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SUBJECT: Silas Newton
Office Memo - United States Government

To: Director, FBI

From: J.A.C., New Orleans

Subject: Flying Discs

Special Agent ___ of the New Orleans Division, has a brother ___ of the ___ advertising agency ___ has advised ___ that an employee of the ___ has been contacted by one ___ telephone ___ Colorado, regarding Flying Discs.

___ is alleged to have told ___ in January, 1950, that he knows a prominent Denver oilman named ___ Newton, also known as a 'mysterious Mr. X', and an official of the Newton Oil Co., Equitable Building, Denver, Colorado. Newton is claiming that he leased land in the Mojave Desert in California and that on this land a flying disc had been found intact, with eighteen three-foot tall human-like occupants, all dead or it but not burned. Further, that the disc was alleged to be of very hard metal and nearly indestructible. ___ is said to have exhibited a radio set to ___ purported to be a souvenir of the space disc.

According to ___ has been telling of this story all over for three months, period prior to January, 1950, and is said to have notified ___ of it weeks prior to the publication of a flying disc article published in the True Magazine, and one by Frank Scully published in the Variety Magazine in January, 1950. ___ claimed to have been visited by Donald Menzies, author of the article in the True Magazine.

Further data was furnished that ___ had been telling the tale so prolifically in Denver that he claimed to have had telephone calls from Washington, D.C. and from the Federal Bureau of Investigation in which he was requested to keep the information to himself and that, thereafter, he became mysterious about the entire matter.

It is noted that considerable publicity regarding these discs has been found in Denver and other papers.

This information is being furnished the Bureau and to the designated offices for informational purposes.

[Signatures and dates]

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SUBJECT: Silas Newton
January 29, 1941

Special Agent in Charge
New York, New York

Dear Sirs:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent _______________ dated January 7, 1941, at New York City.

It is noted that this report constitutes a file review for the purpose of setting forth the delinquent investigative leads for the various field offices and that a seventy-day delay was occasioned in the typing of this report.

This investigation requires active attention in an effort to bring it to a logical conclusion at the earliest possible date. The interested offices should, therefore, give this matter the necessary investigative attention in accordance with the leads set out and reports thereon should be submitted to the Bureau not later than February 25, 1941.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: File reviewed and all outstanding leads set out.

REFERENCE: Letter from Miami Field Office to Bureau under date of Sept. 24, 1940, with copy to New York Office.

DETAILS: A review of instant file is being made upon the request of the Special Agent in C area who suggested that such a review be made from serial 172 to date in order to bring this case to a logical conclusion as soon as possible.

Serial 172 is the report of Special Agent dated at New York City, April 27, 1940, and is a complete review of the entire file to that date. The principal leads set out in Special Agent report are those to ascertain the identity and background of the people whom Subject had contacted or had listed in her address book.

The report of Special Agent

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JAN 18 1941
At DENVER, COLORADO, will make appropriate inquiry through the Hotel Brown Palace for information as to the identity and general reputation of S.L. P. NEWTON, whom Subject attempted to contact telephonically on January 17, 1940. (Set out in report of Special Agent dated July 19, 1940 at New York City.)
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

NEW YORK CITY
FILE NO. 65-190

DENVER
DATE WHEN MADE: 2/18/41
PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 1/3, 7/10/41
REPORT MADE BY: RO

TITLE: 0
CHARACTER OF CASE: ESPIONAGE - G.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

SILAS M. NEWTON highly regarded at Brown Palace Hotel, Denver, Colo., where he has resided since 1/20/38. Records Retail Credit Men's Assn., Denver, revealed NEWTON has very substantial income, good character, and habits. No record of law suit, collection, or bankruptcy. Has been President of Oriental Refining Co., Denver, since 7/28/39; became connected with Kansas & Wyoming Oil Corp., Denver, Colo., in Sept. 1940. Both reputable concerns. No indication of Espionage activities. On 9/7/38 received inquiry relative possible mail fraud violation on part of NEWTON. Criminal record of one SILAS M. NEWTON received from Bureau on 9/24/38, set out.

- R.U.C. -

REFERENCE:
New York, 12-14-40.

DETAILS:
AT DENVER, COLORADO —-

Brown Palace Hotel, advised that SILAS M. NEWTON occupied Suite 632-643 from January 20, 1938, to December 1, 1940, at which time he moved to Suite 925-926, which he presently occupies. Advised that NEWTON's monthly rent is $250.

[Signature]

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[Signature]
He advised that SILAS M. NEWTON is connected with the Oriental Refining Company in Denver and is considered to be a man of some means. He advised that frequently NEWTON is out of the city when NEWTON returns to Denver.

stated he has known NEWTON during the time he has lived at the Brown Palace Hotel, and regards him as a very substantial man; that NEWTON is highly regarded about the hotel; and in his opinion, NEWTON is not engaged in foreign activities of any type. He said NEWTON frequently plays golf with of Denver, Colorado.

stated he has known NEWTON from the hotel since January 1, 1940, and it was ascertained that NEWTON did not make any phone calls from the hotel to New York City during instant period.

Denver, stated that NEWTON almost every day when NEWTON is in the city, and that in his opinion, NEWTON is a man of considerable means, highly regarded by all who come in contact with him; and is of the definite opinion that NEWTON is not engaged in Espionage activities.

stated he has known NEWTON for three or four years. NEWTON having lived at the Brown Palace Hotel. He said he knew NEWTON in New York City at the Gothen Hotel there; that NEWTON stayed at this hotel before he came to Denver about two years ago. He advised NEWTON had a high-priced apartment at the Gothen Hotel; however, as far as he knows, NEWTON has always conducted his affairs above-board.

advised NEWTON had a good reputation at the Gothen Hotel, New York City, and is also highly regarded at the Brown Palace Hotel in Denver. He mentioned that at times NEWTON is out of the city but stated NEWTON return to the city. is of the opinion that NEWTON has a very substantial income, and is positive that NEWTON has never been engaged in any Espionage activities.

stated they do not know where NEWTON goes while on his trips away from Denver, Colorado.
Denver, that NEWTON has had no credit activities; however, according to his records, SILAS W. NEWTON became President of the Oriental Refining Company, Denver, on July 28, 1939; and later became connected with the Kansas and Wyoming Oil Corporation, Denver, in September, 1940, both companies being reliable concerns, the Oriental Refining Company having a capital of $2,000,000.

also advised that NEWTON is reported to be of good character, good habits, very substantial earnings, there being no record of law suits, collections, or bankruptcy against NEWTON.

On September 7, 1938, the Denver Field Division received a letter from attorney-at-law, First National Bank Building, Denver, Colorado, which requested information concerning a possible mail fraud charge against one SILAS M. NEWTON.

Upon request of the Bureau, the Denver Field Division on September 24, 1938, received a copy of the criminal record of one SILAS M. NEWTON, FBI #855861, which is quoted as follows:

PD, NYC, NY. Silas M. Newton 7-8-31 fug.-warrant- 7-10-31, del. (Montclair, N.J. to N.J. Auth. conspiracy)

S Pol., Onida, NY. Silas Mason Newton, 9-25-34 false stock statements alias Silas Newton, #2388

S O, Elmira, N.Y. Silas M. Newton, 7-15-35 2 indictments - rel. on bail vio 952 P.L. $2500

PD, NYC, NY Silas M. Newton 9-25-36 G.L. 2nd (warrant)

WANTED by Det. 18th Sqd. Comp., #2163, 11-9-35 for Wichita, Kans.

WANTED by Det. for G. L., 1st, Binghamton, N.Y., card filed 9-14-34.
(Above notations as appearing on record sheet rec. from PD, NYC, NY).
attorney-at-law, 810 First National Bank Building, Denver, upon interview, advised that in 1958 he was requested by a banker of Denver, whose name he refused to reveal in view of the fact the banker is a client, to find out all he could about SILAS M. NEWTON, and especially with regard to a possible conviction in a mail fraud case, several years previously.

advised he communicated with numerous penitentiaries and Government agencies, receiving replies from all to whom he wrote, advising they had no record of SILAS M. NEWTON and did not know him.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE NEW YORK CITY DIVISION:

At New York City - Will make appropriate investigation at the Gotham Hotel concerning the general reputation of SILAS M. NEWTON, who stayed at this hotel prior to 1938, and who Subject attempted to contact telephonically on January 17, 1940.

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listed the name of SILAS M. NEWTON.

Reference report sets forth a lead for the Denver, Colorado, office to make appropriate inquiry at the Hotel Brown Palace for information as to the identity and general reputation of SILAS M. NEWTON. Inasmuch as it is now thought that investigation indicates NEWTON is presently in Hollywood, California, it is requested that the Manager of the Hotel Brown Palace be openly interviewed concerning the identity and general reputation of SILAS M. NEWTON.

In the same report a lead is set forth for the New York office to obtain certain telegrams from the Western Union Telegraph Company in compliance with lead set forth by Special Agent[---] dated at New York City, July 19, 1940. Inasmuch as it is highly possible that the Western Union Telegraph Company has disposed of these telegrams, no effort is being made toward obtaining copies from the Western Union telegraph office.

Attention is called to the undeveloped lead appearing in the report of Special Agent[---] dated January 7, 1941, at New York City, to ascertain the identities of the various persons with whom subject has been in telephonic communication as set out in the reports of Special Agent[---] at New York City, dated:

March 6, 1939
April 25, 1939

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It is also suggested that in the event a bank account is located in the name of Silas M. Newton that an examination of this account be made in order to determine if sums of money are being sent by Newton.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

OTILAS M. NEWTON resided Hollywood Knickerbocker Hotel 12-23-40 to 2-18-41. Believed by management to now be at Brown Palace Hotel, Denver, Colorado, which is permanent address.

NEWTON banks at Citizen's State Bank, McCracken, Kansas.

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DETAILS:

Hollywood Knickerbocker Hotel, 1711 Ivar Avenue, Los Angeles, obtained the guest registration card of NEWTON which reflected that he registered at the hotel on December 23, 1940, giving his address as the Brown Palace Hotel, Denver, Colorado, that he was assigned to apartment 914 at a rate of $5.00 per day and that he remained at the hotel until February 18, 1941. Upon leaving, NEWTON gave no forwarding address and it was assumed that he had returned to Denver.

The Knickerbocker Hotel had obtained a credit card from NEWTON which reflected the following:

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FILE NO. 65-44
Bank reference  Citizens State Bank
Local reference  McCracken, Kansas
                   Ambassador Hotel

Occupation  Treasurer Oriental Refining Company, Denver, Colorado

Contained in the file was a letter from the Citizens State Bank, McCracken, Kansas which stated that business relationships with Newton had been very satisfactory and that he was well able to care for his financial undertakings.

_______ stated that Newton was well known as a guest of the hotel as he had been making the Hollywood Knickerbocker his headquarters when in Los Angeles for the past five or six years, that very little was known of his associates or his business connections aside from the fact that he frequently referred to the petroleum industry and indicated that he was well versed in the industry. _______ further stated that Newton, while in Los Angeles, played golf continuously and that the reference on the credit card, ________

A review of Newton's account during the time of his stay reflected numerous long distance telephone calls. These were made from the hotel switchboard and an effort was made to obtain the hotel telephone tickets showing these calls, however, advised that the hotel did not retain them after the guests' bills were paid and therefore they were not available. For the information of the file the following record of telephone calls as taken from Newton's account is being set out:

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...advised that to his knowledge NEWTON had never referred to his ever having been married or having a family. He further stated that NEWTON had never indicated particular interest in the present international crisis and had never expressed any nationalistic sympathies.

...described NEWTON as:

- Age: 50 years
- Height: 5 feet, 9 inches
- Weight: 160 pounds
- Build: Heavy, rather stocky
- Complexion: Ruddy
- Smooth shaven
- Plays golf continuously

As noted on the credit card of NEWTON, he listed the Ambassador Hotel as a local reference.

Ambassador Hotel, obtained the hotel credit card on NEWTON, which reflected the identical information set out on the credit card held by the Hollywood Knickerbocker Hotel. In addition it gave his business address as 908 Equitable Building, Denver, Colorado. The credit card is dated October 14, 1938. A letter contained in this file from the Citizens State Bank, McCracken, Kansas also indicates that NEWTON is well able to take care of his financial undertakings.

With reference to NEWTON'S stay at the Ambassador Hotel, advised that he had only registered there on one occasion that being from October 14 to October 16, 1938. could not recall NEWTON or anything concerning him.

For the information of the Kansas City Office, report of reference states that information received from inspector
This Newton in all probability is Silas Newton who is referred to in the Federal Income Tax Return of [ ] for the year 1936, as reflected in the report of reference wherein the name of Silas M. Newton is listed.

Report of reference requested the Los Angeles Field Division to endeavor to locate a bank account for Silas M. Newton and examine same to determine if sums of money are being sent by Newton to subject. In view of the fact that subject is no longer residing at the Hollywood Knickerbocker Hotel, no further investigation by the Los Angeles Field Division is being conducted.

The indices of the Los Angeles Field Division contain no record on [ ] listed by Newton as a local reference.

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THE KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION

AT MC CRACKEN, KANSAS:

Will examine the bank account of SILAS M. NEWTON at the Citizens State Bank and determine if sums of money are being sent by NEWTON the subject of this case.

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SUBJECT: Silas Newton
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

This Case Originated At: NEW YORK CITY
Report Made At: KANSAS CITY, MO.
Date When Made: 7/1/41
Period For Report Made By Which Made: 5/16 - 6/18/41
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Title: with aliases
Character of Case: ESPIONAGE - G.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:
SILAS M. NEWTON is president of Kansas Western Pipe-
line Company, Denver, Colorado, which is a small oil company with three small producing oil wells
but no pipeline. NEWTON receives on average about
$200 per month from this corporation. NEWTON
reportedly drilling oil well near Los Angeles,
California, at present time. NEWTON believed
formerly to have received financial backing from
New York City. NEWTON reportedly
also associated in business with Wyoming. NEWTON well known
to Kansas. NEWTON reportedly has made no
disloyal or un-American statements in or near
McCracken, Kansas. NEWTON maintains no personal
bank account at Citizens State Bank, McCracken.
The Newton Development Company, of which SILAS M.
NEWTON is head official, maintains account at
Union National Bank, Wichita, Kansas, but nothing
of a suspicious nature appears concerning this
account.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent Los Angeles, California, dated 3/20/41.

DETAILS:

At McCracken, Kansas

Assistant Cashier of the Citizens State Bank,

McCracken, Kansas, upon interview advised that SILAS M. NEWTON was well known to him and although he did not carry a personal account with this bank, he did do business with the bank as president of the Kansas Western Pipeline Company, which company maintains an account at the Citizens State Bank at McCracken. Accordingly, the bank has no records of his transactions. NEWTON stated that NEWTON was the "promoter" type of individual and was more of an oil promoter. He confidentially advised that in his opinion, NEWTON has never drawn any money from the account at the Citizens State Bank at McCracken.

The subject of this case, from the account of the Kansas Western Pipeline Company in the Citizens State Bank at McCracken. The only withdrawals from this account appeared to be withdrawals of from $100 to $300, in favor of SILAS M. NEWTON, and smaller sums of money payable to employees of the Kansas Western Pipeline Company who are working on the three wells located in the vicinity of McCracken. Mr. NEWTON does not receive any set salary from this company, but draws on the account of this company according to his needs. He stated that usually the checks run between $100 and $500, and that NEWTON usually cashes those checks at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, and the Brown Palace Hotel in Denver, Colorado.

Stated that the oil produced by the three oil wells owned by the Kansas Western Pipeline Company is sold to the Shallow Water Refining Company, a branch of the Atlantic Refining Company, and that the deposits in the account of this company at the Citizens State Bank are from the sale of this oil.

Advised after referring to the records of the bank, that the address of the Kansas Western Pipeline is 908 Equitable Building, Denver, Colorado. In addition to being affiliated with this company, NEWTON is also president of the Kansas–Wyoming Oil Company at Denver, Colorado.
of the Newton Development Company of Denver, Colorado, and is also president of an oil company the name of which did not know, which is drilling a well in California near the ocean. He stated he believed that the location of these drilling operations is in the vicinity of Los Angeles. He stated that he had no definite information on this. According to Newt's former connection with the Oriental Refining Company of Denver, Colorado, and also was associated in the oil business with

advised that Mr. Newton had been financed in some of his promotion schemes and operations through J. H. Carpenter of New York, a financier, who he stated has been reported to him as the owner of the building in which the Columbia Broadcasting Company is located. He advised that his information at the present time is that Mr. Carpenter is dead.

stated that during the time Newton was in Kansas he had as his

stated that

know more about Newton's business and private affairs than any other individual in the State of Kansas. He stated that during the time Newton was in Kansas, he lived intermittently in Ness City, Kansas, at the Hotel Max. He stated his permanent address, however, appears to be the Brown Palace Hotel in Denver, Colorado, but that he also spends considerable time at the Knickerbocker Hotel and Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles or Hollywood, California.

stated that Newton is a personable and likeable type of individual, that he appears to be a good American citizen, has no accent in his speech, and has never made any un-American or disloyal or unsympathetic remarks in McCracken, Kansas, or in the presence of which would cause him to believe that he was otherwise than a good American. He advised that Mr. Newton displayed considerable interest in the last presidential election and that his political remarks during that election were in favor of the Republican presidential candidate.

advised that Newton has never resided in McCracken, has never borrowed money from the Citizens State Bank, and maintains a very low balance in the bank at McCracken. He stated that the account amounts to only a transfer account, and that approximately as fast as money is taken in it is paid out to the employees of the company operating the oil wells and Mr. Newton.
that it was about six weeks prior to May 16, 1941, that a withdrawal or deposit appeared in this account.

stated that the Newton Development Company, of which Mr. Newton is president, has banking connections in Wichita, Kansas, but he was unable to recall the name of the bank that these connections were with.

At Wichita, Kansas

Cashier of the Kansas State Bank; Assistant Cashier of the Southwest National Bank; and Vice President of the First National Bank; and Assistant Cashier of the Fourth National Bank, all in Wichita, Kansas, were contacted in an effort to locate the bank account of the Newton Development Company, with negative results.

Assistant Cashier of the Union National Bank, Wichita, Kansas, upon interview advised that the Newton Development Company maintains an account at that bank. Displayed to Agent the records and account of this company at that bank, which reflected that the account was in the name of the Newton Development Company, and that S. M. Newton was the only individual authorized to draw on this account. The address of the Newton Development Company was given as Box 433, Ness City, Kansas, and later changed to the Broadview Hotel, Wichita, Kansas, and later to Box 3, Dodge City, Kansas, on May 12, 1936. It was subsequently changed to 908 Equitable Building, Denver, Colorado, which according to these records is the present address of this company. Stated that although the records did not reflect it, he was of the opinion that S. M. Newton had formerly been associated with the Moody Interests, of considerable wealth and backing at Galveston, Texas.

An inspection of the records concerning this account of the Newton Development Company reflected that there were no cancelled checks which had not been sent to the company at the Union National Bank. The records reflected that the balance in this account at the time it was inspected on June 12, 1941, was $115.97. A further inspection of this account reflected that the average balance from March 21, 1941, to May 27, 1941, was about $300. The deposits during that period were $1,675, and the largest withdrawal during this period was $350. This bank does not have a RECORDACK System, and it was
impossible to determine to whom the withdrawals were made in favor of. ________ advised that he does not recall ever having seen a withdrawal from this account made in favor of ________.

He advised that if regular withdrawals were made in favor of this individual he would know about it.

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KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION

At Topeka, Kansas, will contact [blank] for any additional information he might have concerning [Name] and his affiliations or association with Subject [blank] with aliases, Subject in this case.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

This Case Originated At: NEW YORK CITY
Report Made At K.C. File #65-7
KANSAS CITY, MO. 7/1/41
Period For Which Made 5/16 - 6/18/41 HD
Report Made By
Character of Case
with aliases ESPIONAGE - G.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

SILAS M. NEWTON is president of Kansas Western Pipeline Company, Denver, Colorado, which is a small oil company with three small producing oil wells but no pipeline. NEWTON receives on average about $200 per month from this corporation. NEWTON reportedly drilling oil well near Los Angeles, California, at present time. NEWTON believed formerly to have received financial backing from J. H. CARPENTER, New York City. NEWTON reportedly also associated in business with NEWTON well known to

NEWTON reportedly has made no disloyal or un-American statements in or near McCracken, Kansas. NEWTON maintains no personal bank account at Citizens State Bank, McCracken. The Newton Development Company, of which SILAS M. NEWTON is head official, maintains account at Union National Bank, Wichita, Kansas, but nothing of a suspicious nature appears concerning this account.

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KANSAS CITY 8-9-41 8-1-41
Title: 
Character of Case: with aliases ESPIONAGE - C.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

interviewed

and

SILAS L. NEWTON

Describes NEWTON as

States NEWTON:

SILAS L. NEWTON

May have necessary information concerning possible marriage of NEWTON to subject

NEWTON has done banking with the Citizens Bank, McCracken, Kansas.

associated with NEWTON, and

may be source of information. NEWTON alleged to have been married twice.

When last known of by NEWTON had traveling with

him.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent Kansas City, Missouri dated 7-1-41.

DETAILS: At Topeka, Kansas:

was interviewed, and requested to furnish confidential information concerning his knowledge of SILAS M. NEWTON,

and in his opinion SILAS M. NEWTON

stated that he has never heard of SILAS M. NEWTON being associated with a woman by the name of but stated that he believed NEWTON had been married at least twice and that approximately three years ago NEWTON

stated he later learned that SILAS L. NEWTON's wife had allegedly left a sizable estate in stocks, bonds, and jewelry, but that NEWTON was unable to get possession of them after her death and was very much disappointed.

also stated that SILAS M. NEWTON

and if approached properly might furnish some information concerning SILAS M. NEWTON, also advised that NEWTON had done business with the Citizens Bank at McCracken, Kansas; that he is known to do business with the following banks: The United States National Bank of Denver, Colorado, The Union National Bank of Wichita, Kansas under the name of the Newton Development Company, states that the account at the Union National Bank in Wichita is used by NEWTON

stated that he is well aware of the fact that MR. J. H. CARPENTER, deceased, formerly of New York City loaned large sums of money in the past for SILAS L. NEWTON in the oil business.

states that Mr. J. H. CARPENTER at one time called on him at Newton, Kansas and told him that he anticipated turning over three or four hundred thousand dollars to NEWTON for investment, stating that he was obligated to NEWTON through past business experiences with NEWTON; had been the cause of him receiving some large profits.

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furnished additional information to the effect that SILAS M. NEWTON frequently making long distance telephone calls when unnecessary, and stated that he traveled almost exclusively by air.

He added that the only woman who he knew NEWTON to be known to him NEWTON had been traveling about 24 years. He stated that when last known to him NEWTON was staying at the Arlington Hotel, Ness City, Kansas, and that as he was suffering some physical ailment.

furnished information that who is reported to be in the present time working for NEWTON, NEWTON and may be able to furnish information if properly approached.
UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE DENVER FIELD DIVISION:

At Denver, Colorado, will endeavor to locate and discretely interview concerning the possible marriage of SILAS M. NEWTON to subject.

Will endeavor to locate and interview of SILAS M. NEWTON in order to ascertain in a discreet manner whether NEWTON is married to subject.

Will make investigation at the United States National Bank to ascertain in a discreet manner whether or not SILAS M. NEWTON is now, or has been in the past, writing checks payable to under that name, or known aliases.

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION:

At Long Beach, California, will discretely interview an employee of NEWTON, with a view to ascertaining whether or not NEWTON is married to, or associated with,

THE KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION:

At McCracken, Kansas, will interview officials of the Citizens Bank to obtain information concerning SILAS M. NEWTON, with specific view to ascertain whether or not checks written by NEWTON have cleared the bank, marked payable to under that name or known aliases.

At Wichita, Kansas, at employed by SILAS M. NEWTON from that establishment, and if possible will ascertain her present address and such information as may be pertinent to this case.
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The following report was received by the Los Angeles office from the Long Beach Police Department, Long Beach, California.

Report of Special Agent Frank Johnson of Los Angeles Office, California.

Information on the following page clearly indicates that a

Return to the Los Angeles office for further investigation.

**Synopsis of Facts:**

- Report submitted by the Los Angeles office for further investigation.

**Character of Case:**

- Investigative.
"We understand that Mr. SILAS M. NEWTON, living in an unknown hotel in Los Angeles had to apply for a permit and post a bond with the State Oil and Gas Division located in the Bankers' Building, Sixth and Hill Streets, Los Angeles. Possibly information can be obtained from that division as to where [ ] is living. Another source of information would be to contact [ ]. Our informant stated that he did have the address of the hotel but at the present time is unable to remember the name of the hotel."

PENDING
UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE DENVER FIELD DIVISION:

At Denver, Colorado, will discreetly interview [blank] who is reportedly employed by the Newton Development Company, 908 Equitable Building, with a view to ascertaining whether Silas M. Newton is married to or associated with [blank].

THE NEWARK FIELD DIVISION:

At Paterson, New Jersey, will interview [blank] as he may possess regarding [blank] for such information.

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION:

At Los Angeles, California, will discreetly check with the State Oil and Gas Division located in the Bankers' Building, Sixth and Hill Streets, Los Angeles, relative to any information which they may possess concerning [blank] and Silas N. Newton.

Will also check the Retail Merchants Credit Association at Los Angeles for any information concerning the above-named men.
was reportedly residing at the Hollywood Knickerbocker Hotel, Hollywood, California, and had authorized Oil and Gas Division for the Newton Development Company. advised that she has no record of

On October 21, 1941, the Hollywood Knickerbocker Hotel, 1714 Ivar Avenue, Hollywood, California, was recontacted, and, in addition to the information which he had previously furnished to the Los Angeles Office and which is contained in the report of Special Agent dated March 20, 1941, in instant case, further advised that SILAS M. NEWTON is presently residing at the Hollywood Knickerbocker Hotel and has been a guest at the hotel since March 1941; that for years NEWTON has made it a practice to reside at the Knickerbocker when in Los Angeles, but that he has always lived alone at the hotel and has never been accompanied by a wife, and has never indicated in any way that he is married. Stated that NEWTON has never discussed his marital status insofar as informant knows. Continuing, advised that at the present time Mr. NEWTON stated that

He advised that NEWTON is connected in some way with the petroleum business and is associated with. In view of this situation, it was not considered advisable to attempt to discretely interview relative to NEWTON'S marital status or his relationship with subject

Special Agent discretely contacted regarding the marital status of NEWTON and was advised that SILAS M. NEWTON stated that he was cognizant of the fact that NEWTON was or had been married, but stated that he never saw NEWTON'S wife, did not know her name, and did not know whether she was living or dead. Was of the opinion that NEWTON volunteered the information that none of the Newton drillers or riggers working for the Newton Development Company knew anything about NEWTON'S marital status, because this subject had come up in a discussion one day, but no one was able to furnish any information concerning NEWTON'S domestic affairs.

The records of the Los Angeles Retail Merchants Credit Association were checked with regard to SILAS M. NEWTON, with negative results.
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SUBJECT: Silas Newton
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE: ALBUQUERQUE
OFFICE OF ORIGIN: ALBUQUERQUE
DATE: 7/21/70
INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD: 4/3/70 - 6/26/70

Buckhorn Mining Company; Magnetic Research Foundation; Silas Mason Ecton;

CHARACTER OF CASE: ITSP - CONFIDENCE GAMES

REFERENCES:
Albuquerque airInc to Los Angeles, dated 4/3/70;
Albuquerque letter to Oklahoma City, dated 5/28/70;
Oklahoma City letter to Albuquerque, dated 6/26/70.

LEADS:

OKLAHOMA CITY DIVISION (INFORMATION)

Information copy of this report is being furnished to Oklahoma City Division in view of outstanding investigation.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED

CONVIC AUTO FUG FINES SAVINGS RECOVERIES ACQUITALS

CASE HAS BEEN
PENDING OVER ONE YEAR
PENDING PROSECUTION
OVER SIX MONTHS

APPROVED
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

COPY MADE:

- Bureau

1 - Oklahoma City (87-15597)
   (Info)

2 - Albuquerque (87-7861)

Dissemination Record of Attached Report

Agency
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Notations

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SILAS NEWTON, presently under indictment Los Angeles, California, for fraud, returned to Silver City, New Mexico, area January, 1970, and began to organize what appears as a mining swindle. Investigation shows contacts have been made with out-of-state individuals to purchase property developed by NEWTON. No traces of minerals claimed to be on property have been located in assay and indications are property is being salted.

DETAILS:

AT SILVER CITY, NEW MEXICO

This matter reopened in the Albuquerque office upon the return of subject SILAS MASON NEWTON to the Silver City, New Mexico, area and the apparent indication that he has begun to operate a confidence game in this area.

NEWTON returned to Silver City, New Mexico, approximately January, 1970, and has associated himself with the business relationship between NEWTON and has not been established; however, NEWTON has opened an office in Silver City.
ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION

AT SILVER CITY, NEW MEXICO

Maintain contact with established sources close to the mining operation of captioned subjects.
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City and has printed on the window of the office "Magnetic Research Foundation and Buckhorn Mine." An extension phone connects the offices of NEWTON although they are in opposite ends of the block.

The Buckhorn Mine basically consists of two properties, one of which is the mining property where the development work is being conducted and secondly a piece of property approximately fifty miles distance on the other side of the county in Vanadium, New Mexico, whereon is located a small mill and custom smelter. The second property is believed to be leased with option to buy. A source actually working in this operation has provided rock samples and a surreptitious assay of these samples for mercury, which is the stated mineral the property is being developed for, show absolutely no traces of mercury in the assay. Statements have been made to also locating silver; however, as of this date the silver assay has not been completed.

A recent conversation between NEWTON, and an unidentified third person was overheard in which it was stated that one of the three was to leave for El Paso where he was to obtain mercury and in addition to that an exclamatory statement was made, "This mill has to operate for only one day, that's all we need, just one day."

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

A review of the records of the County Clerk, Los Angeles, California, by SA revealed the following information:

On April 30, 1969, SILAS MASON NEWTON appeared
and withdrew not guilty plea and pled guilty to count one (26104A Corp Code). Probation and sentencing on count one and disposition on remaining counts set for June 24, 1969.

On June 24, 1969, probation and sentencing continued to December 29, 1969.

On December 29, 1969, on a motion of the defendant, probation and sentencing continued until July 13, 1970.

The following investigation was conducted by SA on April 30, 1970:

AT SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

State Corporation Commission, Corporation Records' Section, advised there was nothing on record in his office for the Buckhorn Mine, Magnetic Research Foundation, but that the Copper Corporation of America, filed articles of incorporation on February 14, 1969, listing their principal address as 110 Yankie Street, P. O. Box 922, Silver City, New Mexico, and the agent of the company as The corporation has authorization for 25,000 shares of issued stock valued at $25,000.

According to the articles of incorporation, the purpose of this corporation was to mine, smelt, refine, convert, prepare for market copper, sulfuric acid, chlorine, cryolite aluminum by-products, gold, silver, lead, zinc, brass, iron, and steel.

The Directors of the company are

The Incorporators are the same persons named as Directors.

The names of the stockholders and the value of the stock was not given on the record and there was no description of the properties held by the corporation in this record.

AT SILVER CITY, NEW MEXICO
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE
ALBUQUERQUE

DATE
11/30/70

INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
7/2/70 - 11/24/70

OFFICE OF ORIGIN
ALBUQUERQUE

TITLE OF CASE
BUCKHORN MINING COMPANY;
MAGNETIC RESEARCH FOUNDATION;
SILAS MASON NEWTON;

REFERENCES:
Oklahoma City letter to Albuquerque, dated 7/30/70.
Albuquerque letter to Los Angeles, dated 9/21/70.
Los Angeles letter to Albuquerque, dated 10/12/70.

LEADS:

ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION

AT PINOS ALTOS, NEW MEXICO

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED
NONE

ACQUITTALS

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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$ DEC 4 1970
2. Will, therefore, set forth appropriate leads to have interviewed concerning information that he reportedly advanced a substantial sum of money to NEWTON and in connection with the Buckhorn Mining Company.

AT SILVER CITY, NEW MEXICO
Copy to: U. S. Attorney, Albuquerque

Report of: SA Office: ALBUQUERQUE
Date: November 30, 1970

Field Office File #: AQ 87-7861 Bureau File #: 87-111909

Title: BUCKHORN MINING COMPANY;
       MAGNETIC RESEARCH FOUNDATION;
       SILAS MASON NEWTON;

Character: INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN PROPERTY -
           CONFIDENCE GAME

Synopsis:

that an individual known only as reportedly advanced
a substantial sum of money to Newton in connection with
an apparent "salted" mining operation near Buckhorn, New Mexico.

DETAILS:
The following investigation was conducted by SA

AT POTEAU, OKLAHOMA
The following investigation was conducted by SA on September 30, 1970:

**AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

File Number A-226576, which is a criminal case in the Superior Court, Los Angeles County, Los Angeles, California, charges SILAS M. NEWTON with illegally selling a security for value without having permission from the Commission of Corporations, State of California. He allegedly sold an interest in an oil well to be drilled in Sedona, Arizona.

The file reflects that on July 21, 1970, attorney for the victims in this criminal case, advised Superior Court Judge RICHARD HAYDEN that complete restitution had been made by NEWTON to the victims, and that mutual releases had been signed with regard to all transactions between NEWTON and the victims.

This case came up for hearing on July 24, 1970, and the defendant entered a motion to withdraw his plea of guilty and to enter a plea of not guilty.

On the court's own motion, the case was dismissed in the interest of justice pursuant to Section 1385 Penal Code (PC), and NEWTON's bail was exonerated.

For the information of the Albuquerque Office, the probation report, which was dated June 30, 1969, contained the following information concerning NEWTON:

He was born on July 19, 1937, at Shelby County, Kentucky. He is divorced and is a college graduate. He has claimed his occupation was that of a geologist, who had an income of $500 a month, being employed by the Mechanic Research Foundation, Tucson, Arizona. He claims to have a Bachelor of Science in geology from Baylor University and to have studied for six months at Oxford University in London.

NEWTON has been married four times. Two of these relationships ended in divorce, and two with the deaths of his wives. He was last married in 1950, and this wife divorced
NEWTON has had no military service. He claims to be a life member of the Professional Golfers Association.

He has FBI Number 835 161.

The probation report sets out the following arrest record:

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Senior Special Investigator California Commission of Corporations, described NEWTON as an accomplished con man of many years standing, who is knowledgeable in the field of petroleum and mining, and has exploited this knowledge in swindling people.

Letters of commendation to the subject were sent to the probation office by the following individuals:
AT SILVER CITY, NEW MEXICO

The August 12, 1970, issue of the "Silver City Daily Press," published at Silver City, New Mexico, contained on the front page two photographs bearing the caption, "New Mine Near Buckhorn." The caption under the photographs continued to state that S. M. NEWTON shipped ore samples from the above shown mine to California by air Monday to be assayed. The mine, which is believed to contain silver ore, is located about one mile north of Buckhorn in Western Grant County. The mine is located on the side of a hill on state land and is near an area where NEWTON has been seeking mercury for about five years. A fault runs through the area of the small pit and black rock is located in the earth below the fault.
November 30, 1970

The following information:

He has, in the past, been acquainted with SILAS NEWTON who have been engaged in numerous mining ventures in the vicinity of Silver City and Grant County, New Mexico. He has seen recent publicity in the Silver City newspaper concerning a mine near Buckhorn reportedly operated by NEWTON and he has, in fact, had occasion to perform assay tests on samples of ore allegedly coming from the mine near Buckhorn as well as from a mine near Vanadium, New Mexico, also reportedly operated by NEWTON. He said his tests on the ore proved that the ore was worthless and did not contain substantial amounts of silver or mercury as indicated in the publicity in the local press. He further commented that the publicity concerning the mine near Buckhorn, New Mexico, made mention of the possibility of mercury in this area, which he stated was practically impossible inasmuch as this area is located in an old lava flow where mercury would be unlikely to be found.

stated that his office was to an office occupied by NEWTON and the partitions in the office were very thin and NEWTON being elderly, were somewhat hard of hearing and conversed in loud voice. He does recall hearing conversation through the partition at one time wherein somebody was being asked or told to go to El Paso and buy a quantity of mercury. He could conclude only that the purpose of the mercury was to be used to "salt" the mine either near Buckhorn or Vanadium, New Mexico, with the idea of convincing someone that the mine was, in fact, valuable for the purpose of obtaining mercury.

continued that it has been rumored that an individual known as had advanced a substantial sum of money, something in the neighborhood of $50,000, to NEWTON ostensibly for development work on the Buckhorn mine. He could conclude only knowing NEWTON's background as

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in Silver City, is unknown to him, who has reported that one of the principal reasons he came to Silver City was that he had discussed with him the possibilities of a mining venture in connection with either the Buckhorn mine or the property in Vanadium. He said that the name of this individual was the first to arrive in connection with the present venture. No one other than Newton has been mentioned as having any substantial quantities of silver or mercury from either property.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE
ALBUQUERQUE

OFFICE OF ORIGIN
ALBUQUERQUE

DATE
3/31/71

INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
12/23/70 - 3/26/71

TITLE OF CASE
BUCKHORN MINING COMPANY;
MAGNETIC RESEARCH FOUNDATION;
SILAS MASON MENTON;

REPORT MADE BY
SA

CHARACTER OF CASE
ITSP - CONFIDENCE GAME

REFERENCES:
Albuquerque report of SA
Albuquerque airtel to Jackson, 1/27/71.

11/30/70.

LEADS:

JACKSON

AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

Furnish Albuquerque results of interview with

as requested in re Airtel.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED
CONVICT

NONE

AUTO

PUG

FINES

SAVINGS

RECOVERIES

ACQUITALS

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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Bureau (87-111909) (RM)

2- Jackson (RM)

3- Albuquerque (87-7861)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA
Date: March 31, 1971

Office: ALBUQUERQUE

Field Office File #: AQ 87-7861
Bureau File #: 87-111909

Title: BUCKHORN MINING COMPANY;
       MAGNETIC RESEARCH FOUNDATION;
       SILAS MASON NEWTON;

Character: INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN PROPERTY -
           CONFIDENCE GAME

Synopsis: advised subjects
          in contact with unidentified persons from through
          [FNU]

 DETAILS:
(1) Maintain contact with [___] for any further information concerning subjects' activities.

(2) Upon receipt of results of interview with [___] from Jackson, conduct any further necessary investigation.

AT ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

Through contact with the [___] attempt to identify and obtain background information on an FNU reportedly [___] who has been in contact with individuals from [___] on behalf of subjects NEWTON [___]
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

12/30/70

Office furnished the following information:

He has recently heard that SILAS NEWTON [FNU] have recently been in contact with some as yet unidentified "pigeons" from [ ] [ ]. He said NEWTON [ ] have established an assay laboratory on Bullard Street in Silver City, New Mexico, and in addition to NEWTON [ ] [ ] said that the establishment of the laboratory lends a certain amount of credence to the information that NEWTON [ ] are setting up some "pigeons" from [ ] in order to get these individuals to put up some money in a mining venture either in Vanadium, New Mexico, or at the mine near Buckhorn, New Mexico, which has recently received a considerable amount of publicity.

On 12/23/70 at Silver City, New Mexico. File AQ 87-7861

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AT SILVER CITY, NEW MEXICO:

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Notations indicated by * are NOT baseotive leads as being possibly identical with.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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He has no recent information concerning the whereabouts of SILAS NEWTON. He said NEWTON was scheduled to appear in District Court, Silver City, during the past week but he understands the appearance has been postponed because NEWTON is reportedly ill somewhere in California.

He advised that the [blank] is operated by one [blank] and it does not appear at this time as though either NEWTON or [blank] have an interest in this venture.

He also said that he had no additional information concerning the identity of (first name unknown) the [blank] who is said to have been in contact with people from [blank] who are interested in investing in mining ventures with NEWTON [blank] on 3/26/71 at Silver City, New Mexico File: AG 87-7861

by [blank] /jj Date dictated 3/30/71

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE: ALBUQUERQUE
OFFICE OF ORIGIN: ALBUQUERQUE
DATE: 5/19/71
INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD: 3/25/71 - 5/17/71

TITLE OF CASE: BUCKHORN MINING COMPANY; MAGNETIC RESEARCH FOUNDATION; SILAS MASON NEWTON;

CHARACTER OF CASE: ITSP - CONFIDENCE GAME

REFERENCES:

ADMINISTRATIVE:
In view of the fact that [ ] whose interview is reported herein, has stated he loaned NEWTON approximately $10,000 about 4 years ago and because of the fact that [ ] considers this to be a loan to NEWTON rather than considering that he was cheated or swindled by NEWTON in any way and further in view of the fact that NEWTON at this time is no longer in the Silver City, NM, area, this matter is being closed.

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U S GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 1970 O-276-129
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Report of
Date: May 19, 1971

Field Office File #: AQ 87-7861
Bureau File #: 87-111909

Office: Albuquerque

Title: BUCKHORN MINING COMPANY;
MAGNETIC RESEARCH FOUNDATION;
SILAS MASON NEWTON;

Character: INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN PROPERTY -
CONFIDENCE GAME

Synopsis: advised he loaned NEWTON
approximately $10,000 about 4 years ago. advised that
he considered the money advanced to NEWTON as a loan and did
not consider that he had been cheated or swindled in any way.
Efforts to identify FMI unsuccessful. could furnish no additional information concerning
He further stated NEWTON is not known to be in the Silver City,
NM, area at this time.

DETAILS:
was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the inquiry which concerned knowledge of SILAS NEWTON and their mining property in Silver City, New Mexico.

stated that he has known SILAS NEWTON for about four or five years and that he loaned him $10,000 about four years ago and that NEWTON has paid back part of this money. He advised that he never gave NEWTON a lump sum of this money but that it was over a period of time. He stated that neither NEWTON nor have tried to sell him any stock in any mines and that he has spent some time in Silver City with NEWTON who is a of his.

stated that he met who is also known to him as through NEWTON and that

stated that he believed NEWTON was to have some silver and mercury mines. stated that he could not be led to believe that NEWTON would attempt to sell any fraudulent mining stock as he was in his opinion too fine a gentlemen; however,

stated that in 1968 when he was in New Mexico, he believed Mr. NEWTON advised him that had "beaten him out of lots of money", but he could not prove it.

stated that he could furnish no further information concerning any of the mining adventures of NEWTON and could furnish no further information concerning either of them.

On 3/23/71 at Jackson, Mississippi

by yh

SD
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent

AT SILVER CITY, NEW MEXICO

Further advised that SILAS NEWTON has not been in the Silver City, New Mexico, area for quite some time and noted that NEWTON was the defendant in a law suit involving the Village of Bayard, New Mexico. He said NEWTON conveniently
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became ill when this suit was called for trial in Grant County District Court and he has not known NEWTON to be back in the Silver City, New Mexico, Area since that time.
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April 25, 1951.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau
of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Re Silas M. Newton - No. 835861

The subject named above is cited as authority for a highly fanciful book entitled "Behind the Flying Saucers", written by one Frank Scully and published by Holt in 1950. The gist of the book is that the so-called "flying saucers" are really manifestations of secret and sinister scientific research by the government.

Newton's arrest record, as shown by your files, is familiar to us. He is the owner of the Newton Oil Company, a small but active oil producing organization with offices at 315 Franklin Street, Denver, Colorado. He describes himself as a graduate of Yale, which appears to be true and as a geophysicist engaged in secret governmental research.

He is apparently wealthy, or at least possessed of sufficient temporary means to live in luxury and dress expensively. His home is at 1929 Whitley Street, Hollywood, but all messages to him, or appointments with him, must be made through the Hollywood Knickerbocker Hotel. One is associated with him in Denver.

We are writing you because has stated that a complete investigation of Newton has been made by your Bureau. Presumably this investigation has confirmed his cryptic allusions to his being engaged in governmental research of a secret nature.

Other circumstances coming to our attention in the light of his criminal record indicate to us that Newton is engaged in the perpetration of a hoax or swindle of large
proportions. If you have any information concerning this man, other than his arrest record, we would greatly appreciate receiving it.

Very truly yours,

EDMUND G. BROWN
Attorney General

By

Arthur H. Sherry
Chief Assistant Attorney General

AHS:W
MAY 5, 1951

Honorable Edmund G. Brown
Attorney General
State of California
600 State Building
San Francisco, California

By dear Mr. Attorney General:)

Reference is made to your letter dated April 28, 1951, signed by Arthur H. Sherry, Chief Assistant Attorney General, in which you request information concerning Silas K. Newton - No. 835881.

You are advised that the FBI has conducted an investigation of Newton pertinent to your inquiry.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

DENVER (Information) With copy of the information. 
LOS ANGELES (Information) With copy of the information.
SAN FRANCISCO (Information) With copy of the information.

It is desired that the San Francisco Office contact the Office of the Attorney General of the State of California to determine if Newton is violating any federal statutes in claiming to be "engaged in governmental research of a secret nature," or in the "perpetration of a hoax or fraud of large proportions."

Files reflect the arrest record of Newton, FBI No. 835881, last arrested by the New York City PD for grand larceny (951589).

In the investigation (file 65859), information was received that the subject married Silas K. Newton, a wealthy engineer and manufacturer, on 7-6-39. During this investigation, inquiries were made concerning Newton in Denver and Los Angeles, and no additional information was received. Investigation of April, 1949, as no evidence was developed indicating

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she was engaged in espionage activities. (65-337-205, 193, 183, 170, 168)

The book "Behind the Flying Saucers", by Frank Scully, was analyzed in a memo from Mr. Ladd to the Director, dated 10-17-50. OSI, Washington, D.C., advised the assertions made in the book are "hogwash". "Time" magazine stated that the scientific credibility of the book was below that of a comic book. Scully claimed that the information for the book was furnished to him by an unidentified lecturer at Denver University, and by a [Blank]. Neither of these persons were identified by Scully. (100-224-6)
May 15, 1951

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

This will acknowledge and thank you for your recent letter in answer to our inquiry relating to Silas M. Newton, No. 835861. Your interest and cooperation in this matter is sincerely appreciated.

This office was recently contacted by Special Agent [Blank] of your San Francisco office and all information relating to the current activities of Newton was made available to [Blank].

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

H. G. Robinson
Deputy Director
Department of Justice

HGR:fla
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MR. A. H. BELMONT
SILAS N. NEWTON

SECURITY HATER - A

(1) To advise you of the details concerning
an inquiry from the Office of the Attorney General,
California Department of Justice, concerning Silas N.
Newton (2) to incorporate pertinent
information concerning Newton into the main
case files for future reference; (3) to recommend that
the attached letter be forwarded to former AA
who is presently attached to the Office of
the Attorney General, State of California.

BACKGROUND:

On May 1, 1951, an inquiry was received at
the Bureau from the Office of the Attorney General,
State of California, in a letter dated April 28, 1951,
pertaining to Silas N. Newton, FBI #205501, which
has been cited as an authority for a book entitled "Behind the
Flying Saucers," which was published by one Frank Scully
in 1950. The gist of the book is that the so-called
flying saucers are manifestations of secret scientific
research being conducted by the Government.

The letter from the Office of the Attorney
General further advised that Silas N. Newton had an
arrest record which was known to the Office of the
Attorney General of the State of California and requested
the Bureau to furnish the Office of the Attorney General
with any additional information other than his arrest
record which might be available in the Bureau files.
The letter was signed by Arthur M. Shely, Chief Assistant Attorney General, for Edmund G. Brown, Attorney General for the State of California.

By letter dated May 3, 1951, to the Attorney General, State of California, the Bureau advised that an investigation of Newton pertinent to the inquiry from the Office of the Attorney General had been conducted. A summary of information concerning the book "Behind the Flying Saucers" was set forth as an addendum and this summary reflects that O.M.I., Washington, D.C., advised that the assertions in the book are "hogwash." Time Magazine stated that "the scientific ability of the book was below that of a comic book." Scully claimed that the information in the book was furnished to him by an unidentified lecturer at Denver University and by a Nobody of these persons were identified by Scully. (100-3244-5)

With respect to Hines M. Newton, Bureau files reflect that he is a wealthy speculator and that he was arrested by the New York Police Department on September 25, 1930, for grand larceny. (93-1509)

Newton was formerly married to ________ with aliases, the subject of an investigation in July of 1939. (35-639)

Subsequent to the above inquiry, a letter was received from the Office of the Attorney General of the State of California dated June 14, 1951, signed by E. G. Robinson, Deputy Director, Department of Justice, State of California, requesting that the Bureau furnish any information which might further identify Newton according to Mr. Robinson's letter, mentioned above as a source of technical information in connection with the publication of flying saucers. A check of the Bureau files failed to reflect any identifiable information concerning Newton.
By letter dated June 22, 1951, Mr. Robinson was advised that bureau files fail to reflect any information identifiable with this individual. A copy of the reply to Mr. Robinson was furnished to the Phoenix Office for information.

By letter dated June 27, 1951, the Phoenix Office advised that

With respect to Mr. E. C. Robinson, who prepared the letter of inquiry from the Office of the Attorney General, State of California, under date of June 14, 1951,
Robinson, a former Special Agent of the Bureau who entered on duty as a Special Agent (A) in March of 1944 and resigned on April 29, 1944. His resignation stated that he felt that he had progressed as far as he could in the Bureau's employ and no derogatory information appears in the file concerning him.

A news item submitted by the San Francisco Office dated December 3, 1950, which appeared in the San Francisco News, reflected that Robinson was to be appointed director of investigation for Attorney General-elect Edmund G. Brown, present Attorney General for the State of California, and that Robinson was formerly connected with the Senate Investigations Committee in Washington and that prior to that time he was associated with the Truman Committee. (67-33288)

**Observation:**

In view of the fact that it has now come to the attention of the Bureau that Lee Gehauer is identical with Lee Julius Arnold Gehauer, FBI number 3994836, it is felt that as a matter of cooperation with the California authorities, the Bureau might desire to refer the California authorities to the public record of Gehauer's conviction since that conviction is a matter of public record.

**Recommendation:**

If you approve, it is recommended that the attached letter be forwarded to the Office of the Attorney General for the State of California, pointing out that Lee Gehauer, concerning whom an inquiry was received, may be identical with Lee Julius Arnold Gehauer who was convicted in Federal Court at Tucson, Arizona, on February 28, 1944.

A current check of the Identification Records of the Bureau does not reflect an arrest for Lee Julius Arnold Gehauer subsequent to 1944.

The letter setting forth the above information is attached herewith.