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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE December 22, 1965

FROM :

A. Rosen

1 - Mr. DeLoach
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1 - Mr. Schmidt

SUBJECT :

FRANK DIOGUARDI
NORMAN ROTHMAN
THEFT OF \$2,034, 651.25
STOCK CERTIFICATES
GOODBODY AND COMPANY
NEW YORK CITY - VICTIM
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF
STOLEN PROPERTY - MAJOR THEFT

Chester Gray, a con man, has contacted the New York Office and advised that he has been in contact with an individual who states he is in a position to secure the above securities if Gray can locate a buyer. Two Agents from the New York Office and Gray were to fly to Miami, Florida, 12-22-65, and an attempted buy was to be made the evening of 12-22-65. The departure of the Agents and Gray was delayed awaiting further instructions from subject Rothman, who was to contact Gray at the airport in New York at 7:30 p. m., to perfect arrangements for a meet. The two individuals involved, from whom the buy is to be made, are Frankie Dioguardi, also known as Frankie Dio, and Norman Rothman. It is noted that Dio is the individual arrested 12-21-65, in connection with the seizure of 209 pounds of heroin by narcotics agents. He was expected to be released on bond 12-22-65.

by Gray

At 8:10 p. m., 12-22-65, Supervisor Arthur Neuhass, New York Office, telephonically advised a call had been received at 8:05 p. m., 12-22-65, from an individual who stated that he was calling for Rothman. The caller advised that Rothman would be tied up and unavailable until after 11 p. m., 12-22-65, after which time, he, Rothman, would call Chester Gray. The caller further advised that the deal was still on and the bonds were available, but that delivery cannot be made until after the holidays. He did not elaborate on holidays as to whether he meant after Christmas or New Year's Day.

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Supervisor Nehrbass advised that Miami had been apprised of the above facts and they were pulling out their installation.

Supervisor Nehrbass further advised that in the event the 11 p. m. , contact between Gray and Rothman produced any material change of the above facts, he would immediately make the information available to the Bureau. Otherwise, he anticipates sending a detailed teletype to the Bureau the morning of 12-23-65. He advised that he would attempt to resolve the use of the word holidays in the 11 p. m. , contact to determine when Rothman can make delivery of the bonds.

ACTION:

None. For information.

ADDENDUM:

Supervisor Nehrbass advised at 11:50 p. m. , 12-22-65, that Chester Gray had received a telephone call from Norman Rothman after 11 p. m. , 12-22-65, in which the conversation on the part of Rothman was guarded due to the place from which he was calling. Rothman stated that the "stuff" was intact and ready to be delivered but that "they" did not want to close the deal until Tuesday, December 28th. Rothman made reference to the fact that Monday, December 27th, was a bank holiday in Miami. Rothman advised Gray that he would call Gray from a public telephone booth at 8:30 a. m. , 12-23-65, in which he could discuss this matter in greater detail. New York will submit results of contact between Gray and Rothman by teletype 12-23-65.

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