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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

SAC, LOUISVILLE (178-1) (P)

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
Harassing Phone Call
from Louisville, Kentucky,
to Phone of Mrs. [Redacted],
Memphis, Tennessee,

9/7/68

INTERSTATE OSCENE OR
HARASSING PHONE CALLS

CO: LOUISVILLE

South Central Bell Telephone Company operator, Louisville, Kentucky, in connection with a long distance call by an alleged man to Memphis, Tennessee, non-published telephone 901 - [Redacted] had Louisville number traced as telephone number furnished by caller was a pay telephone station in Louisville, 775-9341, instead of a private number. Telephone company traced calling number as possibly [Redacted] listed to [Redacted], Louisville, Kentucky. Memphis telephone listed to Mrs. [Redacted], reputed aunt of ELVIS PRESLEY.

Telephone company received complaint from Manning-Dunn Funeral Home, Louisville, that inquiry was received from aunt of ELVIS PRESLEY relative to long distance phone call by unknown male to the uncle of ELVIS PRESLEY, relating that ELVIS PRESLEY was killed in airplane crash at Louisville and his body was at Manning Funeral Home, Louisville. This was a hoax.
Manning-Dunn Funeral Home subject of numerous recent local harassing telephone calls by individual representing himself as coroner and requesting funeral home pick up bodies of deceased persons. These calls were harassing in nature as no deceased persons located as reported by unknown caller.

Louisville Police Department conducting extensive investigation relative to hoax and harassing calls related to Manning-Dunn Funeral Home. Telephone company has no suspect.

Telephone company investigating case as telephone fraud.

AUSA, WDKY, deferred prosecution to local authorities in view of local handling of matter and single interstate call which appears related to harassing calls received by Manning-Dunn Funeral Home.

No investigation conducted. Letterhead memorandum follows.
Another brother, sold of her little boy not wanting to speak to a man and took his way and turn into a tiger and disappeared.

Let me say right here. I do believe you are very kind and understanding and really do not want to hurt anyone. If these killer words ever come to be and things go wrong I will write a book about them. If Lord and Father wants them to come, they will come. They are beginning to wonder and Lord and Father and Mother wants them to come. You know Mother had a book and a book and a book and I don't know Mother ever had a book and a book and a book and I don't know.

I'm a mother of five children, seventeen I think, and it all you could ask for. I'm a very kind, understanding and really don't want to hurt anyone. I'm coming to you now and try to do all you could for. That's why I'm coming to you now.

I'm writing you to tell you something about your letter. I'm coming to you now and try to do all you could for. That's why I'm coming to you now.
I will say this—my daughter selects, very carefully, the pictures or programs her children shall watch. Sometimes this is a problem because—maybe the child wants to watch after school, right after supper etc.—and nothing to look at but KILLING!

Oh, yes, indeed these programs affect our young people. AND adults are giving it to them!

Let's take music. College presidents have said it is "the greatest mind-trainer on the list".

A large part of a child's education is affected by music. Let's think that thru together, Mr. Hoover.

Let's take someone who says I am all wrong on this theory. Alright. A marching band goes by. They stop and play to a group of school children. While that band is in their midst, are they not watching the drummer, the trumpeter, whoever happens to be nearest,—and wishing they could play like that. Are they not keeping time with their feet, perhaps clapping their hands to time with the music? Are their thoughts not on the highest educational and emotional order? An impression!

Now let's take Elvis Presley and some of the other singers whom he has influenced. Compare impressions.

We can never say that music does not have an effect on the mind.

If it did not—we could play a wedding march at a funeral, we could have jazz music in our churches, chants and hymns in our dance halls. There is no chance for argument.

All this leads me to this: if our country would come forth and realize the importance of musical training for EVERY child I do believe the crime in our country would be greatly erased!

You and many others may say that every child is not musical, does not care for music. That's where our trained teachers can make it enjoyable and appealing. It can be done with very rewarding results. SO MANY WAYS TO MAKE GOOD MUSIC!

Our beloved Kristine Nordica, the world's greatest Magnolian singer began when she was a very little girl sitting beside a brook on their farm and listening to the birds, the water as it flowed over the rocks and she tried to imitate them. She did!

I do hope you will use your influence to ban, discard, throw out these horrible, destructive programs they are showing on TV, every day!

Thanks if you have stayed with me and we are so thankful for YOU!

A friend,
TO:        DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM:     SAC, LOS ANGELES (9-4410) (P)
SUBJECT: UNSUB.

ELVIS PRESLEY -- VICTIM
EXTORTION

Re Los Angeles teletype to the Bureau dated 8/28/70.

On 8/28/70, E. GREGORY HOOKSTRATFEN, attorney for victim, ELVIS PRESLEY, advised that Los Angeles Police Officer has been hired to act as bodyguard for victim in Las Vegas, Nevada. He is on leave from the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) and he assumed duties as victim's bodyguard effective during the evening of 8/28/70. Mr. HOOKSTRATFEN said it is anticipated that will provide his services for victim during victim's entire stay at Las Vegas. Victim is scheduled to terminate his entertainment at the International Hotel on Labor Day, 9/7/70.

Mr. HOOKSTRATFEN advised that the LAPD is also aware of this matter as the residence of is located at Los Angeles, California.
Contact was maintained during the weekend of 8/28-31/70. She advised she has received no other telephone calls threatening the life of victim and coupled with demand for information concerning identity of the killer.

On 8/31/70, Assistant United States Attorney ERIC A. MOBLES, Chief of the Complaint Unit, United States Attorney's Office, Los Angeles, advised facts of this matter at this time would not substantiate successful prosecution of anyone, if identified, in Federal Court for violation of the Federal Extortion Statute as there is lack of evidence that threatening telephone calls were made interstate and information concerning threat against life of victim did not take place over the weekend of 8/28-31/70.

On the same date, Mr. HOOKSTRATEN was advised of the opinion of Mr. MOBLES. Las Vegas is requested to insure that appropriate personnel associated with victim are advised of Mr. MOBLES' opinion. No other investigation is requested. Los Angeles will confirm Mr. MOBLES' opinion by separate communication.

At 3:00 P.M. on 8/31/70, advised that she and PRISCILLA PRESLEY, together with their children, were departing Los Angeles for Las Vegas, Nevada, whereupon they intend to stay with their husbands until the termination of victim's entertainent date at the International Hotel.
August 29, 1970

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This is a new matter involving victim, Elvis Presley, well-known entertainer currently appearing at the International Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada. Anonymous call received by victim's manager at Las Vegas 2:55 P.M., 8/27/70 stating Elvis was going to be kidnapped this weekend. At 6:15 A.M., 8/28/70 wife of a confidante of victim who is with him in Las Vegas, received anonymous call attempting to contact her husband and stated Elvis was going to get it tomorrow night; 45 minutes later same caller again called and stated a killer, who is a madman, was going to shoot Elvis, that he had a gun with a silencer. Caller said victim had "done him" (killer) wrong about a year ago." Caller requested $50,000 in small bills for information regarding identity of killer whom he knew. Victim involved in paternity suit and victim's attorney believes there may be connection but no facts to substantiate this. Bureau is investigating. Local authorities providing protection to victim's wife and daughter at Los Angeles. Security personnel, International Hotel, Las Vegas, providing protection to victim. Local JCK:nfd authorities, Las Vegas, have been furnished full details.

No further contact or calls made concerning this.
247 PM URGENT 8/28/70 DAB
TO DIRECTOR
LAS VEGAS
FROM LOS ANGELES (9-REV)

August Elvis Presley dash victim, extortion.

Victim, Elvis Presley, entertainer, is currently appearing
at the International Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Gregory Hookstratten, attorney for victim, Beverly Hills,
California, advised today as follows:

At two fifty-five PM, August twenty-seven last, anonymous
male caller called office of Col. Parker, business manager
of victim. At Las Vegas. Caller said Elvis was going to
kidnaped this weekend. Call was terminated. Caller had
southern accent.

At six fifteen AM, August twenty-eight instant,
telephone call was received at Los Angeles residence of
Mrs. . Wife of close confidante of victim who is with victim in Las Vegas. Caller

RECEIVED 9-5-70

Mr. Sullivan for the Director
COPY SENT TO MR. TOLSON
STATED WORDS TO EFFECT HE HAD TO GET IN TOUCH WITH HER HUSBAND, HE DID NOT IDENTIFY HIMSELF AND SAID ELVIS IS GOING TO GET IT TOMORROW NIGHT. HE WANTED TO TELEPHONE IN LAS VEGAS. SAID HER HUSBAND WAS OUT OF TOWN AND DID NOT INDICATE HIS LOCATION OR FURNISH A TELEPHONE NUMBER.

THE CALL WAS TERMINATED LATER AT SEVEN AM THE SAME CALLER CALLED AGAIN AND SAID THAT A PARTICULAR PERSON IS GOING TO SHOOT ELVIS AND HE HAS A GUN WITH A SILENCER ON IT. CALLER SAID KILLER IS A MADMAN AND VICTIM QUOTE DONE HIM (KILLER) WRONG ABOUT A YEAR AGO UNQUOTE. CALLER SAID HE KNEW WHO AND WHERE THE KILLER WAS AND REQUESTED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS IN SMALL BILLS FOR INFORMATION REGARDING IDENTITY OF KILLER. CALLER INDICATED HE WAS DOING VICTIM A FAVOR BY FURNISHING THIS INFORMATION. CALLER HAD CONVERSATION WITH INDICATING HE WAS FAMILIAR WITH HER HUSBAND, WE SAID HE WANTED TO GET PAID AND WOULD CALL BACK AT TWELVE NOON, AUGUST TWENTY-EIGHT INSTANT, FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING PAYMENT. CALLER SPOKE WITH SOUTHERN ACCENT.

A PATERNITY SUIT IS IN THE PROCESS OF BEING FILED AGAINST VICTIM BY RESIDES IN LOS ANGELES AND IS ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN
ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS A MONTH SUPPORT. VICTIM'S ATTORNEY AT BEVERLY HILLS FEELS THERE IS POSSIBILITY MAY BE INVOLVED; HOWEVER, THERE ARE NO FACTS TO SUBSTANTIATE THIS.

LAS VEGAS WILL CONTACT COL. THOR PARKER, TELEPHONE SEVEN, THREE FOUR ZERO SEVEN SIX EIGHT, FOR FURTHER FACTS REGARDING TELEPHONE CALL RECEIVED AT HIS OFFICE AUGUST TWENTY-SEVEN LAST. INSURE LOCAL AUTHORITIES ARE AWARE OF THIS MATTER.

LOS ANGELES IS MAINTAINING CONTACT WITH FOR ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS MATTER. VICTIM'S WIFE, PRISCILLA, AND THEIR THREE-YEAR OLD GIRL, RESIDE IN BEVERLY HILLS. LOCAL AUTHORITIES AT BEVERLY HILLS HAVE BEEN ADVISED OF THIS MATTER AND THEY ARE PROVIDING PROTECTION FOR PRISCILLA AND DAUGHTER.

END

LA FBI WASH DC

(Handwritten note: COMM. ROSEN)
RE: LOU REED - FLYING MONKEYS

[Handwritten text not legible]

RE: ELVIS PRESLEY - VICTIM, EXTORTION

[Handwritten text not legible]
UNSUB; ELVIS PRESLEY - VICTIM EXTORTION, OD: LAS VEGAS 19-388.

RE LA TEL TO DIRECTOR AND LAS VEGAS AUGUST TWENTY EIGHT.

INTERVIEWS OF ELVIS PRESLEY AND PERSONNEL AFFILIATED WITH

JIM AT LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, HAVE DEVELOPED NO INFORMATION INDICATING

IDENTITY OF UNSUB.

ON AUGUST TWENTY SIX LAST SECURITY OFFICER, INTERNATIONAL

HOTEL, LAS VEGAS, RECEIVED CALL FROM INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFYING SELF AS

PHONETIC JIM REEDS (PH) WHO SAID HE HAD INFORMATION THAT VICTIM WAS TO BE

KIDNAPPED THAT NIGHT. CALLER INDICATED HE HAD MET TWO MEN WHO

CLAIMED TO HAVE ATTENDED PARTY FOR PRESLEY PRIOR TO HIS TRIP TO

LAS VEGAS. THESE TWO MEN WHO WERE NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED WERE

ACCORDING TO CALLER SETTINGUP PLANS TO KIDNAP PRESLEY AND

WANTED HIM TO PLAY A PART IN IT. CALLER INDICATED HE WANTED TO ALERT

SECURITY PERSONNEL AND ALSO TO ADVISE THEM THAT HE HAD NO INTENTION

OF PARTICIPATING IN KIDNAPPING. CALL BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN A LONG

DISTANCE CALL BUT POINT OF ORIGIN UNKNOWN.

END PAGE ONE

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PAGE TWO

SECURITY PERSONNEL OF INTERNATIONAL HOTEL, LAS VEGAS, PROVIDING
BEST AVAILABLE SECURITY FOR VICTIM DURING PERFORMANCES OF VICTIM AND
CLARK COUNTY S.O. LAS VEGAS NEVADA, HAS BEEN PROVIDED WITH
INFORMATION RELATING TO THIS MATTER. CGSO IN CONTACT WITH HOTEL
SECURITY PERSONNEL.

LIAISON BEING MAINTAINED WITH [REDACTED] AND COL. PARKER,
MANAGER OF VICTIM.

END

SLG FBI AVASH DC CLR

[REDACTED] MR. ROSEN
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (9-1231) (C)

UNSUB, AKA ELVIS PRESLEY - VICTIM
EXTORTION; POSSIBLE THREAT TO PRESIDENT
OF UNITED STATES

Be Bureau Airtel to Memphis, 2/19/64.

There is enclosed original of post card postmarked
Huntsville, Ala., Jan. 10, 1964, 5:30 PM, bearing handwritten
address, "President Elvis Presley Memphis, Tennessee," and
bearing on the reverse side handwritten note, "You will be
next on my list...."

The enclosed post card was forwarded to the Bureau
with Memphis Airtel 1/15/64, captioned as above, and was
returned to Memphis by the FBI Laboratory by Laboratory Report
dated 1/20/64. The enclosure is for referral to U. S. Secret
Service, Washington, D. C.
February 19, 1964

AirTel

To: SAC, Memphis
From: Director, FBI

SUB: AKA: ELVIS PRESLEY - VICTIM;
EXTORTION; POSSIBLE THREAT TO PRESIDENT
OF UNITED STATES.

Ref: Easil dated 1/15/64.

Advise caption and date of communication forwarding
threatening post card to Bureau for referral to U. S. Secret
Service, Washington, D. C.

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REC-20 2/2/64
TO: FBI, Memphis (9-New)

DATE: January 20, 1964

SUBJECT: ELVIS PRESLEY - VICTIM
EXTORTION; POSSIBLE THREAT
TO PRESIDENT OF THE U.S.

Examination requested by: Memphis
Reference: Airtel 1/15/64
Examination requested: Document
Remarks:

Enclosures (3) (1. Lab rpt.)
1 - Birmingham Enclosure (Lab rpt.)

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WSO: GFM (5) JAN 20 1964
COMM. FBI JAN 28 1964

ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE
REPORT of the

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: FBI, Memphis

Unsub, aka ELVIS PRESLEY - VICTIM
EXTORTION; POSSIBLE THREAT TO
PRESIDENT OF THE U. S.

Specimen received 1/17/64

Q1 Post card postmarked "HUNTSVILLE ALA. JAN 10 1964 5:30 PM" bearing handwritten address "President Elvis Presley Memphis S, Tennessee" bearing on reverse side handwritten note beginning "You Will Be next on my list..."

Result of examination:

Specimen Q1 was searched through the appropriate sections of the Anonymous Letter File without identifying it with any of the writings therein. A representative copy will be added to the file for future reference.

Specimen Q1 contains no watermark, indented writing, or other feature which might assist in determining its immediate source.

Specimen Q1 is returned herewith. A photograph has been retained.
3x5 cm
10.1 cm
1 in. 1/4 in.
.22" between flakes
.38" lip depth
Examination requested by: Memphis (9-New)
Examination requested: Document
Result of Examination:

Specimens submitted for examination
Q1 Post card postmarked "HUNTSVILLE ALA. JAN 10 1964 5 30 PM" bearing handwritten address "President Elvis Presley Memphis S, Tennessee" bearing on reverse side handwritten note beginning "You Will Be next on my list..."
Re: Unsub aka ELVIS PRESLEY PRESLEY — Victim

EXTORTION: POSSIBLE THREAT TO PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Examination requested by: Memphis (9-New) Date received: 2/15/64
Examination requested: Document
Result of Examination: 2/17/64
Examination by:

Specimens submitted for examination:

Q1 Post card postmarked "HUNTSVILLE ALA. JAN 10 1964 5 30 PM" bearing handwritten address "President Elvis Presley Memphis 8, Tennessee" bearing on reverse side handwritten note beginning "You Will Be next on my list..."
Président Elvis普
Memphis, Tennesc
You will be
best among

1. Elvis Presley
2. Johnny Cash
3. Tony Rome
4. President JBJ
5. George C. Wallace
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (9-NEW)

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, AKA
ELVIS PRESLEY - VICTIM
EXTORTION; POSSIBLE THREAT TO
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Re Memphis teletype to Bureau, 1/15/64.

The following items are enclosed herewith:

(1) Original of post card addressed, "President Elvis Presley
Memphis 8, Tennessee," bearing postmark Huntsville, Ala.,
Jan. 10, 1964, 5:30 PM.

(2) Two Xerox copies of Item #1.

Enclosed for the Birmingham Division are two Xerox
copies of Item #1, described above.

As set forth in referenced teletype, Item #1 was
made available to the Memphis Office of the FBI the afternoon of
1/15/64 by Mr. VERNON PRESLEY,
father of ELVIS PRESLEY, movie actor and singer.

Assistant U.S. Attorney C. O. HORTON, Memphis, Tenn.,
stated he does not consider the contents of the message on the
reverse side of the post card to come within the purview of the
Federal Extortion Statute.

Item #4 on the post card refers to "JB." Since
these initials are very close to the initials of the President
of the United States, copies of this post card were made available
Bureau (Enc. 3) (REGISTERED MAIL)
Birmingham (Enc. 1) (Info.)
immediately on 1/15/64 to Special Agent in Charge, U. S. Secret Service, Federal Office Building, 167 N. Main St., Memphis, Tennessee.

As set forth in referenced teletype, UACB, this case is being closed in the Memphis Office with the submission of a confirmatory letter to the U. S. Attorney, Memphis.

- LEADS -

THE BIRMINGHAM DIVISION (INFORMATION)

A copy of this communication is being made available to Birmingham inasmuch as the post card was placed in the U. S. Mails at Huntsville, Ala. and subsequent developments might require investigation in the Birmingham Division.