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Via A I R T E L AIRMAIL
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAQ, CINCINNATI (92-103)
SUBJECT: BENJAMIN LASSOFF, aka.
ANTI-RACKETEERING

DAILY SUMMARY AIRTEL

[redacted] protect identity). [redacted]
[redacted], to date has determined that three telephones presently located at 1041 Monmouth Street, Newport, Kentucky (Stables Cafe), indicates that the total bills owed for a period of one month does not exceed \$45.00.

This indicates that these three telephones are not currently being utilized by LASSOFF in connection with his gambling operations, or that a system has been devised whereby long distance calls are being made from these telephones, however, a device is being utilized to circumvent the billing of such calls. It looks as though, however, additional phones are being used at the Stables Cafe which are unlisted or obtained under a phony business. The telephone company is attempting to obtain information relative to the exact number of telephones presently in use at 1041 Monmouth Street, along with the long distance tolls and the amount of the bills pertaining to any additional telephones.

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Approved: [Signature] Special Agent in Charge

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