP". From information under date of May 24, 1949, it is indicated that CGO-14 [redacted] b7D

[redacted]

Reference Chicago file number 100-3828, captioned [redacted] Under b6 b7C date of March 14, 1950, one [redacted], Chicago, Illinois, furnished information to SA HARRY B. BEHRMAN, which included a form letter on letterhead stationery of the "Conference to End Mob Violence in Chicago", dated February 8, 1958, listing one ROBERT LANDRUM as the treasurer.

Reference Chicago file number 7-660-1498, page 220, captioned "GRENAP". On December 7, 1955, the [redacted] b7D

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Reference Chicago file number 44-116-241, captioned [redacted], ET AL; [redacted], ET AL - VICTIMS". A newspaper clipping from "The Worker" - Illinois Edition, dated September 30, 1951, titled "UNIONS ASK TRUMAN ACT ON CICERO's ANTI-NEGRO MOBSTERS" states in part: "...A permanent defense committee for all victims of mob violence was formed by a meeting of 100 Chicago South Side businessmen, called together by ROBERT N. LANDRUM, President of the Dearborn Real Estate Board". b6 b7C

The records of the [redacted] revealed that unpublished telephone number BO 8-3114 is issued to ROBERT LANDRUM, [redacted] and he was shown as a real estate broker. b6 b7C b7D

Unpublished telephone number WA 4-8633 is a telephone issued to ROBERT LANDRUM, [redacted] and LANDRUM was employed as a real estate broker 15 years, [redacted] but no firm shown.

Unpublished telephone number BO 8-3818 was issued to ROBERT LANDRUM, [redacted] and LANDRUM's occupation was shown as real estate broker, place not shown. b6 b7C

A check of the People's Gas, Light and Coke Company, Chicago, Illinois, revealed that the customer at [redacted] was ROBERT LANDRUM, who was employed at the Landrum Realty Company, 658 East 63rd Street, in 1953.

A check of the records of Dun and Bradstreet revealed a report dated March 2, 1959, showing ROBERT N. LANDRUM as the owner of the Landrum Realty Company of 417 East 47th Street, formerly of 4805 South Parkway, Chicago,

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Illinois. This business started in 1936 and ROBERT LANDRUM was shown as age 50, married and native born and a graduate of Northwestern University in 1930 and he formerly taught school in the City of Chicago. The business began operations at the South Parkway address in 1936 with LANDRUM as the sole owner and the firm was incorporated under the name Landrum Realty Company, Incorporated, in 1949. In 1954, he sold the business and subsequently started a new business under the present name at the same address. The report also showed that LANDRUM owns a couple of hotels in the Chicago area. The business was moved in 1958, to the 47th Street address.

[redacted] Western Union Telegraph Company, Chicago, advised this date that a three page typewritten letter, addressed to Director HOOVER, on the stationery of the City of Chicago, Community Conservation Board of Chicago, 320 North Clark Street, Room 508, was received at the Western Union office at 5238 Blackstone Avenue at 4:28 p.m., October 7, 1959, and paid for by an unknown customer. The contents of this letter were sent out as a night letter. [redacted] noted that on the third page of this letter at the bottom, a written notation in ink, [redacted] Phone BO 8-3818" appeared and ROHSE understood this to mean the customer's address and home phone number. [redacted] also commented that the name ROBERT LANDRUM appeared on the letterhead of this first page as a member of the Board.

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Recommendations

No basis for allegations in LANDRUM's telegram. Above indicates all Agents handled entire matter properly and no administrative action recommended.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are:

1 memo to SAC from SA [redacted] ET AL;
1 memo to SAC from SA [redacted] b6 b7C
1 memo to SAC from SA [redacted]
1 memo to SAC from SA [redacted]

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum · UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (92-732) DATE: 10/8/59

FROM : SA(A)s [redacted] and [redacted]

SUBJECT: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO,
aka. ET AL
EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING; CONSPIRACY

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In regard to your instructions on this date the following memorandum concerns the surveillance of the rear of the house in which TRUMAN K. GIBSON, JR. was arrested on September 22, 1959.

At the same time that SAs [redacted] approached the front door of [redacted] SAs [redacted] proceeded to the rear of the above house on foot via the driveway at the side of the house. The area at the rear of the house was very well lighted.

The agents stationed themselves at the driveway corner of the house so that the driveway and rear door of the house could be kept under surveillance. There is a large window at the rear of the house through which the three agents could readily observe the subject in a room. There was a lady in the room with the subject. A small dog was leashed near the rear door of the house which barked continuously.

At this time it was noticed that the three agents who were at the front door, appeared at the doorway of the room where subject was and starting talking with the subject. We remained at the rear of the house until it was observed that subject and the agents were proceeding toward the front of the house. Agents then proceeded to the front of the house via the driveway and observed subject in custody of the three agents as they came out of the house. None of the agents at the rear of the house had a flashlight or observed any flashing of lights.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (92-732) DATE: 10/8/59

FROM : SA(A) [redacted]

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SUBJECT: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO,
Aka; ETAL; JACKIE LEONARD,
Aka - VICTIM; ETAL
EXTORTION; A-R; CONSPIRACY

Per your instructions this date, the following memorandum concerning my activities in connection with the arrest of TRUMAN K. GIBSON, Jr., on 9/22/59 has been prepared:

At 8:23 PM on 9/22/59, SAs [redacted] and I approached the front door of the residence at [redacted] I rang the doorbell and a woman, who later identified herself as [redacted] came to the door and inquired as to the nature of the agents' business. She did not open the door, but talked through a window panel on the left side of the door. After we were identified as FBI Agents, [redacted] asked the nature of our business and was told that we desired to talk to her, whereupon she opened the door wide and we entered into the hallway. She told us that TRUMAN GIBSON was there, indicating that he was in a room on the first floor towards the rear of the house as she proceeded to walk along the hallway towards this room. We followed her along the hallway, and as we were about to enter this room, another woman with a drink in her hand, who later identified herself as [redacted] met us at the entrance to this room.

At the same time TRUMAN GIBSON appeared behind her inside this room with a drink in his hand. We were identified by SA [redacted] as agents of the FBI and that a warrant was outstanding for his arrest. GIBSON inquired as to the nature of the charge, and I explained to him that it was in violation of Section 1951, Title 18, U.S. Code, and that an indictment had been returned by a FGJ in Los Angeles, California.

After GIBSON had talked to SAs [redacted] and [redacted] regarding whether or not we were aware that he was a prominent attorney in Chicago and questions by him regarding whether or not he would have to go to jail that night, GIBSON asked to make a phone call and I authorized him to do so. He told me he called a [redacted] his bondsman, and advised him of his

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arrest and that he would be going to the FBI office. [redacted] expressed a desire to accompany her husband to the FBI office, but TRUMAN GIBSON told her it would not be necessary. TRUMAN GIBSON then asked his wife to call [redacted] (probably a reference to [redacted] and gave his wife the keys to his car. The three agents and TRUMAN GIBSON then proceeded out of the room towards the front door, at which time TRUMAN GIBSON told [redacted] that he was sorry that this had to happen, to which she replied that it was all right.

At no time did I observe any other man in this home and at no time was anyone hysterical therein while I was present.

GIBSON walked out of the house voluntarily, no handcuffs were placed on him and I did not hold on to him. I did not display my gun at any time while in the home. I did not see any spectators outside of the home when we came out, nor did I see any spot lights, flash lights or any other lights flashing. GIBSON was then placed in the back seat of a Bureau car and transported to the FBI office by SAs [redacted] and myself.

On9/23/59, following the formal arraignment before Judge MICHAEL L. IGOE in the USDC, Chicago, GIBSON commented to me while he, his attorney, his bondsman and I were waiting for an elevator in the Court House, that he wished to thank me for the consideration shown to him on the previous evening.

GIBSON made no comment to either the Judge, his attorney, his bondsman or anyone else in the presence of myself to the effect that he received ill treatment nor did he make any complaint regarding the manner of the arrest.

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Office Memorandum · UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (92-732) DATE: October 8, 1959

FROM : SA [redacted]

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SUBJECT: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, aka.
ET AL
EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING; CONSPIRACY

In accordance with your request concerning the arrest of TRUMAN K. GIBSON, Jr., on September 22, 1959, the following information is set forth:

When notification was received to arrest TRUMAN K. GIBSON, Jr., SAs [redacted] and I approached the front door of the two-story single dwelling, located at [redacted] Chicago, Illinois. SA [redacted] rang the doorbell and a woman came to the door and inquired as to the nature of the Agents' business. This woman later identified herself as [redacted] She did not immediately open the door, but looked out through a window panel located to the left of the door. Agents' credentials were exhibited to her in such a way that she could see them through the window and it was pointed out to her that we were FBI Agents. [redacted] was told that we desired to talk to her. She then opened the door and we entered the hallway. After she indicated that TRUMAN GIBSON was there, we informed [redacted] that we would like to talk to him. [redacted] said that he was "back here" and she proceeded to walk through a hallway towards the back of the house. We followed her along the hallway and as [redacted] was about to enter a room off the hallway, another woman, who was carrying a drink in her hand, met us. This woman later identified herself as [redacted] the wife of TRUMAN GIBSON.

TRUMAN GIBSON then approached the hallway from this same room. Credentials were exhibited to TRUMAN GIBSON and he was informed that we were FBI Agents and that there was a warrant outstanding for his arrest. SA [redacted] explained the nature of the charges to GIBSON and told him that an indictment had been returned by a Federal Grand Jury in Los Angeles, California.

GIBSON appeared to be somewhat hesitant, therefore, I asked him if there was any doubt in his mind as to our identity. I again exhibited credentials to GIBSON. GIBSON

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said he did not question our identity. He then said, "I hope you realize that I am a prominent attorney in Chicago", to which I replied, "Yes sir, we realize that". GIBSON was then informed that he would have to accompany us to the FBI Office. GIBSON asked if he would have to spend the night in jail. I informed him that if it was at all possible, he would be arraigned and possibly released that night. GIBSON requested permission to make a phone call and he proceeded to call a [redacted] whom GIBSON indicated was his bondsman. GIBSON advised [redacted] of his arrest and that he would be going to the FBI Office.

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[redacted] expressed a desire to go along to the FBI Office with her husband, however, TRUMAN GIBSON told her that it would not be necessary. I gave [redacted] the telephone number of the Chicago Office of the FBI. We then departed from the house with TRUMAN GIBSON. He walked out of the house voluntarily with us and no handcuffs were placed on him. There were no guns displayed at any time during this arrest. Spotlights or flashlights were never used. When we departed from the house, there were no spectators in the vicinity.

When we were in GIBSON's residence, there was no other male person observed. There was no indication of hysteria on the part of [redacted]

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Office Memorandum · UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, (92-732) DATE: October 8, 1959

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, aka, ET AL; JACKIE LEONARD, aka - VICTIM
EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING; CONSPIRACY

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This memo is being submitted pursuant to your instructions regarding this Agent's activities during the arrest of TRUMAN K. GIBSON, Jr. on September 22, 1959.

At approximately 8:23 P.M., SAs [redacted] and I approached the front door of the residence at [redacted] After the door bell was rung, a woman, later identified as [redacted] approached the door and talked through the window adjacent to the door. I displayed my Credentials to [redacted] and informed her that I was an Agent with the FBI. She asked me what I wanted, and I informed her I wanted to talk to her.

[redacted] then opened the door wide and myself and Agents [redacted] entered the hallway.

I asked [redacted] if TRUMAN GIBSON was there and she stated that he was. I informed [redacted] that we desired to talk to Mr. GIBSON.

At this point [redacted] said "he is back here" and then turned and walked along the hallway towards the back portion of the house. Agents [redacted] and I followed her. As we reached a doorway at the back of the hall, another woman came out from this doorway, who we later determined was [redacted] As I entered the room, an individual was standing up and walking towards me. He was the only other individual in the room at this time besides his wife and [redacted] I asked him if he were TRUMAN GIBSON and upon an

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affirmative reply I informed him we were FBI Agents, exhibited to him my Credentials, and informed him that there was a warrant outstanding for his arrest. GIBSON asked what the charge was and he was informed of the charge by SA [redacted]

At this point GIBSON appeared to be in doubt and SA [redacted] exhibited his Credentials to GIBSON and asked him if there was any doubt in his mind as to whom we represented. Mr. GIBSON replied that he knew we were FBI Agents, then Mr. GIBSON made the statement that he hoped we realized that he was a prominent attorney.

GIBSON then asked what was to happen to him that night and I advised him that he would have to accompany the Agents to the FBI Office. GIBSON then asked the question if he would have to spend the night in jail and was advised that if it were possible he would be arraigned and possibly released that night.

GIBSON asked and was given permission to make a phone call to his bondsman. During the conversation with his bondsman, he was overheard to say that he had been arrested and that he would be going to the FBI Office. [redacted] asked her husband if she could go with him and he informed her that there would be no need of this. She was furnished the FBI Office phone number by SA [redacted]. At this point GIBSON together with Agents [redacted] proceeded from the room in which the arrest was made and started down the hall to the front door. GIBSON remarked to [redacted] that he was very sorry that this happened in her home and she replied that "it was alright."

GIBSON left the house accompanied by SAs [redacted] and was escorted to the Bureau car and was driven to the Chicago FBI Office in the Chicago Loop area.

At no time during the course of this arrest did I notice any person in hysterics nor was there any apparent outburst of emotions. Mr. GIBSON was not handcuffed nor did I observe any Agents placing their hands on GIBSON. No Agents drew their gun nor were there any automobiles parked in front of the Landrum residence which had spotlights on or lights on. I did not see anyone other than [redacted] and Mr. GIBSON at the Landrum residence.

No spectators were observed outside the house and no criticism or protests were given to me in the Landrum residence by Mr. or Mrs. GIBSON or [redacted]

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

DATE: October 9, 1959

FROM : A. Rosen

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SUBJECT: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, ET AL.;
JACKIE LEONARD, ET AL. - VICTIMS
EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING

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This is to advise the Director concerning the facts surrounding the apprehension of Truman Gibson at 8:23 p.m., Chicago time, at the home of Robert Landrum, [redacted], Chicago, Illinois, by our Chicago agents, on 9/22/59.

After being instructed that Gibson should be taken into custody, three agents of the Chicago Office proceeded to the door of the Landrum home, a two-story detached dwelling, and rang the bell. [redacted] came to the door and spoke to the agents through an adjoining port window. The agents identified themselves and asked to speak to her. The agents were admitted and requested to speak with Truman Gibson.

[redacted] led the agents to the back part of the house where Mr. and Mrs. Truman Gibson were standing with drink in hand. Agents again identified themselves and announced that there was a warrant for Gibson's arrest. The charge was explained and Gibson told that he was being taken to the FBI office. Agents again made certain that Gibson realized their identities, at which time he stated that he did.

Gibson extended courteous treatment, permitted to contact bondsman, was not handcuffed in the house nor on trip to FBI office. Only [redacted] present. No spotlights used by agents on the house and no action on part of agents should have caused anyone hysteria. Entire arrest procedure took exactly seven minutes; agents meticulously maintaining log. Agents did not restrain Gibson nor display firearms. Three other agents remained at rear of house until arrest consummated.

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Gibson taken to FBI office where processed and then taken to home of Judge Igoe for arraignment, was handcuffed during this trip*. Gibson made no comment to this judge, his bondsman, or attorney about ill treatment, and thanked FBI for courteous and thoughtful action.

Robert Landrum is 50, native born, married, graduate of Northwestern University in 1930, taught school until 1936, and thereafter operated the Landrum Realty Company. In May, 1949, listed as member of Executive Committee of NAACP; also listed as member of "Conference to End Mob Violence in Chicago" and as being one of 100 South Side Chicago businessmen calling for "Permanent Defense Committee for Victims of Mob Violence."

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Enclosure *from FBI office to Judge Igoe's home.
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RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHICAGO OFFICE

SAC, Chicago, stated that in view of prominence of Gibson agents were most meticulous to assure there could be no justifiable criticism. Written explanations being obtained from agents and from discussing problem with them SAC of opinion no improper action and Landrum's telegram not based on fact. No administrative action recommended.

RECOMMENDATION OF INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

On basis of facts orally submitted by SAC, Chicago, it is not believed there was any improper action on the part of agents and no administrative action recommended.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN

It is not felt that any acknowledgment of Landrum's telegram should be submitted over the Director's signature but that SAC Lopez should personally contact Landrum, acknowledge receipt of the telegram, and see that Landrum fully understands the facts and the Bureau's position in this matter. Attached airtel so advises SAC Lopez.

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Date: 10/12/59

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL (Priority or Method of Mailing)

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Mr. [illegible]
Mr. [illegible]
Mr. [illegible]
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Miss Gandy

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-4092)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (92-642)

SUBJECT: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, aka; also known as ET AL;
JACKIE LEONARD, aka - VICTIM; ET AL;
EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING; CONSPIRACY

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U.S. District Court Defendant TRUMAN K. GIBSON, Jr., was arraigned in USDC, Los Angeles, 10/9/59, entered plea of not guilty to indictment. Was given until 10/19/59 to file motion to dismiss, which would be argued 10/26/59. GIBSON was represented by [redacted] Chicago attorney, reportedly son of a Chicago Federal Judge.

JOE LOUIS, former world heavyweight champion, was present at GIBSON's arraignment. Assistant U.S. Attorney [redacted] AUSA, Los Angeles, advised "made a production" out of court appearance, introducing LOUIS to all officials present. As LOUIS resides here, USA expects him to appear daily at trial. GIBSON formerly was LOUIS' attorney.

As item of interest, [redacted] Investigator, Illinois Athletic Commission, inquired of USA last week for

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copy of indictment this case. He later informed USA only derogatory information in files of Illinois Athletic Commission relating to GIBSON was a report in 4/54 from Detroit. This report was that the Security officer of the Book Cadillac Hotel, Detroit, was called one night to settle a disturbance in one of the hotel rooms. Security officer proceeded to room. When door was opened he found room occupied by TRUMAN GIBSON and [redacted] b6 b7C

Defendant JOSEPH SICA was in USDC, Los Angeles, today. His motions continued to 11/2/59.

FRANK PALERMO scheduled for arraignment, USCD, Los Angeles, 10/26/59.

LOUIS THOMAS DRAGNA's motions scheduled for argument 10/26/59. No new developments here concerning defendant FRANK CARBO.

USA, Los Angeles is attempting to have all motions argued at one time except for CARBO, who will probably be delayed by New York state trial. It appears arguments of motions of various defendants will not be heard here until at least 11/2/59.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: September 23, 1959

FROM : A. ROSEN

SUBJECT: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO
FRANK CARBO, LOUIS DRAGNA,
JOSEPH SICA, TRUMAN GIBSON;
[redacted], JACKIE LEONARD - VICTIMS;
EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING

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This is to advise the Director relative to the apprehensions of Frank "Blinky" Palermo, Frank Carbo, Louis Dragna, Joseph Sica and Truman Gibson on September 22, 1959, by our Agents.

Agents of the Los Angeles Office apprehended Sica, 9:05 p.m. (Washington time) at the intersection of Fairfax and Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, and Dragna at 9:10 p.m. at 739 South Maple Street in Los Angeles.

Agents of our Philadelphia Office apprehended Palermo at 9:25 p.m. at 2929 South 61st Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as he was emerging from a telephone booth at a service station.

At 9:24 p.m. Agents of our Baltimore Office placed Carbo under arrest in his hospital room at the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. Carbo entered the hospital late in the afternoon of September 21, 1959, for observation. His doctor had previously advised that the arrest would not affect his condition.

Agents of our Chicago Office arrested Gibson at 9:29 p.m. at 1114 East 50th Street, Chicago, Illinois.

All of the above arrests were made without incident.

The Federal Grand Jury at Los Angeles returned a secret indictment on September 22, 1959, and bench warrants were issued for the arrest of all individuals. Bond has been recommended by the United States Attorney, Los Angeles, for Palermo and Carbo in a sum of $100,000; for Sica and Dragna in the sum of $25,000; and for Gibson in the sum of $5,000.

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Memorandum to the Director

William P. Daly, an east coast boxing promoter, has been named in the indictment as an unindicted co-conspirator. The indictment charges these subjects with 10 counts of violating Section 371 (Conspiracy), Section 875(b) (Extortion), and Section 1951 (Anti-Racketeering), Title 18, U. S. Code. All subjects were charged with conspiracy by threats of physical harm, violence, economic loss and injury to [redacted] manager of Don Jordan, world welterweight champion, and Jackie Leonard, boxing promoter, in order to obtain a share of boxing purses and control of Jordan without paying any consideration. The services of Sica and Dragna, persons of underworld reputation, as well as the influence of Gibson through his control of television boxing programs, were used to further the demands of subjects Carbo and Palermo. Subjects Carbo and Palermo were specifically charged with making threatening interstate telephone calls to Leonard.

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The matter was released to the press, radio and television services following the apprehension.

ACTION:

The attached letter has been prepared for the information of the Attorney General.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: October 12, 1959

FROM : W. B. Welte

SUBJECT: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, ET AL.; JACKIE LEONARD, ET AL. - VICTIMS EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING

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SAC Lopez was telephonically requested on 10/8/59 to furnish the facts surrounding the apprehension of Truman Gibson at Chicago, Illinois, on 9/22/59, and the following explanation was submitted:

Gibson was under surveillance by the New York Office during the afternoon of 9/22/59 and took a plane to Chicago, arriving there 6:40 p.m., Chicago time. He was surveilled to his home, arriving there 7:25 p.m., and left at 7:55 p.m., arriving at the home of Robert Landrum 7:57 p.m.

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APPREHENSION OF GIBSON

At 8:23 p.m., Gibson was arrested by Special Agents [redacted] at the residence of Landrum, [redacted] This is a two-story home and a private detached dwelling.

[redacted] rang the doorbell and a woman subsequently identified as [redacted] asked the nature of their business by speaking through a window panel beside the door and did not open the door. [redacted] exhibited his credentials so that she could see them through the window and verbally identified himself and stated that they would like to speak to her on official business. She opened the door wide for the agents to enter. They entered and asked if Mr. Truman Gibson were there. She replied in the affirmative and the agents informed her that they desired to talk to him. She pointed "back there" and walked along a hallway toward the back of the house. The agents followed.

As they were about to enter a room in the rear, a second woman subsequently identified as [redacted] met them with a drink in hand, followed by Gibson also with drink in hand. [redacted] showed his credentials and identified all three of the men as FBI agents.

DISCUSSION WITH GIBSON IN HOUSE

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Gibson was informed that there was a warrant for his arrest. Gibson inquired as to the nature of the offense and [redacted] explained to Gibson the violation charged, the fact that an indictment had been returned and a warrant issued. At first, Gibson appeared hesitant; then [redacted] asked him if there was any doubt as to the identity

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of the three agents and again exhibited credentials. Gibson stated that there was no question as to identity and stated, "I hope you realize I am a prominent attorney in Chicago." [redacted] stated, "Yes, sir, we realize that." Gibson inquired as to what was to follow and [redacted] told him that he was to accompany the agents to the office. In reply to Gibson's inquiry as to whether it would be necessary to spend the night in jail, he was informed by [redacted] that if it would be at all possible he could be arraigned and released on bond. Gibson then asked to make a telephone call and was granted permission to do so by [redacted] He called his bondsman, "Horton," and told of his arrest and that he was being taken to the FBI office.

[redacted] requested permission to accompany him, whereupon Truman Gibson said it was not necessary and asked [redacted] to call [redacted] (probably referring to [redacted] and gave his wife the keys to the car. Agent [redacted] volunteered the FBI office telephone number to [redacted]

All departed from the house by means of the front door and, as leaving, Gibson indicated to [redacted] that he was sorry that this had to happen in her home.

Agents have advised that no other members of the Landrum family were observed, that Robert Landrum was not in evidence, and that there was definitely no hysteria in the Landrum home while they were there. A very accurate arrest log was maintained and the entire arrest procedure took exactly seven minutes. Gibson was not handcuffed as they left the house and agents did not have hold of him and no firearms were displayed. There were no spectators outside of the Landrum house. There were positively no flashlights, spotlights, or lights of any kind used on the outside, according to SAC Lopez. There were two Bureau cars involved, one parked directly in front of Landrum's house and the other across and slightly down the street. Neither were the lights on, sirens and horns blowing, nor the motor racing.

Three agents, [redacted] and [redacted] prior to the arrest proceeded up the driveway to the rear of the house and stood at that point. Through a large window they were able to see Gibson and a lady in the room; they observed the three agents enter the room, talk to Gibson, and depart. The agents then went back to the street and proceeded to the office. Again, there were no lights, flashlights, and there were no people around to observe the agents.

Gibson made no comment to the judge, his bondsman, or attorney about ill treatment.

TRANSPORTATION OF GIBSON TO FBI OFFICE

On the way to the FBI office, Gibson was not handcuffed. After the processing of him in the FBI office and arrangements made to have him arraigned at the home of Judge Igoe, prior to departing from the FBI office, he was handcuffed inasmuch as the office is in a downtown area and there was heavy traffic. He remained handcuffed until arriving at Judge Igoe's home.

Concerning Robert Landrum, credit report dated March, 1959, reflects that he is 50, native born, married. He graduated from Northwestern University in 1930. From 1930 to 1936, he taught school. Thereafter, he formed the Landrum Realty Company and has been engaged in the real estate business as a commissioned broker since that time. The files of the Chicago Office reflect the following information which is believed to be identical with Landrum:

(1) In May, 1949, Landrum was listed as being on the Executive Committee of the NAACP.

(2) On December 4, 1949, Landrum was listed on the stationery as being an officer of the "Conference To End Mob Violence in Chicago."

(3) "The Worker," a communist newspaper, of 9/30/51 carried an article under the caption "Parley Demands Grand Jury of Races," under which it was stated that a meeting of 100 Chicago South Side businessmen called for a "Permanent Defense Committee for Victims of Mob Violence."

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHICAGO OFFICE

SAC Lopez stated that in view of the apprehension of a prominent person such as Gibson the agents were most meticulous to assure that there could be no justifiable criticism of the Bureau. He stated that he is obtaining written explanations from all agents who participated in the arrest and, from discussing the matter with them, he is of the opinion that there was no improper action on the part of any of the agents and that the telegram from Landrum has no basis in fact and, therefore, he is not recommending any administrative action.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

SAC Lopez will furnish written explanations of the agents and his written recommendations; however, on the basis of the facts submitted, it is not believed that there was any improper action on the part of the agents and, therefore, no administrative action is recommended.

A separate memorandum has been prepared for the Director and an airtel has been sent to SAC, Chicago, directing him to contact Landrum and acknowledge receipt of the telegram and explain the Bureau's position in this matter.

During arraignment of Truman K. Gibson in U. S. District Court, Los Angeles, on 10/9/59, Joe Louis, former world heavyweight champion, made an appearance and according to AUSA "made a production" out of being introduced to all court officials present. Since Louis is resident of Los Angeles, he is expected to be in attendance during trial.

This appears to be somewhat similar to tactics used by defense in James Hoffa trial in Washington during 1957.

Los Angeles developed information that security officer at a Detroit hotel during April, 1954, when called to quell a disturbance in a room found this room occupied by Truman Gibson and [redacted] b6 b7C

Detroit is being instructed to discreetly check this information out through established sources.

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October 9, 1939

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To: SAC, Chicago

Personal Attention

From: Director, FBI

FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, ET AL.;
JACKIE LEONARD, ET AL. - VICTIMS
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Re your telephone call 10/8/59.

There is attached hereto a ~~Thermo-Fax~~ copy of a telegram received from Robert ~~Landrum~~, [redacted] Chicago, Illinois. ROBERT N. LANDRUM.

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You should personally contact Landrum and acknowledge receipt of this telegram at the Bureau and should see that Landrum fully understands the true facts in the case and the Bureau's position in all matters discussed in the telegram. This should be handled immediately and the Bureau advised.

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Note cover memo A.Rosen to The Director 10/9/59 WBW:ige

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HONORABLE J EDGAR HOOVER, DIR

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION DEPT OF JUSTICE

DEAR SIR: ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1959. TRUMAN K GIBSON JR MEMBER OF THE BAR IN THIS CITY FOR MORE THAN 24 YEARS WAS ARRESTED IN MY HOME IN THIS CITY. WE ARE FRIENDS OF MORE THAN 30 YEARS STANDING, AND HE AND HIS WIFE WERE IN MY HOME ON A PURELY SOCIAL VISIT. HIS WIFE HAD PRECEDED HIM. LEAVING A MESSAGE FOR HIM AT THEIR HOME THAT SHE HAS PROCEEDED TO MY HOUSE FOR THIS SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT. WHEN HE CAME HOME AND READ THE NOTE HE CALLED MY HOUSE AND INFORMED HER THAT HE WOULD COME ON OVER IN A FEW MINUTES. NOT LONG AFTER MR GIBSON ARRIVED, MY WIFE ANSWERED A RING AT THE FRONT DOOR. AN AGENT OF YOUR BUREAU, IDENTIFYING HIMSELF AS SUCH, ASKED TO SPEAK WITH HER, BUT WOULD NOT STATE WHY ALTHOUGH SHE INSISTED. YET, SHE ADMITTED HIM INTO

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OUR HOME. AS SOON AS THE DOOR WAS OPENED FOR HIS ENTRY, AND WITHOUT REQUESTING PERMISSION TO SEE MR GIBSON, HE AND THREE AGENTS STORMED PAST MY WIFE, STATING THAT HE HAD A WARRANT FOR MR GIBSON'S ARREST, AS THEY RUSHED DOWN THE HALL TO OUR REAR STUDY, WHERE MR AND MRS GIBSON WERE SEATED. A NUMBER OF AUTOMOBILES WERE IN THE STREET PLAYING THEIR SPOTLIGHTS UPON MY HOUSE AND SEVERAL AGENTS WERE IN THE REAR AND SIDE. THE ENTIRE INCIDENT WAS MUCH MORE INFLAMMATORY THAN I SHALL SEEK TO DESCRIBE. IT IS SUFFICIENT TO SAY THAT THEIR CONDUCT AND THE INCIDENT WAS SEVERELY SHOCKING INSULTING AND EMBARRASSING TO ME MY FAMILY AND MY GUESTS THE WOMEN WERE THROWN INTO HYSTERIA ESPECIALLY MY WIFE AS OUR YOUNGER DAUGHTER HAD BEEN ILL FOR SEVERAL DAYS. I HAVE CONFERRED WITH A NUMBER LAWYERS ABOUT THIS INCIDENT AND THEY ASSURE ME THAT THE CONDUCT OF THE AGENTS WAS UNLAWFUL

THEY TELL ME ABOUT THE GATWOOD CASE AND EXPLAIN THAT THIS CONSTI-
TUTED AN UNLAWFUL SEARCH IN VIOLATION OF THE FOURTH AMENDMENT
THEY STATE THAN AN OFFICER ARMED WITH AN ARREST WARRANT MAY SEARCH
THE HOUSE OF ANOTHER WITHOUT A SEARCH WARRANT IF HE HAS REASON
TO BELIEVE THAT SUCH OTHER IS KNOWINGLY HARBORING THE PERSON
TO BE ARRESTED BUT HE MAY NOT BREAK DOWN THE DOOR UNLESS HE
FIRST HAS CLEARLY AND UNEQUIVOCALLY ANNOUNCED HIS PURPOSE AND
HAS BEEN REFUSED ENTRY IF HE DOES CLEARLY AND UNEQUIVOCALLY
ANNOUNCE HIS TRUE PURPOSE AND IS REFUSED ENTRY THE HOME

OWNER THEREAFTER IS PRESUMED TO BE HARBORING THE PERSON TO BE
ARRESTED. YOUR AGENT DID NOT STATE HIS BUSINESS UNTIL
GAINING ENTRANCE. MY PRIMARY CONCERN IS NOT WITH ILLEGALITY
OF THIS MATTER IT IS WITH THE SURPRISING INDECENCY AND SHAMEFULNESS

OF THE ENTIRE INCIDENT I HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING MR GIBSON'S GUILT OR INNOCENCE OF THE OFFENSE FOR WHICH HE WAS ARRESTED I AM HOWEVER QUITE CONCERNED THAT HE WAS NOT MERELY ARRESTED BUT WAS "APPREHENDED" LIKE A VICIOUS PERSON TO BE ARMED AND DANGEROUS AND HIDING OUT IN THE HOUSE OF A CONFEDERATE WHO WAS SEEKING TO EFFECT HIS ESCAPE FROM THE LAW THIS WAS A VERY UGLY AND I BELIEVE EVILLY MOTIVATED THING TO DO.

EVERYONE WHO IS ACQUAINTED WITH THE OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NEGROES IN AMERICA KNOWS WHO TRUMAN GIBSON JR IS. HE IS A LAWYER OF THE HIGHEST RECORD, AN OFFICIAL OF ONE OF THE LARGEST NEGRO INSURANCE COMPANIES, A FORMER CIVILIAN AIDE TO THE SECRETARY OF WAR, AND THE RECIPIENT OF THE MEDAL OF MERIT, A MEMBER OF THE BOARDS AND STAFFS OF MANY HIGHLY ESTEEMED AND LOYAL ORGANIZATIONS AND A FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE IBC. HIS ENTIRE FAMILY ARE WELL

KNOWN AS BEING PEOPLE OF RICH CULTURAL BACKGROUND AND HIS SOCIAL STANDING REGARDLESS OF THE CHARGE AGAINST HIM. HE IS NOT A PERSON WHO NEEDED TO BE "APPREHENDED" IN SUCH A MANNER IT TAKES NO SPECULATION WHATSOEVER TO KNOW THAT HE IS A PERSON WHO READILY WOULD HAVE COME TO THE DOOR AND SUBMITTED TO ARREST HAD HE BEEN REQUESTED HE IS A PERSON WHO, IF HE HAD KNOWLEDGE THAT A WARRANT WAS OUTSTANDING AGAINST HIM, WOULD IMMEDIATELY AND IN COOPERATION WITH THE BUREAU HAVE GONE TO ITS OFFICE AND SURRENDERED TO IT. I HAVE TRIED UNSUCCESSFULLY TO FIGURE OUT WHY THIS INCIDENT OCCURRED AS IT DID. WAS IT BECAUSE THE CALIFORNIA AUTHORITIES REQUESTED THAT IT BE DONE IN THIS MANNER? WAS IT BECAUSE THE AGENTS HERE MADE THE MISTAKE OF THINKING MR GIBSON WAS A FLIGHTABLE, WEAPON CARRYING, OFT ARRESTED CRIMINAL? WAS IT BECAUSE THE AGENTS WHO HANDLED

IT OR THEIR SUPERVISOR CONSIDERED HIM "JUST ANOTHER NEGRO"
AND THAT / ALL NEGROES MUST BE HANDLED ROUGH? I HAD BELIEVED
THAT YOU WERE STRONGLY ATTACHED TO THE PRINCIPLE THAT THE FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT AT LEAST IN ALL OF ITS RELATIONS TO THE PEOPLE MUST
BE STRONG AND UNCOMPRISING BUT MUST ALWAYS BE CORRECT JUST
DECENT AND RESPECTFUL OF THE PEOPLES RIGHT I HAD ALWAYS BELIEVED
THAT YOU WERE CONCERNED WITH EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE INVESTIGATIONS,
ARRESTS AND PROSECUTIONS, AND NOT WITH "PERFORMANCES" MOTIVATED
BY A DESIRE TO MAKE JUICILY PRESS WORTHY INCIDENTS I HAD ALWAYS
BELIEVED THAT IT WAS YOUR PHILOSOPHY THAT CRIME
MUST BE PREVENTED AND ACCOUNTED FOR SUCCESSFULLY BUT ONLY WITHIN
THE FRAMEWORK OF GOOD GOVERNMENTAL PROCEDURES AND THAT NEVER
MUST METHODS BE USED WHICH DEGRADE THOSE PROCESSES AND FUNDAMENTAL
PRINCIPLES OF JUSTICE AND DECENCY UPON WHICH OUR KIND OF GOVERNMENT

IS FOUNDED. I UNDERSTAND THAT JUDGE MICHAEL IGOE, BEFORE WHOM EVENTUALLY MR GIBSON WAS TAKEN AND WHO HAS KNOWN HIM FOR MANY YEARS WAS SO CONCERNED THAT HE TOOK WHAT THE CHICAGO DAILY NEWS SAID WAS AN UNPRECEDENTED ACT IN IMMEDIATELY APPROVING BOND IN HIS APARTMENT FOR MR GIBSON. I THINK YOU SHOULD CHECK IT OUT, SIR, TO THE END THAT YOUR AGENCY NOT CONTRIBUTE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF A "POLICE STATE" HERE IN THE UNITED STATES. I WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING THAT THIS INCIDENT IS NOT TYPICAL OF THE PROCEDURES YOU PRESCRIBE FOR YOUR AGENTS IN SIMILAR SITUATIONS I SHOULD LIKE A REPORT IN THIS MATTER AS I FEEL STRONGLY MY FAMILY AND I HAVE BEEN GROSSLY INSULTED AND MISUSED. IF IT WOULD FACILITATE YOUR INQUIRY, PLEASE BE ASSURED THAT I AM A RESPONSIBLE CITIZEN. I HAVE BEEN A REAL ESTATE BROKER IN CHICAGO FOR MANY YEARS. I AM A MEMBER

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OF THE CHICAGO PLAN COMMISSION AND BOARD MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY CONSERVATION BOARD OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, ALSO PAST CHAIRMAN OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

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To: SACs: Detroit
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From: Director, FBI

FRANK BLINKY PALERMO, AKA; ET AL.;
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EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING; CONSPIRACY

Re Los Angeles airtel dated 10/12/59.

For the information of the Detroit Office, the Los Angeles Office has advised that Anthony Russo, Investigator, Illinois Athletic Commission, informed the United States Attorney at Los Angeles that the only derogatory information in the files of that commission relating to Gibson was a report dated April, 1954, from Detroit. This report indicated that a Security Officer of the Book Cadillac Hotel was called one night to settle a disturbance in one of the hotel rooms. Upon proceeding to the room, he opened the door and found it occupied by Truman K. Gibson, Jr., and [redacted]

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In this connection Los Angeles reported Joe Louis, former world heavyweight champion, was present at Gibson's arraignment in Los Angeles on 10/9/59 and according to the AUSA in Los Angeles the defense counsel "made a production" of Louis' court appearance. It is expected since Louis

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resides in the Los Angeles area, that he may be in court on a regular basis during the trial. Gibson was formerly Louis' attorney.

The attention of all offices is directed to the fact that a similar appearance, undoubtedly staged by the defense counsel, was made by Louis during the trial of James Hoffa in United States District Court, Washington, D. C., on bribery charges during the Summer of 1957. In this instance the jury was predominately Negro and there was every indication that Louis' appearance had some effect on the jury.

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Detroit should immediately initiate an extremely discreet inquiry regarding the incident referred to above in connection with Gibson and [redacted] Inquiries should be made only through established sources on a confidential basis. The Bureau should be advised of the results of this inquiry as soon as possible.

In connection with the arrest of Truman K. Gibson, Jr., Chicago attor( ), on 9-22-59, relative to our investigation of extortion and anti-racketeering by well-known hoodlum figures in the boxing world, Robert N. Landrum who describes himself as a responsible real estate broker in Chicago, member of the Chicago Planning Commission and active in other community projects, objects to manner in which Gibson taken into custody by Bureau Agents. Gibson arrested while visiting the Landrum home on evening of September 22, and Landrum states arrest was insulting and embarrassing to him and his family since Agents conducted an "unlawful search" of his home in arresting Gibson. Claims he is not questioning legality of arrest, but that Gibson being a responsible lawyer and businessman should not have been subjected to arrest in a manner such as that of a common criminal. Landrum questions methods of Bureau personnel indicating racial prejudice may have motivated action along with desire for "juicy" press release. Landrum requests inquiry into matter and desires to be advised.

No record Identification Division or derogatory information in Bureau files for Landrum based on information available.

SAC, Chicago, instructed to submit full details concerning arrest, explanations of all personnel participating in arrest, recommendations for administrative action and full background information concerning Landrum.

It is noted that Truman Gibson, when brought into court for arraignment, stated he wanted to thank the FBI Agents for their courteous and thoughtful action. U. S. District Judge Igoe also called the SAC at Chicago and complimented the Bureau on the handling of the Gibson apprehension.

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TITLE OF CASE

FRANKIE CARBO, AR

Report made by: SA [redacted] ngb

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CHARACTER OF CASE

ANTI-RACKETEERING

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Synopsis:

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REFERENCES:

Report of SA [redacted] dated 8/6/59.
Baltimore letter to Director dated 9/29/59.
Chicago letter to NY, dated 10/2/59 (interoffice).
Newark letter to NY dated 10/7/59 (interoffice).
Newark letter to Los Angeles dated 10/8/59, captioned "FRANK BLINKY PALERMO; et al"(interoffice).
Miami letter to NY, dated 10/10/59 (interoffice).

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Copy to:

Report of: [redacted]
Date: 10/23/59

Office: New York, New York

File Number: NY 92-641

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Title: FRANKE CARBO

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

CARBO indicted by NY County GJ 7/24/58, arrested in NJ 5/30/59, and returned to NYC, 8/7/59. Trial commenced 10/5/59, but delay granted until 10/26/59. On 9/23/59, CARBO, TRUMAN GIBSON, Jr., FRANK PALERMO, JOSEPH SICA and LOUIS DRAGNA arrested by SAS of FBI and charged with violating Federal Extortion Statute and Anti-Racketeering Statute. CARBO released on $100,000 bond. On 9/29/59, CARBO observed at Newark, NJ Airport in company of woman believed to be [redacted] and man possibly [redacted] On 10/11/59, [redacted] served in Cicero, Ill., to appear at NY trial.

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On October 13, 1959, [redacted] advised that [redacted] had been served under the reciprical witness act at 4:20 p.m., October 11, 959, at Hawthorne Race Track, Cicero, Illinois. He was allegedly in the company of two women and in an intoxicated condition. [redacted] kept repeating "Have you served TRUMAN yet?". [redacted] advised that TRUMAN GIBSON has been in touch with his office and has volunteered to appear during the trial. b6 b7C

2. Federal Charges

On September 22, 1959, an indictment was returned by the Federal Grand Jury, United States District Court, Southern District of California, Central Division, against the subjects FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, TRUMAN GIBSON, JR., JOSEPH SICA and LOUIS TOM DRAGNA. The indictment contains 10 counts and charges the defendents variously with having violated the Federal Extortion Statute and the Anti-Racketeering Statute (Hobbs Act) and/or conspiracy to violate these acts. CARBO is named in five of the ten counts. According to the indictment the extortion attempt was aimed at [redacted] and LEONARD BLAKLEY, a promoter known as JACKIE LOENARD. They were to turn over control of JORDON to the five conspirators and were "persuaded" by threats of physical violence including interstate telephone calls.

On the same date CARBO was arrested by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in his room in the Internal Medicine Wing, Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland.

On September 23, 1959, CARBO was arraigned before United States Commissioner ERNEST VOLKAR and ordered held in $100,000.00 bail.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-4092)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (92-732)

FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, aka, also known as
ET AL; JACKIE LEONARD, aka - VICTIM;
ET AL
EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING

Re Chicago airtel, 10/8/59, and Buairtel, 10/9/59, latter instructing to personally contact ROBERT LANDRUM, acknowledge receipt of his telegram to Bureau, and see that he fully understood true facts in case and Bureau's position in all matters discussed in his telegram.

On 10/12/59 I telephonically contacted LANDRUM at his office, 417 East 47th St., advising that I had been informed of his telegram to the Director and that I wished to discuss the matter with him at his convenience. He said that he was busy on this date and suggested an appointment in his office at 10 a.m. 10/13/59.

At exactly 10 a.m. 10/13/59, I called at LANDRUM's office, accompanied by Special Agent OSCAR M. HUGHES. LANDRUM was not in. A girl at his office stated that he was expecting us but was out and would return shortly. I stated that I would wait. At 10:09 a.m. LANDRUM returned to his office. I advised him of the purpose of my visit. He stated at the outset that he had not been at his home at the time of TRUMAN GIBSON's arrest and that the information in his telegram was based on data furnished him by [redacted] He said that since [redacted] was the original source of the information and was waiting at his home, he desired that I accompany him to his home to get the information directly from [redacted] Inasmuch as

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[redacted] in fact, the original complainant in this matter, I agreed. LANDRUM's home is at [redacted], approximately ten blocks distant. LANDRUM proceeded in his own car, and SA HUGHES and I proceeded in a Bureau car to the LANDRUM home. LANDRUM was there on arrival and ushered us into his living room. His home is quite expensively furnished, and apparently he is well off financially. [redacted] was present, and I acquainted her with the purpose of my visit.

At the outset I asked [redacted] to describe fully what had actually happened in her home in connection with TRUMAN GIBSON's arrest. [redacted] recited that the GIBSONs were guests in her home on the evening of September 25th; that one of the LANDRUM children had been ill and that [redacted] had come earlier and was at the home when TRUMAN GIBSON subsequently arrived after having reached Chicago from New York. She said sometime after GIBSON's arrival, the doorbell rang and her [redacted] year-old daughter went into the hallway and saw several men outside the door. She called to [redacted], who went to the door. [redacted] said she did not open the door at first but inquired concerning the nature of the call, and one of the men said he was an FBI Agent, and all of the men pulled out badges or credentials of some type which she could not describe. She asked the purpose of their visit and according to [redacted], a man replied, "Please, may we come in and talk to you?" She said at this point she opened the door and permitted the men to enter. She stated definitely that four men entered the room. She said immediately upon entering, one asked if TRUMAN GIBSON was there. She replied that he was and was in the rear of the premises. She said at this point the four men brushed past her and walked briskly to the back room, or den, where the GIBSONs were sitting. She added she had called out to GIBSON that someone was there to see him. She said that undoubtedly the men must have known that GIBSON was in the premises because later she learned that several other men were

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in the rear of the building and could see through the window into the den that GIBSON was, in fact, inside.

[redacted] said she objected to the entire procedure in that it seemed completely unnecessary that so many men be assigned to arrest a gentleman of Mr. GIBSON's standing. She objected to the men not stating their business with GIBSON from the doorstep rather than asking to be admitted to talk to her. She objected to the men allegedly brushing past her and proceeding directly to the rear den and apprehending GIBSON. She objected to the men being in the rear of the premises and observing activities within the den. She continued that during this time, a number of cars were in the block, all with lights on, and she felt this was unnecessary.

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I asked [redacted] if there was anything else pertinent which she desired to add. Throughout this time, ROBERT LANDRUM continually interrupted his wife with his own observations of the events and his own interpretations of the facts as she had told him. ROBERT LANDRUM is obviously an emotional type Negro. He gave every indication of being a "professional" Negro. His entire attitude was belligerent throughout. His demeanor and comments were definitely provocative.

[redacted] concluded that the above was substantially the facts. ROBERT LANDRUM ad-libbed that there were several other minor matters which he might discuss later but which he deemed immaterial at this time.

I then commenced discussing with [redacted] the fact that quite understandably she was upset and probably surprised at the events surrounding GIBSON's arrest in her home; that while I was sure she had spoken from sincere recollection, it was quite possible that in view of her upsetment, she might not have recalled the facts with full accuracy.

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I then commenced to point out the variations in her allegations as compared with the known facts which actually surrounded this matter. I pointed out that only three Agents, in fact, came to the door. I reminded her of her previous statement that the Agents properly identified themselves and asked, "Please, may we come in and talk to you?" I pointed out that she was not bound to admit the Agents but did so voluntarily. I pointed out that with regard to her recollection that the Agents brushed past her from inside the door toward the rear den, she was in honest error in that it had been determined that, in fact, the Agents had followed her down the corridor toward the rear until [redacted] followed immediately afterward by TRUMAN GIBSON, emerged from the den, at which time GIBSON was placed under arrest.

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ROBERT LANDRUM became very agitated and belligerent at this point. He interrupted his wife and myself continually. He said that apparently I questioned the veracity of his wife. He said that he was disappointed that apparently from my statements the case had already been whitewashed and that my visit would serve no useful purpose in getting to the real facts. I assured him this was not the case. He said that without getting the full story from [redacted] I was attempting to confront her with contrary allegations from our own Agents; that apparently I was giving no consideration to the fact that [redacted] was possibly upset at the time, but in his opinion, was assuming that she was deliberately falsifying the facts.

I reminded LANDRUM that these statements were completely without foundation; that from the very outset I had asked [redacted] to tell her story in full; that upon conclusion, I had asked her if there was anything else that she had to add; that prior to further discussion, I had specifically observed that she could well have been upset at the events and to have made an honest mistake.

It was apparent that LANDRUM was not concerned with the

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actual facts, even those which had occurred a few moments earlier. He gave every indication of definitely wishing to provoke an incident. He rambled on, continually interrupting, until he reached a point where I had to specifically tell him that I could not speak further unless he agreed to refrain from interrupting. He wished to know if the same "tactics" would have been used by Bureau Agents had the arrest involved a white man visiting white friends in a white neighborhood living in Beverly Hills, a well-to-do white area. I told him emphatically that this matter had been handled in a businesslike, routine, prescribed fashion and that similar procedures had been used on many occasions and would have been used regardless of minor circumstances such as neighborhood, race, etc.

LANDRUM stated he felt that he was getting nowhere during the discussion and that there appeared that nothing would be done to discipline the Agents who had acted in such fashion. SA HUGHES and I stood up, and I stated that if he felt in this manner, there appeared no further need of discussing the matter although I emphasized that I was fully willing to listen and be listened to in a gentlemanly fashion.

The remainder of the conversation ensued while we were standing and preparing to leave. In closing, LANDRUM stated that he had always had high regard for the FBI and that he had hoped that when this incident had been called to the attention of the proper officials, appropriate action would be taken so that he and other American citizens could be assured of no repetition of such tactics. He said that he was disappointed that apparently he could not have such assurance. It became very clear at this point, as stated previously, that LANDRUM really desired an abject apology, admission of improper conduct, and emphatic assurance that there would be no repetition in the future. In the alternative, it was quite clear that he would welcome further argument in the hope of provoking an incident which he could seize upon through the press or otherwise to further harangue concerning the situation. I told

him in conclusion that I had listened and noted carefully the allegations of [redacted] that I could understand that she may have been upset at the events and that quite possibly she had made an honest error in her recollection, but that insofar as I was concerned, after having checked the facts very carefully, I was convinced that the Agents had not acted improperly in the handling of this case. I might add that midway in the discussion, [redacted] volunteered that in her opinion, the only way Agents could have known of GIBSON's presence in her home was through the tapping of GIBSON's phone when he called from his home after arrival from New York. I asked [redacted] specifically if she was accusing the FBI of tapping the GIBSON telephone. ROBERT LANDRUM interrupted, stating that this was immaterial; that he was only concerned with events which occurred in his home. Nevertheless, I advised them both emphatically that the FBI did not engage in illegal telephone tapping and that no telephone had been tapped by FBI Agents.

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The above discussion consumed approximately one hour from 10:20 a.m. to 11:20 a.m. I mentioned sometime before departing that TRUMAN GIBSON himself, after his arraignment on the following day, had expressed appreciation to FBI Agents for the fine and gentlemanly manner in which his case had been handled and the consideration which had been afforded him. ROBERT LANDRUM seemed somewhat taken aback but stated that he would have to check further with GIBSON on this matter and that insofar as he was concerned, it would have no bearing on his own feelings concerning his own home.

Upon leaving, ROBERT LANDRUM volunteered that if at any time he could be of service to the FBI, he still wished to do so. I thanked him for his expression.

The above is set forth in some length to illustrate ROBERT LANDRUM's type and temperament. There is no doubt in my mind that he is definitely a trouble-maker. He becomes

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visibly excited when he himself speaks of racial matters. His entire demeanor bordered on rudeness, and I am positive that he would have been very happy to provoke an incident upon which he could further exploit his cause.

I see no point in any further contact with this individual and, in fact, I am instructing Agents of this office that he should not be contacted by any Agent in any manner until previously discussed with me.

LANDRUM may let the matter drop at this point. It is entirely possible that he will pursue it further. He may communicate further with the Bureau, accusing me of various and sundry crimes and misdemeanors. He may seek to publicize his concocted version of the matter through local newspapers. I am positive that actually LANDRUM clearly understands the Bureau's position and, in fact, knows that there is no justifiable basis for criticism on his part. He is the type of individual, however, who needs no justification for criticism. This became apparent from the outset of my visit and accordingly, both SA HUGHES and I were most circumspect in our statements. However, after hearing the LANDRUMs' stories, we did unequivocably acquaint them with the actual facts of the case, and I am positive that they clearly understand same although just as obviously, they will not admit these facts.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

ATTN.. ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, A. ROSEN

FROM SAC, CHICAGO 2P

FRANK QUOTE BLINKY UNQUOTE PALERMO, AKA., ET AL DASH EXTORTION., ANTI DASH RACKETEERING., CONSPIRACY. RE BU PHONE CALL THIS DATE REQUESTING ADVICE WHETHER NEWSPAPER REPORTERS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS WERE AT THE SCENE OF TRUMAN GIBSON, [redacted]JR.-S ARREST BY BUAGENTS AS ALLEGED BY COOK COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION. NO NEWSPAPER REPORTERS OR PHOTOGRAPHERS WERE OBSERVED AT SCENE OF GIBSON-S ARREST AT ROBERT N. LANDRUM-S RESIDENCE, EVENING OF SEPT. TWENTY TWO AND NO PHOTO FLASH PICTURES WERE TAKEN. SUBJECT WAS TRANSPORTED TO CHICAGO OFFICE. AFTER NECESSARY PROCESSING GIBSON PERMITTED TO MAKE PHONE CALLS TO ARRANGE HIS HEARING THAT EVENING BEFORE JUDGE IGOE. AGENTS AND SUBJECT DEPARTED CHICAGO OFFICE AT TEN FORTY P.M. FOR ELEVEN P.M. HEARING AT JUDGE IGOE-S APARTMENT AT [redacted] TWO NEWSPAPER PHOTOGRAPHERS WERE PRESENT IN FRONT OF OFFICE ON DEPARTURE AND TOOK SEVERAL FLASH PICTURES. NO PHOTOS OR INTERVIEWS WERE TAKEN INSIDE THE FIELD OFFICE AND NO INTERVIEWS OF SUBJECT BY NEWSMEN WERE PERMITTED.

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ON ARRIVAL AT THE APARTMENT HOUSE WHERE JUDGE IGOE RESIDES, TWO OTHER NEWSMEN WERE IN THE LOBBY AND SEVERAL FLASH PHOTOS TAKEN. THEY REMAINED AT THE LOBBY ENTRANCE UNTIL AFTER THE HEARING AND TOOK OTHER PICTURES ON DEPARTURE OF SUBJECT. NEWSMEN WERE NOT ADMITTED TO UPPER FLOOR RESIDENCE OF JUDGE IGOE.

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cc Mr Rosen

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI ... ATTN.. ASST. DIRECTOR A. ROSEN...

FROM SAC, CHICAGO 2P

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FRANK QUOTE BLINKY END QUOTE PALERMO, AKA., ET AL, EXTORTION DASH ANTIRACKETEERING, CONSPIRACY. RE CHICAGO TEL TO BUREAU AND BUREAU PHONE CALL TO CHICAGO BOTH OCTOBER SIXTEEN INSTANT. RE FIVE OFFICERS OF COOK COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION, CHICAGO, THE FOLLOWING INFO WAS OBTAINED FROM MARTINDALE DASH HUBBELL LAW DIRECTORY, NINETEEN FIFTY THREE EDITION AND CG TELEPHONE DIRECTORY, JUNE NINETEEN FIFTY NINE EDITION COLON CHARLES F. LANE, BORN NINETEEN ZERO FOUR, GRADUATE OF UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, URBANA, ILLINOIS, AND UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO AND ADMITTED TO BAR NINETEEN THIRTY. LAW OFFICE FOUR ONE SEVEN EAST FORTY SEVENTH STREET, CHICAGO, RESIDENCE SIX TWO TWO SEVEN SOUTH EVANS, CHICAGO. EDWARD B. TOLES, BORN NINETEEN ZERO NINE, GRADUATE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, URBANA, ILLINOIS , AND ADMITTED TO BAR NINETEEN THIRTY SIX. LAW OFFICE ONE HUNDRED NORTH LA SALLE STREET, CHICAGO. JAMES D. CROSSON, BORN NINETEEN ZERO NINE, ATTENDED CENTRAL YMCA COLLEGE, CHICAGO, AND JOHN MARSHALL LAW SCHOOL, CHICAGO, ADMITTED TO BAR, NINETEEN FORTY, MEMBER AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION. LAW OFFICE SIX EAST GARFIELD BLVD., CHICAGO. HOME ONE ZERO FIVE FIVE EAST HYDE PARK, CHICAGO. JAMES G.

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LEMON, JR. BORN NINETEEN TEN, ATTENDED ATLANTA UNIVERSITY, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, AND NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, EVANSTON, ILLINOIS. ADMITTED TO BAR NINETEEN THIRTY FIVE. LAW OFFICE ONE EIGHT NINE WEST MADISON, CHICAGO. HOME, SEVEN NINE THREE FOUR SOUTH WABASH, CHICAGO. b6 b7C b7D

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FOLLOWING INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM CHICAGO FILE REVIEW COLON CHARLES F. LANE WAS M. C. AT NATIONAL BAR ASSN. INC. MEETING AUGUST TWO EIGHT NINETEEN FIFTY EIGHT AT DUNBAR HIGH SCHOOL, CHICAGO, SPONSORED BY NAACP. CHARLES F. LANE, FOUR ONE SEVEN EAST FORTY SEVENTH STREET, CHICAGO, ON GENERAL MAILING LIST OF CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS, MARCH, NINETEEN FIFTY ONE. EDWARD TOLES WAS SPONSOR FOR ILLINOIS AT MIDWEST CONFERENCE OF NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS HELD MAY TWENTY NINE DASH THIRTY, NINETEEN FORTY THREE AT MASONIC TEMPLE, DETROIT. EDWARD B. TOLES, ONE SIX ZERO NORTH WELLS,
ROOM FIVE ONE SEVEN, CHICAGO, WAS ACTIVE MEMBER NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD NINETEEN THIRTY NINE AND NINETEEN FORTY NINE. FILES NEGATIVE RE JAMES D. CROSSON. JAMES G. LEMON, JR., ATTORNEY AT LAW, SENT LETTER, MAY NINETEEN NINETEEN FIFTY FOUR TO CP, USA, NY, NY, DEMANDING THEY TAKE HIS NAME OFF THEIR MAILING LIST. JAMES G. LEMON, JR. ATTENDED NLG BANQUET, CHICAGO, NOVEMBER NINETEEN DASH TWENTY ONE, NINETEEN FIFTY FOUR.

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SAC, Chicago, on 10-13-59, upon Bureau instructions, contacted R[illegible]rt Landrum, Chicago realtor, who had been critical of manner in which Truman K. Gibson, Jr., was arrested. Landrum admitted not being present during arrest and [redacted] afforded opportunity to fully describe events. Her story factual except she claimed Agents, after politely gaining admission, brushed past her in order to arrest Gibson in rear of home. When SAC attempted to discuss facts with [redacted] he was continually interrupted by Mr. Landrum almost to the point of rudeness. Landrum became belligerent and seemed intent on provoking an incident. Landrum described as troublemaker who becomes visibly excited particularly when he speaks of racial matters. He dwelled at length on the racial issue and claimed "police tactics" unnecessary in arrest of Gibson. SAC positive Mr. and Mrs. Landrum understand complete facts, but is of opinion Landrum may pursue matter further in event to publicize arrest.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. ROSEN

DATE: October 19, 1959

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SUBJECT: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, ET AL.
JACKIE LEONARD, ET AL. - VICTIMS
EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING

At 7:05 p.m. Night Supervisor [redacted] telephonically contacted ASAC James Handley of the Chicago Office.

ASAC Handley was advised of SAC Lopez' conversation with Inspector [redacted] in which SAC Lopez stated he was submitting a copy of an article concerning captioned matter which had appeared in the "Daily Defender." He stated he was aware of the article and SAC Lopez' conversation with [redacted]

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ASAC Handley was advised that it was absolutely essential that the substantive supervisor at the Bureau be in possession of a copy of the article in the "Daily Defender" the first thing in the morning. He was instructed to check into the matter and if there was any question that the article would not be here on time, he should make arrangements to send in another copy of the article tonight, by appropriate means, to insure that the Bureau supervisor will have a copy first thing in the morning.

ASAC Handley stated he understood the necessity of the Bureau supervisor receiving the article first thing in the morning. He added he was certain that the article was sent in earlier undoubtedly by airtel under the caption of this memorandum, but would immediately check into the matter, and if there was any question about the article not being here on time, he would send another copy in this evening to insure the Bureau supervisor would have it in time.

Since there was no indication as of 7:05 p.m. that the article in question had been received at the Bureau, Night Supervisor [redacted] contacted the Service Unit and made arrangements for them to check with the Post Office to determine if they were holding any mail for the Bureau from the Chicago Office. This was done because although the Post Office does deliver special delivery communications during the night hours, it holds all other

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communications for the first regular mail delivery in the morning. Arrangements were made for the Post Office to call the Service Unit upon receipt of any mail during the night for the Bureau from Chicago.

At 8:10 p.m. the Service Unit advised that the Post Office had advised that they were not holding any mail for the Bureau from Chicago.

At 8:15 p.m. Night Supervisor [redacted] telephonically recontacted the Chicago Office, in the absence of ASAC Handley, speaking with SA [redacted] duty agent. He was briefed on Supervisor [redacted] conversation with ASAC Handley and advised that we had been unable to locate the article in question either at the Bureau or the Post Office. He was instructed to so advise ASAC Handley and thereafter to immediately make arrangements to send in another copy of the article tonight, by the appropriate means necessary and to Mr. Rosen's attention, to insure the Bureau supervisor will have a copy first thing in the morning.

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ADDENDUM:

At 11:05 p.m., SA [redacted] of the Chicago Office telephonically contacted Night Supervisor [redacted] and advised that Chicago had submitted an additional copy of the article this evening by airtel, air mail special delivery. To further insure that a copy of the article will be at the Bureau when required, a copy has been furnished in a plain envelope to Capt. [redacted] Capital Airlines Flight 802 leaving Chicago 10 p.m. Chicago Daylight Savings Time and arriving Washington National Airport at 1:15 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time, 10-20-59. Captain [redacted] will go to the Operations Office, Capital Airlines upon his arrival at the Washington National Airport and the envelope should be picked up from him at that office. The Bureau representative who will pick the envelope up should contact the Station Manager for Capital Airlines at the Washington Airport who will be able to direct him to the exact location where Captain Abel will report in.

Night Supervisor [redacted] immediately made arrangements with the Service Unit for a representative from that unit to contact Capt. [redacted] and obtain the envelope from him.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

ATT.. ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, A. ROSEN

FROM SAC, CHICAGO

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FRANK ~~QUOTE~~ "BLINKY" ~~END QUOTE~~ PALERMO, AKA., ET AL, EXTORTION DASH ANTIRACKETEERING., CONSPIRACY. RE CHICAGO AIRTEL TO BUREAU DATED OCT. THIRTEEN, LAST. ON OCT. SIXTEEN, INSTANT, [redacted] b7D [redacted] WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFO IN THE PAST, ADVISED SA WILLIAM R. CATHEY THAT [redacted]

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Mr. Rosen

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This is a continuation of unfounded allegations which have personally been taken up with Robert Landrum, Chicago realtor, by SAC Lopez. The informant [redacted]

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Detailed memorandum being prepared advising Attorney General of true facts in this case and action taken by our Chicago Office in connection therewith, pointing out favorable comments of Judge Igoe and and of individual arrested, Truman K. Gibson, Jr.

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FOR BUREAU INFO, THE COOK COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION IS PRIMARILY MADE UP OF NEGRO ATTORNEYS IN CHICAGO AREA, ALTHOUGH WHITES ARE NOT EXCLUDED. AT PRESENT TIME THERE ARE ONLY TWO WHITE MEMBERS. IT WAS SET UP A NEMBER OF YEARS AGO WHEN NEGRO ATTORNEYS WERE EXCLUDED FROM MEMBERSHIP IN CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION, WHICH ALLEGEDLY ACCEPTED ONLY WHITE MEMBERS. IT HAS CONSIDERABLE MEMBERSHIP AND INFLUENCE AMONG NEGROES IN CHICAGO AREA, AND IS A LEGITIMATE PROFESSIONAL NEGRO ORGANIZATION. BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

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CC—MR. ROSEN

The Attorney General

October 20, 1959

Director, FBI

REC. 92-4092-108

FRANK "FRANKY" PALERMO, ET AL.
JACKIE LEONARD, ET AL. - VICTIMS
EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING

In a letter directed to the Attorney General dated October 16, 1959, Charles F. Lane, president of the Cook County Bar Association, whose membership is primarily Negro, criticized the FBI alleging racial discrimination and mistreatment of Truman K. Gibson, Jr., in connection with his arrest in Chicago, Illinois, on September 22, 1959. Gibson, an attorney prominent in boxing circles, was arrested in connection with captioned matter along with Frank Palermo at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Frankie Carbo at Baltimore, Maryland; and Joseph Sica and Louis Dragna at Los Angeles, California. A copy of this letter was directed by Lane to this Bureau.

Charges made by Lane are completely without foundation. Gibson was courteously treated by arresting agents at all times. At no time during the evening of his arrest nor any time subsequently has he made any statement to this Bureau indicating mistreatment on the part of Bureau agents. In fact, upon conclusion of his arraignment, he thanked one of the arresting agents for the courteous treatment afforded him. In addition, United States District Judge Michael L. Igoe, who presided at Gibson's arraignment, personally complimented the Special Agent in Charge of our Chicago Office for the excellent manner in which the entire matter had been handled.

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Gibson was arrested in the home of Robert Landrum, a Chicago realtor, at approximately 8:30 p.m., Central Daylight Saving Time. [redacted] who admitted the arresting agents, was fully aware of their identity and indicated Gibson was inside the house. The arresting agents identified themselves to Gibson, advised him of the charges against him, and allowed him to telephone his bondsman. He then accompanied agents to the Chicago Office of the FBI, where he was fingerprinted and photographed. At no time while in the offices of the FBI was he questioned or photographed by the press. Through his attorney, arrangements were made for a special arraignment to be held in the apartment of United States District Judge Igoe and at 10:40 p.m., upon leaving the offices of the FBI, reporters who were already aware of Gibson's arrest took several photographs. Upon

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(See memo Rosen to Director, same date and caption, AR:jb.)

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arrival at Judge Igoe's apartment house, several photographs were taken by two newsmen present; however, they remained at the lobby entrance until Gibson's departure, at which time they took additional photographs.

There are enclosed Photostats of an article appearing in the October 19, 1959, issue of the "Daily Defender," a Chicago Negro newspaper, which comments on the afore-mentioned letter. The Special Agent in Charge of our Chicago Office has presented the true facts of this matter to the editors of the "Daily Defender."

The above information is being furnished for your information and we will advise the Department of any further pertinent information received in this matter.

Enclosure

1 - Mr. Lawrence E. Walsh
Deputy Attorney General (Enclosure)

1 - Assistant Attorney General
Malcolm R. Wilkey (Enclosure)

note: This communication has been read to ASAC Handley who approved its contents in the absence of SAC Lopez.

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FD-263 (5-12-55)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office	Office of Origin	Date	Investigative Period
BALTIMORE	LOS ANGELES	10/20/59	9/21 - 10/3/59

TITLE OF CASE

FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, aka; ET AL
JACKIE LEONARD, aka - VICTIM; ET AL

Report made by [redacted] Typed By: dwg

CHARACTER OF CASE

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EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

REFERENCES:

Telephone call 9/21/59 from ASAC [redacted] New York Office to ASAC ROBERT J. LALLY, Baltimore.

Los Angeles teletype to Director and SAC's Chicago, Baltimore, New York, and Philadelphia, 9/22/59.

Teletypes from Director to Baltimore, Chicago, Los Angeles, New York, and Philadelphia, dated 9/22/59.

Los Angeles airtels to Director 9/30/59 and 10/1/59.

Baltimore airtels to Director dated 9/23, 9/29, and 10/3/59.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

A copy of this report is being forwarded to the New York Office for information in view of the investigation conducted by that office to locate the whereabouts of JOHN PAUL CARBO, aka FRANKIE CARBO.

Approved C.S.K. Special Agent In Charge

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in any way affected by placing him under arrest.

On September 22, 1959, the Los Angeles Office advised the Bureau and Baltimore that a Federal Grand Jury returned a secret indictment September 22, 1959 before United States District Court Judge PEIRSON M. HALL at Los Angeles. Bench warrants were issued same date for the arrest of FRANK PALERMO, also known as "BLINKY" PALERMO, FBI # 626755, JOHN PAUL CARBO, also known as FRANKIE CARBO, FBI # 187972, JOSEPH SICA, FBI # 343378, LOUIS TOM DRAGNA, FBI # 4677209, and TRUMAN GIBSON, Jr., President, National Boxing Enterprises, Inc., Chicago. WILLIAM P. DALY, FBI # 142653 C, was also named as a co-conspirator in indictment. The indictment charged all defendants with conspiracy to violate Section 1951, Title 18, United States Code; defendants PALERMO, CARBO and SICA with violating same section; all defendants with conspiracy to violate Section 371 and Section 875 Sub Section B, Title 18, United States Code; defendants PALERMO in three counts, and CARBO in two counts with violating Section 875, Sub Section B, Title 18, United States Code. The original bench warrants and copies of secret indictments were being forwarded to the interested offices September 22, 1959.

United States Attorney at Los Angeles recommended bail returnable forthwith at United States District Court, Los Angeles, for defendants PALERMO and CARBO, in the amount of $100,000 each, defendant GIBSON $5,000, defendants SICA and DRAGNA $25,000.

The Los Angeles Office further advised that defendants PALERMO, CARBO, SICA, and DRAGNA should be considered as armed and dangerous, and all defendants as possibly having body guards.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office	Office of Origin	Date	Investigative Period
CHICAGO	LOS ANGELES	10/14/59	9/21 - 10/6/59

TITLE OF CASE

CHANGED
FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, Aka.;
TRUMAN KELLA GIBSON, Jr., Aka.
Truman K. Gibson, Jr. - FUGITIVE;
ET AL; JACKIE LEONARD, Aka. -
VICTIM; ET AL

Report made by [redacted] (A)

Typed By: mcg

CHARACTER OF CASE

EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING;
CONSPIRACY

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~~Synopsis~~

The title of this case is being marked changed to add GIBSON's complete name, TRUMAN KELLA GIBSON, Jr.

REFERENCES: Report of SA [redacted] dated 9/21/59 at Los Angeles.
Chicago airtel to Bureau dated 10/2/59.
Los Angeles letter to St. Louis dated 10/6/59. (Interoffice)

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THE LOS ANGELES DIVISION

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

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THE CHICAGO DIVISION

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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Interview [redacted] in accordance with referenced letter.

ADMINISTRATIVE

An extra copy of this report is being furnished to the Los Angeles Division for possible filing in Los Angeles file 92-102.

Three copies of this report are being supplied the Bureau because this investigation involves currently developed data which may later indicate a violation of the Antitrust Statute.

The pretext used by SAA [redacted] on September 21, 1959, during the call to TRUMAN K. GIBSON, Jr.'s home, was that of a fictitious individual named DICK MARKHAM associated with the "Chicago Tribune".

No FFL submitted in view of close proximity of the arrest to the issuance of process.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Los Angeles
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Report of: SAA [redacted] Office: CHICAGO
Date: 10/14/59

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Title:
FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, Aka.;
TRUMAN KELLA GIBSON, Jr., Aka.
Truman K. Gibson, Jr.; ET AL
JACKIE LEONARD, Aka. - VICTIM; ET AL

Character:
EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING;
CONSPIRACY

STATISTICS TAKEN NOV 23 1959 FBI STATISTICAL SEC

Synopsis:

TRUMAN K. GIBSON, Jr., arrested by Bureau Agents on 9/22/59 8:25 PM (CDST) at 1114 East 50th Street, Chicago, Illinois, and appeared same evening before United States District Judge MICHAEL L. IGOE at the judge's residence, with GIBSON's attorney, [redacted] and his bondsman, [redacted] where temporary bond was made. $5000.00 bond made on 9/23/59 at formal hearing before Judge IGOE in United States District Court, Chicago.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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A telephone call was made on September 21, 1959, by SA [redacted] to telephone number SEeley 3-5121, the Chicago Stadium Corporation, 1800 West Madison Street. The operator advised SA [redacted] that TRUMAN GIBSON was out of town until Wednesday of that week.

A pretext call on September 21, 1959, to the home of TRUMAN K. GIBSON, 5111 South Drexel, phone number NOrmal 7-5928 was made and [redacted] answered and advised that her husband was in New York and would not be back in Chicago until September 23, 1959. [redacted] also advised that when in New York TRUMAN GIBSON usually stays at the Roosevelt Hotel.

Those Special Agents who participated in the physical surveillance of TRUMAN K. GIBSON, Jr. on September 22, 1959, are as follows:

[redacted]

TRUMAN GIBSON was observed alighting from Flight No. 47, Capital Airlines, Midway Airport, at 6:40 PM (CDST) and proceeded through Gate 28 down the inter-concourse of the terminal to the American Airlines waiting room and from there out to the parking lot west of the terminal where he got into his car, a 1959 Cadillac convertible, bearing 1959 Illinois License Number 105111. He drove out onto Cicero Avenue, headed north and then turned back into the terminal drive area where he picked up some pieces of luggage. He again drove out of the terminal and headed north on Cicero, turning right at 55th Street and drove east to his home, 5111 South Drexel Boulevard, arriving there at 7:25 PM (CDST). He then entered his home with his luggage and at 7:55 PM came out of this address, got in his car, drove to 1114 East 50th Street, Chicago, Illinois, and arrived there at 7:57 PM (CDST).

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (92-732) DATE: October 3, 1959

FROM : SAA [redacted] DATE DICTATED: 9/29/59 b6 b7C

SUBJECT: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, Aka., Et Al
EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING

TRUMAN K. GIBSON, Jr. was placed under arrest on September 22, 1959, at 8:25 p.m. by SAAs [redacted] and [redacted] at [redacted] Street, Chicago, Illinois, in the home of ROBERT LANDRUM, a personal friend of GIBSON'S. GIBSON was advised that he was charged with violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1951, and that the bench warrant was issued in Los Angeles, California. He was advised of his right to an attorney, and GIBSON asked and was permitted to make a telephone call to his bondsman, [redacted]

At 8:32 p.m., GIBSON, accompanied by the above SAAs left the above address and GIBSON was transported to the Chicago FBI Office by SAAs [redacted] and [redacted]

At the Chicago FBI Office, GIBSON was advised he did not have to make any statements, but that any he did make may be used against him in a court of law. GIBSON was advised of the unavailability of the United States Commissioner, due to the late hour, and he was furnished the names and addresses of the local federal judges. He thereafter instigated an appearance before a judge that evening through telephone calls to his bondsman and attorney.

Concerning the $1,800.00 check made payable to JACKIE LEONARD in the early part of 1959, and signed by TRUMAN GIBSON, he advised that this check was a loan to LEONARD to help promote the ORTEGA versus MOYER fight. This fight was to be held in a small California town, name not recalled, but this fight was never scheduled because cost was prohibitive. LEONARD has not paid this money back to the Chicago Stadium Corporation and this amount is carried on the corporation books as an advance to LEONARD. LEONARD also owes about $12,000.00 to the International Boxing Club of Illinois (IBC of Illinds) and approximately $12,000.00 to the IBC of New York.

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GIBSON stated he had no knowledge of any payments to FRANK PALERMO, FRANKIE CARBO, JOE SICA, or LOUIS DRAGNA by LEONARD for any reason. GIBSON stated he had never paid JACKIE LEONARD any money to reimburse him for a payment to PALERMO. GIBSON did not recall urging LEONARD to call PALERMO at the Bismarck Motel in Chicago at any time. GIBSON denied telling LEONARD to send a check to a woman in Philadelphia.

The following description and background data was obtained during the interview:

Name	TRUMAN KELLA GIBSON, Jr.
Race	Negro
Sex	Male
Residence	5111 South Drexel, Chicago, Illinois
Age	47 (born January 22, 1912, in Atlanta, Georgia)
Height	5'11"
Weight	185 pounds
Build	Medium
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown (wears horn-rimmed glasses)
Complexion	Light brown
Occupation	Attorney; President, National Boxing Enterprises, Incorporated, Chicago, Illinois
Wife	
Daughter	
	address
Military service	Claimed none
Prior arrests	Claimed none

1959 Illinois License Number 105111 is registered to the Chicago Stadium Corporation, 3180 Sheridan Road, Chicago, Illinois, on a Cadillac as revealed by a check of the current numerical listing of the license numbers issued for the State of Illinois.

At 11:00 PM on September 22, 1959, GIBSON was taken to Judge MICHAEL L. IGOE's residence, [redacted] by SAs [redacted] and was later met by his attorney, [redacted] and his bondsman, [redacted] A temporary bond of $5,000.00 was made and he was released until the next morning when he was scheduled to appear before Judge IGOE. b6 b7C

On September 23, 1959, GIBSON appeared with his bondsman and attorney before Judge IGOE in United States District Court, Chicago, Illinois, where he waived rights to a preliminary hearing and bond of $5,000.00 was set and arrangements made for his appearance in United States District Court, Southern District of California, Los Angeles, California.

The Assistant United States Attorney handling this matter in Chicago is [redacted] advised on October 2, 1959, that there have been no attempts on the part of GIBSON to reduce the $5,000.00 bond and there have been no new developments, insofar as he knows, regarding this matter.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2803)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-641)

SUBJECT: FRANKIE CARBO, aka
ANTI-RACKETEERING
(OO:NY)

On this date Assistant District Attorney JOHN G. BONOMI advised that the motion for a writ of habeas corpus had been denied by the Supreme Court and subject's lawyer [redacted] had appealed to Appelate Division. b6 b7C

However, on 9/7/59, General Sessions Judge MULLEN handling CARBO trial granted postponement of trial until 10/26/59, and [redacted] stated he would withdraw appeal to Appelate Division.

BONOMI further advised his office at this time is preparing legal papers necessary to secure service on [redacted] and TRUMAN GIBSON under the reciprocal witness act. BONOMI advised he had been in touch with officials in the state of Illinois, concerning this act, however, no formal move has been made to date. Bureau will be kept advised of all developments. P.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

DATE: October 20, 1959

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SUBJECT: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, ET AL.
JACKIE LEONARD, ET AL. - VICTIMS
EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING

In connection with the letter received from Charles E. Lane, president of the Cook County Bar Association (composed primarily of Negro lawyers practicing in Chicago) concerning the arrest of Truman K. Gibson, Jr. and the resolution to direct a letter to the Attorney General concerning this matter, we have reviewed the communication to the Attorney General for appropriate action.

The letter to the Director sets out the action taken, namely, the fact that the letter has been sent to the Attorney General, and indicates that such action as the Bureau may deem necessary should be taken. It also indicates a need for the appointment of a Negro Federal judge.

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We had previously been informed [redacted] We also have been furnished with a copy of the article which appeared in the local Chicago "Daily Defender" which outlines the action taken by the Association and gives the substance of the letter to the Attorney General.

Inasmuch as the Association is looking to the Attorney General for a reply, we are preparing a detailed memorandum to the Attorney General outlining the true facts in this case and pointing out the various inconsistencies which have been restated. The Chicago Office has been in contact with the "Daily Defender" for the purpose of furnishing it the true facts in this case. The SAC, Chicago, has gone over in detail the true facts with Landrum, the Chicago realtor who has heretofore complained on the basis of inaccurate facts. In addition to giving the Attorney General the facts in this case, we will also point out that Truman Gibson, the man who was arrested, and Federal Judge Igoe, the committee Federal official, commented favorably on the situation.

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Enclosures

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Memorandum to the Director

ACTION TAKEN

1. A memorandum to the Attorney General furnishing complete details has been prepared and is attached for approval to be sent.

2. A letter of acknowledgment to Charles F. Lane, President of the Association indicating that the full facts have been furnished to the Attorney General is attached.