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STANLEY SACHIN
SOS Telephone Exchange
Los Angeles, California

LA T-45
Mrs. CELE RUSKIN
Former Manager,
Doheny Towers,
Los Angeles, California

LA T-48
LA 4414-C*

LA T-50
LA 3445-C

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Identical to LA T-43

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Nevada Gaming Commission
Las Vegas, Nevada

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LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: Will follow and report
on subject's activities.

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PHILIP D'ANDRE, PAUL DE LUCIA, GEORGE E. BROWN, and WILLIAM BIOFF for conspiracy to extort money from the movie industry. ROSSELLI was sentenced to ten years imprisonment and paroled in August, 1947.

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LA T-30, in November, 1962, advised that in October, 1962, a group meeting was held in Chicago, Illinois. Those present were ~~JOHN ANDERSON~~, who is the JOHN ANDERSON having an interest in Television City, Phoenix, Arizona, and is promoting TV City, MIKE BENEDICT, DONJO MENDELVINE, JIMMY ALLEGHRETTI, DALTON SMITH of the electrical contracting firm, MANNY SKAR, and a brother of DONJO MENDELVINE. LA T-30 advised that JIMMY ALLEGHRETTI and MANNY SKAR apparently have some power in the criminal element of Chicago, Illinois. LA T-30 advised the purpose of this meeting was to arrange the financing of SMITH's contracting firm, and it was decided that they would finance SMITH's contracting firm and that the Chicago people would see that SMITH's firm got work in the Chicago and Las Vegas areas.

MANNY SKAR

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LA T-48 and LA T-43 in 1962 advised that MANNY SKAR was an associate of ALLEN SMILEY and that on several occasions in 1962 they were in telephonic contact and that MANNY SKAR was known upon occasion to have been in the Los Angeles area. Neither LA T-48 nor LA T-43 were able to advise whether there had been a personal contact between MANNY SKAR and SMILEY while SKAR was in the Los Angeles area.

The Pasadena "Star-News" under date line January 8, 1963, carried the following newspaper article:

"The plush Sahara Inn, which opened last summer with hoopla and Hollywood celebrities, early today was raided by authorities who confiscated \$6,000 in narcotics.

"MANNY SKAR, owner of the \$10 million 'Las Vegas of the Midwest' and reputed pal of Chicago syndicate hoodlums, was among those arrested.

"Chief investigator RICHARD CAIN said marijuana was found under a pile of clothing in

On January 17, 1963, procedure to obtain information from a bank account from a Canadian bank was discussed with Sergeant ART BATES, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Vancouver, British Columbia. He advised that practically all Canadian bankers refused to furnish this information to any law enforcement agencies except on a court order. Even then they normally will not make the information available in advance but merely produce the documents in court.

On January 17, 1963, this matter was discussed with BILL YOUNG, Manager, Toronto Dominion Bank, Main Office, Vancouver, B. C. He advised he would check into the matter and furnish whatever information could be made available.

On January 18, 1963, ERIC ALLEN of Toronto Dominion Bank, Main Office, advised that the only information which could be furnished was the fact that BEN SMILEY does have a regular commercial account at their bank and at that branch.

On January 18, 1963, Mr. H. A. WINTER of the District Office, Toronto Dominion Bank, advised that Toronto Dominion and other banks in Canada operate under the "Bank Act of Canada." While there is nothing specific in this Act that provides the confidential relationship between customer and client this is covered by common law, the custom throughout Canada. The only way in which any information will be disclosed from a customer's account is either by the customer's authorization or by court order. If on a court order the data is then produced in court only by an authorized representative of the bank. He advised that there have been instances where bankers have made exceptions to this and have been sued and damages collected from them as a result.

PERSONAL EXPENDITURES

Mr. FRED SALERNO, Salerno Brothers Interior Decorators, 5910 Noble Street, Van Nuys, California, advised SAs WILLIAM J. NOLAN and EMMETT B. DOHERTY on March 20, 1963, that their company had done some of the interior decorating in SMILEY's apartment at Doheny Towers, 838 North Doheny Drive, Los Angeles, California, and that although his records were presently in the possession of his accountant for income tax purposes, that his total charge for this service to ALLEN SMILEY would have been in the vicinity of \$1,200 to \$1,500. He stated that in his opinion the total estimate for the interior decorating and furnishing which SMILEY had done to his apartment would be in the vicinity of \$3,500.

ACTION BY OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

LA T-55 in February, 1963, advised ALLEN SMILEY received a notification from the Bureau of Internal Revenue regarding his income tax status and that SMILEY was visibly shaken and very apprehensive as to what information the Bureau of Internal Revenue had regarding his income.

Examining Officer LESLIE BUCHANAN, of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, advised in March, 1963, that the Immigration and Naturalization Service is currently conducting a character investigation regarding ALLEN SMILEY in order that a determination of his status in his application for permanent residency might be made.

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At Vancouver, B. C., Canada:

The following investigation by SA ALFRED G. GUNN:

On January 7, 1963, Vancouver City Directory lists a BEN and FLORENCE SMILEY, 1080 West 47th. No occupation listed. Vancouver telephone directory lists BEN SMILEY, same address, telephone AM 1-5880.

On January 7, 1963, records of RCMP, Vancouver, reflect that a BEN SMILEY, born April 27, 1913, was ticketed on May 15, 1958, for double parking.

On January 7, 1963, records of Vancouver City Police disclosed that on September 16, 1960, BEN SMILEY, 1080 West 47th Street, reported a diamond stick pin lost. On August 11, 1960, he reported theft of clothing and a wallet.

On January 8, 1963, Retail Credit Bureau records disclosed a file for BEN SMILEY wife FLORENCE since 1938. His address October 18, 1946, was 1521 West 60th, and on March 24, 1960, was 1080 West 47th where he owned the home. As of 1938 he was listed as a tailor and as of February 9, 1947, he was listed as a manufacturer's agent. He has had very little use of credit over the years. In 1957 there was a collection of \$1778 which was paid after suit. He was described as of 1952 as being in his 40s. His bank was listed as the Bank of Nova Scotia, Hastings and Columbia Branch as of January 1960.

On January 18, 1963, ERIC ALLEN, Toronto Dominion Bank, Main Office, 560 West Hastings Street, advised that BEN SMILEY, 1080 West 47th Street, has a regular commercial account with their bank.

At Victoria, B. C.:

On January 14, 1963, records of Motor Vehicle Branch disclosed that there registration number 1048563 is a 1962 Chrysler, four door hard top, serial number 8123213551, B. C. license (1962) number 134-580, in the name of BEN SMILEY, 1080 West 47th, Vancouver. This car was purchased new by him.

Records of Driver's License Division reflect a BEN H. SMILEY has Driver's License number 294596 which expires April 27, 1966. He was born April 27, 1912, in Russia, 6' 1", 165 pounds,