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9A-2218
FM MEMPHIS (9A-MTV)(P)

TO DIRECTOR PRIORITY 22002
SPRINGFIELD IMMEDIATE 2472
BT
UNCLAS EFTO
UNSUB, AKA [Redacted] JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM. EXTORTION.

00: MT


IN THE MARGIN ON ONE OF THE PAGES OF THE LETTER WAS CONTAINED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

"RONALD W. REAGAN - AREN'T YOU PROUD OF YOUR IGNORANT ASS - GETTING HIM TO COVER FOR YOU AND THE OTHERS, AND BY DOING SO, CAUSING HIS IMPEACHMENT: YOU WOULDN'T TELL HIM THE WHOLE TRUTH, WOULD YOU - YOU SON-OF-A-BITCH:" THAT STATEMENT DID NOT APPEAR TO FIT INTO THE LETTER.
PACK TWO M/9A-NEW UNCLASSIFIED

USA JOY K. BROWN, NASHVILLE, TENN., PROVIDED A PRELIMINARY OPINION THAT THE LETTER WAS A VIOLATION OF TITLE 18, USC, SECTION 1976. OUT OF AN ABUNDANCE OF CAUTION, MEMPHIS PROVIDED A COPY OF THE LETTER TO U.S. SECRET SERVICE, NASHVILLE.

SPRINGFIELD AT CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS: WILL ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY AND LOCATE [ ] INTERVIEW AND OBTAIN HANDWRITING SAMPLES.

BT
UNCLAS

UNSUB. AKA JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM; EXTORTION; 00:ME.

RF MF TELTYPIS TO SI, DEC. 14, 1981.

RF VIEW OF CHAMPAIGN-URBANA CITY DIRECTORY, CHAMPAIGN-URBANA
PHONE DIRECTORY, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS STUDENT STAFF DIRECTORY,
CHAMPAIGN POLICE DEPT. ARREST RECORDS, AND CHAMPAIGN COUNTY SHERIFF'S
OFFICE ARREST RECORDS HAVE REVEALED HOWEVER, NO
ALL LISTED HAVE BEEN CONTACTED WITH NEGATIVE
RESULTS. ATTEMPTS CONTINUE TO LOCATE/INTERVIEW

DETECTIVE, CHAMPAIGN POLICE DEPT., CHAMPAIGN,
IL., WAS CONTACTED AND A CANVASS OF ALL CHAMPAIGN POLICE DEPT. DETEC-
TIVES PROVED NEGATIVE RE A

SGT., DETECTIVE SECTION, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY SHERIFF'S

9-22-81

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OFFICE, URBANA, IL., CONTACTED AND A CANVASS OF ALL DETECTIVES
PROVED NEGATIVE RE A

REVIEW OF RECORDS AT MERCY HOSPITAL PSYCHIATRIC WARD FAILED TO
SHOW A AS CURRENT PATIENT OR PATIENT RELEASED SINCE

SECRET SERVICE, SPRINGFIELD, ADVISED.

SPRINGFIELD AT CHAMPAIGN, IL.: CONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFIED SUBJECT
FM MEMPHIS (SA-2219) (P)

TO SEATTLE ROUTINE

BT

UNCLAS S E F T O

UNSUB, AKA ___________ JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM; EXTORTION.

00: ME.

ON DEC. 14, 1981, THE PLACE OF BUSINESS OF COUNTRY MUSIC
ENTERTAINER JOHNNY CASH, HENDERSONVILLE, TENN., RECEIVED A
LENGTHY, RAMBLING LETTER CONTAINING A THREAT TO KILL JOHNNY
CASH. THE LETTER WAS SIGNED BY ___________ AND THE
ENVELOPE WAS POSTMARKED CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS. SPRINGFIELD
DIVISION CONDUCTED EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION IN CHAMPAIGN,
ILLINOIS, TO IDENTIFY ___________ WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. ON
THE ENVELOPE CONTAINING THE LETTER WERE A NUMBER OF TOWNS
LISTED, INCLUDING LONGVIEW, WASHINGTON; ELLensburg, WASHINGTON;
WOODLAND, WASHINGTON; KALAMA, WASHINGTON, AND OTHERS. THE
LETTER MAKES REFERENCE TO

CJS: [Signature]

Approved: [Signature]

Transmitted: [Date]
Seattle is requested to conduct record checks at Walla Walla prison and any other appropriate record checks available, such as driver's license checks, in attempt to identify

BT
Mrs. June Carter Cash, wife of Johnny Cash, was interviewed at the House of Cash, Hendersonville, Tennessee. Mrs. Cash said she was very frightened over the death threats against her husband contained in the letter received by [redacted] on December 14, 1981. The individual who apparently signed the letter, [redacted], was unknown to her.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date of transcription 12/17/81

House of Cash, Post Office Box 508, Hendersonville, Tennessee, furnished the following information:

She is responsible for receiving and opening the mail at Johnny Cash's place of business, the House of Cash. She received on the morning of December 14, 1981 a letter addressed to John R. Cash containing threats against cash. The individual signing the letter was unknown to her.

Investigation on 12/14/81 at Nashville, Tennessee File: Memphis 9A-2218

by SA ald Date dictated 12/17/81

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.
John B. Cash
House of Cash
Nashville Pike
Hendersonville, Tn.
Have you looked up the laws governing plagiarism yet? These concerning slavery, Grand Larceny, Abolition — oh yes, all these "Lax Laws"? The Declaration of Independence — these inalienable rights — Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness are guaranteed! You broke all of those... Did you enjoy the Cowley County Fair while stealing from me? J.K. Kelly Plumbing and Heating must be very fond of you after you sold the steam pipe to back up in my bathtub... Is that a nice way for Irish Catholic 4th generation and you to earn your way into the pantheon (P.H.D.2M)? I was there once myself — "Your not going to Nashville — you going to Nashville..." this one was really Christian of you. While used from your forced dues... and then when at perhaps your future home... Waldo Waldo Room — you had them force me to take Valium — a drug you knew might KILL me. Here are three about attempted Remington Murder also.

"Dorn Life Blood of Sin" — do you sing it often now? How about all of them? How about "Hey," "A Moment Of Glory" — (the entire United States Armed Forces is ready to kill you for that one) — "I'm A Dreamer," song "Break Away" - Book "Bouquin" — You are a fuckin' idiot, and so are the rest of the motherfucker that, joined right in there! You cocksucker fugget punk — I ought to take a 12 gauge and blow your allotted fuckin' ass into right on a fuckin' stage! Had I known you financially backed the cocksucker anti-war demonstrator — you would have been that last fuckin' place I would have went for any fuckin' thing! 12 gauge — I still may if I have to!

The populations of China, Uruguay — soon all countries of the world will be seeing for your stupid ass!
How did you like "Interpretation of "The Hangman,'" he asked. "I didn't cut it. "The Little Yellow Horse" will have to wait again — I'll call it "The Little Yellow Man in Black." But of course the ending will be much different.

How any man/group of men could stand by and see the suffering I endured during the last eleven-plus years is impossible to believe. You saw the mass Animals torturing your Brag. Some of you are going to go to Death Row — and Filming as you and the others did aboard United States Naval Bases — constitute TREASON! This automatically means the Death Penalty. But then you heard me beg for death, and did not care. One and done again. I literally begged you to stop torturing me, but you acted like some kind of ghoulish non-human — the Nazis themselves were more humane... You spoke of Functional Allectus to your Alexander — just what in the fuck do you call yourself? You must have a morbid brain to accept an award for your work against "illiteracy." And then to go on with a Christmas special to further rape the minds of America — after committing the most horrible deeds of Plagiarism — plus the other hideous Inhumane Acts against me! I will see you burn in Hell, before I let a grotesque Animal like you ever again rape the minds of America's Children!

My Heritage is Country Music — but mostly my Heritage in America — and "Here is an Eagle Flying Over This Country — Over Amber Waves of Grain, and a Big Old Flag a-wavin' — for those that would be..."
Much sheet! If you do not do the above in Business or in the U.S. Navy (in Message Traffic)—you are the stupidest, ignorant son-of-a-bitch there is! And—Liesman could be the motive for not leaving a receipt—because they nobody knows. What or How Much——Only the Sabatian or Thief known! Of course during time of War in Uncle Sam's Yacht Club the punishment could be death. — you know — like some conscientious objecting Motherfucker did during the Vietnam War! — meaning, this kind of National Security Advisor Conscientious Objector Peacemonger Flower-Child Murdering son-of-a-bitch that places "SAND" in the Ejection Seat "Got a little sand in my shoe" Cartridges of American Aircraft!

Plagiarism — I know you are already aware of—you are Writer—you know the Danger — so give 'em Hell Yang!
Americans.... I am certain that I've known, Admiral 'Bull' Halsey, Church, W. Leonid, George & Patton......... and... have more than once turned over in their graves because of you and those that would make a mockery out of Human Beauty - and by doing so - a mockery out of America. Now, there are many of us who get rich at the sound of Country Music coming over an airwave, because it may be a plagiarized song. Hank Williams said it best - "A tongue can accuse and carry bad news - the seeds of distrust it can sow - but unless you have made no mistakes in your life - be careful of the stones that you throw." Or Jesus, "let he that is without sin cast the first stone." You and your listeners to neither and now you speak of them as being Functionally Iliterate.... You and those there have brought Shame and Degradation to Country Music and to the Entertainment World. Now that I know the names of those involved I sometimes want to personally kill all of you and I could do so without flinching an eyelid. I haven't, because I happen to love God, the United States, and the Flag which is the symbol for all of the above.

Illiteracy is not just Reading & Writing. It never has been..... Illiteracy in thinking is much worse. The Civil Rights Act of 1964 should have made this plain to you. Because a person could not read or write did not mean he/she was not intelligent enough to vote! I am in Illinois not far away, Richard M. Nixon, is about ready to initiate proceedings in my behalf - and the behalf of America.
From: [Name]

To: Meet the Press Gentlemen & Ladies:

Your coverage of "National Security Advisor," Allen, was most informative. One thousand Dollar/1000 Dollar payoff/ripoff cannot be tolerated in the Government of the United States. When personages of other countries must pay a "toll" toll fee for crossing the bridge into the Whitehouse — it is time to find out who the trolls are....

The distinguished members of your staff questioning Allen, brought out a most important questioning statement. That of a receipt! There are supposed to be business people in this administration... Any business man or woman that removes funds from a Cash Register, a Bank Vault, or a [Top secret — Secret — Confidential — Immediate Action, Urgent, or Routine message from file — Leave a location sheet (Receipt)]/s.
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
(ATTN: FBI LABORATORY)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (NVRA) (9A-2218) (P)

UNSUB. aka 

JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM; 
EXTORTION 
OO: MEMPHIS

Re Memphis teletype to the Director dated 12/14/81. 

Enclosed are three pages of a letter with envelope containing the threat against victim. 

The FBI Laboratory is requested to photograph the enclosed letter for future examination and then provide the letter to the Latent Fingerprint Section. 

The Latent Fingerprint Section is requested to examine the enclosed documents for latent fingerprints. 

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FM SEATTLE 9A-2010 (P)
TO MEMPHIS 9A-2218 ROUTINE
BT
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UNSUB, AKA ___________________ JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM; EXTORTION (A);
CC: MEMPHIS.

REFERENCE MEMPHIS TELTYPE TO SEATTLE, DATED DECEMBER 18, 1981.

ON DECEMBER 23, 1981, RECORDS OF THE WASHINGTON STATE
PENITENTIARY, WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON, REVEALED THE FOLLOWING.

SEATTLE INDICEIES REVEAL THAT SEATTLE FILE 9-1915 INVOLVES
JOHNNY CASH AS VICTIM. SUBJECT IN THAT MATTER WAS
THE INFORMATION REGARDING [DELETION] IS BEING FURNISHED TO MEMPHIS, AND NO LEADS ARE BEING SET OUT REGARDING THIS INFORMATION BY SEATTLE AT THIS TIME.

SEATTLE DIVISION AT OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON. CONTACT THE WASHINGTON STATE ARCHIVES, DIVISION OF PRISONS, OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, AND DETERMINE FURTHER BACKGROUND INFORMATION REGARDING [DELETION].

DETERMINE HIS CORRECT DATE OF BIRTH, MIDDLE INITIAL, AND PRESENT WHEREABOUTS, AND ANY OTHER PERTINENT BACKGROUND INFORMATION.
FM MEMPHIS (9-2218) (P)

TO DIRECTOR ROUTINE

SEATTLE ROUTINE

BT

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ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION, LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

UNSUB, AKA JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM; EXTORTION

OO: MEMPHIS

RE MEMPHIS AIRTTEL TO BUREAU, ATTN: FBI LABORATORY,
12/17/81; SEATTLE TELETYPETO MEMPHIS, 12/26/81.

REFERENCED AIRTTEL TO DIRECTOR CONTAINED A REQUEST TO
EXAMINE AN EXTORTION LETTER RE CAPTIONED MATTER FOR LATENT
FINGERPRINTS. THE IDENTIFICATION DIVISION REQUESTED TO COMPARE
LATENT PRINTS FOUND ON THE PREVIOUSLY FORWARDED LETTER AND
ENVELOPE TO

SEATTLE REQUESTED TO ADVISE BUREAU OF IDENTIFYING DATA

RE: WHEN OBTAINED SO THAT HIS FINGERPRINTS CAN BE
CHECKED AGAINST LATENTS ON THE LETTER.

BT

CJG: bc

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SUBJ. AKA: JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM: EXTORTION,

TO: MEMPHIS

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MEMPHIS,

RF SI TELTYPE TO MEMPHIS, DECEMBER 16, 1981.

ON DECEMBER 16, 1981, OF TOWN AND COUNTRY
APARTMENTS, URBANA, ILL., ADVISED THAT A IS CURRENTLY
RESIDING AT ADVISED PRIOR TO THAT THE APARTMENT WAS OCCUPIED BY A FROM 1977 THROUGH 1979. ADVISED THAT THERE IS NO
RESIDING AT

ON DECEMBER 22, 1981, ILLINOIS STATE DEPARTMENT
OF CORRECTIONS FOR THE ADULT PAROLE SERVICE, 202 WEST HILL,
CHAMPAIGN, ILL., ADVISED THAT THEY HAVE NO CURRENTLY ON PAROLE FROM ANY ILLINOIS STATE PENITENTIARY.
On December 23, 1981, Special Clerk, [Redacted] SI Division, FBI, advised that a check of records at the Illinois State Department of Motor Vehicles, Drivers License Section, failed to locate any [Redacted] advised that he could not locate any [Redacted] who could possibly be identifiable to [Redacted] in the Champaign, IL, or immediate area. [Redacted] advised that the only [Redacted] he could locate is a [Redacted]

SI at Champaign, IL.: Will continue efforts to locate

BT
FM MEMPHIS (9A-2218) (P)

TO SPRINGFIELD (9A-2200) ROUTINE

BT

UNCLAS EFTO

UNSUB, AKA ___________ JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM; EXTORTION.

OO: ME.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELTYPE TO MEMPHIS, DEC. 28, 1981.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF SPRINGFIELD, THE EXTORTION LETTER IN CAPTIONED MATTER WAS SENT TO THE FBI LABORATORY AND TO THE IDENTIFICATION DIVISION BY AIRTEL ON DEC. 17, 1981.

SPRINGFIELD IS REQUESTED TO ___________

REPORTED IN REFERENCED TELTYPE TO BE

AND ADVISE THE BUREAU SO THAT HIS FINGERPRINTS CAN BE CHECKED AGAINST LATENTS FOUND ON THE LETTER.

BT

CJG: wpb

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ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION, LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION.
UNSUB, AKA __________________ JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM; EXTORTION (A);
OO: MEMPHIS.

REFERENCE SEATTLE TELETYPETO MEMPHIS, DATED DECEMBER 24,
1981; AND MEMPHIS TELETYPETO THE DIRECTOR AND SEATTLE, DATED
DECEMBER 28, 1981.

ON DECEMBER 28, 1981,
STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF ADULT CORRECTIONS, OLYMPIA,
WASHINGTON, ADVISED THEIR DEPARTMENT IS UNABLE TO LOCATE ANY RECORD
FOR

__ SHE ADVISED SHE WILL MAKE FURTHER CHECKS AND ADVISE. __

DEC 3 1981
ON DECEMBER 21, 1981, [NAME] DRIVER'S LICENSE SECTION, STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING, OLYMPIA, ADVISED SHE WAS UNABLE TO LOCATE ANY WASHINGTON DRIVER'S LICENSE FOR [NAME].

SEATTLE DIVISION AT OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON. WILL REPORT RESULTS OF ADDITIONAL CHECKS BEING MADE TO IDENTIFY [NAME].
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY IDENTIFICATION DIVISION, LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION.

UNSUB: AKA JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM, EXTORTION,

OO: MEMPHIS.


FOR INFORMATION, FBI LABORATORY, IDENTIFICATION DIVISION, LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION, ON DECEMBER 22, 1981, ILLINOIS STATE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR ADULT PAROLE SERVICE, 202 WEST HILL, CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS, ADVISED THE ONLY
REQUEST OF FBI LABORATORY, IDENTIFICATION DIVISION, LATENT
FINGERPRINT SECTION: MEMPHIS HAS REQUESTED FINGERPRINTS OF
[____________________] BE COMPARED WITH ANY LATENT
PRINTS OF VALUE FOUND ON THE LETTER SUBMITTED TO FBI LABORATORY
BY MEMPHIS ON DECEMBER 17, 1981.

BT
To: SAC, Memphis (NVRA) (9A-2218)  
SAC, Memphis (NVRA) (9A-2218)  
FBI FILE NO. 9-66412  
LAB. NO. 11222039 D QJ

January 7, 1982

Re: UNSUB, aka

JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM; EXXTORTION

Specimens received December 22, 1981

Q1 Envelope postmarked "CHAMPAIGN, IL 618 PM 9 DEC 1981" bearing handwritten address "John R Cash House of Cash Nashville Pike Hendersonville, Tn."

Q2 Page one of accompanying handwritten letter beginning "President Marco's: "If Johnny Cash..."

Q3 Page two of accompanying handwritten letter beginning "How did you like..."

Q4 Page three of accompanying handwritten letter beginning "Americans,...'I am certain..."

Result of examination:

Q1 through Q4 were searched through the Anonymous Letter File without effecting an identification. Representative copies have been added to that file for future reference purposes.

No watermarks or indented writings were found on Q1 through Q4.

Q1 through Q4 have been photographed in the event a future examination is desired. If known handwriting of suspects in this case is obtained, that writing should include numerous repetitions of the exact wording of the questioned writing on Q1 through Q4 and should be prepared on envelopes and paper similar in size and format to the questioned items.

Q1 through Q4 will be returned separately along with the results of the latent fingerprint examination.

9A-2218-13

FBI/DOJ
FBI LABORATORY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20538

To: SAC, Memphis (NVRA) (9A-2218)  January 7, 1982

From: Director, FBI

FBI FILE NO. 9-66412

LAB. NO. 11222039 D QJ

Re: UNSUB. aka

JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM;
EXXTORTION

OO: Memphis

Examination requested by: Memphis

Reference: Airtel dated December 17, 1981

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Remarks:

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

DO NOT INCLUDE ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE(S) INFORMATION IN INVESTIGATIVE REPORT
UNCLASS

ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION, LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION.

UNSUB, AKA JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM; EXTORTION (A);

CC: MEMPHIS.

REFERENCE SEATTLE TELETYPETO MEMPHIS, DATED DECEMBER 24,
1981; AND SEATTLE TELETYPETO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS, DATED
DECEMBER 31, 1981.

INVESTIGATION BY SEATTLE DIVISION AT OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON,
Determined that
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT AT BUTTE, MONTANA.

Identification Division is requested to compare latent prints found on the previously forwarded letter and envelope to

AIRTEL FOLLOWS.

BT
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (9A-2010) (RUC)

UNSUB, aka. G A - 2 3 1 8

JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM;
EXTORTION (A);
OO: MEMPHIS


On January 4, 1982, State of Washington Department of Adult Corrections, Olympia, Washington, advised

On January 5, 1982, Records Clerk, Health Information Services, Western State Hospital, Tacoma, telephonically advised that No other record was available, and there was no other identifying data regarding

On January 5, 1982, State of Washington, Board of Prison Terms and Paroles, Olympia, Washington,

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FM MEMPHIS (9A-2218) (P)

TO DIRECTOR ROUTING 06262

SPRINGFIELD (9A-2200) ROUTING 06142

BT

UNCLAS F T O

UNSUB, AKA [redacted] JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM; EXTORTION.

OO: ME.

RE MEMPHIS TTY TO DIRECTOR, DEC. 14, 1981.

ON JAN. 25, 1982, SA [redacted], U. S. SECRET SERVICE,

NASHVILLE, TENN., FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

ON JAN. 18, 1982, AN INDIVIDUAL NAMED [redacted]

TOLD SOMEONE AT THE HARMONY HOUSE CENTER, "I THINK

REAGAN SHOULD BE OUT OF OFFICE AND I MAY GO DOWN TO WASHINGTON

MYSELF." [redacted] WAS DESCRIBED AS A WHITE MALE, 30 TO 35 YEARS

OF AGE, 5 FEET 10 INCHES, 170 POUNDS. THE U. S. SECRET SERVICE,

CJG: wpd (1) [signature]

9-2218-17

Approved: [signature]

Transmitted [see above]

Per [signature]
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, IS INVESTIGATING THE MATTER.

SPRINGFIELD DIVISION, WILL CONTACT LOCAL OFFICE U. S. SECRET SERVICE AND ATTEMPT TO COORDINATE EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY AND LOCATE.
UNCLASSIFIED

SUB, AKA JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM; EXTORTION; CHE: ME.

RE: ME TELETYPE TO SI, JAN 26, 1982.


FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Washington, D. C. 20537

REPORT
of the
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

YOUR FILE NO. 9-2218 (P)      February 23, 1982
FBI FILE NO. 9-66412
LATENT CASE NO. C-7190

TO: SAC, Memphis

RE: JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM
EXTORTION

Memphis airtel 12/17/81 and teletype 12/29/81,
Seattle teletypes 1/1/82 and 1/14/82,
Springfield teletype 1/4/82

REFERENCE:
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Memphis, Seattle and Springfield
SPECIMENS:

Q1, envelope
Q2 through Q4, three-page letter

The Q items are further described in a separate
Laboratory report.

Sixty-two latent fingerprints of value were
developed on Q1 through Q4.

The latent fingerprints are not the fingerprints of

The specimens are enclosed.

Enc. (4)

1 - Springfield (9A-2200) (P)
1 - Seattle (9A-2010)
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FM SPRINGFIELD (9A-2200)(P).
TO DIRECTOR (ROUTINE)
MEMPHIS (9A-2218) ROUTINE
BT
UNCLAS
"CHANGED." JOHN R. CASH -
VICTIM: EXTORTION; O0: ME.
TITLE MARKED "CHANGED" TO REFLECT SUBJECT'S IDENTITY AND FULL
NAME. TITLE PREVIOUSLY CARRIED AS "UNSUB, AKA JOHN
R. CASH - VICTIM: EXTORTION; O0: ME.
RF ME TEL TO BU, DEC 13, 1981; SI TEL TO ME, JAN 26, 1982.
ON MAR 19, 1982, U.S. SECRET SERVICE (USSS), SPRING-
FIELD, IL, ADVISED (X)
NO OTHER DETAILS
AVAILABLE AT SI DIVISION.
USSS, LAS VEGAS, HAS DETAILS RE
SI DIVISION FORWARDING DATA RE INVESTIGATION AT FAIRFIELD, IL, UNDER SEPARATE COVER.

LEADS RE INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED] SHOULD BE DIRECTED LV DIVISION BY 00.

BT
FM MEMPHIS (9-2218) (P)
TO LAS VEGAS RNDINE

BT

UNCLASSIFIED

AKA: JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM. EXTORTION. OO: ME

FOR INFO LAS VEGAS, ON DECEMBER 14, 1981, COUNTRY MUSIC
ENTERTAINER JOHNNY CASH, HENDERSONVILLE, TENN., RECEIVED A LENGTHY,
RAMBLING LETTER CONTAINING A THREAT TO KILL CASH AND ALSO
INFLAMMATORY STATEMENTS RE PRESIDENT REAGAN. U.S. SECRET SERVICE
HAS ADVISED THAT SUBJECT

APPARENTLY, U.S.S.S. IS CLOSING THEIR
CASE ON

LAS VEGAS IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT U.S.S.S.

IN ORDER FOR MEMPHIS TO PRESENT TO USA.

BT

CIG/mgy (1)

Approved:  

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Per A. A.
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent

On February 16, 1982, Thomas R. Cannon, Jr., Sheriff, Wayne County Sheriff's Office, Fairfield, Illinois, advised that a review of his department records regarding reveals no identifiable information. Cannon advised that there is not an address of in Wayne County, Illinois.

On February 16, 1982, Murrel E. Day, Chief of Police, Fairfield, Illinois Police Department, advised that a review of his department records regarding and street address of reveals no identifiable information. Day advised that there is not an address of .

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (9A-2218)
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (9A-2200) (RUC)

DATE: 3/30/82

SUBJECT: JOHN R. CASH-VICTIM
EXTORTION
OO: Memphis

Re Springfield teletype to Bureau and Memphis dated 3/19/82.

Enclosed for Memphis are the original and one copy of an investigative insert reflecting the investigation conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on 2/16/82 and 2/22/82.

On 3/22/82, US Secret Service (USSS), Springfield, Illinois, advised he had received additional information concerning the subject. This information is as follows:

Subject is described as follows:
Race: White
Sex: Male
DOB: 
Height: 
Weight: 
Hair: 
Eyes: 
SSAN: 

According to [redacted], the subject walked into the USSS Office, Las Vegas, Nevada, on 3/18/82.

No further investigation is being conducted by the Springfield Division and this matter is being placed in RUC status.

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2-Memphis (9A-2218) (Enc. 2)
1-Springfield (9A-2200)
KAH/jab
(3)
FM LAS VEGAS (9A-816) (RUC)
TO MEMPHIS (9-2213) (ROUTINE)
BT
UNCHAS E F T O
CHANGED, JOHN R. CASH -
VICTIM: EXTORTION, OO: MEMPHIS.

TITLE MARKED "CHANGED" TO ADD ALIAS OF SUBJECT. TITLE
FORMERLY CARRIED AS AKA; JOHN R. CASH -
VICTIM: EXTORTION, OO: MEMPHIS."

RF MEMPHIS TELTYPE TO LAS VEGAS, APRIL 1, 1982.

UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE, PROVIDED THE
FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON APRIL 5, 1982. THE SUBJECT APPEARED
AT THE LAS VEGAS OFFICE OF THE SECRET SERVICE ON MARCH 18, 1982,
AND EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN THE PRESIDENT. AFTER
INTERVIEWING,

9A-2218-24
SEARCHED INDEXED
SERIALIZED FILED APR 6 1982
MEMPHIS
THE SUBJECT IS ANGRY AT JOHNNY CASH AS HE THINKS HE HAS STOLEN MATERIAL FROM HIM. HOWEVER, DURING THE INTERVIEW, HE DISPLAYED NO THREATS TO ANYONE, INCLUDING CASH.
THE SECRET SERVICE HAS FURTHER BACKGROUND AND IDENTIFYING DATA CONCERNING THE SUBJECT IN CASE IT IS REQUESTED BY MEMPHIS.
Memorandum

To: SAC, MEMPHIS (9A-2218)

From: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (9A-2200) (RUC)

Subject: (Title)

JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM
EXTORTION

OO: Memphis

Enclosed are 1 items.
These items are forwarded your office since:

XX All logical investigation completed in this Division
XX You were OO at the time our case was RUC'd.

Enclosures are described as follows:


1 - Memphis (9A-2218)

JAB/fjw
(1) fjw

Enc. 1

NOTE: DO NOT BLOCK STAMP ORIGINAL ENCLOSURES.
841 Clifford Davis Federal Building
Memphis, Tennessee  38103
April 14, 1982

Honorable Joe B. Brown
United States Attorney
879 U. S. Courthouse
Nashville, Tennessee

Re:  
JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM;
EXTORTION

Dear Mr. Brown:

This letter confirms the conversation between Special Agent [redacted], Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Nashville, Tennessee and you on April 7, 1982. Special Agent [redacted] advised you as follows:

On December 14, 1981 the place of business of country music entertainer Johnny Cash, Hendersonville, Tennessee received a lengthy rambling letter containing a threat to kill Cash. The letter was signed by [redacted] and the envelope was postmarked Champaign, Illinois. In the margin of one of the pages of the letter was contained another statement containing a derogatory statement about the President, Ronald Reagan.

Investigation concerning [redacted] was conducted both by the FBI and United States Secret Service.

On March 18, 1982 [redacted] appeared at the office of the U. S. Secret Service, Las Vegas, Nevada, and expressed an interest in the president. He was interviewed by U. S. Secret Service Agent [redacted] after interviewing, believed [redacted]
Thereafter, ______ again appeared at the U. S. Secret Service office. At that time ______ stated he was going to Canada because he did not like the way he was being treated in this country.

During interview ______ was angry at Johnny Cash because he believed Cash had stolen material from him, however, he displayed no threats to anyone including Cash.

After discussing the facts of this matter with Special Agent ______ you concluded that successful prosecution in this matter will be prohibited ______. Therefore, no further investigation is being conducted by the FBI in this matter.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM J. BEAVERS
Special Agent in Charge

By: ______
Supervisory Special Agent
Memorandum

To: DIRECTOR, FBI
From: SAC, MEMPHIS (NVRA) (9A-2218) (6)

Subject: CHANGED

JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM;
EXTORTION
OO: ME

Title is marked changed and previously carried as UNSUB, aka JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM; EXTORTION
OO: ME.

Re Memphis letter to FBIHQ dated 12/14/81.

For the information of the Bureau, subject appeared at the Las Vegas office of the Secret Service on March 18, 1982 and expressed an interest in the president. The interviewing Secret Service Agent believed

The Secret Service further determined that

Based upon observations by the Secret Service Agent in Las Vegas, U. S. Attorney, Joe B. Brown, Nashville, Tennessee declined prosecution of subject. Mr. Brown's opinion was confirmed by separate communication.

No further investigation is being conducted by the Memphis Division of the FBI nor is the U. S. Secret Service conducting any further investigation in this matter.
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From HOUSE OF CONTRIBUTORS
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)
By (NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)
To Be Returned □ Yes Receipt Given □ Yes
□ No □ No
Description:

3 Page envelope
+ envelope liner

original to Bureau FBILNB
12-17-81; ald

Returned 5/13/82 to Memphis


(ME - 9A - 2218-1A-2)

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Field File No. 9A - 2200 -1A1
00 and File No. 9A - 2218 -1A2

Date Received 2/16/82

From Credit/Invest Check

(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

By

To Be Returned ☐ Yes ☐ No

Receipt Given ☐ Yes ☐ No

☐ Yes ☐ No

Grand Jury Material-
Disseminate Only
Pursuant to Rules
6(e), Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure

Description: Credit/Invest Checks

Fairfield, Illinois
Field File No. 9A-2010-1A(1)
00 and File No. Memphis 9A-2218
Date Received: 12/31/81
From:
By: ________________
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)
To Be Returned □ Yes □ No
Receipt Given □ Yes □ No
☐ Yes Grand Jury Material - Disseminate Only
☐ No Pursuant to Rules 6(e), Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure

Description:
Original notes
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (9-51966)
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (9-1596) (P)

DATE: 12/4/70

SUBJECT: CHANGED VICTIM;

JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM;
EXTORTION
(00 Memphis)

Re Memphis letter to the Bureau dated 12/2/70.

Title is marked changed to reflect the addition of JOHNNY CASH as a victim in instant matter, in view of receipt of enclosed letter.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau is the original letter and envelope of extortion letter postmarked Smyrna, Tenn., 11/27/70, and one Xerox copy each of the aforementioned.

Attorney, Nashville, Tenn., made available the enclosed letter and envelope which were received by the JOHNNY CASH organization in Nashville, Tenn.

For the information of the Bureau, JOHNNY CASH is a nationally known television star who receives "stacks" of mail each day. In his organization are members who open the mail, and this letter was found on opening the mail sometime following 11/27/70 (Friday) and was turned over to who is the attorney for JOHNNY CASH.

The handwriting on both the envelope and letter appears identical with that in the letters received by on the top of the one page letter to JOHNNY CASH there are the remains of two sheets of paper. On the upper right-hand corner there are the remains of a sheet of paper which apparently corresponds to one of the sheets of paper which

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was received by [redacted] in his last extortion letter. The portion of the remaining page on the left upper portion of the CASH letter is also the remains from a sheet of paper from the [redacted] letter and it contains the top of a "T" which appears on the [redacted] letter as "take."

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU:

The FBI Laboratory is requested to compare the handprinting on enclosed letter and envelope with the previous extortion letters submitted in the [redacted] case and with the known handprinting of subject.

Will examine enclosed specimens for water marks and indented writing in an effort to identify the source.

The FBI Identification Division is requested to process letter and envelope for latent fingerprints and compare any developed latents with fingerprints of subject previously submitted.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

RECORDED
12/8/70 db

LATENT
Laboratory Work Sheet

File # 9-51966 - 2
Lab. # D-701208044

Re: JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM;
EXTORTION
CO: Memphis

Examination requested by: Memphis (9-1596) L. 12/4/70
Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint
Date received: 12/6/70
Examination by: Lihja

Specimens submitted for examination

Q13 Envelope postmarked "SMYRNA, TN Nov27 PM 1970 37167," bearing hand printed address "Johnny Cash Caudill Estates Hendersonville"

Q14 Portion of small piece of paper attached to the top of Q13

Q15 Small portion of paper attached to the top of Q13

Sheet of paper bearing hand printed message beginning Q16 "Cash If you want to keep making . . ."
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
NO LAB FILE
LATENT
Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM;
EXTORTION
OO: Memphis

File # 9-51966 HE
Lab. # D-701208044 b6

Examination requested by: Memphis (9-1596) L. 12/4/70
Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint Date received: 12/9/70
Result of Examination: Examination by: Lilja-

(SEE D-701207122)

Specimens submitted for examination

Q13 Envelope postmarked "SMYRNA, TN NOV 27 PM 1970 37167," bearing hand printed address "Johnny Cash Caudill Estates Hendersonville"

Q14 Small portion of torn sheet of paper attached to the top of Q16

Q15 Small portion of torn sheet of paper attached to the top of Q16

Sheet of paper bearing hand printed message beginning "Cash If you want to keep making . . ."

Q14 x Q15 - Has bits of red address on top edge - Semi-type finish

Q16 Length: 8.94 Width: 5.98 Thickness: 0.0037 - No watermark or indented writing - Semi-type finish
Result of examination:

It was concluded that specimens Q1 through Q13 and Q16 in this case, in addition to specimens Q1 through Q6 in the [redacted] extortion case, were prepared by [redacted] K1.

It was further concluded that the torn edge of specimen Q15 matches the torn edge of specimen Q12 and that the torn edge of specimen Q14 matches the torn edge of specimen Q11.

No conclusion was reached as to whether the sheets of paper, Q11, Q12 and Q16 originated from specimen K3, because there are not enough significant characteristics to warrant an opinion. However, both the questioned and known specimens have the same physical measurements.

No conclusion was reached as to whether the envelopes, Q10 and Q13, originated from the same source as the envelopes comprising specimen K2, because there are not enough significant characteristics to warrant an opinion. However, both the questioned and known specimens have the same physical measurements.

No identified writing of value was found on the submitted specimens.

Specimens Q10 through Q16 and K1 through K3 are being returned separately. Photographic copies of specimens Q10 through Q16 and K1 are retained in the files of the Bureau.
Johnny Cash
Caudill Estates
Hendersonville
Cash

If you want to
keep making money
keep your family
healthy.

Drop
20,000.00 in old
small bills in a
plastic garbage bag
at Old Hickory Blvd
exit on Interstate 24
at top of exit
Friday night 6:00
o'clock.
Cash

If you want to
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Friday night 6:00
O'clock
NR001 ME PLAIN

325 PM URGENT 12/5/70 SDC

TO: DIRECTOR (9-51966)
FROM: MEMPHIS (9-1596) (2P)

CHANGED. JOHNNY CASH VICTIM; - VICTIM;

EXTORTION. NO ME.

TITLE CHANGED TO REFLECT ADDITION OF VICTIM

IN THIS CASE. NAME OF VICTIM JOHNNY CASH ADDED TO
TITLE BY MEMPHIS LETTER TO BUREAU DECEMBER FOUR WHICH IS EN ROUTE
TO BUREAU BY REGISTERED MAIL FORWARDING ADDITIONAL EXTORTION LETTER
ADDRESSED TO TV ENTERTAINER JOHNNY CASH. FOR SAKE OF CLARITY, MEMPHIS
CASE ORIGINALLY CAPTIONED "UNSUB:

DASH VICTIM," BUFILE NINE DASH FIVE TWO ZERO ZERO ZERO, BEING CONSOLIDATED INTO CAPTIONED CASE, BUFILE NINE DASH FIVE ONE NINE SIX SIX.

MEMPHIS REPORT OF SA JOHN EM. RODGERS DATED DECEMBER THREE REFLECTS
DEVELOPMENTS IN CAPTIONED CASE THROUGH DECEMBER ONE, IT BEING NOTED
THAT SUBJECT ARRESTED NOVEMBER THIRTY BASED ON COMPLAINT FILED
THAT DAY CHARGING HIM WITH EXTORTION INVOLVING LETTER TO VICTIM

END PAGE ONE

FEB 18 1971
USC AT NASHVILLE HAVING SET BOND AT FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS. ON DECEMBER FOUR SUBJECT APPEARED BEFORE USC, NASHVILLE, WITH ATTORNEY FOR BOND REDUCTION HEARING AT WHICH HEARING USC REDUCED BOND ON ORIGINAL COMPLAINT TO TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS. AT THIS HEARING AUSA IRA PARKER ANNOUNCED TO USC HE WAS AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF ADDITIONAL COMPLAINT CHARGING SUBJECT WITH EXTORTION WITH REGARD TO LETTERS RECEIVED BY VICTIM AND VICTIM CASH AND THEREAFTER A COMPLAINT WAS FILED BY SA JOHN E. RODGERS BEFORE USC A. B. NEIL, JR., CHARGING THE SUBJECT WITH VIOLATION SECTION EIGHT SEVEN SIX, TITLE EIGHTEEN USC, INVOLVING THE LETTERS TO VICTIMS AND CASH. ON THIS LATTER COMPLAINT USC SET BOND OF TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS REMANDING SUBJECT TO CUSTODY OF USM, NASHVILLE, IN LIEU OF THIS BOND, THUS MAKING THE TOTAL BOND NOW SET FOR SUBJECT FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS. SUBJECT HAS DEMANDED PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION WHICH WILL BE AFFORDED HIM ONE THIRTY PM, DECEMBER EIGHT. P. END.
NR008 ME PLAIN
9:07PM NITEL 12-8-70 DBC
TO: DIRECTOR
FROM: MEMPHIS (1P)

Victim; Extortion. ME File Nine - One Five Nine Six. 00 Memphis.

Victim; Extortion. ME File Nine - One Five Nine Seven. 00 Memphis.

Johnny Cash - Victim; Extortion.

ME File Nine - One Six Zero Four. 00 Memphis.

Preliminary hearing held by USC A. B. Neil Jr.,
Nashville, Tenn., Dec. eight instant, and probable cause
found. Subject bound over to Grand Jury. Subject remained
in Federal Section Metro Jail, Nashville, in lieu of
fifty thousand dollars bond. P.

END.

Corr: Subject remained in Federal Section Metro Jail, Nashville,
in lieu of fifty thousand dollars bond.

END.

TRC FBI Washington DC
Reference is made to my memorandum dated December 1, 1970, which advised you that subject 1- Mr. Sullivan was arrested on November 30, 1970, by FBI agents at Nashville, Tennessee, in connection with an attempt to extort $200,000 from Mr. Rosen, a prominent businessman in Nashville, Tennessee.

I thought you would be interested in knowing that on December 4, 1970, was additionally charged with attempting to extort $200,000 from country-western singer and television star Johnny Cash, and $100,000 from businesswoman in Nashville, Tennessee.

This is submitted for your information.

December 8, 1970

Director, FBI

The Attorney General

NOTE: See Memphis teletype 12-7-70 with General Investigative Division note 12-7-70, HGR: lad.
MEMPHIS

JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM

REPORT MADE BY
SA JOHN E. RODGERS

CHARACTER OF CASE
EXTORTION

REFERENCES:

Memphis letter to Bureau, 12/4/70.
Memphis teletype to Bureau, 12/5/70.
Memphis teletype to Bureau, 12/7/70.

LEADS:
MEMPHIS DIVISION

AT NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE Will follow and report
prosecutive action.

COVER PAGE A*

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED X NONE ACQUITALS
CONV. AUTO. FUG. FINES SAVINGS RECOVERIES

CASE HAS BEEN:
PENDING OVER ONE YEAR □ YES □ NO
PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS □ YES □ NO

APPROVED

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW

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EX-113

Dissemination Record of Attached Report

Agency
Request Recd.
Date Fwd.
How Fwd.
By

COVER PAGE
Copy to: U. S. Attorney, Nashville, Tennessee

Report of: SA JOHN E. RODGERS
Date: December 10, 1970

Field Office File #: Memphis 9-1604

Title: JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM

Character: EXTORTION

Synopsis: The attorney for JOHNNY CASH, furnished a letter addressed to JOHNNY CASH, Caudill Estates, Hendersonville, postmarked Smyrna, Tenn., 11/27/70, PM, containing a one-page letter wherein a demand was made for $200,000 and a threat was made on the family of JOHNNY CASH. The top of this one-page letter contained portion of pages previously ripped from a pad of paper, and these portions matched the two sheets of paper in the last letter, including a part of a letter "T." At a bond hearing on 12/4/70 wherein subject was charged with extorting one bond had been set at $50,000, the bond was reduced to $25,000 by the U. S. Commissioner, and at this point AUSA IRA PARKER, Nashville, advised the Commissioner he was authorizing a complaint charging subject with extortion in the mailing of letters to and JOHNNY CASH. An authorized complaint was filed by SA JOHN E. RODGERS before USC A. B. NEIL, JR., charging subject with extortion, Title 18, Section 876, USC, and warrant issued. Bond set at $25,000. Subject remanded to custody of USM, Nashville, and incarcerated Federal Section, Metro Jail, Nashville, in lieu of bond.

DETAILS:
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 12/4/70

Attorney, 715 Stahlman Building, Nashville, Tennessee, made available an envelope postmarked November 27, 1970 at Smyrna, Tennessee, addressed to "Johnny Cash, Caudill Estates, Hendersonville." He also made available a letter contained in the envelope which reads as follows:

"Cash

"If you want to keep making money & keep your family healthy, drop 200,000.00 in old small bills in a plastic garbage bag at Old Hickory Blvd Exit on Interstate 24 at top of exit Friday night 6:00 O'clock"

He stated that his client JOHNNY CASH, Country Music Singer and Television Personality, received the above letter on December 2, 1970 with his mail delivered at Hendersonville, Tennessee. His client receives in excess of 1,000 letters per day, some of which is "nut mail," however, he read in the Nashville newspapers that the FBI recently arrested a man charged with extortion and thought this letter may have some connection with this case.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is issued to your agency and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.
Mr. JOHN R. CASH, whose stage name is JOHNNY CASH, Caudill Drive, Hendersonville, Tennessee, advised all his mail is received through the Hendersonville, Tennessee Post Office. The mail is picked up every morning at the Hendersonville Post Office and transported to his office, House of Cash, which is managed by his sister. 

On December 2, 1970, his sister opened up a letter addressed to him which demanded $200,000.00 or threatened harm to his family. 

He himself has touched the envelope and letter as well as his sister, his wife, JUNE CARTER CASH and his sister 

The following is a description of him obtained through observation and interview:

Race: White 
Sex: Male 
Date of birth: February 26, 1932 
Place of birth: Kingsland, Arkansas 
Hair: Black 
Eyes: Brown 
Height: 6'2" 
Weight: 220 lbs. 
Complexion: Medium 
Build: Large

He himself has a personal bodyguard and his family is afforded adequate protection at all times. He plans to leave Nashville, Tennessee for an engagement at New York City on December 4, 1970, together with his wife, JUNE, therefore he does not anticipate being in Nashville, Tennessee at the time when the $200,000.00 is demanded.
Manager, House of Cash, Hendersonville, Tennessee, advised she is the sister of television personality JOHNNY CASH and manages his office located at Hendersonville, Tennessee.

On a daily basis, mail for CASH, which exceeds 1,000 letters a day, is picked up at the Hendersonville Post Office and transported to the House of Cash. There she and her sister, _____ open each piece of mail with an electric opener.

On December 2, 1970, her sister, _____ opened a letter addressed to JOHNNY CASH postmarked at Smyrna, Tennessee, which contained a demand for $200,000.00 or threatened injury to CASH's family. Her sister, _____ immediately handed the letter to her and she in turn called Attorney _____ who is CASH's attorney. The envelope and letter were thereafter furnished to Attorney _____ who informed her that he would contact the FBI.

She and her sister, have been running approximately one day late on opening mail addressed to JOHNNY CASH and therefore the possibility exists that the letter was, in fact, received at the House of Cash on December 1, 1970.
inmate, Metropolitan Jail, Nashville, Tennessee, after having read and signed a statement of his rights and waiver, advised that on Monday, November 30, 1970, he was in the Charlotte Park Square Shopping Center located on Charlotte Avenue in Nashville, Tennessee. He stated that he was there for the purpose of buying a newspaper. He advised that thereafter he drove on River Road. He stated he had no specific purpose in his driving around but that he was merely trying to clear his mind and decide what he was going to do in the future and also he had in the back of his mind that he would like to find a small tract of land which he might consider purchasing.

stated his 1962 Ford has no exhaust system in that the mufflers were bad and he took them off and had not replaced same. He stated that also the shocks on this car were in need of repair.

denied stopping on the old section of Old Hickory Boulevard at any time, to his recollection, and emphatically denied having written letters in instant case.
On Wednesday, December 4, 1970, a U. S. Commissioner's hearing was held in Nashville, Tennessee, on a motion of the defense attorney for subject for bond reduction, wherein the subject was charged with extortion in regard to letters forwarded to [redacted] (Memphis 9-1596). The U. S. Commissioner reduced subject's bond to $25,000. At this point, Assistant U. S. Attorney IRA PARKER, Nashville, advised the Commissioner that he was authorizing a complaint charging subject with extortion in the mailing of letters to [redacted] and JOHNNY CASH.

An authorized complaint was filed by Special Agent JOHN E. RODGERS before U. S. Commissioner A. B. NEIL, JR., charging subject with extortion, Title 18, Section 876, and a warrant was issued. Bond was set at $25,000. Subject was remanded to the custody of the U. S. Marshal, Nashville, Tennessee, and incarcerated in the Federal Section of the Metropolitan Jail, Nashville, in lieu of bond.
December 7, 1970

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Attached concerns an attempt to extort $200,000 from Country Western Singer and Television Star Johnny Cash.

Subject has been identified as [redacted] who was arrested by Bureau Agents in Nashville, Tennessee, on 11/30/70, in connection with an attempt to extort $200,000 from [redacted] of the Commerce Union Bank, Nashville, Tennessee. Subject also attempted to extort $100,000 from [redacted] of a crush stone company in Nashville, Tennessee.

There was no previous record of subject in Bureau files and the Attorney General has been previously advised of the arrest of the subject.

HGR:amm

[redacted]
9:54AM URGENT 12-7-70 DBC
TO: DIRECTOR
FROM: MEMPHIS (9-NEW) (2P)

JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM. EXTORTION.

SUBJECT ARRESTED NASHVILLE, TENN., NOV. THIRTY LAST FOR EXTORTION IN THE CASE, MEMPHIS FILE NINE DASH ONE FIVE NINE SIX.

ON WEDNESDAY, DEC. TWO, LAST, ATTORNEY FOR JOHNNY CASH, CONTACTED OFFICE OF FBI, NASHVILLE, AND ADVISED CASH HAD RECEIVED A LETTER FROM SUBJECT. ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO JOHNNY CASH, CAUDILL ESTATE, HENDERSONVILLE, POSTMARKED SMYRNA, TENN., NOV. TWENTY SEVEN LAST, P.M., CONTAINING ONE-PAGE LETTER WHICH READ QUOTE CASH, IF YOU WANT TO KEEP MAKING MONEY AND KEEP YOUR FAMILY HEALTHY, DROP THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS IN OLD SMALL BILLS IN A PLASTIC GARBAGE BAG AT OLD HICKORY BOULEVARD EXIT ON INTERSTATE TWENTY-FOUR AT TOP OF EXIT FRIDAY NIGHT SIX O'CLOCK UNQUOTE.

TOP OF CASH ONE-PAGE LETTER CONTAINED PORTIONS OF PAGES PREVIOUSLY RIPPED FROM PAD OF PAPER. THESE PORTIONS MATCHED
THE TWO SHEETS OF PAPER IN THE LAST LETTER INCLUDING A PART OF A LETTER QUOTE I UNQUOTE.

CASH LETTER WAS BROUGHT TO ATTENTION OF FBI AS RESULT OF PUBLICITY RELATING TO SUBJECT'S ARREST AND FACT SUBJECT LIVED IN SMYRNA, TENN., AND CASH LETTER POSTMARKED SMYRNA, TENN.

ON DEC. FOUR LAST, USCG HELD HEARING NASHVILLE, TENN., ON MOTION OF DEFENSE ATTORNEY FOR SUBJECT FOR BOND REDUCTION.

COMMISSIONER REDUCED SUBJECT'S BOND TO TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS. AT THIS POINT, AUSA IRA PARKER ADVISED COMMISSIONER HE WAS AUTHORIZING A COMPLAINT CHARGING SUBJECT WITH EXTORTION IN THE MAILING OF THE AND CASH LETTERS.

AN AUTHORIZED COMPLAINT WAS FILED BY SA JOHN E. RODGERS

BEFORE USCG A. B. NEIL, JR., CHARGING SUBJECT WITH EXTORTION, TITLE EIGHTEEN, SECTION EIGHT SEVEN SIX, AND WARRANT ISSUED.

BOND SET AT TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS. SUBJECT REMANDED TO U. S. Marshal IN CUSTODY OF USM, NASHVILLE, AND INCARCERATED FEDERAL SECTION, METRO JAIL, IN LIEU OF BOND. P. END.
TO:  SAC, MEMPHIS (9-1596)
FROM:  DIRECTOR, FBI (9-51966)

JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM; EXTORTION
REURLET DECEMBER FOUR LAST;

IT WAS CONCLUDED THAT THE EXTORTION LETTER RECEIVED BY
JOHNNY CASH WAS PREPARED BY [Redacted] WHOSE KNOWN HAND
PRINTING WAS PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED BY YOUR OFFICE.

LABORATORY REPORT FOLLOWS. LATENT EXAMINATION SEPARATE.
TO SAC MEMPHIS (9-1596)
FROM DIRECTOR FBI (9-51966)

EXTORTION.

REURTEL DECEMBER FIVE LAST, IT WAS CONCLUDED THAT ALL OF THE EXTORTION LETTERS RECEIVED BY 
AND WERE PREPARED BY 
WHOSE KNOWN SPECIMENS WERE SUBMITTED BY YOU WITH LETTER DATED DECEMBER TWO LAST. JOHNNY CASH EXTORTION LETTER NOT YET RECEIVED IN LABORATORY. LABORATORY REPORT FOLLOWS. LATENT EXAM SEPARATE.
RE MEMPHIS TEL TO BUREAU DECEMBER FOUR AND MEMPHIS LETTER TO BUREAU DECEMBER FOUR FORWARDING ADDITIONAL EXTORTION LETTER RECEIVED BY ENTERTAINER JOHNNY CASH, NASHVILLE, TENN. REFERENCED MEMPHIS LETTER FORWARDING ADDITIONAL EXTORTION LETTER ADDRESSED TO VICTIM CASH SHOULD BE RECEIVED AT BUREAU DECEMBER SEVEN. NOTE FROM MEMPHIS TEL TO BUREAU DECEMBER FOUR THAT LABORATORY REQUESTED TO SUTEL MEMPHIS RESULTS OF COMPARISON OF SUBJECTS HANDWRITING AND EXTORTION LETTERS THIS CASE SO THESE FINDINGS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO USA AT PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION ONE THIRTY PM, DECEMBER EIGHT. LABORATORY NOW REQUESTED, IF POSSIBLE, TO INCLUDE ITS FINDINGS WITH REGARD TO THE JOHNNY CASH EXTORTION LETTER. P. END.
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (9-51966)
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (67-271)

SA JOHN E. RODGERS
RECOMMENDATION FOR INCENTIVE AWARD

AGENT COMMENDATION MATTER - MEMPHIS DIVISION

RE: [Blank] - VICTIM
EXTORTION
OO: MEMPHIS
Memphis File 9-1596
Bufile 9-51966

Captioned Agent is the case agent on two pending Extortion matters which have been very successfully concluded except for the trial. Although [Blank] has been charged only with his efforts to extort $200,000 from [Blank], it would certainly appear that the U. S. Attorney will authorize charging him with the letters he wrote to [Blank] Bufile 9-52000, and efforts in this direction will be aggressively pursued.

Recommendations enclosed.

Approved: ____________________________
Sent: M Per ____________________________

Special Agent in Charge
Copy to: 1 - U. S. Attorney, Nashville, Tennessee

Report of: SA JOHN E. RODGERS
Date: December 10, 1970
Office: Memphis

Field Office File #: 9-1597
Bureau File #: 9-52000-

Title: VICTIM

Character: EXTORTION

Synopsis: received 3 extortion letters wherein $100,000 was demanded and a threat was made on the life of [blank] and his family. A payoff was scheduled and numerous license numbers were obtained at the scene of the payoff. The Laboratory has identified the hand printing in the [blank] letters as being prepared by the same person who prepared the letters in the [blank] extortion case. Authorized complaint was filed before USC A. B. NEIL, JR., Nashville, by SA JOHN E. RODGERS charging subject with violation Title 18, USC, Section 876, and a warrant was issued. Subject was brought before USC NEIL and bond set at $25,000 and subject was remanded to the custody of the U. S. Marshal in lieu of bond.

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DETAILS:
home residence  
residence telephone was interviewed at her residence and supplied the following information:

advised that she was at her residence on November 6, 1970, a Friday, and that as usual an employee of her husband, named proceeded to the mailbox located in the front portion of their estate and picked up the mail at approximately 11:00 A.M., shortly after it was delivered.

advised that at approximately 2:00 P.M. she began opening some of the mail and noted that there was a letter addressed to NASHVILLE, TENN. advised that this letter was postmarked Nashville, Tennessee, in AM hours, and postmarked November 3, 1970, and the postage stamp postmark area contained the number and letter 2B. also indicated that stamped on the envelope was a stamp imprint message to the effect, "Please notify your correspondent that your delivery post office is Antioch, Tennessee, 37013". Also contained on the letter, stated, was the numbers 1701, 1702, 1703, 1704, and 1705 which would be the post office box numbers of her husband's business, Hoover, Inc., Crush Stone, Donelson Pike, Donelson, Tennessee.

advised that she opened the letter and contained on a five-hole notebook type paper was the following message: $100,000.00 GET IT TOGETHER SMALL UNMARKED BILLS WILL SAVE SOMEONE VERY CLOSE TO YOU FROM ME I'LL CALL YOU"

advised that the letter was not signed and noted that there was no return address on either the letter or the envelope which contained the letter.
advised that she did not discuss this letter with anyone, however, another employee of her husband, at her residence, was displayed the letter and he may possibly have handled the letter itself.

advised that mail is picked up at her residence on a daily basis and that she has been receiving mail each day from November 2 - 6, 1970.

advised that to her knowledge, no person has made any threats against she or her family and that she has no idea who may be responsible for preparing and sending the letter she received.

made available the letter and envelope which will be retained for evidentiary purposes.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/16/70

[Home residence information]

[Telephone line information]

of Hoover, Inc., Crushed Stone, Donelson Pike, Donelson, Tennessee, telephone 889-2400, was interviewed at his residence and supplied the following information:

indicated that he worked at his place of employment as usual on November 6, 1970, a Friday. stated that at approximately 4:30 p.m., on that date he was in his office of Hoover, Inc., Crushed Stone on Donelson Pike in Donelson, Tennessee, and had occasion to open mail which was addressed to his place of business. recalls that he opened a letter which was addressed to Nashville. indicated that it is customary that mail addressed to him at his residence frequently is forwarded to his place of business and opened the letter which had no return address. The letter read as follows:

"You got money. Keep it and be ready. I'll contact."

advised that the letter was not signed and was in mostly capital letters as well as the heading which was on the letter. indicated that the letter was postmarked Nashville, Tennessee, on the p.m., hours and was postmarked November 4, 1970, and the postmark stamp contained the letter 28. advised that this letter was received in one of the Post Office Boxes of his business.

advised that he did not attach any significance to this letter until he contacted his wife at his residence on the same date to learn that she received a letter which was postmarked November 3, 1970, which in effect demanded that get together $100,000 in small unmarked bills and that someone very close to him would call from the person who wrote the letter. indicated that to his knowledge there have been no attempts by anyone to contact, harm or abduct any members of his family which reside in the Nashville, Tennessee, area and also in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. indicated that he

On 11/6/70 at Memphis 9-1597

by RAM tjm

Date dictated 11/12/70

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worked each day from November 2 - 6, 1970, and noted that mail is picked up each day by his employees and all of the mail is generally opened every day. indicated he has approximately 500 employees in his business and has no known personnel problems.

indicated that to his knowledge, the only person who handled the outer portion of the letter in his office was

indicated that he is described as follows:

Race
Sex
Date of Birth
Place of Birth
Height
Weight
Eyes
Hair

indicated that he resides at in Nashville, with his wife, and has four children, and he resides in Nashville, Tennessee. indicated that he has a son, who are presently attending the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and a son, who resides with him.

again stated to his knowledge, no one has made any threats to any of his family.

made available the letter and envelope which he received in the mail.
home residence

residence telephone

Hoover, Inc., Crushed Stone,

Donelson Pike, Donelson, Tennessee, was contacted at his

place of business and supplied the following information:

vised that in the morning hours of

November 9, 1970, a Monday morning, he was at his place

of business as usual and routinely opened mail in the

morning. recalled that at about this time,

employee of his firm was also opening

mail in his presence and noted that he saw opening

a letter which was similar to a previous letter he

received from an unknown individual requesting him to

get some money together which was in effect an extortion

letter.

after noting that opened this,

immediately told to give him the letter which he

did and determined that the letter was addressed to

Hoover Stone Co., Donelson Pike, Nashville,

Tenn." further stated that the letter, which was

similar to the one he received previously, was postmarked

Nashville, Tennessee, in the p.m., hours dated November 8,

1970, and bore the letter and number 2-B.

stated that the envelope of the letter

contained the return address of

Nashville, Tennessee."

vised that the letter read as follows:

"If you thought letters were a joke think

again. Unless my demands are me your young pretty wife

or one of your children might get hurt.

"I want $100,000.00 small bills in plain grocery

sack dropped on Percy Priest Dam at exact 4:30 Tuesday

afternoon. I will be watching you & have someone watching your

estate & family. Do not attempt to stop me. You have too

much to lose."

On

11/9/70 at

Nashville, Tennessee

File

Memphis 9-1597

by

SA JOHN E. RODGERS

RAM: tjm

Date dictated 11/12/70

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advised that he believed that the writing in this letter was similar to a letter from an anonymous individual which he received at his place of business on November 6, 1970, instructing him to get money ready.

again advised that he has no idea who may be the individual responsible for the preparation and subsequent sending of the letter to him through the United States Mail System.

then made available the envelope and letter containing details as to where he should place $100,000 at a specified place and time.
1. Residence was contacted at her residence and supplied the following information:

stated that approximately three to four months ago, telephonically contacted her and indicated to her that he was interested in some type of business enterprise in Acapulco and indicated that he would be interested in some type of loan in the approximate amount of $100,000. Advised that she refused his request and advised that although her husband might possibly have ample financial means to make such a loan, she indicated that there was no way that either she or her husband would be able to help him.

Advised that she had no contact with from that time until November 18, 1970, at which time again telephonically contacted her and asked again if she would be interested in making some type of loan in the amount of $100,000 to $150,000 to finance a fruit-growing enterprise in Acapulco. Again she told that she could in no way assist or loan him any money.

indicated that she has no idea whether or not might have possibly been responsible for sending to the residence a threatening type letter received on November 5, 1970, requesting that $100,000 be placed in a specified place and thereafter made available the following items which contained known handwriting specimens of:

(1) One white envelope with words "To my one and only."

(2) One card signed "All my love"

(3) One photograph bearing word "HIS."

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by SA Date dictated 11/24/70

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_________________________ advised that_________________________ did
work at one time with the control tower at the Nashville
 Metropolitan Airport and believes that he is now with some
 type of dry wall company and is presently residing at [ ]
_________________________ in Nashville, Tennessee.
Clerk, Title and Registration Section, Division of Motor Vehicles, Nashville, Tennessee, furnished the following registration information from the records of that office.

These license numbers were observed on vehicles by SA on November 10, 1970, in the immediate vicinity where had been directed to leave the extortion package.

**AL 8350**

Nashville, Tennessee
1970 Buick
Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) 482690H264796

**DI 3287**

LaVergne, Tennessee
1965 Oldsmobile
VIN 384395M122253

**OX 1197**

1969 Mercury
VIN 9F91H512770

**OX 3182**
Ford Motor Company
c/o Binford Motor Company
Murfreesboro, Tennessee
1970 Ford
VIN 0U54H19957

**OX 4377**

Smyrna, Tennessee
1963 Chevrolet
VIN 315695175998

On 11/13/70 at Nashville, Tennessee File: Memphis 9-1597

by IC 1n Date dictated 11/17/70

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Nashville, Tennessee
1963 Chevrolet, Corvette
VIN 30867S112637

RJ 6709

Lavergen, Tennessee
1968 Ford
VIN 8A425249321

RM 1443

Crossville, Tennessee
1962 Oldsmobile
VIN 622A05738

TI 6834

1962 Buick
VIN 311563367
During a physical surveillance conducted by SAS and [ ] at the western end of the Percy Priest Dam which is located on Bell Road, the following license plates were noted:

AF-9962 on a white Valiant automobile
AL-5270 on a green Ford Mustang
AL-4325 on a blue Ford Falcon
NY-8899 on a red Chevrolet convertible
ND-6333 on a gray Pontiac
TA-8868 on a yellow automobile, possibly a General Motors brand
AM-1693 on a red Chevrolet Corvair
DM-4118 on a white Chevrolet
JG-8032 on a gray Chevrolet
Prefix unknown with numbers of 3554 on a blue Chevrolet
AA-1555 on a white top over blue vehicle
JZ-9263 on a gray Chevrolet
AF-9941 on a maroon Ford
AH-8359 on a green Chevrolet
NH-4662 on an Oldsmobile
Wisconsin license 57-725 on a Pontiac
IC-7214 on a blue Chevrolet station wagon
AF-8390 on a Chevrolet station wagon
AF-8674 on a gray Chevrolet
AJ-0389 on a white Buick
TO-5660 on a blue Ford Mustang
AF-7907 on a white station wagon
NE-4577 on a blue Ford
AF-8898 on a Ford automobile
RI-4580
DX-6870 on a red Oldsmobile
AF-9599 on a black over yellow vehicle, possibly Chevrolet

AF-7981
BV-8424 on a Chevrolet
RY-7345

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LF-1681 on a yellow Mustang
AL-7248
AK-4193 on a Volkswagen bus with white top
JH-9048
LM-8307
JK-0917
AM-1061
TL-9370
TS-3148
TI-6907
TA-302 (first digit unknown)

The above mentioned license plates were all Tennessee licenses unless otherwise designated. The surveillance took place late afternoon and early evening hours of November 10, 1970.
Clerk, Title and Registration Section, Division of Motor Vehicles, Nashville, Tennessee, furnished the following information from the records of that office.

These license numbers were observed on vehicles by SA ________ on November 10, 1970, in the immediate vicinity where ________ had been directed to leave the extortion package.

**AA 1555**
- Nashville, Tennessee
- 1963 Buick
- Vehicle Identification Number 456024728

**AD 0335**
- Nashville, Tennessee
- 1970 Oldsmobile
- Vehicle Identification Number 384570M113338½

**AF 7207**
- Nashville, Tennessee
- 1965 Ford
- Vehicle Identification Number 5A72C190982

**AF 8390**
- Tennessee
- 1966 Rambler
- Vehicle Identification Number A658380F100783

**AF 8674**
- Nashville, Tennessee
- 1964 Chevrolet
- Vehicle Identification Number 41669A160378

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by IC ____________ Date dictated **11/17/70**

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AF 8898
Nashville, Tennessee
1963 Ford
Vehicle Identification Number 3U53X152613

AF 9599
Nashville, Tennessee
1967 Mercury
Vehicle Identification Number 7H07C540109

AF 9941
Nashville, Tennessee
1966 Ford
Vehicle Identification Number 6A40S257434

AJ 0389
Donelson, Tennessee
1967 Buick
Vehicle Identification Number 466397D141725

AK 4193
Nashville, Tennessee
1969 Volkswagen
Vehicle Identification Number 229055668

AL 4325
Nashville, Tennessee
1962 Ford
Vehicle Identification Number 2A12S165088

AL 5270
Nashville, Tennessee
1963 Cadillac
Vehicle Identification Number 63N050405
AL 7248
Donelson, Tennessee
1968 Ford
Vehicle Identification Number 8U55F173103

AM 1061
Nashville, Tennessee
1969 Chevrolet
Vehicle Identification Number 166469U145086

AM 8359
Nashville, Tennessee
1968 Ford
Vehicle Identification Number 8U62Y161841

BY 8424
(Needed Fund)
c/o
Nashville, Tennessee
1969 Chevrolet
Vehicle Identification Number 156699S096960

DM 4118
Nashville, Tennessee
1966 Chevrolet
Vehicle Identification Number 164456D215489

DX 6870
Gallatin, Tennessee
1962 Pontiac
Vehicle Identification Number 362D11470

IC 7214
Hermitage, Tennessee
1965 Chevrolet
Vehicle Identification Number 156355S268686
JG 8032
Nashville, Tennessee
1964 Chevrolet
Vehicle Identification Number 41447S262528

JK 0917
Donelson, Tennessee
1966 Buick
Vehicle Identification Number 436696E221339

JM 9048
Memphis, Tennessee
1965 Chevrolet
Vehicle Identification Number 164455D130429

JZ 9263
Lebanon, Tennessee
1966 Chevrolet
Vehicle Identification Number 166396F120660

LF 1681
Old Hickory, Tennessee
1966 Ford
Vehicle Identification Number 6F07C728901

LM 8307
Dandridge, Tennessee
1964 Ford
Vehicle Identification Number 4U69Z105525

ND 6333
Nashville, Tennessee
1968 Pontiac
Vehicle Identification Number 262398R14559
ME 4577
Nashville, Tennessee
1969 Plymouth
Vehicle Identification Number RM21H9G153077

NM 4662
Murfreesboro, Tennessee
1961 Mercury
Vehicle Identification Number 1H17V889209

RY 4580
Nashville, Tennessee
1967 Plymouth
Vehicle Identification Number PM43F76172852

RY 7345
Mount Juliet, Tennessee
1962 Rambler
Vehicle Identification Number C817196

RY 8899
WILSON COUNTY
Lebanon, Tennessee

Wilson County Clerk's Office
Mt. Juliet, Tennessee
1963 Chevrolet
Vehicle Identification Number 30467W122388

TI 6907
ROANE COUNTY
Kingston, Tennessee

Rockwood, Tennessee
1968 Buick
Vehicle Identification Number 435378H339495

TX 0270

Nashville, Tennessee
1962 Chevrolet
Vehicle Identification Number 20927W146467
Lewis County
Hohenwald, Tennessee

Hohenwald, Tennessee
1971 Chevrolet
During the course of a physical surveillance at the east end of J. Percy Priest Dam, between the hours of 3:05 P.M. and 7:30 P.M., the following vehicles were noted to cross J. Percy Priest Dam on the roadway thereon:

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SA [ ] and

SA JOHN E. RODGERS PHT:1fm

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A Chevrolet Malibu, red in color with a white vinyl top, having Tennessee license LW 0199, was also noted in that parking lot.

At 7:30 P.M., when the physical surveillance was discontinued, a Mercury Cougar, having Tennessee license RK 9797 was in the parking lot and this vehicle had been in the parking lot during the last thirty minutes of the surveillance.
Clark, Title and Registration
Section, Division of Motor Vehicles, Nashville, Tennessee, furnished the following registration information from the records of that office.

These license numbers were observed on vehicles by SA [illegible] on November 10, 1970, in the immediate vicinity where [illegible] had been directed to leave the extortion package.

AA 0481
Hermitage, Tennessee
1958 Chevrolet
Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) A5SN199657

AA 8477
Mount Juliet, Tennessee
1969 Chevrolet
VIN 113279W471704

AF 2002
Tennessee
1958 Ford
VIN C8UG128192

AF 7981
Nashville, Tennessee
1966 Dodge
VIN WH41E67251548

AF 9962
Tennessee
1962 Dodge
VIN 7427173742

On 11/13/70 at Nashville, Tennessee File Memphis 9-1597

by IG [illegible] Date dictated 11/17/70

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AG 2597
Hermitage, Tennessee
1968 Dodge
VIN DL41G8F238930

AG 4723
Nashville, Tennessee
1968 Plymouth
VIN RH23D8G281305

AI 8486
Nashville, Tennessee
1967 Pontiac
VIN 266577P322635

AJ 7043
Nashville, Tennessee
1962 Ford
VIN 2F42L177182

AF 8469
Hermitage, Tennessee
1963 Pontiac
VIN 363P182506

AF 9028
(no city)
VIN PP23G62108173

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AJ 7906
Old Hickory, Tennessee
1964 Oldsmobile
VIN 824M054612

AL 5934
Hermitage, Tennessee
1970 Chevrolet
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Memphis, Tennessee
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Hendersonville, Tennessee
1965 Pontiac
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Nashville, Tennessee
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VIN 3H15U135896

DY 9963
Mount Juliet, Tennessee
1965 Chevrolet
VIN 155695S192746
ME 9-1597

DZ 0673
Mount Juliet, Tennessee
1969 Ford
VIN 9W66Y236426

DZ 8964
Mount Juliet, Tennessee
1967 Volkswagen
VIN 117366119

IV 1721
Tennessee
1953 Ford
VIN A3MW158771

JJ 4189
Tennessee
1959 Pontiac
VIN 459A6066

JK 0809
Nashville, Tennessee
1965 Mercury
VIN 5H23C528725

JK 8944
Nashville, Tennessee
1967 Volkswagen
VIN 117285244

JL 3807
Nashville, Tennessee
1967 Mercury
VIN 724714530285
JU 8694

Nashville, Tennessee
1965 Ford
VIN 5A60X143871

JZ 9072
Wilson County Court Clerk
(615) 444-0314

Wilson County Court Clerk
Last registered in 1967 to:

Mount Juliet
1965 Mercury, Comet
VIN 5H23T577777

KL 1153

Nashville, Tennessee
1967 Pontiac
VIN 252357E205109

LF 5515

Medina, Tennessee
1962 Mercury
VIN 2K42R528269

LG 7898
GLEN ROBERTS FORD-Leasing
Columbia, Tennessee
1968 Ford
VIN 8T01C178690

LP 6670

Hermitage, Tennessee
1955 Buick
VIN 4B6023966
LS 9924
Nashville, Tennessee
1968 Opel
VIN 311441045

ND 7064
Nashville, Tennessee
1968 Pontiac
VIN 235278R193856

NE 4537
Donelson, Tennessee
1954 Ford
VIN U4MG130692

NF 1098
Goodlettsville, Tennessee
March 26, 1970 - 1970 Opel Delux SW
VIN 399267180
Transferred on March 31, 1970 to 1966 Chevrolet SW
VIN 156356D169806

NF 9143
Hendersonville, Tennessee
1970 Chevrolet
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Murfreesboro, Tennessee

Murfreesboro, Tennessee
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RI 1191
Nashville, Tennessee
1966 Oldsmobile
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RK 9797
Southhall & Associates
417 East Iris Drive
Nashville, Tennessee
1967 Mercury
VIN 7F93C642910

RY 6837
Mount Juliet, Tennessee
1970 Ford
VIN 0X191T319441

RY 8432
Wilson Company
Lebanon, Tennessee

Lebanon, Tennessee
1969 Ford, 2-door
VIN 9A40H157216

RY 8755
Wilson Company
Lebanon, Tennessee

Lebanon, Tennessee
1962 Ford, 2-door
VIN 2F47F168630
RY 8788
Wilson Company
Lebanon, Tennessee
Mount Juliet, Tennessee
1962 Volkswagen
VIN 4280018

RY 9951 (Not sold this high)
Wilson Company
Lebanon, Tennessee

RY 8951
Watertown, Tennessee
1966 Ford Falcon
VIN 6F13C137215

RV 9951
Shelby County
Memphis, Tennessee

SA 0621
Nashville, Tennessee
1966 Pickup truck
VIN F10YL819028

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Nashville, Tennessee
1961 Renault
VIN 5674884

TL 6943
Hermitage, Tennessee
1962 Studebaker
VIN 62823430

TL 8778
Nashville, Tennessee
1966 Ford
VIN 6A7LY192851

TT 6907
Davidson County
Nashville, Tennessee
County Court Clerk

Nashville, Tennessee
1962 Oldsmobile Coupe
VIN 621M21935

ZM 1221
MOTORCYCLE
Smith Company

Donelson, Tennessee
1966 BMW Motorcycle
VIN 660757
To: FBI, Memphis (9-1597)  
Re: UNSUB: EXTORTION - VICTIM;  

Specimens received 11/12/70

Q1 Envelope bearing postmark "NASHVILLE, TN 2B AM 3 NOV 1970" bearing hand printed address [blank] NASHVILLE, TENN"

Q2 Accompanying hand printed letter beginning [blank] $100,000.00 GET IT...

Q3 Envelope bearing postmark "NASHVILLE, TN 2B PM 4 NOV 1970" bearing hand printed address [blank] Nashville" b6

Q4 Accompanying hand printed letter beginning [blank] YOU GOT b7C MONEY KEEP...

Q5 Envelope bearing postmark "NASHVILLE, TN 2B PM 8 NOV 1970" bearing hand printed address [blank] Hoover Stone Co Donelson Pike Nashville, Tenn"

Q6 Accompanying hand printed letter beginning [blank] IF YOU THOUGHT LETTERS WERE A JOKE...

ALSO SUBMITTED: Xerox copy of each of the above

Result of examination:

It was concluded that specimens Q1 through Q6 in this case, were prepared by the same person who prepared specimens Q1 through Q9 submitted by your office in connection with the extortion case.

Except for the above, specimens Q1 through Q6 were searched through the appropriate sections of the Anonymous Letter File but no identification was effected. A representative copy of these specimens has been added to this file for future reference.
Indented hand printing appears on specimen Q6 which matches portions of the hand printing appearing on specimen Q8 in the extortion case. Included in the indented hand printing is the name _______. No other indented hand printing of value was found on specimens Q1 through Q5.

The physical characteristics of specimens Q1 through Q6 have been recorded and are being retained in the Bureau.

Specimens Q1 through Q6 are being returned separately. The material listed as ALSO SUBMITTED and photographic copies of specimens Q1 through Q6 are retained in the files of the Bureau.
On December 4, 1970 subject was brought before U. S. Commissioner A. B. NEIL, JR., Nashville, Tennessee, on a motion of attorney for a reduction of bond set in the case at $50,000. During these proceedings the bond in the case was reduced to $25,000. At this point Assistant U. S. Attorney IRA PARKER, Nashville, advised U. S. Commissioner NEIL that he was authorizing prosecution of subject for having mailed threatening extortion letters to and JOHNNY CASH.

Pursuant to this authorization, a complaint was filed by SA JOHN E. RODGERS before U. S. Commissioner NEIL charging subject with violation of the Extortion Statute, Title 18, Section 876, U. S. Code, in that he did mail threatening letters to and JOHNNY CASH, and a warrant was issued. Subject was brought before U. S. Commissioner NEIL and bond was set at $25,000. Subject was remanded to the custody of U. S. Marshal and housed in the Federal section of the Metropolitan Jail, Nashville, Tennessee, in lieu of bond.
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO. 9-1596
FBI FILE NO. 9-51966
LATENT CASE NO. 11-28481

December 18, 1970

TO: M.C., Memphis

RE: 

- VICTIM

JIMMY CASH - VICTIM
EXTENSION

REFERENCE:
Letters 12-2-70 and 12-4-70
Examination requested by Memphis
Specimens:
10 through 12, envelope and accompanying letter
13 through 16, envelope and three sheets of paper

Listed specimens are described in separate laboratory report.

The latent fingerprint developed on 10 and two latent fingerprints developed on 16. No latent prints of value developed on remaining specimens.

Latent fingerprint developed on 10, not identical fingerprints.

(Continued on next page)

DATE DEC 22 1970
John Edgar Hoover, Director

THIS REPORT IS FURNISHED FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY
Two latent fingerprints developed on a sheet of paper bearing hand printed message beginning "Cash If you want to keep making ..." designated As16, have been identified as fingerprints of [Redacted]
See an attached page for results of additional comparisons conducted.

CI0 through CI6, together with nineteen envelopes, thirteen sheets of paper and stationery pad, K1 through K3, are enclosed.
RECORDED
12/8/70 db

LATENT
Laboratory Work Sheet

Recorded: 12-16-70 9:35 a.m. Received: 12-16-70 vmb

Re: JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM;

EXTORTION
CO: Memphis

Examination requested by: Memphis (9-1596) L. 12/4/70

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Result of Examination: 12-16-70

Specimens submitted for examination

Q13 Envelope postmarked "Smyrna, TN Nov 27 PM 1970 37167," bearing hand printed address "Johnny Cash Caudill Estates Hendersonville"

Q14 Portion of paper attached to the top of Q16

Q15 Small portion of tape sheet on paper attached to the top of Q16

Q16 Sheet of paper bearing hand printed message beginning "Cash If you want to keep making . . ."

A lot. Gots. died on Q16. + 8 2 + 3 Gots.

No lat. Gts. of died. on remaining Q18 - Q18 enclosed. Staves removed. 1917

Last. prose. reported since been compared. 1917

The has been examined

Examination completed 12/15

Time 13:17

Date

Dictated 12/15
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (9-51966)  
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY  
DATE: 12/4/70

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (9-1596) (P)  
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (9-1596) (P)

SUBJECT: CHANGED VICTIM;  
JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM;  
EXTORTION  
(00 Memphis)

Re Memphis letter to the Bureau dated 12/2/70.

Title is marked changed to reflect the addition of JOHNNY CASH as a victim in instant matter, in view of receipt of enclosed letter.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau is the original letter and envelope of extortion letter postmarked Smyrna, Tenn., 11/27/70, and one Xerox copy each of the aforementioned.

______ Attorney, Nashville, Tenn., made available the enclosed letter and envelope which were received by the JOHNNY CASH organization in Nashville, Tenn.

For the information of the Bureau, JOHNNY CASH is a nationally known television star who receives "stacks" of mail each day. In his organization are members who open the mail, and this letter was found on opening the mail sometime following 11/27/70 (Friday) and was turned over to ______ who is the attorney for JOHNNY CASH.

The handwriting on both the envelope and letter appears identical with that in the letters received by ______ In addition, it should be noted that on the top of the one page letter to JOHNNY CASH there are the remains of two sheets of paper. On the upper right-hand corner there are the remains of a sheet of paper which apparently corresponds to one of the sheets of paper which

□ - Bureau (Encs. 4) (RM)  
2 - Memphis  
JER: mnr  
(4)

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan
was received by [redacted] in his last extortion letter. The portion of the remaining page on the left upper portion of the CASH letter is also the remains from a sheet of paper from the [redacted] letter and it contains the top of a "T" which appears on the [redacted] letter as "take."

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU:

The FBI Laboratory is requested to compare the handprinting on enclosed letter and envelope with the previous extortion letters submitted in the [redacted] case and with the known handprinting of subject.

Will examine enclosed specimens for water marks and indented writing in an effort to identify the source.

The FBI Identification Division is requested to process letter and envelope for latent fingerprints and compare any developed latents with fingerprints of subject previously submitted.
SAC, Memphis (9-15-66)

9-10 - 9-12, Envelope + 2 page letter

9-13 - 9-16, Envelope + 3 sheets of paper

Johnny C#: 311  Victim Extortion

3 foot (39)

G-5-1966

Photos of bet. pts.
REFERENCE:

Report of SA JOHN E. RODGERS dated 12/10/70 at Memphis.

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LEADS:

MEMPHIS

AT NASHVILLE, TENN.

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1 - USA, Nashville
2 - Memphis (9-1604)

Dissemination Record of Attached Report

Agency
Request Recd.
Date Fwd.
How Fwd.
By

55 FEB 19 1971

Notations
SIX
STAT: Sect.
Copy to: 1 - U. S. ATTORNEY, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

Report of: SA JOHN E. RODGERS  
Office: MEMPHIS

Date: FEBRUARY 4, 1971

Field Office File #: ME 9-1604  
Bureau File #: 9-51966

Title: JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM

Character: EXTORTION

Synopsis: Two latent fingerprints developed on letter in instant case identified as fingerprints of subject [______]. This matter presented FGJ, Nashville, Tenn., by 4-count indictment charging subject with violation of Title 18, Section 876, USC (Extortion). Testimony heard but no indictment returned as both judges absent.

DETAILS:
RE: JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM
EXTORTION

REFERENCE:
Letters 12-2-70 and 12-4-70

EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY:
Memphis

SPECIMENS:
Q10 through Q12, envelope and accompanying letter
Q13 through Q16, envelope and three sheets of paper

Listed Q specimens are described in separate Laboratory report.

One latent fingerprint developed on Q10 and two latent fingerprints developed on Q16. No latent prints of value developed on remaining specimens.

Latent fingerprint developed on Q10, not identical fingerprints
SAC, Memphis

December 18, 1970

See an attached page for results of additional comparisons conducted.

Q10 through Q16, together with nineteen envelopes, thirteen sheets of paper and stationery pad, K1 through K3, are enclosed.
December 18, 1970

Your File No. 9-1596
FBI File No. 9-51966
Latent Case No. A-28481

RE:

Two latent fingerprints developed on a sheet of paper bearing hand printed message beginning "Cash If you want to keep making . . . ," designated Q16, have been identified as fingerprints of [redacted]
On January 13, 1971, Assistant U. S. Attorney IRA E. PARKER III, Nashville, Tennessee, advised he had on that date presented a four-count indictment charging subject with violation of Title 18, Section 876, U. S. Code (Extortion), to the Federal Grand Jury (FGJ), Nashville. The FGJ heard testimony relating to the circumstances in instant case. He stated no indictment was returned since both judges were absent, and he stated he anticipated the indictment would be returned at the convening of the next FGJ in February 1971.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE | OFFICE OF ORIGIN | DATE | INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
MEMPHIS | MEMPHIS | 3/29/71 | 3/5/71

TITLE OF CASE
JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM

REPORT MADE BY
SA JOHN E. RODGERS

CHARACTER OF CASE
EXTORTION

TYPED BY
b6
b7c


LEADS:

MEMPHIS DIVISION

AT NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE.

Will follow and report prosecutive action.

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SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW

D - Bureau (9-51966)
1 - USA, Nashville
2 - Memphis (9-1604)

Agency
Request Rec'd.
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By

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COVER PAGE
Copy to: 1 - USA, Nashville

Report of: SA JOHN E. RODGERS
Date: March 29, 1971
Field Office File #: 9-1604
Title: JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM

Office: Memphis, Tennessee
Bureau File #: 9-51966

Character: EXTORTION

Synopsis: IRA PARKER, AUSA, Nashville, Tennessee, advised subject remains on bond and this matter has not been set for trial.

DETAILS:

On March 5, 1971, Mr. IRA PARKER, Assistant United States Attorney, United States Attorney's Office, Nashville, Tennessee, advised that subject remains on bond and this matter has not been set on a calendar for court action. He stated there are numerous items pending in United States District Court, Nashville, Tennessee, wherein individuals are actually in jail and he believes for this reason that this matter will be deferred. He stated he is unable at this time to predict when instant trial will occur.
Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (9-51966)
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (9-1596) (P)

SUBJECT: JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM;

Extortion

CC: MEMPHIS

Re Bureau letter to Memphis 11/30/70.

Subject to be tried U. S. District Court, Nashville, Tennessee, 5/24-25/71.

Mr. HH M. PARKER III, Assistant U. S. Attorney, Nashville, advised testimony of handwriting expert who concluded specimens O-1 through O-13 and O-16 in this case in addition to specimens O-1 through O-6 in the extortion case were prepared by K-1, is necessary and vital witness as well as fingerprint examiner who determined latent fingerprints on O-6 in case, O-16 in CASH case and O-1, O-5, O-7 and O-8 in case were those of

U. CB, individuals conducting investigation and reaching above-described conclusions will appear for testimony in U. S. District Court, Nashville, Tennessee, on 5/24/71 at 9:00 a.m.
AIRTEL

To: SAC, Memphis (9-1596)
From: Director, FBI (9-51966)

JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM;
EXTORTION
CC: Memphis

Reurlet 5-3-71.

SA is the document examiner in this matter and will be available to testify at the trial of this case in USDC, Nashville, Tennessee, on 5-24-71. He will arrive in Nashville on the morning of 5-24-71, UAC.

With regard to his testimony, he will have photographic enlargements of specimens Q7 and Q8 in the case and specimens Q1 and Q2 in the case, for demonstration purposes. Advise if testimony regarding torn edges or indented writing is desired.

You are being advised separately regarding the identity of the fingerprint examiner.
5/12/71

Airtel

To: SAC, Memphis (9-1596)

From: Director, FBI (9-51966)

JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM
EXTORTION


Fingerprint Examiners _______ and
________ will be present Nashville, Tennessee,
5/24/71, to testify to the latent print identifications captioned
case.

Major case prints of _______
recorded 11/30/70 by SA _______
will
be used for charting purposes. SA _______
will be necessary
witness.

Immediately advise the Bureau of any change
of date examiners' presence necessary.

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MAY 19 1971
DIRECTOR, FBI (9-51966)  
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY  

SAC, MEMPHIS (9-1596) (P)  

JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM;  
EXTORTION  

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5/12/71  

6/5/1966
TO: Director, FBI (9-51966)
ATTENTION: FBI Laboratory

FROM: SAC, Memphis (9-15966)(P)

SUBJECT: VICTIM;
JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM
EXTORTION
OO: Memphis

Re Bureau airtel to Memphis, 5/10/71.

AUSA IRA PARKER, USA's Office, Nashville, was advised of the information in referenced airtel. Mr. PARKER advised that he did desire testimony from the document examiner concerning the torn edges and the indended writing as previously reflected in Laboratory report.

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Airtel

Teletype 2 - Memphis
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Approved: Special Agent in Charge
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TO DIRECTOR (9-1596)

ATTN: FBI LABORATORY; IDENTIFICATION DIVISION
FROM MEMPHIS (9-1596) 1P

JOHNNY CASH – VICTIM; EXTORTION; O.O: MEMPHIS.

RE BUREAU AIRTELS DATED MAY TEN AND TWELVE LAST.

AUSA IRA PARKER ADVISED DEFENSE ATTORNEYS HAVE INDICATED

SUBJECT WILL ENTER PLEA OF GUILTY ON MAY TWENTYFOUR NEXT. IN VIEW OF THIS, TESTIMONY OF SA

DOCUMENT EXAMINER, AND FINGERPRINT EXAMINERS

AND NOT NECESSARY AND THEY MAY CANCEL PLANS TO APPEAR NASHVILLE, TENN., MAY TWENTYFOUR NEXT. P.

END

SLP FBI WASH DC CLR

MAY 26 1971
Transmit the following in

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Via

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (9-51966)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS

SUBJECT: VICTIM

EXTORTION
(Memphis File 9-1596) (P)

EXTORTION
(Memphis File 9-1597) (P)

JAMES EARL JOINES;
JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM
EXTORTION
(Memphis File 9-1604) (P)


On 5/24/71 defendant was scheduled for trial in U. S. District Court in Nashville, Tennessee. Prior to trial time, the U. S. Attorney, in conference with defense attorneys, agreed to dismiss the indictment and file an information charging subject with three counts of violation of Title 18, Section 876, U. S. Code, knowingly mailing a threatening communication. Defendant then entered a plea of guilty to these charges

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RECIPIENT

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and U. S. District Judge FRANK GRAY, JR., accepted the plea of guilty and indicated that he would sentence subject on 6/2/71.

LEAD

MEMPHIS

AT NASHVILLE, TEN.

Will follow and report sentencing of subject on 6/2/71.
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (9-51966)  
ATTENTION: GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION  
ROOM 2268  
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (9-1604)(P)  

SUBJECT: JOHNNY CASH — VICTIM EXTORTION  


appeared in USDC, Nashville, Tennessee, 6/2/71 for purpose of sentencing, having previously entered plea of guilty to charge of mailing a threatening letter.  

sentenced by USDJ FRANK GRAY, JR. to custody of Attorney General for treatment and supervision under provisions of Title 18, Section 5010 (b), Youth Corrections Act.  

Bureau requested to credit Memphis with one conviction.  

Report follows:  

3-Bureau  
2-Memphis  
WMH:bb  
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**PAROLE REPORT**

**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

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Name of Convict with Aliases: [Blank]

Report Made By: SA JOHN E. RODGERS

Typed By: wp

Violation: EXTORTION

Outline of Offense: During the latter part of 1970, mailed five threatening letters to Commerce Union Bank, Nashville, Tennessee, wherein he demanded payments of $100,000 to $200,000. He set forth instructions for payoffs on three occasions. In addition, mailed three letters to Nashville, Tennessee. In the third letter he demanded a payment of $100,000 under threat of harm to the family. Payoff instructions were set forth in this letter. mailed one letter to JOHNNY CASH, Hendersonville, Tennessee, in which he demanded $200,000 and gave instructions for payoff. This letter contained a threat to CASH and his family.

Date and place of indictment: May 24, 1971, Nashville, Tennessee

Code and section under which charged: Title 18, Section 876, U. S. Code

Section under which sentenced: Title 18, Section 5010(b), U. S. Code

Date and nature of plea: May 24, 1971, guilty

Date and place of conviction: May 24, 1971, Nashville, Tennessee

Date and duration of sentence: June 2, 1971; indefinite sentence under provisions of Title 18, Section 5010(b)

Fines: None

Aggravating or Mitigating circumstances: There are no known mitigating circumstances.

Approved: [Signature]

Special Agent in Charge: [Signature]

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Copies Made: (9-51966)

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REPORTING OFFICE | OFFICE OF ORIGIN | DATE | INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
MEMPHIS | MEMPHIS | 6/18/71 | 5/24/71 - 6/2/71

TITLE OF CASE | REPORT MADE BY | TYPED BY
JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM | SA JOHN E. RODGERS | cjs

CHARACTER OF CASE
EXTORTION

REFERENCES:
Memphis report of SA JOHN E. RODGERS dated 3/29/71
Memphis airtel to Bureau dated 6/4/71

ADMINISTRATIVE:

A Parole Report and Disposition Sheet were previously submitted on by report of SA JOHN E. RODGERS dated June 10, 1971, captioned VICTIM; EXTORTION.

Conviction in instant case was claimed in Memphis airtel to Bureau dated June 4, 1971.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED | X | NONE | ACQUIT-TALS
CONVICT. | AUTO. | FUG. | FINES | SAVINGS | RECOVERIES | CASE HAS BEEN:
PENDING OVER ONE YEAR | YES | NO
PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS | YES | NO

APPROVED

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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5 JUN 22 1971

Dissemination Record of Attached Report

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56 JUN 24 1971

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

USA, Nashville, Tennessee

Report of:
SA JOHN E. RODGERS
Office: MEMPHIS
6/18/71

Date:
Field Office File #: 9-1604
Bureau File #: 9-51966

Title: JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM

Character: EXTORTION

Synopsis: Appeared USDC, Nashville, Tenn., 5/24/71 and entered plea of guilty to an information charging him with mailing a threatening letter to JOHNNY CASH (Title 18, Section 876, USC). Indictment charging subject with extortion dismissed. Subject appeared USDC 6/2/71 and committed to custody AG for treatment and supervision under provisions of Title 18, USC, Section 5010 (b).

DETAILS:

On May 24, 1971, appeared U. S. District Court, Nashville, Tennessee, and entered a plea of guilty to an information charging him with mailing a threatening letter to JOHNNY CASH (Title 18, Section 876, U. S. Code). Following the plea of guilty the indictment charging with extortion in regard to instant matter was dismissed.

On June 2, 1971, was committed to custody of the Attorney General for the U. S. for treatment and supervision under provisions of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 5010 (b), by U. S. District Judge FRANK GRAY, Nashville, Tennessee.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (9-6553) (P) (3)

SUBJECT: CHANGED

JOHNNY CASH / VICTIM
EXTORTION (A)
OO: Los Angeles

Title marked changed to reflect JOHNNY CASH as the victim. Title formerly carried as "UNSUB, aka - VICTIM."

Enclosed for the Identification Division, Latent Fingerprint Section, are two plastic envelopes containing:

(1) Computer print-out with attached typewritten letter beginning with "Dear John" along with an envelope address to JOHNNY CASH and a business card Chandler, Az. 85224,

(2) Computer print-out beginning with dated "13-NOV-78."

Copies of these documents are also enclosed for receiving offices:

3 - Bureau (Enc. 2)
2 - Memphis (Enc. 2)
2 - Phoenix (Enc. 2)
2 - St. Louis (Enc. 2)
2 - Los Angeles

DGI/dmg
(11)

Approved: 7/22
Transmitted (Number) (Time) Per
LA 9-6553

On 5/18/79, [redacted] Artist Consultants, 9200 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, advised that her employer, [redacted] is the personal manager for country music singer JOHNNY CASH. On 5/16/79, she received the above enclosures through the United States mail at her office in the envelope addressed to CASH. She noted that although the contents of the documents are basically non-sensible, both she and [redacted] were fearful of CASH's daughter because of the threats implied.

[redacted] advised that CASH has six daughters by current and former marriages, but she does not know the current whereabouts of the daughters. The name [redacted] meant nothing to [redacted] or [redacted] and it was noted that CASH has not performed in the Phoenix area for some time. [redacted] also noted that the envelope appeared to be postmarked at Spokane, Washington, and she stated that CASH has not been in the state recently.

[redacted] advised that for some time an individual by the name of [redacted] of O'Fallon, Missouri, has been bothering CASH with letters and telephone calls at CASH's place of business, the House of Cash, Hendersonville, Tennessee. [redacted] is apparently a mental patient and is supposedly under a restraining order to quit harassing CASH. [redacted] stated [redacted] resides at O'Fallon, Missouri, telephone number [redacted] also stated that [redacted] has been represented in the past by an attorney, 200 North Meramec, Clayton, Missouri, telephone number (314) 727-7100.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU

The Identification Division, Latent Fingerprint Section, is requested to process the enclosures for any latent fingerprints. If any fingerprints are developed, it is requested that they be held on file for comparisons if any suspects are developed in the future.
LEADS

MEMPHIS

AT HENDERSONVILLE, TENNESSEE: Contact House of Cash, telephone number (615) 824-5110, to determine whereabouts of CASH's daughters; if any have been threatened in recent past; and if any are familiar with (NOTE: Agent covering lead should contact Los Angeles case agent, telephonically prior to covering lead.)

PHOENIX

AT CHANDLER, ARIZONA: (1) Locate and interview regarding enclosed materials and threats.

(2) Determine identity of to whom typewritten letter was originally addressed.

(3) Determine if "1199 of these things went into the mail" as indicated in "P.S. #7" of the typed letter.

ST. LOUIS

AT O'FALLON, MISSOURI: Locate and interview regarding enclosed materials and threats.

LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: Present facts to United States Attorney upon completion of investigation.
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (9-6553) (P) (3)

SUBJECT: CHANGED

JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM
EXTORTION (A)
OO: Los Angeles

Title marked changed to delete Unknown Subject
and reflect Johnny Cash as subject.

Re Los Angeles airtel to the Bureau dated 5/23/79.

For information of receiving offices, the Phoenix
Division has advised that during December 1978, [Redacted] of Chandler, Arizona, admitted mailing over 1,000
computer printouts identical to the ones enclosed with
referred airtel. These printouts were mailed to all
Congressmen and Senators, the Governors and Lieutenant
Governors of all 50 states, and numerous other individuals.
During interview, [Redacted] stated he mailed the printouts
to "impress his girl friend" and did not intend to harm
anyone.

United States Attorney's Office, Phoenix,
declined prosecution of [Redacted] at that time due to his
condition as a mental patient. On 7/3/79, Assistant U. S.
Attorney ALAN JAY WEIL, Los Angeles, declined Federal
prosecution in captioned case, again citing [Redacted]
mental condition.
REQUEST OF THE BUREAU

Inasmuch as the subject in this case has been identified, the Identification Division is requested to discontinue processing of documents as requested in referenced airtel.

Receiving offices discontinue investigation.
To: SAC, Los Angeles (9-6553)

From: Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Re: JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM;
   EXCLUSION (A)
   CO: Los Angeles

Reference airtel dated May 23, 1979

The material described below has been searched in the following file without effecting an identification: Anonymous Letter File.

Copies have been added to this file for future reference.

The submitted material is being returned with the latent fingerprint examination.

MATERIAL SUBMITTED:

Q1 Page 1 of a computer print-out dated Nov. 23, 1973

Q2 Page 2 of a computer print-out

Q3 Envelope bearing the hand printed address "Johnny Cash Artists Consultants 9200 Sunset Blvd. Suite 707 Los Angeles, Ca. 90069"

Q4 Business card in the name of

Q5 Page 1 of a typewritten and hand printed letter beginning "Dear John, Merry Xmas and..." ending..."Guess Who?"

Page 1

(over)
Page 2 of a typewritten letter beginning "P.S. why don't you ask..." and ending "...I never will."

Page 3 of a typewritten letter beginning "If I ever want..." and ending "...problem for me."

Page 1 of a computer print-out dated Nov. 13, 1978

Page 2 of a computer print-out

Page 3 of a computer print-out
To: SAC, Los Angeles (9-6553)

Re: JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM;
EXTORTION (A)
OO: Los Angeles

Examination requested by: Los Angeles
Reference: Airtel dated May 23, 1979
Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint
Specimens received:

Q1
Page 1 of a computer print-out dated Nov. 28, 1978

Q2
Page 2 of a computer print-out

Q3
Envelope bearing the hand printed address "Johnny Cash Artists Consultants 9200 Sunset Blvd. Suite 707 Los Angeles, Ca. 90069"

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Business card in the name of

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Page 3 of a typewritten letter beginning "If I ever want. . ." and ending"... problem for me."

Page 1 of a computer print-out dated Nov. 13, 1978

Page 2 of a computer print-out

Page 3 of a computer print-out
Q1 - Q2  White sheets of unruled paper
   No watermarks
   No indented writings

Q3 - White envelope
   No watermark
   No indented writing
   All stamps torn from sheets of stamps

Q4 - White card
   No watermark
   No indented writing

Q5 - Q7  White sheets of unruled paper
   No watermarks
   No indented writings

Q8 - Q10 - White sheets of unruled paper
   No watermarks
   No indented writings

Searched AIF px 6/26/79
HP - lower case - hate
[Marked: not valid]

[Marked: Typewriter 212 spring - hate
IBM Prestige Elite IBM Selectric Prestige Elite
[Marked: not valid]
To: SAC, Los Angeles (9-6553)  

UNSUB, aka  

Re: JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM;  
EXTORTION (A)  
OO: Los Angeles  

FBI FILE NO. 9-164/11 - 3  
LAB. NO. 90601018 D LF  
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Page 1 LFPS will process and return the submitted evidence (Over)  

Within Q is returned to SA with LFPS report 8/8/79 DLF
Dear [Name],

Merry Xmas and best wishes for you and your family, including your daughter. And, lots of luck with finding someone else to help support her for a while.

If you know how to contact her, please tell her that she is going to get a big surprise for Xmas this year. I've really out-done myself this time. I just wanted to make sure she won't ever forget Xmas 1978 or me. I know that I won't ever forget her, for one reason or another.

More people, the world over, are going to know about your daughter than ever knew about Cleopatra, in her time. In case you don't know who Cleopatra was, I'll tell you. She was some Egyptian chick that really had things going good for a while, with this Roman General named Mark Anthony. Well, guess what? This chick fucked over her dude, too.

Well, rather than send the whole Roman Army to Egypt just to give Cleopatra a Xmas present, Mark Anthony did the next best thing. No, he didn't write her another computer program, that's my department. He sent her some poisonous vipers. In those days, the postage on a few poisonous vipers was cheaper than it was on the whole Roman Army.

I thought about pulling the old Mark Anthony trick on your daughter. Well, guess what, again? Poisonous vipers are out of season, just before Xmas. At least west of the Mississippi River. I heard tell, that someone east of the Mississippi River (in a place called Olive Hill, Kentucky) grows poisonous vipers. I think that's because everything else they have ever tried to grow in Olive Hill, Kentucky (except moonshine) didn't grow worth a damn, either.

I was also trying to find some dude by the name of [Name], who used to live in Olive Hill, Kentucky about fifteen years ago or so. No, not another Roman General; but a Pfc in the United States Marine Corps. I even thought about sending the whole United States Marine Corps to Mesa, Arizona just to give your daughter a Xmas present.

I gave that idea up, too. I haven't been in the United States Marine Corps for fifteen years, so I don't think that everyone still in it remembers me. Besides, I was only a Sargent; and, I think that I would have had a little trouble pulling rank on all the Generals, just so I could borrow the entire United States Marine Corps for a while. Even if it was just for delivering a Xmas present for your favorite daughter.

By the way, the reason I was looking for a Pfc in the United States Marines (in Olive Hill, Kentucky) instead of a Roman General (in Rome or Egypt or wherever they keep Roman Generals these days) was for two reasons:

1) This Pfc [Name] dude used to be able to beg, borrow or steal the best moonshine available anywhere in the Hills of Eastern Kentucky (including Olive Hill, Kentucky. I think that before all this is over, I may have a need for some of that moonshine. So, I can go out and get bombed again.

2) I couldn't make any long distance telephone call from work to Rome or Egypt or wherever they keep Roman Generals these days.

Happy Holiday Season, again.

Guess Who!!
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10 PRINT "HELLO."
20 PRINT "THIS COMPUTER PROGRAM WAS WRITTEN FOR ALL OF MY RELATIVES, FRIENDS, AND ACQUAINTANCES."
30 PRINT "AND ANYONE ELSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO GET SOMETHING FOR CHRISTMAS THAT HE OR SHE HAS PROBABLY NEVER GOTTEN BEFORE."
40 PRINT "THIS COMPUTER PROGRAM WAS WRITTEN BY [NAME]."
50 PRINT "THIS COMPUTER PROGRAM WAS TESTED AND RUN ON A DIGITAL EQUIPMENT CORPORATION PDP-11/70 COMPUTER."
60 PRINT "HOW MANY HOLIDAY WISHES WOULD YOU LIKE THE COMPUTER TO PRINT FOR YOU?"
70 PRINT "PLEASE ENTER ANY POSITIVE NUMBER GREATER THAN ONE AND LESS THAN ONE MILLION."
80 PRINT "YOU WILL ALL RECEIVE AT LEAST 52 HOLIDAY WISHES; BUT PROBABLY MORE."
90 PRINT "YOU WILL ALL RECEIVE AT LEAST 52 HOLIDAY WISHES; THANK YOU."
100 PRINT "HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON AGAIN FROM: [NAME]."
110 PRINT "IF ANY OF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEND ME ANYTHING FOR CHRISTMAS, PLEASE SEND MONEY.
120 PRINT "REALLY NEED IT."
130 PRINT "NO DONATION WILL BE CONSIDERED TO SMALL."
140 PRINT "MY LAST GIRLFRIEND TOOK ME TO THE CLEANERS, LIKE I'VE NEVER BEEN TAKEN BEFORE."
150 PRINT "ABOUT THE ONLY WAY I'LL BE ABLE TO MAKE UP ALL OF MY LOSSES, IS BY"
160 PRINT "HAVING A GOOD NIGHT AT ONE OF THE BLACKJACK TABLES IN A CASINO IN LAS VEGAS."
170 PRINT "BYE."
180 END

RUN
JACKB 21:29 20-Nov-78

HELLO,

THIS COMPUTER PROGRAM WAS WRITTEN FOR ALL OF MY RELATIVES, FRIENDS, AND ACQUAINTANCES.
AND ANYONE ELSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO GET SOMETHING FOR CHRISTMAS THAT HE OR SHE HAS PROBABLY NEVER GOTTEN BEFORE.

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P.S. #1 Why don't you ask your daughter if she would like to take a vacation in Olive Hill, Kentucky? That may be the only place in the world where everyone won't think that she looks like Cleopatra.

P.S. #2 If someone there does think that she is Cleopatra, tell her to change her name again, that may do the trick.

P.S. #3 If she wants to change her last name to mine, I may even let her borrow my credit cards, again. She may need something to survive on for a while. I heard that jobs are hard to find in Olive Hill, Kentucky, and the tourist season is a real bummer this time of the year.

P.S. #4 No, I'm not going to let her take my check book, too. They don't take out-of-state checks in Olive Hill, Kentucky. Not even mine, and some of the people used to know me there, about twenty years ago!

P.S. #5 And, I can't afford to go there just to open a new checking account for her. She spent all the money that I made, that she made, and everything that I could borrow. The reason she didn't spend any of the money she could borrow, was because no one would loan her any.

P.S. #6 If I can't get any moonshine for Xmas, I'll go out and stock up on lots of Coors. I can get bombed on that stuff, too.

P.S. #7 and last but not least, tell your daughter that the number "1200" on your envelope means that "1199" of these things went into the mail ahead of yours.

P.S. #8 Merry Xmas everyone, and lots of laughs for 1978. Or, let's all go out and get bombed on Coors.

P.S. #9 Bye.

P.S. #10 Again, last but not least, if I don't get my throat cut over this, I never will.
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100 PRINT * PLEASE, ENTER ANY POSITIVE NUMBER.
190 INPUT N
190 PRINT
300 IF C=0
300 PRINT C; "I LOVE YOU, 
310 IF N THEN GO TO 400
320 GO TO 200
330 C=C+1
340 PRINT C; "ICH LIEBE DICH, 
350 IF N THEN GO TO 400
360 GO TO 200
400 IF N=100 THEN GO TO 415
410 GO TO 500
420 PRINT
430 PRINT THIS GUY IS REALLY HOOKED ON YOU!
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09:27 13-Nov-78
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This program seems to be a simple loop that will print 'I LOVE YOU' or 'ICH LIEBE DICH' a specified number of times. It reads in an integer input, N, and then loops from 1 to N, printing 'I LOVE YOU' or 'ICH LIEBE DICH' depending on whether it's English or German. The loop also increments a counter, C, which increases by 1 each time through the loop. After the loop, it prints a message indicating how much the person is hooked on the other person. The program appears to be a basic example of a loop in a simple programming language.
If I ever want to make any points with this new chick, who wants to become my new insurance agent or my new hairdresser or my new whatever -- national origin unknown, but who doesn't look like another Cleopatra; I just add P.S. #11 through P.S. #20. That may do the trick.

P.S. #11 Hey New Chick, how about you taking your boyfriend to the cleaners? So that you and I can take his bucks and can go to Las Vegas and play some blackjack or something.

P.S. #12 After we get to Las Vegas, you count the bucks that I win or that I lose. And I play the cards.

P.S. #13 If I win some bucks, you tell me that you want half of everything that I win, and all of my next three pay checks at work. You also tell me that you need all those bucks, so that you can make your next three car payments or so that you can file for divorce from your last three husbands, whichever comes to your mind first.

P.S. #14 If I lose all of your boyfriend's bucks, you get mad. And you tell me, that you want all of your money back.

P.S. #15 Otherwise, you want to sleep in separate motel rooms for the rest of the weekend.

P.S. #16 If you don't want me to play the blackjack tables, how about a few side bets on a dice table? Sometimes I don't lose as many bucks on a dice table.

P.S. #17 I think that maybe because I don't know how to play the game, and I'm just lucky.

P.S. #18 Are you in the life insurance business, too?

P.S. #19 Do you give haircuts without a straight razor? She gives haircuts, but with a straight razor. So, I'm not going anywhere near her.

P.S. #20 If you give haircuts without a straight razor, I may even let you sell me some life insurance. And, I may even let you talk me into going to Las Vegas with you. If you take your boyfriend to the cleaners first. So, we can have some bucks to spend. I don't have any bucks of my own. She took care of that problem for me.
THE COMPUTER PROGRAM WAS WRITTEN FOR  
THE COMPUTER PROGRAM WAS WRITTEN BY JACK BAKES.  
HOW MANY TIMES WOULD YOU LIKE TO TELL THAT YOU LOVE HER?  
PLEASE ENTER ANY POSITIVE NUMBER.  

HC PRINT "HELLO."  
30 PRINT "HAPPY 17THERS DAY EVERYONE."  
40 PRINT "THIS IS ANOTHER"  

I LOVE YOU,  
50 GO TO 400  

ICH LIEBE DICH,  
60 GO TO 400  

70 THEN GO TO 415  

THIS GUY IS REALLY HOOKED ON YOU!  

13-Nov-78  
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JOHNNY CASH
ARTISTS CONSULTANTS
9200 SUNSET BLVD.
SUITE 727
LOS ANGELES, CA 90069
REPORT
of the
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

YOUR FILE NO.  9-6553 (P) (3)  
FBI FILE NO.  9-64577  
LATENT CASE NO.  B-75694  

August 9, 1979

TO:  SAC, Los Angeles

RE:  UNSUBR AKA

JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM
EXTORTION

REFERENCE:  Airtel 5-23-79
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY:  Los Angeles
SPECIMENS:  Five pages of computer print-outs, Q1, Q2, Q8, Q9
and Q10
Envelope, Q3
Business card, Q4
Three-page letter, Q5, Q6 and Q7

The specimens are further described in a separate Laboratory report.

The specimens were examined and four latent fingerprints and one latent palm print of value were developed on Q1, Q3, Q5 and Q8.

The latent fingerprints are not identical with the fingerprints of

No palm prints are available here for

No fingerprint record could be located here for

The specimens are enclosed.
RECORDED 6/14/79

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

RECORDED 6/14/79

Recorded: 7/9/79, 8:15 a.m., rah
To: SAC, Los Angeles (9-6553) (P) (3)

UNSUB. aka

Re: JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM;
EXTORTION (P)
OO: Los Angeles

FBI FILE NO. 9-6555

LAB. NO. 90601018 D LF

YOUR NO. LC #B-75694

Examination by

Noted by

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Examination requested by: Los Angeles

Reference: AirTel dated May 23, 1979

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Specimens received:

Q1 Page 1 of a computer print-out dated Nov. 28, 1978

Q2 Page 2 of a computer print-out

Q3 Envelope bearing the hand printed address "Johnny Cash Artists Consultants 9200 Sunset Blvd. Suite 707 Los Angeles, Ca. 90069"

Q4 Business card in the name of

Q5 Page 1 of a typewritten and hand printed letter beginning "Dear John, Merry XMas and. . ." and ending". . . .Guess Who?"

Page 1 (Over)
Page 2 of a typewritten letter beginning "P.S. 
if you don't you ask. . ." and ending "...I never will."

Page 3 of a typewritten letter beginning "If I ever want. . ." and ending "...problem for me."

Page 1 of a computer print-out dated Nov. 13, 1978

Page 2 of a computer print-out

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION  
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (9-6553) (P) (3)

SUBJECT: CHANGED

JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM
EXTORTION (A)
O.O: Los Angeles

Title marked changed to reflect JOHNNY CASH as the victim.  Title formerly carried as "UNSUB, aka [BLANK] - VICTIM."

Enclosed for the Identification Division, Latent Fingerprint Section, are two plastic envelopes containing:

(1) Computer print-out with attached typewritten letter beginning with "Dear John" along with an envelope address to JOHNNY CASH and a business card

Chandler, Az. 85224,

(2) Computer print-out beginning with dated "13-NOV-78."

Copies of these documents are also enclosed for receiving offices.

3 - Bureau (Enc. 2)  
2 - Memphis (Enc. 2)  
2 - Phoenix (Enc. 2)  
2 - St. Louis (Enc. 2)  
2 - Los Angeles

DGI/dmg (11)
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HOW MANY TIMES

09:27

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b6

FUNCTION

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120 PRINT "THAT"

130 PRINT "DATA"

140 INPUT "N:"

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210 PRINT "C:"

220 PRINT "C:"

230 LET C=C+1

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Envelopes bearing
hand printed address
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- 9200 Sunset
- Consultants
- Blvd. Suite 707
- Beverly Hills, Ca. 90061

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HELLO.
THIS COMPUTER PROGRAM WAS WRITTEN FOR ALL OF US AND, ANYONE ELSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO GET IT.

THIS COMPUTER PROGRAM WAS WRITTEN BY...

HOW MANY HOLIDAY WISHES WOULD YOU LIKE THE PROGRAM TO SEND?

PLEASE, ENTER ANY POSITIVE NUMBER GREATER THAN 0.

YOU WILL ALL RECEIVE AT LEAST 100 WISHES.

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(ATTN: FBI LABORATORY)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (NVRA) (9A-2218) (P)

JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM;
EXTORTION
OC: MEMPHIS

Re Memphis teletype to the Director dated 12/14/81.

Enclosed are three pages of a letter with envelope containing the threat against victim.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to photograph the enclosed letter for future examination and then provide the letter to the Latent Fingerprint Section.

The Latent Fingerprint Section is requested to examine the enclosed documents for latent fingerprints.
ON DECEMBER 14, 1981, THE PLACE OF BUSINESS OF COUNTRY MUSIC ENTERTAINER JOHNNY CASH, HENDERSONVILLE, TENN., RECEIVED A LENGTHY RAMBLING LETTER CONTAINING A THREAT TO KILL CASH. THE LETTER WAS SIGNED BY AND THE ENVELOPE WAS POSTMARKED CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS.

IN THE MARGIN ON ONE OF THE PAGES OF THE LETTER WAS CONTAINED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

"RONALD W. REAGAN AREN'T YOU PROUD OF YOUR IGNORANT ASS - GETTING HIM TO COVER FOR YOU AND THE OTHERS, AND BY DOING SO, CAUSING HIS IMPEACHMENT.' YOU WOULDN'T TELL HIM THE WHOLE TRUTH, WOULD YOU - YOU SON-OF-A-BITCH.'" THAT STATEMENT DID NOT APPEAR TO FIT INTO THE LETTER.
USA JOE B. BROWN, NASHVILLE, TENN., PROVIDED A PRELIMINARY OPINION THAT THE LETTER WAS A VIOLATION OF TITLE 18, USC, SECTION 1876. OUT OF AN ABUNDANCE OF CAUTION, MEMPHIS PROVIDED A COPY OF THE LETTER TO U.S. SECRET SERVICE, NASHVILLE.

SPRINGFIELD AT CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS: WILL ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY AND LOCATE INTERVIEW AND OBTAIN HANDWRITING SAMPLES.
FM DIRECTOR FBI

TO

- The President
- The Vice President
- White House Situation Room
  - Attn: National Security Council
- Department of the Air Force (AFOSI)
- Department of the Army
- Naval Investigative Service
- Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard
- National Security Agency (DIRNSA/NSOC (ATTN: SOO))
- Director, Defense Intelligence Agency
- Director CIA
- U.S. Secret Service (PID)
  - Attn: Executive Protective Service
- ZEN/U.S. Postal Service
  - Attn: Chief Postal Inspector

- Nuclear Regulatory Commission
- Department of Energy
- Department of Treasury
  - Attn: U.S. Customs
- Department of Treasury
  - Attn: Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco & Firearms
- Department of Transportation
  - Attn: Director of Security
- Drug Enforcement Administration
- General Services Administration (WASHDC area, specify office)
- (Other Areas, specify CITY/STATE)
- Federal Aviation Administration
- Federal Protective Service
- Secretary of State
  - Attn: Director Bureau of Intelligence & Research
  - Attn: SCA - VISA Office
  - Room 709 - SA2

SERVICE ALSO AVAILABLE TO GOVERNMENT AGENCIES NOT LISTED. CONTACT COMMUNICATIONS CENTER FOR ADDRESSING INFORMATION.

SUBJECT: UNSUB, AKA JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM; EXTORTION

APPROVED BY: DKB
ORIGINATOR: CTB: jey
ROOM: 5096/6
TELE EXT.: 4294

FBI/DOJ
USE OF FORM 0-73

1. Only incoming teletype messages which require transmission relay may be prepared for transmission using form 0-73. Use of form 0-73 is restricted to incoming teletype messages received within the last 3 days which require transmission relay; all other teletype messages must be prepared using form 0-93.

2. Additions such as notes and administrative data for a specific addressee are not allowed. If a note or administrative data is required for a particular addressee a separate 0-73 form must be prepared.

3. The message will be transmitted just as it appears. The person approving the message is solely responsible for assuring all necessary editing changes have been made.

PREPARATION OF FORM WHICH CONSISTS OF A PREPRINTED YELLOW.

1. Complete appropriate boxes: date, classification & precedence.
2. List addresses immediately following the "TO" or place a check mark in the appropriate boxes.
3. Type or PRINT the subject in the space provided.
4. Print or type originator's name, room number and telephone extension.
5. Indicate approval for transmission by initializing the "Approved By" box.

PREPARATION OF MESSAGE TO BE TRANSMITTED

1. Xerox 1 copy of incoming teletype message. A notation shall be made on the original incoming teletype "1 copy made for relay to SACS _____, (OR LEGATS) _____, (OR GOVERNMENT AGENCIES) _____ ."
2. Minor editing changes shall be made on the xerox as follows: using a lead pencil ONLY draw single line through the first and last lines of the heading and connect these lines from top right to bottom left forming a "Z," figure. (DO NOT OBLITERATE THE HEADING.) Use horizontal lines to delete sentences or words. Printed changes of a word or two to the text of the message may be made; however, changes to the existing text involving more than a word or two necessitate the originator to initiate a new message using form 0-93.
3. Administrative data or notes may be typed immediately following the text and will be transmitted to all addressees.
4. When using the 0-73 form to disseminate information to field offices, Legal Attaches and other Government agencies simultaneously, the text, notes and administrative data must be identical for all addressees.
UNSUB, AKA JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM. EXTORTION.

BY TELETYPISODE DATED 12/14/81, FBI, MEMPHIS FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING:

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FIT INTO THE LETTER.
Re: UNSUB, ALSO KNOWN AS
JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM
EXTORTION; OO: MEMPHIS

The attached Memphis etter advises that
the office of country music entertainer Johnny
Cash, Hendersonville, Tennessee, received an
extortion letter containing a threat to kill
Cash. The letter was signed by [redacted]
and the envelope was postmarked
Champaign, Illinois.

In the margin of one page of the letter
contained the following: "Ronald W. Reagan
Aren't you proud of your ignorant ass - getting
him to cover for you and the others, and by
doing so, causing his impeachment." You
wouldn't tell him the whole truth, would you -
you son-of-a-bitch."

United States Attorney advised preliminary
opinion was that the letter was a violation of
Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 876, extortion.

The Springfield Division will attempt to
identify the writer of the letter and interview
him.

U. S. Secret Service advised.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: SAC, Memphis (NVRA) (9A-2218)

January 7, 1982

From: Director, FBI

FBI FILE NO. 9-66412

LAB. NO. 11222039 D QJ

Re: UNSUB. aka

JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM;
EXTORTION

OO: Memphis

Examination requested by: Memphis

Reference: Airtel dated December 17, 1981

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Remarks:

9-66412-3

Enclosures (2) (25 Lab report)

JB: daz (4)

ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

DO NOT INCLUDE ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE(S) INFORMATION IN INVESTIGATIVE REPORT.
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December 22, 1981

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Result of examination:

Q1 through Q4 were searched through the Anonymous Letter File without effecting an identification. Representative copies have been added to that file for future reference purposes.

No watermarks or indented writings were found on Q1 through Q4.

Q1 through Q4 have been photographed in the event a future examination is desired. If known handwriting of suspects in this case is obtained, that writing should include numerous repetitions of the exact wording of the questioned writing on Q1 through Q4 and should be prepared on envelopes and paper similar in size and format to the questioned items.

Q1 through Q4 will be returned separately along with the results of the latent fingerprint examination.

WJB: daz (4)
To: SAC, Memphis (NVRA) (9A-2218)

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JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM;
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Physical

(Only indented writing was from top page of previous) ie - pg. 1 or pg. 2 or pg. 3 or pg. 4.
ESDA - neg.
No watermarks

Q1 White envelope C Stamp black ink

Q2 8.51" x 10.94" .0030

Q3 8.51" x 10.94" .0030

Q4 8.53" x 10.94" $ .0030

Q4 - screen unlike Q2 + Q3

Searched - IIIA Hate TN/ILL-added.
Searched - Ask, Ask, KY, Wis, Va, Ind, Iowa.

NSN - lab 13-22-81
To: SAC, Memphis (NVRH) (9A-2218)

FBI FILE NO. 9-66412-3

LAB. NO. 11222039 D QJ

YOUR NO. b6 b7c

Examination by:

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
(ATTN: FBI LABORATORY)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (NVRA)

RE: ME teletype to Director, 12/14/81.

SUB: UNSUB. aka
     JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (9A-2010)(RUC)

UNSUB, aka
JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM;
EXTORTION (A);
OO: MEMPHIS


On January 4, 1982, Administrative Assistant, State of Washington Department of Adult Corrections, Olympia, Washington, advised Carl (NMN) Williams, Number 336329, was in Northern State Hospital (which no longer exists). Western State Hospital at Tacoma, Washington, would have information. There is no listing of a as ever being in a Washington State Prison; however, the Parole Board has a listing of aliases, and may be an alias. She advised that all institutions in the State of Washington have an alpha listing of all persons ever in the entire institution systems, including state hospitals. The prefix three on the above number indicates that Williams was in the Northern State Hospital.

On January 5, 1982, Records Clerk, Health Information Services, Western State Hospital, Tacoma, telephonically advised that Carl (NMN) Williams, Number 336329, was admitted on February 18, 1954, and was deceased on October 6, 1956. No other record was available, and there was no other identifying data regarding .

On January 5, 1982, State of Washington, Board of Prison Terms and Paroles, Olympia, Washington,

2 - Bureau
2 - Memphis
1 - Seattle

DWM:smk
(5)

Approved: Transmitted (Number) (Time) Per
SE 9A-2010

reviewed their alias listings and found only one as an alias for Washington State Penitentiary Number born She advised his file is in their Archives and will order it for review by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

On January 12, 1982 supra, furnished their file on also known as et al, Washington State Penitentiary Number A review of this file disclosed the following:

Name:
Aliases:

Sex:
Race:
Date of Birth:
Place of Birth:
FBI Number:
Washington State Patrol Number:
Washington State Reformatory Number:
IQ:
Miscellaneous:

Marital Status:
LEADS

MEMPHIS DIVISION

AT HENDERSONVILLE, TENNESSEE

Will, if current location of [redacted] is needed, forward lead to the Salt Lake City Division to contact the United States Probation and Parole Office at Ogden, Utah, noting [redacted] was reportedly on Federal probation there until June 17, 1957.
RE MEMPHIS TELETYPING TO DIRECTOR, DEC. 14, 1981.

UNCLASSIFIED

UNSUSPECTED AKA JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM; EXTORTION.

RE: ME.
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, IS INVESTIGATING THE MATTER.

SPRINGFIELD DIVISION, WILL CONTACT LOCAL OFFICE U. S. SECRET SERVICE AND ATTEMPT TO COORDINATE EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY AND LOCATE

BT
FM MEMPHIS (9-2218) (P)  
TO DIRECTOR ROUTINE  
SEATTLE ROUTINE  
BT  
UNCLASSIFIED  
ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION, LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION  
UNSUB, AKA JOHN R. CASH-VICTIM; EXTORTION  
OO: MEMPHIS  
RE MEMPHIS AIRTEL TO BUREAU, ATTN: FBI LABORATORY, 12/17/81; SEATTLE TELETYPING TO MEMPHIS, 12/26/81.  
REFERENCED AIRTEL TO DIRECTOR CONTAINED A REQUEST TO EXAMINE AN EXTORTION LETTER RE CAPTIONED MATTER FOR LATENT FINGERPRINTS. THE IDENTIFICATION DIVISION REQUESTED TO COMPARE LATENT PRINTS FOUND ON THE PREVIOUSLY FORWARDED LETTER AND ENVELOPE TO  
SEATTLE REQUESTED TO ADVISE BUREAU OF IDENTIFYING DATA RE WHEN OBTAINED SO THAT HIS FINGERPRINTS CAN BE CHECKED AGAINST LATENTS ON THE LETTER.  
BT  
CC: CRIMIN DIV  
9-66412
ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION, LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION.

CASE, AKA JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM; EXTORTION (A);  

DD: MEMPHIS.

REFERENCE SEATTLE TELETYPE TO MEMPHIS, DATED DECEMBER 24, 1951; AND MEMPHIS TELETYPE TO THE DIRECTOR AND SEATTLE, DATED DECEMBER 25, 1951.

ON DECEMBER 26, 1951, [ ] ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF ADULT CORRECTIONS, OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, ADVISED THEIR DEPARTMENT IS UNABLE TO LOCATE ANY RECORD FOR EARL WILLIAMS, BORN FEBRUARY 1, 1929, WHO REPORTEDLY WAS RECEIVED IN THE WASHINGTON STATE PENAL SYSTEM ON FEBRUARY 13, 1954. [ ] ADVISED THAT IN 1954, THE WASHINGTON STATE PENITENTIARY AT WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON, WAS THEIR ONLY PENAL INSTITUTION. SHE ADVISED SHE WILL MAKE FURTHER CHECKS AND ADVISE. 

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ON DECEMBER 21, 1981, DRIVER'S LICENSE SECTION, STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING, OLYMPIA, ADVISED SHE WAS UNABLE TO LOCATE ANY WASHINGTON DRIVER'S LICENSE FOR CARL WILLIAMS, BORN FEBRUARY OF 1939.

SEATTLE DIVISION AT OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, WILL REPORT RESULTS OF ADDITIONAL CHECKS BEING MADE TO IDENTIFY BY THE STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF ADULT CORRECTIONS.
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY IDENTIFICATION DIVISION, LATENT
FINGERPRINT SECTION.

UNSUB; AKA JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM, EXTORTION,
CO: MEMPHIS.

RE MEMPHIS TELETYPE TO BBUREAU AND SPRINGFIELD, DECEMBER 14,
1981; MEMPHIS AIRTEL TO FBI LABORATORY, IDENTIFICATION DIVISION,
DECEMBER 17, 1981; AND MEMPHIS TELETYPE TO SPRINGFIELD, DECEMBER 30,
1981.

FOR INFORMATION, FBI LABORATORY, IDENTIFICATION DIVISION,
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION, ON DECEMBER 22, 1981, ILLINOIS STATE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR ADULT PAROLEE SERVICE,
202 WEST HILL, CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS, ADVISED THE ONLY

REQUEST OF FBI LABORATORY, IDENTIFICATION DIVISION, LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION: MEMPHIS HAS REQUESTED FINGERPRINTS OF [REDACTED] BE COMPARED WITH ANY LATENT PRINTS OF VALUE FOUND ON THE LETTER SUBMITTED TO FBI LABORATORY BY MEMPHIS ON DECEMBER 17, 1981.

BT
FM SEATTLE 9A-2010 (RUC)
TO DIRECTOR ROUTINE
MEMPHIS 9A-2218 ROUTINE
DT
UNCLAS

ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION, LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION.

UNSUB, AKA JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM; EXTORTION (A);

CC: MEMPHIS.

REFERENCE SEATTLE TELETYPE TO MEMPHIS, DATED DECEMBER 24,
1981; AND SEATTLE TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS, DATED
DECEMBER 31, 1981.

INVESTIGATION BY SEATTLE DIVISION AT OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON,
DETERMINED THAT CARL (MMN) WILLIAMS, BORN FEBRUARY 28, 1909, AT
TACOMA, WASHINGTON, DIED AT WESTERN STATE HOSPITAL, TACOMA,
WASHINGTON, ON OCTOBER 6, 1956. IT WAS ALSO DETERMINED THAT A

LAST KNOWN TO BE ON FEDERAL PROBATION IN OGDEN, UTAH, EXPIRING
JUNE 17, 1957,

68 APR 01 1982

CC - Sheriff

6641-2
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT AT BUTTE, MONTANA.

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION IS REQUESTED TO COMPARE LATENT PRINTS FOUND ON THE PREVIOUSLY FORWARDED LETTER AND ENVELOPE TO

AIRTEL FOLLOWS.

ST
MEMPHIS AIRTOL 12/17/81 AND TELETYPE 12/29/81,
SEATTLE TELETYPES 1/1/82 AND 1/14/82, AND
SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE 1/4/82
Q1, ENVELOPE
Q2 THROUGH Q4, THREE-PAGE LETTER
THE Q ITEMS ARE FURTHER DESCRIBED IN A SEPARATE
LABORATORY REPORT.
SIXTY-TWO LATENT FINGERPRINTS OF VALUE WERE
DEVELOPED ON Q1 THROUGH Q4.
THE LATENT FINGERPRINTS ARE NOT THE FINGERPRINTS OF
THE SPECIMENS ARE ENCLOSED.

ENC. (4)
1 - SPRINGFIELD (9A-320) (P)
1 - SEATTLE (9A-2016)

MAIL ROOM

THIS REPORT IS FURNISHED FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY
Laboratory Work Sheet

Recorded 1/6/82

Received 1/5/82

FBI FILE NO. 9-C66119

LAB. NO. 12222222

YOUR NO. LC# C-7190

Examination by:

Reference: Airtel dated December 17, 1981

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

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Examination Completed 1/17/82

Time 8:14

Date 1/22/82

Dictated 2/11/82

1- Springfield (94-2420)
1- Sonnie (94-2010)
2/9/82 8R

62 had joints value & noted on chart. Criteria was as follows:

1 cm Q1

28 cm QL

8 cm Q3

25 cm Q4

noted S.M

had passage of joint Q4

spec's etc. (4)
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION WORK SHEET

Recorded: 1/6/82
Received: 1/5/82
Answer to: SAC, SPRINGFIELD,

Examination requested by: ADDRESSEE

Copy to:

RE: UNSUB:
AKA JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM;
EXTORTION

Date of reference communication: SPRINGFIELD
TELETYPE 1/4/82
MEMPHIS TELETYPE 1/30/81
SEATTLE TELETYPE 1/1/82 + 11/6/82

Specimens:

Named Suspect: NOT

Result of examination:

Evidence noted by:

Examination completed 3:20AM 2/10/82 Dictated 2/1/82

Time Date
SI DIVISION FORWARDING DATA RE INVESTIGATION AT FAIRFIELD, IL, UNDER SEPARATE COVER.

LEADS RE INTERVIEW OF [ ] SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO DIVISION BY [ ].
Memorandum

To: DIRECTOR, FBI
From: SAC, MEMPHIS (NVRA) (9A-2218) (C)

Subject: CHANGED

JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM; EXTORTION
OO: ME

Title is marked changed and previously carried as
UNSUB, aka JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM; EXTORTION
OO: ME.

Re Memphis letter to FBlHQ dated 12/14/81.

No further investigation is being conducted by the
Memphis Division of the FBI.

APR 20 1982

FBI/DOJ
John R. Cash - Victim

Extortion

Dated 6-25-70

9-66412

Photo Latent

Saratoga Spur (20-2211) F

P1, envelope
P2-44, 3 page letter

Unsmt, aka
Goreview. We
rushed to the
mill and saw
the work being
done. We
were amazed by
the efficiency of
the machines.

John D.}

112.22002

Field &}

F-B-L
LABORATORY

8-6042

C&E-719

Halden

Dundie

Ward
I am the Q. S. E. and I declare this account.

Placemka

We are not short in the Philippines.

I have been to China.

800,000,000 Chinese

All of the other countries.

900,000,000 Chinese.

112.800.000.000
oan plus years.

Animals
going to go to

and then did.

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this year.
How did you like "Interpreted the fuckin' Jesus out of fuckhead. "The Little Yellow again — I'll call it "The E - 6 - 9"
but of course the ending is me.

My man/group of men I outlined during the ple to believe. You a
torture your prey. Some of
John B. Cook
Nashville, KY
Handwritten Note

No sign of handwriting, but appears:

"Handwritten Note"

Stamp: "JAN 11 1925"
The population of China, especially in Shanghai and all China, is on the way of being reduced, but this is not because of any political or economic reason. It is due to the natural process of population growth and decline. The birth rate is low, and the death rate is also low due to improved healthcare and living conditions. What we need now is to focus on education and health care to improve the overall quality of life and reduce the birth rate. The current population of China is estimated to be around 1.4 billion people, and this number is expected to peak around 2050. After that, it is projected to decline, reaching 1 billion people by 2100.
Dear [Name],

I hope this letter finds you in good health and spirits. I am writing to inform you about a recent event that has caught my attention.

Last week, while on my daily walk in the park, I came across a group of children playing near a makeshift fort they had created. The children were having a great time, and it reminded me of my own childhood memories of playing hide and seek in the park.

I thought it would be lovely to send them some snacks to enjoy during their playtime. I hope this small gesture can bring a smile to their faces and brighten their day. If you'd like to join me in this small act of kindness, I believe it can make a big difference in their lives.

Please let me know if you'd like to participate. We can discuss further details once we confirm our plans.

Looking forward to your response.

Warm regards,

[Your Name]
Much Sheet! If you do not do the above in Business or in the U. S. Navy (in Message Traffic—you are the stupid, ignorant son-of-a-bitch that is! And, I reasoned could be the motive for not leaving a receipt—because then nobody knows What or How Much—Only the Sebastian or Thief knows! Of course during time of War in Uncle Sam's Yacht Club the punishment could be death. —You know—like some conscientious objecting Mother Fucking did during the Vietnam War!—meaning the kind of National Security Advisor Conscientious Objector Peace monger Flower Child Murdering son-of-a-bitch that places "SAND" in the ejection seat "Hey, but put a little sand in my shoe" Cartridges of American Aircraft!

Plagiarism—I know you are already aware of—you are Writer—you know the Dangers—so, give 'em Hell Yang!

From: [Redacted]

To: [Redacted]

Your coverage of [Redacted] was most informative. One thousand Dollar/ten thousand Dollar payoffs/ripoffs cannot be tolerated in the Government of the United States. When passengers of other countries must pay a "toll" fee for crossing the bridge into the Whitehouse — it is time to find out who the trolls are.

The distinguished members of your staff questioning [Redacted] brought out a most important questioning statement. "That of a receipt! Islam are supposed to be business people in this administration.... Any business man or woman that removes funds from a Cash Register, a Bank Vault, or a Top secret-Secret-Confidential-Immediate Action, Urgent, or Routine message from file - leaves a location sheet (Receipt). How..."
Total Deleted Page(s) = 14
Page 7 ~ b6; b7C;
Page 8 ~ b6; b7C;
Page 9 ~ b6; b7C;
Page 10 ~ b6; b7C;
Page 11 ~ b6; b7C;
Page 13 ~ b6; b7C;
Page 14 ~ b6; b7C;
Page 20 ~ Duplicate - to 9-MP-2143-1A3;
Page 21 ~ Duplicate - to 9-MP-2143-1A3;
Page 22 ~ Duplicate - to 9-MP-2143-1A3;
Page 23 ~ Duplicate - to 9-MP-2143-1A3;
Page 32 ~ b6; b7C;
Page 33 ~ b6; b7C;
Page 41 ~ Duplicate - to 9-MP-2143, Serial 9;

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XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
TO: SAC, SEATTLE
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (FVRA) (9-2143) (P)

JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM
EXTORTION (A)
CO: MEMPHIS

Enclosed for Seattle are the following: one copy of FD-302 of review of threatening letter sent to the Johnny Cash family; one copy of FD-302 of [REDACTED] one copy of FD-302 of Johnny Cash; and one copy of the letter received by the Cash family.

On 5/13/80, [REDACTED] of country music star Johnny Cash, furnished to the FBI all original letter received at the House of Cash, Hendersonville, Tennessee, during the week 5/4-10/80.

This letter appears to be from [REDACTED]. The letter contains possible veiled threats against the Cash family. In this letter [REDACTED] advised Johnny Cash's father will soon die. [REDACTED] appears to be mentally unstable and possibly potentially dangerous.

Memphis indices negative re [REDACTED]

2 - Seattle (Rec. 4)
3 - Memphis

JED/jn
(4)
LEAD

SEATTLE

AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON. Conduct indices check re [ ]

AT WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON. Conduct criminal check with local and state authorities re [ ] Will contact [ ] Ascertain [ ]

Obtain photograph.

Lead for interview of subject is not being set forth at this time.
At Seattle, Washington

On 5/28/80, Seattle indices reflected a Seattle file number 9-1620, entitled [redacted]. Victim: Extortion, OD: Seattle. The Seattle file was opened on 3/3/75 and closed on 6/27/75. A file review was conducted on [redacted] which appears to be identical with subject.

On 3/3/75, [redacted] received an envelope post-marked 3/1/75 at Woodland, Washington. This letter states that [redacted] was to be released from Washington State Penitentiary, Walla Walla, Washington, within the week and given certain other items including $1,000 or [redacted] would be killed. Interview of father of [redacted] revealed envelope was received by [redacted] and was received in a letter from his son, sealed, stamped, and addressed, and was mailed by his father on 3/1/75 at Woodland, Washington. Extortion letter and handwriting samples of [redacted] examined at FBI Laboratory and it was established that [redacted] wrote extortion note. No latent prints found on note. On 3/21/75, facts of this case discussed with AUSA, Seattle, and he stated he will present the matter to the Federal Grand Jury, Seattle, 4/1/75; case was presented to Federal Grand Jury, Seattle, Washington and True Bill returned charging [redacted]

True Name: [redacted]
Alias: [redacted]
Race: [redacted]
Sex: [redacted]
DOB: [redacted]
POB: [redacted]
FBI Number: [redacted]
Step-father: [redacted]
Address: 

Mother: 

SE 9-1620
RPT/1jt
2
TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (MVRA) (9-2143)
FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (9-1915) (RUC)
SUBJECT: "CHANGED" (IO)

JOHNNY - CASH - VICTIM - EXTORTION (A)
OO: MEMPHIS

Title marked "Changed" (IO) to show subject's true name.


Subject is

The enclosures provide a thumbnail sketch of subject's background and assessment of his assaultive nature and mental stability.

Memo: 9-2143-6
1 - Seattle
LDK: skh
(3)
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A review of the letter received from [redacted] by the Johnny Cash family revealed the following information:

This letter consists of four handwritten pages. It was mailed from Walla Walla, Washington on March 13, 1980. This letter was received at the House of Cash, Hendersonville, Tennessee, during the week of May 4 - 10, 1980.

A copy of this letter is attached.
Best Copy Available
7/7/80

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (9-1915)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (9-2143-WVRA) (C)

SUBJECT: JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM EXTORTION (A) (O0: ME)

Re Seattle airtel dated 6/19/80.

On 7/1/80, U.S. Attorney's Office, Middle District of Tennessee, Nashville, Tennessee, declined prosecution in this matter due to subject's

In view of USA's declination, no further action is being taken re this matter.

2 - Seattle
1 - Memphis
ELP: slc (S)
Memphis, Tennessee

July 7, 1980

Honorable Hal Hardin, Jr.
United States Attorney
879 US Courthouse
Nashville, Tennessee 37202

Attention: Ms. Aleta Arthur
Assistant United States Attorney

RE: JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM
EXTRACTION

Dear Mr. Hardin:

This is to confirm the conversation between Special Agent Raimon L. Patton and Ms. Aleta Arthur on July 1, 1980 concerning the following:

On May 13, 1980, of country music star Johnny Cash, advised Mr. Cash had received a letter from which she considered threatening.

Subsequent investigation by the FBI revealed

1 - Addressee
2 - Memphis (9-2143)
3 - SLE

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FILE 7/18
Ms. Arthur advised she would decline prosecution in this matter due to continued incarceration.

In view of Ms. Arthur's opinion, no further action is being taken regarding this matter.

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM J. BEAVERS
Special Agent in Charge

By:

Supervisory Special Agent
DATE: 7/10/80

REPLY TO: SSRA

ATTN OF:

SUBJECT: JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM EXTORTION (A) ME file 9-2143 (C)

JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM EXTORTION (A) ME file 9-2144 (P)

To: SAC, MEMPHIS

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The IC's performed this assignment in their usual outstanding fashion and have set out appropriate lead material to identify and develop background on the subjects.
7/16/80

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (NVRA) (9-2143) (C)

JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM
EXTORTION (A)
OO: Memphis

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Subsequent investigation revealed

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2 - Bureau
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Date Received
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(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)
Walla Walla, WA
By
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes ☑ No
Receipt Given ☐ Yes ☐ No

Description:
One (1) Photo
Field File No. 9-2143
00 and File No. 9-2774
Date Received 5-13-80
From
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)
House of Cash
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)
Hendersonville, TN
By

To Be Returned ☐ Yes ☐ No
Receipt Given ☐ Yes ☐ No

Description:

Orig notes
w 302
5-13-80

House of Cash

Johnny Cash

Greetings letter read from

Cash family does not know either of these individuals. Have no idea why they're writing letter.

Furnished letter & envelopes

D. PBI.
Field File No. 9-2143-1A
00 and File No.
Date Rec. 5-13-80
From

(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

House of Card

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

Andersonville, TN

By

To Be Returned

Receipt Given

Yes

No

No

Description:

Orig letter +

envelope re
This letter is To [blank] and [blank] June Carter Cash

G'day! My friends I thought I'd write you all in one letter.
My name is [blank] I've been in the music business since the '60s. I produced my first song which I wrote in 1963. It was also made a invention for Elvis Presley. I would like to have you family as my real friends. I'm planning to get my own band together and get into the professional music and music scene. I hope you'll do me a favor, I wrote 2 songs which are going to be recorded by RCA Records hopefully in California. I would like to have you do me a favor. June when you and Johnny Cash have your next concert. Take along [blank] I want him to sing a song I wrote. This song is to only be sung by one man and his name is Johnny Cash. He's a class impersonator and he is very good and he sounds ideologically. To Elvis I want [blank] to sing this song on stage before the audience in Nashville. No song is to be done in a slow beat and sung slow but tell him to put a lot of love and understanding in the Song. If anyone tries to cause you problems with the song which they will show them. I gave approval for [blank] to sing the song. See my contract stated that anyone singing this song will be fined $15,000. Thousand Dollars if used in a concert of any kind of any shape or form, and that a person can get 10 years in prison or death. Why I asked for my song be set up that away is because my first record was sold and published without me getting credit for my song in the '60s and I didn't get any money from the song and I was very upset and hurt from it. June! My contract with RCA is so well together nobody can beat legally in any other ways June! I'd also say don't be a fool and
Try and publish this song because I'm a very Together young man in many ways and plus I have 5 lawyers working for me and any trouble comes of the song, I don't care how it is, women or child or Music company's, I'll destroy them without a blink of an eye, I'm that well Together and I have the power of the treasury department of Washington D.C. so I think this will get you a hint of how much power I still hold we lost a lot of my power and togetherness, but I still have a lot of power to destroy company's and family alike, I don't play games and I will tell you if I have to, I'm not going to let them get away with something you don't know nothing about or how it's set up because I play 10 to 95 percent more dangerous than any body plays in There life with things, I'm a important man, that might be able to help change the music scene, and to away with punk rock and hell and have it humanized and stopped it's ruining American music in my book and other people's book, because it sic, and I got to stop every were including England. Do you know I've always wanted to meet you, you are very special to me and I'd like to get to know you better as a person and a human being, you are very constitite and understanding that what I like in a woman of your stature, assey, you are also a special woman as your, you have the knowledge of the Bible and you have the wisdom to walk with god in his most highly hain walk of the century's, use your knowledge of the Bible and preach gods word, and don't let Satan stand in your way, and don't get involved with the holy roller that's a false religion and that's the lowest church going before going into the gates of hell, do not want to see you in that situation and if I ever hear you in there church I'll be there to get you out of there because I've seen that church burn many
A god appointed children and I don't want you to be one of them. God has a special purpose for you and the one I mention, God has given me the power to pick out those people who are special in His eyes to someday reign in heaven with him as his servant of God. He is the all Mighty and Most powerful god of the universe and heavens and stars and planets and of the world. Do these things for him that I mention and you'll find a big and greater change in your life and the people around you. These lines will be changed to you a very special young lady you will be married to a young man who is not very famous or popular with people, he will grow in many ways, he will become famous as a preacher and a musician it will take time on your part and his part to grow with and understand one another and you will be by your side and his for eternal life. I'm my little friend and someone I think a lot of. I understand this I am about to say. Many years ago I had a drug problem like your Daddy had. My problem was about 7 times worse than your Daddy's. He's a good man but he needs your time to understand a lot of things about himself as a person and understanding his family and friends. Tell him to find the people he can trust the most, because someday he'll need them a lot. He can see into the future and I know that God is going to destroy many of your close friends for things. They have done to people in the United States, you might lose a lot of friends and become unpopular in country music because this is God's way of showing you and your family that he cares in many other ways to help you and God wanted me to give you the message because someday you'll understand you are God's child in a very special ways he says he loves you and he's concerned about you and you up
bringing he says he'll never part from you know mother if you go to jail or prison or somewhere you go he'll always be there and he love you, don't ever give up your hope in god someday soon all this wickedness and wrong dealing and wrong do we will all be destroyed. So he says never give up on me because the right time will come and all of these things will be destroyed. Walk lightly in the lord and in Jesus just Jesus and in god's house he loves you and he cares, Johnny tell you and your mother, that god is concerned with them and their lives. God gave me a message saying your father will die shortly in the near future and your family might have a hard time sticking together as a family. He says do his word and preach the bible to them, to the other people who come to know god and the bible. Johnny I wonder if you can do me a favor. The song you had published and recorded, would you mind if I recorded them on a record with other songs I'm planning to record in the near future? The circle be unbroken. Johnny. God gave me a message to give to you and June and your wife, land and your music set up that at the ending of each concert you perform in the united state to sing one of god's favorite songs. The circle be unbroken. Johnny, you made a very wise choice when you married June. I think you know how she is a very special lady, have her help you now with your music business and many other things grow in life and multiply and become many. The god will and way.

Love from a Christian friend.
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9-2144
5/15/80

TO: SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (NVRA) (9-2144) (P)

JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM
EXTORTION (A)
OO: MEMPHIS

Enclosed for Oklahoma City are the following:
one copy of FD-302 of Mr. Johnny Cash; one copy of FD-302 of review of letters received by the Cash family; and one copy each of four letters written by subject.

On 5/13/80, of country music star Johnny Cash, furnished to the FBI letters which were received at the House of Cash, Hendersonville, Tennessee, during the week of 5/4-10/80. These letters contain veiled threats to the Cash family.

These letters appear to be from From the text of these letters it appears is possibly mentally unstable and potentially dangerous. It should be noted that advised in one of the letters he had come to the House of Cash and had talked to a guard.

LEADS

OKLAHOMA CITY

AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OK. Will check indices re the name Conduct criminal check with local and state authorities. Obtain photograph of Attempt to ascertain current whereabouts of

2 - Oklahoma City (Enc. 7)
2 - Memphis
JSD/jn
(4)
LEADS (Cont'd)

Lead to interview is not being set forth at this time.
A review of letters received by the Johnny Cash family revealed the following information:

mailed a total of four letters consisting of handwritten pages.

In the latest letter dated May 1, 1980, advised he is going to "make plans - September 11, 1980." does not go into further detail concerning what will happen on September 11, 1980.

A copy of these letters is attached.
I'M SICK AND TIRED OF THIS Fucking Country
Tired of playing Crazy
USA Sucks Dicks
GOD I pray to you
SEND HAIL STORMS
tornadoes, Hurricanes
Against America.
IN GOD WE TRUST
Green Back Dollar
AMES?
Carter Vietnam loves 1/50
Don't
Boy of mine
I love to have
Pregnant wife
Vietnam great country
CASH House
John CASH
General Delivery
Hendersonville, TENN
USA 73070
To:- I N T E E R E S T & C H E E L M I L E.

6 T R E E T S I P R A Y
M U C H R A I N D O W N R U N

O F S P R I N G S. I F I C O U L D
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L O V E O F M Y
H E A R T I C R Y
If pray IT be the
love of my heart
But to cry I my
for you more than
myself

John I ask you read:
From MICA Holy Bible
Forward till you find
the time.

I pray for ye much.
I love ye

Consolidate for
directional for youths
that know love
not hate to love
I pray find life.
John I didn't get better chance to read your cash. If you got my money all right don't you better burn Psycho Billy Cadilliam cause 9 as does burn. Sorry (words) I sent you. I got pathime sep'ril 17th cop left office that cops. Fucking break each shit. Cause I am crazy like.
Use places to make money. Send me chicken shit. I am not dumb but OCR is my home sent money. My girlfriend says I cash is bastard. A knife should be taken to lemon. I not give plans. I have more music and an arm movie role file, I get money. I see the

NO GAMES I got plenty I have new ideas. Fuck you. Look out psycho. You better not try bullshit me.
To John & June Carter

THERE LOVE & LIBERTY

Yours,

Hendersonville, Tennessee

b7c
Tell the white man
O ye generation of vipers
Y e children see like y e olden fathers
I pray to God He break the solar roof
Of White House Washington
Y e generation who kill Jesus
The Christ and who I pray God They know I am God Servant;
The daughters of your wife are with you Holy Wood
Movie Stars made of them false idols now
I pray to God He destroy
Your museum (you pay taxes to ceaseer)
To kill my son I have not got and away
I fear the Lord God Almighty.

Am I not a prophet?

How do it God's love dwell
in a man and see his faults
in need. I have OXO
Harped on ROD into Kingdor
of God (Heaven) that a cornel
getten age of Needle

I who Trumpedon vipers
THIEVES' PArIcKs.

I dont want but truth
of God? They lie

I shall dwell in they
House of God forever
Law of promis
Do unto others as you
do unto others have
you do unto them
As you would they
they
thou o God Bless
the U.S. Marine's! Halleluiah.
WHY O GOD YAHWEH

LORD ALL MIGHTY

HAVE I NO HOME ON EARTH

AND CAR AND WIFE

BECAUSE I HAVE MORE

YOU LOVE LORD GOD

MY HEART OVERWHELMS

ME. MY FAITH

EARTH IS AND WAS A TRAP

FROM THE WOMB.

MY FATHER & MOTHER DISBELIEVES

THE TRUTH.

LORD THEIR HEARTS

I FEEL THEIR CONCORD

DESTROY AMERICA WHO

HATES ME. ALL HAIL!

I PRAY THEY KILL ME

THEY DONE ME SO SORRY.

THEIR DAUGHTERS ARE NOT

FIT TO BE MY WIFE?

IS IT TRUE

THE FILTH IN THEIR

TONGUES. ALL PRAY.

FATHER.

KILL THE DAUGHTERS NOW

SON, THEY YOUR I PRAY

LOVE ME GOD.
OH HOW MY HEART MY TEARS. I HURT THEIR
THREATS DESTROY THEM
OH GOD, LOOK ON ME
OH GOD HAVE MERCY.
I cry to Michael the Arch
Angel. I say, have mercy
on me, I know on me
they Americans don't.
They hate me, love
they gold and silver
money, they wealth
of the world.
Father, I pray kill their
Tongues on kill their
Heart.
Let them kill me.
I trust in me so small.
I trust thee o-father
my doubt because I honor
destroy the world.
I went forgive me
they need it.
Michael forgive I say with -
UNLESS THE SKY

VOLCANO CALIFORNIA
Sorry the Americans done
me fathe
OL RIG RIG No Sea Break
Legs Off
The original envelope is from someone named 31095.

To John R. Cash

SAME PERSON
THREATENING
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7/10/80

JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM
EXTORTION (A)
ME file 9-2143 (C)

JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM
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ME file 9-2144 (P)

To: SAC, MEMPHIS

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DMH/jn
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JUL 10 1980
FBI - MEMPHIS
TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (NVRA) (9-2144)

FROM: SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (9-4247) (RUC)

SUBJECT: JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM EXTORTION (A) (OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Memphis airtel to Oklahoma City, 5/15/80.

Enclosed for Memphis (NVRA) are three copies of a photograph of subject taken 2/25/77.

Subject, whose latest available residence address is listed as is described as follows:

Race Caucasian
Sex Male
Nationality American
DOB
POB
SSAN
Height
Weight
Hair
Eyes
Occupation

Memphis (Enc: 3)
Oklahoma City
BBS: rgs

Approved: 8907/2

Transmit: (Number) (Time) Per

FBI

CLASSIFICATION:

TOP SECRET
SECRET
CONFIDENTIAL
UNCLASSIFIED
UNCLASS

Date 7/14/80
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to

The No. 9-2144

Memphis, Tennessee

August 25, 1980

Honorable Hal Hardin, Jr.
United States Attorney
879 US Courthouse
Nashville, Tennessee 37202

Attention: Mr. Roger May
Assistant United States Attorney

RE: JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM EXTORTION

Dear Mr. Hardin:

Please find attached copies of handwritten letters sent via the United States Mail to the Johnny Cash family, Hendersonville, Tennessee, from [illegible]. These letters appear to contain veiled threats and were brought to the attention of the FBI by [illegible] of Johnny Cash, the renowned entertainer. The letters were read by Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) Roger May, who discussed them with [illegible] on August 20, 1980.

Mr. May was advised that [illegible]

Addressee
Memphis (9-2144)

RLP: sle
After reading and discussing these letters, Mr. May requested that the Cash family be advised that the letters did not contain a specific threat in violation of the Federal Extortion statute and for that reason ______ could not be prosecuted in that regard. ______ was so advised by SA ______ on August 21, 1980. She replied that they had received no further communication from ______. Accordingly, no further investigation in this matter is being conducted by this office.

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM J. BEAVERS
Special Agent in Charge

By: ________________
Supervisory Special Agent
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Date Received 5-13-80
From
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)
House Off Cash
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)
Hendersonville, TN
By

To Be Returned Yes Receipt Given Yes
[] No [ ] No

Description:
Orig letters +
envelopes rec'd

From
John R. Cash and
June Carter

TAKE LOVE AND
LIBERTY 1960-1970
Field File No. 142
00 and File No. 9-2143 r 9-2144
Date Received. 5-13-80
From. JOHNNY CASH
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)
HOUSE OF CASH
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)
Hendersonville, TN
By. 

To Be Returned. No
Receipt Given. No

Description:
Only 307 notes.
Johnny Cash

Believe letters to be from religious fanatics or mentally unstable individuals.

Cash said "These are the kind of people that will kill you because they're not afraid of dying.

Just one letter indicates he knows Cash family, she has Johnny worried.

Cash does not know
Field File No. 9-244-113
00 and File No. 9-244-113
Date Received 7/18/80
From Oklahoma City
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)
(CITY AND STATE)
By Memphis
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned  No Receipt Given  No

Description:
2 photo 9

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(3) enclosures to Memphis NURA
GC file 9-4247... file 9-2144

(Rep.) (let.) [circular] from Oklahoma City
dated 7/14/80

Enclose: photos re subject.
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REPORTING OFFICE
LOS ANGELES

OFFICE OF ORIGIN
LOS ANGELES

DATE
7/22/69

INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
2/3/69 - 7/14/69

TITLE OF CASE
JOHN R. CASH, aka Johnny Cash

REPORT MADE BY

CHARACTER OF CASE
MISCELLANEOUS - CIVIL SUIT

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED

NONE

ACQUITTALS

CASE HAS BEEN:

PENDING OVER ONE YEAR

PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS

APPROVED

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW

Rec. 42
MCT-23

1 - USA, Los Angeles

(Attn: AUSA Thomas H. Coleman)

1 - Los Angeles (62-6794)

Dissemination Record of Attached Report

Agency

Request Recd.

Date Fwd.

How Fwd.

By

51 Aug 11 1969

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UNIVERSITY STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1 - USA, Los Angeles
   (Attn: AUSA THOMAS H. COLEMAN)

Report of:  (A)  Office: Los Angeles, California
Date:  7/22/69  b6
Field Office File #:  62-6794  b7C
Title:  JOHN R. CASH

Character: MISCELLANEOUS - CIVIL SUIT

Synopsis: AUSA, Los Angeles, California, requested limited investigation to determine the validity of an illness claimed by CASH to prevent his appearance in court. A Complaint For Damages (Fire Suppression) filed 6/23/67, USDC, Los Angeles, against CASH in the amount of $125,127.52. Judgment entered 6/30/69, USDC, Los Angeles, in favor of government in amount of $82,000.00.

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DETAILS:

This investigation is predicated upon receipt of a request by Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) THOMAS H. COLEMAN on February 3, 1969, to determine the validity of an illness claimed by JOHN R. CASH to prevent his appearance in court. COLEMAN stated that he was interested in obtaining the name of a reliable physician whom he could contact to examine CASH, who is home in Henderson, Tennessee. He said that CASH had been examined by a   at Hendersonville, and this examination was the basis for his excuse not to appear.

AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

On February 4, 1969, Special Agent in Charge ROBERT G. JENSEN telephonically advised Assistant Special Agent in Charge RICHARD ROGGE that AUSA ROBERT E. LEE,
Nashville, Tennessee, recommended a Doctors Building, Nashville, Tennessee, who regularly handles examination of patients, witnesses, and the like for the United States Government. United States Marshal (USM)[_____] was also advised of AUSA COLEMAN's desires and said he will communicate with[_____] when he sees him.

JENSEN stated that AUSA[_____] advised that AUSA COLEMAN should bear in mind that CASH may not consent to an examination by[_____] without a court order.

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

On July 14, 1969, a review of the file in this matter revealed that a Complaint For Damages (Fire Suppression), Civil Docket Number 67-889-S, was filed by the Clerk, United States District Court (USDC), Los Angeles, California, on June 23, 1967, asking for $125,127.52 and alleging that a fire on June 27, 1965, destroyed 508 acres of Los Padres National Forest watershed near Sespe Creek and was started by hot gases and sparks from a defective exhaust system on JOHNNY CASH's camper-truck.

According to the suit, the camper-truck became stuck on a road along the creek, and when CASH attempted to free the vehicle, he gunned the motor, which set off the gas and sparks. The government also alleged that CASH failed to take reasonable precautions to control the fire and failed to report it to the proper authorities.

Final Judgment, and Stipulation Thereto, was entered on June 30, 1969, by the Clerk, USDC, Los Angeles, California, against JOHN R. CASH and in favor of the United States of America in the amount of $82,000.00 with interest thereon at the rate of 6 percent per year from February 15, 1969.
January 2, 1970

BY MAISON

REFERENCE CC TO: The White House
REQ. REC'D 12/23/75
OCT 24 1975
ANS.
BY:  

Re: Johnny Cash

Honorable Egil Krogh, Jr.
Deputy Assistant to the President
for Domestic Affairs
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Krogh:

Reference is made to your name check request concerning [redacted] and some other individuals.

The central files of the FBI contain no pertinent information identifiable with [redacted] and [redacted].

The fingerprint files of the Identification Division of the FBI contain no arrest data identifiable with the above individuals based upon background information submitted in connection with this name check request.

[Redacted]

Johnny Cash, [redacted], Red Skelton, and [redacted]

Limited inquiries are also being conducted to determine the current reputation of these individuals, the results of which will be furnished to you when completed.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Enclosures (2)

1 - Mr. DeLoach (sent direct) - Enclosures
1 - Mr. Gale (sent direct) - Enclosures
January 8, 1970

JOHNNY CASH

Summary

FBI files reveal the following information which may relate to the subject of this name check request.

On June 23, 1967, a complaint for damages was filed against John R. Cash, also known as Johnny Cash, in United States District Court, Los Angeles, California, asking for $125,127.52 and alleging that a fire on June 27, 1965, destroyed 508 acres of Los Padres National Forest watershed near Sespe Creek. This fire reportedly was started by hot gases and sparks from a defective exhaust system on Cash’s camper-truck. According to the suit, the camper-truck became stuck on a road along the Creek. When Cash attempted to free the vehicle, he gunned the motor setting off the gas and sparks. The Government alleged that Cash failed to take reasonable precautions to control the fire and failed to report it to proper authorities.

Final judgment was entered on June 30, 1969, in favor of the United States in the amount of $82,000 with interest thereon at the rate of six percent per year from February 15, 1969. As of February, 1969, Cash maintained his home at Henderson, Tennessee. (63-13942)

The central files of the FBI contain no additional pertinent information concerning captioned individual.

Attached is a copy of an arrest record which may pertain to captioned individual.

Enclosure

NOTE: Per request of Egil Krogh, Jr., Deputy Assistant to the President for Domestic Affairs.

LMG:cle

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March 29, 1971

JOHN R. CASH
Also Known As: Johnny Cash

Reference is made to your request for a check of FBI files concerning the captioned individual, who is a well-known country singer.

The 1969 edition of "Current Biography" indicates that John R. Cash was born on February 26, 1932, at Kingsland, Arkansas. In the event you are interested in additional background data concerning Cash, you may desire to check with the public library for the 1969 edition of "Current Biography."

In June, 1967, the U.S. Government filed suit against Cash for damages in excess of $125,000, alleging that a fire in June, 1965, destroyed 508 acres of national forest land, which fire had reportedly been started by hot gases and sparks from a defective exhaust system on Cash's camper-truck. The Government, in the suit, alleged that Cash failed to take reasonable precautions to control the fire and failed to report it to proper authorities. On June 30, 1969, a judgment was entered in favor of the U.S. in the sum of $82,000 together with interest.

In early 1970, sources in the Memphis Office of this Bureau in the entertainment field advised that Cash was a reformed drinker and had taken the pledge; that he had a good reputation at that time; was reportedly religious and interested in the crusade of evangelist Dr. Billy Graham. At that time it was reported that one Johnny Cash, born February 26, 1932, according to the records of the Nashville, Tennessee, Police Department, had been arrested on November 15, 1961, on "drunk" charges and had forfeited a $5 fine.
TO: Mr. Sullivan
FROM: A. Rosen
SUBJECT: JOHN R. CASH
ALSO KNOWN AS JOHNNY CASH
NAME CHECK REQUEST BY

DATE: 3/25/71
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - 

On 3/24/71

advised as follows:

Bureau files reveal that a suit was filed by the United States against Cash in June, 1967, for damages in excess of $125,000, alleging that a fire in June, 1965, destroyed 508 acres of national forest, the fire reportedly having been started by hot gases and sparks from a defective exhaust system on Cash's camper-truck. The Government alleged Cash failed to take reasonable precautions to control the fire and failed to report it to proper authorities. Judgment was entered on June 30, 1969, in favor of the United States in the sum of $82,000 together with interest.

In early 1970 sources in the Memphis Office in the entertainment field advised Cash was a reformed drinker and had taken the pledge; that he had a good reputation at that time and was reportedly religious and interested in the crusade of evangelist Dr. Billy Graham. The Memphis Office also advised that records of the Nashville Police Department revealed one Johnny Cash, born 2/26/32, who is believed identical with the subject, was arrested on 11/15/61 on "drunk" charges and forfeited a $5 fine.

CONTINUED - OVER
Memo to Mr. Sullivan  
Re: John R. Cash  
Also Known As Johnny Cash  

Identification Division records reveal an arrest of Cash on 5/31/65 by the Sheriff's Office at Minden, Nevada, on a charge of "drunk" and he was released on $50 bail. He was arrested on 10/4/65 by the United States Marshal at El Paso, Texas, on a charge of smuggling and concealing dexadrin and equinal tablets. Thirty days' sentence on each charge was suspended and he was fined $2,000, which was paid on 3/8/66. (62-5-35430)(63-13942-2) 

RECOMMENDATION: 

If approved, a summary of the above data, together with a copy of Cash's arrest record will be forwarded to
Mrs. Cash is not known to have been the subject of an investigation conducted by this Bureau.

Mr. Cash, who you advised is contacted through House of Cash, Incorporated, Post Office Box 508, Hendersonville, Tennessee, may be identical with one John R. Cash, a country or folk singer, born February 26, 1932, at Kingsland, Arkansas. Cash was the subject of a White House name check in 1970. A copy of the FBI memorandum dated January 8, 1970, concerning Johnny Cash, is attached.

(63-13942-2)

Also enclosed is a copy of FBI Identification Division Record 389 399 F concerning John R. Cash.

The central files of the FBI, including the files of the Identification Division, contain no additional pertinent information concerning captioned individuals based upon background information submitted in connection with this name check request.

Enclosures - 2

NOTE: Per request of [Staff Assistant, (Security), The White House]
Name Searching Unit, 4543 JEH-FBI Bldg.
Service Unit, 4654 JEH-FBI Bldg.
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Supervisor Room Ext.

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☐ All References (Subversive & Nonsubversive)
☐ Nonsubversive References Only
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Type of Search Requested:
☐ Restricted to Locality of
☐ Exact Name Only (On the Nose)
☐ Buildup
☐ Variations

Subject

Cash, Johnny (Kingston)

Birthdate & Place 2-26-32, Antioch, Tenn.

Address

House of God (R.C.)
10, 1106 5th St. Andersonville, Tenn.

Localities

R. Date 10-15 Searcher 444

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