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TO DIRECTOR, FBI ATTENTION., ASSISTANT DIRECTOR DE LOACH
FROM SAC, CHICAGO 20

FRANK QUOTE "BLINKY" UNQUOTE PALERMO, AKA, ET AL. EXTORTION. ^{also known as and others}
ANTIRACKETEERING. RE PHONE CALL, [REDACTED] NIGHT
~~OCTOBER~~ NINETEEN INSTANT. BY APPOINTMENT THIS DATE I VISITED

[REDACTED] EDITOR AND PUBLISHER, CHICAGO DAILY DEFENDER, TOGETHER WITH HIS EXECUTIVE EDITOR [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] FORMERLY EDITOR TRI- STATE DEFENDER, MEMPHIS, TENN., WITH

WHOM I HAD PREVIOUS CORDIAL RELATIONSHIP. ACCOMPANIED BY SA
CARL N. FREYMAN I DISCUSSED STORY APPEARING OCTOBER NINETEENTH
EDITION DAILY DEFENDER CAPTIONED MATTER. I TOLD [REDACTED] I
WAS DESIROUS HIM KNOWING AS NEWSPAPERMAN TRUE FACTS INSTANT
CASE AS THEY ACTUALLY OCCURRED. I WENT OVER EACH ITEM APPEARING
IN STORY AND POINTED OUT INACCURACIES THEREIN AND CLEARLY SET
FORTH ACTUAL FACTS. ENTIRE DISCUSSION VERY CORDIAL AND [REDACTED]
EXPRESSES APPRECIATION OF MY ADVISING HIM TRUE FACTS. STATED
STORY WAS BASED ON DATA FURNISHED BY COOK COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
AND CONTENTS OF ITS LETTER TO ATTORNEY GENERAL ROGERS. FURTHER
STATED HE UNDERSTOOD THIS SOURCE IN TURN HAD RECEIVED ALLEGED

MR. DELOACH

Mr. Rosen

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DATA FROM OTHER SOURCES AND THAT HE WELL APPRECIATED POSSIBILITY OF FACTUAL INACCURACIES. [] DID NOT VOLUNTEER ANY CORRECTIVE ACTION CONTEMPLATED AND I DID NOT SPECIFICALLY REQUEST SUCH ACTION. [] VOLUNTEERED THAT COLORED ELEMENT IN CHICAGO CONSIDERABLY INCENSED AT ALLEGED INDIGNITIES INVOLVING ARREST OF GIBSON AND PARTICULARLY RESENTED PHOTOGRAPH OF GIBSON IN HANDCUFFS WHICH APPEARED IN JET MAGAZINE. HE UNDERSTANDS NOW, HOWEVER, THAT FBI IN NO WAY RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN BY OUTSIDE PHOTOGRAPHERS IN PUBLIC AREA AND ALSO UNDERSTANDS THAT HANDCUFFING OF GIBSON WAS ROUTINE PROCEDURE. DISCUSSION CONCLUDED WITH BOTH [] AND [] EXPRESSING APPRECIATION AND REITERATING WILLINGNESS TO ASSIST AND COOPERATE WITH BUREAU.

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CC--MR. ROSEN

Mr. DeLoach

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Date: 10/19/59

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-4092)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (92-732)

ATTENTION: SUBJECT: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, aka., et al
EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERINGRemvtels dated 10/16 and 17/59 and my phone call
to 10/19/59.

Enclosed herewith are pertinent pages of Monday, October 19, 1959 edition of the "Daily Defender" newspaper published in Chicago. This issue headlines on front page denouncement of FBI action by Bar Unit in connection with GIBSON's arrest. The detailed story appears on pages 3 and 4 and follows the theme previously furnished Bureau in mytel, 10/16/59.

The story includes allegations that GIBSON was paraded before news photographers, etc. to photograph his arrest. This data appears on page 3. It is interesting to note that on page 2, immediately opposite the GIBSON story, is a photograph showing two colored individuals lined up against a wall who had been arrested for several burglaries. The photograph is credited as a "Defender Photo." Apparently the paper sees nothing wrong in photographing two colored suspects by "Defender" photographers but complains bitterly of GIBSON being photographed by other press agencies.

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ENCLOSURE (1) TO BUREAU FROM CHICAGO
PAGES OF MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1959
EDITION OF THE "DAILY DEFENDER" NEWSPAPER
RE: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, aka., et al
EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING
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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS — MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1959

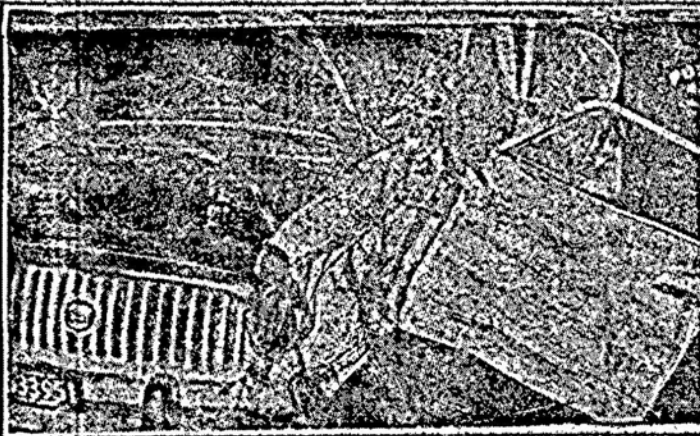
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Denounce FBI Action

BAR UNIT HITS GIBSON ARREST

Lawyers Question Tactics Of Local Agents

(See Page 3)



Death Car

A SOUTHSIDE COUPLE, Mr. and Mrs. Walter K. Bergman of 1749 W. 71st st., died when their car (above) was rammed at 84th st. and South Parkway by a speeding stolen car containing four youths. Youths were fleeing police at speeds up to 100 miles-per-hour when car struck the Bergman auto, then slammed into a home at 8559 South Parkway. One of the youths was nabbed on the scene and another picked up later.

'No Regrets' Says Beverly →

17-YEAR-OLD Beverly Aadland, "protege" companion of actor Errol Flynn, wipes away the tears as she talks to reporters in Los Angeles. Beverly told newsmen she has no regrets about her relationship with the late actor but warned, "I hope the average young girl doesn't do it." She said she would not attend Flynn's funeral scheduled today.



U.S. Maps New Fight For Vote

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Reporting Office NEW YORK	Office of Origin LOS ANGELES	Date 10/29/59	Investigative Period 9/17 - 23/59
TITLE OF CASE FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO aka ET AL JACKIE LEONARD - VICTIM [REDACTED] VICTIM		Report made by 	Typed By: mau
		CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING	

REFERENCES:

Los Angeles airtel to Bureau, 9/15/59.
 Los Angeles teletype to NY, 9/21/59.
 NY teletype to Bureau, 9/21/59.
 NY teletype to Bureau, 9/22/59.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

The information from Assistant District Attorney BONOMI on 9/21/59, was telephonically furnished to the Baltimore Office on the same date.

On 9/21/59, the Philadelphia Office was telephonically requested to afford suitable coverage to the 1350 Grove St., Drexel Hill, Pa. address for the purpose of locating CARBO.

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ADMINISTRATIVE CON'T.

The Newark Office was telephonically requested on 9/21/59, to discreetly ascertain if CARBO was at the Camden, NJ address where he had recently been arrested, and to conduct any other investigation which would determine his whereabouts.

On 9/21/59, the Chicago Office was telephonically advised of GIBSON's departure. Chicago was apprised of GIBSON's scheduled arrival time and of his attire. The Bureau's instructions in this matter were made known to Chicago.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1-USA, Los Angeles

Report of: [REDACTED]

Office: New York, New York

Date: 10/20/59

File Number: NY 92-1384

Bureau 92-4092

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b7cTitle: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO aka
ET AL
JACKIE LEONARD-VICTIM
[REDACTED]-VICTIM

Character: EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: ADA, NY County, advised 9/21/59, CARBO in Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, MD., Official Hotel Roosevelt, NYC, stated, 9/21/59, TRUMAN GIBSON, resident, that hotel and had indicated check-out date of 9/23/59. Surveillance conducted, 9/22/59, disclosed GIBSON checked out of hotel and departed La Guardia Airport, NYC, at 4:35 p.m. EDT. GIBSON scheduled to arrive Chicago, 6:30 p.m., CDT.

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DETAILS:

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On September 18, 1959, during the course of a discussion of a related matter, Assistant District Attorney JOHN G. BONOMI, New York County, advised SA [redacted] that it was still anticipated that CARBO would appear at the offices of New York Attorney General, LOUIS J. LEFKOWITZ on September 23, 1959. BONOMI explained that LEFKOWITZ has no power to demand testimony by CARBO, but that CARBO could be held to be in contempt of court if he did not make an appearance. BONOMI felt that CARBO would probably appear, refuse to testify, and then walk out.

On September 21, 1959, BONOMI voluntarily disclosed to SA [redacted] that CARBO was in Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORTDate 10/16/59

On September 21, 1959, [] Executive Manager, Hotel Roosevelt, 45th Street and Madison Avenue, New York City, advised that TRUMAN GIBSON was currently registered at the hotel and was occupying Suite 346-348. GIBSON had indicated his check out date as September 23, 1959.

On September 22, 1959, [] advised that GIBSON was not then in the hotel and had probably left early that morning as was his custom. [] said that there was no record of either incoming or outgoing calls and that no messages had been left for him. [] did not know where he might be located.

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Interview with [] File# NY 92-1384
on 9/21, 22/59 at Hotel Roosevelt
45th St. and Madison Ave., NYC Date dictated 9/23/59
by Special Agent [] /mau

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK

DATE: 10/16/59
DATE DICTATED: 10/25/59FROM : SA b6
b7CSUBJECT: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, aka
ET AL
EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING

On September 22, 1959, at 9:05 a.m., EDT, a physical surveillance was instituted at the Hotel Roosevelt, New York City, for the purpose of locating and maintaining contact with TRUMAN K. GIBSON, Jr.

At 3:30 p.m. on that date, GIBSON was observed entering the hotel. He proceeded to the cashier's window where he checked out and paid his bill. He left the lobby in an up elevator.

At 3:40 p.m. GIBSON departed from the Hotel Roosevelt in a taxicab and proceeded to La Guardia Airport, New York City. He was wearing a grey hat with a black band, horned rim glasses and a dark blue suit, and was carrying a black leather brief case in addition to his luggage.

GIBSON went aboard Capital Airlines flight #47, non-stop to Chicago, Illinois. The flight departed at 4:35 p.m., EDT, and was scheduled to arrive at Midway Airport, Chicago, at 6:30 p.m., CDT.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: October 19, 1959

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, ET AL.
EXTORTION - ANTHRACKETEERING
CRITICISM OF THE FBI
COOK COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
"CHICAGO DAILY DEFENDER"

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The FBI arrested Truman Gibson, colored attorney, one of the subjects in this case, on 9/22/59 at [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, the residence of Robert Landrum, a friend's home to which Gibson had gone that day following a plane trip from New York to Chicago. The arrests of Gibson and other subjects in this case were made simultaneously within a matter of 24 minutes in several U. S. cities.

Robert Landrum, by wire to the Director this month, complained of the manner in which Gibson was arrested and on 10/13/59, the Bureau instructed SAC Lopez of the Chicago Office and Special Agent Oscar M. Hughes to interview Landrum and his wife setting them straight as to the FBI's position in this matter. Landrum was belligerent, intent on provoking an incident and dwelt on racial matters to the exclusion of all reason. By airtel dated 10/13/59 SAC Lopez reported the results of his interview with the Landrums.

The Cook County Bar Association (Executive Board), in a meeting 10/15/59, criticized the Truman Gibson arrest and drafted a letter to the Attorney General citing the "facts" in the Gibson case, etc. This Bar Association is made up primarily of Negro attorneys in the Chicago area. SAC Lopez set forth the action of the Executive Board in a teletype to the Bureau dated 10/16/59.

DEVELOPMENT:

At 10:00 a.m., today, SAC Lopez advised that the "Chicago Daily Defender," colored newspaper, in its 10/19/59 issue carries a headline captioned "Denounce FBI Action" and "Bar Unit Hits Gibson Arrest." On page 3 the story makes reference to a letter being sent to Attorney General Rogers setting forth the facts as the Cook County Bar Association has them concerning the arrest. It states that photographers were allowed to take Gibson's picture, all of this was done.

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1 - Mr. Jones

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DeLoach to Tolson memo

solely because of Gibson's race, in the past white members of the court have been allowed to surrender to the U. S. Marshal and finally this action on the part of the FBI highlights the need for a colored Judge on the Federal bench.

Our relations with the "Daily Defender," a colored tabloid newspaper of 26,241 circulation, have been basically friendly over the past several years. The paper has repeatedly printed stories concerning Negro cases such as the Emmett Louis Till case. In 1952, the FBI was placed on the Honor Roll of Democracy, "an award given by the "Chicago Defender" to various institutions. There has been no evidence of direct connection with the Communist Party on the part of the "Chicago Defender." In recent years, Louis E. Martin, one of the editors of the "Chicago Defender" and publisher of the "Michigan Chronicle," a Detroit Negro newspaper, has been extremely race conscious even to the extent of placing race ahead of national interests, according to G-2. This latter agency received information in March of this year that the "Chicago Defender" planned to establish a news service in Western Nigeria. Martin, born in 1912, a Negro, has a past record of activity in communist front organizations in the 40's but lately is not so engaged.

The Investigative Division is advising the Attorney General of this reported action of the Cook County Bar Association on October 15, 1959.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is believed we should have SAC Lopez call on a responsible official of the "Daily Defender" pointing out to him the true facts of the arrest of Truman Gibson on 9/22/59.

It is to be noted that Truman Gibson has not complained, the Federal Judge has not complained and the responsible press in Chicago has made no mention of the matter other than to report the arrest at the time. Newspaper photographers were not allowed inside the Field Office at the time Gibson was taken and following the arrest, no interviews of subject by newsmen were permitted, Gibson was promptly arraigned before Judge Igoe at the Judge's apartment the night of 9/22 and newsmen were not permitted to the upper floors of Judge Igoe's residence.

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DeLoach to Tolson memo

It does seem that we should go on record with the "Daily Defender" which, in the past, has been fairly friendly so that this paper will not be allowed to disseminate untruths regarding the arrest by the FBI of Gibson. SAC Lopez can explain we did not act improperly, the arrest was carried out in a wholly legal manner, that we engaged in no illegal tactics and that Mr. Truman Gibson himself, after his arraignment, expressed appreciation to the FBI Agents for the fine and gentlemanly manner in which his case had been handled and the consideration which had been afforded him. We have gone on record with Robert Landrum in this regard, and we should likewise set straight the "Daily Defender."

Lopez was told by Wick this morning that in the meantime, in the event inquiries are received concerning the "Daily Defender's" criticism of the FBI, that he should not comment such inquiries. He is sending today's issue of the paper.

✓ *OK. D.*
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*The "Daily Defender" is the morning paper and the "Chicago Defender" is the week end paper published by the same firm.

→ SAC Lopez was told by Wick at 11:32 p.m. 10-19-59 to see a responsible official of the paper early 10-20-59 and send in - 3 - teletype re: his conversation.

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Date: October 22, 1959

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (92-4092)
FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES (92-642)
SUBJECT FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, aka; et al;
JACKIE LEONARD, aka - VICTIM; et al
EXTORTION; A-R; CONSPIRACY

U.S. Attorney's Office, Los Angeles, advised that on 10/20/59 subject PALERMO and his attorney from Philadelphia, [redacted] were in Los Angeles seeking to engage a local attorney to represent PALERMO. Allegedly several prominent attorneys were contacted and declined to represent PALERMO.

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PALERMO's attorney arranged for him to appear in U.S. District Court, Los Angeles, 11/2/59, for arraignment and entering plea to indictment.

PALERMO reportedly staying in Room 645, Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, expected to depart today.

Above for information only.

- ② - Bureau
2 - Philadelphia (92-745)
1 - Los Angeles

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October 16, 1959

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The Cook County Bar Association at its meeting on October 15, 1959, by resolution, has directed that a letter be sent to U.S. Attorney General Rogers, protesting the manner of the arrest of its member, Truman K. Gibson, Jr., at the home of a friend on September 22, 1959. *del*

We enclose a copy of the letter and a recent report of our association requesting an appointment of a Negro Federal District Judge by the President. We would appreciate your taking such action as you deem necessary.

Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

Charles F. Lane

Charles F. Lane
President

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*Letter to Mr. Lane
10/20/59
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Mr. Charles F. ~~Lane~~
President
Cook County Bar Association, Inc.
417 East Forty-seventh Street
Chicago 53, Illinois

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of October 16, 1959, concerning the arrest of Truman K. Gibson, Jr., this is to advise that the Attorney General has been furnished with the full facts in this matter.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director



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Note: This communication has been read to ASAC Handley, Chicago, who has approved its contents, in the absence of SAC Lopez.

See Memo Rosen to Director, 10/20/59, captioned "Frank 'Blinky' Palermo, et al., Jackie Leonard, et al. - Victims; Extortion; Anti-Racketeering," AR:jh.

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Their Pleas in Confession and Avoidance

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**THE NEGRO LAWYER IN CHICAGO
and
Racial Integration in the Judiciary and Administrative
Legal Offices in Cook County, Illinois.**

The Cook County Bar Association composed of over four hundred Negro lawyers practicing at the Chicago Bar has long fought unceasingly with limited results for full recognition of its members on the basis of merit, equality and its racial voting strength in elections and appointments to Judicial office and representative legal positions in Federal, State and Municipal administrative agencies in Illinois.

The Public Affairs Committee of the Cook County Bar Association was created to sponsor and secure a greater percentage of elections and appointments for its members to Judicial office and legal positions in Federal, State and Municipal offices.

In this respect it is no different from other Bar Associations in Chicago composed of various racial or religious groups who successfully sponsor and secure Judicial appointment and election to judicial office for members of their associations.

An example of a local Bar Association's sponsorship of a Judicial appointee according to nationality occurred recently upon the appointment of an Assistant U. S. District Attorney, by Governor Stratton, to fill a ten month vacancy on the Superior Court Bench to succeed his uncle, an elected Judge, who resigned to enable the Governor to make the appointment.

The Chicago Tribune in reporting the swearing in ceremony on February 19, 1959 stated that a representative speaking for the Nordic Law club, told the ceremonial group that Scandinavian-American leaders have been asking Governor Stratton to make amends for neglect of this nationality. A Judge of Superior Court, a Republican elected in 1953, has been their only representative in recent years.

Nine Chicago associations perform similar functions as the Catholic Lawyers Guild, Decalogue Society of Lawyers (Jewish) Bohemian Lawyers Association, Womens Bar Association, Justinian Society of Lawyers (Italian) Nordic Law Club (Scandinavian) Lithuanian American Lawyers Association, Polish Lawyers Association and Hellenic Bar Association (Greek).

The Negro in Chicago represents the largest racial voting strength and has the smallest representation of Judges and appointments to legal positions.

In spite of the recognized voting strength of the Negro, the Negro Lawyer is not represented proportionately on the Bench and in administrative agencies even though Negroes represent more than 20 percent of Chicago's 3.9 million population. Of the city's 1,841,598 registered voters an estimated half million are Negro.

Seventeen (17) of Chicago's 50 Wards are all or more than 50 percent Negro shown as follows:

Ward	Registered Voters	Estimated Percentage Negro
1	27,542	60
2	35,638	100
3	35,443	100
4	40,932	100
5	29,641	60
6	38,093	90
8	43,618	50
16	32,597	35
17	33,051	50
19	72,864	50
20	35,706	100
24	30,375	100
25	22,249	80
27	24,598	90
28	29,105	85
29	26,082	40
42	28,709	45

Only three Negro Judges hold elective office, and by appointment, one Traffic Court Referee (there are six referees) and one Assistant to the Probate Court Judge (there are eight assistants), and not a single Arbitrator for the Industrial Commission, which has 17 hearing officers, with fifty percent of its hearings confined to injuries of Negro laborers.

The ethnic or racial composition of some of the 109 judges now on
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the Federal, Circuit, Superior, County, Probate and Municipal Courts is as follows:

	U.S. (14)	Superior (36)	Circuit (20)	Municipal (37)	Probate (1)	County (1)	Estimated Population
IRISH	3	13	7	10	1		400,000
JEWISH	2	6	6	6			285,000
ITALIAN		3	1	2			175,000
GREEK				2			70,000
POLISH	1	1	2	6		1	500,000
SCANDINAVIAN		2					80,000
NEGRO			1	2			900,000

In over 700 positions held by Illinois Lawyers only 38 Negro lawyers hold appointments in Administrative Agencies in Federal, State and City Departments, and in some Agencies no Negroes are represented. An estimated list follows:

	Number of Negro Lawyers Lawyers	
CIRCUIT COURT MASTERS IN CHANCERY	20	
SUPERIOR COURT MASTERS IN CHANCERY	36	2
METROPOLITAN SANITARY DISTRICT	7	1
ASSISTANTS TO PROBATE COURT JUDGE	8	1
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY		1
PARDON AND PAROLE BOARD	5	
ATTORNEY GENERAL	39	4
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In contrast to the Negro lawyer's representation in Chicago, New York City has 17 Judges; 1 Supreme Court Justice, Appellate Division; 1 Supreme Court Justice Trial Division (appointed by Governor Nelson Rockefeller after his recent election); 1 General Sessions Judge; 4 City Magistrates; 3 Domestic Relations Court Judges; 6 Municipal Court Judges; 1 City Court Judge; 3 Workmen Compensation Referees; 6 Assistant District Attorneys; 2 Federal District Attorneys; 1 Commissioner of Jurors of New York County; 1 Secretary to the New York Transit Authority; 1 Deputy Commissioner in the State Department of Commerce; 1 Secretary to the Board of Estimate; 1 Deputy Commissioner State Liquor Authority; 1 Area Rent Director; 1 Assistant Counsel to the Governor; 5 State Assemblymen; 1 Senator.

Chicago's Negro lawyers include a Congressman from the First Congressional District (First Negro Chairman of a Congressional Committee in the House); four lawyers of the ten Negro Legislators elected to the General Assembly; one elected as a member of the Sanitary District Board of Trustees; one elected as a Trustee of the University of Illinois; one elected as Alderman of the six Negroes in the City Council; one Federal Judge appointed by former President Harry S. Truman to the United States Customs Court; one lawyer member appointed by President Eisenhower to the President's Committee on Government Contracts; one retired Federal Judge of the Territorial District Court of the Virgin Islands appointed by the late President Franklin Roosevelt; three former alternate delegates to the United Nations; a former assistant secretary of labor, now deceased and a member of the Chicago Civil Service Commission.

In recent years there have been judicial candidates selected from the

Cook County Bar Association for election by both major parties and even now since 1945 three of our members have been regularly elected as Judges, (one Circuit Court Judge of Cook County and two Municipal Court Judges) but three judges are not enough for a half million voters!

The first Negro Judge was elected to the Municipal Court for one term in 1924, and 18 years passed before the next Negro Judge was elected to the Municipal Court in 1942. Two more Judges have been added since 1952 and even this representation is not near enough in proportion to our voting strength racially as shown above.

Recognition and appreciation of the Negro potential should be ungrudgingly shown by prompt Judicial appointments when available which the major political Parties have conveniently or intentionally avoided. The Illinois Constitution provides that vacancies in judicial offices should be filled by election except where the unexpired term does not exceed one year when such vacancy should be filled by appointment by the Governor.

Cook County Bar members have been consistently overlooked in appointments by the President and the Governor to fill Judicial vacancies. The late Governor Dwight H. Green for the first time in the history of Illinois appointed a Negro lawyer to the Municipal Court to fill a vacancy expiring in 4 days in 1942; former Governor Adlai Stevenson appointed Judge Wendell E. Green from the Municipal Court Bench to fill a vacancy on the Circuit Court Bench in 1950. He was later elected on a coalition ticket. But three appointments by the present Governor have been made to the Superior Court Bench in 1959, to fill vacancies and the appointments represent the Jewish, Scandinavian and Irish groups, without any consideration to the Negro lawyer!

There has never been a Negro appointed as Judge of the Illinois State Court of Claims by an Illinois Governor even though the three Judges are all appointed.

THE MUNICIPAL COURT

While there are two judges on the present Municipal Court Bench of 37 (including the Chief Justice) there should be at least seven Negroes (20%). Should the Legislature increase the number of judges on the Municipal Court Bench the number of Negro judges should be increased proportionately.

THE SUPERIOR AND CIRCUIT COURTS

Of the 56 judges on the Superior and Circuit Bench, the Negro should be represented by at least 6 (far less than 20%) judges

instead of the present 1 elected judge. On November 3, 1959, twenty-nine Superior Court judges and one Circuit Court judge will be elected and at least three Negro candidates should be nominated by both major political Parties in order to insure election of 3 Negro Judges. In this connection, the Chicago Tribune reported on April 4, 1959, that "The Chicago League of Negro voters is circulating petitions to get 100,000 signatures calling upon both major Parties to nominate Negroes for the Superior Court in August. Twenty-nine Superior Court judges will be elected next November 3. The Executive Director of the League complained that the Superior Court has never had a member of his race."

In the February 24, 1959 Primary Election, a Negro lawyer for the first time in history ran on the Democratic ticket for nomination as City Clerk without the Regular Party's endorsement or organization and polled 58,867 votes.

THE U. S. FEDERAL COURTS

There are no Negro Judges on the Federal District Court for the Northern District, Eastern Division in Chicago, Illinois. There should be at least one Negro judge. Five appointments to the court have been made by President Eisenhower representing the Jewish and Irish groups. There is an immediate and most pressing need for additional Judges, and when future vacancies occur or additional District Judgeships are created one Negro District Judge should be appointed. Chief Justice Earl Warren of the United States Supreme Court addressing the opening session of the American Bar Association on August 25, 1958, gave a gloomy picture of one of the most serious problems facing the Bench and Bar today—the problem of crowded trial calendars that make it impossible for cases to be reached for trial for many months. He said that our United States District Courts are saddled with a back log of 70,000 cases—enough to keep all of the district judges busy for more than a year even if not another case is filed! "No new judgeships have been authorized for more than four years and during that period we have lost three positions as the result of the expiration of judgeships created on a temporary basis. The Congress had before it recommendations by the Judicial Conference for forty-five additional judgeships many of which were contained in the omnibus bill introduced as long ago as 1955."

The enactment by Congress of the Omnibus Judgeship Bill to create 45 additional judgeships may become a reality and the time has never been more propitious for a concentrated drive by the

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Cook County Bar Association for the appointment of a Negro federal district court judge for the Northern District, Eastern Division here in Chicago.

The proceedings of the Attorney General's Conference on Court Congestion (June 16, 17, 1958) stated that additional judgeships recommended by the Judicial Conference for the Northern District of Illinois would be two additional District Judges. The Cook County Bar Association should use every possible effort to see that one of these judges is a Negro and that any future vacancies in the meantime on the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals and the Northern District be filled with the appointment of a Negro.

There has never been a Negro lawyer appointed by the President of the United States to a Federal District Court Judgeship, in the 10 Federal Districts in the United States. Judge William H. Hastie, former Governor of the Virgin Islands, was appointed by President Truman to the Third Circuit Court of Appeals, but no District Court Judge on the Nisi Prius level has even been appointed.

Judge Walter A. Gordon, a Negro, was appointed territorial District Judge of the Virgin Islands by President Eisenhower. He succeeds two prior Negro appointees, Judge Hastie, and Judge Herman E. Moore, now retired, (a former President of the Cook County Bar Association).

There are over 360 Federal Judges in the Federal Judiciary appointed by the President of the United States. Of these, only 6 are Negroes, Judge Hastie of the 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals, a District Judge of the Virgin Islands, 2 judges of the United States Customs Courts, and two Judges of the Municipal Court for the District of Columbia. The Chicago Tribune reported on May 5, 1959 that the recent appointment of the Illinois Attorney General to the 7th Federal Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago was the ninth Republican to receive a Federal Judgeship by recommendation of Illinois Senator Everett Dirksen since the present Senate minority leader was elected in 1950. No Negro has ever been ever presented by either major political party for consideration for appointment.

In passing, it should be noted that the recent District of Columbia Committee's report to Congress revealed that the District has a population of over 825,000, and that Negroes now make up 53% of the population as compared with 36% in 1950. Yet the District Court and Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia has 23 Judges, not one of which is a Negro. Only two Negro Judges are appointed to the Municipal Court for the District, and

more than a half million Negroes, without a vote however, reside in the District! Compare this with Cook County's one million Negroes, three Negro Judges and not a single Negro Federal District Judge.

Finally, as a lawyers group concerned with the business of our Federal and State Courts, it is up to us to devote a persistent, dedicated and full measure of our time to insist and demand a greater representation on the Federal and State Bench for Negro lawyers, and a more proportionate number of appointments for Negro lawyers in Federal, State and Municipal agencies.

Recent Internationally known Chicago guests have included Negro heads of Governments and distinguished Negro Jurists from old, new and proposed African Republics (Ethiopia, Liberia, Ghana, Guinea, Kenya and Nigeria) and also the new West Indies Federation. All have expressed their great interest in our Federal Government's momentous Supreme Court Decision in the school integration cases but are amazed and shocked to learn that the Federal Government has never had a Negro District Judge of the Federal Court in the history of the United States—no not in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois or any of the 50 states in these United States. Over twenty million Negro citizens have no representative of their group presiding as a Judge of a Federal District Court.

And it was our own Supreme Court Chief Justice, Earl Warren, who uttered these prophetic words:

"Our entire system of government is on trial—not only as to its inability to meet problems to the satisfaction of our people, but also, to convince the world, which has its eyes continually on us, that under free institutions which grow and develop without compulsion, there can be efficiency and dispatch in the handling of all the far flung controversies involving human affairs."

Respectfully submitted,

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The above report was approved and adopted by resolution of the Cook County Bar Association at its regular meeting held June 29, 1959; the Committee was instructed to publish the report in pamphlet form and release the same to the Press and Federal, State and Municipal Officials and after obtaining conferences with said Officials to report back their findings to the Association.

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NARRATIVE OF OFFENSE

This investigation involves the facts and circumstances surrounding an alleged attempt by subjects to surreptitiously control, for personal advantage, the world welterweight boxing title. It is alleged Federal Extortion, Anti-Racketeering and Conspiracy Statutes (18 USC 875(b), 1951 and 371, respectively) were violated by the conspirators in their attempts to obtain payments to some of the conspirators of a 15 per cent portion of gross purses earned by boxer DON JORDAN, and to control JORDAN's boxing activities, as to the identity of his opponents, when and where his boxing matches would be staged.

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In April, 1957, [redacted] California, then [redacted] years of age, negotiated for and obtained a manager's contract with DONALD LEE JORDAN, a lightweight boxer who boxes under the name of DON JORDAN. JORDAN was then about 22 years of age. JORDAN had been under contract to [redacted] aka [redacted]. The transfer of managership was accomplished under supervision of the California State Athletic Commission, and was agreed to by JORDAN. To obtain the release of [redacted] contract with JORDAN, [redacted] paid [redacted] \$1,000, and paid [redacted] aka [redacted] \$800 in repayment of debts of JORDAN to [redacted] and \$500 in repayment of debts of JORDAN to the management of the Olympic Auditorium, Los Angeles. [redacted] borrowed \$2,000 to finance this transaction.

[redacted] then arranged a series of boxing matches for DON JORDAN in Mexico, England and the United States, with JORDAN winning all but the match in England.

On July 2, 1958 (Wednesday) JORDAN and ISAAC LOGART appeared in a nationally televised boxing match at the Hollywood Legion Stadium, Los Angeles. At the time LOGART was rated as the number one contender for the welterweight championship. JORDAN fought the match as a lightweight and defeated LOGART.

On August 29, 1958 (Friday) JORDAN and LAHOURI GODIH appeared in a nationally televised boxing match at Madison Square Garden, New York City. JORDAN again fought as a lightweight and won.

When JORDAN defeated ISAAC LOGART, GASPAR ORTEGA became rated the number one contender for the welterweight championship.

On September 17, 1958 (Wednesday) JORDAN engaged in a nationally televised boxing match with ORTEGA at Portland, Oregon. JORDAN won. The contract for this match called for a re-match in the event JORDAN should be the winner.

The re-match between JORDAN and ORTEGA was staged at Long Beach, California on October 22, 1958 (Wednesday). It was promoted by GEORGE PARNASSUS and was nationally televised. JORDAN again defeated ORTEGA and obtained the number one contender rating for the welterweight title then held by VIRGIL AKINS.

The title match between JORDAN and AKINS was held at the Olympic Auditorium, Los Angeles, on December 5, 1958 (Friday). It was nationally televised. JORDAN won the match and thus became the welterweight champion. The contract for this match called for a re-match in the event JORDAN should be the winner.

JORDAN and ALVARO GUTIERREZ engaged in a boxing match at the Olympic Auditorium, Los Angeles, on January 22, 1959 (Thursday). JORDAN won.

The re-match between JORDAN and VIRGIL AKINS was held at Kiel Auditorium, St. Louis, Missouri, on April 24, 1959 (Friday). JORDAN again defeated AKINS and retained the world welterweight championship.

JORDAN successfully defended his championship against DENNY MOYER at Portland, Oregon on July 10, 1959 (Friday).

Of these televised matches the only one with which JACKIE LEONARD (true name LEONARD BLAKELY), matchmaker at the Hollywood Legion Stadium, Los Angeles, was connected was the JORDAN-LOGART match held at the stadium on July 2, 1958.

Arrangements for the televising of these matches were negotiated by the managers of the boxers who participated, and the promoters of the individual matches with TRUMAN K. GIBSON, JR., president of the National Boxing Club, Inc., New York City, subsequently president of National Boxing Enterprises, Inc., Chicago, Illinois.

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Los Angeles had two boxing arenas in 1958, the Olympic Auditorium, 1801 South Grand Avenue, and the Hollywood Legion Stadium, 1628 El Centro Avenue. [redacted] and his wife, [redacted] were co-promoters of boxing and [redacted] was matchmaker at the Olympic Auditorium.

For about five years LEONARD BLAKELY, aka JACKIE LEONARD, had been matchmaker at the Hollywood Legion Stadium, with the Hollywood American Legion Post No. 43, owner of the stadium, acting as promoter for that arena. Effective November 1, 1958, LEONARD, as he was known when a welterweight boxer and continues to be known in boxing circles, leased the Hollywood Legion Stadium from Post No. 43 for a period of five years and became the licensed promoter and matchmaker at the stadium. In order to finance the lease LEONARD needed money from others. The major portion of his outside financing was \$28,000 advanced by TRUMAN K. GIBSON, JR., then president of the National Boxing Club, Inc. of New York City, and subsequently president of National Boxing Enterprises, Inc., Chicago, Illinois. This sum of \$28,000 was deposited with Hollywood American Legion Post No. 43 as a guarantee of the monthly rental prescribed for in the lease of the stadium held by LEONARD. This \$28,000 was not a loan but an advance which would be returned out of the television proceeds from boxing matches held at the Hollywood Legion Stadium, which would be televised nationwide.

The arena management for a usual televised boxing match (excluding championship matches) is paid \$4,000 for the television rights. Thus, after the nationwide televising of seven prospective regular boxing matches from the Hollywood Legion Stadium, it would have been possible for GIBSON to have recovered the \$28,000 advance.

TRUMAN GIBSON arranged for the weekly Wednesday and Friday evening televised boxing matches which were carried on the American Broadcasting Company-TV network under the advertising sponsorship of Miles Laboratories, producers of Alka-Seltzer, and on Friday nights were under the sponsorship of the Gillette Safety Razor Company, over the National Broadcasting Co. TV network.

TRUMAN K. GIBSON, JR. arrived in Los Angeles on October 22, 1958, and attended the JORDAN-ORTEGA match at Long Beach that evening. The next day GIBSON was in the office of [redacted] at the Olympic Auditorium, Los Angeles. [redacted] had promoted the JORDAN-ORTEGA re-match. [redacted] and JACKIE LEONARD called at [redacted] office on October 23, 1958. [redacted] wanted

to arrange for the signing of contracts for a title match between JORDAN and AKINS which had been verbally promised to the winner of the JORDAN-ORTEGA re-match. LEONARD was an observer at the meeting between [] and GIBSON. LEONARD had no contractual interest in JORDAN as a boxer but had suggested JORDAN to GIBSON on prior occasions as a promising boxer in Los Angeles. LEONARD is also a personal friend of []

While in the office at the Olympic Auditorium a telephone call was received for TRUMAN GIBSON, who spoke briefly and handed the telephone to LEONARD with the comment "It's Blinky." [] and LEONARD knew this to be the nickname of FRANK PALERMO, a boxing figure residing in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. LEONARD spoke on the telephone to PALERMO, who informed LEONARD that unless "we" were given a half interest in the boxer DON JORDAN, JORDAN would not be permitted to have a title match with the champion, VIRGIL AKINS. He told LEONARD the contracts for such title match had not yet been signed. When LEONARD expressed surprise at PALERMO's demand, PALERMO asked if GIBSON had spoken to LEONARD about this proposed arrangement. LEONARD replied GIBSON had not, and said he would have to call back to PALERMO later in the day. PALERMO said he could be reached at a certain room in the Bismarck Hotel, Chicago, Illinois.

In private, shortly after this telephone conversation, LEONARD informed GIBSON and [] of PALERMO's demands. GIBSON told them he had talked with PALERMO and should have mentioned the matter to them before but had neglected to do so because of pressure of other business. He asked that they discuss the situation later in the day at his Ambassador Hotel suite.

During the afternoon of October 23, 1958, LEONARD, [] and [] went to GIBSON's suite in the cottages at the Ambassador Hotel. [] was then assistant matchmaker to LEONARD, and is a personal friend of []

After lengthy discussion, and over the objections of [] and LEONARD, GIBSON prevailed in his insistence that LEONARD telephone PALERMO in Chicago at the Bismarck Hotel and assure PALERMO that PALERMO's demands were acceptable. GIBSON promised that such a commitment would not cost [] or LEONARD any money, as GIBSON promised he would straighten out the entire situation upon his return to Chicago. When LEONARD and []

protested making such a commitment to PALERMO [REDACTED]

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Relying on the promises of GIBSON and pressured by the influential position of GIBSON in boxing, as regards scheduling of fights to be televised, and the advance of \$28,000 made to LEONARD in connection with his lease of the Hollywood Legion Stadium, LEONARD finally agreed to telephone PALERMO, following instructions of GIBSON.

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[REDACTED] continued his objection to these arrangements and said he would forego a title match for JORDAN, rather than accede to PALERMO's demands or demands of anyone else, for a share of JORDAN's contract.

On October 23, 1958, LEONARD made a telephone call from a telephone booth at the Ambassador Hotel lobby at Los Angeles to PALERMO at the Bismarck Hotel, Chicago. PALERMO asked for the telephone number from which LEONARD had made his call and then returned LEONARD's call to that telephone. In the latter telephone conversation LEONARD told PALERMO that PALERMO had "a deal" as TRUMAN GIBSON said it was "all right." PALERMO insisted he was dealing with LEONARD and [REDACTED] LEONARD finally told PALERMO, in effect, that PALERMO's demand was acceptable. It was LEONARD's understanding that PALERMO was demanding 50 per cent of the manager's share of profits from JORDAN's purses.

Subsequent to October 23, 1958, LEONARD received numerous telephone calls from PALERMO, who spoke in a very friendly vein. Sometimes PALERMO asked reassurance about the arrangement with reference to JORDAN, and on other occasions discussed particular boxing matches in which PALERMO seemed to have some interest, but in which JORDAN was not involved.

On December 5, 1958, GIBSON attended the title match at Los Angeles between AKINS and JORDAN, which was won by JORDAN. After this match LEONARD saw GIBSON briefly in the arena, at which time GIBSON indicated he and LEONARD were in trouble over the commitment made to PALERMO, but that JORDAN had to win the re-match with AKINS before he could retain the championship.

When settlement was made of the financial transactions related to the JORDAN-AKINS match of December 5, 1958, there was a dispute between [REDACTED] and promoters of the match from the

Olympic Auditorium as to the amount of money due JORDAN. An informal agreement had been reached between the parties, in the presence of a representative of the California State Athletic Commission, that TV proceeds for this fight would be \$50,000. This sum was to be added to gate receipts for the fight and JORDAN's share of the combined TV and gate receipts was to be 20 per cent. When settlement of the percentages after the fight was attempted, the promoters claimed TV proceeds were only \$45,000. [redacted] vigorously objected and was supported by the Athletic Commission in his contention that the proceeds from TV were to have been \$50,000. [redacted] settled for JORDAN's purse on the basis of a \$50,000 TV payment. The managers of AKINS made no formal protest of the division of proceeds for the match. b6 b7c

Later in December, 1958, LEONARD spoke with WILLIAM PHILLIP DALY, a boxing promoter of Englewood, New Jersey, and a person LEONARD considered his friend. LEONARD indicated he needed some cash temporarily for his operation of the Hollywood Legion Stadium. DALY asked the amount needed and LEONARD said \$1,000 would be a great help to him. DALY replied he would loan LEONARD that amount. A few days later, on about December 23, 1958, LEONARD received a telephone call from PALERMO, who remarked that LEONARD's money matter had been handled and that a Western Union money order for \$1,000 had been sent LEONARD from BILL DALY. Later that same day LEONARD did receive a \$1,000 money order via Western Union from BILL DALEY, according to the Western Union slip accompanying the transmission of funds. LEONARD cashed it and used the money, considering it a loan from DALY and to be repaid. No promissory note or other evidence of this debt was executed by LEONARD. Sometime later PALERMO told LEONARD this \$1,000 was sent him by PALERMO and not by DALY. LEONARD told PALERMO he would repay it when financially able.

PALERMO telephoned LEONARD's residence shortly after Christmas, 1958, while LEONARD was in Mexico City. On his return to Los Angeles, December 30, 1958, LEONARD returned PALERMO's call, reaching PALERMO in Florida. PALERMO asked LEONARD to come to Miami so LEONARD could meet [redacted] former president of the International Boxing Club, Inc., and prominent in boxing promotions throughout the United States. PALERMO suggested [redacted] could help LEONARD promote a match between JORDAN and ART ARAGON at Los Angeles, and would probably advance LEONARD \$50,000 for this promotion. LEONARD declined to make the trip. PALERMO insisted in this and other telephone calls, that LEONARD come to Florida. LEONARD made excuses until PALERMO called to say he had determined airline reservations were available on a particular

flight by TWA plane from Los Angeles to Miami, and he told LEONARD to take this flight on May 5, 1959 to Miami. LEONARD agreed, made the reservations and paid for the trip himself, although PALERMO had offered to have [] pay for the trip.

LEONARD traveled by TWA plane from Los Angeles on January 5, 1959. He was met at the Miami airport by PALERMO and [] driven to the Blue Mist Motel where he and PALERMO spent the night in rooms PALERMO had engaged. The next day, January 6, 1959, they transferred to the Chateau Motel nearby, where they spent the day. LEONARD was told that [] had been in Miami until a day or two before, but had business elsewhere and was not in Miami during the time LEONARD was there.

PALERMO and LEONARD were joined at the Chateau Motel by FRANK CARBO, whom LEONARD knew by sight and had been introduced to on one occasion, but with whom he had never transacted any business. CARBO told LEONARD that if he would handle [] CARBO would see to it that [] would assist LEONARD in promoting the proposed JORDAN-ARAGON match. CARBO said he wanted no money out of JORDAN's contract but he was a friend of PALERMO and wanted PALERMO "to make a dollar." CARBO said [] had plans to make a big promoter out of LEONARD. CARBO said he could handle TRUMAN GIBSON, describing GIBSON as an employee of [] if LEONARD would handle [] in connection with the arrangements PALERMO had demanded concerning JORDAN's purses.

CARBO told LEONARD not to let [] make any arrangements for any fights for DON JORDAN without first contacting PALERMO. PALERMO assured LEONARD that he and CARBO intended to take charge of JORDAN as a boxer controlling who he would fight and when and where the fights would take place. They did not ask LEONARD if he had an ownership interest in JORDAN, and LEONARD did not volunteer to them that he had no such interest.

CHRIS DUNDEE and GABE GENOVESE, boxing figures, came to the motel that day for a short time. They conversed with those present but had no substantial conversation with LEONARD. [] was also present and told LEONARD he had driven CARBO to the motel.

Late in the day CARBO and others departed. PALERMO and [] drove LEONARD to a restaurant where they had dinner. While there CARBO came in, handed some currency to PALERMO and departed with food packaged to take out. PALERMO told LEONARD that CARBO had residence quarters nearby. About midnight LEONARD was driven by [] and PALERMO to the Miami airport where LEONARD took a plane to Los Angeles, via Chicago, on the early morning of January 7, 1959.

PALERMO continued to telephone LEONARD and in one call said he wanted "15 per cent off the top" of JORDAN's purses, rather than 50 per cent of the manager's net profit. LEONARD described the new demand as a larger percentage of the gross purse than was the original demand. The 15 per cent was to be computed prior to the deduction of expenses for JORDAN's training and other business expenses.

After the January 22, 1959 fight between JORDAN and GUTIERREZ, PALERMO telephoned LEONARD asking when he was going to get his 15 per cent from JORDAN's purse for that fight. LEONARD told PALERMO to call TRUMAN GIBSON about it. PALERMO insisted he was holding LEONARD responsible. LEONARD stalled and telephoned GIBSON, asking what he should do. GIBSON told LEONARD to pay PALERMO the 15 per cent, which was approximately \$1,800, and GIBSON would reimburse LEONARD.

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On January 27, 1959, LEONARD returned a call from PALERMO. LEONARD used a public telephone in a Hollywood drugstore to make this call. The number called was for a telephone in the residence of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] LEONARD spoke to PALERMO and CARBO, who was with PALERMO at the time. Both demanded that LEONARD send PALERMO 15 per cent of JORDAN's gross purse from the JORDAN-GUTIERREZ fight, or they would have the money taken out of LEONARD's "hide."

PALERMO had instructed LEONARD to send the money to [REDACTED]
a person LEONARD does not know.

LEONARD got a commitment by telephone from TRUMAN GIBSON that GIBSON was sending LEONARD a check for \$1,800. LEONARD then mailed his personal check for \$1,725 to [REDACTED] as directed by PALERMO. He deducted \$75 for his "expenses." He made the check payable to [REDACTED] and sent it via air mail, special delivery, registered mail, return receipt requested. The check was dated January 27, 1959, but was not mailed until sometime in February, 1959. LEONARD received the return receipt for this piece of mail from the U. S. Post Office Department, with the signature of the addressee on it as having received the mail, and the delivery date indicated as February 7, 1959. He has retained this receipt.

The check was sent to LEONARD's bank, Bank of America, Gower-Sunset Branch, Los Angeles, for collection, and arrived about February 13, 1959, but before GIBSON's check had been received by LEONARD. LEONARD's check had been endorsed with the

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names [] and JOE SONKEN. It had been cashed at the First National Bank, Hollywood, Florida, which bank had forwarded it for payment by LEONARD's bank. When LEONARD's check was received for collection his bank contacted him, as his account had an insufficient balance to pay it.

About February 12, 1959, TRUMAN K. GIBSON, JR. talked by telephone from Chicago to [] bookkeeper for the Hollywood Boxing and Wrestling Club, Inc., the corporation which was set up for LEONARD to operate the Hollywood Legion Stadium. [] was told by GIBSON that someone, unidentified, in Los Angeles was in need of \$1,800 immediately. GIBSON said he wanted to advance this sum to that person and asked that as a favor to him [] draw a check on the account of the Hollywood Boxing and Wrestling Club, Inc. for \$1,800 and hand it to JACKIE LEONARD so that LEONARD could deliver the funds to the person in need of them. In return GIBSON promised to send a check for \$1,800 to the Hollywood Boxing and Wrestling Club, Inc., so that the disbursement could be replaced.

[] prepared a check for \$1,800, dated February 12, 1959, on the Hollywood Boxing and Wrestling Club, Inc. account in the Sunset-Gower Branch, Bank of America. The check was payable to cash, was endorsed by JACK LEONARD and deposited on February 13, 1959, in the personal account of LEONARD. The endorsement and personal account are in the name of LEONARD BLAKELY, JACK LEONARD's true name.

A few days later a check for \$1,800 was received from TRUMAN GIBSON and on February 16, 1959, this check was deposited in the account of the Hollywood Boxing and Wrestling Club, Inc., to reimburse the prior withdrawal in that amount.

Under date of February 10, 1959, TRUMAN GIBSON executed a check requisition asking that a check for \$1,800 be drawn on the account of the Chicago Stadium Corporation, Chicago National Bank, Chicago, Illinois. The requisition asked that the check be made payable to JACK LEONARD and mailed to LEONARD at the Hollywood Legion Stadium. This sum was designated as an "advance - promoter's share of April 15 fight - Porterville, Calif." Pursuant to this requisition, an \$1,800 check was drawn in the account of the Chicago Stadium Corp., Boxing Division, on the Chicago National Bank, Chicago, Illinois, dated February 10, 1959, payable to JACK LEONARD, with an attached voucher indicating it was an "advance." The check was signed by TRUMAN K. GIBSON, JR.

and countersigned by JOSEPH P. GAFFIGAN, comptroller, Chicago Stadium Corp., 1800 West Madison Street, Chicago 12, Illinois.

From about January 1, 1959, LEONARD negotiated with TRUMAN GIBSON on behalf of a group of businessmen at Porterville, California who wanted to promote a boxing match in Porterville, which would be nationally televised. Tentative arrangements were made and an oral commitment was given by GIBSON that such a match would be held at Porterville on Wednesday night, April 15, 1959, between GASPAR ORTEGA and DENNY MOYER. The Porterville business group took appropriate steps for licenses and other requirements preparatory to promoting the match. Guarantees were subscribed and for his part in arranging the preliminary matches for the occasion, LEONARD was to receive \$6,000 from the gate receipts under a guarantee of the business group in Porterville. He was to receive nothing from TRUMAN GIBSON.

About two weeks before the scheduled fight was to occur, GIBSON cancelled the match and it was not held. The business group claimed they received no satisfactory explanation from GIBSON as to his reasons for cancelling this match.

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PALERMO complained to LEONARD that LEONARD should not have sent the check to [redacted] by registered mail, claiming that LEONARD should have "known better" and said he would subsequently inform LEONARD how to send money in the future. Intervening events made it unnecessary for LEONARD to send money to PALERMO on any other occasion.

LEONARD was informed by GIBSON that the \$1,800 used to reimburse LEONARD for the money he sent to PALERMO would have to be replaced from GIBSON's personal funds.

The title re-match between JORDAN and AKINS was staged on April 24, 1959 at St. Louis, Missouri. About April 22, 1959, PALERMO telephoned LEONARD asking what was to be done about the 15 per cent he was to get from JORDAN's purse following the AKINS match. LEONARD told him that he would have to see [redacted] as LEONARD claimed to have nothing to do with it.

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[redacted] was in St. Louis for the JORDAN-AKINS re-match and prior to the day of the match was in contact with the promoter of the boxing match. [redacted] of St. Louis. [redacted]

[REDACTED]

PALERMO was in St. Louis for the JORDAN-AKINS match on April 24, 1959. TRUMAN GIBSON was also in St. Louis for the occasion. The co-managers of AKINS were [REDACTED] of Chicago and [REDACTED] of St. Louis. [REDACTED] attended the fight and it is believed that [REDACTED] and PALERMO shared a hotel room for the occasion.

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JORDAN won the match against AKINS and retained his welterweight title. After the match PALERMO was in the hallway of the arena, outside the dressing rooms, and there was introduced to [REDACTED] by a news reporter. This was the first time [REDACTED] had met PALERMO.

No significant conversation occurred.

On the morning of April 25, 1959, [REDACTED] went to the office of [REDACTED] to settle their financial arrangements, pursuant to contracts for the title re-match. [REDACTED] postponed their settlement until later in the day. [REDACTED] later explained to [REDACTED] that PALERMO and [REDACTED] were in [REDACTED] office and he did not think [REDACTED] wished to meet them there.

[REDACTED] returned to the Ambassador Kingsway Hotel to visit with friends, DON CHARGIN and HARVEY LIVINGSTON of Oakland, California, who had traveled to St. Louis to witness the boxing match.

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PALERMO then came to the suite of rooms occupied by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at the hotel, after telephoning from the lobby and arranging to talk with [REDACTED] in the room. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

PALERMO traveled from St. Louis to Chicago on the afternoon of April 25, and telephoned JACKIE LEONARD that evening, telling LEONARD he had talked with [REDACTED] in St. Louis and that [REDACTED] had practically thrown him out of the hotel room. PALERMO insisted that LEONARD contact [REDACTED] and straighten the matter out.

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LEONARD contacted [REDACTED] the following day at Indianapolis, Indiana by telephone.

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On Tuesday, April 28, 1959, [REDACTED] returned to Los Angeles and was in LEONARD's office at the Hollywood Legion Stadium when LEONARD received a telephone call which appears to have originated at the telephone in the residence of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The caller did not give his name but LEONARD recognized the caller as FRANKIE CARBO. In this call CARBO asked [REDACTED] if he knew who was calling, and LEONARD said he did. He said CARBO has a distinctive voice which he recalled from conversations held in Miami on January 6, 1959.

[REDACTED]

LEONARD received a second call from PALERMO, either later that day or on the evening of the following day, at his residence. Such a call appears to have been made April 29, 1959, from the phone at [redacted] residence in Philadelphia. b6 b7C

On PALERMO's second call he inquired if LEONARD had cooled off. LEONARD explained he had followed the instructions of TRUMAN GIBSON, due to his financial obligations to GIBSON, and GIBSON's importance in the boxing field to control the TV programs. PALERMO said he planned to make a trip to the West Coast and would talk to LEONARD in person.

On Sunday, May 3, 1959, LEONARD received a telephone call from PALERMO who said he was in the Los Angeles area, and that the matter, with reference to DON JORDAN's contract, "has to be straightened out." PALERMO said he and LEONARD "have our heads in a noose" and some satisfactory disposition of the matter must be made.

When LEONARD arrived at his office at the Hollywood Legion Stadium on the morning of May 4, 1959, JOSEPH SICA of Los Angeles was waiting for him. LEONARD recognized SICA from having been introduced to him on a prior occasion, and as a spectator at boxing matches, but had never had any dealings with SICA. SICA told LEONARD he was a friend of "THE GRAY" and "BLINKY," and would like to see the JORDAN matter straightened out; something should be done. LEONARD recognized "THE GRAY" as a nickname for FRANKIE

CARBO, and "BLINKY" as a nickname for PALERMO. These nicknames are commonly used for the two individuals in boxing circles. LEONARD said he told PALERMO that [] would not give up a share of his contract with JORDAN and thus he did not see how PALERMO could have his way. SICA insisted something should be worked out.

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Later on May 4, 1959, PALERMO telephoned LEONARD several times, asking that LEONARD meet with him at Puccini's restaurant in Beverly Hills, saying he had JOSEPH SICA and GEORGE RAFT with him. LEONARD made a number of excuses and did not see PALERMO that day.

On May 5, 1959, LEONARD was in his office at the Hollywood Legion Stadium with []. During the morning PALERMO entered the office accompanied by LOUIS THOMAS DRAGNA. LEONARD had seen DRAGNA in attendance at boxing matches but had never met him. When they entered the office [] recognized PALERMO, got up and walked out, telephoned DON CHARGIN in Oakland and asked him to contact [] investigator for the California Athletic Commission.

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[] later called [] that day and arrangements were made for []

In the meantime, LEONARD talked to DRAGNA and PALERMO, and told them [] had a mind of his own, and PALERMO was disturbed because he had told [] he wanted to talk to [] but [] ignored him by walking out of the office.

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PALERMO insisted that LEONARD see what he could do to make [] change his mind, and LEONARD commented the entire difficulty was brought on by TRUMAN GIBSON, and that PALERMO should discuss it with GIBSON. PALERMO said he did not want to hear anymore about GIBSON, became belligerent, told LEONARD he had his "head in a noose," was in very bad trouble and had to get the matter straightened out. PALERMO said somebody was going to be hurt if the matter were not straightened out, that he and his associates had had the welterweight boxing title for a long time, intended to hold on to it and would not let anyone steal it from them. LEONARD promised to do what he could with [] but predicted he would be unsuccessful in getting [] to agree to PALERMO's demands.

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[redacted] PALERMO insisted LEONARD get hold of [redacted] and make sit down and talk to PALERMO.

Later in the day PALERMO telephoned LEONARD, again asking him to meet with PALERMO and SICA at Puccini's Restaurant. LEONARD again made an excuse and did not see them.

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On May 6, 1959, when LEONARD arrived at his office at the Hollywood Legion Stadium during the morning, JOSEPH SICA was waiting for him and asked him to breakfast with SICA and PALERMO. LEONARD said he had to stay in his office to answer the telephone and suggested PALERMO and SICA come to the office to talk. SICA made a telephone call from LEONARD's office to PALERMO at the Beverly Hilton Hotel, Beverly Hills. SICA made arrangements to take PALERMO to breakfast and then return to LEONARD's office. About an hour later SICA and PALERMO arrived at LEONARD's office. Present at the time, in addition to LEONARD, were [redacted] and [redacted] who had, by this time, become co-manager of DON JORDAN with [redacted]. SICA looked over the office as if he were searching for a hidden recording device. Then he and PALERMO sat down to talk with the others. [redacted] told SICA and PALERMO that his reason for talking with them was to try to settle the matter as he wanted to bring the situation to a conclusion; also, he had once before explained the entire matter to PALERMO and had attempted to conclude it then.

On this occasion PALERMO had a different attitude from the previous day and asked that [redacted] agree to a boxing match between DON JORDAN and "SUGAR" HART, to be held in Philadelphia or Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. [redacted] refused to consider these suggestions. Then PALERMO suggested the fight be held in Los Angeles and that the fight possibly could be promoted by LEONARD. [redacted] claimed everyone was pressuring him into a fight between

JORDAN and HART and he did not intend to yield under that pressure, and that he wanted to relieve himself of that pressure by again explaining to PALERMO and SICA the part TRUMAN GIBSON played in getting LEONARD to make the telephone call to PALERMO allegedly acquiescing to PALERMO's demands. PALERMO tried to get LEONARD to admit he had been wrong in misleading PALERMO. The origin of the matter was again explained to PALERMO and SICA, including the part TRUMAN GIBSON played in the matter, and LEONARD, [] and [] offered to repeat the story in GIBSON's presence.

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Efforts were made to reach TRUMAN GIBSON by telephone from LEONARD's office, and he was not located at the time.

PALERMO inquired of [] as to why [] had gone to the police at St. Louis. [] said the police told him PALERMO was around and that he had merely answered truthfully the questions of the police. PALERMO wanted to know if [] had mentioned the 15 per cent proposition, and [] said he had.

PALERMO then commented he was not so much interested in the money, but was interested in arranging a match between JORDAN and HART.

During the conversation JOSEPH SICA said very little, but did state that he did not want to see LEONARD "get in bad back east," and just as SICA and PALERMO departed from LEONARD's office, SICA leaned over to LEONARD and whispered, "You've really got your head in a noose, Jack."

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At the time of the conversations between SICA and PALERMO, LEONARD, [] and [] LEONARD was aware of reports that [] a Philadelphia boxing manager, had been struck by [] another boxing manager of Philadelphia, who was accompanied by PALERMO. The incident allegedly occurred when [] boxer, CHARLIE SCOTT, was weighing in prior to a match in Philadelphia. SCOTT, in June, 1959, was ranked number three contender for the welterweight title.

LEONARD was also aware 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 JORDAN-AKINS re-match of April 24, 1959, LEONARD received a telephone call from TRUMAN GIBSON, who asked LEONARD to establish the exact net receipts for the fight so that the purse due JORDAN could be figured and the 15 per cent demanded by PALERMO could be paid. GIBSON instructed that LEONARD should pay the amount and GIBSON would reimburse him, as had been done following the JORDAN-GUTIERREZ fight. GIBSON suggested that the percentage would amount to about \$4,000 to \$4,500 from the JORDAN-AKINS match. LEONARD cannot place the date of this telephone call but had a recollection that it was about April 27, recalling it to be about the Monday following the fight on a Friday night. Publicity concerning PALERMO occurred a short time later and LEONARD had no further discussion with GIBSON, as regards the percentage from the JORDAN-AKINS match of April 24.

In early May, 1959, WILLIAM PHILLIP DALY of Englewood, New Jersey, came to Los Angeles with TRUMAN K. GIBSON, JR. They traveled on the same plane from New York City to Los Angeles. GIBSON had asked DALY to see what he could do to straighten out the situation regarding PALERMO and LEONARD, with reference to JORDAN's contract.

LEONARD had a conversation with DALY in the latter's hotel room in Los Angeles on May 14, 1959, and also talked to DALY several times on the telephone during the month of May. In the conversation at the hotel room DALY said he would like to talk to [] in an attempt to straighten out the difficulty with PALERMO. LEONARD told him he did not believe such an attempt would be successful in changing [] position on the matter. DALY commented the matter had gone too far to be repaired and that trouble could be expected by LEONARD and []. LEONARD explained to DALY details concerning the dispute with PALERMO and the

conversations he had had with PALERMO and others. DALY said he was closely associated with FRANKIE CARBO and had transacted business with CARBO on numerous occasions. b7D

[REDACTED]

LEONARD asked DALY if [REDACTED] is associated with FRANKIE CARBO, and DALY said that was true. DALY also indicated he expected to hear from CARBO by telephone in the near future, and when asked if CARBO was being sought by some law enforcement agency at the time, DALY said that was true. b6 b7C

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About May 6, 1959, [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] LEONARD, was telephoned by [REDACTED] of the Main Street Gymnasium in Los Angeles, and was asked to call JOSEPH SICA at a Los Angeles telephone having a WEBster exchange. He was requested to make this call from a public telephone booth, and complied. [REDACTED] talked to SICA who asked him to contact [REDACTED] of Oakland, California, who was then associated with LEONARD in promoting boxing matches at the Hollywood Legion Stadium. SICA asked [REDACTED] to tell [REDACTED] he should contact SICA on his arrival in Los Angeles, before he contacted anyone else. SICA claimed [REDACTED] had obligations to keep and SICA wanted [REDACTED] to find out when [REDACTED] would again be in Los Angeles. SICA called [REDACTED] later in the day at his residence to check on this request. [REDACTED] had no new information but asked SICA to call again the next morning. SICA did not call [REDACTED] again. [REDACTED] b6 b7C

informed LEONARD of these calls, but did not contact [redacted]

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On about May 3 and 7, 1959, GIBSON was in telephone conversation with LEONARD. On May 3 LEONARD and [redacted] spoke with GIBSON, who was in Chicago at the time. [redacted] insisted GIBSON contact [redacted] and have [redacted] instruct PALERMO to quit harassing [redacted] and LEONARD. While GIBSON denied an association between himself and [redacted] with PALERMO, he did say he would call [redacted]. In the second conversation GIBSON said he had contacted [redacted] and that PALERMO had been instructed to leave California, and LEONARD and [redacted] would not be harassed further by PALERMO.

TRUMAN GIBSON told LEONARD his financial troubles with the lessors of the Hollywood Legion Stadium could all be straightened out if LEONARD would go along with PALERMO, and that there would be plenty of money available if LEONARD would arrange for a match between "SUGAR" HART and DON JORDAN. He asked LEONARD to give this message to [redacted]

GIBSON was also in long-distance telephone conversation with PALERMO during this period when PALERMO was registered at the Beverly Hilton Hotel, Beverly Hills, California, from May 1, 1959, through May 6, 1959, under the name GEORGE TOBIAS, who had given the residence address of 110 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois. That address is the Chicago City Hall.

On the night of May 6, 1959, PALERMO left the Beverly Hilton Hotel without settling his account in full, and proceeded to the International Airport where he was scheduled to depart by plane. Los Angeles police officers there observed him pick up several items from a newsstand without paying for them, and PALERMO was arrested for shoplifting. He was released on bail and finally departed from Los Angeles on May 7, 1959.

That PALERMO and GIBSON were in contact with each other is shown by the following record of telephone calls:

GIBSON at Los Angeles Ambassador Hotel on 10/23/59, to PALERMO at Bismarck Hotel, Chicago - 6 minutes.

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PALERMO at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania phone of Joey's Restaurant, 600 East Wyoming Avenue, Philadelphia (DA 4-5311), to GIBSON (collect) on 4/29/59 at Chicago, Illinois (NOrmal 7-5978).

GIBSON at Chicago on May 5, 1959 to PALERMO (GEORGE TOBIAS) at Beverly Hilton Hotel, Beverly Hills, California.

(Before the California State Athletic Commission on May 20, 1959, GIBSON was asked if he had called PALERMO. GIBSON replied under oath, "No, he called me." This referred to the conversation of May 5, 1959, and GIBSON claimed PALERMO called him collect.)

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On May 20, 1959, the California State Athletic Commission conducted public hearings at Los Angeles. LEONARD, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] WILLIAM DALY, TRUMAN GIBSON, LOUIS DRAGNA and JOSEPH SICA were subpoenaed to testify. SICA and DRAGNA declined to testify taking refuge on the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution.

NAMES OF DEFENDANTS

Following are the names and residence addresses of the defendants in the indictment returned in this matter:

FRANK PALERMO, aka
"BLINKY" PALERMO
800 North 64th Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

PAUL JOHN CARBO, aka
FRANKIE CARBO
2637 Taft Street
Hollywood, Florida

TRUMAN K. GIBSON, JR.
5111 South Drexel
Chicago, Illinois

JOSEPH SICA
10219 La Tuna Canyon Road
Los Angeles, California

LOUIS THOMAS DRAGNA
1429 East Thelborn Avenue
West Covina, California

WILLIAM PHILLIP DALY, residence address 165 Grand Avenue, Englewood, New Jersey, is named in the indictment as an unindicted co-conspirator with the defendants.

An indictment was returned by a Federal Grand Jury at Los Angeles, California on September 22, 1959. The matter has Case No. 27973 CD in the U. S. District Court for the Southern District of California, Central Division.

DATE WHEN AND PLACE WHERE
ACTS ALLEGED WERE COMMITTED

All defendants are alleged to have engaged in a conspiracy commencing prior to October 22, 1958, with overt acts taking place in furtherance of that conspiracy from October 23, 1958, through May 14, 1959. This conspiracy was wilfully to obstruct, delay and affect interstate commerce by means of extortion, in violation of 18 USC 1951.

Defendant FRANK PALERMO is alleged to have wilfully obstructed interstate commerce by extorting \$1,725 from LEONARD BLAKELY, aka JACKIE LEONARD, of Los Angeles, California, the alleged act taking place in Los Angeles, California about January 27, 1959, in violation of 18 USC 1951.

Defendant PAUL JOHN CARBO is alleged to have wilfully obstructed interstate commerce by attempting to extort \$1,725 from LEONARD BLAKELY, aka JACKIE LEONARD, of Los Angeles, California, the alleged act taking place in Los Angeles, California about January 27, 1959, in violation of 18 USC 1951.

Defendants FRANK PALERMO and JOSEPH SICA are alleged to have wilfully delayed interstate commerce by attempting, about May 6, 1959, at Los Angeles, California, to extort from [redacted] part of his contractual right to control the professional boxing activities of welterweight champion DON JORDAN, by forcing [redacted] to sign for a boxing match between DON JORDAN and "SUGAR" HART, in violation of 18 USC 1951. b6 b7C

All defendants are alleged to have conspired prior to October 22, 1958, to extort a share of the management of boxer DON JORDAN from LEONARD BLAKELY and [redacted] by transmitting in interstate commerce communications containing threats to injure the persons of [redacted] and BLAKELY, at Los Angeles, California, in violation of 18 USC 371 and 875(b). Overt acts are alleged to have extended from January 22, 1959, through April 29, 1959.

Defendant PALERMO is alleged to have transmitted in interstate commerce with intent to extort, a communication about January 27, 1959, to LEONARD BLAKELY at Los Angeles, California, containing a threat to injure the person of BLAKELY in violation of 18 USC 875(b).

Defendant PAUL JOHN CARBO is alleged to have transmitted in interstate commerce, with intent to extort about January 27, 1959, to LEONARD BLAKELY at Los Angeles, a communication containing a threat to injure the person of LEONARD BLAKELY, in violation of 18 USC 875(b).

Defendant FRANK PALERMO is alleged to have transmitted with intent to extort in interstate commerce, about April 28, 1959, a communication containing a threat to injure the persons of LEONARD BLAKELY and [redacted] at Los Angeles, in violation of 18 USC 875(b).

Defendant PAUL JOHN CARBO is alleged to have transmitted in interstate commerce, with intent to extort, about April 28, 1959 at Los Angeles, a communication containing a threat to injure the persons of LEONARD BLAKELY and [redacted] in violation of 18 USC 875(b).

Defendant FRANK PALERMO is alleged to have transmitted, with intent to extort, at Los Angeles, California, about April 29, 1959, in interstate commerce, a communication containing a threat to injure the persons of LEONARD BLAKELY and [redacted] in violation of 18 USC 875(b).

STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS

Running of the Statute of Limitations was tolled by the return of a 10-count Federal Grand Jury indictment on September 22, 1959, at Los Angeles, California.

The Statute of Limitations will bar prosecution of all defendants on the first-named overt act commencing October 23, 1964, in the event there is a necessity to file other indictments.

The Statute of Limitations will bar prosecution on other overt acts at a date five years from the time of the alleged overt act.

PRELIMINARY PROSECUTIVE ACTION

Based upon the Grand Jury indictment returned September 22, 1959 at Los Angeles, bench warrants were issued for the arrest of the defendants.

Defendant FRANK PALERMO was arrested by Special Agents of the FBI at a service station at 2929 South 61st Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on September 22, 1959. PALERMO is at liberty on \$100,000 bond, which is the amount of bail recommended by the Federal Grand Jury that returned the indictment.

Defendant PAUL JOHN CARBO was arrested September 22, 1959, at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland, where he was a patient in the Marburg Clinic, Room 308. CARBO is at liberty on \$100,000 bond on the charges in this matter. He is reported to be in custody of New York State authorities for trial on state charges at New York City.

Defendant TRUMAN K. GIBSON, JR. was arrested by FBI Agents on September 22, 1959, in the 1100 block of East 50th Street, Chicago, Illinois. He is at liberty on \$5,000 bond.

Defendant JOSEPH SICA was arrested on September 22, 1959, by FBI Agents in the 700 block of South Fairfax Avenue, Los Angeles, California, and is at liberty on \$25,000 bond.

Defendant LOUIS THOMAS DRAGNA was arrested by FBI Agents September 22, 1959, at the premises of Mar-Cal Sportswear, 939 South Maple Street, Los Angeles. He is at liberty on \$25,000 bond. b3

[REDACTED] by the Grand Jury and all arrests were made pursuant to the bench warrants issued upon the indictment.

Defendants SICA and DRAGNA were arraigned in the U. S. District Court at Los Angeles, October 5, 1959.

Defendant GIBSON was arraigned and entered a plea of not guilty to the indictment on October 9, 1959 in the U. S. District Court at Los Angeles, with the stipulation that he would not thereby waive his rights to file subsequently motions directed toward the indictment.

Defendants FRANK PALERMO and PAUL JOHN CARBO have not been arraigned in the U. S. District Court, Los Angeles. Arraignment of PALERMO is tentatively scheduled for October 26, 1959. Arraignment for CARBO has not been scheduled as CARBO is in custody of New York State authorities for trial on state charges at New York City.

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WITNESSES

Summary

LEONARD BLAKELY, aka.
JACKIE LEONARD,
8006 Louise,
Northridge, California

The above witness can testify to the following situations:

Re: Defendant PALERMO

He was matchmaker at Hollywood Legion Stadium, 1628 El Centro, Hollywood, California, for about five years while that stadium was utilized as a boxing arena with the boxing matches being promoted by Hollywood American Legion Post Number 43, Hollywood, California.

As of November 1, 1958, LEONARD leased the Hollywood Legion Stadium from Post Number 43 and became promoter, as well as matchmaker, for boxing matches staged at the arena. The lease was for five years.

Summary

In order to obtain the lease, LEONARD was required to post security for the monthly rental with Hollywood Post Number 43. The majority of funds used to provide this security was \$28,000 advanced through negotiations with TRUMAN K. GIBSON, Jr., Chicago, Illinois, then President of the International Boxing Club, Inc. The money was placed on deposit as a guarantee and was not a loan. It was to be repaid from the proceeds of television rights for those boxing matches televised from the Hollywood Legion Stadium subsequent to November 1, 1958. The average boxing match resulted in a payment of \$4,000 to the arena management if the match were televised. Thus, it could be expected that after seven televised matches, the \$28,000 advance would be reclaimed in its entirety by those who made the advancement.

He could testify that boxer DON JORDAN engaged in a match with GASPAR ORTEGA at Long Beach, California, October 22, 1958. This match was televised nationwide. LEONARD had nothing to do with promoting the match, which was promoted by GEORGE PARNASSUS. LEONARD did not attend the match but GIBSON did. GIBSON arranged for the televising of the match.

On October 23, 1958, LEONARD and [redacted] Manager of DON JORDAN, visited the office of [redacted] matchmaker at the Olympic Auditorium, Los Angeles, where [redacted] engaged in negotiations with TRUMAN K. GIBSON, who was also present, with reference to a promised welterweight title match between DON JORDAN and then Champion VIRGIL AKINS. At the time, formal contracts for the title match had not been signed.

LEONARD was an observer during the discussions. While LEONARD and [redacted] were at the office of [redacted] with GIBSON a telephone call for GIBSON was received. GIBSON spoke on the phone, then handed it to LEONARD with the comment, "It's BLINKY." LEONARD recognized this nickname as referring to FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, long associated with boxing activities at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

LEONARD can testify to demands made by PALERMO in this phone call that PALERMO, using the pronoun "we", receive a half interest in the boxing contract of DON JORDAN. PALERMO asked LEONARD if GIBSON had not spoken to him about this matter and LEONARD said GIBSON had not. PALERMO said there would be no title match between AKINS and JORDAN unless PALERMO's demand was met.

LEONARD promised to return the phone call to PALERMO later in the day and PALERMO gave his location as a certain room in the Bismarck Hotel, Chicago, Illinois.

He can testify to conversation which took place at a suite of rooms, 5A and 6A, situated at the Northwest corner of a patio in a court of cottages called "Reposa" of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California. These are connecting rooms on the ground floor.

Present during the conversations at GIBSON's suite on October 23, 1958, were LEONARD, [redacted] and [redacted] also known as [redacted]. Most of the conversation took place between LEONARD, [redacted] and GIBSON. The essence of the conversation was that GIBSON wanted LEONARD to make a return call to PALERMO at Chicago and tell PALERMO his demand for a half interest in DON JORDAN's contract would be acknowledged as satisfactory.

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GIBSON assured them that there would be no physical harm as such activity as that "went out with highbutton shoes".

Ultimately GIBSON prevailed and LEONARD made a telephone call to PALERMO, stating in effect that PALERMO's demands would be met. This action was taken over the protests of [REDACTED]

The telephone call was made October 23, 1958, from a public telephone booth in the lobby of the Ambassador Hotel. The booth is situated at the north end of the lobby in an alcove and is one of a series of phone booths.

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The call was made in the afternoon to PALERMO at the Bismarck Hotel in Chicago. LEONARD called PALERMO at a particular room, the number of which he does not recall. PALERMO asked him the number of the telephone from which the call was made. LEONARD gave that number to PALERMO, who said he would return the call immediately from another phone. LEONARD remained there and received the return call on the same telephone a few minutes later. PALERMO had indicated to LEONARD he would go to the lobby of the Bismarck Hotel and make the return call on a public phone.

[REDACTED] stood outside the telephone booth during the conversation between LEONARD and PALERMO on this occasion.

Subsequently, from time to time, LEONARD received long distance telephone calls from PALERMO relating to his proposition concerning JORDAN's contract and also relating to other boxing matters which had no connection with JORDAN.

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LEONARD can testify that a championship match was held between VIRGIL AKINS and DON JORDAN at the Olympic Auditorium (December 5, 1958) in which JORDAN won the welterweight championship of the world.

Sometime in December, 1958, in a telephone conversation with WILLIAM P. DALY of Englewood, New Jersey, LEONARD expressed a need for money to handle operating expenses at the Hollywood Legion Stadium. DALY asked him how much was needed and LEONARD said \$1,000 would be very helpful. DALY promised to supply that amount himself. On or about December 22 or 23, 1958, LEONARD received a telephone call from PALERMO in which PALERMO said LEONARD's "money needs" have been taken care of by a money order sent from DALY to LEONARD via Western Union that LEONARD could pick up \$1,000 at the Western Union Office in Hollywood. Shortly thereafter, on the same date, LEONARD received a telephone call from Western Union in Hollywood notifying him that the \$1,000 money order was available for him. He obtained it.

LEONARD took the thousand dollars, which was accompanied by a slip indicating it had been sent by BILL DALEY, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and deposited \$700 in his personal bank account, drawing \$300 in cash.

At a subsequent time which he could not recall exactly, PALERMO told LEONARD that this \$1,000 was not sent by DALY but had been sent by PALERMO. LEONARD considered it a loan and promised to pay it when able. No promissory note or other evidence of the debt was executed by LEONARD.

During LEONARD's absence from Los Angeles in the latter part of December, 1958, PALERMO attempted to locate LEONARD by telephone and left a message for him to return the call.

On his return to Los Angeles December 30, 1958, LEONARD telephoned PALERMO in Miami, Florida. PALERMO asked LEONARD to travel to Florida for the purpose of talking with [redacted] who he said would probably advance \$50,000 to LEONARD to promote a boxing match at Los Angeles between DON JORDAN and ART ARAGON. LEONARD declined to make the trip but after

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several other phone calls on about January 3, 1959, PALERMO told LEONARD there was space available on an airliner departing Los Angeles on the morning of January 5, 1959, for Miami. He asked LEONARD to engage the space and come to Florida. He offered to have [] pay for the transportation. LEONARD declined the offer but agreed to make the trip, made reservations, and traveled by plane from Los Angeles to Miami on January 5, 1959.

LEONARD stated he was met at the airport in Miami Beach by PALERMO and []. They drove LEONARD to the Blue Mist Motel, Sunny Isles, Florida, adjacent to Miami, where LEONARD and PALERMO spent the night in adjoining rooms which had been engaged by PALERMO. The following day they moved to the Chateau Motel in the immediate vicinity, where he spent the day. At the Chateau Motel they were joined by [] FRANK CARBO, and during a portion of the day by [] and [].

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[] was not present, and PALERMO told LEONARD that [] had to go elsewhere because of other business.

In conversation with LEONARD, CARBO made it plain that if LEONARD would control [] in regards to the handling of DON JORDAN, CARBO would see to it that TRUMAN GIBSON and [] would assist LEONARD. He instructed LEONARD not to allow [] to engage a fight for JORDAN without first contacting PALERMO. CARBO said he was interested in seeing PALERMO "make a dollar", although he did not want any money for himself. CARBO claimed [] had big plans to make a prominent boxing promoter out of LEONARD.

On the evening of January 6, 1959, PALERMO and [] took LEONARD to a restaurant for dinner. While there, LEONARD observed CARBO enter and hand some currency to PALERMO. Later in the evening, PALERMO and [] took LEONARD to the airport in Miami, where he departed by plane on the early morning of January 7 for Los Angeles, via Chicago.

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LEONARD was present at a conference with TRUMAN GIBSON at the Ambassador Hotel on January 27, 1959, when GIBSON received a telephone call from PALERMO. This was shortly after the ALVARO GUTIERREZ - DON JORDAN match held January 22, 1959, at the Olympic Auditorium, Los Angeles. Later, on January 27, 1959, LEONARD was notified of a message to telephone a [redacted] at the Palermo Hotel in an Eastern city with a telephone number to be called.

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LEONARD made this phone call from a business telephone at the Hypure Drug Company, 5931 Franklin Avenue, Hollywood, California. The call was made to telephone number Fulton 9-2664 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. It lasted for five minutes and 53 seconds (according to phone company records) and was made at 5:23 p.m. (This telephone was then the non-published telephone listed to [redacted])

[redacted] stood outside the phone booth as LEONARD made this call.

LEONARD spoke with PALERMO and with FRANK CARBO over the telephone. Both demanded that LEONARD send to PALERMO 15 per cent of the gross purse earned by DON JORDAN in the JORDAN - GUTIERREZ match of January 22, 1959. Between the original demand of October 23, 1958, and January 27, 1959, PALERMO had told LEONARD in one of his phone calls that his demand had been changed from half of the net profit realized from JORDAN's contract to 15 per cent of the gross purses "off the top" before payment of expenses. LEONARD describes the 15 per cent of the gross as the larger amount of the two demands.

In the phone call of January 27, 1959, PALERMO and CARBO both demanded that LEONARD forward the money or that in effect, the money would be "taken out of" LEONARD's "hide".

LEONARD informed PALERMO that he should look to TRUMAN GIBSON for any money pursuant to this demand, and LEONARD was told he was being held personally accountable for the money. LEONARD contacted GIBSON asking for instructions as to future steps. GIBSON told him to pay the money and that GIBSON would reimburse him.

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LEONARD sent his personal check for \$1,725, dated January 27, 1959, to [redacted] upon instructions of PALERMO. The check was payable to [redacted] a person whose true identity is unknown to LEONARD. The check was mailed to [redacted] about February 4, 1959, with LEONARD making excuses to PALERMO that he had previously mailed the check but the letter had been returned for lack of postage. LEONARD sent this check in an envelope via airmail, special delivery, registered return receipt requested. He can produce his canceled check and the Post Office return receipt indicating the letter was delivered to [redacted] on February 7, 1959.

The canceled check bears two endorsements, the first of [redacted] the second of JOE SONKEN. (SONKEN is proprietor of the Gold Coast Bar, Hollywood, Florida. The check was forwarded for collection by the First National Bank, Hollywood, Florida, to the Bank of America, Gower - Sunset Branch, Los Angeles, where LEONARD has his personal account.)

LEONARD will testify that this \$1,725 check was presented to his bank for payment prior to the time he received a reimbursing check from TRUMAN GIBSON.

TRUMAN GIBSON asked via telephone that [redacted] Bookkeeper for the Hollywood Boxing and Wrestling Club, the corporation operating the Hollywood Legion Stadium, issue a check for \$1,800 on the club account and deliver it to LEONARD. LEONARD utilized this check to deposit in his personal account in order to pay the \$1,725 check he had sent to [redacted] on behalf of PALERMO. Shortly thereafter an \$1,800 check from TRUMAN GIBSON, the check being drawn on the account of the Chicago Stadium Corporation, Chicago, Illinois, was received to reimburse the boxing club.

This check bore a notation that it was an advance.

From about January 1, 1959, to April 1, 1959, there was in progress an attempted promotion of a nationally televised boxing match to be held at Porterville, California. This match was originally suggested by businessmen in Porterville to LEONARD, who agreed to inquire of TRUMAN GIBSON of its possibilities.

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Subsequently, GIBSON made verbal commitment that the match would take place on April 15, 1959, between GASPAR ORTEGA and DENNY MOYER at Porterville. Steps were taken by the promoters in Porterville to prepare for the match. About two weeks prior to the scheduled date, GIBSON notified LEONARD the match would not be held and promoters of the match claimed they were given no satisfactory reason for its cancellation.

About April 22, 1959, LEONARD received a telephone call from PALERMO in which PALERMO asked who he should see about obtaining his 15 per cent from the JORDAN purse of the JORDAN - AKINS rematch scheduled for April 24, 1959, at St. Louis, Missouri. LEONARD told PALERMO he would have to contact [redacted] as LEONARD had nothing more to do with the matter.

LEONARD received a telephone call April 25, 1959, from PALERMO, who reported he had contacted [redacted] at St. Louis and that [redacted] had practically thrown him out of the hotel room. PALERMO insisted that LEONARD contact [redacted] and straighten the matter out, promising to come to the West Coast in the near future if the matter were not settled.

On April 28, 1959, LEONARD received a telephone call from FRANK CARBO in which CARBO made numerous threats against LEONARD and [redacted] and minutes later LEONARD received a telephone call from PALERMO. The circumstances indicated to LEONARD that PALERMO and CARBO must have been together at the time CARBO made the call on April 28, 1959.

PALERMO claimed that CARBO could not be blamed for the numerous remarks he made over the phone to LEONARD. Either later that same day or the following day in the evening and at his residence, LEONARD received a phone call from PALERMO, who inquired as to whether or not LEONARD had "cooled off" following the CARBO call of April 28, 1959.

On May 3, 1959, LEONARD received a phone call from PALERMO, who said he was in Los Angeles and had come to straighten out the JORDAN matter.

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On May 3, 1959, LEONARD made a telephone call with [redacted] to TRUMAN GIBSON in Chicago at which time GIBSON was requested to contact [redacted] and have PALERMO ordered to stop harassing LEONARD and [redacted]

On May 4, 1959, LEONARD received several telephone calls from PALERMO and was visited by JOSEPH SICA in an effort to set up a meeting between LEONARD and PALERMO at a restaurant, at which meeting SICA and possibly GEORGE RAFT would also be present.

No meeting took place on that date with PALERMO.

On May 5, 1959, LEONARD was visited at his office in Hollywood Legion Stadium by PALERMO and LOUIS THOMAS DRAGNA. [redacted] was present at the outset but walked out on the meeting without talking to PALERMO or DRAGNA.

On this occasion, PALERMO demanded that LEONARD make good on his promise with reference to JORDAN's contract and see that [redacted] turned over control of JORDAN's boxing activities and 15 per cent of JORDAN's purses to PALERMO.

On May 5, 1959, at approximately 7:10 p.m., PALERMO telephoned LEONARD at the latter's residence, requesting another conference with LEONARD, saying he had an appointment for a long distance telephone call between himself and LEONARD with TRUMAN GIBSON that same evening. He requested LEONARD to come to a restaurant so that they could make the phone call and PALERMO said he would tell LEONARD what to say during the call. LEONARD made a tentative promise to meet with PALERMO but did not do so.

On May 6, 1959, JOSEPH SICA met LEONARD at LEONARD's office in the morning and made a telephone call to PALERMO at the Beverly Hilton Hotel, arranged to pick up PALERMO, take him to breakfast, and return to LEONARD's office later in the morning. This was done and when SICA and PALERMO came to LEONARD's office on May 6, also present were LEONARD, [redacted]

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[redacted] and [redacted] Extensive conversation took place in which [redacted] reviewed contacts he had had with PALERMO at St. Louis, Missouri, and with TRUMAN GIBSON regarding PALERMO's demand. PALERMO, on this occasion, also insisted that [redacted] agree to a boxing match between JORDAN and "SUGAR" HART to be held at Philadelphia or Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, or at Los Angeles.

About May 7, 1959, LEONARD received a telephone call from TRUMAN GIBSON telling him that GIBSON had contacted [redacted] and that PALERMO would not be causing LEONARD or [redacted] any more trouble, as PALERMO had been told to leave California and was departing on the first plane.

On May 14, 1959, LEONARD had a conversation in the hotel room of WILLIAM P. DALY, at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, in which LEONARD repeated to DALY the difficulty he had experienced with PALERMO and CARBO.

DALY told LEONARD the matter had gone too far for repair and that LEONARD and [redacted] could expect trouble in the future. DALY told LEONARD some details concerning an alleged assault on RAY ARCEL several years ago with reference to a boxing dispute.

DALY claimed the assault was accomplished by two strangers from Boston who used a short piece of pipe wrapped in newspaper and that ARCEL was struck from the rear on the head and the weapon was dropped at the scene while the assailants fled. DALY said ARCEL claimed he did not know who struck him.

It is LEONARD's understanding from information gathered in boxing circles that ARCEL at the time was promoting a television show of boxing matches in competition to one sponsored by the International Boxing Club. Subsequent to the assault, ARCEL has not engaged in boxing promotions.

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LEONARD can testify that he has, since the foregoing dispute, been unable to arrange boxing matches with boxers from Eastern cities as had been his practice previously. He was forced into bankruptcy as a result of his inability to arrange boxing matches and to have any televised matches from the Hollywood Legion Stadium.

Re Defendant CARBO

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LEONARD can testify to a conversation he had with defendant CARBO at Miami, Florida, on January 6, 1959, while at the Chateau Motel. CARBO came to the motel about 11:00 a.m. on that date with [redacted] had breakfast with LEONARD, PALERMO, and [redacted] and then proceeded to rooms occupied by PALERMO and LEONARD.

LEONARD can testify that CARBO talked to him about boxing promotions in Los Angeles, about the prospect of LEONARD promoting a match between DON JORDAN and ART ARAGON, with the financial assistance of [redacted]. CARBO told LEONARD he could "handle" TRUMAN K. GIBSON, JR., whom he described as an employee of [redacted] and he was sure [redacted] would advance funds for the proposed bout, provided that LEONARD would see to it that [redacted] agreed to the proposition of FRANK PALERMO who demanded an interest in JORDAN's boxing contract and control of the boxer. CARBO told LEONARD he should not allow [redacted] to arrange a boxing match for DON JORDAN without first contacting PALERMO. CARBO made it clear to LEONARD that he and PALERMO intended to not only obtain a portion of JORDAN's purses but also intended to control who JORDON boxed against and when and where those matches would be held.

CARBO did not ask LEONARD if he held a manager's interest in JORDAN's contract and LEONARD did not deny such an interest nor did he admit such an interest.

LEONARD can testify that on January 27, 1959, he made a telephone call from a pay phone booth in the Hypure Drugstore, Hollywood, California, to defendant PALERMO at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and in that call PALERMO demanded LEONARD send him 15 per cent of the gross purse JORDAN earned in the boxing match between JORDAN and ALVARO GUTIERREZ at Los Angeles on January 22, 1959. At the time of this telephone conversation CARBO was placed on the telephone by PALERMO at Philadelphia and CARBO spoke with LEONARD, demanding that if LEONARD did not send the money to PALERMO, CARBO would have the money taken out of LEONARD's "hide."

LEONARD can testify that on April 28, 1959, while in his office at the Hollywood Legion Stadium, Hollywood, California, he answered the telephone in the office, which has non-published telephone number Hollywood 5-3303. He recognized the voice of the caller as being defendant CARBO. The caller did not mention his name but asked LEONARD if LEONARD knew who was calling and LEONARD said he did. There followed a tirade of threats from CARBO against LEONARD and [redacted] in which physical harm was threatened to LEONARD and [redacted] by CARBO. CARBO claimed he had been double crossed, LEONARD and [redacted] could keep the money involved because where they were going they would not need money. CARBO predicted that they would meet at the "crossroads" and when that happened someone was going to get "hurt" and stated that when he used the term "hurt" he meant "dead." He told LEONARD that although he was 2,000 miles away that was no sign he did not have friends on the West Coast who could handle matters for him.

LEONARD can testify that CARBO has a distinctive voice which he recognized from having talked with CARBO on January 6, 1959, at Miami, Florida.

LEONARD can testify that on May 4, 1959, he had a conversation with defendant JOSEPH SICA, at which time SICA claimed he was a friend of "The Grey" and "BLINKY." LEONARD recognized these nicknames as frequently used in boxing circles for defendant CARBO and defendant PALERMO respectively.

He can testify that on May 6, 1959, in a conversation with PALERMO and SICA, SICA indicated that LEONARD was in trouble with persons "back east" and had to reach a solution satisfactory to those people in connection with JORDAN's boxing contract.

He can testify that defendant LOUIS THOMAS DRAGNA and defendant PALERMO had a conversation with LEONARD on May 5, 1959, at which time DRAGNA told LEONARD he was dealing with people whose "word was good" and that LEONARD was in "serious trouble," until such time as the matter was settled to the satisfaction of those opposed to LEONARD. LEONARD understood DRAGNA to refer to CARBO and PALERMO.

Re Defendant GIBSON

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LEONARD can testify to a conversation with defendant GIBSON on October 23, 1958, at the Olympic Auditorium Offices of [] when a long distance telephone call was received for GIBSON and shortly thereafter LEONARD spoke with the caller, who was defendant PALERMO. The substance of this conversation is set forth in regard to defendant PALERMO above.

LEONARD can testify that later in the day on October 23, 1958, he had a conversation with GIBSON as to the reason for PALERMO's demand for a half interest in boxer DON JORDAN's contract. GIBSON told LEONARD he had discussed this matter with PALERMO at Chicago, had intended to discuss it earlier with LEONARD but pressure of other business had prevented it. GIBSON then suggested the conversation continue at a subsequent meeting that day in GIBSON's rooms at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles.

The subsequent meeting took place October 23, 1958, in GIBSON's suite at the Ambassador Hotel. Present, in addition to LEONARD and GIBSON, were [] and []. The substance of the conversation concerned LEONARD being requested by GIBSON to telephone PALERMO at the Bismarck Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, and to tell PALERMO the demand made previously that day by telephone for a half interest in JORDAN's contract would be agreeable to LEONARD. [] LEONARD, and [] objected to such a commitment, suggesting that they were aware of the reputations of PALERMO and associates and feared for their personal safety in the event such a commitment were made and later not honored. GIBSON promised to take care of the entire matter when he returned to Chicago, that [] and LEONARD would not lose any money over the situation, but that LEONARD should make the telephone call to PALERMO. As to possible physical harm, GIBSON commented such action "went out with high button shoes."

LEONARD can testify that because GIBSON had arranged for a \$28,000.00 advance to LEONARD, which sum was used as a security for LEONARD's lease of the Hollywood Legion Stadium in the latter part of 1958, and because LEONARD knew that GIBSON controlled the placing of boxing matches which would be televised nationwide from boxing arenas, he felt obligated

to comply with GIBSON's instructions when GIBSON promised to take care of the entire situation upon returning to Chicago. Relying upon the promises of GIBSON, yet in opposition to the reactions of [REDACTED] LEONARD did make a telephone call from a public phone at the Ambassador Hotel lobby on October 23, 1959, to FRANK PALERMO in Chicago and in effect told PALERMO that his proposition made earlier by telephone regarding JORDAN's contract would be acceptable. LEONARD can testify that he had no contractual arrangement regarding JORDAN's contract and had no legal authority to speak for either JORDAN or [REDACTED]

LEONARD can testify that he attended the welterweight title boxing match between DON JORDAN and VIRGIL AKINS at the Olympic Auditorium in Los Angeles on December 5, 1958. After the match, which was won by JORDAN, LEONARD met GIBSON in the arena briefly, at which time GIBSON commented they were in trouble over JORDAN's victory. GIBSON commented that JORDAN would have to win the rematch with AKINS before JORDAN could retain the title.

LEONARD can testify that he was present about January 27, 1959, at GIBSON's room at the Ambassador Hotel. Also present besides GIBSON and LEONARD were [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. On this occasion GIBSON and [REDACTED] discussed a contract for the rematch between JORDAN and AKINS.

On January 27, 1959, LEONARD made a telephone call to PALERMO in response to a message left for him to call PALERMO in Philadelphia. He also talked to CARBO on this occasion. PALERMO demanded 15 per cent of the gross purse for JORDAN from the JORDAN-GUTIERREZ match held on January 22, 1959, at the Olympic Auditorium. LEONARD suggested that PALERMO contact GIBSON and PALERMO said LEONARD was being held personally responsible for the money. LEONARD then contacted GIBSON, asked for instructions, and GIBSON promised to reimburse LEONARD and instructed LEONARD send PALERMO \$1,800.00. LEONARD sent PALERMO \$1,725.00 and was later reimbursed by an \$1,800.00 check from the Chicago Stadium Corporation, which was sent at GIBSON's instructions. The check he received from GIBSON had a voucher attached indicating it was an advance. LEONARD was at that time negotiating with TRUMAN GIBSON for the promotion of a boxing

match at Porterville, California. Promotion of the match would actually be undertaken by Porterville businessmen and not by LEONARD. Negotiations for the match called for LEONARD to receive \$6,000.00 from the gate receipts. He was to receive nothing from GIBSON, the Chicago Stadium Corporation, or the television sponsor of the match.

After the April 24, 1959, rematch between AKINS and JORDAN at St. Louis, Missouri, which was won by JORDON, and on a date estimated by LEONARD as April 27, 1959, LEONARD had a telephone conversation with GIBSON, during which GIBSON asked LEONARD to determine JORDAN's gross purse from the match so that the 15 per cent then demanded by PALERMO could be arrived at. GIBSON desired that the payment to PALERMO from the JORDAN-AKINS match purse be handled in the same manner as had the payment from the JORDAN-GUTIERREZ purse. GIBSON estimated 15 per cent of JORDAN's purse from the AKINS match would be between \$4,000.00 and \$4,500.00. Such a payment was not made to PALERMO because of intervening publicity.

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LEONARD was present during a telephone conversation on May 3, 1959, between [redacted] and GIBSON. [redacted] was in LEONARD's presence while GIBSON was in Chicago. In this conversation [redacted] asked GIBSON to contact [redacted] and have PALERMO ordered to cease harrassing [redacted] and LEONARD.

On about May 7, 1959, LEONARD had a telephone conversation with GIBSON in which GIBSON stated he had contacted [redacted] and that [redacted] and LEONARD would not be troubled by PALERMO anymore. GIBSON said PALERMO had been instructed to leave Los Angeles.

GIBSON inquired as to whether or not [redacted] had agreed to a match between JORDAN and SUGAR HART. LEONARD said [redacted] would not agree to such a match. GIBSON expressed disappointment, saying that LEONARD would have available all the money he wanted to operate the Hollywood Legion Stadium if he could arrange for JORDAN to box against SUGAR HART.

LEONARD can testify his arrangements with GIBSON to repay the \$2,800.00 advance was by staging boxing matches at the Hollywood Legion Stadium which would be televised nationally at the average rate of \$4,000.00 per match to

the stadium management. Thus, in the usual course, after 7 such televised matches, the \$28,000.00 would be recovered by GIBSON. LEONARD can testify that following his dispute with PALERMO, CARBO, and GIBSON, no televised matches were scheduled for the Hollywood Legion Stadium although he was quite willing to promote such matches. He can also testify that as a result of his inability to obtain boxers from eastern cities to appear on his programs, he was unable to make a financial success of his operation of the Hollywood Legion Stadium and the corporation set up to operate the enterprise is in bankruptcy.

Re Defendant SICA

LEONARD can testify to a meeting with SICA in the parking lot at the Hollywood Legion Stadium on May 4, 1959. SICA was waiting for him when he arrived at work that day. SICA claimed to be a friend of "The Grey" and "BLINKY," whom LEONARD recognized as FRANK CARBO and FRANK PALERMO. SICA asked that LEONARD settle the dispute with PALERMO and CARBO. SICA also made phone calls the same day asking LEONARD to come to a Beverly Hills restaurant for a meeting with SICA and PALERMO.

On May 6, 1959, SICA came to LEONARD's office at the Hollywood Legion Stadium and asked LEONARD to go to breakfast with him and PALERMO. LEONARD declined and invited SICA and PALERMO to talk at his office. SICA telephoned PALERMO, arranged to take PALERMO to breakfast, and then bring him to LEONARD's office. Later in the day, SICA did return to LEONARD's office with PALERMO and they had a discussion. Also present were [redacted] and [redacted]

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PALERMO demanded that [redacted] arrange for a match between SUGAR HART and DON JORDAN. [redacted] refused and claimed the real reason for this meeting was not to arrange such a match but to attempt to get the 15 per cent of JORDAN's purse PALERMO had tried to get in St. Louis on April 25, 1959. [redacted] and LEONARD reviewed for SICA and PALERMO the entire transaction with TRUMAN GIBSON and stated they would discuss the matter in front of GIBSON and attempted to reach GIBSON by telephone from LEONARD's office during this conversation. When he departed

from the office on that date, SICA whispered to LEONARD, "You've really got your head in a noose, JACK." SICA also told LEONARD during the conversation that he did not want to see LEONARD "get in bad back east."

Re Defendant DRAGNA

On May 5, 1959, during the morning, LEONARD was at his office at the Hollywood Legion Stadium with [REDACTED] PALERMO and LOUIS DRAGNA entered. Upon observing PALERMO [REDACTED] walked out, declining to talk with them. A conversation was had between DRAGNA, PALERMO, and LEONARD. PALERMO told LEONARD that LEONARD had his "head in a noose," was in very bad trouble, and had to get the matter straightened out with reference to JORDAN's contract. PALERMO shouted that someone was going to get hurt, that he and his associates had controlled the welterweight boxing title for a long time, were going to hold on to it, and would not let anyone steal it from them. LEONARD told PALERMO he would see what he could do but did not expect he could be successful in having [REDACTED] agree to PALERMO's demands.

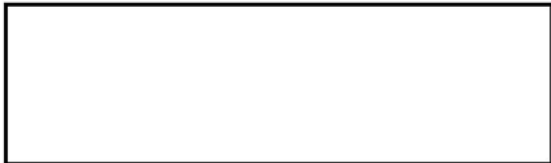
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DRAGNA commented that LEONARD was "in very deep" and was "dealing with people whose word is good." DRAGNA also said LEONARD was in "bad trouble if you don't straighten the matter out." DRAGNA claimed to be present because he is acquainted with "these people." DRAGNA claimed not to be there to pressure LEONARD "but you are very wrong and you better get the matter straightened out."

DRAGNA inquired of LEONARD as to whether or not

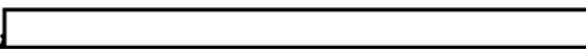
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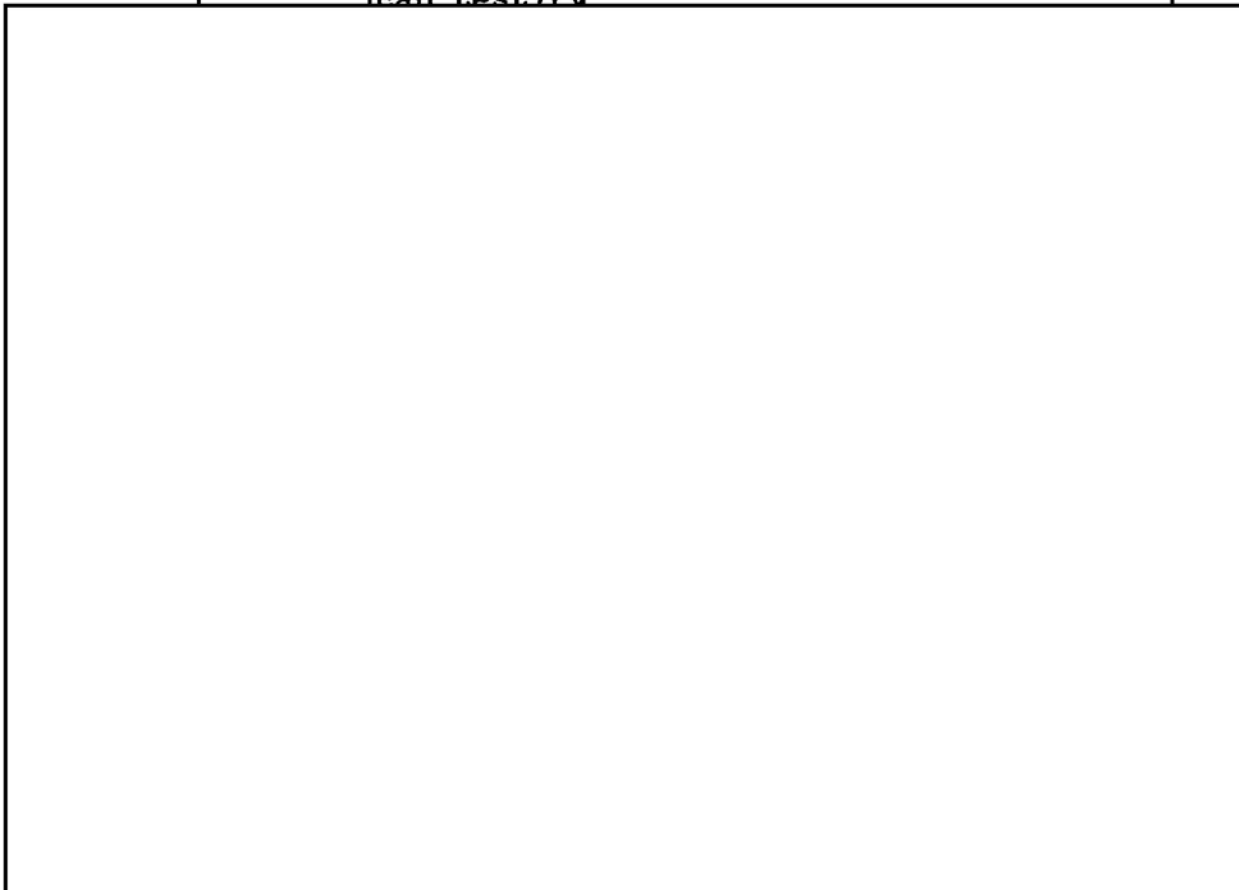
Later in the day, LEONARD received a telephone call from PALERMO asking him to meet with JOSEPH SICA and PALERMO at Puccini's Restaurant in Beverly Hills.



Summary

Re Defendant PALERMO

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Re Defendant PALERMO

[redacted] can testify [redacted]

[redacted] can testify [redacted]

He can also testify that [redacted]

[redacted] can also testify [redacted]

[REDACTED]

Re Defendant GIBSON

[REDACTED] can testify [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

He can testify to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Re Defendant SICA

[REDACTED] can testify [REDACTED]

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Re Defendant SICA

[REDACTED] can testify that [REDACTED]

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Re Defendant GIBSON

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Re Defendant JOSEPH SICA



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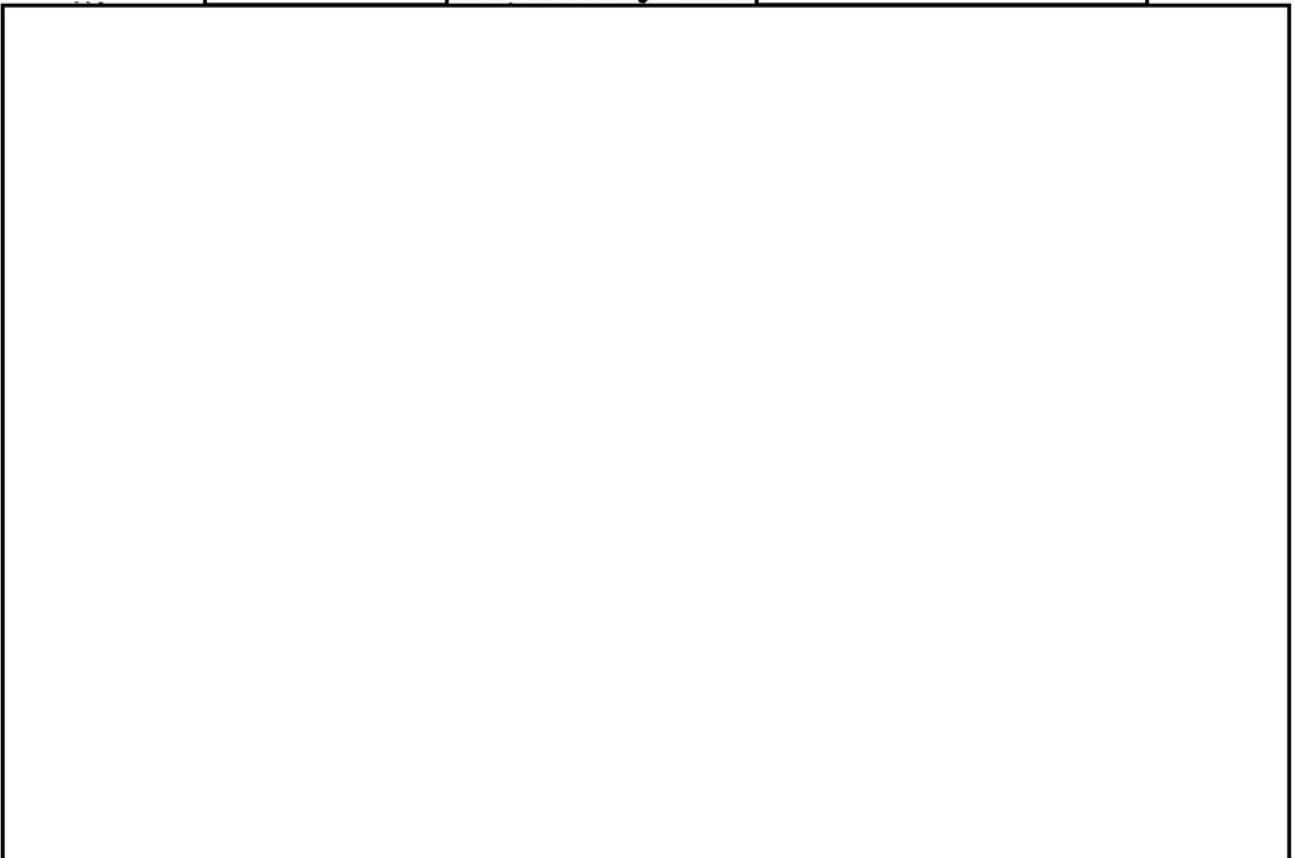


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Re: Defendant PALERMO



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Re: Defendant PALERMO

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[REDACTED] can testify he first saw [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] can testify that [REDACTED]

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[redacted] can testify that [redacted]
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Re: Defendant GIBSON

[redacted] can testify that [redacted]
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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] can testify that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] can testify that JACK LEONARD [REDACTED]

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can testify that JACK LEONARD

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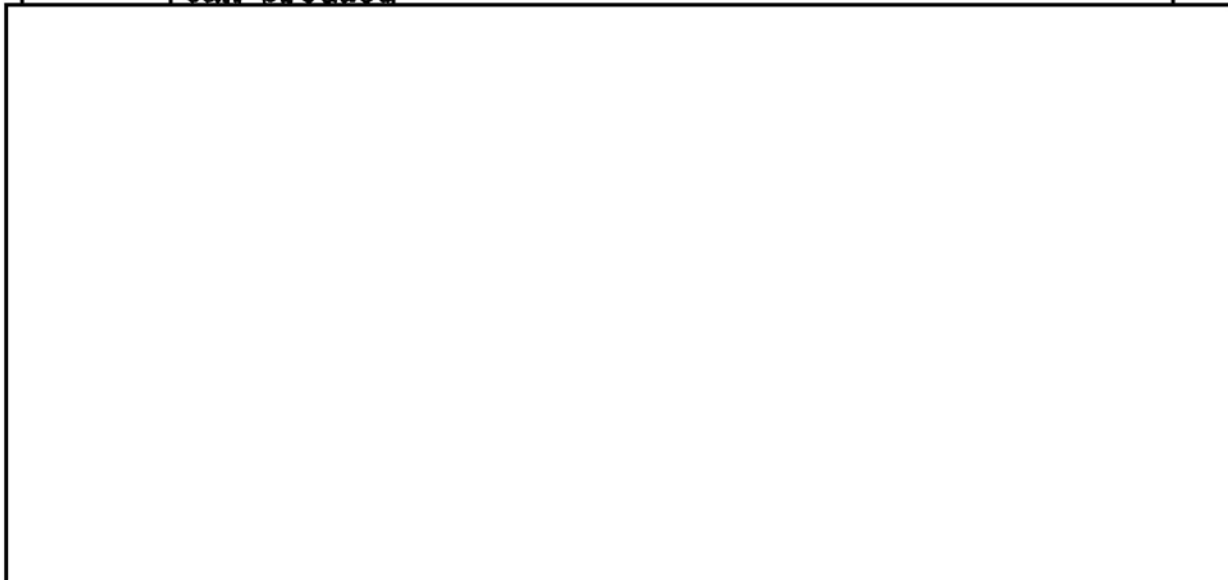
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Re: Defendant GIBSON

A subpoena duces tecum directed to the above
[redacted] can produce [redacted]



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[REDACTED]

Re: Defendant GIBSON

A subpoena duces tecum directed to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] can produce [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The subpoena can also obtain records of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Re: Defendant GIBSON

Upon the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum [REDACTED]
can testify that records of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Upon issuance of a subpoena duces tecum [redacted] can
identify and produce [redacted]

Re: Defendant PALERMO

An appropriate subpoena duces tecum directed to [redacted]
[redacted] can produce [redacted]

The subpoena duces tecum can produce through this
witness the [redacted]

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[REDACTED]

Re: Defendant PALERMO

An appropriate subpoena duces tecum to the [REDACTED]
can produce [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The subpoena duces tecum can also produce [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Re: Defendant PALERMO

An appropriate subpoena duces tecum addressed to the
above person can produce [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] can testify [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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The subpoena can also produce [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Blue Mist Motel
191st Street and Collins Avenue
Sunny Isles, Florida

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Re: Defendants PALERMO and CARBO

[REDACTED] can testify he recalls the individuals who
registered in the Blue Mist Motel January 5 and 6, 1959, with one
of the persons giving his name as GEORGE TOBIAS. He said he
recalled the persons in the suite because they spent the entire
night playing gin rummy.

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[redacted] A photograph of FRANK CARBO has been exhibited to [redacted]
[redacted] and he tentatively identified the photograph as being
similar to the individual who joined TOBIAS in the room.

[redacted]

Re: Defendant PALERMO

An appropriate subpoena duces tecum to this witness can
produce [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] can also produce under appropriate subpoena
duces tecum. [redacted]

[redacted]

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[REDACTED]
Chateau Motel
191st Street and Collins Avenue
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Re: Defendant PALERMO

This witness has viewed a photograph of FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO and has stated that PALERMO is identical with the person who registered in that motel on January 6, 1959, under the name LEW GROSS, and giving the residence address 1620 Wood Street, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania.

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Re: Defendants PALERMO and GIBSON

An appropriate subpoena duces tecum directed to the
[REDACTED] can produce records of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]

Re: Defendant PALERMO

An appropriate subpoena duces tecum to this witness.

[REDACTED], can produce records of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has identified a photograph of FRANK PALERMO
as being a likeness of the person who [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

He was not able to identify the other persons with PALERMO on
those occasions.

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Re: Defendant GIBSON

An appropriate subpoena duces tecum to [REDACTED]
can produce the following records of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] can testify that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Re: Defendant GIBSON

Upon issuance of an appropriate subpoena duces tecum
this witness can produce [REDACTED]

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Re: Defendant PALERMO

This witness can testify and produce, upon appropriate
subpoena duces tecum having been issued. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Re: Defendant PALERMO

Upon issuance of an appropriate subpoena duces tecum
this witness can testify [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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This witness can testify and produce [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Re: Defendant PALERMO

Upon the issuance of an appropriate subpoena duces tecum
this witness can produce records of [REDACTED]

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This witness can testify that [REDACTED]

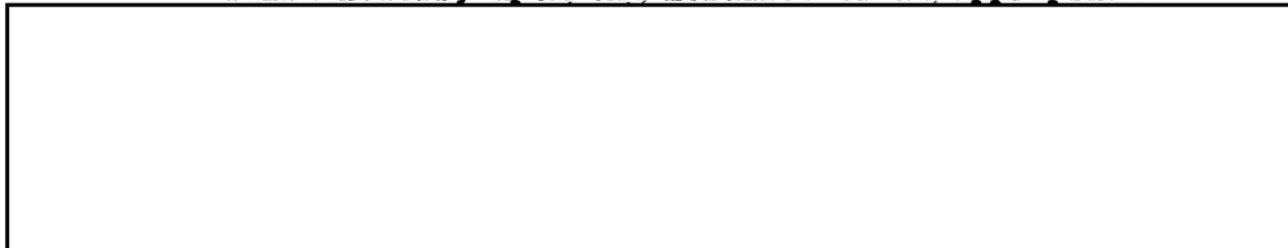
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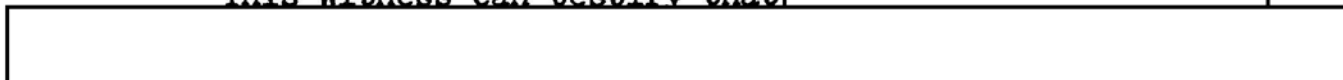


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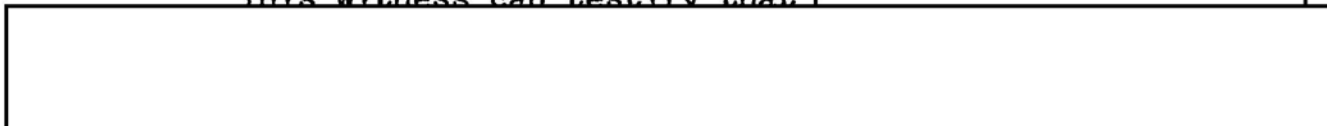
This witness, upon the issuance of an appropriate



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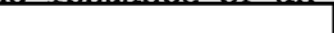


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Re: Defendant GIBSON

This witness can introduce, upon the issuance of an appropriate subpoena duces tecum, records of 



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[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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Re: WILLIAM P. DALY

This witness, upon the issuance of an appropriate subpoena duces tecum, can produce [Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Captain [Redacted]
Commander, Intelligence Division
Los Angeles Police Department
Los Angeles, California

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Re: Defendants PALERMO and SICA

Captain [Redacted] can designate the employees of the Los Angeles Police Department who can testify concerning the stay of PALERMO in Los Angeles from May 3, 1959, to May 7, 1959. He can designate appropriate employees who can testify to recording of conversations between persons present in JACKIE LEONARD's office at the Hollywood Legion Stadium on May 6, 1959, which included LEONARD, [Redacted] and defendants PALERMO and SICA.

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He can designate employees of the police department who can testify to a transcription of a recorded conversation between BILL DALY and JACK LEONARD at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, May 14, 1959.

He can designate appropriate employees of the police department who can testify to a recorded telephone conversation between JACKIE LEONARD and defendant PALERMO. The recording was made at the residence of JACKIE LEONARD, 8006 Louise Avenue, Northridge, California, May 5, 1959, at approximately 7:10 p.m., and was recorded with the permission of LEONARD.

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Captain [] can designate appropriate departmental employees who conducted investigation for the police department and conducted interviews for the department in relation to allegations of violations of state law.

[] Chairman
State Athletic Commission
Sacramento, California

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Re: All Defendants

This witness can introduce a transcript of proceedings entitled "In the Matter of the Investigation of Efforts to Control the World Welterweight Boxing Title." These proceedings took place May 20, 1959 at Los Angeles, were recorded, and the recording tapes were later transcribed by certified shorthand reporter []

The transcript covers 92 typewritten pages. [] presided at the proceedings and could testify to the testimony taken on that occasion.

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All witnesses were sworn prior to the taking of their testimony. The witnesses were WILLIAM DALY, LOUIS DRAGNA, []

[] TRUMAN GIBSON, JACK LEONARD, []
[] and JOSEPH SICA.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-4092)

DATE: 10/26/59

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (92-642)

SUBJECT:

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

ReButel 9/26/59.

Enclosed are two (2) copies of a Prosecutive Summary
Report of SA [] dated 10/26/59, at Los Angeles.

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RE: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, aka;
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ET AL
EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING;
CONSPIRACY

USA, Los Angeles, advises all motions previously set for hearing 10/26/59 have been continued to 11/2/59 at which time all motions filed by defendants will be argued.

Prosecutive summary report forwarded to Bureau 10/26/59.

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TO: Director, FBI

FROM: SAC, Detroit (92-476)

FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, aka et al;
JACKIE LEONARD, aka - VICTIM, et al
EXTORTION; AR; CONSPIRACY

Re Bureau airtel 10/14/59.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

[redacted] Superintendent of Services, who is in charge of security officers, Sheraton - Cadillac Hotel (formerly Book Cadillac), Detroit, advised on 10/21/59 that security officer reports are kept for only one year and then destroyed. He stated he held this same position in 4/54; however, he does not recall any incident involving GIBSON and [redacted] as set forth in referenced airtel.

[redacted] checked registration cards of hotel guests for 4/54 with negative results re GIBSON, [redacted] advised one MICHAEL KEANE, now deceased, was security officer from 11 PM to 7 AM during 4/54.

On 10/23/59 [redacted] Assistant Manager, Park Shelton Hotel, who was night manager of Cadillac Hotel in 4/54; on 10/22/59 [redacted] Patrolman, Detroit PD, former security officer 3 PM to 11 PM shift in 4/54; on 10/22/59 [redacted] Assistant Manager, Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel, who was night clerk during 4/54, all advised they do not recall any incident involving GIBSON and [redacted]

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The Bureau or Los Angeles may desire to have Chicago contact ANTHONY RUSSO, Investigator, Illinois Athletic Commission, to determine origin of report from Detroit.

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To: SACS, Detroit (92-476)
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From: Director, FBI

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FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, AKA ET AL;
JACKIE LEONARD, AKA - VICTIM, ET AL
EXTORTION; AR; CONSPIRACY

ReDetroit airtel 10/23/59.

Unless Los Angeles is in possession of information to preclude such action, no further investigation should be conducted along lines set forth in Buairtel 10/14/59, in connection with information concerning Truman K. Gibson, Jr., and [redacted] b6 b7C

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NOTE: Los Angeles Office obtained information indicating Truman K. Gibson, Jr., and [redacted]

[redacted] e of [redacted] Discreet attempts by Detroit Office to pin down source of information has been negative. No further inquiry should be made in this regard because of the nature of the information and the possibility that it may become known that Bureau is making inquiry.

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October 26, 1959

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1959

Truman Gibson And FBI Agents

The arrest of Truman K. Gibson, Jr., by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, recently, was depressing. What was shocking was not the arrest itself, for that is a common occurrence in a world of conflicts and changing values. What was upsetting to the Negro community as a whole, was the manner in which the FBI agents executed their warrant.

Mr. Gibson was arrested at the home of a friend. He was handcuffed. Though handcuffing may be a routine practice with the FBI, we feel it is unnecessary in dealing with a person of Mr. Gibson's stature.

The arrest followed the return of a Los Angeles grand jury indictment charging Mr. Gibson and four other men with violations of a Federal racketeering statute that prohibits interference with commerce by threats of violence.

An indictment, of course, is not a conviction. We are not here concerned with the guilt or innocence of Mr. Gibson. It is a matter for a court of proper jurisdiction to establish. What heightens our anxiety about his arrest is the manner in which he was taken into custody.

Even notorious underworld characters are often spared the embarrassment that was visited upon Truman Gibson, Jr. The Federal government's memory must be short. It hasn't been too long since Mr. Gibson was in the service of the War Department as Civilian Aid to the Secretary of War. He served with distinction during one of the gravest crises that this country had ever experienced.

His integrity and patriotism have never been a matter of speculation; they are beyond question. Despite his record and standing, despite his position as a respected lawyer and an officer of the Federal court, Mr. Gibson was treated like an escaped convict who was too dangerous to be at large.

It is not uncommon for persons charged with serious offenses to be allowed to surrender voluntarily to the U.S. Marshall and post bond. There was ample justification in this instance for upholding the practice. Gibson's status alone in the community was sufficient to provide a basis for an extension of that courtesy.

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Mr. Thurgood Marshall
N.A.A.C.P. Legal Defense and
Educational Fund, Inc.
10 Columbus Circle
New York 19, New York

Dear Mr. Marshall:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 23, 1959, relative to the arrest by FBI Agents of Truman K. Gibson, Jr., in Chicago, Illinois, on September 22, 1959.

For your information this matter has previously been brought to my attention and a detailed inquiry has shown that none of the FBI Agents participating in Gibson's arrest acted improperly or exceeded their authority under the law. He was courteously treated and shown every consideration insofar as the circumstances would permit. It may interest you to know that upon conclusion of his arraignment on the evening of his arrest Gibson saw fit to thank one of the arresting Agents for the courteous treatment afforded him.

Your interest in bringing this matter to my attention is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover

Director

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RE: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, ET AL.;
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NOTE: Charles F. Lane, President of Cook County Bar Association, has previously charged the Bureau with racial prejudice and improper actions on the part of FBI Agents in connection with the arrest of Truman K. Gibson, Jr., Negro attorney, well known in boxing circles. Gibson was one of ~~five~~ individuals arrested 9/22/59, in connection with captioned matter. SAC Lopez has checked into all allegations and found them to be without foundation. Attorney General has been fully advised of true facts. Bureau has had cordial relations with Thurgood Marshall, Director-Counsel of N.A.A.C.P. Educational Fund & Legal Counsel for N.A.A.C.P.

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October 23, 1959

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Pennsylvania Ave at 9th St., N.W.
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

On the night of September 22, 1959 Truman K. Gibson, Jr. was arrested by agents of the F.B.I. in Chicago, Illinois as a result of an indictment from the southern district of California. It appears that the arrest was made at the home of a friend of Mr. Gibson's and that the arresting agents got into the home by subterfuge of some kind, arrested Mr. Gibson at approximately 9:30 P.M., handcuffed him and carried him to headquarters where he was submitted to newspaper photographers while still in handcuffs.

I, of course, have no opinion at all concerning the merits of the indictment. I do, however, know Mr. Gibson and his background. He is an exceptionally well-trained lawyer, a former civilian assistant to the Secretary of War and, I believe, has served in other capacities for the Federal Government. In his general community as well as among fellow lawyers he enjoys a very high reputation. I understand that the indictment involves charges in regard to his business dealings in the professional boxing affairs.

I may be wrong but it has appeared to me when men of this caliber are indicted, it is a normal procedure that they be permitted to surrender, post bail and be released on bail. In this particular case, he was arrested in the night time, handcuffed and photographed with the handcuffs. With Mr. Gibson's standing as a lawyer and with his financial holdings, there can be little doubt that he would evade arrest or surrender. The lowness of the bail required of him is further evidence of this.

It, therefore, appears to me that there was either an error of judgment on the part of the Agent in Charge in Chicago or the agents making the arrest, and if this is true, I am sure that you will or have taken the necessary steps to prevent the recurrence of it in the future. But I thought I was obliged to write you concerning the matter without any regard for publication of this letter.

Very truly yours,
Thurgood Marshall
Thurgood Marshall

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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; A-R; CONSPIRACY

Motions of defendants PALERMO, GIBSON, SICA and DRAGNA were argued today before U. S. District Court Judge ERNEST A. TOLIN. These included motions to dismiss indictment, for bill of particulars, to strike certain wording from indictment as to DRAGNA's reputation, and for separate trial on behalf of GIBSON. Court denied all motions and set trial date for 12/8/59. SICA and DRAGNA entered pleas of not guilty.

U. S. Attorney desires to have defendant CARBO brought to Los Angeles for arraignment prior to CARBO's sentencing on state charges, NYC, 11/30/59. U. S. Attorney LAUGHLIN E. WATERS contemplates direct contact with New York State Judge JOHN MULLEN to see if such arrangements can be made.

No motions have been filed on behalf of CARBO in captioned matter.

PALERMO and GIBSON did not appear today. They have filed waivers of appearance. SICA and DRAGNA appeared, as did counsel for all defendants except CARBO.

JOE LOUIS, former heavyweight champion, was in courtroom today attending proceedings.

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[] via TWA Jet Airlines departed Philadelphia 11/2/59 with itinerary of Los Angeles and Las Vegas. Exact purpose of this trip not known but definitely connected with FRANK CARBO in some manner, possibly his recent guilty plea in NYC. [] scheduled to leave Los Angeles or Las Vegas for travel to Cleveland, Ohio, where he has his boxer fighting night of 11/4/59. Informants says that [] definitely taking orders from []

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The New York Office should immediately suairtel to the Philadelphia Division results of their investigation to ascertain if there is any process outstanding for [] as a subject or as a witness as requested in referenced airtel.

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TO: Director, FBI (92-4092)

FROM: SAC, Philadelphia (92-745)

SUBJECT: FRANK BLINKY PALERMO, et al;
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VICTIMS;
EXTORTION; A-R
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Re Philadelphia airtel to Director, 10/13/59
captioned as above.

On 11/3,4/59 [redacted] furnished the following
information to SA J. ROBERT PEARCE:

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In connection with [redacted]
[redacted] informant on [redacted] was

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On 11/1/59 FERRANTE went to New Jersey and visited
with CAPONIGRO at unknown location apparently to receive
instructions as to what he should do on his contemplated trip. y

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: October 30, 1959

FROM : MR. ROSEN *Rz*SUBJECT: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, ET AL.
JACKIE LEONARD, ET AL. - VICTIMS
EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING

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William Hundley, assistant to Wilkey in the Criminal Division, telephoned. He advised that a proposed letter to Charles F. Lane of the Cook County Bar Association has been drafted in the Criminal Division for the Attorney General's signature.

Hundley said that if we had any comment to make with regard to the proposed letter or wanted it changed in any way, he would be happy to make such change. Hundley sent around a copy of the proposed letter which is attached.

Lane, the President of the Cook County Bar Association, which is proposed primarily of Negro attorneys, wrote the Attorney General on October 16, 1959, complaining of the manner in which Truman K. Gibson, Jr., a Chicago attorney, was arrested in this case and criticized the FBI for alleged racial discrimination in connection with this arrest.

Lane sent us a copy of his letter to the Attorney General and on October 20, 1959, we wrote Lane advising him the Attorney General had been furnished with full facts in this matter. On October 20, 1959, we also wrote the Attorney General giving him the facts.

In the letter which has been drafted for the Attorney General, it is indicated that the Attorney General has inquired into the facts surrounding the arrest. The true facts are set forth. These are identical with those outlined in our letter to the Attorney General. In the proposed letter from the Attorney General to Lane, it is indicated that Gibson "was afforded all the rights of a person charged with a serious crime. The FBI, in executing this arrest and warrant, acted in complete accord with the requirements of the law, and carried out its responsibilities in a proper, efficient, and courteous manner."

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Memorandum for The Director
Re: Frank "Blinky" Palermo, Et Al.
Jackie Leonard, Et Al. - Victims
Extortion; Anti-Racketeering

ACTION TO BE TAKEN

Since the proposed letter from the Attorney General to Lane is entirely proper, there is no necessity that we make any comment to Hundley who drafted it and he has already been thanked for his consideration in advising us in this matter.

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Mr. Charles F. Lane
President, Cook County Bar Association
117 East Forty-Seventh Street
Chicago 53, Illinois

Dear Mr. Lane:

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This will acknowledge your letter to me dated October 16, 1959, in which you protest on behalf of the Cook County Bar Association the manner of arrest of its member Truman K. Gibson, Jr., on September 22, 1959, by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

In view of the seriousness of these charges I have inquired into the facts concerning this arrest. The true facts are these:

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 bondsmen. 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 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.

Gibson was continuously 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 the Department of Justice.

cc: Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

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indicating mistreatment on the part of the arresting FBI 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 the Chicago FBI Office for the excellent manner in which the entire matter had been handled.

In sum, Mrs. Gibson was afforded all the rights of a person charged with a serious crime. The FBI in executing this arrest warrant acted in complete accord with the requirements of the law, and carried out its responsibilities in a proper, efficient and courteous manner.

Sincerely,

Attorney General

Assistant Attorney General
Malcolm R. Wilkey

November 3, 1959

Director, FBI

**SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE ON
ANTITRUST AND MONOPOLY
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY
ESTES KEFAUVER, CHAIRMAN**

Reference is made to my communications to the Attorney General dated September 10 and 23, 1959. These communications concerned the request of Senator Kefauver for assistance in connection with the Committee's investigation into professional boxing. As was indicated in my communication of September 23, Senator Kefauver submitted a list of 63 individuals on whom the Committee desired identification records and available data from FBI files relating to their connections with boxing.

Included in the list of 63 names submitted by Senator Kefauver are the following:

Frank "Blinky" Palermo
Paul John Carbo
Truman K. Gibson, Jr.
Joseph Sica
Louis Thomas Dragna

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These individuals were named as defendants in a Federal Grand Jury indictment returned at Los Angeles, California, on September 22, 1959, charging them with violations of Sections 1951, 875 (b), and 371, Title 18, U. S. Code in the case captioned "Frank 'Blinky' Palermo, Aka.; Paul John Carbo, Aka.; Truman K. Gibson, Jr.; Joseph Sica; Louis Thomas Dragna, Aka.; Jackie Leonard, Aka. - Victim; [redacted] Aka. - Victim, Extortion; Anti-Racketeering; Conspiracy." Copies of reports in this matter have been furnished to you previously.

In view of the above pending case in which Federal indictments were obtained, it is requested you advise what action you desire taken in connection with the above-named individuals.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-3035)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (92-641)

SUBJECT: FRANKIE CARBO aka
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Subject entered a plea of guilty this date to 3 counts of the 10 count indictment charging him with undercover management reported by New York County Grand Jury July, 1953.

General Session Judge JOHN MULLER in accepting plea deferred sentencing until 11/30/59.

Bureau will be kept advised.

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		CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING; CONSPIRACY	

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REFERENCES

Report of SA dated 9/21/59 at
Los Angeles.
Report of SA A) dated 10/14/59
at Chicago.
Report of SA dated 10/20/59 at
Baltimore.
Report of SA dated 10/20/59 at
New York.
Summary report of SA dated 10/26/59
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the residence telephone of subject DRAGNA, Edgewood 9-3666, and business phone of his place of employment, Sav-On-Fashions, Edgewood 9-7850.

Information copy of this report is forwarded Baltimore Office because of the apprehension of subject CARBO at Baltimore.

LEADS

CHICAGO OFFICE:

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

Will interview BERNARD GLICKMAN, who has given addresses as Elmhurst, Illinois; 2908 West Farwell, Chicago, telephone Ambassador 2-7079; and 2100 North California Avenue, Chicago. This lead was set forth originally in Los Angeles letter to St. Louis with copy to Chicago dated 10/6/59 requesting the Chicago investigation following that conducted at St. Louis.

PHILADELPHIA OFFICE:

AT PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.

Will report details of the apprehension of subject PALERMO on 9/22/59.

LOS ANGELES OFFICE:

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

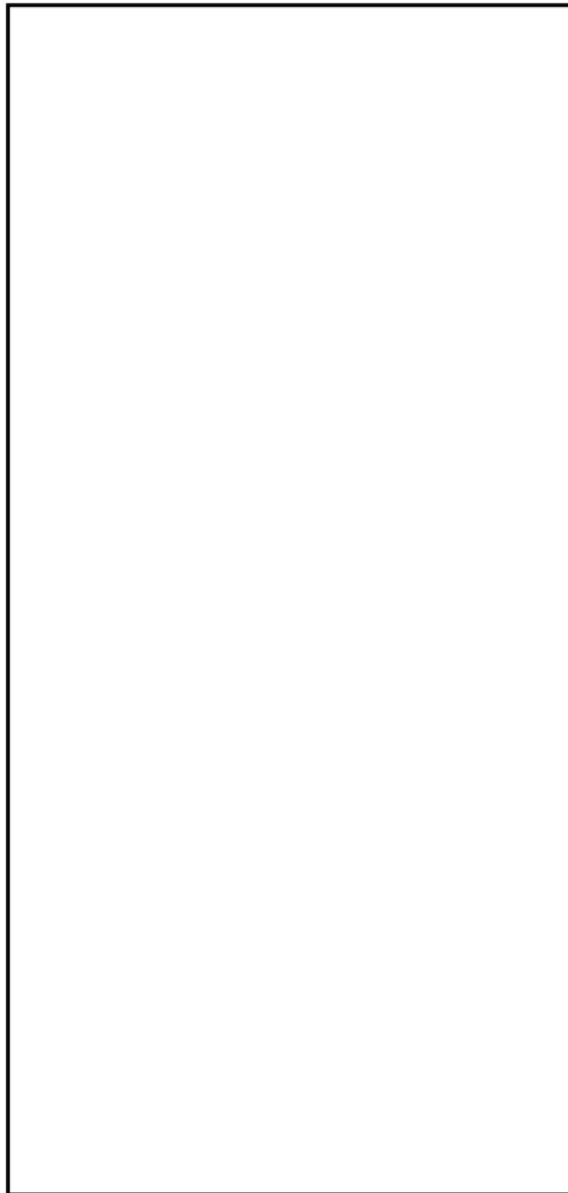
Will follow prosecution and report results.

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In addition to those Agents mentioned in the report as having participated in the apprehension of subjects SICA and DRAGNA, the following Special Agents assisted in the surveillances and investigation to locate these subjects on 9/22/59 under the personal supervision of SAC W. W. BURKE and ASAC WILLIAM M. ALEXANDER:



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Office: LOS ANGELES

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Bufile 92-4092Title: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO; ET AL
JACKIE LEONARD - VICTIM; ET ALCharacter: EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING;
CONSPIRACY

Synopsis: Subjects FRANK PALERMO, aka.; PAUL JOHN CARBO, aka; JOSEPH SICA; LOUIS TOM DRAGNA; and TRUMAN GIBSON, JR. were indicted 9/22/59 by Special Federal Grand Jury, Los Angeles, being variously charged with violations of Sections 1951, 875(b) and 371, Title 18, U. S. Code. Bench warrants issued 9/22/59 for arrest of all defendants and executed same date by arrest of defendants. Defendant CARBO arrested Baltimore, Maryland; defendant PALERMO arrested Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; defendant GIBSON arrested Chicago, Illinois; defendants DRAGNA and SICA arrested Los Angeles, California. All arrests by FBI Special Agents. All defendants at liberty on bail in following amounts: CARBO - \$100,000; PALERMO - \$100,000; SICA - \$25,000; DRAGNA - \$25,000; and GIBSON - \$5,000. CARBO in custody New York State authorities on state charge. [REDACTED] St. Louis sporting event promoter, recalled additional details concerning visit to his office 4/25/59 by subject PALERMO and BERNARD GLICKMAN, [REDACTED] denied knowledge or attempts to obtain an interest in DON JORDAN's boxing purses.

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DETAILS:

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

On [redacted] testified before a Special Federal Grand Jury at Los Angeles, California.

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On September 22, 1959, the Special Federal Grand Jury returned a ten count indictment against defendants PAUL JOHN CARBO, also known as JOHN PAUL CARBO, FRANKIE CARBO; FRANK PALERMO, also known as BLINKY PALERMO; JOSEPH SICA, LOUIS TOM DRAGNA and TRUMAN GIBSON, JR.

Count one charges all defendants with violation of 18 U.S.C. 1951. This count also names WILLIAM DALY as an unindicted co-conspirator and charges defendants with conspiring to willfully obstruct, delay and affect interstate commerce by means of extortion. The indictment charges objects of the conspiracy were to be accomplished as follows:

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A. CARBO and PALERMO by use of threats of physical harm and violence and threats of economic loss and injury to victims [redacted] and LEONARD BLAKELY, also known as JACKIE LEONARD, were to obtain monies representing a share of purses earned by DONALD JORDAN, professional boxer, then engaged in championship matches being nationally televised, and to obtain control of the professional activities of JORDAN by naming the opponents whom he would fight, the places where and conditions under which he would engage in such boxing matches..

B. CARBO and PALERMO intended to obtain said monies and control by and with consent of victims [redacted] and BLAKELY without paying any consideration.

C. As a part of the conspiracy, the defendants would enlist services of persons known to victims to have underworld reputations, having power to execute the conspirator's demands by force and violence, and for that purpose enlisted defendants SICA and DRAGNA to personally contact victims BLAKELY and [redacted] and obtain their agreement to the demands of the conspirators.

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D. As part of the conspiracy, defendant GIBSON, an officer of the International Boxing Club, Inc., and National Boxing Enterprises, Inc., a major promoter of nationally televised matches and influential business figure, would use his power and authority to persuade victims [redacted] and BLAKELY to accede to demands of the conspirators for control of boxer JORDAN.

To effect objects of the conspiracy, 21 overt acts were alleged involving the defendants covering the period October 23, 1958 through May 14, 1959.

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Count two charges defendant PALERMO with willfully obstructing, delaying and affecting interstate commerce on about January 27, 1959, by obtaining property valued at \$1,725 in the form of a personal check from LEONARD BLAKELY by wrongful use of force and fear, in that he threatened BLAKELY with physical injury and violence unless BLAKELY paid PALERMO that sum. (Violation 18 U.S.C. 1951).

Count three charges defendant JOHN PAUL CARBO on about January 27, 1959 with willfully obstructing, delaying and affecting commerce by attempting to obtain property valued at \$1,725 from BLAKELY by wrongful use of force and fear in that CARBO threatened violence to BLAKELY and physical injury unless that amount of money was paid defendant PALERMO. (Violation 18 U.S.C. 1951).

Count four charges defendants PALMERO and SICA on about May 6, 1959 with willfully obstructing, delaying and affecting commerce by attempting to coerce [redacted] into giving up a part of his contractual right to control professional boxing activities of welterweight champion DON JORDAN by signing a match between JORDAN and AL (SUGAR) HART contrary to the wishes and desires of [redacted] through wrongful use of force and fear. (Violation 18 U.S.C. 1951).

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Count five charges all defendants and unindicted conspirator DALY with conspiring prior to October 22, 1958 and continuing to date of the indictment with intent to extort money and a share of management of boxer DON JORDAN from LEONARD BLAKELY and [] by transmitting in interstate commerce communications containing threats to injure the persons of [] and BLAKELY. (Violation 18 U.S.C. 371 and 875(b)).

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Objects of this conspiracy were to be accomplished as follows:

A. Defendants CARBO and PALERMO were to transmit interstate telephone communications containing threats of physical harm and violence, and threats of economic loss and injury to victims [] and BLAKELY in effort to obtain monies representing a share of purses earned by DONALD JORDAN, professional boxer, and control of JORDAN's professional activities by naming JORDAN's opponents, places where and conditions under which JORDAN would engage in such boxing matches.

B. Defendants CARBO and PALERMO intended to obtain such monies and control with consent of [] and BLAKELY without payment of consideration.

C. As part of the conspiracy, the defendants would enlist services of persons known to victims to have underworld reputations and to possess necessary power to effect the conspirators' demands by force and violence and enlisted for that purpose defendants SICA and DRAGNA to personally contact BLAKELY and [] and obtain their agreement to the conspirators' demands.

D. As essential part of the conspiracy, GIBSON would use his power and authority to persuade [] and BLAKELY to accede to the conspirators' demands for control of boxer JORDAN.

To effect objects of this conspiracy, the defendants are charged with having committed five overt acts during the period January 27, 1959 to April 29, 1959.

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Count six charges defendant PALERMO on about January 27, 1959 of having transmitted a communication in interstate commerce containing a threat to injure the person of BLAKELY with intent to extort money and a share in management of boxer DON JORDAN. (Violation 18 U.S.C. 875(b)).

Count seven charges defendant CARBO on January 27, 1959 with transmitting in interstate commerce a communication containing a threat to injure the person of LEONARD BLAKELY, with intent to extort money and a share of management of boxer JORDAN. (Violation 18 U.S.C. 875(b)).

Count eight charges defendant PALERMO on about April 28, 1959 with transmitting in interstate commerce a communication containing a threat to injure the persons of LEONARD BLAKELY and [REDACTED] with intent to extort money and a share of management of boxer JORDAN. (Violation 18 U.S.C. 875(B)).

Count nine charges defendant CARBO on about April 28, 1959 with transmitting in interstate commerce a communication containing a threat to injure the persons of BLAKELY and [REDACTED] with intent to extort money and a share of management of welterweight boxer JORDAN. (Violation 18 U.S.C. 875(b)).

Count ten charges defendant PALERMO with transmitting in interstate commerce a communication containing a threat to injure the persons of BLAKELY and [REDACTED] on about April 29, 1959 with intent to extort money and a share in management of boxer DON JORDAN. (Violation 18 U.S.C. 875(b)).

Pursuant to the foregoing indictment, on September 22, 1959, bench warrants were issued by the Clerk, U. S. District Court for the Southern District of California, Central Division at Los Angeles, upon authority of U. S. District Court Judge WILLIAM M. BYRNE. The Grand Jury recommended bond for defendants as follows:

CARBO - \$100,000.
PALERMO - \$100,000
SICA - \$25,000
DRAGNA - \$25,000
GIBSON - \$5,000

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On September 22, 1959, U. S. Attorney LAUGHLIN E. WATERS, Los Angeles, was informed of the apprehensions of all persons named as defendants in the indictment. The U. S. Attorney immediately instituted proceedings to have all defendants arraigned in the U. S. District Court at Los Angeles.

On October 19, 1959, records of the U. S. District Court Clerk, Los Angeles, California, were reviewed by SA [redacted]. These records show that FRANK PALERMO was released on \$100,000 bond, defendant TRUMAN K. GIBSON, JR. was released on \$5,000 bond and defendant CARBO was released on \$100,000 bond, after their arrests in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Chicago, Illinois, Baltimore, Maryland, respectively.

Defendant JOSEPH SICA was released on \$25,000 bond, posted September 22, 1959, and defendant DRAGNA was released on September 22, 1959 on \$25,000 bond, posted that date. The bonds for SICA and DRAGNA were executed on behalf of the National Automobile and Casualty Insurance Company, by [redacted] attorney in fact, and were posted by his agent, [redacted]

An analysis was made of the long distance telephone calls and message unit calls upon which records were available for the residence telephone of subject LOUIS TOM DRAGNA, telephone Edgewood 9-3666 and the business telephone Edgewood 9-7850 at the Sav-On Fashions, Covina, California. Records of toll calls for March to July, 1959, were reviewed and message unit calls for the month of June, 1959, were reviewed. No items of apparent significance to this investigation were discovered.

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[] was interviewed in Room 2221 of the St. Luke's Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri by SA PHILLIP M. KING. [] recalled that FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO asked [] while PALERMO and GLICKMAN were in [] office on the morning of April 25, 1959 if JACKIE LEONARD had called [] concerning some money coming to PALERMO from JORDAN's end of the fight. [] recalls that he advised both GLICKMAN and PALERMO that his contract was with the fighters and as a result, all checks made out by [] would be in the fighters names.

[] pointed out that during the conversation he had with both PALERMO and GLICKMAN that it was his, [] impression that GLICKMAN is the individual who was "fronting" PALERMO to []. He stated that he did not know PALERMO prior to the meeting of himself, GLICKMAN and PALERMO, and he gathered the impression that GLICKMAN was the leader of the conversations he had with the two men.

In this connection, [] recalls that GLICKMAN asked him for the figures on the gross purse due AKINS. [] noted that the purse was split evenly, therefore, the figures for one would hold true for the other. [] related that after GLICKMAN asked him for the figures, he, [] sat down and made out the figures showing a total of \$27,715.56 as the gross purse. [] states while he was furnishing the figures to GLICKMAN, he was answering numerous telephone calls in his office, but recalls that GLICKMAN then asked [] what would 15 per cent of the purse be?

[] recalls that he then sat down and figured this percentage as approximately \$4700. He states that at the same time he was still answering telephone calls and although when first questioned he did not recall, he now after going over the matter in his mind, recalls that [] said to PALERMO, "Well, [] has to pay the fighters or they will run down to the Athletic Commission." [] stated he infers from this statement that possibly PALERMO had made some statement to GLICKMAN concerning whether or not [] could write a check out to PALERMO, possibly for the 15 per cent.

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by Special Agent PHILLIP M. KING:jei/ps

As a result, GLICKMAN advised PALERMO as above that if the promoter made out checks to persons other than the fighters, that the fighters would undoubtedly "squak" to the Athletic Commission.

[] stated that the gross purse for both fighters was exactly the same. [] states that he gathered that GLICKMAN and PALERMO had an understanding between them, whether this was over AKINS or JORDAN, he did not know. [] stated that the morning of April 25th was the second time he saw PALERMO, the first being the preceding night, April 24, 1959 at which time he saw PALERMO standing in the hallway of one of the manager's rooms after the fight.

[] stated he knew of no one named []. [] related that he did not receive an impression at any time that PALERMO was to obtain or would obtain a share of AKINS' purse. However, [] noted that when he furnished the breakdown of the purse of the fight to GLICKMAN in [] office, that PALERMO evidenced an interest in examining the figures which [] had handed to GLICKMAN. [] stated that PALERMO at no time asked him to write a check in his favor for any amount of JORDAN's purse or to pay him in any amount of cash for JORDAN or AKINS' purse.

[] stated he at no time made out any checks or furnished any cash to PALERMO for any reason whatsoever. [] stated that PALERMO did not at any time state or indicate in conversation to him that PALERMO was a partner of [] in the managing contract of JORDAN either officially or otherwise. [] stated that in his brief conversation with PALERMO, he at no time heard the name of TRUMAN GIBSON.

In relationship to [] recalls that while he was in conversation with GLICKMAN and PALERMO, [] one of his assistants, came into the room and advised him that [] was in the outside office. [] stated he immediately got up and left the room and in view of the fact that he had been advised on the preceding evening by both [] and Sergeant [] of the St. Louis Police Department, of the unsavory character of PALERMO, he advised [] to wait a few minutes across the hall in a room he had set up for refreshments for the press, until [] was through with PALERMO and GLICKMAN.

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[] stated that when he returned to his office and while answering several telephone calls, he informed PALERMO that he had just received a call from the police and as a result of this telephone call, PALERMO and [] called MORRIS SHENKER, St. Louis criminal attorney. Thereafter, PALERMO left [] office.

In this regard, [] did not send [] away advising him to come back later in the day, but did in fact, after GLICKMAN left his office, have [] into his office concerning JORDAN's share of the purse. In this regard, [] stated that [] requested [] to make out two checks in the name of [] which were to be used for obligations incurred by [] and JORDAN. [] again related that he advised [] that all checks were made out to the fighters and suggested that [] bring JORDAN in with him later in the day, at which time he would be glad to make out the checks as [] suggested, if agreeable with JORDAN.

The rest of [] conversations with [] has previously been set out in an earlier interview with []

[] related that at no time did he have a conversation with [] concerning any effort on PALERMO's part to obtain 15 per cent of JORDAN's purse. [] related that the same was true concerning TRUMAN GIBSON, JR., in that he had no conversation wherein PALERMO's name was mentioned while conversing with GIBSON.

[] related that some time after the California Athletic Commission Hearings and prior to his reading of the indictment of the various principals involved, [] recalls that he asked [] what all the publicity in the newspapers was about. [] relates that to the best of his recollection [] told him, "What the hell, everybody knows they had 15 per cent of JORDAN, including LEONARD."

[] states that [] further implied that LEONARD was in on the whole scheme from the beginning and then tried to get out from under later on. [] recalls that sometime after August 20, which date he recalls from a diary, that on that date he received a telephone call from GLICKMAN concerning possible dates for a fight that GLICKMAN was to arrange in St. Louis.

On this date, which he could not recall, [] stated that GLICKMAN was in St. Louis to see [] re their mutual interest in AKINS and on this occasion again asked [] concerning some dates for a fight. [] recalls that he asked GLICKMAN at this time what was going on as a result of the publicity and recalls that GLICKMAN told him that LEONARD was actually trying to make himself a hero in the matter and LEONARD knew all along that PALERMO was supposed to get 15 per cent of JORDAN's purse.

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[] was interviewed by SA [] regarding his knowledge of PALERMO's attempt to obtain 15 per cent of JORDAN's purse. [] stated he knew nothing of this until [] made the allegation in Los Angeles and it appeared in the newspaper.

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[] related that while he was in Miami on June 17, 1959, it was the consensus of opinion among the few people he talked to, that LEONARD and [] made an agreement to pay off PALERMO and then welched on the deal.

In regards to GLICKMAN he stated he did not know that PALERMO was with [] in the office of [] on April 25, 1959 and did not know of any association between the two.

[] said that at no time has he ever paid off to anyone any percentage of his fighter's purse.

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On September 25, 1959, LEONARD BLAKELY, also known as JACKIE LEONARD, was given the opportunity to review a signed statement he executed on June 12, 1959 with particular reference to the date and place he had previously given for the boxing match between DON JORDAN and ALVARO GUTIRREZ. This public event was held January 22, 1959 at the Olympic Auditorium, Los Angeles.

After reviewing his statement of June 12, 1959, BLAKELY executed the following signed statement. The last sentence is in BLAKELY's handwriting:

"Los Angeles, California
September 25, 1959

"I, the undersigned, LEONARD BLAKELY, make the following voluntary statement. 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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"I have this date reviewed a statement I executed on June 12, 1959, before Special Agents WILLIAM J. MALONE and [redacted] of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I know the statement is completely accurate in every detail except for the date and place of the public event known as the JORDAN-GUTIRREZ fight. The JORDAN-GUTIRREZ fight was held January 22nd, 1959 at the Olympic Auditorium in Los Angeles. Solely through inadvertence, I overlooked making a correction in my statement of June 12, 1959 to show the correct date and place of that public event.

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"I have this date reviewed all other portions of the statement I executed on June 12, 1959, and affirm that they are true and correct to the best of my recollection..

"The above statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

"/s/ LEONARD BLAKELY

"Witnesses

/s/ [redacted] Special Agent, FBI,
Los Angeles, Calif.
/s/ Lt. [redacted] L. A. County
Sheriff's Dept."

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Reporting Office CHICAGO	Office of Origin LOS ANGELES	Date 11/12/59	Investigative Period 11/2/59 - 11/6/59
TITLE OF CASE FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, Aka.; et al.; JACKIE LEONARD, Aka. - VICTIM; et al.		Report made by 	Typed By: gms
		CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING; CONSPIRACY	

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References: Report of SA (A) dated October 14, 1959, at Chicago.
Los Angeles letter to St. Louis dated October 6, 1959.
St. Louis letter to Los Angeles dated October 23, 1959.

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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 to the Bureau because this investigation involves currently developed data which may later indicate a violation of the Antitrust statute. 7ma

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No leads are being set out by Chicago for St. Louis regarding the discrepancies in the statements made by GLICKMAN and [REDACTED] as this is being left to the discretion of the office of origin. A copy of this report is being furnished to the St. Louis Division for that division may receive further leads.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Report of: SA (A) [redacted] /mcu
Date: November 12, 1959

Office: Chicago

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File Number: CG 92-732

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Title: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, aka.;
JACKIE LEONARD, aka. - VICTIMCharacter: EXTORTION;
ANTI-RACKETEERING;
CONSPIRACY

Synopsis:

BERNARD GLICKMAN, part owner of fighter VIRGIL AKINS, stated he accompanied FRANK PALERMO to office of [redacted] St. Louis, 4/25/59, when PALERMO attempted to obtain money supposedly left there for him by JACKIE LEONARD. He denied any knowledge of any "15%" cut of JORDAN's share of purse that PALERMO was attempting to obtain. GLICKMAN stayed at Chase Hotel by himself and was not certain where PALERMO was registered. GLICKMAN advised he did not accompany PALERMO to Kingsway Hotel. [redacted] is a boxing trainer, having worked in the ring for AKINS and GIARDELLO and possibly resides in Philadelphia.

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DETAILS:

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BERNARD GLICKMAN, age 45, was interviewed at his place of business, the Kool Vent Metal Awning Corporation, 7818 West Grand Avenue, of which company he is the President. He resides at 2908 Farwell, Rogers Park, Illinois.

GLICKMAN, along with [] of St. Louis, are the co-managers of the prize fighter, VIRGIL AKINS and each equally share the proceeds of each fight after expenses are deducted and after 50% of the gross purse is given to AKINS. The only other fighter that GLICKMAN has a share in is JESSE BOWDRY. No one else has any financial interest in AKIN. Concerning AKINS' fights, GLICKMAN usually arranges all of these and [] duties consist of accounting for the money.

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GLICKMAN recalled having attended the AKINS-JORDAN rematch in St. Louis, Missouri, on April 24, 1959. In fact, GLICKMAN worked in AKINS' corner of the ring that evening. While in St. Louis, he recalled having stayed at the Chase Hotel, Room number not recalled, and having left St. Louis by airplane, returning to Chicago on or about April 26, 1959. He registered at that hotel in his name and did not share the room with anyone. He did not know whether or not PALERMO was registered at that hotel but assumed as much since PALERMO was seen by GLICKMAN therein. On either April 24 or 25, 1959, several different individuals visited in his room; these individuals included PALERMO and MORRIS SHENKER, a prominent St. Louis attorney, and the purpose of these visits were strictly social. GLICKMAN did not recall seeing FRANKIE CARBO or TRUMAN K. GIBSON, Jr., during his stay in St. Louis on this occasion.

While in St. Louis, GLICKMAN contacted the St. Louis Police Department in regards to requesting them not to "pick up" PALERMO at the auditorium on April 24, 1959, as they had done in the past on one occasion. GLICKMAN pointed out that PALERMO at one other boxing match, had been "picked up" by the St. Louis Police Department while the boxing match was in progress, which occurrence created many adverse articles in newspapers and remarks concerning hoodlums connected with the boxing game. So to combat this

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occurring again, GLICKMAN, with the assistance of SHENKER, conferred with police officials and were assured that this would not happen on April 24, 1959; in fact policemen escorted PALERMO to the fights that evening. GLICKMAN believes there was an order at that time to "pick up" PALERMO on sight in St. Louis.

On April 25, 1959, following the fight, PALERMO contacted GLICKMAN in regards as to whether or not GLICKMAN was acquainted with [redacted] the sports promoter in St. Louis and if he was PALERMO wanted GLICKMAN to telephonically contact [redacted] to determine if JACKIE LEONARD, the Hollywood Stadium Fight Promoter, had left a sum of money with [redacted] to be given to PALERMO. GLICKMAN advised PALERMO he did know [redacted] and GLICKMAN decided to accompany PALERMO to [redacted] office in the Claridge Hotel, St. Louis. GLICKMAN pointed out that PALERMO was so very positive that LEONARD had left a sum of money with [redacted] GLICKMAN felt this was probably not so and also knew that [redacted] was a rather new man in the promotion field and knew that PALERMO is known to be hot tempered and to serve as a mediator, he accompanied PALERMO to [redacted] office.

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GLICKMAN and PALERMO proceeded to [redacted] office by taxi cab. They conferred with [redacted] in his office and were the only individuals present. PALERMO told [redacted] that LEONARD had advised PALERMO that he would leave from \$4000 to \$4500 with [redacted] for PALERMO. It was his, GLICKMAN's, assumption that this amount represented a debt owed by LEONARD to PALERMO and was to be withheld from the purse of JORDAN's share of the fight. [redacted] and GLICKMAN pointed out to PALERMO at this time that [redacted] was not permitted to pay any of the proceeds of the purse to anyone but the fighters and that if PALERMO was to receive any portion thereof, he would have to get authorization from [redacted] the registered manager of DON JORDAN. It is rumored in the boxing circles that LEONARD is an unregistered co-manager of DON JORDAN and shares in the proceeds of the fight. GLICKMAN pointed out that he has heard that LEONARD originally got JORDAN from another manager and then turned JORDAN over to [redacted] for management.

GLICKMAN did not recall any discussion regarding any 15% of the proceeds between GLICKMAN, [redacted] and himself.

In fact, he advised that the first time that he was aware of "15%" was when he read it in the newspapers. He stated, further, that as far as his knowledge as to what had constituted the alleged debt owed PALERMO by LEONARD, that he did not desire to discuss this at this time as this interview was not a "pre-trial hearing". GLICKMAN stated it was to be noted that [] had never met PALERMO previous to this. Also, LEONARD is believed to be the actual controlling individual of DON JORDAN. PALERMO, at no time, stated that the money owed to him by LEONARD was to be 15% of JORDAN's purse. This entire conversation lasted approximately 7 to 10 minutes and at the conclusion, PALERMO left alone leaving GLICKMAN with the assumption that PALERMO was then going to contact [] regarding the above. At no time was there any discussion of either AKINS' or JORDAN's purses. No phone call was made by either [] PALERMO or GLICKMAN to MORRIS SHENKER, the attorney. He did not recall any receipt of a telephone call by [] from a St. Louis policeman.

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GLICKMAN remained in [] office and AKINS' purse was discussed and GLICKMAN's share of that purse was established. GLICKMAN pointed out that the U. S. Government has a claim against all of AKINS' purses due to failure to pay income tax and that this matter was also discussed. SHENKER was telephonically contacted during [] and GLICKMAN's conversation but this was after PALERMO had left. Sometime during this conversation, [] visited [] office and in order for them to discuss whatever business they had, GLICKMAN left [] office to get a cup of coffee while [] and [] conversed for about 45 minutes. GLICKMAN did not know what was discussed by these two individuals and the only words that GLICKMAN had with [] at this time was a casual greeting or possibly having shaken his hand. GLICKMAN said that after [] left [] office, GLICKMAN returned and the previously mentioned business was again discussed for quite sometime.

GLICKMAN did not know if PALERMO had actually contacted [] that day and if so the extent of the conversation held. However, he did see PALERMO in the lobby of the Chase Hotel with some luggage in the afternoon of the 25th of April when PALERMO was apparently leaving St. Louis. At this time PALERMO indicated to GLICKMAN that

he did not obtain the money promised to him by LEONARD. GLICKMAN stated that he did not accompany PALERMO or anyone else to Kingsway Hotel nor did he see PALERMO at anytime between the time that PALERMO left [] office and the time that he saw PALERMO in the lobby of the Chase Hotel.

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In regards to [] GLICKMAN advised that he is a trainer for GIARDELLO, the prize fighter and [] worked with GLICKMAN in AKINS' corner on the April 24, 1959 fight. [] also was in GIARDELLO's corner on the fight held on November 5, 1959. [] resides in Philadelphia, exact address unknown. [] while in St. Louis, probably stayed at the Chase Hotel, but GLICKMAN had no information as to when, how or with whom he left St. Louis.

GLICKMAN advised that in his own opinion he doubts very much if PALERMO was attempting to "muscle" 15% of the JORDAN purse. He assumes that the following happened. He stated that he is very well acquainted with PALERMO and that he may have mentioned to PALERMO that a match between AKINS and JORDAN had been agreed upon sometime in August, 1958, between he, GLICKMAN and TRUMAN K. GIBSON, Jr., in New York City. He stated that this match could have been agreed upon without the knowledge of LEONARD and/or [] as at the time, AKINS was the world's champion and that he, GLICKMAN, could make the decision as to who AKINS would fight without the manager of the contender knowing about this. He stated that he may have mentioned the fact to PALERMO that the next contender against AKINS would be JORDAN. Continuing this assumption, GLICKMAN stated that it would have been entirely possible for PALERMO to contact JACKIE LEONARD, in California, and tell him that because of his, PALERMO's influence with GLICKMAN that he, PALERMO, could arrange a match between JORDAN and the world's champion, AKINS. He stated that following this assumption through that PALERMO had "conned" LEONARD into the proposition that he could arrange this world championship fight, that he demanded a certain fee or percentage of this arrangement. GLICKMAN stated that actually if this had happened, that PALERMO was acting on a sure thing, because it had already been agreed that the next contender that AKINS would face would be JORDAN.

GLICKMAN stated that to continue this idea of his he thought that LEONARD was not able to obtain the cooperation

or the consent of the registered manager [redacted] and it is possible that [redacted] told LEONARD that if he had made such an arrangement with PALERMO, that he, LEONARD, would have to pay PALERMO out of his own share of the purse. GLICKMAN stated that if this did happen, then it is very possible that LEONARD "welched" on the arrangement with PALERMO and for this reason, PALERMO may have attempted to obtain this alleged debt owed him by LEONARD. Of course, GLICKMAN stated that this is his own personal opinion of what might have happened and what actually happened, he has no idea.

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GLICKMAN pointed out that PALERMO and LEONARD have known each other for quite sometime. GLICKMAN was very emphatic in his denial of any involvement in any extortion or "muscle" or any wrong doing in connection with the above described events, although it appears that he was involved since he was associated with PALERMO, as previously described, and because of his past association with CARBO, which he terms as unpleasant.

GLICKMAN further related that FRANK CARBO's activities in the fight game are very misunderstood and if the true story were known, it would be revealed that CARBO was originally introduced into the fight game to prevent fixed fights.

Concerning FRANK CARBO, GLICKMAN loaned \$10,000 in cash in 1957 to CARBO. When GLICKMAN was asked what CARBO intended to do with this money, GLICKMAN declined to answer the question. The original request for this money was from CARBO and since GLICKMAN did not have this amount of money at that time, GLICKMAN borrowed the \$10,000 from [redacted] and his brother. This money was "picked up" by a man sent by CARBO who GLICKMAN would not name. The money was repaid to GLICKMAN in 1958.

GLICKMAN declined to furnish a signed statement.

November 4, 1959.

Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. Belmont ✓
Mr. DeLoach ✓
Mr. McGuire ✓
Mr. Mohr ✓
Mr. Parsons ✓
Mr. Rosen ✓
Mr. Tamm ✓
Mr. Trotter ✓
Mr. W.C. Sullivan ✓
Tele. Room ✓
Mr. Holloman ✓
Miss Gandy ✓

Mr. Charles F. Lane
President, Cook County Bar Association
417 East Forty-Seventh Street
Chicago 53, Illinois

Dear Mr. Lane:

This will acknowledge your letter to the Attorney General dated October 16, 1959, in which you protest on behalf of the Cook County Bar Association the manner of arrest of its member Truman K. Gibson, Jr., on September 22, 1959, by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. b6
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Mr. 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 Mr. 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 Mr. Gibson's arrest took several photographs. Upon arrival at Judge Igoe's apartment house, several photographs were taken by two newsmen present; however, they remained at the lobby entrance until Mr. Gibson's departure, at which time they took additional photographs.

Mr. 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 the Department

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of Justice indicating mistreatment on the part of the arresting FBI 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 Mr. Gibson's arraignment, personally complimented the Special Agent in Charge of the Chicago FBI Office for the excellent manner in which the entire matter had been handled.

In sum, Mr. Gibson was afforded all the rights of a person charged with a serious crime. The FBI in executing this arrest warrant acted in complete accord with the requirements of the law, and carried out its responsibilities in a proper efficient and courteous manner.

Sincerely,

Malcolm R. Wilkey
Assistant Attorney General

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. ROSEN *RS*

DATE: November 13, 1959

FROM : W. B. WELLS

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

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Belmont	_____
DeLoach	_____
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Mohr	_____
Parsons	_____
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Tele. Room	_____
Holloman	_____
Gandy	_____

I telephonically contacted SAC Lopez, Chicago, 11-13-59, and inquired as to exactly why Gibson was handcuffed on transporting him from the office to the Judge's apartment when he was not handcuffed enroute to the FBI Office. *Slip*

Lopez advised that the circumstances had changed, that the press release had been made after the arrest of Gibson both in Washington and by his office as a result of which there were numerous press inquiries by the newspapers. The reporters and photographers were outside the FBI Office. Lopez refused them admission. He knew that a number of the members of the press were there. It was also 10:46 p.m. when they took Gibson from the FBI Office to Judge Igoe's apartment. It was not known whether there would be many people in the area of Judge Igoe's apartment. In order to insure the safe conduct of the prisoner through the press and other people and to preclude any possible incident, SAC Lopez advised he ordered Gibson handcuffed on transporting him from the office to the Judge's apartment. *B*

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Memorandum for Mr. Rosen

Paragraph five, item A. No arrangements whatsoever were made for photographers to photograph Gibson at any place or at any time. No photographers whatsoever were permitted in FBI Office. After the Washington news release was made re Gibson's arrest, local papers called Chicago Office for details. The papers were later furnished routine arrest photographs of Gibson. Some photographers did gather voluntarily on public street in front FBI Office and took pictures of Gibson as he left building. Likewise, photographers gathered at lobby of Judge Igoe's apartment but no arrangements whatsoever were made by FBI re such matters.

Item B. Use of handcuffs in transporting Gibson to hearing is customary in such an arrest. Same is done for protection of prisoner as well as officer. This matter involved the protection of a legally arrested prisoner during the night and through the very populated metropolitan downtown Chicago area. Such procedures re handcuffs are always followed by this office under these circumstances.

Paragraph six. The alleged facts as expressed by "Chicago Defender," "Sports Illustrated" are at variance of the actual facts. Therefore, the expressions used in these publications are based on erroneous data.

Paragraph seven. [redacted] version of Gibson's arrest at her home on evening 9-22-59 is inaccurate and incorrect. The factual details have been previously furnished Bureau and are fully correct. SAC Lopez personally supervised as pointed out above. [redacted] later version is completely at variance in several major categories to the true actual facts.

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SAC Lopez advised that Gibson was not handcuffed in the Landrum residence where arrested nor during the period of his transportation to the FBI Office. The reason he was not handcuffed was that he was arrested in the presence of his wife and friends and in the home of his friend. The arrest was made in a residential neighborhood, there was no crowd on the outside. It was only a short walk from the door to the car. Out of courtesy to Gibson and in view of the circumstances at the place of arrest, Gibson was not handcuffed. The circumstances here were entirely different from the transportation from the office to the hearing at Judge Igoe's apartment.

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From
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MEMORANDUM

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___ Director, Public Information
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11/13/59

You will be interested in this.

Do you have any suggestions as to
the nature of a reply?

MRW

Malcolm R. Wilkey

What about this?

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TRUMAN K. GIBSON, JR.

November 10, 1959

Malcolm R. Wilkey,
Assistant Attorney General,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Wilkey:

Mr. Charles F. Lane, President of the Cook County Bar Association has furnished me with copies of his October 16th letter to the Attorney General and your reply.

In your communication you include the statement that I have not complained of "mistreatment on the part of the arresting FBI agents". You also state that I thanked "one of the arresting agents for the courteous treatment afforded" me.

It is because of this last reference I am writing you. The statement that I thanked an arresting agent is wholly and completely untrue. I should like to record, for whatever good it might do, a strenuous protest at the treatment accorded me on the night of my arrest.

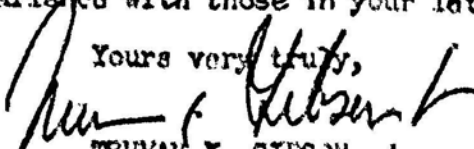
The facts refute your conclusion of courteous treatment. I was apprehended in a manner wholly different from the version furnished you by the FBI. On the night of my arrest, Judge Iggo telephoned the FBI offices and directed that I be brought to his apartment.

Before proceeding in response to Judge Iggo's call, a representative of the FBI called the City News Bureau and arranged for my being photographed in handcuffs, both in front of the FBI offices and in the lobby of Judge Iggo's apartment building.

In view of these photographic results of my arrest, several publications and organizations have expressed their views. Copies of the "Chicago Defender" and "Sports Illustrated" are sent you herewith.

Incidentally, [redacted] version of the occurrences at her home are at substantial variance with those in your letter.

Yours very truly,


TRUMAN K. GIBSON, JR.
1840 West Madison Street
Chicago 12, Illinois

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Assistant Attorney General

Malcolm R. Wilkey 92-4092-133

November 16, 1959

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FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, ET AL.
JACKIE LEONARD, ET AL. - VICTIMS
EXTORTION, ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference is made to your memorandum dated November 13, 1959, to which was attached a letter from Truman K. Gibson, Jr., to you dated November 10, 1959, with enclosures in which Gibson refers to the manner in which he was arrested.

In my letter of October 20, 1959, to the Attorney General, a copy of which was furnished to you, I outlined the true facts of Gibson's apprehension.

Gibson has never complained to the FBI and while his allegations are similar to those covered in my previous memorandum, I have nevertheless inquired again as to the facts surrounding his arrest and find they are in full accord with those outlined in my October 20, 1959, letter to the Attorney General.

In connection with the current complaint, no facts have been supplied by Gibson to support his contention that he "was apprehended in a manner wholly different from the version furnished you by the FBI." With reference to the courteous treatment afforded Gibson, my October 20, 1959, memorandum informed you that one of the arresting agents was thanked by Gibson for the consideration which was shown 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.

As has also been previously indicated, at no time while in the offices of the FBI was Gibson questioned or photographed by the press. Through his attorney, arrangements were

1 - Mr. DeLoach NOTE:

See Cover Memo, A. Rosen, to the Director, same date, same caption.

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**Assistant Attorney General
Malcolm R. Wilkey**

made for a special arraignment to be held in the apartment of Judge Igoe and at about 10:40 p.m., upon leaving the offices of the FBI, reporters who were already aware of Gibson's arrest took several photographs. It is noted that Gibson's arrest, as well as the arrests of other subjects in this case, was announced to the press through a Department release made in Washington at 9:35 p.m., Chicago time, 8:35 p.m.

At the time these allegations were first raised, which was shortly after Gibson's arrest, written statements refuting the allegations were prepared by the investigating agents. Should Gibson renew these allegations in court at the time this case comes to trial, these agents are prepared to testify as to the true facts.

It would seem any reply to Gibson should, therefore, be prepared in light of the above facts. The original letter from Gibson with its enclosures is being returned herewith.

Enclosures (4)

NOTE: Above letter has been read to SAC Lopez, Chicago, and he is in agreement with its contents.

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November 16, 1959

MR. TOLSON:

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

I have carefully reviewed Mr. Rosen's memorandum dated November 16, 1959, in connection with the captioned matter. Our case is well stated but from the standpoint of the public we may be somewhat vulnerable in defending two points.

(1) Only one Agent heard the commendatory statement that Truman Gibson made concerning the courteous treatment given him by the FBI. This, of course, represents one man's statement against another and will be difficult to prove. We have an additional factor which strengthens our hand. Judge Igoe personally called SAC Lopez after the formal hearing and complimented the Agents in their handling of Gibson. These remarks, of course, can be utilized to back up Gibson's commendation of the Agents.

(2) The handcuffing of Gibson when taken from the Chicago FBI Office to the apartment of Judge Igoe. Gibson was under arrest and could logically be handcuffed. SAC, Chicago, states Gibson was handcuffed for the purpose of insuring his safe conduct through the press and other people and to preclude any possible incident. The Agents definitely did not handcuff Gibson at the time of his arrest. He was handled in a courteous manner and the handcuffs were only used upon Gibson being taken from the office to Judge Igoe's apartment. At no time while in the offices of the FBI was Gibson questioned or photographed by the press. Through his attorneys, arrangements were made for a special arraignment to be held in the apartment of Judge Igoe at 10:40 p. m. Upon leaving the offices of the FBI, reporters, who were already aware of Gibson's arrest took several photographs. It is noted that Gibson's arrest, as well as the arrests of the other subjects in this case, was announced to the press through a Department release made in Washington at 9:35 p. m., Chicago time 8:35 p. m. Gibson was taken to Judge Igoe's apartment at 10:40 p. m., Chicago time. Assistant Attorney General Malcolm Wilkey has pointed out that Gibson was afforded all the rights of a person charged with a serious crime, that the FBI in executing this arrest warrant acted in complete accord with the requirements of the law and carried out its responsibilities in a proper, efficient and courteous manner.

I think that our other points are strong and will stand up under public scrutiny.

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Informal DeLoach to Tolson
Frank "Blinky" Palermo, et al.

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ACTION: It is recommended we take the following action:

(1) In answer to the editorial which appeared in the "Cleveland Courier" 11-7-59 (we have had cordial relations with this Negro newspaper) it is suggested that we draft a carefully worded letter and have SAC Hargett personally deliver this letter to [redacted] the editor. Indices are negative on [redacted]

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(2) The Johnson Publishing Company, Chicago, Illinois, is the largest Negro press in the country. We have excellent relations with [redacted] the Washington representative. The Majority of the derogatory statements about the FBI's handling of Gibson have thus far appeared in the Negro press. It is, therefore, suggested that I immediately get in touch with [redacted] and brief him thoroughly about this matter in order to preclude the Johnson Publishing Company from picking up these unjustified stories.

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11/16/59 -
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RESPECTFULLY,

C. D. DE LOACH

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: November 17, 1959

FROM : Mr. DeLoach

SUBJECT: CRITICISM RE ARREST OF TRUMAN
GIBSON BY "CLEVELAND COURIER,"
CLEVELAND OHIO

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As previously recommended and approved, there is attached a letter to the editor of the "Cleveland Courier" which carefully points out the true facts surrounding the arrest of Truman Gibson in Chicago. There is also attached a cover letter to SAC, Cleveland, which instructs him to personally deliver this letter to [redacted], editor of the "Cleveland Courier."

It was further recommended and approved that I personally get in touch with [redacted] Washington representative of the Johnson Publishing Company of Chicago and brief him thoroughly regarding the true facts surrounding the arrest of Gibson. I handled this matter with Booker yesterday afternoon and filled him in completely concerning the pertinent facts relating to Gibson's arrest.

1 - Mr. Jones
Enclosures (2)
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ADDENDUM: L;45PM, REW:ejp: The letter to [redacted] dated 11-17-59, was read to ASAC Handley of the Chicago Office in SAC Lopez' absence. Mr. Handley stated the letter was entirely correct and in order.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

DATE: November 16, 1959

FROM : A. Rosen *R*SUBJECT: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, ET AL
JACKIE LEONARD, ET AL - VICTIM
EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING

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SYNOPSIS:

Assistant Attorney General Malcolm Wilkey on 11/13/59, furnished us letter he received dated 11/10/59, from Truman K. Gibson, Jr., which protests statements made in letter Wilkey sent to Cook County, Illinois, Bar Association, 11/4/59, predominately Negro, justifying arrest and treatment of Gibson by FBI on 9/22/59. Wilkey asks us for any suggestions in reply to Gibson. Gibson is Chicago Negro and boxing figure who is one of five subjects simultaneously indicted and arrested 9/22/59, on charge of extortion and anti-racketeering in their attempts to control world welterweight boxing champion, Don Jordan.

Gibson in his letter specifically denies having thanked Agent for consideration shown at arrest, protests treatment afforded him, infers that Federal Judge Igoe initiated action allowing for his arraignment, claims FBI called news photographers and arranged for his being photographed in handcuffs, states that several publications and organizations expressed their views on this situation and that version of his arrest by [redacted] (whose home he was arrested in) is at variance with facts in letter sent by Wilkey to Cook County Bar Association. These allegations refuted by Agents.

Detailed summary attached answering allegations made by Gibson and also restating all previous statements made by Cook County Bar Association (predominately Negro), "Chicago Defender" newspaper (Negro), Robert Landrum (Negro whose home arrest took place), Thurgood Marshall (NAACP Counsel), and "Sports Illustrated" magazine. Summary is supported by exhibits of the above and clearly shows: Gibson thanked Chicago Agent for consideration shown; courteous treatment at time of arrest and throughout arrest and arraignment; Gibson able to obtain release by our cooperation; photographs were result of national news release and without any arrangement by us; courtesy clearly shown by not using handcuffs at time of arrest at Landrum home and trip to office due to presence of wife, friend and his position, but were used on trip to Judge Igoe's home for arraignment due to SAC's desire to prevent incident in crowded loop district, as national press release was already out and for protection of Gibson as well; and that we have refuted all allegations made.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN: Appropriate memorandum to Wilkey setting out true facts in this matter is attached. *not 11-18-59*

1 - Mr. DeLoach
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Enclosures

Memorandum to the Director
Re: Frank "Blinky" Palermo, et al.

DETAILS

This is to advise the Director as to the full facts surrounding the arrest of Truman K. Gibson, Jr., inasmuch as Gibson, under date of 11/10/59, has written to Assistant Attorney General Malcolm R. Wilkey concerning his arrest by the FBI. The allegations raised by Gibson in this letter are not new and have been previously refuted as will be shown hereafter.

BACKGROUND OF CASE

Gibson, a Negro Chicago attorney and boxing figure, was arrested by our Chicago Agents on the evening of 9/22/59, at the residence of Robert A. Landrum, a friend. This was one of five simultaneous arrests which included four notorious hoodlums and boxing figures in California, Philadelphia, and Baltimore for their part in attempting to control the world welterweight boxing champion Don Jordan. Subjects threatened violence to the manager of the champion and a boxing promoter, Jackie Leonard, unless a percentage of money earned by the champion was paid to them. Gibson arranged to repay Leonard money that was advanced to two of the other subjects.

ALLEGATIONS MADE BY TRUMAN K. GIBSON, JR., AND REFUTATION OF SAME:

A copy of Gibson's letter is attached and marked Exhibit-A-

(A) Allegation That Gibson Did Not Complain of Mistreatment and Thanked Arresting Agents.

Gibson alleges that the statement that he had no complaint of mistreatment on the part of arresting FBI Agents and that he is reported to have thanked one of the arresting Agents for the courteous treatment afforded him is wholly and completely untrue.

Fact

SAC Lopez advised that Gibson's statement that he did not thank an arresting Agent is untrue. He did in fact thank SA [redacted] at the elevator bank on the 4th floor of the U. S. Court House after the hearing in Judge Igoe's court terminating on 9/23/59. No other

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Agents were present at this time. Gibson's attorney, [redacted] and his bondsman, [redacted] were standing nearby and may possibly have heard Gibson thank SA [redacted] for the consideration which had been afforded him. SA [redacted] has furnished a written statement on 10/8/59, to the effect that on 9/23/59, the day after the arrest of Gibson, he met him at the elevator bank and Gibson thanked him for the consideration shown him the previous evening.

SAC Lopez has advised that there was no basis whatsoever for the protest or any mistreatment afforded Gibson on the night of his arrest, and this is corroborated by written statements from the arresting Agents to the following effect:

SPECIFIC DETAILS RE ARREST:

The arrest of Gibson began with the approach of 3 Agents to [redacted] Chicago (the residence of Robert Landrum), at 8:23 p.m. (Chicago time) 9/22/59. Gibson was known to be present due to surveillance of him. [redacted] came to the door and the Agents identified themselves by credentials. [redacted] stated to SAC Lopez on subsequent interview that an Agent said: "Please, may we come in and talk to you?" She admitted the Agents and in response to inquiry advised that Gibson was there at the rear of the house. They followed her to the rear. Gibson was there with his wife. Agents identified themselves to him and advised him that they had a warrant for his arrest. He was placed under arrest at 8:25 p.m.

He inquired and was told the nature of the charge. Gibson asked if Agents were not aware that he was a prominent attorney in Chicago. SA [redacted] replied "Yes sir, we realize that." Then he inquired as to what was to follow. He was told he would have to accompany Agents to the FBI Office. He asked whether he would have to spend the night in jail and was told if possible he could be arraigned and released that night. He asked to make a phone call and was allowed to do so, calling his bondsman, whom he informed that he had been arrested and that he was going to the FBI Office. (The arrest log reflects telephone call at 8:28 p.m.) Gibson told his wife she need not accompany him and gave her the keys to the car. [redacted] was given the FBI Office telephone number and Gibson then proceeded out of the house voluntarily. He told [redacted] that he was sorry that this had to happen. In deference to circumstances of arrest, presence of wife and woman friend and his position, no handcuffs were placed on him and no Agents held him. No guns were displayed and no spotlights or unusual technique was used. Gibson was transported to the Bureau Office in a Bureau car accompanied by the 3 Agents. No hysteria or commotion took place in the seven minute period that this arrest covered. At no time did Gibson comment to the Judge, attorney, bondsman in the presence of any Agent that he received ill treatment or make

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any complaint as to the manner of the arrest. The only other activity at the time of the arrest was the presence of 3 Agents at the outside rear of the house who were able to observe the proceedings in the home and verified that no incident took place.

(B) Allegation That Judge Igoe Telephoned FBI Office and Directed that Gibson be Brought to His Apartment.

Gibson alleges that on the night of his arrest Judge Igoe telephoned the FBI Office and directed he be brought to Judge Igoe's apartment.

Fact

SAC Lopez advised that Judge Igoe telephoned him after Gibson was permitted to call his attorney and after the attorney called Judge Igoe. Judge Igoe never directed that Gibson be brought before him. He told SAC Lopez that he had been contacted by [redacted] Gibson's attorney, and informed of Gibson's arrest. [redacted] requested Judge Igoe to hold a hearing for Gibson immediately. Judge Igoe told SAC Lopez that he was perfectly willing to handle an arraignment if Gibson, attorney and bondsman would come to his home. Gibson made telephonic arrangements with his attorney and bondsman to meet at Judge Igoe's home at 11 p.m., that night. The Chicago Agents in order that Gibson could make bond delivered him to Judge Igoe's home.

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SAC Lopez also advised that Judge Igoe again called him at the office following the formal hearing and complimented the FBI on the fashion in which the Gibson matter had been handled and said he felt that in this instance the job had been well done and he wanted the Bureau to know of his feelings. He stated that the two Agents who had appeared at his home the previous evening had impressed him greatly as being clean-cut alert and intelligent men who were well versed in their duties and handled the matter in excellent fashion.

(C) Allegation That FBI Notified News Media and Arranged for Photographers in Front of FBI Office and at Judge Igoe's Apartment.

Gibson alleged that before proceeding in response to Judge Igoe's call a representative of the FBI called the city's news bureaus and arranged for his being photographed in handcuffs in front of the FBI Office and in the lobby of Judge Igoe's apartment.

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Fact

SAC Lopez advised that subsequent to the arrest of Gibson and pursuant to Bureau instructions he notified the various Chicago newspapers of the press release that had been approved. The Washington, D. C., issued press release also was coming through at that time. SAC Lopez advised that no arrangements whatsoever were made for photographers to photograph Gibson at any place or at any time. No photographers were permitted in the FBI Office. Some photographers had gathered voluntarily on the public street in front of the FBI Office and took pictures as they left the building. Likewise, photographers gathered in the lobby of Judge Igoe's apartment but no arrangements whatsoever were made by the FBI in this regard.

The Department's press release was handed to the Associated Press and United Press International representatives by [redacted] of the Department at 9:35 p.m. EDT (8:35 p.m. Chicago Time).

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(D) Gibson's Allegation that FBI Arranged for
His Being Photographed in Handcuffs.

Gibson alleges in his letter that a representative of the FBI called the news media and arranged for his being photographed in handcuffs.

Fact

Relative to the handcuffing of Gibson, SAC Lopez advised that Gibson was not handcuffed in the Landrum residence when arrested nor during the period of his transportation to the FBI Office. The reason for his not being handcuffed was that he was arrested in the presence of his wife and friend, [redacted] in her home. This arrest was made in a residential neighborhood. There were no spectators or crowd outside. It was only a short walk from the doorway to the car. In view of these circumstances and out of courtesy to Gibson, he was not handcuffed.

According to SAC Lopez, when the time came to take Gibson from the FBI Office to the apartment of Judge Igoe, the circumstances were entirely different. The press release had been made after the arrest of Gibson both by the Department in Washington and by his office and numerous inquiries were being received from the news media. Reporters and photographers were outside of the FBI Office. SAC Lopez refused them admission. He knew that there were a number of the press there. At 10:46 p.m., Agents and Gibson left the FBI Office to take Gibson to Judge Igoe's apartment. In addition, it was not known whether

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there would be many people in the area of Judge Igoe's apartment. In order to insure the safe conduct of the prisoner through the press and other people and to preclude any possible incident, SAC Lopez ordered Gibson handcuffed on transporting him from the FBI Office to Judge Igoe's apartment. No arrangements whatsoever were made for photographers to photograph Gibson at any place or at any time and the purpose of handcuffing Gibson was as stated above.

(E) Gibson Alleged that Several Publications
and Organizations Expressed Their Views
Relative to his Arrest.

Gibson in his letter stated that in view of the photographic results of his arrest, several publications and organizations have expressed their views and forwarded to the Bureau copies of the "Chicago Defender" and "Sports Illustrated."

Fact

The "Daily Defender" (the weekday edition of the "Chicago Defender") on 10/19/59, as set out in detail hereafter carried excerpts of the letter prepared by Charles F. Lane, Cook County Bar Association, in which Lane complained of the unnecessary handcuffing of Gibson. Subsequently, the newspaper on 10/22/59, wrote an editorial expressing the thought that the handcuffing of Gibson had been unnecessary and carried a cartoon depicting this. As set forth hereinafter, SAC Lopez contacted [redacted] editor and publisher of the "Daily Defender", and explained the true facts of the case and pointed out that every consideration was extended to Gibson. The "Sports Illustrated" of 10/5/59, carried an article that Gibson in their opinion had been unnecessarily handcuffed. The reasons for handcuffing of Gibson have been set forth above. "Sports Illustrated" is a Luce Publication with whom we have had to deal on a circumspect basis in the past.

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While [redacted] did not volunteer any corrective action he did again express appreciation and reiterated willingness to cooperate with the Bureau.

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RE: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, ET AL

ACTION TAKEN ON SIMILAR ALLEGATIONS PREVIOUSLY MADE:

(A) Telegram from Robert Landrum

On October 8, 1959, Robert N. Landrum, a Negro real estate broker in Chicago, objected to the manner in which Gibson was taken into custody by Bureau Agents. Gibson was arrested at the Landrum home on the evening of September 22, 1959. Landrum has stated that the Agents were insulting and embarrassing to him and his family since the Agents conducted an unlawful search of his home in arresting Gibson. He questioned the Bureau's method of arresting Gibson indicating that racial prejudice may have motivated the action along with the desire for a "juicy" press release. Statements taken from Agents revealed that Landrum was not present during the arrest, that the Agents were not insulting to his wife, the Agents having been voluntarily admitted to the premises by [redacted] after proper identification. b6 b7C

SAC Lopez was instructed to contact Landrum to see that he fully understood the facts in this case and the Bureau's position in all matters. He contacted Landrum on October 13, 1959. Landrum admitted not being home at the time of the arrest and that the information had been furnished to him by [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted] offered no objection whatsoever to the manner in which Chicago Agents gained entrance to her home indicating she was fully aware of their identity prior to voluntarily admitting them. Her objection stemmed from the fact arresting Agents allegedly brushed past her after she, in response to their inquiry, indicated Gibson was in the den at the rear of the house. She further objected to fact Agents were stationed outside the rear of her home stating the entire procedure was unnecessary in arresting a gentleman of Gibson's standing.

Every attempt by SAC Lopez to ferret out details was met with continual interruptions almost to the point of rudeness by Mr. Landrum who seemed intent on provoking an incident. When SAC Lopez pointed out that Agents had politely requested admission and had in fact followed [redacted] to the den instead of brushing past her, Mr. Landrum became extremely agitated and belligerent and pointedly implied that racial prejudice played a major part in Gibson's arrest.

SAC Lopez was certain that both Mr. and Mrs. Landrum were aware of the true facts concerning Gibson's arrest but was of the opinion at the time that Landrum would pursue the matter further in order to publicize the racial aspects.

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(B) Letter from Charles F. Lane, President,
Cook County Bar Association

On October 16, 1959, Charles F. Lane, President, Cook County Bar Association, forwarded to the Bureau a copy of a letter that he directed on that date to the Attorney General (The Cook County Bar Association is an association composed almost in its entirety of Negro attorneys in Chicago). In his letter to the Attorney General, Lane protested the arrest of Gibson by FBI Agents while visiting in Landrum's home. He alleged that the FBI had no right to arrest Gibson while visiting there and that he was subjected to the indecency of being unnecessarily handcuffed and herded before news photographers who had been invited to participate in the press conference to photograph the arrested lawyer in handcuffs. He maintained that Gibson should have been permitted to surrender to the U. S. Marshal. He further alleged the manner in which the arrest was performed was solely because of the race of Gibson. The letter concluded by foreseeing that in the not-to-distant future there would be a Negro member of the judiciary on the U. S. District Court in Chicago. He enclosed a copy of his association's recent report requesting an appointment by the President of a Negro judge.

In his cover letter to the Bureau, Lane submitted his complaint to the Attorney General along with the report of the Cook County Bar Association requesting the appointment of a Negro Federal Judge by the President. A Photostat of the letter to the Director and to the Attorney General is attached and marked Exhibit (B)

The "Daily Defender," a Chicago daily Negro newspaper issue of October 19, 1959, carried the letter of Lane to the Attorney General as a news item. This letter was quoted almost in its entirety.

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ACTION TAKEN BY FBI

As a result of the article appearing in the "Daily Defender," SAC Lopez contacted [redacted] editor and publisher of the Chicago "Daily Defender," together with his executive editor, [redacted] at which time both newspapermen were informed of the true facts of the case as they actually occurred. The inaccuracies set forth in Lane's letter were pointed out and [redacted] expressed appreciation for this information. He indicated that the story in the "Daily Defender" was based entirely on data furnished by the Cook County Bar Association and the contents of its letter to the Attorney General. While [redacted] did not volunteer any corrective action he did again express appreciation and reiterated willingness to cooperate with the Bureau.

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ATTORNEY GENERAL FURNISHED TRUE FACTS RE LANE LETTER

A letter dated October 20, 1959, a copy of which is attached and marked as Exhibit(C) was directed to the Attorney General with copies to Deputy Attorney General Walsh and Assistant Attorney General Wilkey, Criminal Division, wherein the true facts relating to the arrest of Gibson were set forth. It was also pointed out that the October 19, 1959, issue of the "Daily Defender" contained comments concerning Lane's letter and that the SAC of the Chicago Office had presented the true facts of this matter to the editors of the "Daily Defender."

After the preparation of this letter it was read to ASAC James Handley who agreed to the accuracy of the contents and subsequently read to SAC Lopez who also affirmed the accuracy of the contents.

Nevertheless on October 22, 1959, an editorial appeared in the "Daily Defender" in which they reiterated Lane's charges in editorial and cartoon form, copies of which were sent to Assistant Attorney General Wilkey by Gibson.

By letter dated November 4, 1959, Assistant Attorney General Wilkey, Criminal Division, on behalf of the Attorney General sent a letter to Charles F. Lane setting forth the true facts in this case. A copy of this letter is attached and marked Exhibit(D)

It is this letter of Assistant Attorney General Wilkey dated November 4, 1959, and the letter of Charles F. Lane of October 16, 1959, to which Gibson refers in his letter as having been furnished to him by Lane, and which Gibson now uses to complain for first time.

(C) Letter from Thurgood Marshal, NAACP, Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc.

A letter was received from Thurgood Marshal representing the above organization dated October 23, 1959, in which he stated that it appeared to him that there was an error of judgment in taking Gibson into custody at the home of a friend and handcuffing him, taking him to headquarters where he was photographed by newspapermen while still in handcuffs. By Bureau letter dated October 27, 1959, to Marshal he was informed that inquiry had been made and that none of the FBI Agents participating in the arrest had acted improperly or exceeded their authority under the law. It was pointed out Gibson was courteously treated and shown every consideration insofar as circumstances would permit.

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ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

The attached letter to Assistant Attorney General Wilkey, Criminal Division, has been prepared acknowledging receipt of his memorandum enclosing Gibson's letter. Wilkey is being advised that the Bureau has again inquired into Gibson's allegation and that the true facts surrounding his arrest are those previously furnished the Attorney General in Bureau memorandum October 20, 1959. It has been pointed out that Gibson has not supplied facts to support his contention that the manner of arrest was wholly different from the version furnished to the Department by the FBI. It has also been pointed out that U. S. District Judge Igoe personally complimented the SAC of our Chicago Office for the excellent manner in which the entire matter was handled.

In the letter to Wilkey we have pointed out that at no time was Gibson questioned or photographed by the press in the office of the FBI and that through his attorney arrangements were made for the special arraignment in the apartment of Judge Igoe. The press was already aware of the arrest of Gibson and the press and photographers were outside of the FBI office when he was transported for the arraignment. Written statements have been prepared by the Agents refuting these allegations and Agents stand prepared to testify in the event these allegations are raised at the trial. The original letter from Gibson and its enclosures are being returned.

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Unnecessary Roughness

LAST WEEK's arrests of Frankie Carbo, some hoodlum assistants and Truman K. Gibson Jr., president of National Boxing Enterprises, dis-

discussed above, were a commendable and expert job on the part of the federal authorities. But the Chicago FBI does seem to have committed an ethical foul against the person of Gibson and perhaps even should be penalized a round.

According to Gibson, the apartment house of a friend he was visiting was surrounded by perhaps a dozen FBI men. Spotlights from their cars played on the house as if "Dillinger was reincarnated." The result was hysterical turmoil among the women and children in the apartment. And when Gibson was taken to the home of a federal judge so that bail (\$5,000) might be fixed, he was quite unnecessarily handcuffed.

Next day, Gibson says, U.S. Attorney Robert Tiekens sent him a message of apology for the treatment but, of course, photographs of Gibson in handcuffs are still around and will be for a long time.

The crime of conspiracy with which he is charged is a serious one but Gibson is hardly to be ranked with hoodlum murderers like Carbo or treated like one.

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Truman Gibson And FBI Agents

The arrest of Truman K. Gibson, Jr., by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, recently, was depressing. What was shocking was not the arrest itself, for that is a common occurrence in a world of conflicts and changing values. What was upsetting to the Negro community as a whole, was the manner in which the FBI agents, executed their warrant.

Mr. Gibson was arrested at the home of a friend. He was handcuffed. Though handcuffing may be a routine practice with the FBI, we feel it is unnecessary in dealing with a person of Mr. Gibson's stature.

The arrest followed the return of a Los Angeles grand jury indictment charging Mr. Gibson and four other men with violations of a Federal racketeering statute that prohibits interference with commerce by threats of violence.

An indictment, of course, is not a conviction. We are not here concerned with the guilt or innocence of Mr. Gibson. It is a matter for a court of proper jurisdiction to establish. What heightens our anxiety about his arrest is the manner in which he was taken into custody.

Even notorious underworld characters are often spared the embarrassment that was visited upon Truman Gibson, Jr. The Federal government's memory must be short. It hasn't been too long since Mr. Gibson was in the service of the War Department as Civilian Aid to the Secretary of War. He served with distinction during one of the gravest crises that this country had ever experienced.

His integrity and patriotism have never been a matter of speculation; they are beyond question. Despite his record and standing, despite his position as a respected lawyer and an officer of the Federal court, Mr. Gibson, was treated like an escaped convict who was too dangerous to be at large.

It is not uncommon for persons charged with serious offenses to be allowed to surrender voluntarily to the U.S. Marshall and post bond. There was ample justification in this instance for upholding the practice. Gibson's status alone in the community was sufficient to provide a basis for an extension of that courtesy.

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The Attorney General

October 20, 1959

Director, FBI

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FRANK "BLINKY" 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.

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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The Attorney General

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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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES 3 P

FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, ^{also known as} AKA--ET AL--JACKIE LEONARD, AKA -
VICTIM-- ET AL-- EXT-- AKA-- CONSPIRACY. ^{Extortion Anti-Racketeering} USA, LOS ANGELES,
ADVISED USDC, LOS ANGELES, ON MOTION TODAY OF DEFENDANT

TRUMAN K. GIBSON, JR., POSTPONED TRIAL IN CAPTIONED MATTER
UNTIL MARCH TWENTY-NINE, NEXT. DEFENSE ARGUED THAT CARBO
HAS NOT BEEN RELEASED TO FEDERAL CUSTODY BY NEW YORK STATE
AUTHORITIES, HAS NOT BEEN ARRAIGNED IN FEDERAL COURT, AND
THAT ADDITIONAL TIME BEYOND PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED STARTING
DATE FOR TRIAL ON DECEMBER EIGHT, NEXT WAS NECESSARY.

USA OPPOSED CONTINUANCE ARGUING THAT CARBO IS SCHEDULED TO
BE SENTENCED IN NEW YORK TODAY, *EX 100 REC-57 92-4092-137
WILL THEN BE AVAILABLE TO

FEDERAL COURT FOR TRIAL. USA ADVISED CONFIDENTIALLY

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* Carbo sentenced to 2 years imprisonment in New York local
court, 11/30/59, for undercover boxing activities.

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ATTORNEY FOR PALERMO, FILED MOTION TO SUPPRESS

THEN ISSUED SUBPOENAS TO FEDERAL

GRAND JURY, LOS ANGELES COUNTY GRAND JURY, CAPTAIN

OF LOS ANGELES PD, AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] CHICAGO

ATTORNEY FOR GIBSON WAS IN LOS ANGELES LAST WEEK, WAS OBSERVED
IN CAR BEARING NEW YORK PLATES REGISTERED TO [REDACTED]
WHICH IS KNOWN ALIAS FOR [REDACTED] BOXING MANAGER AND
REPORTED FRONT FOR CARBO. BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF
SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS. COPY AM NEW YORK.

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cc - MR. ROSEN

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Date: 12/1/59

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Mr. Tolson	✓
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Mr. W.C. Sullivan	✓
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Mr. Holloman	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-4092)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (92-642)

RE: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO,
aka, et al; also known as
JACKIE LEONARD, aka - VICTIM;
ET AL
EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING -
CONSPIRACY

Re Los Angeles teletype 11/30/59.

[redacted] advised SA [redacted] on [redacted]
[redacted] that [redacted]

Informant reported that [redacted]

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Informant further reported that [REDACTED]

Informant stated that [REDACTED]

Informant further reported that he had been requested to [REDACTED]

Informant stated that [REDACTED]

On 11/30/59 the informant again contacted SA [REDACTED] and reported that [REDACTED]

The informant stated that approximately five days ago, [REDACTED]

The informant related that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The informant will closely follow this matter and keep the Los Angeles Office advised. The informant noted that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Discreet investigation is currently being conducted
to ascertain [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

This info should not be disseminated outside the
Bureau at this time. If the info is disseminated it would
most likely seriously compromise the informant [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

This matter is being closely followed.

Entirely separate from the foregoing data, the fol-
lowing information was obtained on [REDACTED] by SA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] from a source [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Source learned on [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Our source made no statement concerning [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] and the information furnished by [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] was not mentioned in any way to our source.

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Our source stated that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and that
it is being held in strict confidence at this time.

It was also learned that [REDACTED]

The entire situation [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is being closely followed through established
sources. The U S Attorney has been cognizant.

[REDACTED] and likewise
is very closely observing [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Anything of significance will be brought to the
immediate attention of the Bureau.

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Five subjects, including Frank Paler and Frank Carbo, East Coast hoodlums, Truman Gibson, Chicago pro attorney, and Joseph Sica and Louis Dragna, Los Angeles hoodlums, have been indicted in Los Angeles for attempt to control world welterweight boxing champion Don Jordan. Bureau informant, [redacted]

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To: SAC, Los Angeles (92-642)

Re: ^{EC-31} Director, FBI (92-4092) - 138

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The Bureau does not desire that [redacted]

You are authorized to disseminate the information
furnished by [redacted]

The information furnished by your source [redacted]

NOTE: Five subjects, including Frank Palermo and Frank Carbo,
East Coast hoodlums, Truman Gibson, Chicago Negro Attorney, and
Joseph Sica and Louis Dragna, Los Angeles hoodlums have been
indicted in Los Angeles for attempt to control world welterweight
boxing champion Don Jordan. [redacted]

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Informant states [redacted]

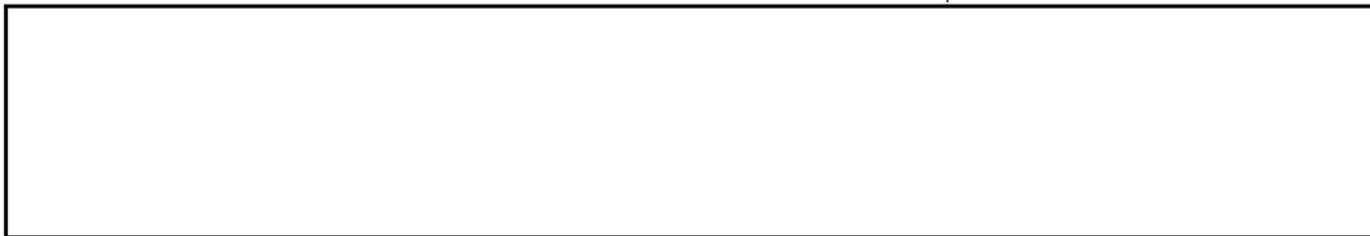
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LA Office developed information from source [redacted]
[redacted] furnished by [redacted] as
indicated above.

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Director, FBI (92-4092)

FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, AKA.,
ET AL; JACKIE LEONARD, AKA. - VICTIM;
ET AL; EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING - CONSPIRACY

Since the arrest of Truman Gibson on 9/22/59, in Chicago, the Bureau has been the recipient of numerous communications and comment protesting the method and manner of the arrest of this individual. The Bureau has received letters from the Cook County Bar Association, Chicago, Illinois (predominately Negro), the National Bar Association, Incorporated, Kansas City, Kansas (predominately Negro), and Thurgood Marshall, counsel for NAACP. In addition, articles have appeared in the Negro press in Chicago, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, and other areas criticizing the manner of arrest of Gibson. Individual communications have also been received from Negro leaders in Cook County, Chicago, as well as a complaint by Gibson himself.

In order that you may be aware of the pressure and general comment made to the Bureau, as well as the replies that have been made, copies of pertinent communications are forwarded herewith for your review. There is no objection to discussing this situation with the U. S. Attorney inasmuch as it may be a matter of comment at future court proceedings. Anything that comes to your attention in this regard should be furnished to the Bureau for information purposes.

Enclosures (6)

1 - Mr. Papich

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NOTE: Enclosures furnished are: 2 copies of letter to William P. Rogers from Elmer C. Jackson, Jr., President, National Bar Association, Inc.; 2 copies of letter to Mr. Charles F. Lane, President, Cook County Bar Association, from Assistant Attorney General Malcolm R. Wilkey dated 11/4/59; and two copies of letter to Honorable William P. Rogers from Charles F. Lane dated 10/16/59.

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TITLE OF CASE FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, aka., ET AL JACKIE LEONARD, aka.-VICTIM [redacted] aka.- VICTIM		Report made by ELMER F. EMRICH	Typed By: JMS
		CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION ANTI-RACKETEERING CONSPIRACY	

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Synopsis:

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent ELMER F. EMRICH,
Miami, June 16, 1959.
Los Angeles radiogram November 24, 1959.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to: 1 - USA, Los Angeles.

Report of: SA ELMER F. EMRICH
Date: December 8, 1959

Office: MIAMI

Field Office File No.: 92-429

Bureau File No.: 92-8092

Title: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, ET AL;
JACKIE LEONARD - VICTIM
[REDACTED] VICTIM

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Character: EXTORTION
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CONSPIRACY

Synopsis: [REDACTED] upon reinterview advised that he did not observe individual registering in Blue Mist Motel on 1/5/59 under name GEORGE TOBIAS or his companion, and that while upon viewing photograph of FRANK CARBO he indicated same looked familiar. he did not associate CARBO with this registration, [REDACTED] Last Frontier Motel reaffirmed information previously furnished relative to LEW GROSS registration in 12/58 and that photograph of FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO resembles person so registering. [REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Other Motel witness of registrations verified information previously furnished.

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DETAILS:

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[redacted] Blue Mist Motel, 191st and Collins Avenue, Sunny Isles, Florida, upon reinterview advised that at the time of the registration of the individual under the name GEORGE TOBIAS on January 5, 1959, he was seated in the office located behind the desk and could not observe the person making this registration. He added that he at no time saw either this person or the individual accompanying him, and that his suspicions concerning these persons were aroused when [redacted] advised him they wanted 2 rooms and mentioned using one for a gin rummy game. He also was suspicious due to the [redacted] registration which is the home town of [redacted] who told him he never heard of this person.

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[redacted] stated that at the time of his previous interview, a photograph of FRANK CARBO was exhibited to him, and that he may have said this photograph looked familiar to him. He added however that he did not associate this photograph with the person accompanying the individual registering as TOBIAS, as he did not have an opportunity to see either of the persons.

[redacted] advised that he had communicated with the United States Attorney in Los Angeles relative the subpoena he had received in this matter, and pointed out that inasmuch as [redacted] who handled the registration was also subpoenaed, [redacted] could produce the Motel registration records, and he could add nothing thereto.

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Interview with [redacted] File # 92-429
on 11/30/59 Sunny Isles, Florida Date dictated 12/2/59
by Special Agents ELMER F. EMRICH & [redacted] JMS

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[redacted] Last Frontier Motel 195th and Collins Avenue, Sunny Isles, Florida, was reinterviewed on November 30, 1959 and reaffirmed the information previously furnished concerning the registration of one [redacted] in his motel during December, 1958 and January, 1959. He informed that he personally handled the registration on December 11, 1958, that [redacted] handled the registration December 12, 1958; and that [redacted] handled the January 2, 1959 registration. He again stated that the photograph of FRANK "BINKY" PALERMO appears to be identical with the person whom he registered under the name of LEW GROSS, but he added that he does not personally know PALERMO.

[redacted] advised that he had received a subpoena to appear in the United States District Court in Los Angeles, California on December 8, 1959 but in view of [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] stated that he is telephonically communicating with the United States Attorney in Los Angeles in this regard, and if he insists that [redacted] appear there for trial, he is going to request that [redacted]

[redacted]

Interview with [redacted] File # 9-429
on 11/30/59 at [redacted] Florida Date dictated 12/3/59
by Special Agent s ELMER F. EMRICH & [redacted] MS

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[redacted]
[redacted] were returned to [redacted] so that he
might have them available to answer the subpoena duces
tecum.

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[redacted] Chateau Motel,
191st Street and Collins Avenue, Sunny Isles, Florida, advised he had received a subpoena to appear in United States District Court, Los Angeles, California for the trial in this matter on December 8, 1959. He verified the information previously furnished as to the LEW GROSS registration on January 6, 1959, and his identification of the photograph of FRANK "BINKY" PALERMO as that of the individual who so registered in the Chateau Motel on that date under the name LEW GROSS.

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Interview with [redacted]

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[redacted] Chateau Motel, 191st Street and Collins Avenue, Sunny Isles, Florida, advised he had received a subpoena to appear at the trial in this matter in United States District Court, Los Angeles, for the purpose of producing the Motel records reflecting the registrations of one LEW GROSS and one JACK LEONARD on January 6, 1959. He informed that since [redacted]

[redacted] was also subpoenaed, this matter has been referred to the attorneys for the Motel to determine if the presence of both is essential for the trial. He added that he could not identify either of the persons making the above registrations.

The original registration card #12527 in name LEW GROSS, and card #12528 were returned to [redacted] so that they might be available to him in answer to the subpoena duces tecum.

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Interview with [redacted]

File # 92-429on 11/30/59 at Sunny Isles, FloridaDate dictated 12/2/59by Special Agents ELMER F. EMRICH & [redacted]

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[redacted] Blue Mist Motel, 191st
[redacted] Florida, upon re-
interview advised he has received a subpoena duces tecum
to produce the Motel records in this matter in United
States District Court, Los Angeles. He reaffirmed the in-
formation previously furnished concerning the GEORGE TOBIAS
registration in that Motel on January 5, 1959, and that the
photograph of FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO resembled that of the
person who so registered as GEORGE TOBIAS.

The original registration card #11977 reflecting
the above GEORGE TOBIAS registration in the Blue Mist
Motel was returned to [redacted] so that it would be
available to him for his testimony in this case.

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Interview with [redacted] File # 92-429
on 11/30/59 at Sunny Isles, Florida Date dictated 12/2/59
by Special Agent ELMER F. EMRICH & [redacted] JMS

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen *Rw*

DATE: December 2, 1959

FROM : W. B. Welte *W*SUBJECT: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, ET AL
JACKIE LEONARD, ET AL - VICTIM
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The National Bar Association, Incorporated (NBAI) has furnished the Bureau a copy of a letter dated 11/20/59, which this group sent to the Attorney General with a copy for the President. The letter, signed by NBAI president Elmer C. Jackson, Jr., Kansas City, Kansas, states that the organization's executive committee concurs with the statements made and action taken by the Cook County Bar Association (CCBA) in protesting the manner of arrest of Truman Gibson on 9/22/59, by the FBI. (Gibson, a Chicago Negro attorney, was one of five subjects indicted and arrested on charge of extortion and anti-racketeering in their attempts to control world welterweight boxing champion Don Jordan). This organization states it is composed of 3500 lawyers, predominately of the Negro race. Bureau files do not indicate any derogatory information concerning the NBAI.

The copy of the letter from this organization does not require an acknowledgment on our part; however, it is noted that this letter represents a statement by a substantial group of Negro lawyers and is based on erroneous information furnished them by the CCBA 10/16/59, which was previously answered by Assistant Attorney General Wilkey on 11/4/59, furnishing the true facts of the action taken by our Agents in arresting Gibson on 9/22/59. It is felt that we should have the SAC, Kansas City personally contact the president of the NBAI, Elmer C. Jackson, Jr., and furnish him with the true factual account of Gibson's arrest as set forth in Assistant Attorney General Wilkey's letter to the CCBA. This will serve the purpose of setting the record straight with this organization which has seen fit to submit their letter based solely on the CCBA's version of the facts in this case.

ACTION:

Attached is an airtel for approval to SAC, Kansas City furnishing the background of this case and instructing that he personally call upon Elmer C. Jackson, president of the NBAI, and inform him of the true facts in connection with the arrest of Gibson, as contained in the letter from Assistant Attorney General Wilkey to the CCBA.

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October 16, 1959

Honorable William P. Rogers
United States Attorney General
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The Cook County Bar Association whose members have been admitted to practice in the United States District Court (Northern District, Eastern Division, Chicago, Illinois) and are therefore officers of that Court, urgently protest the manner of the arrest of its member, Truman K. Gibson, Jr., on September 22, 1959, at 9:30 P. M., by the Federal Bureau of Investigation while visiting at the home of another person in Chicago, Illinois.

As lawyers and officers of the Federal District Court, we are charged to uphold the law and, of course, with reference to the charges alleged in the indictment returned against Mr. Gibson by a Federal Grand Jury at Los Angeles, California, we have no concern. But, we have serious concern with the manner in which the Agents of the FBI executed its warrant of arrest against a member of the Bar while visiting in the home of a friend. The apparent publicity seeking circumstances surrounding the arrest were in our opinion unnecessary and unwarranted.

It would seem that a respected lawyer and an officer of the Federal Court would not have been ignominiously subjected to the indignities of being unnecessarily handcuffed, arrested at the home of a friend (entered and invaded by subterfuge without a search warrant or invitation) at an hour of the night when the Agents

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must have known that Court was not in session and judges were unavailable, then paraded before a coterie of news photographers who obviously had been invited prior to the arrest to participate in the FBI press conference at FBI offices, 105 West Adams Street, to photograph an arrested lawyer in handcuffs.

The U. S. Code authorizing officers of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to make arrests requires that "the persons arrested shall be immediately taken before a committing officer."

The intendment of this statutory requirement would hardly countenance an invited press conference to hold up a handcuffed person to ridicule before being taken before a judge as the Code provides.

It has been the practice in this District to allow persons charged with more serious crimes to voluntarily surrender to the U. S. Marshall and post bond before a judge when Court is in session without the fanfare of the press. Why this was not done is a question to be answered by the arresting Agents who executed the warrant.

But we submit that it was a peculiar procedure and has been said by our Supreme Court to be wholly incompatible with the vital but restricted duties of the investigating and arresting officers of the Government and which tends to undermine the integrity of the criminal proceedings - particularly in our opinion where a lawyer and an officer of the Federal Court is involved.

It was such an abuse which impelled our Supreme Court to render its decision in *McNabb vs United States*, 318 U. S. 332 (1943), Justice Frankfurter speaking for the Court:

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"A democratic society in which respect for the dignity of all men is central, naturally guards against the misuse of the law enforcement process. Zeal in tracking down crime is not in itself an assurance of soberness of judgment. Disinterestedness in law enforcement does not alone prevent disregard of cherished liberties. Experience has therefore counseled that safeguards must be provided against the dangers of the over-zealous as well as the despotic."

We bring this unfortunate incident to your attention because we believe that the manner in which the arrest was performed was solely because of the race of the person arrested and race of the persons whose home was invaded by subterfuge and an arrest made.

We cannot refrain from quoting further from Judge Frankfurter's opinion in the hope that appropriate judicial action will be taken to avoid such unwarranted publicity and violation of constitutional search and seizure restrictions where any person is arrested by the FBI, be the unfortunate a lawyer or a Negro.

"Judicial supervision of the administration of criminal justice in the Federal Courts implies the duty of establishing and maintaining civilized standards of procedure and evidence. Such standards are not satisfied merely by observance of those minimal historic safeguards for securing trial by reason which are summarized as 'due process of law' and below which we reach what is really trial by force."

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Perhaps the time is not too far distant when the Northern District U. S. Court will have a Negro member of the Judiciary who will participate in that Court's judicial supervision of the administration of criminal justice.

We enclose a copy of our Association's recent report in connection with our request for appointment by the President of a Negro Federal District Judge for the Northern District, Eastern Division.

Respectfully yours,

~~Charles F. Lane,~~
President.

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The Honorable William P. Rogers
United States Attorney General
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The National Bar Association, an organization of approximately three thousand five hundred lawyers, predominantly of the Negro race, at its executive committee meeting, held Saturday, November 7, 1959, at St. Louis, Missouri, had directed to its attention the manner of arrest of one of its members, Truman K. Gibson, Jr., on September 22, 1959, at 9:30 o'clock P. M., by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, while visiting at the home of another person in Chicago, Illinois. One of the Chicago lawyers present at the meeting presented a copy of a letter, dated October 16, 1959, directed to you by Charles F. Lane, President of the Cook County Bar Association, which, we felt, clearly outlined to you the objectionable features of the arrest of Mr. Gibson and the law which generally governs a case of this kind.

The National Bar Association, as executive committee action, wholeheartedly and completely concurs with the statements made and action taken by the Cook County Bar Association, in protesting the manner of arrest of Mr. Gibson, the unwarranted publicity which accompanied his arrest and the violation by the Federal officers of the constitutional search and seizure restrictions.

Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. Belmont ✓
Mr. DeLoach ✓
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Mr. Mohr ✓
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We, as a national body of lawyers, direct this matter to your attention, in the sincere hope and belief that there will not be a repetition of such extremely distasteful procedure, more especially where a lawyer is involved whose good reputation had been unquestioned.

Yours truly,

Elmer C. Jackson, Jr.
Elmer C. Jackson, Jr.

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cc: The President
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

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December 3, 1959

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To SAC, Kansas City

From Director, FBI

FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, ET AL; JACKIE LEONARD, ET AL. - VICTIM;
EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING.

Mentioned case involves the attempts of five subjects to control the world welterweight boxing champion Don Jordan. The subjects involved are Frank "Blinky" Palermo, Philadelphia hoodlum and boxing figure; Frank Carbo, New York City hoodlum and boxing figure; Joseph Sica and Louis Dragna, Los Angeles hoodlums; and Truman Gibson, Negro attorney and Chicago boxing figure who has been associated with the International Boxing Association. All five subjects were indicted and arrested simultaneously 9/22/59. Since the arrest of Gibson the Bureau and the Department have received letters from individual Negro leaders, the Cook County Bar Association of Illinois, and articles have appeared in the Negro press criticizing the manner of the arrest of Gibson.

Attached is a copy of a letter dated 11/20/59, from the National Bar Association, Incorporated, over the signature of C. Jackson, Jr., president, which encloses a copy of a letter dated 10/16/59, also to the Attorney General, which was sent by the Cook County Bar Association, Incorporated. You will note that the National Bar Association, Incorporated agrees with the position taken by the Cook County Bar Association.

Bureau files contain no information reflecting unfavorably on the National Bar Association, Incorporated, or its president. The Bureau desires that the files of your office be reviewed and if no information is contained therein which would indicate such a contact inadvisable, you are to personally contact the president of the organization and furnish the true facts of the arrest of Gibson as reflected in the attached copy of a letter to the Cook County Bar Association dated 11/4/59, which was sent by Assistant Attorney General Malcolm B. Wilkey.

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For your information the letter from Wilkey contains the statement, "At no time during the evening of his arrest nor any time subsequently has he made any statement to the Department of Justice indicating mistreatment on the part of the arresting FBI Agents." On 11/10/59, Gibson submitted a letter to Wilkey with exhibits and a copy of this material is furnished to you.

It is not desired that you engage in any lengthy discussion with this individual; however, he should clearly understand the facts of the arrest as indicated in order that the letter of the Cook County Bar Association will not be accepted by him as a correct version of this arrest. After handling this interview you should furnish the Bureau the results of the contact and your assessment of Jackson and this organization for future reference.

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Information furnished by [redacted] is being furnished
carefully to [redacted]
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This informant has always been most discreet and
of great assistance to this office. Dealings with him will
continue to be discreet and alert to all possible eventualities.

November 10, 1959

MR. TOLSON:

Re: New York Post

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ASAC Winterrowd called from New York and talked to Kemper. He said the New York Post today has a "cute" column by [redacted] which talks about the rigging of TV shows and the fact that President Eisenhower is going to have the matter investigated. He points out that this is peculiar because there is a lot of other rigging going on in the Federal Government and makes reference to bulletins put out by the National Institute of Health.

The column is very rambling and disjointed, but it then says J. Edgar Hoover is a senior theatrical producer (old-fashioned but sure box office.) The column then goes into the arrest of Truman Gibson in Chicago and points out that we had no regard for Gibson's personal dignity and six squad cars roared up and staked out his house and then, having found him at a neighbor's, went in without invitation and warrant and handcuffed him so the press could see. They point out that any cop could bring in Gibson with a telephone call. Column says Hoover makes every arrest "look like a 'Pretty Boy Floyd.'"

We will, of course, secure copies of the Post later this afternoon and clipping will be made available to you and the Director.

A file check is being made on [redacted]

RESPECTFULLY,

C. D. DeLoach

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

DATE: November 12, 1959

FROM : A. Rosen *R*SUBJECT: TRUMAN K. GIBSON
EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING*TRUMAN K. GIBSON*

This is to advise the Director concerning the facts in this case.

Gibson, a Chicago attorney and boxing figure, was arrested by our Chicago Agents on the evening of 9/22/59, at the residence of a friend. This was one of five simultaneous arrests which included four notorious hoodlums and boxing figures in California, Philadelphia, and Baltimore for their part in attempting to control the world welterweight boxing champion Don Jordan. Subjects threatened violence to the manager of the champion and a boxing promoter, Jackie Leonard, unless a percentage of money earned by the champion was paid to them. Gibson arranged to repay Leonard money that was advanced to the other subjects.

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Gibson, who was visiting with his wife in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Landrum, Chicago, was taken into custody by three Agents who identified themselves to [redacted] and upon being admitted requested to speak to Gibson. They were led to the rear of the home where Gibson was standing with a drink in his hand and the Agents again identified themselves and announced they had a warrant for Gibson's arrest. The charge was explained and he was told that he was being taken to the Chicago Office and Agents again made certain that Gibson realized their identity, which he acknowledged. He was extended courteous treatment, was not handcuffed in the house or on the trip to the office, and was permitted to contact a bondsman. The entire arrest procedure took seven minutes and no restraint or display of firearms was necessary. After being processed at the Chicago Office, Gibson was taken to the home of Federal Judge Igoe for arraignment and was handcuffed during this trip. Gibson made no comment to the Judge, bondsman or attorney about ill treatment. Both Gibson and the Judge commented favorably on the manner in which FBI Agents handled the arrest.

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December 17, 1959

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have just concluded a conference with W. Mark Felt of the Kansas City, Missouri office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, who informed me that you had asked that he confer with me concerning the matters arising out of the arrest of Truman K. Gibson of Chicago, Illinois.

Since my letter to you, I have received correspondence from Malcolm R. Wilkey, Assistant Attorney General, in which there seems to be some controversy about the facts of the matter. However, I do wish to thank and commend your interest in the matter.

Yours truly,

Elmer C. Jackson, Jr.
Elmer C. Jackson, Jr.

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The indices of the Kansas City Division contain no information which can be identified with ELMER C. JACKSON, JR. or the National Bar Association.

Accordingly, Mr. JACKSON was interviewed this date personally by the SAC. JACKSON was very courteous and friendly and advised that his letter of 11/20/59 was written at the direction of the Executive Committee of the National Bar Association, Inc., after being requested to do so by the Cook County Bar Association. JACKSON explained that he feels the last named association is completely reputable and for this reason the Executive Committee of the National Bar Association had no reason to question the facts as presented to them. JACKSON explained that the only information he had received concerning the case at that time was the copy of the letter which he had received from the Cook County Bar Association to the Attorney General.

JACKSON explained that he had received a very courteous reply to his letter from MALCOLM R. WILKEY, Assistant Attorney General, enclosing a copy of Mr. WILKEY's letter to the Cook County Bar Association. JACKSON said that this letter "put an

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entirely different light on the situation." He said that he was "curious" as to why there should be divergent stories, but he explained that as a lawyer he realized very well there were always "two sides" to every story.

I assured Mr. JACKSON that the version furnished him by Assistant Attorney General WILKEY was completely accurate.

JACKSON was obviously very impressed that Director HOOVER would take a personal interest in this matter and I feel he is truly appreciative of the fact that the SAC called upon him personally. JACKSON stated that he had been in practice for 25 years and had always had an extremely high regard for the FBI. He stated that when he first heard of the allegations made by the Cook County Bar Association he was "very surprised."

I feel that it was very much in the Bureau's interest to have had this situation handled as the Bureau instructed and I feel that Mr. JACKSON not only is satisfied, but is impressed by our interest.

Mr. JACKSON's office is located in a rather rundown Negro area in Kansas City, Kansas, however, the offices are very impressive and Mr. JACKSON himself is a poised, well educated, intelligent individual. My impression was that he is rather pompous and self-impressed. Furthermore, I noted on the window of his office a notation to the effect that he and his partner also handle bail bonds.

According to JACKSON, the National Bar Association is very active and has many prominent members, all Negroes. He described a recent convention in Chicago attended by 164 members.

It would appear that the National Bar Association, Inc. would have considerable influence among Negroes and I feel that JACKSON would cooperate with the Bureau so long as it did not

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conflict with his interests. While we should be most circumspect in any dealings with him, I see no reason why he could not be contacted if occasion demanded in matters of interest to the Bureau.

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On January 21, 1960, [redacted]

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-4092)

DATE: January 15, 1960

FROM : *WJB* SAC, LOS ANGELES (92-642)

I SUBJECT: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, aka; ET AL;
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 OO: Los Angeles

On December 31, 1959, motion of government to quash subpoenas issued at request of attorneys on behalf of defendants PALERMO, TRUMAN K. GIBSON, Jr., JOSEPH SICA and LOUIS THOMAS DRAGNA, was argued. These subpoenas were issued to various officials directing them to produce in court alleged evidence obtained through use of wiretapping.

United States District Court Judge ERNEST A. TOLIN heard arguments on motion and ordered subpoenas quashed.

On January 8, 1960, Judge TOLIN heard motions of same defendants to suppress all evidence obtained through use of wiretapping. As court had quashed prior subpoenas, defense attorneys had no witnesses to refute government statement that prosecution not based on wire-tap information. Court granted defense request to place off calendar the motion to suppress. *m*

Judge TOLIN instructed defendant PAUL JOHN CARBO at time he entered plea of not guilty, to obtain attorney who was to notify court and government counsel of his identity not later than December 31, 1959. As of January 14, 1960, government counsel have received no communication from CARBO or an attorney for him.

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Judge TOLIN has obtained the address of CARBO at Riker's Island, New York, which would indicate the court may correspond with CARBO concerning appointment of defense counsel, or returning him to California.

At this time no motions are reported as pending in this prosecution.

Trial scheduled for March 29, 1960.

Above for information only.

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Date: 1/25/60

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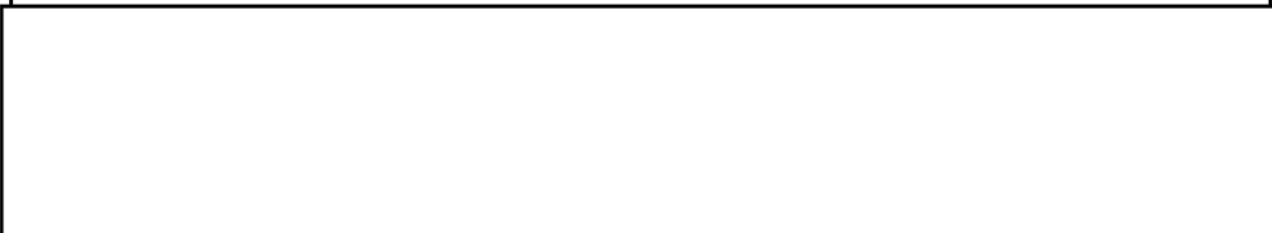
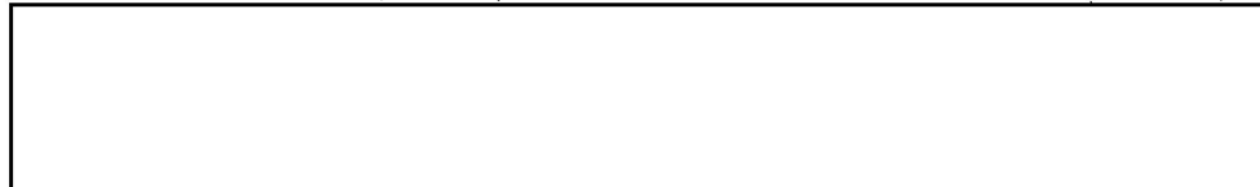
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Appropriate dissemination is being left to the discretion of the Bureau, as this case is being prosecuted by LLOYD DUNN, Special Assistant to the Attorney General. This information has not been furnished to the Los Angeles Office.

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NOTE: The above is based on airtel from New York 1/25/60, and is the second reference of information coming to our attention which would question the character and background of victim Leonard. The previous incident was furnished to the Bureau by airtel 12/1/59, from Los Angeles and authority was granted to furnish this information to the U. S. Attorney at Los Angeles by Buairtel 12/4/59. The information in this memo is being forwarded to Los Angeles for dissemination, as well as to the Department in line with previous dissemination of all information developed in this case.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Mohr _____
Mr. Parsons _____
Mr. Belmont _____
Mr. Callahan _____
Mr. DeLoach _____
Mr. Malone _____
Mr. McGuire _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tamm _____
Mr. Trotter _____
Mr. W.C. Sullivan _____
Tele. Room _____
Mr. Ingram _____
Miss Gandy _____

URGENT 2-12-60 11-20 AM NB

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC LOS ANGELES

FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, AKA--ET AL-- JACKIE LEONARD, AKA DASH
VICTIM-- ET AL . EXT-- AR--CONSP. BUFILE NINE TWO DASH FOUR ZERO
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CONFIDENTIALLY ADVISED

BUREAU WILL

BE KEPT ADVISED ALL DEVELOPMENTS.

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Mr. Rosen

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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Mr. Tolson	✓
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Mr. Parsons	✓
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Malone	
Mr. McGuire	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Trotter	
Mr. W.C. Sullivan	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Ingram	
Miss Gandy	

URGENT 2-11-60 12-00 PM NB

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC LOS ANGELES

FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, AKA-- ET AL--JACKIE LEONARD, AKA DASH
EXTORTION - ANTI-RACKETEERING-CONSPIRACY
VICTIM-- ET AL. ~~EXT. A-R-CONSP.~~ BUFILE NINE TWO DASH FOUR
ZERO NINE TWO. [REDACTED] TODAY CONFIDENTIALLY ADVISED [REDACTED]

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AND TENTATIVE. BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED

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Mr. Rosen

CC--MR. ROSEN

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EX-131

Why should we make an exception?

Memo Evans to Rosen
2-12-60 CAG/PL

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen *R*

DATE: February 12, 1960

Tolson _____
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 DeLoach _____
 Malone _____
 McGuire _____
 Rosen _____
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 Gandy _____

FROM : C. A. Evans *E*

SUBJECT: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, et al.
 EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING;
 CONSPIRACY

In Wilkey's absence his assistant, William Hundley, was contacted with reference to the information received by our Los Angeles Division that [redacted]

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Hundley stated that the Criminal Division had not heard anything concerning [redacted]

[redacted] He added that the Department had carefully considered the evidence against Gibson prior to the indictment. Hundley stated that he had personally discussed with the Attorney General the proposed indictment against Gibson and it was felt that there was ample evidence to support this.

Hundley said that he was going to immediately contact the United States Attorney in Los Angeles by telephone [redacted]

[redacted] He said he would let us know developments in this regard.

ASAC Alexander, Los Angeles, contacted telephonically and informed that there was no reason for making any exceptions in this case and that Gibson should not be interviewed in the presence of his attorney, [redacted]

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ENCLOSURE
 (informal memo)

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File 117

This is the case in which Truman Gibson, Chicago Negro attorney and four notorious hoodlums were arrested on 9/22/59 for attempting to control welterweight boxing champion Don Jordan.. Attached teletype from Los Angeles advises of information received confidentially from United States Attorney that [redacted]

Mr. Tolson	☒
Mr. Mohr	☒
Mr. Parsons	☒
Mr. Belmont	☒
Mr. Callahan	☒
Mr. Malone	☒
Mr. McGuire	☒
Mr. Rosen	☒
Mr. Tamm	☒
Mr. Trotter	☒
Mr. W.C. Sullivan	☒
Tele. Room	☒
Mr. Ingram	☒
Miss Gandy	☒

Recommendation

02 [redacted] *7 100*

[redacted] If approved, Assistant Attorney General Wilkey will be contacted immediately and advised of this matter

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• Trial of "Blinky" Palermo, Frank^{b7D}
Carbo, Truman Gibson, and two West Coast
hoodlums, who attempted to control world
welterweight boxing champion, scheduled to
start Los Angeles District Court 3/29/60.
Information previously received and
disseminated to U. S. Attorney, Los Angeles,



 This information
also being disseminated to U. S. Attorney.



FBI

Date: 2/18/60

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-4092)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (92-642)
SUBJECT: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, aka;
ET AL; JACKIE LEONARD, aka -
VICTIM; ET AL
EXTORTION; AR; CONSPIRACY
ANTI-RACKETEERING
Re Los Angeles airtel 12/11/59.

[redacted] volunteered the following information
concerning this investigation on [redacted]

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The informant stated that [redacted]

The informant stated that [redacted]

The informant related that [redacted]

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3 - Bureau
2 - Los Angeles
(1 - [redacted])

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airtel 2/26/60
ELW: jrm
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Approved: [signature] Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

LA 92-642

The informant noted that

The informant stated that

The informant pointed out that

reported that

The informant further stated that approximately

The informant stated that about

The informant stated that

UACB the above info, fully protecting the informant, will be given to USA, Los Angeles

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To SAC, Los Angeles (92-642)

From Director, FBI (92-4092) - *158*

FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, AKA., ET AL.; JACKIE LEONARD, AKA. -
VICTIM; ET AL; EXTORTION; AR; CONSPIRACY.

Reurairtel 2/18/60, and previous communications
furnishing information concerning [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

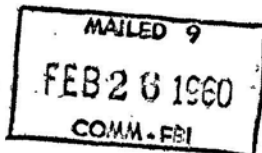
The Bureau is desirous of learning what the
U. S. Attorney intends to do in view of the information
developed indicating that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

In the future submit all information developed
along the above lines in memorandum form suitable for
dissemination at the Bureau.

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FBI

Date: March 2, 1960

Transmit the following in AIRTEL
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Via AIR MAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

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

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Re Bureau airtel to Los Angeles, 2/26/60.

Information relating to [redacted]
[redacted] in captioned matter has been furnished
the U.S. Attorney at Los Angeles.

LEONARD has obtained employment as a salesman for
an automobile agency and for the time being has apparently
given up the idea of promoting boxing matches in the fore-
seeable future.

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Special Agent in Charge

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The U.S. Attorney, Los Angeles, indicates he is aware of the many facets to the boxing enterprises and the pressures which might be placed upon witnesses in captioned case. He also indicates recognition that witnesses for the government are not exactly of the caliber that might be desired. [redacted]

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The U.S. Attorney has indicated [redacted]

The U.S. Attorney and staff are closely following [redacted]

On 3/2/60 it was learned from the U.S. Attorney's Office that U.S. District Court Judge ERNEST A. TOLIN had received a long distance telephone call about 3/1/60 from a Los Angeles attorney, [redacted] who called from New York City. It was reported that attorney [redacted] informed Judge TOLIN that he, [redacted] had been engaged as attorney for defendant PAUL JOHN CARBO. [redacted] allegedly informed Judge TOLIN that CARBO could travel easier at a later date but would be ready for trial at Los Angeles on 3/29/60. It was indicated that Judge TOLIN will order CARBO to Los Angeles about 3/15/60. *CAW* *N.Y.C.*

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It appears that attorney [redacted] has been in New York City consulting with CARBO on the defense. As an item of interest, [redacted] is also currently engaged as counsel for ANTHONY PINELLI in a state income tax evasion case pending at Los Angeles. [redacted] has associated with attorney [redacted] at Los Angeles in the defense of a number of other Italian hoodlums during recent years.

[redacted] has frequently associated in legal matters with FRANK DESIMONE. He has represented FRANK DESIMONE and SIMONE SCOZZARI (both of whom attended the Apalachin meeting 11/14/57) in court at Los Angeles. It is indicated DESIMONE relies on the counsel of [redacted] and [redacted] considers [redacted] as a competent trial attorney.

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There are no indications that the U.S. Attorney
intends to [redacted] at
this time.

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It has been learned that [redacted]
[redacted]

It was indicated that [redacted]
[redacted]
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There are indi-
cations the U.S. Attorney's Office would [redacted]
[redacted]

The Bureau will be advised of any development in
this matter.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-4092)

DATE: March 4, 1960

FROM : *wjg* SAC, LOS ANGELES (92-642)

SUBJECT: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, aka; ET AL;
 JACKIE LEONARD, aka - VICTIM; ET AL
 EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING; CONSPIRACY
 OO: Los Angeles

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Rereps of SA [] at Philadelphia dated 8/14/59, pages 2 through 2f and page 3, and dated 12/8/59, page 7.

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The United States Attorney (USA), Los Angeles, advises that SE [] Philadelphia Division, is necessary witness in trial of captioned matter.

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UACB, Philadelphia will have SE [] prepared to testify in U.S. District Court, Los Angeles, and to introduce into evidence his original work papers, or carbon copies thereof if originals destroyed, and records he prepared, including original SF 64s, relating to his examination of toll slips of [] where the original toll slips are no longer maintained by the company. These records relate to tolls charged to telephone number Hilltop 9-1585 for the period October 22, 1958, through April 30, 1959. This telephone number was assigned to []

[] Pennsylvania. An employee of the telephone company has been subpoenaed to produce pertinent records of the company which have been retained. **REC-17 92-4092-161**

SE [] should bring the requested original records with him for use in testifying. He also conducted record searches at the telephone company concerning calls charged to telephones Fulton 9-6441 and Fulton 9-2664, listed in the name of [] Philadelphia. He should bring appropriate original records concerning those searches also, against the event some original record of the company might not be available under the subpoena.

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- ② - Bureau (AIR MAIL)
 - 2 - Philadelphia (92-745) (AIR MAIL)
 - 1 - Los Angeles

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If the USA, Los Angeles, can predict exact time
SE [] will testify, Philadelphia will be advised.
Trial is scheduled to commence 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 29,
1960, Federal Building, Los Angeles. Unless advised other-
wise, SE [] should be present at that time.

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REC-35
To SACS, Philadelphia (92-745)
Los Angeles (92-642)

From Director, FBI (92-4092)-161

FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, AKA., ET AL.; JACKIE LEONARD, AKA. -
VICTIM, ET AL; EXTORTION; AR; CONSPIRACY.

Re Los Angeles letter 3/4/60, and Philadelphia
airtel 3/11/60.

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In view of the major court trial that is
indicated in this case, it is desired that SAC, Philadelphia
insure that SE [] be properly prepared to testify
in line with accepted Bureau standards.

Los Angeles should assure that [] will not
unnecessarily be in that city until the approximate time
that his appearance will be called for.

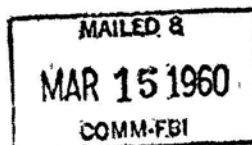
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NOTE: Court trial scheduled 3/29/60, in this case at
Los Angeles. SE [] has been with the Bureau since
1941 and is an experienced employee and has previously
been cited as having moot court training in anticipation
of possible testimony on his part in connection with his
duties. His appearance in this case is in connection with
the checking of toll calls and records of the []

Tolson [] It is noted that count five of
the indictment in this case deals with threatening
telephone calls from subjects Palermo and Carbo from the
Philadelphia area to Los Angeles.

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Date: 2/17/60

Transmit the following in A I R T E L
(Type in plain text or code)Via _____
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: Director, FBI (92-4092)

FROM: SAC, Philadelphia (92-745)

FRANK BLINKY PALERMO, et al;
JACKIE LEONARD, aka, et al - VICTIMS
EXTORTION; AR
OO - Los AngelesRe Phila. airtels to Bureau 11/4/59 and Los Angeles
12/17/59, no cc Salt Lake City. *ARIZ PA*On 2/17/60, [redacted] who previously told of being
associated with [redacted] b7D

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

Above for info. of Bureau and interested offices only.
This matter will be followed and any additional information
developed will be promptly brought to the attention of Bureau.

- 3 - Bureau (92-4092)
- 1 - Los Angeles (92-642) - Info.
- 1 - New York (92-1384) - Info.
- 1 - Newark (92-376) - Info.
- 1 - Salt Lake City

Approved: *CEA* 32
3 - Phila. (92-745, 92-519, [redacted])
Special Agent in Charge

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March 7, 1960

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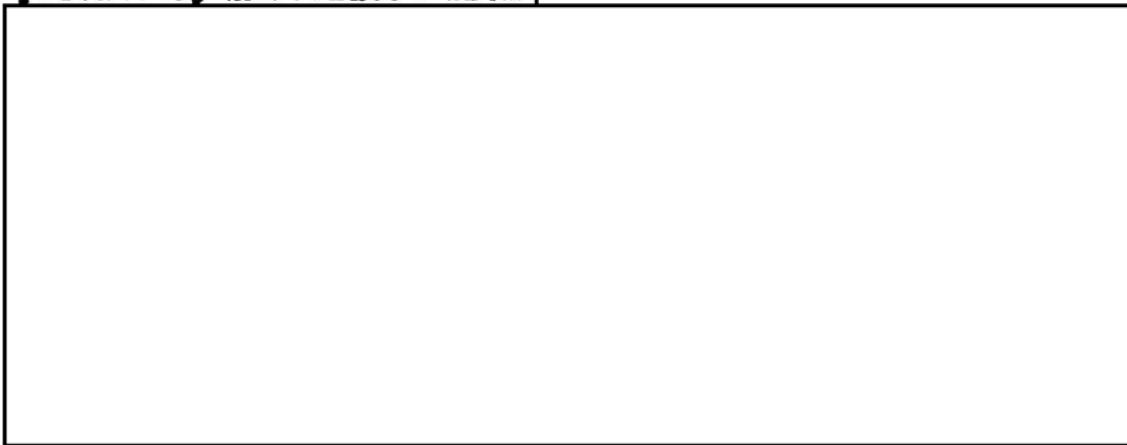
FRANK BLINKY PALERMO, et al;
JACKIE LEONARD, aka., et al - VICTIMS
EXTORTION; AR

Re Philadelphia airtel 2/17/60.

Philadelphia should follow this matter
closely and keep Bureau advised of developments.

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For the information of the Butte Office,
on 2/17/60 a Philadelphia informant, who was
previously associated with



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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE:

March 8, 1960

FROM : *MRW* Malcolm R. Wilkey, Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

MRW:PW:mms

SUBJECT: COMPLAINANT*Calif**mm/4-1*b6
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b7DReference is made to your memorandum of February 19, 1960, concerning TRUMANhas advised us that also stated that

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*Letter to SAC, LA, 3/10/60
EHS:mlj**R.J. [Signature]*
*WGA**[Signature]*
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SAC, Los Angeles (92-642)

March 10, 1960

Director, FBI (92-4092)

FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO
ET AL.
JACKIE LEONARD - VICTIM
ET AL.
EXTORTION
ANTI-RACKETEERING
CONSPIRACY

For your information [redacted] who has previously been identified as a potential criminal informant in your office, your file [redacted] appeared at the Bureau on 2/18/60 after being referred from the office of the Attorney General.

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[redacted] claimed that some weeks prior he had furnished information to [redacted]

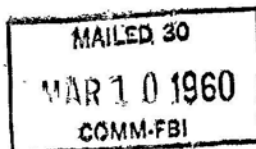
The above information was furnished to the Attorney General by letter dated 2/19/60. A reply was received 3/8/60 from the Criminal Division of the Department, a copy of which is attached hereto for your information.

Enclosure

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Date: 3/11/60

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Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plain text or code)Via AIR-TEL _____
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Parsons	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Malone	_____
Mr. McGulre	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tamm	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Mr. W.C. Sullivan	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Ingram	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-4092)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-1384)

SUBJECT: FRANK "Blinky" PALERMO aka,
ET AL; JACKIE LEONARD aka,
ET AL - VICTIMS
EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING
CONSPIRACY

Remyairtel, 1/25/60, captioned as above.

_____ on _____, confidentially
advised SA _____ as follows:

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_____ stated that _____

3- Bureau (92-4092)
1- New York (92-1384)

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Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

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3/14/60

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Appropriate dissemination is being left to the discretion of the Bureau, as this case is being prosecuted by LLOYD DUNN, Special Assistant to the Attorney General. This information has not been furnished to the LAO Office.

The identity of [REDACTED] as the source should be protected. P.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

March 14, 1960

FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, AKA., ET AL.;
JACKIE LEONARD, AKA., ET AL. - VICTIMS
EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING;
CONSPIRACY

On March 4, 1960, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] furnished the following
information:

[REDACTED] stated that on [REDACTED]

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2 cc Dept. of RS
2 cc L.A. by 0.7R/s for dissem. to USA
3/14/60 EHS:fw

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FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO

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NOTE: The above is based on an airtel from New York 3/11/60 and is the second time that [redacted] has furnished information concerning [redacted]

[redacted] The previous information from this source was disseminated by letterhead memorandum 1/26/60, both to the Department and the U. S. Attorney at Los Angeles. The information in this memorandum is also being disseminated in the same manner.

FBI

Date: 3/11/60

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL REGULAR
(Priority or Method of Mailing)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-4092)
FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (92-745)FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, aka; ETAL;
JACKIE LEONARD, aka - VICTIM; ETAL
EXTORTION; AR; CONSPIRACY
(OO-Los Angeles)

Re Los Angeles memo to the Bureau 3/4/60.

Unless Los Angeles advises Philadelphia of a more exact time when SE [redacted] will testify, he will arrive in Los Angeles in the morning of Monday, 3/28/60, aboard Union Pacific train 103, the City of Los Angeles Domeliner.

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SE [redacted] will have in his possession the original SF 64s for pages two through 2f and page three of the report of SA [redacted] dated 8/14/59, at Philadelphia, and page seven of SA [redacted] report of 12/8/59, at Philadelphia.

The original work papers covering the material reported in these SF 64s have been destroyed.

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When information is obtained from [redacted] records concerning toll calls, a carbon copy of the information obtained is made for the telephone company records. The carbon copy of SE [redacted] notes on the toll calls on Hilltop 9-1585 for the period from 10/22/58 to 4/21/59, the original toll tickets of which have been destroyed by the telephone company, is in the possession of the [redacted]

- 3 - Bureau (92-4092)
2 - Los Angeles (92-642)
1 - Philadelphia (92-745)

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[redacted]
[redacted] has advised SE [redacted] that she will have the telephone company employee who is subpoenaed to produce the pertinent records, take the carbon copy of SE [redacted] notes concerning the Hilltop 9-1585 calls with him to Los Angeles, so these notes will be available for the trial if they are needed.

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With regard to the toll calls made from telephone FU 9-6441 and FU 9-2664, during the period from 4/27/59 to 5/18/59, [redacted] advised SE [redacted] that the original toll tickets for these calls have been sent to the USA, Los Angeles, and she has only verifax copies of those tickets in her possession.

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Los Angeles is requested to advise Philadelphia promptly of any change in the time when it is essential for SE [redacted] to be present in Los Angeles to testify, in order that any necessary changes in his train reservations can be made as early as possible.

HENNRICH

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

MAR 16 1960

TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Parsons
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Malone
Mr. McGuire
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Trotter
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Tele. Room
Mr. Ingram
Miss Gandy

URGENT 3-16-60 8-30PM RDF

TO DIRECTOR, FBI --92-4092--

FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES --92-642-- 1P

FRANK QUOTE "BLINKY" PALERMO, ET AL. JACKIE LEONARD, AKA VICTIM, ^{ALSO KNOWN AS} ~~EXTORTION~~ ^{ANTI-RACKETEERING} CONSPIRACY. REMYAIRTEL MARCH FOURTEEN LAST AND BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL FEBRUARY TWELVE LAST INSTRUCTING NO INTERVIEW OF TRUMAN K. GIBSON, JR., BE CONDUCTED UNLESS AUTHORIZED BY BUREAU. ^{US ATTORNEY}

^{LOS ANGELES} LA, ADVISED TODAY GIBSON HAS MADE APPOINTMENT TO DISCUSS CASE WITH USA NINE THIRTY AM PST MARCH SEVENTEEN NEXT ^I AN USA-S OFFICE. GIBSON REPORTEDLY HAS RELEASES IN WRITING FROM HIS ATTORNEYS OF RECORD AND HAS INDICATED HE WILL GIVE STATEMENT UNDER OATH. USA REQUESTED SA

WHO HAS HANDLED INVESTIGATION FROM INCEPTION, SIT IN ON INTERVIEW OF GIBSON, COMMENTING SA WOULD PROBABLY BE ASKED TO TAKE WRITTEN STATEMENT FROM GIBSON AT APPROPRIATE TIME FOLLOWING DISCUSSION OF MATTER WITH GIBSON. NO COMMITMENTS MADE TO USA, ^{Los Angeles} LA RE PRESENCE. ^{UNLESS ADVISED TO CONTRARY BY BUREAU} UACB BY NINE AM PST MARCH SEVENTEEN NEXT, USA WILL BE INFORMED AGENT WILL NOT SIT IN ON INTERVIEW WITH GIBSON, AND WILL BE FURTHER ADVISED IF, AFTER INTERVIEW WITH GIBSON BY USA AND STAFF, ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION, INCLUDING STATEMENT FROM GIBSON, DESIRED, FURTHER REQUEST SHOULD BE MADE OF THIS OFFICE. BUREAU WILL BE KEPT CURRENTLY ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENT AND NO INTERVIEW OF GIBSON WILL BE CONDUCTED OR SIGNED STATEMENT TAKEN FROM HIM WITHOUT PRIOR BUREAU AUTHORIZATION.

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Trial of "Blinky" Palermo, Frank Carbo, Truman Gibson and two West Coast hoodlums, who attempted to control world welterweight champion, scheduled to start Los Angeles 3/29/60. Information previously received that [redacted]

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Attorney prior to trial. U. S. Attorney has now advised that Gibson telephonically contacted him 3/14/60, stating he has discharged attorney and would arrange conference with U. S. Attorney at a later date. Attached advises that Gibson made appointment with U. S. Attorney for today, 12:30 P. M., our time, at office of U. S. Attorney and has indicated he will give statement under oath. U. S. Attorney has requested Agent [redacted] who has handled investigation, to sit in on interview of Gibson and would probably be asked to take written statement at appropriate time following discussion.

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[redacted] If you agree Los Angeles will be advised of this position.

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11:21 AM SAC San Francisco
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Date: 3/14/60

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SUBJECT: FRANK 'BLINKY' PALERMO, aka; ET AL;
JACKIE LEONARD, aka-VICTIM; ETAL.
EXTORTION; AR; CONSPIRACY

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ReBulet 3/10/60.

Following learned in confidence from Office of
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An informant, [redacted]
called on USA morning of [redacted]

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USA awaits further contact from GIBSON, realizing that [redacted]

USA advised defendant LOUIS THOMAS DRAGNA's attorney [redacted] filed motion to dismiss indictment as to DRAGNA on 3/11/60 on grounds that have been previously argued and decided in government's favor in motions to strike phrases from indictment. On 3/14/60 Attorney [redacted] representing defendant JOSEPH SICA advised USA he wishes to join in the motion to dismiss filed by DRAGNA, on behalf of SICA.

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Further, that on 3/14/60 Attorney [redacted] of the American Civil Liberties Union, Los Angeles, has joined Attorney [redacted] on behalf of Defendant PAUL JOHN CARBO in a motion to dismiss the Writ of Habeas Corpus Ad prosequendum issued by USDC Judge E. A. TOLIN ordering CARBO to be brought from New York State custody to Los Angeles for trial. Motion will be argued 3/16/60. USA advised defense claims Write is not available for such purpose, but that same point was argued by Attorney [redacted] on behalf of FRANK DESIMONE (who was convicted in the Apalachin trial) when DESIMONE was held in New York for contempt of court, and court decided in favor of government. Considers these merely delaying tactics. [redacted] informed court he has talked with [redacted] who reported CARBO had had 105 degree temperature recently. USA suspects condition of health may be used as argument to delay trial, at least of CARBO, and to try to force government to trail of others in absence of CARBO.

Above must be considered as incomplete because no contact has been had with [redacted] by this office, and [redacted] reportedly declined to be detailed in his comments with USA.

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Bureau will be advised of all developments.

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FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES 792-6427
FRANK QUOTE BLINKY UNQUOTE PALERMO, AKA, ET AL. JACKIE
ET AL. EXTORTION. AR. CONSPIRACY.

LEONARD, AKA DASH VICTIM, ET AL.
BUFILE NINETYTWO DASH FOUR ZERO NINE TWO. REMYTEL THREE
SIXTEEN LAST, BUTEL CALL THREE SEVENTEEN INSTANT. DEFENDANT
TRUMAN K. GIBSON, JR., APPEARED AT OFFICES USA, LA, TODAY
ACCOMPANIED BY ATTORNEY [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] WITH USA STAFF, GIBSON OFFERED

ACCOMPANIED BY ATTORNEY [REDACTED], OF CG. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH USA STAFF, GIBSON OFFERED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS, DID NOT VOLUNTEER INFO NOT ALREADY KNOWN. DISCUSSION, EXPLORATORY, APPARENTLY INCONCLUSIVE, PROSPECTS UNCERTAIN AS GIBSON-S INTENTION REMAINS OBSCURE. BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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FROM SAC LOS ANGELES 92-642 1 P

FRANK QUOTE BLINKY UNQUOTE PALERMO, AKA--ET AL-- JACKIE
LEONARD, AKA-VICTIM-- EL AL. EXTORTION-- AR-- CONSPIRACY.
USA, LA ADVISED TODAY ATTORNEY [REDACTED] REPRESENTING
DEFENDANT TRUMAN K. GIBSON, JR., HAS INFORMED USA [REDACTED]

NOW APPEARS [REDACTED]

PROMINENT NAACP ATTORNEY, LA, WILL REPRESENT GIBSON AT TRIAL.

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EXTORTION; AR; Conspiracy

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Re Philadelphia airtel to Director, 2/17/60, and
 Bulet to Philadelphia, cc Butte, 3/7/60, captioned as above.

On 3/14/60.

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Informant instructed to closely follow developments this matter and Bureau will be kept advised of any additional developments.

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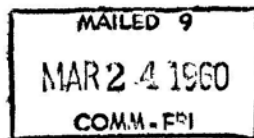
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FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, ET AL.;
JACKIE LEONARD, AKA., ET AL. - VICTIMS;
EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING; CONSPIRACY

Reurairtel 3/15/60.

Bureau desires that information of this type henceforth be furnished in a communication with a proper title other than that of instant caption. Instant case is a current one which is going to trial and general intelligence information such as set forth in reairtel is desired but should be furnished as indicated.

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FROM SAC LOS ANGELES 92-642 2P

FRANK QUOTE BLINKY UNQUOTE PALERMO, AKA, ET AL--JACKIE
LEONARD, AKA DASH VICTIM, ET AL. EXTORTION, ANTI
RACKETEERING, CONSPIRACY. REMYTEL TODAY.

NEW YORK OFFICE ADVISES DR. JONATHAN HUMMEL, BELLEVUE
HOSPITAL, STATES STAFF DIAGNOSED CARBO AS HAVING URIC ACID
STONES CAUSING KIDNEY TO BLEED. HIS TEMPERATURE ROSE
TO DANGER POINT, STAFF ORDERED SURGERY. OPERATION MARCH TWENTY
FIVE INSTANT PERFORMED, REVEALED LARGE STONE AND SEVERAL
SMALL STONES WHICH WERE REMOVED. CARBO IN HOSPITAL RECOVERY
ROOM, CONDITION GOOD. BARRING COMPLICATIONS, ACCORDING
TO DOCTOR, CARBO WILL BE FIT FOR TRAVEL TO LOS ANGELES BY
AIR AND ABLE TO STAND TRIAL IN THREE WEEKS. UPON ARRIVAL
HERE, SHOULD BE LODGED IN HOSPITAL, UNDER OBSERVATION OF
DOCTOR. HIS URIC ACID CONDITION COULD CAUSE MORE STONES TO
FORM AT FUTURE DATE. U.S. ATTORNEY, LOS ANGELES, ADVISED

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PAGE TWO

OF FOREGOING, STATES USDC JUDGE, E.A. TOLIN, IS OUT OF CITY,
CANNOT BE LOCATED TODAY, WILL PRESENT FACTS TO JUDGE ON
MONDAY, MARCH TWENTY EIGHT NEXT. U.S. ATTORNEY WILL RESIST
TRIAL SEVERANCE, INSISTING ALL DEFENDANTS BE TRIED TOGETHER
AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE. BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED

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Reporting Office LOS ANGELES	Office of Origin LOS ANGELES	Date 3/23/60	Investigative Period 3/1 - 21/60
TITLE OF CASE FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, aka; ET AL; JACKIE LEONARD, aka - VICTIM; ET AL		Report made by 	Typed By: pk
		CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING; CONSPIRACY	

REFERENCES: Summary report of SA dated 10/26/59
at Los Angeles
Report of SA dated 11/6/59 at
Los Angeles
Report of SAA dated 11/12/59
at Chicago
Report of SA dated 12/8/59
at Philadelphia.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

The Bureau has been kept currently advised through teletypes and airtels of the developments in this matter as they occurred. Contents of these communications are not being included in this report, as they do not deal with matters relating to the investigation, but to ancillary matters.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Date:

March 23, 1960

Office: Los Angeles, California

Field Office File #: Los Angeles 92-642

Bureau File #: 92-4092

Title: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO; ET AL;
JACKIE LEONARD - VICTIM; ET ALCharacter: EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING;
CONSPIRACY

Synopsis:

All defendants in U.S. District Court case No. 27973, Los Angeles, entered pleas of not guilty to indictment. Trial scheduled for 12/8/59 postponed to 3/29/60. Authenticated copies of judgments of convictions of defendants PAUL JOHN CARBO and JOSEPH SICA forwarded to the U.S. Attorney, Los Angeles. Copy of New York State indictment of CARBO, to which he entered plea of guilty to three counts and is currently serving sentence, forwarded U.S. Attorney, Los Angeles.

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ENCLOSURES: TO USA, LOS ANGELES:

One (1) authenticated copy, judgment Los Angeles Superior Court No. 142058 dated 11/8/51 regarding JOSEPH SICA.

One (1) authenticated copy of a sentencing report, case No. 1586, Valencia County, New Mexico, dated 5/20/29, regarding JOSEPH SICA.

One (1) authenticated copy judgment of conviction, case No. 329, September term 1928, and No. 19 April term 1932, Essex County Court of Quarter Sessions, Newark, New Jersey, regarding JOSEPH SICA.

One (1) authenticated copy, certificate of disposition, County Court of Bronx, New York, No. 649 (1928), showing guilty plea of PAUL CARBO 2/26/30.

One (1) copy of indictment against PAUL JOHN CARBO in Court of General Sessions, County of New York.

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DETAILS

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA:

A review of the docket, United States District Court (USDC) Clerk, Federal Building, case No. 27973 in the Southern District of California, Central Division, shows that defendant TRUMAN K. GIBSON, Jr., entered a plea of not guilty to counts one and five of the indictment on October 9, 1959.

Defendant FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO entered a plea of not guilty on October 22, 1959, after arraignment, to counts one, two, four, five, six, eight and ten of the indictment.

On November 2, 1959, defendant JOSEPH SICA entered a plea of not guilty to counts one, four and five of the indictment.

On November 2, 1959, defendant LOUIS THOMAS DRAGNA entered a plea of not guilty to counts one and five of the indictment.

On November 25, 1959, a writ of habeas corpus ad prosequendum was issued by the Court directing the delivery of defendant PAUL JOHN CARBO before the Court. On December 2, 1959, defendant CARBO was arraigned in the USDC at Los Angeles, and on December 8 defendant CARBO entered a plea of not guilty to counts one, three, five, seven and nine of the indictment. The Court ordered defendant CARBO returned to New York State authorities, to be returned to the Southern District of California at a subsequent date for trial.

Trial in this matter was originally scheduled for December 8, 1959, and was subsequently postponed to March 29, 1960.

There are enclosed for the United States Attorney (USA) at Los Angeles, with this report, authenticated copies of documents showing judgments of conviction or available commitment papers relating to defendants PAUL JOHN CARBO and JOSEPH SICA, in which it is possible that the convictions may be classified as relating to felonies, thus of use to the USA in the prosecution of this case. These items include the following:

Judgment of conviction in case entitled People of the State of California vs. JOSEPH SICA, Superior Court, Los Angeles County, California, case No. 142058, in which the defendant was found guilty of the crime of conspiracy to violate subdivisions one, two, three, four, five and six of Section 337A, Penal Code, a felony, as charged in the Information, and defendant having committed prior convictions as alleged in the Information was sentenced to be imprisoned in the County Jail of Los Angeles for the term of one year. The defendant was granted a stay of execution of sentence pending appeal. Date of judgment was November 8, 1951.

Case No. 19, April term of 1932, Essex County Court of Quarter Sessions, Newark, New Jersey, entitled the State of New Jersey vs. JOSEPH SICA showing indictment February 11, 1931, for robbery, to which the defendant entered a plea of Non Vult April 17, 1932, and on April 18, 1932, the court suspended sentence. Previously in case No. 329, September term of 1928, Essex Court of Quarter Sessions, Newark, entitled State of New Jersey vs. JOSEPH SICA, an indictment was returned October 2, 1928, charging larceny from person.

On October 22, 1928, the defendant, JOSEPH SICA, entered a plea of Non Vult, and on November 5, 1928, the defendant received a sentence which was suspended, placed on three years' probation at \$1 per week. On February 7, 1931, the defendant's probation was violated, and he was resentedenced to the reformatory at Rahway, New Jersey.

A sentencing report from the Seventh Judicial District, Las Lunas, New Mexico, dated May 20, 1929, to the Superintendent, New Mexico Penitentiary, Santa Fe, New Mexico, shows JOSEPH SICA was sentenced from Valencia County, New Mexico, following a plea of guilty to grand larceny charges to serve one year to one year and one day and pay costs of \$6.90.

A certificate of disposition in the County Court of Bronx, New York, in the case entitled People of the State of New York against PAUL CARBO, shows that the defendant entered a plea of guilty to the crime of manslaughter in the first degree on February 26, 1930, and was sentenced to State Prison for two to four years on the same date.

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PAUL JOHN CARBO was indicted by the New York Grand Jury on July 24, 1958. A copy of that indictment charging conspiracy to violate New York laws controlling professional boxing is enclosed for the United States Attorney, Los Angeles.

According to HELEN DONAHUE, Secretary to Assistant District Attorney ALFRED SCOTTI, New York County, 155 Leonard Street, New York City, CARBO entered a plea of guilty to counts one, two and seven of this ten-count indictment.

Count one charged CARBO with having between on or about September 1, 1957, and on or about March 31, 1958, in New York County, New York, knowingly, wilfully, and communally conspired with one [redacted] also known as [redacted] to commit the crime of participating directly and indirectly in a boxing match as a manager, without first having procured an appropriate license as prescribed in Section 9107 of the Unconsolidated Laws, in violation of Section 9133 of the Unconsolidated Laws of the State of New York.

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As part of said conspiracy, it was the plan of the defendant and [redacted] that the defendant would act as an undercover manager for certain professional boxers whom the said [redacted] was licensed to manage and that the defendant, in his role as undercover manager, would use his influence to secure matches for said professional boxers.

In furtherance of this conspiracy, five overt acts were charged.

Count two of the indictment charges defendant CARBO with the crime of participating directly and indirectly in a boxing match as a manager, without first having procured an appropriate license as prescribed in Section 9107 of the Unconsolidated Laws, in violation of Section 9133 of the Unconsolidated Laws of the State of New York, committed as follows:

The defendant, in the County of New York, on or about February 21, 1958, participated directly and indirectly in the professional boxing match between JIMMY PETERS and GEORGE CHIMENTI held on February 21, 1958, in the County of New York, as a manager of the said JIMMY PETERS without first having procured an appropriate license as prescribed in Section 9107 of the Unconsolidated Laws of the State of New York.

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Count seven charges defendant CARBO with the crime of participating directly and indirectly in a boxing match as a match-maker, without first having procured an appropriate license as prescribed in Section 9107 of the Unconsolidated Laws, in violation of Section 9133 of the Unconsolidated Laws of the State of New York, committed as follows:

The defendant, in the County of New York, on or about March 21, 1958, participated directly and indirectly in the professional boxing match between VIRGIL AKINS and ISAAC LOGART held on March 21, 1958, as a match-maker, without first having procured an appropriate license as prescribed in Section 9107 of the Unconsolidated Laws of the State of New York.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI /92-4092/

FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES /92-642/

FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, AKA ET AL - JACKIE LEONARD, AKA -

VICTIM - ET AL - EXTORTION, AR , CONSPIRACY. USA, LOS ANGELES,

ADVISED TODAY ATTORNEYS FOR DEFENDANT PAUL JOHN CARBO FILED

MOTION IN U.S. SUPREME COURT, MARCH TWENTY FIVE LAST TO

QUASH WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS ORDERING HIM TO LOS ANGELES.

USDC JUDGE E. A. TOLIN TODAY POSTPONED TRIAL OF CARBO UNTIL

JULY TWELVE NEXT, BECAUSE OF CARBO-S PHYSICAL CONDITION.

WHEN CASE OF OTHER DEFENDANTS IS CALLED ON MARCH TWENTY-

NINE, USA WILL ASK CONTINUANCE FOR THOSE DEFENDANTS IN

EFFORT TO HAVE ALL DEFENDANTS ON TRIAL TOGETHER. BUREAU

WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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TO DIRECTOR AND SAC NEW YORK

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FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, AKA.; ET AL; JACKIE LEONARD, AKA.-
 VICTIM; ET AL. EXTORTION; AR; CONSPIRACY. USDC JUDGE ERNEST
 A. TOLIN TODAY POSTPONED TRIAL OF CAPTIONED CASE AGAINST
 ALL DEFENDANTS UNTIL JULY 12, 1960.

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ET AL; JACKIE LEONARD, aka. -
VICTIM; ET AL
EXTORTION; AR; CONSPIRACY

Information received today that subject TRUMAN KELLA GIBSON, JR. was in conference with Staff of U. S. Attorney, Los Angeles - four hours afternoon of 5/4/60; three and one-half hours morning of 5/5/60; conference continuing, with reporter recording all remarks.

Reasons for conference unknown, but probability for same purpose as prior conferences to hear GIBSON's comments.

Through appropriate liaison, results of conference will be sought from U. S. Attorney. Bureau will be kept advised.

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RE: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, aka; ET AL;
JACKIE LEONARD, aka - VICTIM; ET AL
EXTORTION; A-R; CONSPIRACY
OO: Los Angeles

USA, Los Angeles, reported trial in captioned matter was postponed on 6/15/60 until 2/14/61 by USDC Judge ERNEST A. TOLIN, on Government motion for continuance. This action based on desire to try all defendants in one trial, with delay necessary pending U.S. Supreme Court decision on defendant PAUL JOHN CARBO's petition to dismiss District Court's writ of habeas corpus and prosequendum which orders CARBO's removal from New York to stand trial in USDC, Los Angeles. Supreme Court has set petition for argument during its 10/60 term. Government will petition Supreme Court to advance case to top of its October calendar. District Court will amend its writ to designate New trial date, ordering CARBO to Los Angeles during late 1/61. This will not change legal point involved in CARBO's petition. Judge TOLIN commented courts issue these writs constantly and it is important their legality be decided by Supreme Court.

Defendant JOSEPH SICA made oral motion for reduction of bail from \$25,000 to \$10,000, stating has another bond premium coming due. USA did not object as SICA has appeared

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personally in court for all of the numerous hearings in case.
Bail reduction granted by court.

Defendant LOUIS TOM DRAGNA made oral motion for reduction of his bail from \$25,000 to \$2,500. USA objected. Court instructed DRAGNA to file formal petition if he desired further consideration for bail reduction.

Information copies furnished offices where defendants and witnesses residing. Bureau and interested offices will be kept informed.

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Reporting Office LOS ANGELES	Office of Origin LOS ANGELES	Date 11/2/60	Investigative Period 11/1/60
TITLE OF CASE FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, aka; ET AL; JACKIE LEONARD, aka. - VICTIM; ET AL		Report made by 	Typed By: b6 b7c mpo
		EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING; CONSPIRACY	

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AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: Will follow and report action taken in prosecution pending in U.S. District Court, Los Angeles.

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November 4, 1960

FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, ET AL.;
JACKIE LEONARD, ET AL. - VICTIMS
EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING; CONSPIRACY

On November 1, 1960, [REDACTED]
Criminal Division, requested information concerning the
present state of health of Paul John "Frankie" Carbo,
who is the petitioner in a matter awaiting hearing before
the Supreme Court of the United States.

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On November 2, 1960, Dr. Meyer Farbman, Medical
Officer, Prison Hospital, Rikers Island, Bronx, New York,
advised this Bureau that Paul John Carbo is ambulatory but
still a patient for purposes of special diet and medication
in connection with his diabetic condition. Dr. Farbman
also stated that Carbo is able to travel and to stand trial
but that he would require medication during the trial.

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NOTE:

On 9-22-59 Carbo and 4 others were indicted for
extortion and conspiracy in the Southern District of
California. Carbo was arrested in Baltimore, Maryland,
where he posted bond returnable to the District Court for
the Southern District of California. Prior to appearing
Carbo pled guilty to 3 misdemeanor charges in New York City
and was sentenced to serve a two-year term of imprisonment.
New York authorities honored a writ of habeas corpus ad
prosequendum and returned Carbo to California in early
December, 1959, where he pleaded not guilty to the indictment.
In March of 1960 the District Court issued a writ of habeas
corpus ad prosequendum to New York authorities directing
Carbo's return to Los Angeles for trial. Carbo filed a
motion to quash the writ which was denied by the District
Court and the Court of Appeals. Carbo effected further
delays on the basis of his ill health and filed a petition
for a writ of certiorari with the Supreme Court questioning
the power of the District Court to bring before the District
Court for trial a prisoner held by state officials. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] requested information concerning Carbo's present
state of health so that he would have this information
available in the event the question arose during the pending
hearing before the Supreme Court.

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FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, ET AL.;
JACKIE LEONARD - VICTIM, ET AL.
EXTORTION, ANTI-RACKETEERING, CONSPIRACY

Re Los Angeles report 11-2-60.

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In view of the public interest presently being generated concerning the subjects of captioned matter as a result of the hearings presently being held before the Senate Antitrust and Monopoly Subcommittee investigating professional boxing, the Los Angeles Office should maintain close contact with the Office of the U. S. Attorney so that the Bureau will be currently advised of all developments arising in this matter. Every effort must be made to insure protection of the Bureau's interest in this case. The Los Angeles Office should advise the Bureau concerning the present status of prosecution of this case. All pertinent developments should be called to the Bureau's attention by appropriate communication.

Note: On 9-29-60 Frankie Carbo, Blinky Palermo, Joseph Sica, Louis Tom Dragna, and Truman Gibson, Jr., were indicted for extortion and conspiracy in the Southern District of California in connection with their attempts to control the activities of boxer Donald Jordan. Trial in this case has been delayed due to a petition for a writ of certiorari filed before the Supreme Court of the U. S. It is noted that Truman Gibson has already testified before the subcommittee and it is expected that Palermo will also be called to testify. Due to the national interest in the subcommittee hearings the Los Angeles Office is being alerted to maintain close contact with the Office of the USA to be certain that the Bureau's interests in this case are fully protected.

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January 26, 1961

Director, FBI

JOHN PAUL "FRANKIE" CARBO, ET AL.;
JACKIE^o LEONARD - VICTIM
EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING;
CONSPIRACY

In connection with our discussion concerning John Paul "Frankie" Carbo, I thought you would be interested in the prosecutive status of this matter.

On September 22, 1959, Carbo, Frank "Blinky" Palermo, Joseph Sica, Louis Dragna, and Truman K. Gibson, Jr., were arrested simultaneously in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Baltimore, Maryland; Los Angeles, California and Chicago, Illinois. All had been charged in an indictment in the Southern District of California with ten counts of extortion, conspiracy and anti-racketeering. Specifically, it was alleged that telephonic threats had been made to Jackie Leonard, a Los Angeles fight promoter, and [redacted] manager of the world welterweight boxing champion, Don Jordan, in connection with Carbo's efforts to secure an interest in Jordan's contract.

Carbo, who has a long arrest record dating back to 1928, and his associate, Frank "Blinky" Palermo, are alleged to have controlled the world welterweight boxing title for the past 25 years. Joseph Sica and Louis Dragna have been described as West Coast hoodlums and muscle men. Truman K. Gibson, Jr., is a Chicago attorney, prominent in the boxing world and a former member of the Executive Board of the International Boxing Club until its dissolution by a Federal court order in New York City.

Trial was originally scheduled for March 1960, in the Southern District of California at Los Angeles; however, all subjects, principally Carbo, have engaged in stalling tactics in an effort to postpone trial. The Supreme Court on January 9, 1961, by denying Carbo's motion to quash a writ of habeas corpus

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ad prosequendum directing his return to the jurisdiction of the Southern District of California, apparently has ended legal maneuverings. Trial is now scheduled for all subjects in United States District Court at Los Angeles, California, on February 14, 1961.

I will keep you advised of all pertinent developments in connection with this investigation.

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Date: 1/27/61

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OO: LOS ANGELES

On 1/27/61, United States Attorney LAUGHLIN E. WATERS, Los Angeles, advised that he will personally present the government's case in captioned matter before the U. S. District Court. Trial scheduled to commence 2/21/61. He will be assisted by AUSA [REDACTED]

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USA made available four volumes of reporter transcript recording interviews of Defendant TRUMAN K. GIBSON JR., with Assistant U. S. Attorneys at Los Angeles on May 4, 5, 6 and 18, 1960, which were not signed by GIBSON, but were given by GIBSON in an effort to obtain dismissal of the indictment against him. Negotiations for these statements were made by GIBSON with the U. S. Attorney's Office. The Los Angeles FBI Office in no way participated in either the negotiations or the taking of the statements and has not previously examined the statements.

The USA stated the purpose now in making available the statements of GIBSON is to have Bureau

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Agent who conducted interviews with most of the prospective witnesses, review GIBSON's statements and analyze them in comparison with statements of witnesses on numerous critical points in the case such as telephone calls, meetings and other incidents admitted by GIBSON or denied by him, to assist USA in preparation for trial. Review is being made.

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It was learned in confidence that [REDACTED]

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USA advised that Defendant PAUL JOHN CARBO was brought to Los Angeles from New York City by plane on 1/25/61, was delivered to custody of the U. S. Marshal here, and was lodged in the Los Angeles County Jail to await trial in this case, pursuant to writ of habeas corpus ad prosequendum.

USA advised that the New York state sentence now being served by CARBO, expires 2/25/61, that CARBO's bond of \$100,000.00 posted after his arrest at Baltimore, Maryland, in captioned case, is still in effect; and that

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it is expected CARBO will be released from custody pursuant to the completion of sentence and on bail on 2/25/61.

Bureau will be kept advised of developments.

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EXTORTION; AR; CONSPIRACY
OO: Los Angeles

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USA, Los Angeles advised today that Dept. of Justice has appointed ALVIN P. GOLDSTEIN as special prosecutor to represent government in captioned matter. Information concerning GOLDSTEIN has been furnished previously to Bureau, including data that he is former Assistant District Attorney in New York, came to California about two years ago and while preparing for California Bar examination was employed by Governor BROWN to make a survey of crime in this state. GOLDSTEIN's report after survey was widely criticised as not factual or realistic.

USA WATERS apparently will not participate in trial pursuant to this special appointment of GOLDSTEIN. It is believed GOLDSTEIN has been practicing law in San Francisco.

USA advised today that FRANK CARBO's New York sentence will expire 2/21/61 rather than 2/25/61, according to most recent advice from New York Prison warden. Captioned case trial still scheduled to commence 2/21/61.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO :

Mr. Parsons *APC*

DATE: February 1, 1961

FROM :

A. Rosen *R*

SUBJECT:

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In line with the Director's recent discussion with the Attorney General concerning captioned investigation, it has been confidentially learned by our Los Angeles Office that

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This case had formerly been assigned Special Assistant Attorney General Lloyd F. Dunn, who has since resigned his position with the Department of Justice to enter the Congressional primary.

At the present time trial is scheduled for 2-21-61 in U. S. District Court, Los Angeles, California, wherein all subjects are charged with extortion, anti-racketeering and conspiracy in regard to threats made to Jackie Leonard, a Los Angeles fight promoter, and Donald Neseth, manager of the world welterweight boxing champion, Don Jordan, in an attempt to secure an interest in Jordan's contract.

Full details concerning this investigation were recently furnished the Attorney General.

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TITLE OF CASE FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, aka; ET AL JACKIE LEONARD, aka - VICTIM; ET AL		Report 	Typed By BLR
		CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING; CONSPIRACY	

REFERENCES: Report of SA dated 11/2/60 at Los Angeles;
Los Angeles airtel to Bureau 1/10/61; 1/24/61; 1/27/61;
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AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: Will follow and report prosecution pending in U.S. District Court, Los Angeles.

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Field Office File No.: 92-642

Bureau File No.: 92-11092

Title: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO; ET AL
JACKIE LEONARD - VICTIM; ET AL

Character: EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING; CONSPIRACY

Synopsis: Trial of subjects scheduled U.S. District Court, Los Angeles, California, before Judge ERNEST A. TOLIN, 2/21/61. Subject PAUL JOHN CARBO was on 1/25/61 removed from New York prison by U.S. Marshal to Los Angeles pursuant to writ of habeas corpus ad prosequendum issued by U.S. District Court, Los Angeles, and upheld by U.S. Supreme Court decision rendered 1/9/61. CARBO continues serving state sentence which expires 1/21/61 and his \$100,000 bond posted after arrest in this matter remains in effect. Records of [REDACTED]

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DETAILS:AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Subject PAUL JOHN CARBO has been serving a New York State sentence following a plea of guilty to violation of certain laws of that state relating to boxing athletic matters.

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In order to make CARBO available for trial in this matter at Los Angeles, the U.S. District Court at Los Angeles, Honorable ERNEST A. TOLIN, Judge, presiding, issued a Writ of Habeas Corpus ad Prosequendum, directing the removal of CARBO to the jurisdiction of the court which issued the writ. Attorneys for CARBO filed a motion to dismiss the writ, the motion was overruled, and an appeal was taken to the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, where the writ was again upheld. On May 31, 1960, the U.S. Supreme Court granted the petition for writ of certiorari in the case entitled "PAUL JOHN CARBO vs UNITED STATES OF AMERICA," Number 875 Appellate of the October, 1959, term of said court. The matter was subsequently renumbered to No. 72 Appellate of the October, 1960, term of said court, and after argument by the parties, was decided by the court on January 9, 1961, upholding the Writ of Habeas Corpus ad Prosequendum.

According to advice from Assistant U.S. Attorney CHARLES A. LYNNBERG, Los Angeles, CARBO was removed by the U.S. Marshal from New York to Los Angeles, pursuant to the Writ of Habeas Corpus ad Prosequendum on January 25, 1961, and was placed in the Los Angeles County Jail, continuing on sentence pronounced in New York State court. According to information furnished the U.S. Attorney, Los Angeles, by New York State authorities, CARBO's New York state sentence will expire January 21, 1961, at which time he is eligible to release from that sentence. According to the U.S. Attorney, bond previously posted by CARBO in the amount of \$100,000 at the time of his arrest on federal charges at Baltimore, Maryland, on September 22, 1959, is currently in effect.

On February 1, 1961, U.S. Attorney LAUGHLIN E. WATERS, Los Angeles, requested inquiry at [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Inquiry was conducted [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] were identified, and the data orally
supplied to Assistant U.S. Attorney [REDACTED] on February 2, 1961.
AUSA [REDACTED] obtained [REDACTED] pursuant to a Federal
Grand Jury subpoena issued February 2, 1961, and served upon

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[REDACTED] the same date by a Deputy U.S. Marshal
at Los Angeles. Details of the inquiry follow.

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[redacted] telephone [redacted] was interviewed
at his place of employment.

He advised that he has custody and control of [redacted]
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The Attorney General

February 13, 1961

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A highly confidential source in our Philadelphia Office. [redacted] advised that

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The above is being furnished for your information.

- Mr. Byron R. White
Deputy Attorney General

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Criminal Division

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. C. A. Evans

DATE: February 10, 1961

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, aka;
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SAC William G. Simon of Los Angeles called and advised that he had been informed by Goldstein that Goldstein was anxious to know whether the Bureau had received any answer from the Department. Simon advised Goldstein that he was sure the Bureau had received any answer from the Department it would immediately bring it to the attention of the Los Angeles Office. Simon told Goldstein that the decision with reference to this matter rests with the Department and just as soon as he hears further he will know what the decision may be.

I advised Simon that the matter is presently pending with the Department and we have not heard anything further on the matter.

No further action need be taken at this time.

cc - Mr. Welte

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DATE: 2-8-61

FROM : W. B. Welte

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SUBJECT: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, et.al.

JACKIE LEONARD, aka. VICTIM

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At 8:10 p.m. this date SAC William Simon, Los Angeles Office, telephonically advised that the U. S. Attorneys and U. S. Marshals use a teletype machine at the Federal Court-House and that this machine is operated by a GSA employee.

It was not possible to determine the contents of any message sent; however, SAC Simon stated that according to his best knowledge, U. S. Marshal is responsible to the Executive Officer for U. S. Marshals, who is Clive W. Palmer. Palmer is responsible to the Deputy Attorney General (Byron White). Simon further stated that the U. S. Government Manual states that the Administrative Assistant to the Attorney General is Mr. Andretta, who is responsible for the examination of U. S. Marshals.

Simon concluded that in his opinion the message was directed to Palmer or Andretta or their replacements.

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FROM SAC, BOSTON /9-1199/ 2 PAGES

FRANK QUOTE BLINKY UNQUOTE PALERMO, AKA, ET AL, JACKIE LEONARD,
AKA, DASH VICTIM, ET AL. EXTORTION, AR, CONSPIRACY. OO LOS
ANGELES. RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED FEBRUARY
THIRTEEN, SIXTY-ONE. ON INSTANT DATE SA [REDACTED]

CONTACTED CHIEF COUNSEL [REDACTED] GILLETTE SAFETY

RAZOR COMPANY, GILLETTE PARK, BOSTON, MASS., AND OBTAINED THE
FOLLOWING INFORMATION. [REDACTED] RELATED THAT IN DECEMBER,

ONE NINE FIVE EIGHT, GILLETTE SAFETY RAZOR COMPANY HAD CONTRACT
WITH NBC FOR NATIONAL TELEVISION COVERAGE OF WELTERWEIGHT

CHAMPION VIRGIL ATKINS AND CHALLENGER DON JORDAN FIGHT TO BE
HELD AT LOS ANGELES DECEMBER FIVE, ONE NINE FIVE EIGHT. IN

CONNECTION THEREWITH GILLETTE COMPANY HAD SEPARATE CONTRACT

WITH INTERNATIONAL BOXING CLUB, INC. OF NEW YORK FOR THE
CHAMPIONSHIP BOUT. [REDACTED] DISPLAYED A LETTER DATED NOVEMBER 15 1961

ELEVEN, ONE NINE FIVE EIGHT FROM IBC WHEREIN LATTER CORPORATION

BILLED GILLETTE FOR FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR TELEVISION

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AND RADIO RIGHTS AT THIS BOXING MATCH. [REDACTED]

HAS STATED THAT [REDACTED] WILL ANSWER ANY SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM
ISSUED FOR RECORDS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HOWEVER, REQUESTED THAT
SEVERAL DAYS PRIOR NOTICE BE GIVEN SO THAT HE CAN DESIGNATE THE
INDIVIDUAL IN [REDACTED] WHO WILL ANSWER THE SUBPOENA
AND PRODUCE RECORDS AT TRIAL IN LOS ANGELES, IF NEEDED. RUC.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI 92-4092 SAC-S PHILADELPHIA, MIAMI
FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES 92-642 2P

FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, AKA., ET AL.. JACKIE LEONARD, AKA., -

VICTIM, ET AL., EXTORTION., AR., CONSPIRACY. RE PHILADELPHIA
TELETYPE TO MIAMI FEBRUARY EIGHT LAST AND PHILADELPHIA AIR TEL
TO BUREAU COPIES OF WHICH FURNISH FURNISHED LOS ANGELES. LATTER
INDICATES [REDACTED]

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INFORMATION PHILADELPHIA AND MIAMI. JACKIE LEONARD, PRINCIPAL
WITNESS THIS MATTER, HAS RECEIVED THREE THELEPHONE THREATS, ONE
SATURDAY LAST AND TWO MONDAY. CALLER YESTERDAY IN FIRST CALL SAID
QUOTE YOUSE WILL NEVER MAKE IT. UNQUOTE. THEN HUNG UP. ABOUT
THREE HOURS LATER SECOND PHONE CALL RECEIVED WHICH SAID QUOTE DID
YOUSE EVER SEE A BROAD SPREADEAGLED. THOSE GUYS CAN-T BE WITH YOUSE
FOREVER. YOUSE CAN RUN BUT YOUSE CANNOT HIDE. UNQUOTE. LEONARD
SAID VOICE SOUNDS SAME AS THAT OF CALLER ON FEBRUARY ELEVEN WHICH
SAID QUOTE THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE. HAVE YOUSE EVER

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SEEN A BROAD-S GUTS SPLATTERED. WE-LL JUST KEEP SPILLING YOURS
AND YOUSE WILL SEE WHAT THEY LOOK LIKE. REMEMBER THIS ON THE
STAND. YOU CAN RUN BUT YOU CAN-T HIDE. UNQUOTE. PHILADELPHIA
REQUESTED TO SUTEL IMMEDIATELY ANY KNOWN CHARACTERISTICS OF

[REDACTED] OR USE OF WORD QUOTE YOUSE UNQUOTE.

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ALSO REQUESTED TO ADVISE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND TO ADVISE LOS ANGELES IMMEDIATELY [REDACTED]

PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCE

[REDACTED] FOR POSSIBLE FISHUR. ALSO FURNISH AMSD ANY

PHOTOGRAPHS LATER THAN NINETEEN FIFTY PHOTO FROM PHILADELPHIA P.D.
DISTRIBUTED UNDER TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM. FURNISH DETAILS CONCERNING
HABITS OR ANY OTHER INFORMATION OF POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE TO LOS
ANGELES IN ANY COVERAGE OF [REDACTED] MIAMI SUTEL IMMEDIATELY RESULTS
OF INVESTIGATION CONCERNING [REDACTED] FROM FRIDAY, FEBRUARY
TEN LAST TO DATE. IN EVENT [REDACTED] RE-
QUESTED TO FURNISH TELEPHONICALLY FULL DETAILS CONCERNING [REDACTED]
IN EVENT [REDACTED] MIAMI
AND PHILADELPHIA REMAIN EXTREMELY ALERT IN CONTACT WITH SOURCES AND
INFORMANTS FOR ANY INFORMATION [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SUTEL.

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~~STAND. OXXXYOU CAN RUN BUT YOU CAN-T HIDE. UNQUOTE. PHILADELPHIA~~

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI /92-4092 AND SAC, NEW YORK /92-1384/

NEW YORK VIA WASHINGTON

FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES /92-642/ 1P

FRANK QUOTE (BLINKY) UNQUOTE PALERMO, AKA., ET AL., JACKIE LEONARD, AKA
DASH VICTIM., ET AL. EXTORTION., AR., CONSPIRACY. OO LOS ANGELES.

SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO AG ALVIN H. GOLDSTEIN, JR., WHO IS PRESENTING
GOVERNMENT CASE IN USDC, LOS ANGELES, COMMENCING FEBRUARY TWENTY ONE
NEXT, TODAY REQUESTED THAT FBI OFFICE, NEW YORK, CONTACT ALFRED SCOTTI,
CHIEF ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY, NEW YORK DISTRICT ATTORNEY-S OFFICE
AND ADVISE SCOTTI THAT GOLDSTEIN ASKS FOR COPIES OF ALL QUOTE TAIL
REPORTS UNQUOTE IN FILES OF NEW YORK DISTRICT ATTORNEY, IN WHICH IT
IS REPORTED THAT TRUMAN K. GIBSON, JR., WAS SEEN WITH FRANK QUOTE
BLINKY UNQUOTE PALERMO, OR WITH PAUL JOHN CARBO, AKA FRANKIE CARBO
OR ALL THREE WERE OBSERVED TOGETHER. HE ALSO REQUESTED ANY
OTHER INFORMATION OF NEW YORK DISTRICT ATTORNEY BY WAY OF OBSERVATION
THAT PLACES GIBSON WITH EITHER PALERMO OR CARBO AT ANY TIME. UACB,
NEW YORK COMPLY WITH REQUEST, SUTEL LOS ANGELES NOT LATER THAN FEBRUARY
FOURTEEN NEXT, SUMMARY OF PERTINENT DATA OBTAINED.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI 92-4092

FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES 92-642

FRANK PAREN BLINKY PAREN PALERMO, AKA, ET AL, JACKIE LEONARD, AKA VICTIM, ET AL. EXTORTION, AR, CONSPIRACY. [REDACTED] ADVISED THIS OFFICE TODAY THAT THIS AFTERNOON LEONARD RECEIVED A THREATENING TELEPHONE CALL FROM ANONYMOUS MALE. CALL RECEIVED AT LEONARD-S PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT, BEN ALEXANDER FORD COMPANY, LOS ANGELES, THRU COMPANY SWITCHBOARD. LEONARD DID NOT RECOGNIZE VOICE OF CALLER. CALLER STATED IN SUBSTANCE AS FOLLOWS, QUOTE THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE. HAVE YOUSE EVER SEEN A BROADS GUTS SPLATTERED. WELL JUST KEEP SPILLING YOURS AND YOUSE WILL SEE WHAT THEY LOOK LIKE. REMEMBER THIS ON THE STAND. YOU CAN RUN BUT YOU CAN-T HIDE END QUOTE. [REDACTED] HAS ADVISED ALVIN H. GOLDSTEIN, JR., SPECIAL PROSECUTOR, OF THREATENING CALL.

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The Attorney General
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Director, FBI

February 14, 1961

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FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO;
PAUL JOHN "FRANKIE" CARBO, ET AL.
JACKIE LEONARD, ET AL. - VICTIMS
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CONSPIRACY

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I thought you would be interested in learning of the recent developments in connection with the forthcoming trial of captioned subjects in United States District Court, Los Angeles, California, on February 21, 1961.

On February 11 and again on February 13, 1961, Jackie Leonard was the recipient of anonymous phone calls from what sounded like an adult male attempting to disguise his voice. The caller implied that should Leonard continue to talk to authorities or offer testimony he would "never make it." Leonard indicated the voice was similar to the voice of an individual who has made several harassing-type phone calls to him during the past two years.

Leonard has been employed at a retail automobile agency during the day but has advised our Los Angeles Office that as of February 14, 1961, he intends to remain at his residence, at least until after he testifies, except when conferences with the prosecutive staff are necessary.

Special Prosecutor Alvin H. Goldstein, Jr., has been advised of the above by our Los Angeles Office.

- Mr. Byron R. White
Deputy Attorney General

1 - Acting Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

Note: Leonard is the Government's main witness in the trial of captioned subjects scheduled to begin 2-21-61 in USDC, Los Angeles. The Attorney General is personally interested in this matter and has instructed that [redacted]

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI 92-4092

FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES 92-642 2P

FRANK QUOTE BLINKY UNQUOTE PALERMO, AKA, ET AL, JACKIE
LEONARD, AKA DASH VICTIM, ET AL. EXTORTION, AR, CONSPIRACY.
OO LA. DAILY SUMMARY. SPECIAL PROSECUTOR CONTINUED
INTERVIEWS OF WITNESSES TODAY. STATES HE IS SATISFIED

[REDACTED] CASE IS LEGALLY SUBSTANTIATED AGAINST ALL
DEFENDANTS BY EVIDENCE. REQUESTED SOME ADDITIONAL INCIDENTAL
INQUIRY RE POSSIBLE BOXING LICENSES OF DEFENDANTS OTHER
STATES, INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED]
PA., FROM WHOSE RESIDENCE PHONE EXTORTION CALLS MADE BY
CARBO AND PALERMO TO LEONARD, IN NINETEEN FIFTY NINE, AS
CHARGED IN INDICTMENT. SHE IS REPORTED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] REQUESTED COPIES OF GILLETTE SAFETY REZOR CONTRACT
WITH INTERNATIONAL BOXING CLUB OF NEW YORK, FOR AKINS DASH
JORDAN MATCH TWELVE FIVE FIFTY EIGHT. LEADS SET OUT BY
TELETYPE ON ALL REQUESTS. DEPARTMENT INFORMED SPECIAL

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AGENT PERSONALLY CONTACTED VICTIM LEONARD [REDACTED] TODAY.

[REDACTED] ALSO CONTACTED BY BUREAU AGENT TODAY, STATED

NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY TO REPORT.

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Date: 2/11/61

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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; AR; CONSPIRACY
OO: Los Angeles

Re Los Angeles letter to Bureau dated 3/4/60;
cc Philadelphia; and Philadelphia reply, airtel dated
3/11/60.

USA, Los Angeles, stated SE [redacted] is
necessary witness in trial of captioned matter. Trial
scheduled to commence 2/21/61, in U. S. District Court,
Los Angeles. USA advised he desired SE [redacted] to be in
Los Angeles prepared to testify by 9:30 a.m. on March 1,
1961. Testimony desired is same as referred to in referenced
letter and referenced airtel. Contents of Philadelphia
airtel dated 3/11/60 were discussed with USA, who stated
documents related therein as available will be satisfactory.
USA cannot predict exact time testimony will be required,
but will have SA [redacted] testify without delay if at all
possible, and any change in trial schedule will be immedia-
tely forwarded to Philadelphia Office.

UACB, SE [redacted] should be in Los Angeles on 3/1/61,
with appropriate documents and ready to testify at 9:30
a.m. on that date.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI /92-4092/ AND SAC, BOSTON

FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES /92-642/ 2P

FRANK ~~QUOTE~~ BLINKY ~~UNQUOTE~~ PALERMO, AKA., ET AL., JACKIE LEONARD,
AKA DASH VICTIM., ET AL. EXTORTION., ^{ANTI RACKETEERING} CONSPIRACY. ^{OFFICE OF ORIGIN} OO LOS ANGELES.

TRIAL OF CAPTIONED MATTER IN USDC, LOS ANGELES, COMMENCES FEBRUARY
TWENTY ONE NEXT. DEFENDANTS ARE SUBJECT PALERMO., PAUL JOHN CARBO,

AKA FRANKIE CARBO., LOUIS TOM DRAGNA., JOSEPH SICA AND TRUMAN K. GIBSON,
JR. GOVERNMENT CASE BEING PRESENTED BY SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO AG ALVIN
H. GOLDSTEIN, JR., WHO REQUESTED TODAY FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION.

GILLETTE SAFETY RAZOR COMPANY, GILLETTE PARK, BOSTON SIX, MASSACHUSETTS,
CONTRACTED WITH NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY, TO
TELEWISE BOXING MATCHES NATIONWIDE EACH FRIDAY NIGHT IN NINETEEN FIFTY
EIGHT. NBC HAD NO CONTROL OVER FIGHTS OR ARENAS. GILLETTE COMPANY
HAD SEPARATE ARRANGEMENTS REGARDING BOXING MATCHES TO BE TELEVISED,
WITH INTERNATIONAL BOXING CLUB, INC., OF NEW YORK, OF WHICH TRUMAN
K. GIBSON, JR. WAS AN OFFICER AND ACTIVE MANAGER. THERE ARE INDICATIONS
GILLETTE COMPANY DESIRED OR REQUIRED IN CONTRACT WITH IBC THAT AS

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PROMOTIONAL PROJECT, CHAMPIONSHIP FIGHT WAS TO BE STAGED EARLY IN DECEMBER, NINETEEN FIFTY EIGHT, AS KICKOFF TO GILLETTE CHRISTMAS SALES CAMPAIGN, AND PERHAPS PRIOR TO FATHERS DAY SALES CAMPAIGN, IN CONNECTION WITH COMPANY ADVERTISING PROGRAM. GOLDSTEIN REQUESTED CONTACT WITH GILLETTE COMPANY HEADQUARTERS TO DETERMINE TERMS OF GILLETTE CONTRACT WITH IBC OR ANY SUBSIDIARY, AS REGARDS A CONTRACTUAL REQUIREMENT FOR CHAMPIONSHIP FIGHT PRIOR TO CHRISTMAS SALES CAMPAIGN IN NINETEEN FIFTY EIGHT. IF NO CONTRACTUAL REQUIREMENT, WAS THERE DEFINITE PLANNING FOR SUCH CHAMPIONSHIP FIGHT TO COINCIDE WITH SALES CAMPAIGN. DETERMINE IDENTITY OF PERSON TO SUBPOENA AS REGARDS INFORMATION DEVELOPED. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, TRUMAN GIBSON ARRANGED CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH BETWEEN WELTERWEIGHT CHAMPION VIRGIL AKINS AND NUMBER ONE CHALLENGER DON JORDAN AT LOS ANGELES DECEMBER FIVE, NINETEEN FIFTY EIGHT, WHICH WAS NATIONALLY TELEVISED UNDER SPONSORSHIP OF GILLETTE COMPANY. PROSECUTOR DESIRES TO KNOW IF THERE WAS CONTRACTUAL OR SALES REQUIREMENT THAT CHAMPIONSHIP, IN CONTRAST WITH NONCHAMPIONSHIP MATCH BE PRODUCED FOR THAT OCCASION. SUTEL NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY FOURTEEN NEXT. BOSTON WILL ADVISED SEPARATELY.

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CC-MR. ROSEN

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI /92-4092/ AND SACS, LOS ANGELES /92-642/
AND PHILADELPHIA /92-745/
FROM SAC, MIAMI /92-429/ 1P
FRANK "BLINKEY" PALERMO, AKA, ET AL, JACKIE LEONARD, AKA DASH
VICTIM, ET AL. EXTORTION, AR. RE LOS ANGELES RADIOGRAM AND
TELETYPE OF FEB. FOURTEEN LAST.

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Mr. Tavel	✓

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI 92-4092

FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES 92-642

also known as

FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, AKA., ET AL., JACKIE LEONARD, AKA VICTIM.,
ET AL. EXTORTION., ^{Anti-Racketeering} AR., CONSPIRACY. ^{Office of Origin} ~~OO.~~ ^{Los Angeles} LA DAILY SUMMARY.

VICTIMS JACKIE LEONARD [REDACTED] WERE

PERSONALLY CONTACTED BY BUREAU AGENT TODAY. BOTH WERE ALSO IN

CONTACT WITH SPECIAL PROSECUTOR ALVIN H. GOLDSTEIN, JR.,

SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL. LEONARD WORKED

AT RETAIL AUTOMOBILE AGENCY DURING DAY. HE ADVISED THAT BETWEEN NINE

FIFTEEN AM AND NINE THIRTY AM TODAY, HE RECEIVED PHONE CALL AT

EMPLOYMENT, IN WHICH MALE CALLER SAID ~~QUOTE~~ "YOUSE WILL NEVER
MAKE IT ~~UNQUOTE~~, THEN HUNG UP PHONE. BETWEEN TWELVE FIFTEEN AND

TWELVE THIRTY PM TODAY, LEONARD SAID, HE RECEIVED SECOND PHONE

CALL AT EMPLOYMENT IN WHICH MALE CALLER SAID ~~QUOTE~~ "DID YOUSE EVER
SEE A BROAD SPREADEAGLED? THOSE GUYS CAN-T BE WITH YOUSE FOREVER.

YOUSE CAN RUN BUT YOUSE CANNOT HIDE ~~UNQUOTE~~. LEONARD SAID HE STAR-

TED TO REPLY BUT CALLER HUNG UP PHONE AT ONCE. LEONARD SAID VOICE

SOUNDED SAME AS THAT OF CALLER ON FEB. ELEVEN LAST, BELIEVES ATTEMPT

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MADE BY CALLER TO DISGUISE VOICE, WHICH HAS LOW AND COARSE TONE.

STATED HE DOES NOT RECOGNIZE VOICE AS ANYONE HE KNOWS, HAS NO IDEAS AS TO POSSIBLE CALLER, EXCEPT THAT VOICE SOUNDS LIKE THAT OF AN ADULT, AND HE HAS RECEIVED CALLS HE ATTRIBUTES TO SAME VOICE ON NUMBER OF OTHER OCCASIONS IN PAST COUPLE OF YEARS, WHICH HE HAS CONSIDERED PREVIOUSLY AS AN HARRASSMENT. ABOVE FURNISHED TO SPECIAL PROSECUTOR.

CALLS WERE RECEIVED TODAY

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AG BEING ADVISED.

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URGENT 2-7-61 8-40 PM KH

TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, PHILADELPHIA

FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES 92-642 1 P

FRANK QUOTE BLINKY UNQUOTE PALERMO, AKA., ET AL., JACKIE LEONARD,

AKA, VICTIM., ET AL. EXTORTION., AR., CONSPIRACY. BUFILE

NINETYTWO DASH FOUR ZERO NINE TWO., PHILADELPHIA FILE NINETYTWO

DASH SEVEN FOUR FIVE. USA, LOS ANGELES AIR MAILED SUBPOENA FEB

SEVEN INSTANT TO USM, PHILADELPHIA, FOR APPEARANCE OF [REDACTED]

IN CAPTIONED

CASE. USA REQUESTED FBI AT PHILADELPHIA MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH
U. S. MARSHAL THERE TO BE NOTIFIED OF SUBPOENA-S ARRIVAL AND TO
ASSIST IN MAKING CERTAIN SUBPOENA IS SERVED ON [REDACTED]

PH TO BE ADVISED.

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URGENT 2-7-61 7-16 PM KH

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES 92-642 4 P

FRANK QUOTE BLINKY UNQUOTE PALERMO, AKA, ETAL, JACKIE
LEONARD, AKA, VICTIM, ETAL, EXTORTION, AR, CONSPIRACY.

REMYCALL TO BUREAU TODAY AND BUCALL. USA LAUGHLIN E. WATERS
CALLED AND STATED ALVIN GOLDSTEIN HAD BEEN APPOINTED SPECIAL
PROSECUTOR IN CAPTIONED CASE AND HE, WATERS.

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REPORTED TO THIS OFFICE BUT IT WAS THE OPINION OF HIS OFFICE
THAT SINCE THIS CASE WOULD SHORTLY GO TO TRIAL [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] LEONARD

IS PRESENTLY EMPLOYED AT BEN ALEXANDER FORD COMPANY, SIX
NAUGHT NAUGHT NAUGHT NORTH FIGUEROA STREET, HIGHLAND PARK,
LOS ANGELES, AS A SALESMAN. HE RESIDES [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND HAS NO HOME

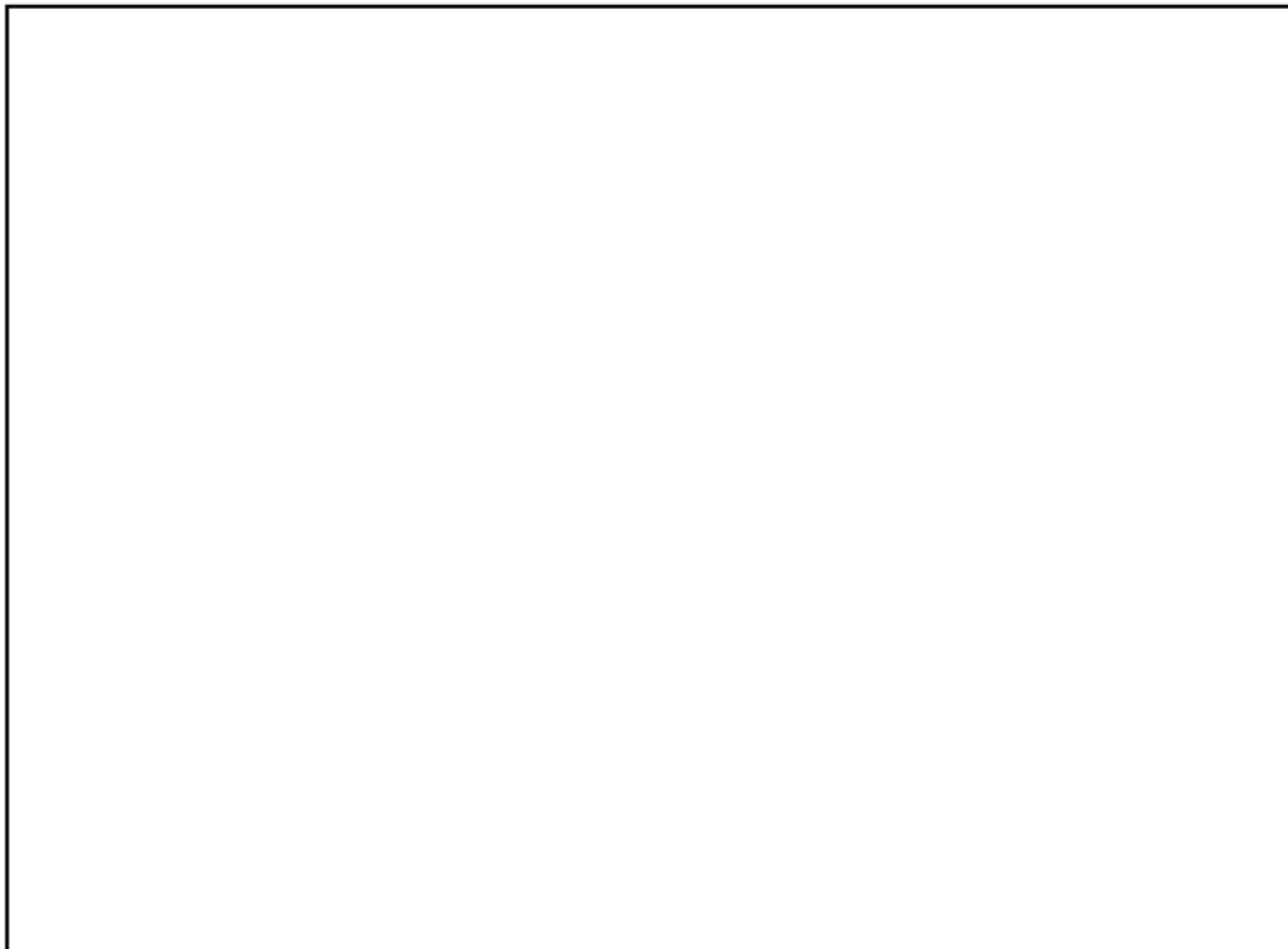
PHONE. AT THE PRESENT TIME, LEONARD [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] LEONARDS HAVE ONLY ONE CAR. A DEMONSTRATOR FROM EMPLOYER.

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[REDACTED] IN VIEW OF ABOVE AND IMPORTANCE
OF INSTANT CASE, IT IS RECOMMENDED BUREAU COMPLY WITH REQUEST.
AS MATTER OF INTEREST TO BUREAU, SPECIAL PROSECUTOR ALVIN
P. GOLDSTEIN COMMENTED TODAY TO SA [REDACTED] THAT HE WAS
PLEASANTLY SURPRISED TO LEARN OF THE ABUNDANCE OF EVIDENCE WHICH
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THE BUREAU HAS DEVELOPED AGAINST THESE PROMINENT HOODLUMS.
NO FURTHER ACTION BEING TAKEN THIS MATTER PENDING BUREAU DECISION.

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URGENT 2-7-61 11-40 PM KH

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES 92-642

FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, AKA., ET AL., JACK E. LEONARD, AKA,

VICTIM., ET AL. EXTORTION., AR., CONSPIRACY. REBUCAL NIGHT

TWO DASH SEVEN DASH SIXTYONE AND MYTEL SEVEN SIXTEEN PM TWO SEVEN SIXTYONE
USA WATERS ON TWO SEVEN SIXTYONE, INDICATED HE [REDACTED]

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NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE INDICATING

USA WATERS SAID

WATERS SUGGESTED

THAT

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CORRECTION LINE 4 LAST WORD " SIXTYONE"

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[REDACTED]
HOWEVER, WATERS SAID HE FELT [REDACTED]

AS INDICATED IN MY TEL SEVEN SIXTEEN PM TWO SEVEN SIXTYONE, IT IS MY
RECOMMENDATION THAT [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Date: 2/14/61

Transmit the following in _____
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TO: Director, FBI (92-4092)

FROM: SAC, Philadelphia (92-745)

SUBJECT: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO; ET AL;
JACKIE LEONARD; ET AL - VICTIMS;
EXTORTION; AR: CONSPIRACY
(OO - LA)

Re Philadelphia airtel 2/8/61.

[redacted] reported [redacted]

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[redacted] Philadelphia, advised

confidentially 2/10/61 [redacted]

- ③ Bureau (92-4092)
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TO : MR. PARSONS *JK*

DATE: February 10, 1961

FROM : A. ROSEN *ARM*

SUBJECT: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO;
 JOHN PAUL "FRANKIE" CARBO, ET AL.,
 JACKIE LEONARD, ET AL. - VICTIMS
 EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING;
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Bo. 17 Calif.
 A highly confidential source in our Philadelphia Office
 advised that

It was indicated that

According to the informant

are not known at this time.

Philadelphia reported that

ACTION BEING TAKEN

Attached is a letter to the Attorney General with copies to the Deputy Attorney General and the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division advising of the above facts. Philadelphia is following this matter very closely.

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Enclosures *sent 3/36*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Parsons

DATE: February 9, 1961

FROM : A. Rosen *R*

SUBJECT: **FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, ET AL.**
JACKIE LEONARD, AKA - VICTIM
EXTORTION
ANTI-RACKETEERING
CONSPIRACY

RE: ALVIN H. ~~X~~GOLDSTEIN, JR. *Calif.*

The following is a rundown on Alvin H. Goldstein, Jr., who has been appointed by the Attorney General to serve as Special Prosecutor in the trial of captioned subjects scheduled to commence in U. S. District Court, Los Angeles, 2/21/61.

Goldstein is the son of the New York correspondent of the "St. Louis Post Dispatch," with whom the Bureau has enjoyed excellent relations dating back through 1938. The senior Goldstein was a personal contact of former Assistant to the Director L. B. Nichols.

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Goldstein is presently practicing law in San Francisco and was, according to our Los Angeles Office, appointed Special Prosecutor in the Palermo case on 1/23/61.

No derogatory information appears in Bufiles concerning Goldstein.

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Office is advised & extends every assistance.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Parsons *JP*

DATE: 2-9-61

FROM : A. Rosen *R*

SUBJECT: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, aka;
 PAUL JOHN "FRANKIE" CARBO, aka, et al;
 JACKIE LEONARD, aka - VICTIM;
 [REDACTED] - VICTIM
 EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING;
 CONSPIRACY

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In line with the Director's *Alvin H. Calif.* instructions, I advised SAC Simon of the background of Special Prosecutor ~~Goldstein~~. It was indicated to Simon that he should extend every assistance to Goldstein in this case.

He subsequently called me to advise that he had been in touch with Goldstein and that Goldstein had been talking to the Attorney General about the case. Goldstein stated that he discussed the situation involving witnesses Leonard [REDACTED] (This conversation between Goldstein and the Attorney General obviously was precipitated by our visit to Deputy Attorney General White.)

Goldstein stated that the Attorney General *and he* talked about the

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To all of this Simon pointed out that as Goldstein knew, the matter was under consideration at Washington by the Department and consequently ~~uncommented~~.

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RE: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO

consequently Simon was not in a position to give Goldstein any answer.

He told Goldstein, however, that [REDACTED]

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Goldstein stated that he did not think action would be taken by the Department until he, Simon, worked something out with Goldstein.

ACTION TAKEN

I advised Simon to immediately tell Goldstein that the matter was under consideration by the Department and that in so far as we were concerned we, of course, could not give any opinion as to what decision the Department may reach concerning this matter. Simon was also advised that this matter had been submitted to Deputy Attorney General White and that Goldstein's interest in the matter had been called to the attention of White.

I also advised Simon that under no circumstances would the Bureau work jointly with the Marshals. That we either would handle all or none of it and that there would be no sharing of duties or joint operation. Simon agreed with this position.

Simon subsequently called to advise that Goldstein was entirely satisfied with our position, that he Goldstein had told Attorney General Kennedy and others what a fine job the FBI had done in its investigation. Goldstein told Simon he was not a prima donna but this was an unusual case and he was greatly concerned.

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PLAIN TEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO SACS, LOS ANGELES
NEW YORK
PHILADELPHIA
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CHICAGO

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

FRANK QUOTE BLINKY END QUOTE PALERMO, AKA, ET AL, JACKIE

① LEONARD AKA DASH VICTIM, ET AL. EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING;
CONSPIRACY. TRIAL INSTANT CASE COMMENCES TWO DASH TWO ONE
DASH SIX ONE USDC, LOS ANGELES. ALL OFFICES MAINTAIN CLOSE
CONTACT WITH SOURCES CLOSE TO HOODLUM ELEMENT PARTICULARLY
THOSE CONNECTED WITH BOXING. BE ALERT FOR ANY ACTIVITY
INDICATING TRAVEL TO LOS ANGELES OF HOODLUM ELEMENT OR
POSSIBLE WITNESSES THIS CASE. ANY INFORMATION RECEIVED SHOULD
BE FULLY DEVELOPED AND IMMEDIATELY FORWARDED TO BUREAU AND
LOS ANGELES.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen *R*

DATE: 2-7-61

FROM : J. H. Gamble *JHG*SUBJECT: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, aka., et al.
JACKIE LEONARD, aka, VICTIM, et al.
EXTORTION, AR, CONSPIRACY

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Los Angeles Office was telephonically contacted upon the instructions of Supervisor [redacted] for a clarification of the information set forth in attached teletype. SAC Paul Quinn was instructed to advise the Bureau by teletype this evening specifically what the U. S. Attorney means by [redacted]

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[redacted] He was also instructed to advise the Bureau what is meant by the sentence in attached teletype, "Admittedly [redacted] as requested [redacted]"

[redacted] He was asked to advise whether this meant that [redacted]

SAC Quinn stated that the answers to these questions would be obtained and a teletype submitted to the Bureau immediately.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Parsons

DATE: February 9, 1961

FROM : A. Rosen *R*

Time: 1:20 pm

SUBJECT: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, aka;
 PAUL JOHN "FRANKIE" CARBO, aka, et al;
 JACKIE LEONARD, aka - Victim;
 [redacted] - Victim
 EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING;
 CONSPIRACY

Reference is made to my memorandum which was submitted earlier today in the above-entitled matter.

SAC Simon of Los Angeles called to advise that he has been in touch with U. S. Attorney Waters who has advised Simon that Alvin P. Goldstein, Jr., has returned from San Francisco. *calif*

Waters discussed with Goldstein the preliminary steps taken to [redacted]

In his discussion with Waters, Goldstein indicated that this would be completely unsatisfactory to him because he felt the FBI had done a fine job in investigating the case, they had complete knowledge of the subjects, they were well trained, and he

Goldstein indicated that he felt strongly enough about it to call the Attorney General and make known his views. Waters suggested that he thought the matter ought to be handled locally inasmuch as it would be desirable to touch base with the local FBI Office first. Waters indicated that he was sure the matter could be resolved today and indicated that it would not appear to be necessary to call the Attorney General at this time.

Waters stated that Goldstein was pushing for an answer and wanted to know something today.

Simon told Waters that we are, of course, very much interested in the case and that inasmuch as this was an unusual situation, he would have to call Washington on it. Simon wanted to know whether they could expect an answer today. I advised him the matter was under consideration and I would be in touch with him later today.

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ADDENDUM - AR:mpd Time: 5:30 pm 2/9/61

Pursuant to the Director's instructions, I spoke with Clive Palmer and outlined to him the information which we possessed concerning the request of the U. S. Attorney. He indicated that a wire had been received by the Department from the U. S. Marshal, in which the U. S. Marshal

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Palmer did not know the extent to which the Marshal had probed this matter [redacted] and in the absence of this and other additional information which he desired, he put a call in for the U. S. Marshal in order that he might probe the matter with him. This matter was therefore not resolved and inasmuch as it was necessary to talk to Deputy Attorney General White, he was contacted. He was unavailable until approximately 5:00, at which time Mr. Courtney Evans and I went to Mr. White's office and there went over the situation in detail with him. He wanted to know [redacted] and I advised him [redacted]

[redacted] We went into the details of the case to some degree and he expressed an interest in the case and apparently knew about the case and knew of the Attorney General's interest in it. After considering the matter, he stated that he would advise us of the Department's decision. We will await the decision of Mr. White before any further action is taken.

to speak to G.D. about it

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*I spoke to A.G. yesterday
K at that time, he made
not say anything about it
formally he stated he
thought it wasteful to
use it for such pur-
poses. Evans should also*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Parsons

DATE: February 11, 1961

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, aka;
 PAUL JOHN "FRANKIE" CARBO, aka, et al;
 JACKIE LEONARD, aka - Victim;
 [REDACTED] - Victim
 EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING;
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The Attorney General was contacted early last evening (February 10, 1961) with reference to the request of the United States Attorney and Special Prosecutor Alvin P. Goldstein, Jr., [REDACTED]

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The Attorney General stated that he was in full accord with the Director's views. He said with all of the responsibilities which the FBI has and its many investigative responsibilities, it would be most wasteful to utilize [REDACTED] The Attorney General called Goldstein on the phone. Goldstein was insistent that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Goldstein's argument, according to the Attorney General, was that FBI Agents had done a magnificent job in investigating this case and he felt that they should carry through in keeping in contact with [REDACTED]

The Attorney General told Goldstein that he could not agree to having [REDACTED] but that he would ask the Director to have the Agents who are personally known to [REDACTED] contact them on a daily basis so that [REDACTED] Bureau's continued interest in this case.* The Attorney General felt that if the Agents who are personally known to [REDACTED] would contact them daily, [REDACTED]

The Attorney General stated that the United States Marshal is [REDACTED] He called Clive Palmer in the Deputy Attorney General's Office and issued instructions to [REDACTED]

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*This will be done if approved by the Director.

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 H. for continuing idea wrong Goldstein
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Re: Frank "Blinky" Palermo, et al

him to see to it that the Marshal [redacted]
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ASAC Alexander, in the absence of SAC Simon at Los Angeles, was telephonically alerted to the request made by the Department relative to the Marshal's [redacted]

✓ R D [signature] ✓ *see rec 2/11*
ADDENDUM: AR:mpd 2/13/61

In line with the Director's observation approving the daily contact with [redacted] SAC Simon was instructed to give this matter real attention and it was pointed out we didn't want anything to go wrong so that Goldstein would have us over a barrel. Simon stated that he has been in touch with Goldstein and Goldstein seems most friendly. He said that the Marshals [redacted] and that he would appreciate any suggestions which Simon might have. Goldstein also indicated to U. S. Attorney Waters, who in turn told Simon of Goldstein's remarks, to the effect that he had never seen a better prepared racketeering case.

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TO : Mr. Parsons

DATE: February 9, 1961

FROM : A. Rosen *Rw*

SUBJECT: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, also known as;
 PAUL JOHN "FRANKIE" CARBO, aka, et al;
 JACKIE LEONARD, aka - Victim;
 [redacted] - Victim

EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING;
 CONSPIRACY

In accordance with the Director's approval, SAC Simon was instructed to immediately explore the request of U. S. Attorney Waters that [redacted]

Simon stated that he had not taken this matter up with the U. S. Attorney when he received the request because he was not positive of the position which the Bureau might wish to take in that he was aware that this matter had come within the personal attention of the Attorney General and he did not know whether this was a personal request or not.

Nevertheless he was instructed that he should immediately explore this matter with the U. S. Attorney to ascertain whether consideration was given this at the outset and to point out the functions of the U. S. Marshal to him so that he could give it consideration.

Simon stated that Waters had originally been designated by the Attorney General to prosecute the subjects in this case. He was subsequently told that Alvin P. Goldstein, Jr., was appointed as the special prosecutor to handle the prosecution of this case. He had asked the Department to be permitted to remain active in the case but has not received any information as yet on this question.

Waters and Goldstein had been discussing [redacted]

Goldstein thought it would be desirable to call the Attorney General so that [redacted] U. S. Attorney Waters suggested that the matter ought to be worked out locally before any inquiries were made at Washington and that he would endeavor to handle this phase of the case in Los Angeles. Goldstein went back to his home in San Francisco and Waters thereafter asked SAC Simon if the FBI would afford

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When the matter was discussed with Waters last night, pursuant to Bureau instructions, Goldstein was not available for consultation. Simon therefore pointed out to Waters that normally this was the function of the U. S. Marshal, explained the problem to Waters, and Waters told Simon he appreciated the problem and that he would confer with the Marshal's office. The U. S. Marshal was not available and in his absence, he took it up with his Chief Deputy, Ray Ramsdell.

Ramsdell told Waters that he was not aware of any instructions permitting the payment for these services nor indicating that such services should be performed and he didn't know whether any funds were available. Inasmuch as he could not give a final decision, he indicated he would get in touch with the U. S. Marshal, which he subsequently did, and Waters was thereafter advised that the U. S. Marshal [REDACTED] had indicated he would send a wire to his superior in Washington pointing out the problem and asking advice.

Waters informed Simon of the action which had been indicated by the U. S. Marshal and also stated that in Waters' discussion concerning this matter with the Marshal's office, there was no mention made by Waters that he had requested the FBI to [REDACTED]

Waters also stated that he has not withdrawn his request that the FBI assist but that he was willing to probe this matter, as has been indicated above.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

Simon attempted to check last night to determine whether any wire was actually sent or was being sent to the Department and was unable to ascertain this information. He did state that he understood the wire was going to be sent. Under the circumstances, normally Clive Palmer has exercised jurisdiction over the U. S. Marshals. Clive Palmer would also probably confer with Andretta on such a matter, inasmuch as it involves the expenditure of funds.

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It is recommended that inasmuch as Clive Palmer is attached to the office of the Deputy Attorney General, that we advise him of the request that has been made of the FBI and of our understanding that this matter was being taken up with the Department by the U. S. Marshal, inasmuch as the Marshal desired instructions concerning the request which U. S. Attorney Waters had made of that office to perform such duties. We should point out to Palmer that this is a normal function of the Marshals and we need not go into any exceptions which have been made in the past unless the question arises. It would appear desirable that the Department authorize the expenditure of the necessary funds and give instructions to the Marshal to perform the functions which are his.

It would also appear desirable to alert Deputy Attorney General White to this problem.

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URGENT 2-16-61 12-38PMXXXAM KS

TO DIRECTOR, FBI 92-4092 TELETYPE
FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES 92-642 2P

FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, AKA., ET AL., JACKIE LEONARD, AKA
VICTIM., ET AL., EXTORTION., AR., CONSPIRACY. OO... LOS ANGELES.

DAILY SUMMARY. SPECIAL PROSECUTOR CONTINUED INTERVIEWS OF
WITNESSES TODAY. VICTIMS LEONARD AND [REDACTED] WERE
PERSONALLY CONTACTED TODAY BY BUREAU AGENT. NO SIGNIFICANT
DEVELOPMENTS RE VICTIMS. FLORIDA LICENSE ON AUTO OBSERVED NEAR
LEONARD-S PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT WAS CHECKED TO ATTEMPT IDENTIFICATION
OF TWO MALE OCCUPANTS WHO SEEMED SUSPICIOUS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] LICENSE ISSUED TO [REDACTED] WHO
GAVE ADDRESS IN TAMPA, FLA., DETERMINED NONEXISTANT. [REDACTED] HAD
PURCHASED CAR AT BALTIMORE. INQUIRY THERE DETERMINED OWNER PROBABLY
IDENTICAL TO [REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED] ON
WHOM BALTIMORE OFFICE HAS [REDACTED]
NO RECORD VEHICLE DRIVEN BY [REDACTED] HAVING BEEN REPORTED STOLEN.
FURTHER INQUIRY CONCERNING [REDACTED] WILL AWAIT REQUEST OF BALTIMORE
OFFICE. [REDACTED] OF PHILADELPHIA LOCATED BY MIAMI OFFICE AS
PRESENTLY IN THAT CITY. GILLETTE SAFETY RAZOR CO., BOSTON, IS

MAKING AVAILABLE COPIES OF CONTRACTS AND CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING
JORDAN-AKINS MATCH OF DEC. FIVE, FIFTY EIGHT. PERSON USING NAME
[REDACTED]

REPORTEDLY ARRIVED LOS ANGELES TODAY BY

~~CORR LAST LINE WORD 7 SHLD BE "REPORTEDLY ARRIVED"~~

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PLANE FROM NEW YORK, AND IN CONTACT WITH PERSONS AT RESTAURANT
OPERATED BY [REDACTED] IN SAN FERNANDO VALLEY.

ATTEMPTS BEING MADE TO IDENTIFY PERSON. NEW YORK OFFICE HAS BEEN RE-
QUESTED TO FURNISH ASSISTANCE. SPECIAL PROSECUTOR AND U.S. MARSHAL
ADVISED OF INFO RE [REDACTED] SPECIAL

PROSECUTOR ADVISED RE [REDACTED] MARSHAL WILL BE ADVISED IF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SPECIAL PROSECUTOR CONTEMPLATES TESTIMONY

OF [REDACTED] COUNSEL TO [REDACTED] SUB-COMMITTEE ON ANTI TRUST MATTERS,

SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, IN ORDER TO INTRODUCE ADMISSIONS OF
DEFENDANT GIBSON MADE IN COMMITTEE HEARINGS, AGAINST POSSIBILITY

GIBSON MIGHT NOT TAKE WITNESS STAND IN OWN DEFENSE. TESTIMONY

WOULD RELATE TO ADMISSIONS INTERNATIONAL BOXING CLUB PAID LARGE SUMS

TO [REDACTED] AND CARBO-S CONTROL OF BOXING PARTICIPANTS.

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/ 3-50 AM OK FBI WA JHA FOR 2 MESGS

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI /92-4092/ AND SAC-S, LOS ANGELES /92-642/
AND MIAMI

FROM SAC, PHILADELPHIA /92-745/ 3P
FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, AKA., ET AL, JACKIE LEONARD, AKA,
VICTIM ET AL, EXTORTION, AR, CONSPIRACY. RE LA TELS TO
BUREAU AND PHILADELPHIA TWO FOURTEEN SIXTYONE AND TO PHILA.
TWO FIFTEEN SIXTYONE.

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WILL ATTEMPT SERVICE EARLY AM OR LATE PM. PHILADELPHIA WILL
ADVISE RESULTS. WOMAN LATER IDENTIFIED AS
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APPROACHED BY AGENTS IN DRIVEWAY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SAID HER NAME [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NEIGHBORS ADVISED FRANK AND [REDACTED]

PALERMO LIVE

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PAGE THREE...

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] CHECK BEING MADE TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER CALLS MADE

SAT. TWO ELEVEN OR MON. TWO THIRTEEN TO CALIFORNIA FROM

[REDACTED] RESIDENCES. PHILADELPHIA WILL ADVISE

RE [REDACTED] MOVEMENTS. LA ADVISE PHILADELPHIA WHETHER

IN VIEW INFORMATION OBTAINED IN NEIGHBORHOOD [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FURTHER EFFORTS TO INTERVIEW [REDACTED]
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. PARSONS *RP*

DATE: February 8, 1961

FROM : A. ROSEN *ARM*

SUBJECT: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, AKA;
 PAUL JOHN "FRANKIE" CARBO, AKA, ET AL.
 JACKIE LEONARD, AKA - VICTIM;
 [REDACTED] - VICTIM
 EXTORTION; ANTI-RACKETEERING;
 CONSPIRACY

Also Known As

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The purpose of this memorandum is to set forth details concerning a request by U. S. Attorney (USA) Laughlin E. Waters, Los Angeles, that the FBI [REDACTED]

BACKGROUND OF CASE

On September 22, 1959, subjects were charged in an indictment in the Southern District of California with ten counts of extortion, anti-racketeering and conspiracy. Specifically, it was alleged that telephonic threats had been made to Jackie Leonard, a Los Angeles fight promoter, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] in connection with Carbo's efforts to secure an interest in Jordan's contract.

As to the subjects, Carbo who has a long arrest record dating back to 1928 and his associate, Frank "Blinky" Palermo, are alleged to have controlled the world welterweight boxing title for the past 25 years. Joseph Sica and Louis Dragna have been described as West Coast hoodlums and muscle men. Truman K. Gibson, Jr., is a Chicago attorney, prominent in the boxing world and a former member of the Executive Board of the International Boxing Club until its dissolution by a Federal court order in New York City.

Los Angeles advises that USA Laughlin E. Waters has been in telephonic contact with the Attorney General regarding prosecution and on February 3, 1961, advised that the Department of Justice had appointed Alvin P. Goldstein as special prosecutor. Goldstein is a former Assistant District Attorney in New York City and is presently practicing law in San Francisco, California. *REC-42 92-4092-228*

what do we know about Goldstein?

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MEMORANDUM TO MR. PARSONS
RE: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, AKA, ET AL.

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REQUEST FOR [REDACTED]

USA on February 7, 1961, pointed out that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Trial is estimated to last approximately five weeks
and USA indicated [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

SAC, Los Angeles recommends in view of USA's request,
importance of the case, and the possibility of criticism to the
Bureau, [REDACTED] as
requested by USA Waters be initiated.

Los Angeles states that Attorney General has been in
contact with USA Waters in connection with the prosecution of this
case and has exhibited personal interest in its handling.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

There is no indication that the Los Angeles Office has
pointed out to the USA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Los Angeles should be instructed
to point this out to the USA and indicate responsibility the
U. S. Marshal has in these cases. This should be explored before
we accede to the request.

*Ask Sac why he didn't
do so & effect with
U.S. Marshal. Attorney now
the feasibility of making the
U.S. Marshal, N.Y.*

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RE: FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, AKA, ET AL.

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It is recognized that there have been exceptions
to the above where the Bureau

If after the Los Angeles Office probes this matter
further they are unable to work out arrangements, the
matter can again be considered.

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Suggest we (Gano)
ask as whether
he wants US
marshals or
FBI to handle
this

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We will wait
until Simon
explains matter
in the D. Atty
which he should
have done in
the first in-
stance.

ST 10:11 AM

February 17, 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

MR. PARSONS

MR. MOHR

MR. DE LOACH

MR. EVANS

Jackie Leonard

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While talking to the Attorney General on another matter, I stated we had had a long talk with [redacted] but he is not telling all he knows. I stated

[redacted]

The Attorney General inquired if there is any possibility that [redacted] would be willing to cooperate. I stated there was, that he says he is willing to cooperate and turn over anything that turns up, but with a fellow like that, one never knows if they are always telling the truth, but, of course, we can always double check those things. I stated [redacted] I stated that although [redacted]

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The Attorney General stated he thought the more we are staying on it, the better. I stated I had no doubt that as far as [] is concerned, []

Very truly yours,

/s/ J. E. H.

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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TIME 2:19 P.M.
DATE 2/17/61
BY R. D. L.

3:20 PM

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MR. PARSONS

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INFORMANT

Truman Gibson

I called the Attorney General in regard to the Attorney General's memorandum which transmitted the letter to the Attorney General from [redacted]. I told the Attorney General my reaction, unless he had reason to act to the contrary, is to have an Agent go to [redacted] and see what information he has and also interview Spaulding, that if it is tied into the Hoffa case, of course, there would be grounds.

The Attorney General stated he thought [redacted]

[redacted] I stated, of course, he does not identify the informant. The Attorney General stated he thought the informant was the guy who originally came to our Agents.

I stated it had occurred to me that we are in a position to interview [redacted]. The Attorney General stated [redacted] is [redacted] so there is no problem there. I stated we can see [redacted] and indicate the letter was received and we want to acknowledge it and we would like to have any details he can give, although he may not give anything. I stated he was in [redacted] now. I stated we would have to check on [redacted] identity first and his background and [redacted] it seems we could go to him then and interview him, acknowledging his letter and advising him we would like any information that would be helpful and at the same time interview [redacted]. The Attorney General stated [redacted] is in [redacted] and works there. I stated we could interview both of them at the same time and from that find out exactly who is going to be the informant. I stated it might be [redacted]. The Attorney General stated it was not [redacted] the Attorney General, but it seems [redacted] had allegedly been involved with the informant in connection with [redacted] and it appeared there may be some connection in the current letter with the previous situation.

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The Attorney General continued that [redacted] and he had dropped it as he, the Attorney General, explained in the memorandum, so now it looks like it is trying to start up again and [redacted] has written him and sent [redacted] a copy of the letter because he knew about it originally.

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The Attorney General stated, consequently it seemed there might be a possibility of getting an informant with [redacted] and if we went to [redacted] he is sure [redacted] does not know anything more, but he may find out something. I stated we can find out the background of [redacted] and if reliable, the Attorney General stated [redacted] and the President and of great reliability and he could tell what contacts he had had and that might give some background, but on the other hand, if anybody contacts them, it should be done on the basis of the Attorney General being interested and wanting to cooperate.

I stated in 1952 when Earl Warren was Governor of California, our files show [redacted]

[redacted] but our files do not show anything against him so we might look him up and find out his background.

The Attorney General stated [redacted]

The Attorney General stated he did not want to acknowledge [redacted] letter himself and I stated I thought that would be wrong for him to do or to grant an interview and that we would take care of it.

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TIME 9:55 A.M.
DATE 2/16/61
BY R. D. L.

Very truly yours,
/s/ J. E. H.
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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URGENT 2-17-61 12-29AM TWC

TO DIRECTOR, FBI 92-4092

FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES 92-642 2P

FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, AKA., ET AL., JACKIE LEONARD, AKA-

pr VICTIM., ET AL., EXTORTION., AR., CONSPIRACY. OO.. LA. DAILY SUMMARY.
SPECIAL PROSECUTOR CONTINUED INTERVIEWS WITH WITNESSES TODAY. VICTIMS
LEONARD AND [REDACTED] WERE CONTACTED BY BUREAU AGENT. NO
DEVELOPMENTS. USM, NEW JERSEY, SERVED SUBPOENA LATE TODAY ON

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[REDACTED] AS PROSPECTIVE GOVERN-
MENT WITNESS. PROSPECTIVE ORDER OF PROOF CHANGED TODAY SO
THAT FIRST WITNESSES WILL INTRODUCE PHONE COMPANY RECORDS INTO EVID-
ENCE. SE [REDACTED] PHILADELPHIA, DIRECTED TO ARRIVE LOS
ANGELES FOR PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE WITH PROSECUTOR FEB. TWENTY.
PHILADELPHIA ADVISED SEPARATELY. DEFENDANT LOUIS TOM DRAGNA FILED MOTION
TO DIRECT GOVERNMENT TO PRODUCE ALL STATEMENTS AND TAPE RECORDINGS OF
STATEMENTS TAKEN FROM LEONARD. DEFENDANT GIBSON FILED MOTION TO DISMISS
INDICTMENT AGAINST HIM ON GROUNDS HE HAS BEEN DENIED SPEEDY TRIAL,
DUE TO HIS HAVING ALLEGEDLY BEEN MISLED BY GOVERNMENT COUNSEL INTO BEL-
IEVING THAT IF HE GAVE STATEMENT TO GOVERNMENT COUNSEL, INDICTMENT
AGAINST HIM WOULD BE DISMISSED. ALLEGES HE GAVE SUCH STATEMENT

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WHICH PROLONGED MATTER AND DENIED HIS RIGHT TO PROMPT TRIAL AS
GOVERNMENT REFUSES TO DISMISS CHARGE. COURT HAS SET BOTH MOTIONS
FOR HEARING FEB. TWENTY NEXT. BOTH MOTIONS WILL BE VIGOROUSLY
OPPOSED, AND PROSECUTOR EXPRESSED OPINION GOVERNMENT WILL PREVAIL,
ARGUING DEFENSE HAS NO RIGHT TO ANY STATEMENT OF WITNESS UNTIL
AFTER WITNESS TESTIFIES, AND THAT GIBSON COMPLETELY MISSTATES FACTS
IN HIS CONTENTION. WILL ARGUE GIBSON-S STATEMENT WAS RECORDED, WILL
SHOW GIBSON VOLUNTEERED, REQUESTED INTERVIEW, WAS GIVEN NO PROMISES
EXCEPT FAIR TREATMENT. DRAGNA-. ATTORNEY [REDACTED] PHONED
PROSECUTOR TODAY, SPOKE AT LENGTH, RECALLED HIS FORMER POSITION AS FBI
AGENT, ARGUED INFORMALLY THAT HIS CLIENT SHOULD BE DISCHARGED FOR LACK
OF EVIDENCE OF GUILT, STATED DRAGNA WILL TAKE WITNESS STAND TO DENY
CHARGES. [REDACTED] DESIRED COMMITMENT FROM PROSECUTOR THAT LEONARD-S STATE
WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO DEFENSE. WAS INFORMED NO COMMITMENTS OF ANY
KIND WOULD BE MADE OUTSIDE OPEN COURT. INQUIRED IF LEONARD WOULD
TAKE WITNESS STAND. PROSECUTOR DECLINED TO ANSWER. WHEN TRIAL
OPENS FEB. TWENTY ONE NEXT, PROSECUTOR WILL IMMEDIATELY ASK
COURT TO REVOKE BAIL OF ALL DEFENDANTS FOR DURATION OF TRIAL.
CORRECTION ON PAGE 1 XXX2 THAT IS APGE 2 LINE 13 LASR LAST WD
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TO DIRECTOR FBI AND SAC- S LOS ANGELES AND MIMAMI
FROM SAC PHILADELPHIA

FRANK QUOTE "BLINKY" UNQUOTE PALERMO AKA ET AL, JACKIE LEONARD AKA

ET AL VICTIM, EXTORTION, AR, CONSPIRACY. RE LA TEL TO PH W
EX TWO SIXTEEN SIXTYONE. TELEPHONE MADISON SIX EIGHT SEVEN

TWO SIX LISTED SINCE NINETEEN FORTYTWO TO [REDACTED]

SUBURB PH. SELF EMPLOYED

AS [REDACTED] ONLY RECORD PH DIVISION

RE [REDACTED] IS , AS VICTIM IN ALLEGED DEMAND OF BRIBE BY OPA

AGENT NINETEEN FORTYFIVE NO PROSECUTION. USM, PHILADELPHIA

ADVISED AM TWO SIXTEEN SERVICE NOT YET MADE ON [REDACTED]

ATTEMPTS CONTINUING . TELEPHONE COMPANY HAS NO RECORD CALLS

FROM [REDACTED] PHONE F U NINE SIX FOUR FOUR ONE TO CAL TWO ELEVEN OR THIR

TEEN . HILLTOP NINE ONE FIVE EIGHT FIVE DISCONTINUED AS LISTING OF

[REDACTED] JUNE NINETEEN SIXTY, REPLACED BY HI NINE

TWO THREE ONE NINE SAME TIME . ONLY RECENT CALL FROM HI NINE TWO

THREE ONE NINE TO CALIFORNIA MADE ONE TWENTYFOUR SIXTYONE TO

LOS ANGELES BR TWO NINE NINE TWO NINE , PERSON TO PERSON

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TO DIRECTOR'S AND SAC, LOS ANGELES

FROM SAC, NEW YORK 1P

FRANK BLINKY PALERMO AKA ET AL. JACKIE LEONARD AKA ET AL DASH
VICTIMS. EXTORTION., AR - CONSPIRACY. RE LOS ANGELES TEL TO
CHICAGO, TWO THIRTEEN LAST, AND NEW YORK TEL TO LOS ANGELES TWO
FIFTEEN LAST. DETECTIVE [REDACTED] DA SQUAD, ADVISED
SEARCH FILES HIS OFFICE TO DATE REFLECTS NO TAIL REPORTS OR OTHER
OBSERVATION REPORTS REFLECTING CONTACTS BY TRUMAN GIBSON WITH
EITHER CARBO OR PALERMO. [REDACTED] SEARCH CONTINUING. [REDACTED]
STATED ATTENDED HEARINGS OF [REDACTED] COMMITTEE AT WHICH GIBSON TES-
TIFIED RE DOING BUSINESS WITH BOTH PALERMO AND CARBO. IF NOT
ALREADY DONE, LOS ANGELES SHOULD CONSIDER OBTAINING MINUTES OF
COMMITTEE HEARINGS TO CONFIRM GIBSON-S CONTACTS WITH CARBO AND
PALERMO. ANY INFORMATION LOCATED BY [REDACTED] WILL BE IMMEDIATELY
FURNISHED LOS ANGELES.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI /92-4092/ /ATT. ASST. DIRECTOR ROSEN/

SAC, LOS ANGELES /92-642/

FROM SAC, PHILADELPHIA /92-745/ 1P

FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, AKA. ETAL, JACKIE LEONARD, AKA. ETAL VICTIM.

EXTORTION, AR, CONSPIRACY. RE LA TEL TWO SIXTEEN SIXTYONE. ATTEMPT

TO INTERVIEW [REDACTED] TWO SEVENTEEN, UNSUCCESSFUL. SHE REFUSED

COME TO DOOR, THOUGH AT HOME. [REDACTED]

END AND ACK PLS

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI /92-4092/ ATTENTION ASSISTANT DIRECTOR ROSEN

AND SAC, LOS ANGELES /92-642/

FROM SAC, PHILADELPHIA /92-745/

FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, AKA, ET AL, JACKIE LEONARD, AKA, ET AL,
VICTIM, EXTORTION, AR, CONSPIRACY. [REDACTED]

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI "92-4092"

FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES "92-642" 1P

FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, AKA., ET AL., JACKIE LEONARD, AKA-VICTIM.,
ET AL., EXTORTION., AR., CONSPIRACY. OO., LA. DAILY SUMMARY. SPECIAL
PROSECUTOR INTERVIEWED [REDACTED] AT LENGTH TODAY.

ALSO INTERVIEWED WITNESS [REDACTED]

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI 92-4092 ATTENTION - ASSISTANT DIRECTOR ROSEN AND

SAC LOS ANGELES 92-642

FROM SAC PHILADELPHIA 92-745

FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, AKA, ET AL, JACKIE LEONARD, AKA, ET AL
VICTIM, EXTORTION, AR, CONSPIRACY. RE LA TEL FEB. SEVENTEEN SIXTYONE.

PH PHONE DEWEY FOUR DASH NINE ZERO ONE FIVE IS PAY STATION LISTED

TO [REDACTED]

PHILA. STREET DIRECTORY LISTS TWO OTHER PHONES, DE FOUR DASH NINE ZERO
TWO ZERO, DE FOUR DASH NINE FIVE ZERO FIVE, ON [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PLUS HOWARD TWO DASH ONE EIGHT FIVE NINE LISTED

TO [REDACTED] PROPERTY OWNED BY [REDACTED] SINCE
AUGUST, NINETEEN FORTY EIGHT [REDACTED] PROPERTY, LOCATED [REDACTED]

FROM [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] COMMANDING OFFICER, CHIEF INSPECTOR-S SPECIAL SQUAD, ADVISED

[REDACTED] KNOWN AS HANGOUT OF BLINKY PALERMO,

WHO USUALLY FOUND THERE NOON TO THREE PM. DESCRIBED AS "COMMAND
POST" AND PLACE TO CONTACT BLINKY. [REDACTED]

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