TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (87-45500) (P)
SUBJECT: "SWAG SHOP"
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         TFIS - FENCE
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Re Chicago letter to Bureau dated 9/27/76; Bureau teletype to Chicago dated 10/27/76; Chicago teletype to Bureau and Minneapolis dated 11/10/76 and Chicago letter to San Antonio (IO) dated 11/10/76.

The referenced Chicago letter set forth the intended plan of action of the Chicago Division as a high level jewelry and stolen property fencing operation. The referenced Bureau teletype authorized expenditure of FBI funds for the operation. The Chicago teletype dated 11/10/76 set forth recent developments at Chicago, which will be discussed below.

Upon receipt of FBI HQ authority to expend funds, CG 11685-C was advised to contact the Mayfair Management Company, 5 North Wabash building realty agents and initiate rental of suitable office space. The source was provided several available locations and a decision was made by the Chicago Division to lease Suite 1103, 5 North Wabash. This location is adjacent to the building elevator bank and has windows opening on to Madison Street. Bureau Agents of the Chicago Division trained in Technical Security and Photographic Surveillance conducted a preliminary survey of the suite,

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business as a channel for secret funds. Therefore, they are only interested in high level burglaries and trailer loads of merchandise. This attitude should discourage the street level hoodlum from attempting to unload the proceeds of a low level robbery, i.e. a purse-snatching, at the business. However, for the individual or group more prominent in the criminal hierarchy, no deal will be too large or too small for perusal by the operation.

Chicago made arrangements with the Austin Resident Agency, San Antonio Division, to have a background entered for the UTSA into the Texas Drivers License Computer. The background was furnished to FBI Liaison at Austin with the Chief of the Texas Drivers License Bureau by letter which accomplished the entry by legal means. Notations in the computer will reflect the actual Texas license was reported lost by the individual and application was made by him for a State of Illinois Drivers License. Chicago made the actual application for the Illinois Drivers License and furnished an appropriate cover letter to the Chief Investigator of the Secretary of States Office, who has had liaison established in the past with the Field Supervisor at Chicago directing this operation. Other UT identifiers for the UTSA have been applied for through FBI HQ liaison under separate cover.

On 11/10/76, source advised that a notorious "madame", EILEEN "BUNNY" CURRY, age approximately 53, of 1214 North Wells Street, Chicago, who is a contact of the source, with numerous criminal contacts, including LCN figures, planned a "party" in honor of the source's new business venture. The UTSA, with Bureau authority, flew to Chicago from Minnesota, and on the evening of 11/11/76, the source, three of the source's paid "bodyguards" and the UTSA attended this party. At this party were over sixty persons, including white and Negro armed robbers, burglars, fences, high level prostitutes and "kinky" attorneys. Numerous invaluable contacts were initiated by the source and a guest list of those in attendance is being obtained for "business purposes."

As of 11/12/76 the suite was decorated, the furniture and rug installed. The Technical Security personnel are in the process of changing the locks and insuring the buzzer system for entrance to the shop is operational. The burglar alarm system used in Field Division Resident Agencies has been selected for installation as it has proven more effective than ADT Alarm Systems. At Chicago there is a
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FOR INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU AND MINNEAPOLIS, CG 11685-C,

THE FRONT MAN FOR THE CAPTIONED OPERATION, ADVISED THAT A CRIMI-
NAL ASSOCIATE BUNNY CURRY, AKA BUNNY HEWITT, AKA CAROL SCOTT, AKA
CHARLOTTE SCOTT, WHO RESIDES IN A SECOND FLOOR APARTMENT ABOVE
THE "STEAK JOINT" RESTAURANT, 1612 NORTH WELLS STREET, CHICAGO,
PLANS A PARTY IN HONOR OF THE SOURCE'S NEW BUSINESS VENTURE. THE
SOURCE RELATED THAT NUMEROUS ACTIVE CRIMINAL PERSONALITIES WILL
BE IN ATTENDANCE AT THIS PARTY INCLUDING BURGESS FENCES, ARMED
ROBBERS, AND POSSIBLY LOW-LEVEL LCN FIGURES.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE SOURCE HAS MAINTAINED A CLOSE
AND CONTINUING RELATIONSHIP WITH BUNNY CURRY, A "NOTORIOUS
MADAME" KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN PROSTITUTION AND OTHER.

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THE CHICAGO DIVISION FEELS THAT THIS FUNCTION PRESENTS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF UNDER COVER SPECIAL AGENT OLEN VICTOR HARVEY TO CRIMINAL ASSOCIATES OF BOTH BUNNY CURRY SUPRA AND CG 11685-C. IT IS BELIEVED THAT ATTENDANCE WITH THE SOURCE AT THIS PARTY WILL FURNISH A VALUABLE OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP POTENTIAL CONTACTS AMONG THE CRIMINAL ELEMENT KNOWN TO BE IN ATTENDANCE AND WILL FURNISH A VALUABLE ASSIST TO THE CAPTIONED OPERATION SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE FULL OPERATION WITHIN THE NEXT ONE TO TWO WEEKS.

THE CHICAGO DIVISION DOES NOT BELIEVE THERE IS ANY SECURITY PROBLEM FOR THE UNDER COVER SPECIAL AGENT IN CONNECTION WITH ATTENDANCE AT THIS FUNCTION.