PHILLIP KARL KITZER, JR., TOP THIEF PROGRAM-ITSP, 5TH INDIANAPOLIS
RE BUREAU TEL TO INDIANAPOLIS, APRIL 14, 1977.

AS GENERAL INFO FOR ALL OFFICES RECEIVING THIS COMMUNI-
ICATION AND THE LEGALS INVOLVED, THE FOLLOWING IS SET FORTH
IN THE HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL UNDERCOVER OPERATION CONDUCTED BY
THE INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION:

ORIGINAL INDIANAPOLIS INQUIRY INTO THIS MATTER EVOLVED
INTO A SITUATION WHEREIN INDIANAPOLIS UNDERCOVER SPECIAL AGENTS
(IPUGSAS) [REDACTED], AND [REDACTED] WERE
INTRODUCED TO PHILLIP KARL KITZER, JR. AND THEREAFTER GAINED

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HIS CONFIDENCE AND TRAVELED EXTENSIVELY WITH HIM IN THE UNITED STATES, THE CARIBBEAN, HAWAII AND FRANKFURT, GERMANY. UCSAS HAVE SINCE RETURNED TO THE U. S.

SINCE THE INCEPTION OF THIS OPERATION, THE INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION HAS ATTEMPTED TO FURNISH ALL INFO OF BOTH AN INTELLIGENCE AND EVIDENTIAL NATURE TO INTERESTED FIELD DIVISIONS AS WELL AS LEGATS ABROAD. DUE TO THE IMMENSE VOLUME OF INFO, IT HAS BEEN NECESSARY TO FURNISH THE DETAILS VIA TELETYPE TO INTERESTED OFFICES.

AS POINTED OUT IN COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTED TO VARIOUS FIELD OFFICES AND LEGATS, NUMEROUS FRAUDULENT BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED WITHIN THE U. S., EUROPE, THE CARIBBEAN AND THE FAR EAST. INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED WHO PLANNED AND PERPETRATED THESE SCHEMES.

THIS TELETYPE WILL IDENTIFY AGAIN THE KNOWN BANKS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS WHO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH THESE FRAUDULENT FINANCIAL SCHEMES. IN MANY CASES, BANKS LISTED WILL HAVE BEEN VICTIM BANKS. UCSAS HAVE BEEN DEBRIEFED AND WHERE POSSIBLE, AFTER EACH BANK LISTED, THERE WILL BE AN INDICATION AS TO WHETHER UCSAS POSSESS INFO INDICATING THIS
BANK WAS A SUBJECT OR A VICTIM BANK. SUBJECTS BANKS AND/OR FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS WERE INVOLVED WITH EITHER ISSUING FRAUDULENT LETTERS OF CREDIT AND CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT OR ACCEPTING A FRAUDULENT TRANSACTION. VICTIM BANKS NOT BELIEVED TO HAVE PRIOR KNOWLEDGE THAT THEY WERE BEING VICTIMIZED.

THE INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION HAS THUS FAR FURNISHED ALL AVAILABLE KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING FRAUDULENT TRANSACTIONS;
HOWEVER, IN CORRESPONDENCE WITH OTHER FIELD DIVISIONS, OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED WHO HAVE EITHER BEEN VICTIMS OR SUBJECTS OF FRAUDULENT FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS. INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION HAS COMPILED A SPECIAL INDICES AND A LISTING IS BEING SET FORTH IN THIS COMMUNICATION OF ALL KNOWN FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS WHO ARE LISTED IN THIS INDICES AND HAVE BEEN INVOLVED AS EITHER A VICTIM OR SUBJECT IN THESE FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS. FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ARE:

BANK OF GRANADA LIMITED, WEST INDIES; BANK OF MEXICO, BELIEVED TO BE IDENTIFIED AS THE BANKO COMERCIALES MEXICANO, MEXICO CITY (VICTIM BANK); BANK OF VA RHINE, SWITZERLAND (VICTIM BANK); CENTURY BANK, LOS ANGELES, CALIF. (ALLEGED VICTIM), SCOTT 1002 (SUBJECT); CITY OR CITI BANK, ENGLAND; CLEVELAND

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BANK AND TRUST CO., CLEVELAND, OHIO (VICTIM); COMMERCIAL BANK
AND TRUST, NEW-HAVEN, CONN. (VICTIM); CHURCHER NATIONAL BANK,
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. (VICTIM); DEAK NATIONAL BANK, NEW YORK;
ENID DUCTAN BANK (PHONETIC), GERMANY (VICTIM); FEDERAL BANK OF
DOMINICA; FEDERAL BANK OF DOMINICAN REPUBLIC; FIRST HAWAIIAN
BANK, HAWAII (VICTIM); FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BOSTON, BOSTON,
MASS.; FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF CHICAGO; FIRST NATIONAL CITY
BANK AND TRUST CO. LTD., GRANDA, WEST INDIES (SUBJECT); FIRST
NATIONAL CITY BANK, NEW YORK (VICTIM); FIRST NATIONAL CITY
BANK, LONDON, ENGLAND (SUBJECT); INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL BANK
OF LONDON, ENGLAND; LOUISVILLE TRUST BANK, LOUISVILLE, KY.
(VICTIM); MERCANTILE BANK AND TRUST CO. LTD., KINGSTOWN, ST.
VINCENT (SUBJECT); NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE, MEMPHIS, TENN.;
NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE, ST. VINCENT (SUBJECT); NATIONAL-
WESTMINSTER BANK, CHICAGO, ILL.; REPUBLIC NATIONAL BANK,
NEW YORK; SILVER GUARD BANK, COPENHAGEN, DENMARK (SUBJECT);
STERLING CO., N.Y., INC., MILWAUKEE, WISC. (SUBJECT); SWISS
CREDIT BANK, BRANCH OFFICE LOS ANGELES, CALIF., MAIN OFFICE
ZURICH, SWITZERLAND (VICTIM); SWISS VONK BANK, ZURICH,
SWITZERLAND (PREVIOUS HANDLING OF EUO-AFRU-ASIATIC TRUST

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MATTERS); TRAVELERS BANK AND TRUST, ST. VINCENT; UNION BANK
OF SWITZERLAND AND UNITED OVERSEAS BANK (BOTH OF THESE BANKS
ARE REPRESENTED BY JEAN CLAUDE CORNAZ AND IT IS NOT KNOWN IF
THESE BANKS REALIZE CORNAZ'S INTERNATIONAL FRAUDULENT DEALINGS);
UNKNOWN BANK BEING ESTABLISHED IN NEW ZEALAND AND OPERATED BY
PAUL E. CHUVANC (THIS BANK IS BEING SET UP TO OPERATE IN THE
SAME MANNER AS THE SEVEN OAK FINANCE LTD. CONCERN IN ENGLAND
AND AS SUCH, IS TO BE A VEHICLE FOR FRAUDULENT FINANCIAL
TRANSACTIONS); WESTMINSTER BANK OF LONDON.

THE PRIMARY FINANCIAL CONCERNS UTILIZED FOR FRAUDULENT
TRANSACTIONS SINCE INDIANAPOLIS INVOLVEMENT WHEN THIS MATTER,
BEGAN, INCLUDE THE MARCANTILE BANK AND TRUST LTD., KINGSTOWN,
ST. VINCENT; SEVEN OAK FINANCE LTD., KENT, ENGLAND; AND THE
EURO-AFRO-ASIAN TRUST FUND, ALSO KNOWN AS EURO TRUST, VIOUZ
LIECHTENSTEIN. BASED ON DEBRIEFINGS OF UCSAS, THE FOLLOWING
INDIVIDUALS ARE BELIEVED TO BE SUBJECTS IN THESE FRAUDULENT
TRANSACTIONS AND ARE INVOLVED IN CONSPIRACY VIOLATIONS PERTAINING
TO THE INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN PROPERTY AS IT
RELATES TO FRAUDULENT SCHEMES, VIOLATIONS OF THE FRAUD BY WIRE
STATUTE, THE MAIL FRAUD STATUTE, THE RICO STATUTE AND IN SOME

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UCSAS ADVISED THAT THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS ARE POSSIBLY SUBJECTS IN THIS MATTER BUT THEIR INFO IS TOO LIMITED AT THIS TIME TO ASCERTAIN THIS POSITIVELY. INDIVIDUALS ARE:

INDIA APOLIS DIVISION HAS COMMUNICATED EXTENSIVELY WITH OTHER FBI FIELD DIVISIONS AND THE FOLLOWING CASES ARE KNOWN

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TO EXIST WHICH ARE BELIEVED RELATED TO FRAUDULENT FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS MENTIONED HERELIN. DIVISIONS AND THEIR CASES ARE:

ATLANTA - [REDACTED] [REDACTED] ITSP FRAUD BY WIRE, GA

ATLANTA ATATLRA FILE 87-23313

BUSINESS [REDACTED] POSSIBLE ITSP AND

CHICAGO - [REDACTED]; PAUL E. KOLOVANEK, JR.; PHILIP MAIL

KITZER JR.; [REDACTED] UNION TRUST CO., LTD., KINGSTOWN, ST. VINCENT AND CHICAGO, ILL.

ET AL. ITSP; FRAUD BY WIRE; HAIL FRAUD; BANK FRAUD AND EMBEZZLEMENT, CONSPIRACY; HICU. OUI. CHICAGO. UNSUB, AKA

[REDACTED] INTERCONTINENTAL FINANCING, CULVER, WEST GERMANY; POSSIBLE ITSP FRAUD BY WIRE (THIS CASE IS NOT KNOWN SPECIFICALLY BY INDIANAPOLIS TO BE INVOLVED WITH THE KITZER MATTER; HOWEVER, IT DOES FOLLOW A PATTERN SIMILAR TO FINANCIAL DEALINGS PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED BY INDIANAPOLIS).

[REDACTED] UBA ARNES INTERNATIONAL TRUST, NEW YORK; ARNES BANK 9 THRU 18 SAVILLE ROW, LONDON, ENGLAND AND HANDELSKADE 6, CIRCUO, NETHERLANDS ANTILLES. ITSP FRAUD BY WIRE, OUI.
CHICAGO

CLEVELAND - ITSP JUW CLEVELAND. CLEVELAND.

HOUSTON -

DOD TRAVELERS BANK AND TRUST CO. LTD. (TB & TC). KINGSTOWN, ST. VINCENT, WEST INDIES. ITSP: DRAW BY WIRE, MAIL.

FRANK, IL, HOUSTON.

INDIANAPOLIS - PHILLIP KARL KITZER, JR. ITSP - TOP THIEF PROGRAM. UST. INDIANAPOLIS (IN) INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION DID HAVE ONE LETTER OF CREDIIT ISSUED ON THE SEVEN WAK FINANCE LTD. CONCERN NEGOTIATED IN THE MIDDLE PART OF IND. ALL INFO OBTAINED BY THE INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION IN THE CONDUCT OF ITS INVESTIGATION AS RELATED TO KITZER AND SEVEN WAK FINANCE HAVE BEEN DISSEMINATED APPROPRIATELY TO INTEREST U.S. FIELD OFFICES AND LEGATS ABROAD.

LOS ANGELES - PHILLIP KITZER ET AL.

DBA: FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANK AND TRUST LTD. (GRAMMAD. LOS ANGELES. UST. DUBA: KULICH METALS INTERNATIONAL.

SWISS VAULTS: PHILLIP KARL KITZER, JR. DBA.

SEVEN WAK BANK, SEVEN WAK LTD. ITSP: DRAW BY WIRE LOS ANGELES.

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FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANK AND TRUST COMPANY LTD. ET AL.
GRANDA, MEYER, KEE, ET AL.
NEW YORK - GAMBING IN THE
NETHERLANDS ANTILLES. FPI. (THIS MATTER INVOLVES PRIMARILY
INTELLIGENCE GATHERING PERTAINING TO GAMBLING AND
SAN JUAN - LBA GUILA ASSOCIATES.
ZURICH, SWITZERLAND: CANQUIP EXPORTS LTD., CANADA.
NOLOC WIDE, INC., FSP - FSW. OUI: SAN JUAN. (POSSIBLY RELATED).
SAN FRANCISCO - USIBS, AK ER.-4EK-ASIATIC TRUST FUND
VON Z LIECHTENSTERN ETT. CHICCA NATIONAL BANK. SAN FRANCISCO CA.
VICTOR. ITSP - CONSPIRACY. OUI: SAN FRANCISCO.
ST. LOUIS - ET AL. M/)
ITSP - CONSPIRACY; IFIS. OUI: ST. LOUIS (IT IS NOT KNOWN
POSITIVELY IF THIS CASE DIRECTLY RELATES TO INVESTIGATIONS
INDICATED IN THIS COMMUNICATION).

FROM THE ABOVE LISTING OF INDIVIDUALS, BANKS AND CASES
BEING WORKED BY SEPARATE DIVISIONS WITHIN THE FBI, IT IS
OBVIOUS THAT THIS IS A HIGHLY COMPLICATED INVESTIGATIVE MATTER.
UCSAS HAVE ADVISED THE INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION THAT THE

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PRINCIPALS IN THIS MATTER HAVE NOTED ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS THAT ONE OF THE PRIMARY REASONS THEY HAVE NEVER BEEN PROSECUTED IS BECAUSE IT IS DIFFICULT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO CORRELATE THE INFO GATHERED.
THE INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION SPECIFICALLY NOTES FOR ALL RECEIVING OFFICES THAT AT THE CURRENT TIME IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO VERIFY THROUGH CHECKS AT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, THE FRAUDULENT NATURE OF SOME OF THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS MENTIONED HEREIN, PARTICULARLY THE SEVEN OAK FINANCIAL LTD., BANK AND THE EURO-AFRICAN-ASIATIC TRUST FUND. THE INFO WHICH HAS BEEN FURNISHED BY INDIANAPOLIS IS BASED ON STATEMENTS MADE TO IPUCSAZ BY PRINCIPALS INVOLVED IN THESE FRAUDULENT FINANCIAL FIRMS.

THE PRINCIPALS HAVE INDICATED TO UCSSA THAT BILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN FRAUDULENT FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS HAVE OCCURRED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. IT IS THEREFORE NECESSARY TO ADVISE THE VARIOUS COUNTRIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD OF INFO DEVELOPED PERTAINING TO THESE FRAUDULENT FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS.
Under no circumstances is any office or any legat to release info relating to the Indianapolis undercover operation. It is felt that this operation should be appropriately concealed as it has continuing value.

Indianapolis division has on a continuing basis disseminated info as it is obtained through debriefing of
CSAS. ADDITIONAL DEBRIEFINGS ARE CONTINUING AND THIS INFO WILL BE FURNISHED AS AVAILABLE.

THE BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO FURNISH COPIES OF THIS COMMUNICATION TO THE FOLLOWING LEGATS: BERN, BURAN, CARACAS, KUALA LUMPUR, LONDON, MANILA, MEXICO CITY, PARIS, ROME, AND TOKYO. THESE LEGATS SHOULD REVIEW PREVIOUS COMMUNICATIONS FURNISHED BY INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION IN THIS MATTER AND EXTRACT THAT INFO HAVING RELEVANCE TO THE RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES COVERED BY RECEIVING LEGATS.

CONTINUING INFO WILL BE DEVELOPED AND FURNISHED BY THE INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION AND AUTHORITY IS GRANTED BY THE INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION TO RELEASE THIS INFO UNLESS A SPECIFIC CAUTION STATEMENT APPLIES.

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FOR ANY QUESTIONS OR CORRECTIONS PLS CONTACT THE IP DIV. INKS

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ELVIS GETS A DRAFT REPRIEVE

Hannah Melcher
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

She left Las Vegas on 12/27/57 for New York City, where she is to audition for a job as a show girl. She has no plans to return to Las Vegas.

On January 6, 1958, Immigration and Naturalization Service, advised...
exhibited a photograph which he stated appeared in the "Nevada State Journal", Reno, about a week previously. According to the caption, the photograph was of ELVIS-PRESLEY with HANNSEL MELCHER and KATHY GABRIEL during a visit at PRESLEY's home in Memphis, Tennessee, while the girls were en route to fill engagements in New York City.
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FD-302 (6-8-57)  FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORT

January 20, 1958

said MELCHER and KATHY GABRIEL were flying to New York City on December 18, 1957, and did not plan to return to Las Vegas. They are going to audition for a job

Interview with __________________________ File # __________________________
on 12/17/57 at Las Vegas, Nevada Dictated 12/17/57
by Special Agent __________________________

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Communist youth social functions may try to spark the bonfire meeting in the plaza, but even the Communists may not stop rock and roll in Mexico. The new ads for the aforementioned movie point out that Mexican rock and roll is an independent dance of local origin. The ad reads: "Death to ELVIS PRESLEY! Burn his records, his pompadour, his photographs, his guitar, burn anything you want, but give yourself a treat with the true kings of happiness and of rock and roll!" At last reports the movie was receiving extremely good attendance.

ACTION TAKEN: None. Public source material.

U.S.-MEXICO CIVIL AVIATION AGREEMENT

On March 7 last the United States and Mexico signed a civil aviation agreement which brings to a close efforts to reach an understanding carried out during the past eleven years. The agreement shall run until June 30, 1959, and it is frankly exploratory in nature. It provides for a large increase in the number of flights between the United States and Mexico of both U.S. and Mexican airlines.

ACTION TAKEN: None. Public source material and personal opinion of Legal Attaché.

COMMUNIST PARTY OF MEXICO (CPM)

In mid-February, 1957, there appeared for the first time a monthly magazine of the Central Committee of the CPM entitled "Liberación." An editorial in this first issue stated it was being published in accord with an agreement taken at the December, 1956, plenum of the Central Committee to issue a magazine of ideological and political character. It goes on to state "Liberación" was born fundamentally to aid the members of the Party in the study of Marxist-Leninist theory. The Editing
as showgirls at the "Copa" in New York City. They plan to
stay at a hotel located adjacent to the night club.
NELCIER and ZABRIEL stated they intended to stop over on
route at Memphis, Tennessee, for the purpose of visiting
with ELVIS PRESLEY. They met PRESLEY when he recently
visited the Tropicana while in Las Vegas.
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In both cases the newspapers have emphasized that the crimes were committed by foreigners. This was entirely true in the jewel theft case, and in the murder case the Mexicans are choosing to overlook the acts of the Mexican boatman who helped murder the tourists since they say that the boatman was a poor, ignorant, illiterate person entirely under the control of the tourist guide, who it appears was born in El Paso, Texas.

Reading between the lines of the newspapers, one senses a deep relief that the major murderer turned out to be an American, but there is continuing worry about future effects on the tourist trade, and this might even conceivably result in some beneficial remedial action in regulating the activities of the vast numbers of so-called tourist guides.

ACTION TAKEN: None. Public source material and personal opinion of Legal Attaché.

ROCK AND ROLL

Mexican magazines and newspapers have for months pointed out that the vogue for rock and roll dancing among the youth in the United States was a sign of moral degeneration perfectly explainable in the United States, but not present in Mexico. It was said that the new dance rhythm would find no popular reception among the Mexican youth due to their strict upbringing and serious views toward life. Then rock and roll began to catch on. Considerable money was even invested in a locally made movie in which certain prominent Mexican entertainers danced and otherwise approved of the craze. At that time a news report reached Mexico City that during a radio interview in Los Angeles ELVIS PRESLEY had made a statement that he would rather kiss three Negroes rather than one Mexican girl. This reported statement has received tremendous publicity, so much so that it would almost appear contrived. A campaign has been successfully initiated to prevent the playing of any ELVIS PRESLEY recording over any Mexico City radio station, and on March 14 next university students are planning a protest celebration in a downtown Mexico City park where ELVIS PRESLEY music, magazines, and recordings will be publicly burned. The Communists, quick to ban rock and roll dancing from Mexican
A copy of this report is being sent to the Memphis Office for their information inasmuch as the 4US at Buffalo, New York, has advised that in the event the victim receives any additional threatening letters or postal cards from Niagra Falls, New York, he would reconsider the facts of the case and furnish his prospective opinion.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Superintendent of Mails, Memphis, Tennessee, advised post card taken from mail prior to delivery to addressee. Unable to furnish any information of value concerning origin of post card.

DETAILS: On September 18, 1956, Mr. [redacted] Superintendent of Mails, U. S. Post Office, Memphis, Tennessee, advised that the instant post card in this case was received by him in his inter-office mail one morning with the notation that it was taken from the incoming mail of the previous night. He stated that all incoming mail is received at the Main Post Office and sorted by some 150 employees in that Post Office. He stated that one of them, whom he could not identify, had obviously run across this post card while sorting mail the night it was received at the Post Office. This employee then dropped the post card into the inter-office mail, directing it to [redacted]. He stated that when he received it he forwarded it to the Postal Inspector in charge at Chattanooga, Tennessee, which was his usual method of handling such matters.
TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE VIA AIR MAIL:

To: BUREAU

WEISS: ELVIS PRESLEY - VICTIM EXTORTION

Re: AIRTLP to 202, 3/24/56. Air tlp is quoted as follows:

"Enclosed herewith is an anonymous postcard addressed to ELVIS PRESLEY at Memphis, Tennessee, postmarked 8:10 p.m. 3/19/56 at Niagara Falls, New York, and letters of transmittal by Postmaster, Memphis 1, Tennessee and Postal Inspector in Charge, Chattanooga, Tennessee." A copy of the postcard referred to above is enclosed to the Bureau and Memphis in the attached envelope marked "Oceans." The original postcard is being submitted to the FBI Laboratory by separate communication.

From the enclosures furnished with this tlp, it appears that the postcard was intercepted by the Postmaster, Memphis 1, Tennessee, and was forwarded to the Postal Inspector in Charge at Chattanooga 1, Tennessee, by their communication 3/24/56. Postal Inspector in Charge at Chattanooga thereafter furnished the postcard to our New York Office by communication dated 3/24/56. Nowhere in the enclosures is it indicated whether the postcard in question was ever delivered to the address.

Inasmuch as the postcard, as indicated by the enclosures, contains a threat to kill the victim, Memphis should make inquiry of the Postal Authorities, Memphis 1, Tennessee, to determine details of the receipt and handling of this postcard.

Buffalo will consult with FBI for a legal opinion and thereafter conduct any appropriate investigation.

CHECK:
- Bureau (Ext. 1)
- Memphis (Ext. 3)
- Buffalo (Ext. 4)

2-308616

10/28/56 00:36:30
For the information of the FBI Laboratory, the Omaha Division is currently investigating captioned TTSP matter to determine if a fraud has occurred regarding the sale of a 1955 Chevrolet Corvette convertible automobile purportedly owned by Elvis Presley in Atlantic City, New Jersey, in February of 1979. The present owner of this automobile, [redacted], of Oelwein, Iowa, paid $34,000 for the Corvette at the auction in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Previous owners furnished the auction with an original bill of sale and an original invoice for the vehicle, which were both dated in January of 1955, and the Corvette was sold by the Don Allen Chevrolet dealership of New York City to Presley. Individuals at the 2/19/79 Atlantic City, New Jersey, car auction purported that the bill of sale for the vehicle, which was signed by Presley, was found under the seat of the automobile by individuals restoring the car some years ago.

After the owner returned to Oelwein, Iowa, with the Corvette, an article appeared in the "Old Cars Weekly" newspaper approximately six months later indicating that the Elvis Presley Corvette was a fraud because of the fact that the car had a three-speed manual transmission and a Wonder Bar radio. These options were not available to the Corvette in January of 1955 when Presley supposedly purchased it. The current owner wants to determine if he is the victim of a fraud in this matter, or if the Corvette is, in fact, a vehicle that was owned by Elvis Presley. If the Corvette was, in fact, Presley's car, its value would be many times greater than if it was not Presley's car.
The U. S. Attorney's Office at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, believes that a violation of Title 18, Section 2314, may have been committed in that the current owner was required to travel interstate to purchase the car and that the seller knew that the vehicle was a fraud.

REQUEST OF THE FBI LABORATORY

DOCUMENT EXAMINATION SECTION

It is requested that the FBI Laboratory, Document Examination Section, inform Omaha if it is possible to examine the type on the original invoice or bill of sale for the Corvette convertible to tell whether or not the typewriter was manufactured prior to or subsequent to 1955.

It is also requested that the FBI Laboratory advise Omaha of the feasibility of determining the age of the paper on which the bill of sale and invoice were printed. The current owner of the automobile would relinquish these documents to have them examined by the FBI Laboratory if it were felt that such examination might be able to prove the age of the documents.
DATE: 5/11/81

REPLY TO ATTN OF: BAC, OMAHA (87B-18813) (P)

SUBJECT: 1955 CHEVROLET CORVETTE CONVERTIBLE, VIN VE55S001102, FORMERLY OWNED BY ELVIS PRESLEY, VALUED AT $34,000

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
(ATTN: FBI LABORATORY DOCUMENT SECTION)

Re Omaha letter to Director, FBI, dated 4/2/81; and FBI Laboratory telephone call to Omaha (Waterloo RA) dated 4/14/81.

By registered mail on 5/4/81, the original invoice Number 15208 from Don Allen Chevrolet, 1775 Broadway, New York 19, New York, which was dated 1/18/55, was mailed directly from the Waterloo, Iowa, RA, to the FBI Laboratory, Document Section, attention SA ...

This original invoice is in laminated plastic; and therefore, examination of the paper itself may be difficult. The invoice indicates that a 1955 Chevrolet Corvette convertible, red in color, was purchased new on 1/18/55 by Elvis Presley, VIN is VE55S001102. The purchase price was $3,864. The invoice was never signed by Elvis Presley as previously believed by the automobile's current owner, of Oelwein, Iowa.

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan
REQUEST OF THE FBI LABORATORY, DOCUMENT SECTION

It is requested that the Document Section of the FBI Laboratory attempt to determine the make and model of typewriter used to prepare the original car invoice Number 15208. After this determination has been made, it is requested that the examiner determine whether the ink used on the original invoice (blue) or the typewriter itself would have been commercially available prior to 1/18/55.

Upon completion of the above requested examination, it is further requested that the original invoice be returned via registered mail directly to SA [redacted] Post Office Box 1673, Waterloo, Iowa 50703, in order that the invoice can be returned to [redacted].
DATE: May 15, 1981
To: FBI
Post Office Box 1673
Waterloo, Iowa 50704

Re: 1955 CHEVROLET CORVETTE CONVERTIBLE,
VIN VE55S001102, FORMERLY OWNED BY
ELVIS PRESLEY, VALUED AT $34,000;
ITSP (B)

Mailed by: 715705
Shipping Method: 39.4

Return to Room 4276 TL 1241
FBI File #: 87-157740
Case #: 10410030 D UI

Mail Room: 1B327, TL 143
(registered mail)

PSM - Supply Unit, 1B326
(not registered)
To: SAC, Omaha (87B-18813)

From: Director, FBI

FBI FILE NO.

Lab. No. 10410038 D UI

Re: 1955 CHEVROLET CORVETTE CONVERTIBLE,
VIN 7E55001132, FORMERLY OWNED BY
ELVIS PRESLEY, VALUED AT $34,000;
IT IS (B)

CO: Omaha

Examination requested by: Omaha

Reference: Letter dated April 2, 1981

Examination requested: Document

Remarks: Specimen Q1 is returned via registered mail to
the Waterloo, Iowa Resident Agency.

ENCLOSURE ENC 1

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

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TO MAY 18 1981

MAY 15 1981
To: SAC, Omaha (B7B-108313)  
May 15, 1981  
May 15, 1981  
FBI FILE NO. 61-153820  
LAB. NO. 10610038 D UI  

Re: 1955 CHEVROLET CORVETTE CONVERTIBLE, VIN VE555001102, FORMERLY OWNED BY ELVIS PRESLEY, VALUED AT $34,000; ITSP (B)  

Specimens received  
April 9, 1981  

Q1  
Don Allen Chevrolet car invoice #15208, dated 1/18/55, for a 1955 Chevrolet Corvette, VIN VE 555001102  

Result of Examination:  
The typewriting appearing on specimen Q1 corresponds to a pica style of type available on IBM, SCM, and Remington typewriters, having a horizontal spacing of ten characters to the inch. This typewriter is equipped with typebars, as opposed to a printwheel or a single element.  

Without an authentic form similar to specimen Q1, it cannot be determined whether Q1 is an authentic car invoice. However, some printing characteristics were noted which are associated with producing fraudulent documents by the offset printing process.  

Specimen Q1 contains no watermark.  

Specimen Q1 is being returned herewith. Photographs are retained.
RE: SAC, Omaha (87B-18813)

1955 CHEVROLET CORVETTE CONVERTIBLE, VIN VE55S001102, FORMERLY OWNED BY ELVIS PRESLEY, VALUED AT $34,000; ITSP (B)

CO: Omaha

FBI FILE NO. 6J-15585-3
LAB. NO. 10410038 D UI
YOUR NO.

Examination by:

5/10/81 b7c

Examination requested by: Omaha
Reference: Letter dated April 2, 1981
Examination requested: Document
Specimens received: April 20, 1981

Q1 Don Allen Chevrolet car invoice #15208, dated 1/18/55, for a 1955 Chevrolet Corvette, VIN VE55S001102

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1. The typewriter, having on 10-inch paper is avail on IBM, select an IBM typewriter, having horizontal type of 10-inch. This typewriter is equipped with typers as opposed to a printer or a single element.

2. Without an authentic form similar to spec 91, it cannot be determined whether 91 is an authentic or not. However, some printing character were noted which are associated with producing fraud does by the offset printing process.

3. Q: no

4. Spec 91 is being returned a.c.o. Photos are return.

T.F. spec 91 is returned via registered mail to
the Waterloo, Iowa RA.

SA
FBI
P.O. Box 1673
Waterloo, Iowa 50704

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1955 CHEVROLET CORVETTE CONVERTIBLE, VIN 75555001102, FORMERLY OWNED BY RE: ELVIS PRESLEY, VALUED AT $34,000;

LAB. NO. 20419038 D UX

YOUR NO.

CO: Omaha

Examination requested by:

Examination requested:

Letter dated April 2, 1981

Specimens received:

April 26, 1981

Don Allen Chevrolet Car invoice 015208, dated 1/18/55, for a 1955 Chevrolet Corvette, VIN VE 857001102
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Date of occurrence: 1955

Incident: Incident occurred in 1955.

Description: The incident was reported on March 14, 1955.

Witness: Witness was present at the time of the incident.

Age: 34 years old.

Race: Black

Sex: Male

Complainant's address: 1479 Nimes Avenue

Type of incident: Incident occurred at a location on Nimes Avenue.

Complainant: John Allen

Witness: Peter Jones

Date of birth: 1955-02-02

Social Security number: 123-45-6789

Completed: 1955-02-02

Birth date and place: 1955-02-02

Weight: 160 lbs

Height: 5'11"
January 6, 1981

Special Agent in Charge
F.B.I.
P.O. Box 328
Des Moines, IA 50302

Dear [Name]

Enclosed is the Elvis Presley car case which our office has discussed with you by phone and which we are referring to you.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

Kathryn L. Graf
Assistant Attorney General

/Enclosures
Post Office Box 543  
Omaha, Nebraska 68101  
January 9, 1981

Ms. Kathryn L. Graf  
Assistant Attorney General  
Consumer Protection Division  
Hoover Building, Second Floor  
1300 East Walnut  
Des Moines, Iowa  50319

Dear Ms. Graf:

Regarding your letter of January 6, 1981, concerning the Elvis Presley car, please be advised this matter has been referred to our Waterloo Resident Agency for review.

Thank you for the referral.

Very truly yours,

Harlan C. Phillips  
Special Agent in Charge

By: ____________________________  
Supervisory Special Agent
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