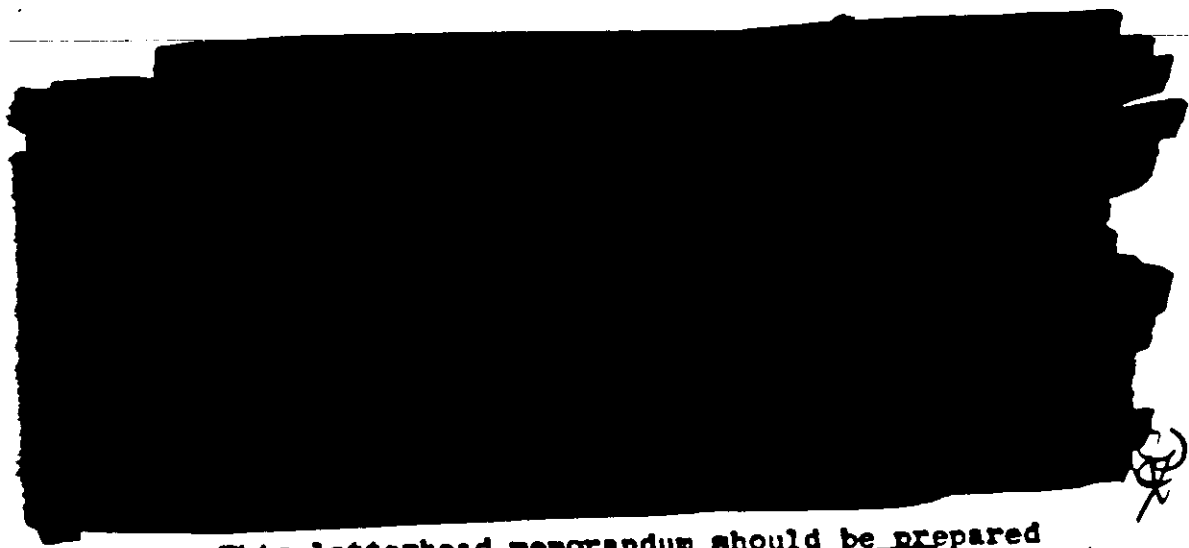


Letter to New York
Re: Charles "Lucky" Luciano

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TO: ^{b7D} DIRECTOR, FBI (92-3267)
FROM: ^{JAN} SAC, NEW YORK (92-1266) (c)
SUBJECT: CHARLES "LUCKY" LUCIANO aka
Salvatore Lucania (TN)
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ReBulet to NY, 9/17/65.

Enclosed for the information of the ^[redacted] b7D
is an original and 5 copies of a LHM concerning CHARLES
"LUCKY" LUCIANO, aka.

The information set forth in the enclosed memorandum
is written in a narrative style without specific documentation.
Should the necessity arise as to the source of any of the
information set out in the LHM, the NYO will furnish such
information on request.

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Approved: ^[redacted]
Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
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New York, New York
September 27, 1965

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Charles "Lucky" Luciano,
Also Known As
Salvatore Luciana (True Name)

Charles "Lucky" Luciano, whose true name is
Salvatore Luciana, was born in Italy on November 11, 1897.
He emigrated with his parents to the United States in 1905.
He was given the name of "Lucky" as a result of having
survived a gangland "ride" to Staten Island, New York, on
the night of October 16, 1929.

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Charles "Lucky" Luciano

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In June, 1936, Luciano was convicted in New York State Court on 62 of 90 counts charging compulsory prostitution. He was sentenced to 30 to 50 years imprisonment. On February 8, 1943, an application was filed asking for the suspension of two 15 year sentences still remaining to be served by Luciano. The application for suspension of the remaining sentences was filed with the allegation that Luciano had furnished valuable information to the United States Navy during World War II.

On January 3, 1946, Luciano was paroled by then Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York State on the condition that he be deported to his native Italy.

On February 2, 1946, Luciano was removed to Ellis Island, New York, by Immigration and Naturalization Service officials to await his deportation. Luciano was placed aboard the "SS Laura Keane" on the afternoon of February 8, 1946, for his journey back to Italy.

Concerning Luciano's alleged assistance to the United States Government during World War II, investigation reflected that a letter had been written by one Charles Radcliffe Haffenden to Charles Breitler, Counsel for Governor Thomas E. Dewey. Haffenden was a Commander in the United States Navy stationed in New York City at the time when Luciano allegedly furnished assistance to the Navy. Haffenden had written the letter to Albany at the request of Moses Polakoff, Luciano's attorney. Haffenden alleged in his letter that Luciano, through Polakoff, had made available for interview by the Office of Naval Intelligence a number of individuals who furnished information assisting in the invasion of Sicily and Italy. Haffenden, when questioned as


Charles "Lucky" Luciano

to specific information furnished by these individuals, was vague as to details and Naval Intelligence files did not reflect specific information substantiating Haffenden's claims of assistance by Luciano.

It is further noted that during the period Luciano was detained at Ellis Island, New York, awaiting deportation, he was visited by two of his friends, Meyer Lansky and Frank Costello.

Meyer Lansky has been identified as a long-time associate and companion of Luciano and is reported to be one of the most wealthy gamblers in the United States today. Sources have advised that it was Luciano who made it possible for Lansky to amass his fortune. It is also noted that Lansky visited Luciano frequently during his incarceration in the New York State prison system. Lansky has also been reported as one of the major figures controlling gambling in Cuba prior to the Castro regime and it was in Cuba that Luciano and Lansky met again in 1947.

After Vito Genovese had fled to Italy in 1936 and Luciano was deported to Italy, Frank Costello became the "boss" of the "La Cosa Nostra" "family" formerly headed by Luciano. Costello had admitted in testimony before the Senate Subcommittee on Organized Crime that he had met Luciano in the lobby of a hotel in Havana, Cuba in 1947.

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In February, 1947 Luciano traveled to Havana, Cuba where he allegedly associated with such former companions as

Charles "Lucky" Luciano

Meyer Lansky and Frank Costello at the gambling casinos.

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During his residence in Italy, Luciano was known to have been visited by the following individuals who have been identified as members of "La Cosa Nostra":

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Pasquale Eboli, who has been identified as a "caporegima" in the Genovese "family" of "La Cosa Nostra", visited Luciano in March or April, 1960. He has been identified as a frequent visitor at the home of Luciano in Naples, Italy.

On January 26, 1962, Luciano died of a heart attack while waiting to meet one Martin Arnold Gosch at the Naples, Italy, airport. Gosch has been described as a movie producer and was negotiating to produce a motion picture of Luciano's life at the time of Luciano's death in the Naples airport.

On January 27, 1962, Gosch met an individual in Naples who introduced himself as Pat Eboli. In subsequent conversation, Gosch learned that Eboli had recently journeyed to Italy to see Luciano. Eboli exhibited great concern as to whether Luciano had said anything between the time he suffered his heart attack and the time of his death. Gosch advised that he truthfully told Eboli that Luciano had said nothing. Eboli then endeavored to persuade Gosch to give him the movie script on the Luciano story. Gosch refused to do this.

Charles "Lucky" Luciano

It is noted Pasquale Eboli is the brother of Thomas Eboli, who has been identified as the "acting underboss" of the Genovese "family" in New York City. Thomas Eboli is also alleged to have visited Luciano on at least one occasion in Naples, Italy, in November, 1960.

Michele "Mike" Miranda, who has been identified as the "Consulieri" of the Genovese "family" of "La Cosa Nostra", traveled to Italy in 1950 and allegedly visited Luciano at this time.

On April 3, 1968, Joseph Profaci admitted during an Immigration and Naturalization Service examination that when he had come to the United States from Italy he visited "old Mr. Luciano", the father of "Lucky" Luciano. Profaci stated that Charles "Lucky" Luciano was then a young boy and denied that he had had any business or social connection with Luciano. Profaci, who is now deceased, has been identified as the "boss" of a "La Cosa Nostra" "family" in New York City.

In 1953, Vincent Rao, in an appearance before the New York State Crime Commission, testified that he was a personal friend of "Lucky" Luciano. Vincent Rao has been identified as a member and the "Consulieri" of the Luchese "family" in New York City.

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Charles "Lucky" Luciano

Joseph Valachi advised

Anthony Strollo has been identified
as a "caporegima" in the Genovese "family" of "La Cosa Nostra"
who is missing and presumed dead since 1962.

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Police records reflect that the body of Eugene
Giannini, Federal Bureau of Investigation number 154471,
was found on September 20, 1952, in front of 221 East 107th
Street, New York City, with two gunshot wounds in the back
of the head.

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February 23, 1966

Department of Justice
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Constitution Avenue and Tenth St. N. W.
Washington D. C.

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Gentlemen:

I am writing to ask for your help in doing
some research into the life of Salvatore
"Lucky" Luciano.

[REDACTED]

I solicit your assistance for the available
public information on Luciano, the narcotics
trade, related subjects and material and other
sources of information that will make it
possible to give the public a comprehensive
picture of the narcotics trade and the men
who run it.

Gratefully and with every good wish.

Sincerely,

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March 2, 1966.

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of February 23rd has been received.

Although I would like to be of assistance, the FBI has no material available for distribution pertaining to the individual you mentioned. Since investigation of Federal narcotics violations comes within the scope of another governmental agency, I am referring a copy of your communication to the Commissioner, Bureau of Narcotics, United States Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., for any information he may be able to furnish you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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September 4, 1970

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Dear [REDACTED]

The letter addressed to Lucky Luciano which you sent to our New York Office was referred to FBI Headquarters and received on September 2nd. Inasmuch as Luciano died in Italy on January 26, 1962, your letter is being returned to you herewith.

Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy

Helen W. Gandy
Secretary

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The attached 3 letters are forwarded to the Bureau as they originated outside the US. They are forwarded for appropriate handling.

JOHN F. MALONE

New York

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TO

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DATE: 7-18-74

FROM: Legal Counsel *b7c*

SUBJECT: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST CONCERNING
ALBERT ANASTASIA; VITO GENOVESE; NICOLA
GENTILE; CHARLES "LUCKY" LUCIANO, AKA,;
SALVATORE MARANZANO

We propose furnishing the attached documents, including reports and public source material, concerning the following subjects to Alan Block, a historian at Alfred Univeristy, Alfred, New York:

- Albert Anastasia (62-98011; 92-2573;
92-2567)
- Vito Genovese (92-3759; 92-2709)
- Nicola Gentile (92-7035)
- Charles "Lucky" Luciano (39-2141;
31-44520) *(b7c)*

Names and identifying information on all individuals and businesses, other than subjects, have been deleted except in public source data.

No pertinent identifiable data was located concerning Salvatore Maranzano.

This request was initially coordinated with the Special Investigative Division.

Mr. Block has submitted the necessary deposit.

RECOMMENDATION:

That upon approval, the attached documents be returned to the Freedom of Information Act Unit, Legal Counsel, for completion of processing and transmittal to Block.

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- 1 - Mr. Mintz
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DIVISION
 REQUEST FOR FBI PARTICIPATION ON FRENCH TV BROADCAST, JULY 24, 1979,
 AT PARIS, FRANCE.

LEGAT, PARIS RECEIVED TELEPHONIC REQUEST FOR AGENT PARTICIPATION
 IN TV DISCUSSION AFTER VIEWING OF FILM ON LIFE OF LUCKY LUCIANO.

DURING PROGRAM ENTITLED, "DOSSIERS DE L'ECRAN," 8:30 P.M.,

JULY 24, 1979. PROGRAM IS PRESENTED WEEKLY AND DEPENDING UPON
 SUBJECT MATTER, PANEL OF EXPERTS IS CHOSEN. LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM
 FEATURED ASTRONAUT NEIL ARMSTRONG. 39-214-

QUESTIONS ARE OPEN TO TELEVISION AUDIENCE FOR PHONE IN.

MOST OF DISCUSSION IS EXPECTED TO CENTER AROUND MAFIA IN THE
 1950'S AND EARLIER, FEATURING LUCIANO'S ROLE IN U. S. FORCES
 LANDING IN ITALY DURING WORLD WAR II.

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PRODUCER AWARE OF RESTRICTIONS ON DISCUSSION OF CURRENT
ACTIVITIES, PERSONALITIES AND INVESTIGATIONS. NOTE, HOWEVER,
SOME QUESTIONS, NO DOUBT, WILL CONCERN GALLANTI WILLING AND
CURRENT IMPACT ON LCN.

AIR TRAVEL AND EXPENSES IN PARIS TO BE PROVIDED BY THE FRENCH.
ANOTHER PANELIST TO BE PROFESSOR FRANCIS HANBY, COLUMBIA
UNIVERSITY.

LEGAL EFFECTIVENESS VIS-A-VIS THE FRENCH WILL NOT BE HANDLED
BY A REFUSAL TO PARTICIPATE.

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TO DIRECTOR
 FROM NEW YORK
 ATT SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE DIV

ARTICLE IN "NEW YORK TIMES", ISSUE OF MARCH 14, 1975,
 CAPTIONED "FBI TELLS AGENTS NOT TO TRUST BOOK ON LUCIANO"

THIS ARTICLE BY NICHOLAS GAGE IS AN APPARENT EFFORT BY
 GAGE TO LEND AUTHORITY TO A PREVIOUS ARTICLE THAT HE WROTE
 SEVERAL WEEKS AGO FOR THE "NEW YORK TIMES" IN WHICH HE
 DISCOUNTED INFORMATION APPEARING IN "THE LAST TESTAMENT OF
 LUCY LUCIANO."

INQUIRY AMONG PERSONNEL HAVING READY ACCESS TO THE
 CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE DIGEST OF JANUARY TWENTY ONE LAST, CONCERNING
 THIS BOOK HAS FAILED TO DISCLOSE ANY INFORMATION TO THE EFFECT
 THAT THE CONTENTS OF THIS DOCUMENT WERE MADE AVAILABLE TO
 NICHOLAS GAGE.

APPROPRIATE PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN REMINDED OF THE IMPORTANCE
 OF PROPER HANDLING OF SENSITIVE INTERNAL DATA AND CAUTIONED AGAINST
 ANY UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURES IN DEALING WITH THE NEWS MEDIA.

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Any idea as to source of leaks?

F.B.I. Tells Agents Not to Trust Book on Luciano

By NICHOLAS GAGE

WASHINGTON—The Federal Bureau of Investigation has advised its heads of organized units throughout the country to discount information about the Mafia contained in "The Last Testament of Lucky Luciano," a new book on the late Mafia boss.

The book, which was published by Little, Brown & Co. last month, purports to be the life of Luciano as "dictated" by him to Martin A. Gosch, a movie producer who died in 1973. It was written by Richard Hammer in collaboration with Mr. Gosch.

The F.B.I. has sent an advisory memorandum to heads of organized crime units saying that "passages [in the book] dealing with Luciano's life and early La Cosa Nostra history appear to have been extracted from street gossip and from previous books and Congressional hearings."

The memorandum said the F.B.I. had reached this assessment of the book after a study of it. A source said that information in the book had been compared with the F.B.I.'s own records.

The memorandum notes the published comment of Mr. Hammer that he was convinced

that Luciano had dictated his life to Mr. Gosch by the "internal evidence" of notes made by Mr. Gosch of the purported conversations.

"If so," the bureau memorandum said, "he [Mr. Hammer] apparently overlooked even stronger evidence indicating that the whole thing might be a complete fraud."

According to the memorandum, Mr. Gosch told the United States legal attaché in Madrid in 1962 that a movie script the producer had prepared on Luciano's life had been "made up out of whole cloth." A legal attaché is an F.B.I. agent serving

overseas as liaison with local law-enforcement agencies.

It said also that in 1972 Mr. Gosch went to the F.B.I. office in New York seeking the bureau's assistance in preparing his book and was turned down.

George Hall, vice president of Little, Brown, said the company would have no comment on the memorandum.

Last December, an article in The New York Times said that an examination of the book's background and its contents had produced information that brought into question the publisher's claim that the book was "dictated" by Luciano.

LUCKY LUCIANO

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- Washington Star-News _____
- Daily News (New York) _____
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- The National Observer _____
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TO : Mr. Cleveland *b7c* **ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE October 2, 1974**

FROM : [REDACTED] *b7c* **LATE 11/10/82 BY SP [REDACTED]**

SUBJECT: THE LAST TESTAMENT OF LUCKY LUCIANO
BY MARTIN A. GOSCH AND RICHARD HAMMER
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 9/25/74, "The Washington Post" contained a full-page advertisement for the above-captioned book, which purports to be the long-hidden memoirs of deceased mob leader "Lucky" Luciano and which is currently being serialized in "Penthouse" magazine. As an attention getter, the advertisement carried a two-inch banner headline reading "THE REAL GODFATHER TALKS" and followed this with a photographic pyramid of hoodlum, political, and Government leaders (including the late FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover) all connected by lines to a large picture of Luciano at the top.

Apparent Fraud

Since the book is not due to be published until later this year, the Special Investigative Division obtained the first two installments of the summary from "Penthouse" magazine and, after subjecting them to an exhaustive analysis has come to the conclusion that the book is a complete fraud, along the lines of Clifford Irving's alleged memoirs of Howard Hughes, except that Hughes was still alive to deny the latter, whereas Luciano has been dead for more than 12 years.

According to the editors of "Penthouse," Martin Gosch (a former television and movie script writer) first met Luciano during the early 1960's while working on an aborted film of the gangster's life and subsequently spent a year taping Luciano's personal reminiscences on the condition that he would not publish them until the latter had been dead for ten years. Since Luciano died in 1962, the editors claim that Gosch kept his word--despite the efforts of "the government, the police, the mob, and other private interests... to get the tapes--and waited until 1972 to join forces with former "New York Times" reporter Richard Hammer to edit and publish his secret manuscript.

- 1 - Mr. McDermott
- 1 - Mr. Cleveland

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Memorandum to Mr. Cleveland
Re: The Last Testament of Lucky Luciano

Discrepancies Noted

Obviously, if such a manuscript were valid, it would be of considerable value to law enforcement, but there are many instances of internal evidence to indicate that Gosch probably resurrected a few random quotes gathered during interviews with Luciano and then put them together with an old movie script of his and some recent research to produce a book that would capitalize upon the current public interest in the subject of organized crime.

Timewise, for example, 1961 (the year the taping allegedly started) was two years prior to the testimony of Mafia member Joe Valachi before the McClellan Committee, and there is nothing in Luciano's previous history to indicate that he would be willing to break the Mafia's infamous code of omerta (or silence) and follow in Valachi's footsteps, even ten years after his death.

Secondly, if the underworld did know of the existence of actual Luciano tapes, as the publishers claim, it is inconceivable that Gosch would still be alive today to tell the tale.

Thirdly, the book contains a number of small--but crucial--errors which it is difficult to imagine someone as knowledgeable as Luciano making. Part II, for example, states that after the death of Salvatore Maranzano, Luciano created a new underworld "set-up" which he designated the "Unione Siciliano" at the suggestion of Meyer Lansky. As a matter of fact, the Mafia had long been known in public by this name, and most of the information gathered to date by the Bureau indicates that the title was probably dropped by Luciano when he created the concept of the La Cosa Nostra ruling Commission in 1931.

Reputation Matches Movie

With respect to Gosch's personal veracity, Bureau files reveal that he was described in 1962 by the Chief of the United States Narcotics Bureau in Rome as being completely untrustworthy, a liar, and an opportunist who was trying to take advantage of his association with Luciano to produce a movie about the dead mobster. Also in 1962, Gosch told the Bureau's Legal Attache in Madrid that his movie script about Luciano had been largely "made up out of the whole cloth" and bore little resemblance to anything that had actually

Memorandum to Mr. Cleveland
Re: The Last Testament of Lucky Luciano

occurred. In 1972, Gosch appeared at FBIHQ and unsuccessfully attempted to secure our help in converting the script (which he said had had Luciano's approval) into book form. He said that he had a former "New York Times" reporter named Richard Hammer assisting him and that they had been granted access to the files of the New York City Police Department. According to the "Penthouse" editors, Gosch died in 1973.

As regards Hammer, Bureau files show only that he is a successful author and reporter who may, or may not, be aware of the fraudulent nature of Gosch's manuscript.

Old History Rehashed

An in-depth analysis of captioned book indicates that the material contained therein consists of old information gleaned from the hearings of the McClellan Committee and other Congressional groups, plus a number of unverified allegations to the effect that Luciano dabbled in the political campaign of Al Smith and Franklin D. Roosevelt, paid \$90,000 into Tom Dewey's gubernatorial coffers, and once turned down a \$5,000 offer from Director Hoover if he would tell the FBI where Louis Lepke Buchalter was hiding. For these reasons, and the description of how it came to be written in the first place, it is not believed that this book has any value to the FBI, or to anyone else for that matter.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.



Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Room 1403
370 Lexington Avenue
New York, N. Y.

RM [redacted]

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January 17, 1936.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St., N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: -

There are transmitted herewith, for the Bureau's information, copies of memorandum dated January 15, 1936, prepared by Special Agent [redacted] concerning his interview with one [redacted] who professes to have information regarding shipment of arms and ammunition to Peru, South America. [redacted] entire story is highly improbable and sounds like a fabrication, and it seems that he is primarily interested in securing compensation for services which he desires to render to the Bureau as an informant.

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In view of the nature of the information furnished, no further action is being taken by the New York Office in the absence of instructions.

Very truly yours,

R. Whitley

R. WHITLEY
Special Agent in Charge

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January 15, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

[REDACTED] communicated with the Special Agent in Charge by telephone on January 13, 1936, and stated that he had information regarding shipments of arms to foreign countries. He was interviewed by the writer by appointment at this office. [REDACTED] stated that he resides with his parents at the address given. They have no telephone, but he can be reached by calling [REDACTED] which is the telephone of one of their next-door neighbors. He can also be reached occasionally at his brother's home, telephone, [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] is at the present time unemployed. About two years ago he was [REDACTED] which, he stated, is at the corner of [REDACTED]. Since then he has had no regular employment. He gets occasional work as a salesman in stores on Saturdays.

[REDACTED] story is that about one month ago he went to call on a friend named [REDACTED] whom he had known for several years, and whom he had just met again on the street in this city. They went to [REDACTED]. While there he met a man named [REDACTED] who, when [REDACTED] was leaving, asked him to wait downstairs for him. [REDACTED] waited and [REDACTED] came down and joined him and told him that he, [REDACTED] wanted to get some rifles and sub-machine guns. First he mentioned 5,000 rifles, then he jumped the figure to 10,000. As to the machine guns, [REDACTED] said they wanted to get as many as was possible. The rifles were to be anything but Krags. The machine guns were to be of the type that are without tripods, such as Brownings or Thompson sub-machine guns. In time, [REDACTED] learned from this [REDACTED] that there was to be a revolution in [REDACTED] within the next few months and these weapons were for the use of the rebels. The revolution is described as being a popular one, having for its purpose the elimination of the Grace Line from the Republic. [REDACTED] figured that the reason they selected him was that they knew that he had been active as [REDACTED] in what he describes as the worst crime section in the city. [REDACTED] says he talked with [REDACTED]

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and another fellow called [redacted] is supposed to be one of Charles Luciano's lieutenants. All of the men he refers to above are Italians. [redacted] is an Irish-American, about 35 to 40 years of age, 5' 10" tall, weighing from 180 to 190 pounds, with a dark complexion and black hair.

[redacted] and his associates said they could get him a large quantity of Ortgas Automatic pistols. [redacted] showed [redacted] one of these automatic pistols, which is, so he states, a very neat and effective-looking .25 calibre weapon. The discussion finally got to the point where [redacted] and his associates are to supply 60 pistols weekly from the start of the contract until the advent of the revolution, whether that be in August, September or October, or whenever it might occur. The pistols were to cost \$25.00 each for the new ones, and \$20.00 each for the used ones. The new ones would really cost about \$15.00 and the difference, \$10.00, would be split four ways, one quarter to [redacted] and one to each of the other three men in the delivery of the weapons. The guns are reported to be somewhere in the Catskill Mountains, but where, [redacted] could not learn.

The entire transaction, as well as the rifle transaction referred to hereafter, is being financed by a Wall Street firm, name unknown to [redacted]. However, he states that he questioned the ability of [redacted] to pay for the quantity of weapons being solicited. [redacted] story here sounds most improbable. He states that [redacted] was accompanied by two Peruvians, one of them an [redacted] named [redacted] (not known whether this was his first or last name) and another man, who were supposed to be from the revolutionary organization, and that they had with them a suitcase containing an enormous amount of money, which they showed to [redacted] and [redacted] said the suitcase contained some \$400,000.00. This money was in bills ranging from twenty to one hundred dollars each.

The hitch in the transaction is that the prospective purchasers will not pay the price asked. [redacted] said that he can cooperate with us, but to do so it will be necessary for the Government to put up the money to pay the difference between the price asked and the price to be paid, so that the transaction would go through and the parties involved trapped, either the purchasers or the sellers, or both. If [redacted] wants to get in touch with [redacted]

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to tell him the deal is on, he is to insert in the "World-Telegram" an advertisement reading in substance, "Rose came home, all is forgiven".

The more interesting parts of the story told by [redacted] were that the rifle deal had not gone through here because [redacted] had landed the order and had put the guns, some ten thousand of them, into Peru, landing them somewhere in the northern part of the country. The ship which took them was loaded off-shore through the medium of speedboats. He also told about a man who ^{was} approached before he, [redacted] was approached. He describes this man as a one-armed gunsmith who is located on [redacted]. [redacted] states that he would have gone through with the deal himself if he could have done so, but the question of price has stopped the deal. He says he would not have come near the Bureau about the matter if he could have handled it successfully; further, that we would have had nothing on him as the payoff would have been handled so as to make it appear that some indebtedness was being paid. The delivery of the weapons would be at some other point. He states that his only interest at this time is to get either financial compensation from the Bureau direct or else have the Bureau put up money to put the thing over and, in that manner, he would get his commission and the Bureau would catch the conspirators.

[redacted] is reported to be employed by some steel company. The Victoria Hotel is understood to be a racket hotel. [redacted] whole demeanor was not very convincing. Once or twice I thought I had caught him in a contradiction, but he immediately corrected himself. [redacted] was informed that I could make no decision on the matter and that it would have to be submitted to the Special Agent in Charge for some further instructions.

Respectfully submitted,

[redacted]
Special Agent.

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Room 1405
370 Lexington Avenue
New York, N. Y.

January 21, 1936.

RW.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St., N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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On January 20, 1936, [redacted] telephoned and stated that his representative working in Miami, Florida, has located a party in Miami who is supposed to be very closely affiliated with Charles "Lucky" Luciano, notorious New York racketeer; that this party is presently using the name Sam Gramico, alias Macie, and that his correct name is supposed to be Sangiacomo. [redacted] suggested that the Bureau might be interested in this party or might possibly desire his apprehension, and that in this event his representative could furnish information regarding him and advice concerning his whereabouts.

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An examination of the New York index fails to reflect any information under the above given names, and the information is being furnished to the Bureau for such action as might be deemed appropriate.

Very truly yours,

R. Whitley
R. WHITLEY
Special Agent in Charge

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February 1, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
New York, New York.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of January 31, 1936,
wherein you advise that [REDACTED] b7c
[REDACTED] telephoned your office and stated that his
representative in Miami, Florida, has located a party in Miami
who is supposed to be very closely associated with Charles "Lucky"
Luciano; that this party is presently using the name Sam Granco,
alias Yockie, and that his correct name is supposed to be
Sangiaccaro.

In reply to the inquiry contained in your letter, you
are advised that on the basis of the information furnished it has
not been possible to identify in the Bureau's files any subject
by the names given in your letter as being wanted. There are
enclosed herewith transcripts of the criminal records of the
following subjects, one of whom may possibly be identical with
the subject mentioned in your communication:

[REDACTED] b7c
Sabiato Sangiacomo, FBI-304591

As of possible interest to you in connection with
this case, there is enclosed also a transcript of the criminal
record of Charles Lucania, FBI-60826, who is probably identical
with the Charles "Lucky" Luciano mentioned in your letter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure 315907

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U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

January 29, 1936

The following is a transcript of the record, including the most recently reported data, as shown in the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning our number

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J. E. Hoover

J. E. HOOVER, Director.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Rochester, N. Y.	Sabatino Sangiacomo, 1-5-29 alias Sabatino Sangiacomo, 17850	1-5-29	assault 1st deg.	
Auburn Prison, Auburn, N. Y.	Sabatino Sangiacomo, alias Sabatino Sangiacomo, 43117	2-26-29	assault 1st deg.	7 yrs. and 6 mos. to 15 yrs.
The following is the description of the above individual appearing on print 43117, Auburn Prison, Auburn, N. Y.:				
Color, white; date of birth, 1884; birthplace, Celano, Italy; age, 45 years; height, 5 feet, 7 inches; weight, 172 pounds; build, stocky; occupation, laborer; complexion, medium; eyes, light slate; hair, medium chestnut. Scars and marks: 2 large vaccinations upper arm.				

* Represents imitations unsupported by fingerprints.

For completion of our records, please supply dispositions to this Bureau in any of the foregoing cases where they do not appear.

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 29, 1936

The following is a transcript of the record, including the most recently reported data, as shown in the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning our number

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J. E. HOOVER, Director

Contributor of Fingerprints	Name and Number	Arrested or Received	Charge	Disposition
PD, Jersey City, N. J.	Charles Lucania, #B-135 alias Charlie Lucania	12/15/21	C. W. - (32 cal. revolver)	*disch. 12/22/21
PD, NYC, NY.	Charles Lucania, #B-72321, alias Charley Luckey	11/17/23	assault and robbery - (gun)	11/23/23, disch.
PD, NYC, NY.	Charles Lucania, #B-72321	10/17/29	G. L.	10/29/29, disch.
SO, Miami, Fla.	Chas. Lucania, #4615, alias Charlie Lucania	2/23/30	operating gamb. game - C. C. W. - vag.	\$1000. - paid 3/7/30
PD, NYC, NY.	Charles Lucania, #B-72321, alias Charley Luckey	2/2/31	fel. assault	2/4/31, disch.
PD, Cleveland, Ohio.	Chas. Lucania, #	7/4/31	inv.	
PD, Miami Beach, Fla.	Charles Lucania, #854, alias Charlie Lucania	12/28/35	criminal registration - (registered voluntarily)	released
*	6/27/16, as Charles Lucania, NYC, drugs; indef. Pen.			
*	6/5/23, as Charles Lucania, NYC, Harrison Act; on 3/1/26, disch.			
*	7/27/26, as Charles Lucania, NYC, 1897, P. L.; on 7/27/26, disch.			

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	<p>12/26/26, as Charles Lucania, NYC, fel. assault; on disch. 1927, 1897 P.L. (As on print #B-72321, PD, NYC, NY, rec. 11/23/26). As Charles Lucania, (poss. ident), arr. 4/19/32, Chicago, Ill., inv.; disch., 4/21/32.</p>			<p>12/29/26,</p>
<p>(CC-PD, Miami, Fla.) (CC-Bu. of Narc., Washington, D.C.)</p>	<p>This individual is included in the blacklist issued by the Bureau of Narcotics, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.</p> <p>This case is entered in the Single Fingerprint Section of this Bureau under #E-820.</p> <p><u>OUTSTANDING CERTIFICATES</u> (NEW YORK CITY)</p> <p>#B-72321, CHARLES LUCIANA, aliases Charles Reed, "Lucky".</p> <p>MODUS OPERANDI: Is a general gangster and racketeer - is boss of a lower East Side gang. Operates chiefly in beer and liquor. Has business connections with Lepke, Longie and the other mobs. Is usually in the company of Coppola, Deriso and Iandusco. Is apparently wealthy.</p> <p>Inf. rec. Bu. Off., New York City, New York 1-10-31. Bu. File #62-29950-91.</p> <p>The following is the description of the above individual appearing on print #B-72321, PD, New York City, N. Y. rec. 2-5-31:</p> <p>Color, white; age, 34 years; height, 5 feet, 9 3/4 inches; weight, 152 pounds; build, medium; hair, black; eyes, brown; complexion, dark; birthplace, New York; occupation, chauffeur. Scars and marks: 3 inch scar under chin. Tattoo of sailor and heart on right arm.</p>			

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For completion of our records, please supply dispositions to this Bureau in any of the foregoing cases where they do not appear.

Charles Luciana, aka, "Lucky" Luciano

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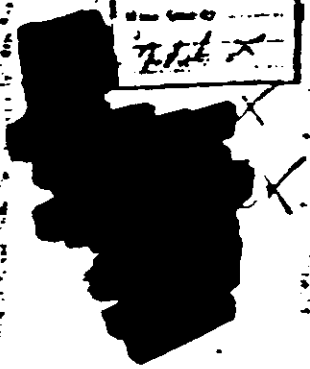
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By H. S. Men

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

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July 22, 1936.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Referring to Bureau letter dated July 17, 1936, making reference to an article appearing in the Descon Journal of Akron, Ohio, dated June 20, 1936, concerning white slave conditions in Akron, Ohio, please be advised that on July 8, 1936, Special Agent W. M. Sirens submitted a report in the case entitled [REDACTED] with aliases: [REDACTED] with alias, VICTIM: WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT, covering investigation at Akron, Ohio.

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Effort is also being made to develop a case at Akron, Ohio, on one Pete Alex, an operator of a number of houses of prostitution.

Very truly yours,

J. H. [Signature]
J. H. [Name]
Special Agent in Charge

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Dear [redacted] b7c

Note de attached
statement that Akron
police officers have been
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by Federal agents and
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CITY *Albany*

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REPORT POLICE OFFERED RAISE FOR 'TIP-OFFS'

At Least Two City Officers 'Propositioned' By Agents With Promotions

ASKS EVIDENCE ON MATES

Larabee Denies Knowledge Of Secret Conferences During Law Investigation

Albany police officers have been offered promotions by Federal authorities in exchange for information about graft practiced by both or officers, it was reported today.

At least two Albany officers have been "propositioned" secretly by Federal agents making an anti-graft and corruption study in that which involves the conviction of James Earl Ray, reports say.

The local officers were called into Federal agents' hotel rooms on Monday night.

Larabee himself never Federal authorities asked for the officers and returned them to their homes, it was learned.

Byron M. Larabee, law department assistant in charge of the investigation for the city denied knowledge of the questioning. He said, however, he was not in close touch with every move made by the Federal officers here.

Five Albany (22) city operatives and at least one representative of the Department of Justice are working constantly in Albany, according to Mr. Larabee. He said they will be stationed in Albany until the "end of the year, at least."

Questioned Separately

According to well-informed sources the two officers who were faced with promises of promotions were taken to the agents' rooms separately, without knowledge that the other officer was being questioned.

The type of question asked of one of the officers propositioned proceeded as follows:

Q—There are going to be a lot of promotions around in the police department before this investigation is over. There will be room for a lot of promotions. How you were recommended to go on an honor roll by Mr. Larabee. We want to see you some things. How was the payoff man while you were in the vice squad?

A—There was no payoff man that I know of.

Q—Come on now. How much did you make while you were on the squad?

A—I just made my salary.

Q—Think it over. There is no reason in the world why you shouldn't get your own piece of cake. Come on now, tell us a few things and we'll see that you are taken care of.

A—If I know anything I'd be glad to tell you.

Q—Well, you aren't going to get any place unless you cooperate. Come on now!

A—I don't know anything.

Q—Wasn't you in _____ place on _____ 14, 1933 and didn't the two officers with you take it all each?

A—I never saw any policeman take any money.

Q—Well, you think it over. If you decide to tell us I'll be glad to see what you have to say.

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Chief of Police
Washington D.C.

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Please Sir, I have given to you
every copy of the concrete fact sheet
of the Sudanese Army operations here
I have no agents involved in this
I have no agents by name & by description
I have no agents in private to avoid any and
all expenses of government & structure. If you
desire to know the request & request review
I can act on the authority of the
Citizen House 7-8-36

Honorable Sir's Copy
Sudan

Respectfully,
[Redacted]

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If rewards are allowed for quickly set
I will know also.

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August 23, 1936.

PROSTITUTION IN THE DISTRICT

With reference to your inquiry as to the approximate sum of money received by racketeers engaged in vice activities, you are advised that I estimate the approximate gross income to these racketeers to be \$212,785,000.00 per year. This figure is based upon a conservative estimate that 77,575 prostitutes are operating in the United States at all times. This figure was compiled by [redacted] in the crime statistics unit.

The income of the Luciano mob was estimated at \$1,000,000 per month in an organization in which approximately 2,500 prostitutes were operating. This figure results in the approximation that each prostitute earns \$4,000 a year. This figure may be correct in well organized and high priced houses, but I believe that on a national basis, it is too high, and consequently, I have taken but half of this figure; namely, \$2,000, to represent the average income of such prostitutes.

On this basis, the total income accruing to the vice racketeers is as indicated above \$212,785,000.00. On the basis of the figures furnished by Davy to the newspapers on his investigation, the total revenue each year would be \$425,570,000.00, or twice the estimate which I investigated.

L. A. TOLSON

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September 23, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Los Angeles, California.

RE: **WALTER [REDACTED];**
[REDACTED]

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Dear Sir:

The Bureau file in the above entitled case indicates that this case is not receiving prompt investigative attention in your district.

This matter should be placed in line for early investigative attention and you should submit a report to the Bureau at the earliest possible date.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Los Angeles, California

December 9, 1936

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Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
Unknown Victims;

White Slave Traffic Act,
I. A. Vile 43-1367.

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated September 8, 1936, which was forwarded to the complainant [redacted] in this case. This is to advise that Special Agent [redacted] of this office has made two unsuccessful attempts to locate the informant for interview.

It was ascertained by Agent [redacted] that the address given the Bureau by [redacted] is that of the Western Auto Supply Company. The manager of this concern was interviewed by Agent [redacted] and advised that there had been an elderly gentleman by the name of [redacted] about his place from time to time, and that he occasionally received mail there, but that he did not know his address and had no idea what business he was engaged in. Agent [redacted] left the telephone number of the Los Angeles Field Division with the manager of the Western Auto Supply Company at that address approximately four weeks ago, and to date no word has been received from him. A second attempt was also made to locate [redacted] at the above address without success.

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The name of [redacted] was searched through the Los Angeles City and Telephone Directories with negative results.

In the absence of further advice from the Bureau, this case is being considered as closed in this office.

Very truly yours,

J. H. Harsch
J. H. HARSCH,
Special Agent in Charge

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**Marcus Set Back
In Albany Appeal**

Albany, N.Y., Jan. 14 (AP)—The Albany Superior Court today set back the appeal of a conviction for a 14-year prison sentence for a man who was charged with the murder of a woman in New York City in 1922. The court's decision is a reversal of a ruling by the Albany County Court, which had granted the appeal. The court's decision is based on the fact that the Albany Superior Court had no jurisdiction to hear the appeal. The court's decision is a reversal of a ruling by the Albany County Court, which had granted the appeal. The court's decision is based on the fact that the Albany Superior Court had no jurisdiction to hear the appeal.

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Mr. Edgar Hoover -

RECORDED & INDEXED Washington D. C.

Dear Sir: - 44-77-8

In regards to

Houses that ^{DEA 22-837} are used for immoral purposes. Will you please give me ^{the} information on what steps I can take to help clean these places up. Every street nearly in Akron has private homes that are using this means just for the money. Under Mayor

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See W. C. Croy's administration
it is a hard matter
to find a decent place
to rent here anymore
I am yours sincerely

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

January 4, 1938

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General Delivery,
Akron, Ohio.

Dear Mrs. Coff:

I am in receipt of your letter dated December 20, 1937, wherein you advise of vice conditions in Akron, Ohio.

Please be informed that the Federal Bureau of Investigation only has jurisdiction to investigate alleged violations of specific Federal Statutes. One of these statutes is the White Slave Traffic Act which prohibits the transportation of women or girls from one state to another for purposes of prostitution and other immoral purposes. Prostitution itself is a local matter falling within the investigative jurisdiction of the local police department.

In the event you have any information to indicate the interstate transportation of women for immoral purposes, please communicate directly with Mr. T. H. Stapleton, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, 1448 Standard Building, Cleveland, Ohio.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover
John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Luciano, 5 Others Appeal Vice Case To Supreme Court

By the Associated Press
 Charles (Lucky) Luciano and five others convicted two years ago of vice racketeering in New York, appealed to the Supreme Court yesterday in a final effort to escape serving long prison terms.
 Luciano is serving a 30-year term at Clinton Prison, Dannemora, N. Y. The others, serving terms ranging from 12 to 25 years, are David Bertram, Abraham Waldman, Thomas P. Parnochia, James Frederick, and Ralph Legori.
 They declare a writ of habeas corpus which permits the prosecutor to join the names of witnesses into one indictment was invalid as applied to them because the crimes charged were committed before enactment of the statute.
 They also told the court that District Attorney Thomas E. Dewey used perjured testimony. The conviction has been affirmed by the New York Court of Appeals.

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LUCIANO VICE GANG APPEALS FOR FREEDOM

Six members of the Luciano gang, sentenced to long prison terms for trafficking in women, yesterday asked the Supreme Court to pave the way to their freedom by ruling their conviction illegal if the state's laws were violated.

Headed by Charles "Lucky" Luciano, deposed overlord of New York's vice racket, the group included David Beckie, Abraham Wahrman, Thomas Pennochio, James Frederico and Ralph Luceri. Though Luciano is serving a sentence of 30 years, the others were sent up for somewhat lesser terms.

Conviction of the gang followed a spectacular trial presented by Thomas E. Dewey, then a special racket prosecutor and now district attorney of New York County. Dewey contended Luciano rolled up a fortune of millions through the white slave traffic.

Ground for the conviction gangsters based the appeal largely on the contention that the law passed by the New York State legislature in 1933 and permitting Dewey to include a series of charges in a single indictment, is unconstitutional.

Mr. Justice Brandeis	
Mr. Justice Cardozo	
Mr. Justice Sutherland	
Mr. Justice Van Devanter	
Mr. Justice McReynolds	
Mr. Justice G. D. Roberts	
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Lure Customers

Federal action is possible only if the man exports his girls from other states or slips into the inventory tax trap that removed Al Rapone when other methods failed.

His success in getting beer and liquor permits for the houses where the girls work in state waitresses uniforms has not only increased profits but made it difficult for vice squad men to obtain convictions.

Customers blind with high power beer and liquor are far more susceptible to the charms of the waitresses and the barroom draws many potential customers who

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, N.Y.
April 6, 1939.

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

During an interview which I had with [redacted] he informed me that on one of his trips to America a year or more ago, an effort which was successful had been made by [redacted] to stake him down for a certain sum of money. [redacted] claims that these individuals approached him and told him that they knew of his past criminal record and further that it was their intention to kidnap him and throw him in the river unless he paid to them the sum of \$50,000. They stated they needed this money for LUCY LUCIANO.

[redacted] claims that he did pay them approximately \$12,000 and thereafter he contacted one [redacted] who made an investigation. According to [redacted] thereafter wanted to know if he desired prosecution and he informed him that he did not as the resulting publicity would undoubtedly ruin him. [redacted] then claims to have prepared a statement in which he outlined exactly what had happened so far as the individuals named above were concerned. After this had been done he approached [redacted] and told him that he had prepared such a statement and copies of it were in his safety boxes both in America and Europe and that if anything happened to him the matter would immediately be known to the public.

At that time [redacted] told [redacted] that no one would believe any statements that he might leave and that he was friendly with many people prominent in public life. He stated that he was friendly with JOSE EDGAR HOOVER, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and that you ate at his table and further told [redacted] he had a photograph of you which was autographed "To My Friend," and frequently entertained you at his club which is the [redacted] claims that he paid no

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attention at the time to [redacted] remarks and that he personally felt that [redacted] was all right and was successful. He claims to have approached [redacted] on a number of occasions asking him why he did not sever his relations with the racketeers and at that time [redacted] told him about being born on the lower East Side of New York and having known the racketeers all of his life for which reason he could not "shake them".

The information furnished by [redacted] does not in any way indicate a violation of any Federal Statute. The violation, if any, would be of the State Law. It is noted that [redacted] says that [redacted] has investigated the matter and that [redacted] requested that there be no prosecution. b7c

In accordance with the Bureau's instructions, I have called the facts in this matter to the attention of Mr. John F. Cahill, U. S. Attorney, Southern District of New York, telling him that I was doing so at your request.

As the State authorities are already aware of this information and as there is no indication of any Federal violation, no further action whatever is being taken by the New York Office.

Very truly yours,

[redacted]

[redacted]
Inspector.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New York, N. Y.

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May 22, 1939.

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a New York "Herald Tribune" review of the recent book entitled "Ninety Times Guilty" by HICKMAN POWELL, which, as you know, is descriptive of New York State District Attorney DENNY'S prosecution of LUCIANO. The review in question appeared in the April 13th issue of the "Herald Tribune".

Very truly yours,

Dwight Beantley
DWIGHT BEANTLEY
Special Agent in Charge

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Book Tells How Dewey Broke Up Vice Racket

Richard Powell, in 'Ninety Times Guilty,' Describes Clean-Up of Luciano Ring

The story of the crushing of New York City's biggest vice racket, and of the legal campaign which sent the notorious Charles (Charlie Lucky) Luciano to prison for thirty years, is told in "Ninety Times Guilty," the new book by Richard Powell, Brooklynite, and also associate of District Attorney Thomas E. Dewey. Mr. Powell's "Ninety Times Guilty" will be published today by Harcourt, Brace & Co.

Although the major events covered by the book occurred three years ago, the general clean-up of New York's affairs, commenced by Justice Samuel Seabury in 1926, is continuing even now. Six weeks ago Jimmy Kimo, powerful Tammany lawyer, was convicted of selling protection in the Dutch Schultz policy racket. Only yesterday "Tough Johnny" Terzo was sentenced to prison for ten and one-half years for Federal income tax violations.

Perhaps the most interesting portions of Mr. Powell's book are those which had to be sketched or passed over altogether in the day-by-day journalistic accounts of the affair. The author has been able to tell more of the women witnesses who made possible the smashing of the racket—where and what they were, where they came from, and to a limited extent, what has become of them.

The Luciano case was notable for the rare collection of underworld names it included. Mr. Powell has found it wise to start his volume off with a two-page cast of characters, and many old favorites appear—Gambino, La, Frank Flan, Jimmie the Factory, Prince Jim, Crazy Mac, Little Louis, Tommy Bull, Gus-Tone Charlie and Joe-Joe Wisniewski.

Dewey's Method Revealed
Mr. Powell notes a special point of the attitude adopted by District Attorney Dewey, then special racket prosecutor for Manhattan, in tackling the vice racket. He says:

"Dewey approached his job with a cool, calculated willingness to bargain with criminals. It was his notion that the small fry in crime were not especially important. . . . Dewey's method of procedure was first to make every street small people even to make cases against respectable respectable people who refused to tell the truth about their contact with racketeers. Thereby he would force them to tell the truth. He was perfectly willing to turn loose a small fry in crime if he could persuade that little fellow to stand up and tell him what was going on. . . .

"Now, he was following back he was gathering the only successful police work that has ever been effected—the liberation of little people who can give information. Of the sixty-eight witnesses used by Mr. Dewey in prosecuting the racket leaders, forty were prostitutes and madams who told of their careers. A dozen more, Mr. Powell says, were 'business women.' The women were used because the women witnesses at first were desperately afraid of underworld reprisals, and therefore unwilling to talk. It took many months of questioning by Mr. Dewey's staff in their Woolworth Building offices, a great deal of persuasion and explanation before they were willing to testify.

Some Went Straight
All the girls were held as material witnesses during the trial. They wanted to and healthy on the enforced regime of regular living and their 30-day witness fees piled up on them. Finally the trial was over and Mr. Powell has this to say:

"The day the girls were released and given their accumulated witness fees remained nothing so much as graduation day at a girls' academy. Some of them, we may be sure, went forth with sober resolve to lead new lives henceforth, and not about getting jobs for themselves. A good many of the others went straight across the street to the nearest bar and got themselves thoroughly ginned up and then went down to the Woolworth Building to try to get the boys to go out on a party. It was a tough job to get rid of them."

Nancy Fraser and Thomas Jordan appeared to be in real danger of reprisal. A private dance turned over them to the Dewey office to get the girls out of the country for a while and they enjoyed a trip to England. Coney Flo Brown and Mildred Harris were able to sell story material to a magazine, then departed to operate a machine operation in Fresno, Calif., for a time. All of them dropped from sight after a while and some later made statements recanting their trial testimony. But Dewey was able to show that certain sources had tracked them and had even paid for drug cures the girls needed. The higher courts sustained the original convictions.

One of the minor defendants, Bernice Spiller, appeared to have the best information on what had become of the girls since the trial ended in June, 1926. Bernice got out after two years, and took a brief look around town before leaving for the West. According to Mr. Powell he made this report: "You know, the girls are practically all back in New York. But they are nice to themselves. They are all madams now."

New York Herald Tribune, April 13, 1939
Forwarded by New York Office

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1:30 P. M.
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I read in the paper that Governor Dewey
pardoned Charles [Redacted] who had been convicted
in New York County of compulsory prostitution of
women. I am sending a copy of the release sent
to me by Lawrence E. Walsh, Assistant Counsel to
Governor Dewey.

I would like to know some of the merits of
this case. I remember that about that time, 1936,
there was a large syndicate buying and selling
girls, mostly stealing them on Soldier's Home.
This fellow, Luciano, served ten years and then
was released. Can you send me a review of that
case so I can have more information? If you do
not have it, could you tell me where I can get it?
I prefer gathering you with this so I am very
much interested and would consider it a personal
favor.

Very respectfully,

[Redacted Signature]

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CHARLES SWANICK

convicted in New York County of
compulsory prostitution of women
and sentenced June 15, 1936 to a
term of thirty years minimum, fifty
years maximum. He was arrested
April 4, 1937 and is now completing
his term.

Swanick is reportable to Italy. He was leader of a
syndicate which supervised and gave orders relating to
the operation of a vice combine which "booked" women for
houses of prostitution and provided other services
incidental to the operation of houses of prostitution.
He has previously been convicted of the possession of
arms. He is now 48 years old.

Upon the entry of the United States into the war,
Swanick was recruited by the Army Services in inducing
others to provide information concerning possible enemy
attacks. It appears that he cooperated in such efforts
though the actual value of the information procured is
not clear.

His record in prison is reported as wholly
satisfactory.

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Dear [Redacted]

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your communication of February 22, 1943, with enclosures.

Inasmuch as the case involving "Lucky" Luciano was handled by local authorities in New York City and his release and subsequent deportation were handled by authorities other than the FBI, I am unable to furnish you with the desired information. Information in our possession pertaining to Luciano's activities in 1934 was furnished the local authorities to be used in their investigation and subsequent prosecution of him.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

attn. RDU. Rewrite of 3-1-43

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September 8, 1956

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Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated August 27, 1956, wherein you advise that if I call upon you personally you can give me concrete facts and a lead relative to the income tax operating in Los Angeles.

Please be advised that it is impossible for me to personally call upon you at this time. However, I am referring copies of your letter to Mr. J. W. Mason, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 803 Pacific Commerce Building, Los Angeles, California, in order that he may select an Agent from his office to personally call upon you in my behalf for any information which you may have relative to violations of Federal law falling within the primary investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau.

You may be assured that you can talk to the Agent who calls upon you confidentially, and that any information furnished by you concerning violations of Federal law will be treated in confidence by this Bureau in connection with any official investigation which might appear warranted.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Julie
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cc - Los Angeles with copies of incoming letter

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- 5) 65-1649-1028
- 6) 62-71935-48
- 7) 71-2213-12

Society Note

By Robert C. Ruark

If somebody will fetch a looking glass I will be pleased to step through it, like Alice, for a quiet chat with the Mad Hatter.



The calm acceptance of the nation's No. 1 character-builder for kiddies, Frank Sinatra, as an intimate companion of Lucky Luciano, the vice and narcotics tycoon, was surprising, but not so surprising as something that's going on around town now.

Princess Stefanie Hohenlohe Waldenburg-Schillingsfuert is cutting quite a figure in New York society today. A statement of similar import might be that Joachim von Ribbentrop was observed dancing last night at the Stork Club, or that Iva Braun was the house-guest of Mr. and Mrs. Bigname in Long Island.

Mata Hari was a bum alongside of this Hohenlohe cookie, and comparatively, as a tool for the Fascists, Edda Mussolini was just a roundheeled deb who couldn't say "No". Hohenlohe was tops in her league, so good she was but recently sprung from one of our stouter spy-corrals.

But here she is, diked out like a duchess, on hand for some of the better lognetje-and-liquor parties, and sponsored by one of the oldest names in the Social Register. Unless she's moved since I called last, the Princess is holed up in the Hotel Gotham.

Hohenlohe was an intimate friend of Adolf Hitler, and before the war his most trusted female agent. Wherever there was stealing at the crossroads, there you could find the Princess, who was referred to familiarly as "Hitler's Mme. de Stael."

Hohenlohe arranged the celebrated meeting between Hitler and Lord Rothermere. She fixed the party between Viscount Runciman and Konrad Henlein, the German leader in Czechoslovakia, on

the Sudeten problem, the outcome of which I remember as the brightest spark before the world explosion.

This current butterfly in New York society is the girl who influenced Hitler to send Fritz Weidemann to England as his special envoy, and who kept in close touch with Weidemann when Fritz was running espionage here.

I do not advocate that we line this charming creature up against the nearest wall and shoot her, since I am essentially a nonvindictive person. But we did hang several of her cronies at Nuremberg on the strength of a similar record, and Hohenlohe is a legitimate candidate for anybody's rope if her association with the top Nazis is a yardstick.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **LOS ANGELES**

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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Information concerning Colonial Inn and Green Acres, gambling casinos, Hallandale, Fla., and connection therewith of SIEGEL, FRANK, COSTELLO, MEYER, LANSKY, JOE, DONIS, , the so-called "Big O," set forth with data concerning others of lesser importance connected therewith.

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- Letter from Salt Lake City to Miami, December 2, 1946
Teletype from Salt Lake City to Director and Miami, January 7, 1947
Bureau teletype to Miami dated January 20, 1947
Teletype from Los Angeles to Miami dated January 17, 1947
Report of Special Agent dated January 17, 1947 at Los Angeles, California
Letter from Miami to the Director, dated January 29, 1947
Teletype from Los Angeles to Miami and other offices dated February 4, 1947

DETAILS:

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Referenced letter to the Director dated January 29, 1947, with copy to the Los Angeles and copy to the Salt Lake City Field

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: *J.E. Thornton*
Special Agent in Charge

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Reference is made to the teletype from the Salt Lake City Field Division dated January 17, 1947, and to Bureau teletype dated January 20, 1947, wherein information is set out to the effect that

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In this connection, [redacted] Agent in Charge of the Local Office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Professional Building, Miami, Florida, was contacted, and he advised that there is practically no way to check individuals to and from Havana if they are citizens. No passports are necessary and if a person is actually a citizen and returns to this country using an assumed name, there is no offense committed for which he could be held. [redacted] stated his office would cooperate to the fullest extent and that if photographs were furnished to him, they would be placed with the officials at the airport and steamship depots so that a lookout could be kept for SIEGEL and he could be thoroughly questioned upon arrival in this country. It was suggested by [redacted] that Customs officials could be contacted and arrangements be made to thoroughly search SIEGEL if he were discovered entering this country regardless of what name he might use. If SIEGEL comes to this area it was planned to request the Customs officials to be on the lookout for him.

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Reference is made to the teletype from the Los Angeles Field Division dated January 17, 1947, and the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at Los Angeles, California, January 17, 1947, requesting information as to the activities and contacts of [redacted]

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Further reference is made to New York teletype dated January 28, 1947, setting forth background information to the effect that [redacted]

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Linked to Luciano
Three Name
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Ragen Death



Associated Press WIREPHOTO
WILLIAM BLOCK

Chicago, March 13 (U.P.)—A man identified by three witnesses as the gunman who ambushed Racing News czar James M. Ragen, sr., was named by a Federal narcotics official today as a suspect in a slaying believed to have been arranged by vice king Charles (Lucky) Luciano.

The suspect is William Block, 36, handbook employe and ex-convict, who was positively identified last night by three witnesses, including a church deacon and a newsboy, as the man who shot Ragen at a South Side intersection June 24, 1946. The identities of the witnesses were guarded to prevent gangland reprisals.

Col. George H. White, head of the narcotics division of the Treasury Department here, said Block might answer the "general description" of a gunman sought in the

slaying of Carl Carramusa, a narcotics case witness who was riddled by shotgun blasts in front of his Chicago home June 21, 1945.

White disclosed clearly that the slayings of Carramusa and Ignazio Antanori, killed at Tampa, Fla., early in 1945, had been arranged by Luciano, former New York crime head who recently arrived in Cuba from Italy and now awaits deportation.

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Re: General Crime Survey

(wire has been sent Chicago for details)

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Deacon and Newsboy Name Bookie As Slayer of Ragen

Two Guarded From Gangland Reprisals

CHICAGO, March 13 (UP)—A church deacon and a newsboy "put the finger" on a bookie today and positively identified him as the man who shot James M. Ragen sr., czar of the nation's racing information service.

Ragen was shot at a busy street intersection June 24, 1946, and died August 14.

Identities Kept Secret

The deacon and the newsboys, whose identities are being closely guarded to prevent gangland reprisals, viewed a police show-up of nine persons and identified William Block, 36, as the man who leaned from the rear of an armored pickup truck and shot Ragen as he halted his automobile for a stop light.

Police said the churchman and the newsstand attendant were "positive" in their identification, and said the newsboy had to duck back out of the line of fire when Ragen's assailant poked a 12-gauge shotgun from the truck.

"I got a clear view of the man, and I couldn't be mistaken," the newsboy said.

Victim Links Capone

Ragen had told police several weeks before the shooting that members of the syndicate were attempting to kill him, and claimed that the late Al Capone, then ill at Miami, was leading an outfit to take over his racing news service.

Police identified Block as an employe of a racing handbook and an ex-convict whose criminal record dates back to 1928 and a conviction for stealing coins from pay telephones.

He was included in the police show-up after park policeman who saw Block throw a package into the Douglas Park lagoon became suspicious of Block's story. Block,



WILLIAM BLOCK

when questioned by the patrolman, said he had thrown away one of his daughter's toys which was broken and which might have cut her.

The policeman noted Block's license number and returned to his station for a pair of rubber hip boots which he wore to wade into the lagoon to recover the parcel.

The wrapped package contained the barrel of a 12-gauge shotgun. A 12-gauge shotgun used in the shooting was found in the pick-up truck, the back end of which had been reinforced with sheet steel and camouflaged with fruit baskets, but the barrel had not been sawed off.

Block admitted that he threw the package in the lake but would make no further statement. A writ of habeas corpus for his release was made returnable late this afternoon.

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New York Society Cuddles Hitler's Top Woman Agent

By **ROBERT C. RUARK** Scripps-Howard Staff Writer

NEW YORK, March 26—If somebody will fetch a looking-glass I will be pleased to step thru it, like Alice, for a quiet little chat with the Mad Hatter.

The calm acceptance of the nation's No. 1 character-builder for kiddies, Frank Sinatra, as an intimate companion of Lucky Luciano, vice and narcotics tycoon, was surprising, but not so surprising as something that's going on around town now.

Princess Stefanie Hohenlohe Waldenburg Schillingsfuerst is cutting quite a figure in New York society today. A statement of similar import might be that Joachim von Ribbentrop was observed dancing last night at the Stork Club, or Eva Braun was the house-guest of Mr. and Mrs. Bigname on Long Island.

MATA HARI was a bum alongside of this Hohenlohe cookie, and comparatively, as a tool for the Fascists, Edda Mussolini was just a round heeled debutante who couldn't say "no." Hohenlohe was tops in her league, so good she is but recently sprung from one of our ~~stout~~ spy-corrals.

But here she is, diked out like a duchess, on hand for some of the better lognette-and-liquor parties, and sponsored by one of the oldest names in the social register. Unless she's moved since I called last, the Princess is holed up in Hotel Gotham, which evidently has a stronger stomach than the 42 countries who denied Steffi the right to enter.

Hohenlohe was an intimate friend of Hitler's, and before the war his most trusted female agent, referred to familiarly as "Hitler's Mme. de Staël."

Hohenlohe arranged the celebrated meeting between Hitler and Lord Rothermere. She fixed the parley between Viscount Runciman and Konrad Hein, German leader in Czechoslovakia, on the Sudeten problem, the outcome of which I seem to remember as the brightest

spark before the world explosion.

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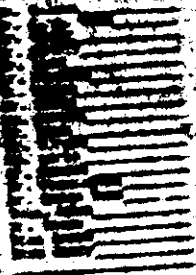
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Date: February 27, 1967

INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF TICKETS



PURPOSE

To advise of an Interstate lottery which operated under the auspices of the Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania 40 and 8 Club of the American Legion but

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DETAILS

The Wilkes-Barre Leader in its February 21 issue ran a story about a huge lottery operated out of Wilkes-Barre under the auspices of the 40 and 8 Club.

COLLECTOR AND INVESTIGATION TO DATE

has been identified, because of adverse publicity in the past it was acknowledged at the drawing on February 27 that the lottery was passing operations.

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ACTION TO BE TAKEN

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IDENTITIES OF PRINCIPALS

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

INTEREST OF POST OFFICE AUTHORITIES IN THIS CASE

Postal inspectors started to make preliminary inquiries in this case but discontinued after ascertaining that the Bureau was conducting an active investigation.

RECOMMENDATION

Excessive attention will be given to this case [REDACTED]