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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON D. C.

June 23, 1952

Te: SAC, Omaha

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your effice on June 17, 1952.

Re: UNSUB.; GEN. CURTIS LE MAY - VICTIM EXTORTION John Edgar Hoover, Director

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YOUR FILE NO.

9-22432-1 0-150335

Examination requested by: Omnha

Reference:

Letter 6-13-52 🕱 . 3

Examination requested:

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Specimens:

Ql Envelope bearing handwritten address "Gen. Curtis LeMay c/o Pentagon Wash 25, D. C.," postmarked "KANSAS CITY, MO. JUN 9, 1952 6:30 PM."

Q2 Accompanying first page of letter beginning "Dear Sir: Ordinarily I'm a..." and ending on reverse side "....Do the things necessary."

Q3 Accompanying second page of letter beginning "I Prefer that..." and ending "...Do you Understand?"

RESULTS OF EXAMINATION:

The submitted extortion letter was compared with material in the Anonymous Letter File without effecting an identification. A copy has been added.

In the examination of the paper no waterwark or any other information was found which would assist in tracing the paper to its source.

Evidence attached together with photographs. Photographs transmitted to Kansas City.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Director, RBI (VRVALE - REGISTERED)

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SUBJECT TYPE OF SUBJECT

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Omaha will interview the victim in this case and will novice the But and Kansas City of any developments.

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Re:

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GEN. CURTIC LE MAY -VICTIM

EXTORTION

File # 9-22432-1

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SAC. Omaha

Date of reference communication: let. 6/13/52

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT DATE: June 17, 1952 : DIRECTOR, FBI SAC. OMAHA (9-533) SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT.

General CURTIS LE MAY - VICTIM AMSD EXTORTION Remytel June 13, 1952, in this case. General CURTIS LE MAY, Strategic Air Command, Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, has been interviewed in this case. He stated that he has received various crank letters in the past but that none of the previous letters have contained a threat on his life. He and his staff were apprised of the Bureau's desires regarding the minimum handling of any extortion letters that he might receive in the future at his office or home. The only suspect that General LE MAY could suggest was an individual who telephoned him on February 27, 1951 and impersonated Lieutenant General GEORGE A. PAINTER. At that time General LEMAY was in Spokane, Washington, and the caller was in Topeka, Kansas. The General could not recall the name of the caller; however, a review of the files of the OSI, Omaha, reflected that the caller was RUSSELL K. BROOKS, 1011 West 1st Street, Topeka, Kansas. The Kansas City file on BROOKS is 47-3080. BROOKS was described as a thirty-seven year old ex-service man. -1951 he admitted telephoning General LE MAY and also admitted unsuccessfully attempting to reach the General on a provious occasion. In 1951 prosecution was declined on BRQOKS/for impersonation. Kansas City, at Topeka, Kansas, is requested to interview BROOKS to determine if he wrote instant extortion letter. Handwriting specimens should be obtained from BROOKS and furnished to the FBI Laboratory for comparison with the extortion letter. fundished the Bureau for information The above is being purposes. b6 b7C TWC/bco 2 ccs: Kensas City

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Transmit the following message to:

SAC, KANSAS CITY

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Investigation Phoenix reflects suspect BROOKS moved from 1319 East Wilshire in December, 1951. Suspect moved from last known Phoenix address at Easte 1, Box 64, on February 20, 1952, to General Delivery, Denver, Colorado. Suspect mailed drefit payment to Sears Roebuck Company from San Antonia Texas, April 9, 1952. No criminal record, Phoenix.

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Fulltable pretext the following information was ascertained relative to uspect RUSSELL K. BIOOKS:

Weighbors of 1319 East Wilshire advised that suspect formerly resided at the above address from approximately November 1, 1951, to December 15, 1951, and then roved back east, possibly to Topeka, Kansas.

The records of the Allied Building Credits, Inc., 19 West Jefferson, Phoenic ristan, reflect that one WILLIAM D. BROOKS and MARIE F. BROOKS previously resided at the above address. They had attempted to secure an PHA loan, which was denied. WILLIAM D. BROOKS is believed to be suspect RUSSELL K. The brother and MARIE F. BROOKS is believed to be suspect's mother.

The records of the Federal Housing Authority, Phoenix, reflect that WILLIAM D. MCCKE proviously resided at 1603 West 6th Street, Topeka, Kansas.

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of the Allied Guilding Jredits, and the neighbors of the Bast Wilshire address, advised that suspect also resided at this address during the above stated time.

The records of the U.S. Fost Office, incenix, reflect the following changes of address of suspect:

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1913 East Villa, Phoenix 4319 East Wilshire, Phoenix General Delivery, Phoenix 602 South 17th Avenue, Phoenix 7002 Overlook Drive, Dallas, Texas Route 1, Box 64, Phoenix, Arizona General Delivery, Denzer, Colorado

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Neighbors at the following addresses could furnish no further information as to the present location of suspect: 1913 East Villa, 602 South 17th Avenue.

Delivery, Denver, Colorado, forwarding address with her.

There is no record of suspect having any vehicle registered to him with the Arizona Department of Fotor Vehicles.

A check at the Credit Bureau of Phoenix reflected that suspect was divorced from in January, 1946, and is presently married to His occupation was listed as a self-employed painter. He had received credit at Diamonds Department Store and Sarwak Motor Siles.

The records of the Credit Department at Diamonds Department Store reflected that suspect listed 1011 West 1st Street, Topeka, Kansas, as a previous

The Sarwak Motor Sales could offer no further information as to suspect's present whereabouts.

The records of Sears Roebuck, Inc. reflect that suspect was employed by as a painter and was formerly employed by in BROOKS with a return address of 4252 North Main, care of Lamor Hotel,

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was contacted and advised that he did not know of the whereabout of suspect.

The Valley National Bank, Phoenix, advised that they presently have an open commercial account in a very small amount in the name of suspect's wife.

Local Painters Union No. 80, Phoenix, advised that suspect was a member of their Union from October 15, 1951, to January 16, 1952, and was formerly a member of Local Painters Union No. 96, Topeka, Kansas, card 66566, Social Security No. 491-05-1658.

The records of the Public Utilities Companies in Phoenix were negative as to the present whereabouts of suspect.

The records of the Phoenix Police Department and the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office were negative as to suspect.

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REFERENCE:

Kansas City teletype to Phoenix June 19, 1952. Phoenix teletype to Kansas City June 20, 1952. Phoenix teletype to Kansas City June 21, 1952. Phoenix teletype to Kansas City June 23, 1952.

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT, GENERAL CURTIS LE MAY, VICTIM, EXTORTION. REBUTEL

JUNE SEVENTEEN LAST. AUSA KCMO, DECLINES PROSECUTION IN

INSTANT CASE, IS OF OPINION PRSECUTION, IF ANY, SHOULD BE HELD

IN DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA AS PROBABLE AND POTENTIAL WITNESSES RESIDE

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## Office Memorandum • United States Government

:Firector, FBI (9-22432)

DATE: July 3, 1952

:SAC, Omaha (9-533)

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SLEE ACT;

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Re Kansas City teletype dated June 19, 1992 advising the Fureau and Omaha Assistant U. S. Attorney in Kansas City, Mi. souri declined prosecution in this case and that he was of the opinion that prosecution, if any, should be held in the district of Nebraska as probable and potential witnesses reside in the latter district.

By teletype dated June 24, 1952 Hansas City requested Omake to advise the decision of J. S. attorney Omaha regarding prosecution in this case.

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Assistant W. S. Attorney Omaha, advised that in his opinion instant extortion letter constitutes a violation of 13 USC 376. He was apprised of the entire opinion readered by the Assistant U. S. Attorney in Kansas City, Missouri. believed that the individual who wrote the extortion letter prevaoly was mentally unbalanced. He advised, however, that unless there are additional letters, he does not Jesire to authorize prosecution in this matter, particularly in view of 18 USC 3239 which provides that the defendant in an extortion case may, upon motion, as a matter of right, have the case tried in the district where the communication was set in motion. In view of the latter section, he was of the opinion that the authorization, if any, should come from the district where the communication was set in motion. He therefore suggested that his opinion be brought to the attention of the Assistant U. S. Attorney in Kansas City, Missouri inasmuch as any trial in this case would probably be held in Kansas City, Missouri.

Kansas City is requested to discuss the above matter with the Assistant U. S. Attorney in Kansas City, Missouri and advise the Eureau and Omaha.

It is to be noted that the victim in this case is a nationally known individual. Even though the Assistant U. S. Attorney in Kansas City. Missouri should again decline prosecution, Kansas City is requested to conduct a thorough investigation in this case and to furnish an extra copy of the report to Omaha in order that it can be transmitted to OSI at Omaha. All logical suspects that may be developed should be interviewed, even though prosecution is declined. This request is being made due to the fact that OSI in Omaha and the headquarters of the Strategic Air Commend at Omahaare both vitally interested in this investigation.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (9-22432)

PROM : SAC, Kansas City (9-1100)

SUBJECT :

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT; GENERAL CURTIS LE MAY - VICTIM EXTORTION

Reference is made to Omaha letter dated 7/3/52 directed to the Bureau with copies to the Kansas City Office. This to advise that investigation by the Kansas City Office to date has failed to disclose logical suspects in connection with instant case.

In accordance with referenced Omaha letter to the Bureau dated 7/3/52, the facts of instant case were again discussed by SA MARVIN L. SHAY of the Kansas City Office with Assistant United of Kansas City, Missouri, on 7/14/52. States Attorney At that time Assistant United States Attorney that he concurred with the opinion of Assistant United States Attorney of Omaha in that the defendant in an extortion case may, upon motion, as a matter of right, have his case tried in the district where the communication was set in motion. further advised that he is still definitely of the opinion that the individual who wrote the extortion letter to General LE MAY was mentally unbalanced. He further advised that unless there are additional letters he does not desire to authorize prosecution in this matter.

advised after examination of the envelop that the envelop is definitely an official business envelop used daily by the City National Bank & Trust Company. He related however that the envelop containing the extortion letter is of a small size and is seldom if ever used by the bank in business communications.

further informed that it is comparatively easy for anyone walking through the lobby of the bank to obtain an official envelop of the bank together with writing paper from any of the bank officials whose desks are located near the lobby.

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advised that he is very familiar with the handwriting of the majority of the persons employed in the bank and in the large parking garage adjacent to the bank, and he was unable to recognize the writing on 'he extortion letter as being comparable to that of any employee of the bank.

Efforts by the Kansas City Office to locate Suspect RUSSELL K. BROOKS, 1011 West First Street, Topeka, Kansas, have met with negative results to date. Investigation at Topeka, Kansas indicated that Suspect BROOKS moved from Topeka, Kansas to Phoenix, Arizona during the middle part of 1951.

Further investigation by the Phoenix Office has failed to locate Suspect BROOKS to date.

Unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau, the Kansas City Office will continue investigation in instant case in accordance with the request of the Omaha office as contained in referenced letter to the Bureau dated 7/3/52.

SAC, Omaka (9-533)

September 8, 1958

Director, FRI (9-22432)

UNKNOWN SUBJECT)
GENERAL CURTIS LE MAY
VICTIM ELTORTION

The investigation in this matter chould be brought to a legical conclusion promptly and reports forwarded to the Bureau in order that they may be dissentinated to the of Special Investigations at Fashington, D. C.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FINE CASE ORIGINATED AT OMAHA

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SENERAL CURTISOLE M	AY - VICTIM	CHARACTER OF CASE  EXTORTION		

opsis of facts: On 6-13-52 Gen. CURTIS LE MAY, CG, SAC, Offutt AFB, Omaha, Nebraska, received anonymous letter which instructed victim "to make up for the killings and people you've helped to murder -else I'll take your life very quickly from you. This letter was mailed at Kansas City, Missouri. The envelope bore the return address of "City National Bank and Trust Company, Kansas City 10, Missouri." Results of FBI Laboratory examination set forth. Subject's identity not known to date. AUSA Omaha believes subject probably mentally unbalanced. AUSA Omaha does not desire to prosecute but states the case should be presented to USA, KC, where letter was set in motion inasmuch as subject, as a matter of right, could have trial in latter district.

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#### DETAILS:

#### AT OMAHA, NEBRASKA

On June 13, 1952, Lt. Col. JOHN C. MARTIN, OSI, Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, advised SAC J. L. DALTON that instant extortion letter had been received.

contacted Lt. Col. MARTIN, who stated that there had been no additional developments in this matter since the letter was received.

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Lt. Col. P. K. CARLETON, Room A-203, Command Building, Offutt Air Force Base, was contacted inasmuch as he is the personal aide to General LE MAY.

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for General LE MAY, was also con-

Col. CARLETON furnished the original extortion letter and envelope and these were subsequently transmitted to the FBI Laboratory.

By letter dated June 23, the FBI Laboratory advised that this extortion letter was compared with the material in the anonymous letter file without effecting an identification. In the examination of the paper no water mark or any other information was found which would assist in tracing the paper to its source.

The envelope was addressed to General CURTIS LE MAY, c/o Pentagon, Washington 25, D. C. It was sent Air Mail and was postmarked at Ransas City, Missouri at 6:30 PM on June 9, 1952. It also carried a postmark cancellation of June 9, 1952 at 4:30 PM from Kansas City, Missouri. In the latter cancellation is the number "9". The envelope bore the following printing on its face, "Return in five days to City National Bank and Trust Company, Kansas City 10, Missouri." The only information on the back of the envelope is an incoming block stamp of June 10, 1952 by the Secretary of Air Staff Correspondence, Control Branch, and the postmark of Washington, D. C. at 9:30 PM on June 11, 1952. The front of the envelope reflects that it was forwarded from the Pentagon to the Headquarters of the Strategic Air Command, Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Nebraska.

The extortion letter is on plain yellow paper and consists of two separate pages. The extortion letter is as follows:

"Dear Sir; -

"Ordinarily I'm a kindly likeable guy. - I don't get mad or anything else.

"Now - I'll tell you: During your service during World War II you and those stupid Washington jackasses (ordinarily I'm still a likeable guy.) bombed Nagasaki and Hiro.

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"Now - It's usually not in me to chew a fellow out - but I know from experience that if one tries to fight for long he will go fightingly insane. And I'm not kidding - Hate can burn a man up.

There is a way I can cause a man to die - That's by pulling the inside of his hair root out. He becomes like a tree then because his hair rots and his limbs get rotted in short because he has sinned he dies - as in the case of Roosevelt, Stimson, Arnold and others. The Commandment is 'Thy Shat Not Kill' when it comes to 'Prosecuting' (attaching is your word) I'll do the things necessary. I prefer that man shall live and if possible freely.

"To this end I give him dreams at night - which are all that keep a man same. It would be best that you make up for the killings and people you've helped to murder - else I'll take your life very quickly from you.

"Do you understand?"

The reverse side of page 2 bears some undecipherable markings.

The above letter and envelope are written by hand in link.

General CURTIS LE MAY, Strategic Air Command, Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, advised that he had received various crank letters in the past but that none of the previous letters contained a threat on his life. The only possible suspect that General LE MAY could suggest was an individual who telephoned him on February 27, 1951, and impersonated Lt. General GEORGE A. PATHTER. At that time General LE MAY was in Spokane, Washington, and the caller was in Topeka, Kansas. A subsequent check with OSI, Omaha, reflected that the caller in that incident was RUSSELL K. EROOKS, 1011 W. First Street, Topeka, Kansas. In 1951 he was described as being 37 years of age and was an exservicemen. In 1951 EROOKS admitted telephoning General LE MAY and also admitted unsuccessfully attempting to reach the General on a previous occasion.

The above information was furnished to Kansas City for appropriate handling.

On Time 19 Kansas City advised that Assistant U. S. Attorney Kansas City, Missouri, declined prosecution in this.

case inasmuch as he was of the opinion that prosecution, if any, should be held in the District of Nebraska as probable and potential witnesses reside in Nebraska. was of the opinion that this extortion letter was written by a person who is mentally ill, and although the letter contains a threat of death the stated method of causing the death would be impossible.

On the same date Kansas City advised Phoenix that RUSSELL K. BROOKS, a possible suspect, was reported to be residing at 4319 E. Wilshire in Phoenix, Arizona.

The facts of this case were discussed with Assistant U. S. Attorney Omaha, who stated that in his opinion this extortion letter constituted a violation of 18 USC 876. He was apprised of the opinion rendered by the Assistant U. S. Attorney at Kansas City, Missouri. believed that the individual who wrote the extortion letter probably was mentally unbalanced. He advised, however, that unless there are additional letters, he does not desire to authorize prosecution in this matter, particularly in view of 18 USC 3239, which provides that the defendant in an extortion case may, upon motion, as a matter of right have the case tried in the district where the communication was set in motion. In view of the latter section, was of the opinion that the authorization, if any, should come from the district where the communication was mailed. He suggested that his opinion be brought to the attention of the Assistant U. S. Attorney in Kansas City, Missouri.

On July 24, Kansas City advised that investigation failed to disclose logical suspects in connection with this case. The opinion of was brought to the attention of Assistant U. S. Attorney in Kansas City, Missouri, who concurred in the statement that the defendant in this case could, as a matter of right, have his case tried in the district where the communication was set in motion. further advised that he was still definitely of the opinion that the individual who wrote the extortion letter was mentally unbalanced. He further advised that unless there are additional letters he does not desire to authorize prosecution in this matter.

Lt. Col. JOHN C. MARTIN, OSI, Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, recently advised that to his knowledge there have been no new developments in this case.

## The victim in this case is described as follows:

Born 11-15-06
Height 5:101\*\*
Weight 170
Hair black, graying hazel

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Copy of this report is being furnished Phoenix for information inasmuch as that office may be requested to conduct additional investigation in this case.

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## KANSAS CITY DIVISION

At Kenses Gity, Missouri: Will report results of investigation conducted by that office in an effort to identify subject.

REFERENCE: Omaha ltr to Bureau 6-13-52

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Report hade at Date when Period for which Report made by made made made obc MANSAS CHEY 10-10-52 6-17,10,19,30; 7- MARVIN L. SHAY 10,11,10,13; 8-15, 29; 5-6,16,30-52

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UNRIGHT SUBJECT CONTINUES LE HAY-Victim

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SINOPSIS OF FACTS:

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Officials of City National Bank & Trust Company, RCHO, advised that envelope containing extortion letter is ilentical to size 6 3/h envelope used as one of official envelopes at bank. Instant size, however, not used frequently by bank. Investigation fails to disclose one ployees of instant bank wrote entortion letter. Suspect RUSSELL H. BROOKS moved from Topeka, Kansas, to Phoenix, Arizona, latter part of 1951. AUSA ROCHO, lections prosecution in instant case unless further letters are direct a to GENERAL LE MAY. AUSA of opinion letter was written by some mentally ill andividual.

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#### DETAILS:

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A photostatic copy of the extortion letter and onvolope in instant case were exhibited by the writer to City National Bunk & Trust Company, Kansas City, Missouri. advised that the envelope is identical to one size of official envelopes which are used by the bank. He also stated, however, that the envelope which contained the extertion letter is known in the bank's supply records as "sizo 6 3/4 in." b6 b7C said that the bank's supply office purchasus only two sizes of envelopes, the instant 6 3/6 size and a size 10. He indicated also that the size 10 envolupe is nearly always used in said bank's correspondence, and the size 6 3/4 is soldom, if ever, used-in bank correspondenso. related further that all officials and employous of the bank are supplied daily with envelopes and stationer; and that the officials are supplied with envelopes of both sizes. He said that it is possible for anyone walking through the bark lobby to request an envelope from any of the rang bank officials who are scated at dosks in an area surrounding the lobby. He stated that it is a daily occurrence for customers of the bank and persons in the lobby to request envelopes and/or sheets of paper from any of the bunk onployees in the immediate vicinity. reported that the bank also uses follow onion skin paper for the second sheet, or carbon copies, in all bank sorrespondence, and, therefore, it is quite possible that the writer of the letter also berrowed the paper on which the extortion letter was written from the bank. indicated also that the yellow onion skin paper used by the bank contains no watermark, or identification mark, whatsoever, to indicate whether or not it is bank proporty examined the exort221482ands0d that the writing or script in which the letter is written is not at all familiar to him. Ho stated that ho is reasonably

contain that no one employed by the bank wrote the extertion

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familiar with the handwriting of the majority of the persons employed in the bank and in the large parking garage adjacent to the bank, and he was unable to recognize the uniting on the extertion letter as being comparable to that of our employee of the bank.

personnel files of bank employees without locating a logical suspect in instant case.

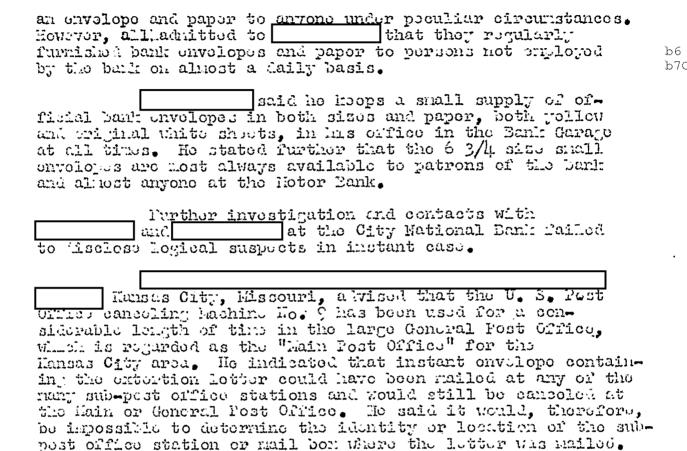
ploys a large number of parking attendants in the Bank Garage adjacent to the bank and also in connection with the Meter Bank, whose duties are to direct traffic and assist in the parking of cars. Hany of these employees are partitles workers. A considerable number of Air Force personnel are apployed in a part-time basis in the Bank Garage. He said that for the past several months, at least nine Airson have been employed as parking attendants in the Bank Garage and ut the Noter Bank.

City National Dank and Company Garage, and advised that all of the Air on employed by then are attached to a local Air Morso Office; that they all reside in the Robert E. Lee Hotel in Hansas City, Missouri, and both men advised all of the Airmon are considered by them to be high type, intelligent young men, who have advised that they are making the Mir Moreo their career. Both men stated that they felt that they could personally vouch for each of the Airmon employed in the Dank Garage.

The employment records of the City National Band and Crust Company failed to disclose that anyone of Japanese or Marakian extraction had been employed in the bank, or garage, for the past several months.

advised also that he brought up the matter concerning the use of the official bank envelope in connection with the extertion letter at a meeting of bank exployees. He stated no one in ceither the group of bank officials or the group of regular gamb employees was able to recall furnishing

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On June 18, 1952, the Gmaha Office advised that GENERAL CURTES LE TAY, Strategic Air Command, Offutt Air Moreo Base, Oraha, Mebrusha, the victim in instant ease, has been interviewed. He stated he had received various "crank" letters in the past, but that none of the previous letters had contained a threat on his life.

The only suspect that General LE MAY could suggest was an individual who telephoned him on Mebruary 27, 1751, and impersonated LT. CLIMAL GEORGE A. PATHMER. At that time, General LE HAY was in Spokane, Vashington, and the caller was in Topoka; Kansas.

A check of the files of the OSI at Cmaha Acflectof that the caller in the 1951 instance was RUSSELL K. BROOKS, 1011 West First Street, Topoka, Mansas. BROOKS was described

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as a 37-year old ex-Service man. On the occasion of the 1991 incident, BROOKS admitted telephining General LE IAT and also admitted unsuccessfully attempting to reach the General on a provious occasion to the one on February 27, 1951.

Investigation at Topoka, Kansas, disclosed that Suspect RUSJELL II. BROOKS had moved from Topoka, Hansas, during the latter part of 1951; now reported to be presently residing at 1319 East Wilshire, Phoenix, Arizona. His nother, the is also reported to be with BROOKS, is known as INNEL FRANCIS BROOKS.

By tolotype dated 6-19-52, the above information was furnished to the Phoenix Office.

On June 20, 1952, the Phoenix Office advised that Auspect RUBBELL K. BROOKS had neved from the East Milshire address in January 1952. His immediate whereabouts was not limbur.

On June 21, 1952, the Phoenix Office advised that Suspect NUSSELL K. BROOK had riled a change of address in Phoenix, Arizona, on Pebruary 20, 1952, listing his address as General Delivery, Denver, Jelorado.

On June 23, 1952, the Phoenix Office advised that Juspect RUSSELL K. BROOKS had railed a credit pagment to Sears-Resbuck Company in Phoenix, Arizona, on April 9, 1952, from 425; North Hail, / Lanor Hotel, San Antonio, Texas.

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On July 3, 1952, the Omaha Office advised that Assistant U. S. Attorney Omaha, advised that Only on trategic extension tester constitutes a violation.

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Accordingly, the uniter again discussed the facts of instant case with Assistant U. S. Attorney on 7-14-52. At this time, advised that he concurred with the opinion of Assistant U. S. Attorney of Univa in that the defendant in an entertion case may, upon motion, as a matter of right, have his case tried in the listrict ulare the communication was set in metion.

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A check of the records of the KCMO PD, the MCK PD, and the Credit Bureau for the Creater Kansas City Area, failed to disclose the present whereabouts, or any information economing suspect RUSSELL N. BROOKS.

The following information and description concerning Suspect RUSSELL K. BROOKS were obtained when he was interviewed at Topoka, Kansas, on February 28, 1951:

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NAME RUSSELL K. DROOKS Raco Uhitu Sex Malo Age 37(1951) Born Feb. 20, 1914 at Popelia, Rs. 6 ft.3 1/4 in. Moight b6 185 pounds b7C Meight MJ os Gran Hair Brown (partially bald on top and slightly gray at temples) Build Modium Complossion Pair Larks Large nole on left side of bridge of nese Ikrital status <u>Divorced</u> Rolativos Nother: MARIE FRANCIS BROOMS, 1011 W. 1st St., Topula, Kansas Father: Decoased Brother: IM. DANIEL PROOFS, age 1.2: lives with nother Military Service ASM 37016622 Criminal record: Adults total of 25 days in stocked.

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INCLOSURE: TO OMAHA DIVISION: 1 copy of the report of

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6-25-52 at Phoenix, Arizona.

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One copy of the report of SA Phoenin, Arizona, dated 6-2052 is being furnished the Orala Office for information and assistance, inasmuch as the Orala Office is Office of Origin in instant case.

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THE PHORNIX DIVISION

AT PHOINIX, ARIZONA

Will contact the Credit Hanager of the Spars-Recouch Store in Phoenin to determine whether suspect RUSSHLL K. BROCKS has submitted recent payments to this store, in effect to obtain BROCKS: present address, so that he may be interviewed to determine his whereabouts on June 9, 1952, and also to obtain handwriting specimens from him.

Reference Bureau File No. 9-22432.

Roport of SA Phoonix, Arisona, dated 6-28-52.

Report of CA THOMAS W. CARROLL, Omaha, Nobraska, dated 10-2-52.

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CKAHA OFFICE

#### AT CHAHA, NEBRASKA

Will advise Phoenix when case is closed or when suspect's wife is located so that the stop against the suspect's wife's checking account can be removed.

#### REFERENCE

Report of SA MARVIN L. SHAY dated 10/10/52 at Kansas City.

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# CORRECTION

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Investigation completed.

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At Omaha, Nebraska

A review of instant file reflects that the investigation in this case has been completed and that all logical leads have been covered.

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copy of this report is being furnished to Phoenix for information in order that stops against the suspect's wife's checking account can be removed.

REFERENCE: Report of SA dated October 22,

1952 at Phoenix.

Report of SA THOMAS W. CARROLL dated October 2,

1952 at Omaha.

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