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Keywords Joe Engressia; Joybubbles; FBI; Kansas City; Twilight Electronics

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May 5, 2008

Subject: ENGRESSIA, JOSEF CARL

FOIPA No. 1105799-

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See additional information which follows.

Sincerely yours,



David M. Hardy
Section Chief
Record/Information
Dissemination Section
Records Management Division

Enclosure(s)

In reference to your Freedom on Information Act (FOIA) request to our Kansas City Field Office, enclosed is a processed copy of their file (100-KC-13546).

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI DATE: 7/16/71

FROM : SAC, KANSAS CITY (139-113) RUC

SUBJECT: TWILIGHT ELECTRONICS
IOC
OO: St. Louis

Re Bureau airtel to St. Louis and Kansas City, 5/24/71, and St. Louis report of SA [redacted] 7/2/71.

Attention is directed to similar activities in the past of [redacted] reported in cases entitled [redacted] ET AL; SM - ESPIONAGE; IOC" (OO: Kansas City, [redacted] was also subject of investigation entitled [redacted] FBI FM Radio Frequencies; UPUC" (OO: St. Louis, [redacted] Bufile [redacted] Twilight Electronics is also referred to in St. Louis letter to Boston, dated 5/19/67, in case entitled [redacted] ESPIONAGE - X" [redacted]

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on 7/14/71:

The following individuals advised files of their respective offices contain no record of [redacted] International Diversification Electronics Corporation or Twilight Electronics of 4941 Tracy, Kansas City, Missouri:

[redacted]
Dun & Bradstreet
Kansas City, Missouri

[redacted]
Clerk
Credit Bureau of Greater Kansas City

- 2 Bureau
- 2 Chicago
- 2 St. Louis (139-75)
- 3 Kansas City 1(139-113)
1(100-13546)
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On 7/14/71, [redacted] Records Clerk, Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, advised their files indicate a [redacted]

[redacted] This charge was subsequently dismissed without prejudice with a \$10 court cost.

On 7/14/71, a physical observation at [redacted] [redacted] revealed that this was one of several apartments located in a residential area. It was determined from observation that this address was occupied by hippie-type individual and there has been a complete change in neighborhood status in this area since [redacted] reportedly resided in that location during 1967.

On 7/14/71, a check of local directory of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company and 1970 Polk's Criss Cross Directory reflected no listings for Twilight Electronics, [redacted] or International Diversification Electronics Corporation. The 1969 Polk's Criss Cross Directory does reflect a listing of the International Diversification Electronics Corporation, 4941 Tracy, Kansas City, Missouri, with telephone 444-1988 listed to [redacted]. The aforementioned telephone number is no longer in service.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (65-3225) (RUC)

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED] JOSEPH CARL ENGRESSIA JR.;

[REDACTED]

SECURITY MATTER - ESPIONAGE;
INTERCEPTION OF COMMUNICATIONS

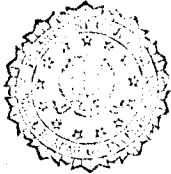
The title of this communication is marked changed in order to include the full name of ENGRESSIA as JOSEPH CARL ENGRESSIA JR. and [REDACTED] as an alias of [REDACTED]

Re Miami tel 8/23/69, to Bureau, and Bureau tel 8/29/69, to Kansas City.

Enclosed are 5 copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above. Copies are being sent to Chicago and Tampa for information purposes since [REDACTED] and since ENGRESSIA is a student at the University of South Florida, Tampa.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 65-8225

Miami, Florida
September 1, 1969

RE: [redacted]
JOSEPH CARL ENGRESSIA, JR.;
[redacted]
SECURITY MATTER - ESPIONAGE;
INTERCEPTION OF COMMUNICATIONS

The following investigation was conducted to determine if [redacted] Joseph Engressia and [redacted] and [redacted] of [redacted] have violated any federal laws pertaining to the espionage statutes and statutes relating to the interception of communications by their alleged activities pertaining to telephone electronics.

Investigation

On August 28, 1969, [redacted] [redacted] Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph (SBT&T) Company, Miami, furnished the following information:

Joseph Engressia, Jr., first came to the attention of the SBT&T Company in the Summer of 1968. At about the same time there was a routine trouble report in the middle of August, 1968, that was received by [redacted] showing a "blue box" in use on the telephone number [redacted] Miami, subscribed to by [redacted]

[redacted] explained that a "blue box" is a device that can be used to defraud the telephone company of the revenue from long distance toll calls. This device produces multi-frequency tones which enable the user to make long distance telephone calls and circumvent the billing equipment in the long distance network.

Investigation by [redacted] revealed that [redacted] has [redacted]

On November 7, 1968, [redacted] General Telephone Company, Tampa, Florida, called [redacted] and said that a Canadian Bell telephone employee had placed

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a call to the University of South Florida in Tampa advising the dean that a student, Joseph Engressia, had developed a means of cheating the telephone company on long distance calls and was selling this service to fellow students for \$1.00 each. On the basis of this report [REDACTED] began an investigation but before he could make any progress the dean at the University of South Florida called Engressia in and questioned him concerning this matter. As a result Engressia was suspended from school and fined \$25.00; however, he was reinstated with full honors shortly thereafter. It was developed by [REDACTED] that Engressia resided in Miami at 9050 Southwest 117th Avenue. He also was blind and a ham radio operator. It developed that Engressia was able to control the pitch of his voice to conform with tones that long distance telephone equipment reacts to and he was thus enabled to place long distance telephone calls through the network free of charge.

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[REDACTED] produced several newspapers articles dated in November, 1968, which reflected that Engressia received considerable publicity at that time. These articles pointed out that he could whistle at 2600 cycles. One of these articles datelined Tampa, date not given, reflected that "to make a toll free call, said the youth, he would dial long distance information to any city. Before the operator answered, he said, he would do his whistling thing. First he would whistle the area code. If it were 212, for instance, he would whistle rapidly twice, pause, whistle once, pause, then twice again - all at 2600 cycles. Then he would whistle the seven digit local number in the same manner." This same article quoted [REDACTED] of the General Telephone Company by stating that he believed Engressia would be an asset to "our company." But I don't think he would be able to work for us because he would have to be on a part-time basis. This and other articles indicated that Engressia was regarded as somewhat of an electronic genius.

[REDACTED] Concurrent with the above articles concerning Engressia, [REDACTED] was investigating a trouble report about a "blue box" on [REDACTED]. He studied SBT Company account computer printouts from August 17 to October 20, 1968, and from these he concluded that there was a "blue box" in use on telephone number [REDACTED] above mentioned. He continued his investigation to definitely establish the use of a "blue box" on this telephone number and thereafter he interviewed [REDACTED] concerning

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the matter.

In December, 1968, [REDACTED] interviewed [REDACTED] in the presence of the latter's attorney, at which time [REDACTED] admitted that he made magnetic recording tapes containing the various multi-frequency tones and that this magnetic tape could be placed into a telephone instrument and perform the same function as a "blue box." [REDACTED] also admitted producing such a tape for [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] for the sum of \$2.50. [REDACTED] agreed to discontinue his telephone activities providing the telephone company would not prosecute him for his previous fraud.

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[REDACTED] advised that all of the information furnished by [REDACTED] proved to be true and that to his knowledge [REDACTED] has not participated in any illegal telephone activities since his agreement with the telephone company. Concerning [REDACTED] [REDACTED] advised that he was also interviewed by investigators of the telephone company and Collins admitted his activities and surrendered the magnetic tape to the telephone company in Illinois.

On January 25, 1969, [REDACTED] interviewed Engressia concerning Engressia's interest in plans for a "blue box", at which time Engressia denied making a "blue box" but did admit discussing the possibilities of making a "blue box." Engressia was admonished by [REDACTED] at that time, pointing out that the use of a "blue box" was a violation of both state and federal laws.

On April 23, 1969, an employee of the SBT&T Company working at the Tuxedo central office, Miami, received a call from a man who identified himself as a "toll test desk man." He stated he was running some tests from Orlando and wanted two telephone numbers; namely, Tuxedo 5-2522 and Tuxedo 5-2523, which are unassigned, strapped in rotary with the sleeve lead removed. The SBT&T employee, thinking this was a legitimate test circuit complied. However, his foreman later became curious when notified and monitored on this arrangement. He observed a conversation on April 25, 1969, between two people, one of whom was in Tampa and another in Charlotte, North Carolina. There was a good deal of discussion that students at the University of South Florida were being supplied pairs of numbers which would allow toll free conversations. This could be accomplished by one student calling one number and the other student calling the second number at the same time and since the two numbers were strapped in rotary the two calling parties

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would be connected to each other. The fact that the sleeve lead had been removed resulted in no return battery to the calling numbers and therefore the billing equipment would not be activated.

As a result of the above SBT&T conducted additional investigation and determined that there were several pairs of telephone numbers strapped in rotary as described above in Miami, Orlando, and other cities in the United States. It was further determined that Joseph Engressia was definitely involved in these activities.

[REDACTED] advised that while his investigation is still pending concerning this type of activity he has disconnected all of the telephone numbers strapped as described above. He advised that to date his investigation has not uncovered any information indicating that Engressia or his associates have ever intercepted or monitored any telephone circuits including wats (wide area telephone service) or autovon (defense department circuits).

On August 28, 1969, [REDACTED] was interviewed in [REDACTED] telephone [REDACTED] stated that his legal name is [REDACTED] although he was born [REDACTED]. He resides [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] denied interception capability to intercept or knowledge of any interception of telephone conversations by himself or anyone else. He specifically denied any knowledge of interception of wats and/or autovon circuits.

[REDACTED] admitted that he had previously produced a magnetic tape which tape contained multi-frequency tones and which could be used to circumvent the billing procedures of the long distance telephone network. He advised that he also produced and furnished a similar tape to [REDACTED] in Chicago. [REDACTED] acknowledged that he had been interviewed by SBT&T Company and agreed to desist in any further activities with regard to the telephone communications system. [REDACTED] advised that since his interview and agreement with the telephone company he has never used his telephone in any way other than in the normal manner.

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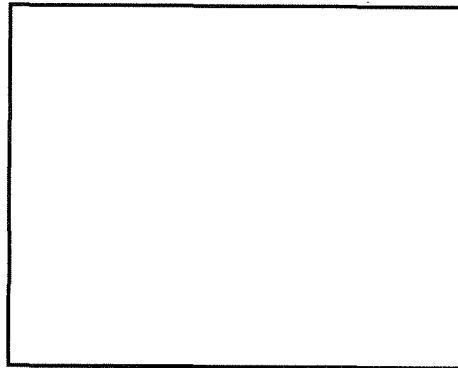
[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED] was acquainted with Joseph Engressia but has limited association with him at this time. He described Engressia as being obsessed with telephone equipment and communications whereas his interest is in the field of ham radio operations and audio recordings. He possesses ham radio license K4YSN. [REDACTED] advised he is unacquainted with [REDACTED]

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The following description was obtained through interrogation and observation:

Name
Also Known As
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Sex
Date of Birth
Place of Birth
Height
Weight
Hair
Complexion
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On August 28, 1969, Joseph Engressia, Jr., 9050 Southwest 117th Avenue, Miami, telephone numbers 274-0760 and 271-9841, was interviewed in the radio shack at his residence. He admitted an intense interest in the telephone company systems and equipment. He advised that he is familiar with practices as to telephone test numbers, circuits, and operations of telephone companies. He exhibited an ability to whistle 2600 cycle notes which he said are utilized by telephone companies in their long distance toll network. He explained that he learned the majority of this information by trial and error using the two telephone numbers subscribed to by him, both of which are located in his radio shack and are touch tone instruments.

Engressia exhibited extensive knowledge of telephone numbers and area codes, reciting from memory these numbers. He advised that he makes numerous calls to various areas to engage in conversations with telephone company people, operators, friends, and fellow students. He revealed his knowledge of a "blue box" and a "black box." He described a "black box" as an inexpensive device which could be placed on a called telephone and would eliminate the billing toll from the number making the long distance call.

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He commented on the fact that he had been the subject of investigation by the SBT&T Company but that he did not want to violate any federal or state laws and he claimed that his activities were primarily for amusement and education. He stated that he has never intercepted or monitored wats or autobon circuits but is aware that autobon circuits exist at the Homestead Air Force Base, Florida.

He related that on one occasion he placed a telephone call to the Homestead Air Force Base and asked for the autobon operator, identified himself as a Navy Mars member, which he is, and he was provided by the operator with a circuit. He then called himself and hung up. He was motivated by the challenge to see if he could do this.

Engressia admitted that he is aware of Miami telephone numbers which would enable him to monitor a service representative in the business office of the SBT&T Company. He claimed that this is the only interception that he has ever made. He stated that he knew of no one capable of intercepting telephone calls and he denied that he has ever done this. Engressia admitted he was aware that the telephone company has busy verification trunks but that he has never been able to dial into these trunks or find out how this can be accomplished.

Engressia stated that after he received newspaper publicity in November, 1968, concerning his whistling tones, [REDACTED] telephonically contacted Engressia and expressed interest in his abilities along this line. Engressia admitted that subsequently he carried on telephone conversations with [REDACTED] through bridged rotary numbers. Engressia advised that he has by trial and error found two numbers strapped in rotary which numbers had been discontinued and were unassigned, and also had the sleeve lead removed. He stated that this condition sometimes occurs when the sleeve lead is accidentally broken or torn off the frame connection. He stated that when this condition is discovered it is then possible for two people to call these numbers at the same time, talk to each other and not be billed for a long distance call should the call be from out of town. He advised he has talked with his friends in Miami in this manner and he has also talked with friends living in other cities. In order to accomplish this it is necessary for a prearranged signal or agreement to be made in order that both calls will be placed at the same time. Engressia pointed out that person to person calls, collect calls, etc. can be used as a signal for the second party to make

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the telephone call to the rotary numbers.

Engressia denied any knowledge of [REDACTED] of Chicago.

Engressia stated that should he ever learn of any violation or of any interception of telephone communications by anyone, he would report this information to the appropriate authorities.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

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| Name | Joseph Carl Engressia, Jr. |
| Race | White |
| Sex | Male |
| Date of Birth | May 25, 1949 |
| Place of Birth | Richmond, Virginia |
| Height | 5'10" |
| Weight | 155 |
| Build | Medium |
| Hair | Brown |
| Complexion | Fair |
| Peculiarities | Blind |
| Occupation | Ham radio operator, WA4JCT |
| Organizations | South Miami Radio Club; Civil Air Patrol; Navy Military Affiliate Radio Systems (affiliated with Navy in handling non-priority messages). |

Family

[REDACTED]

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FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (139-205) (RUC)
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JOSEPH ENGHESSIA
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SECURITY MATTER -
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IOC - FRAUD BY WIRE
(OO: KANSAS CITY)
BUDED 9/1/69

Re Bureau teletype to Kansas City, Chicago, and
Miami dated 8/29/69, and Chicago teletype to Bureau dated
8/28/69.

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captioned as above.

Enclosed for Kansas City is one copy of this LHM.

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Second confidential source is [REDACTED]

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interviewed by SA [REDACTED] (conceal per request).

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois

August 29, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to
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On August 28, 1969, a second confidential source, who is knowledgeable of [REDACTED] advised a representative of the FBI that [REDACTED] was born on [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]. He moved to [REDACTED] on November 16, 1967, from a previous residence at [REDACTED].

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[REDACTED] He is not known to have an arrest record in the vicinity of his present residence.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI, AND-SACS-KANSAS CITY AND CHICAGO
FROM: MIAMI (KC and CG AMSD)

[REDACTED] JOSEPH ENGRESSIA; [REDACTED]

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RE MIAMI TELETYPE TO BUREAU AUGUST TWENTY SEVEN LAST, AND
KC PHONE CALL TO MIAMI INSTANT.

FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED AUGUST TWENTY EIGHT:

[REDACTED] SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE
AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY, MIAMI, PROVIDED HISTORY MISUSE TELEPHONE
EQUIPMENT BY JOSEPH ENGRESSIA AND [REDACTED] DURING PAST YEAR.
SBT&T INVESTIGATION REVEALED ~~HEXHEX~~ THAT [REDACTED] UTILIZED
MAGNETIC TAPES TO SUPPLY MULTI FREQUENCY TONE TO CIRCUMVENT
TELEPHONE BILLING PROCEDURES. [REDACTED] INTERVIEWED BY SBT&T,
ADMONISHED AND HE AGREED TO DISCONTINUE ACTIVITIES.

JOSEPH ENGRESSIA, WHILE STUDENT AT SOUTH FLORIDA UNIVERSITY,
TAMPA, WAS DISCOVERED TO BE DEFRAUDING TELEPHONE COMPANY OF
TOLL REVENUE BY WHISTLING TONES AND CONSIDERABLE NEWSPAPER
PUBLICITY RESULTED THEREFROM. ENGRESSIA ALSO INTERVIEWED BY
SBT&T AND ADMONISHED.

SBT&T DETERMINED THAT ENGRESSIA AND ASSOCIATES OTHER THAN
MAY WERE CAUSING DISCONTINUED TELEPHONE NUMBERS, STRAPPED IN

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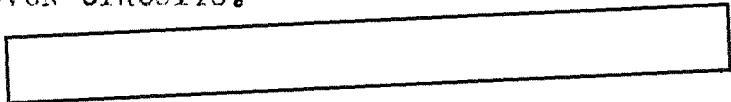
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ROTARY, WITH SLEEVE LEAD REMOVED, AND THEREAFTER USING THESE NUMBERS FOR COMPLETING LONG DISTANCE CALLS WITHOUT TOLL ON PREARRANGED SIGNALS. THIS PRACTISE IS CURRENTLY UNDER INVESTIGATION BY SBT&T.

SBT&T INVESTIGATION, MIAMI, DID NOT REVEAL ANY INTERCEPTION OR MONITORING OF TELEPHONE CALLS, INCLUDING CALLS ON WATS OR AUTOVON CIRCUITS.



INTERVIEWED AND

HE DENIED INTERCEPTION OR CAPABILITY OR KNOWLEDGE OF INTERCEPTION. HE CLAIMED, THAT SINCE INTERVIEWED BY SBT&T, HE HAS DISCONTINUED USE OF TELEPHONE OTHER THAN NORMAL PRACTISE.

JOSEPH ENGRESSIA, ~~AGE~~ AGE TWENTY AND BLIND, INTERVIEWED AND HE ADMITTED INTENSE INTEREST IN TELEPHONE COMPANY SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT. HE IS FAMILIAR WITH THE PRACTISES AS TO TEST NUMBERS, CIRCUITS, AND OPERATIONS OF TELEPHONE COMPANIES. ENGRESSIA EXHIBITED ABILITY TO WHISTLE TWENTY SIX HUNDRED CYCLE NOTES WHICH IS UTILIZED BY TELEPHONE COMPANY IN TOLL NETWORK. HE CLAIMED HE LEARNED MAJORITY OF INFORMATION BY TRIAL AND ERROR USING HIS TOUCH TONE INSTRUMENT. HE CLAIMED HE DID NOT WISH TO VIOLATE ANY LAW AND THAT HIS ACTIVITIES WITH THE TELEPHONE WERE

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FOR AMUSEMENT AND EDUCATION. HE ADVISED THAT HE HAS NEVER INTERCEPTED OR MONITORED WATS OR AUTOVON CIRCUITS, BUT IS AWARE THAT AUTOVON CIRCUITS EXIST AT HOMESTEAD AIR FORCE BASE, FLORIDA.

ENGRESSIA ADMITTED THAT HE IS AWARE OF MIAMI TELEPHONE NUMBER WHICH WOULD ENABLE HIM TO MONITOR SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BUSINESS OFFICE OF SBT&T, AND HE CLAIMED THAT THIS IS THE ONLY INTERCEPTION HE HAS EVER MADE.

ENGRESSIA ADVISED HE KNOWS OF NO ONE CAPABLE OF INTERCEPTING TELEPHONE CALLS.

AFTER NEWSPAPER PUBLICITY IN NOVEMBER NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT OF ENGRESSIA'S WHISTLING TONES, [REDACTED] KANSAS CITY, CONTACTED ENGRESSIA AND EXPRESSED INTEREST IN HIS ACTIVITIES.

ENGRESSIA ADMITTED TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS WITH [REDACTED] THROUGH BRIDGED [REDACTED] ROTARY NUMBERS AS DESCRIBED ABOVE. HE DOES NOT KNOW

[REDACTED] OF CHICAGO. ENGRESSIA ADVISED THAT SHOULD HE LEARN OF INTERCEPTION OF TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS BY ANYONE HE WOULD REPORT SAME TO FBI.

FOR INFORMATION OF CHICAGO, [REDACTED] IS FRIEND OF [REDACTED]

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AND WAS INVOLVED WITH WAY IN PRIOR INVESTIGATION BY SBT&T, MIAMI.

DEXX PER KC TELEPHONE CALL, NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING
CONDUCTED.

COPIES THIS COMMUNICATION BEING SENT KC AND CHICAGO BY
AIRMAIL.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : SAC, Kansas City (100-13546)

DATE: 9-4-69

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FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT:

[REDACTED]
JOSEPH PROSSIA;

[REDACTED]
SM - ESPIONAGE;
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(OO: KC)

Same info processed in FOIPA# 1090573

Reurairtel dated 8-30-69, with enclosed LHM.

Enclosed is a copy of an amended LHM which was disseminated to the Criminal Division.

You will note the LHM was declassified from a "confidential" rating.

In criminal matters such as IOC classification, symbol informants are not set out in details of reports or LHMs.

The enclosed amended LHM is being submitted for your information.

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JOSEPH ENGRESSIA;

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SM - ESPIONAGE;
INTERCEPTION OF COMMUNICATIONS
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Reference Bureau teletype to Kansas City 8/29/69.

Enclosed to Bureau are 8 copies of self-explanatory
LHM.

This LHM being classified confidential to protect
identity of informants of continuing value.

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[Redacted] is [Redacted]
Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Kansas City, Missouri;
contacted by SA [Redacted]

No further investigation being conducted and this
case is considered closed.

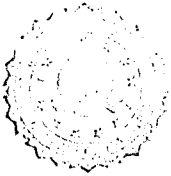
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

August 30, 1969

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

[Redacted]
JAMES EARL RAY;
[Redacted]

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on August 24, 1969, advised the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Kansas City, Missouri, has recently been conducting investigation regarding the use of a "blue box" on long-distance telephone lines from the Kansas City, Missouri, area. Through such investigation it was learned that this "blue box" had been used on local telephone number [Redacted]. This source advised this telephone number is presently assigned to [Redacted] who reportedly resides at [Redacted]. The records of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company also reflect [Redacted] has a second telephone number assigned to this residence, that being [Redacted].

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This source advised that through this investigation it was learned that [Redacted] and Joseph Ingressia, who resides in the Miami, Florida, area, were purportedly associates and through this association were utilizing the "blue box" in order to defraud the telephone company of revenue.

It was also learned that Ingressia allegedly was able to persuade the telephone officials in Miami, Florida, through some sort of a subterfuge to "strap" local Miami telephone numbers 835-3822 and 833-3822. Through this "strapping process" [Redacted] and Ingressia allegedly were able to telephonically communicate with each other without any record being made of this long-distance telephone call and thereby the telephone company would not receive the appropriate revenue for these long-distance telephone calls.

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This source further advised that through the same source he had ascertained that both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] had discovered a means to intercept and monitor both "MGM" and "MGM" telephone systems. However, this source was not sure whether [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] have actually intercepted and monitored both calls on either the "MGM" or "MGM" systems.

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[REDACTED] was interviewed by Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at his residence, [REDACTED] on August 27, 1969. At that time [REDACTED] furnished the following information:

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[redacted] upon being contacted at his residence, [redacted] was advised by SA [redacted] that the FBI wished to discuss with him his association with JOSEPH ENGRESSIA along with his use of any telephone equipment whereby he could monitor long-distance telephone calls or make telephone long-distance calls without the knowledge of the telephone company. Also, at this time, and prior to any further interview, [redacted] was advised of his rights by SA [redacted] and at the conclusion signed a waiver of these constitutional rights.

[redacted]

According to [redacted] he does know JOSEPH ENGRESSIA and has both talked and corresponded with him on numerous occasions.

[redacted]

[redacted] when he recalled watching JOSEPH ENGRESSIA in a guest appearance on the Huntley-Brinkley television program. On this program it was pointed out that ENGRESSIA was an electronics expert and that he was capable of orally emitting a perfect twenty-six hundred cycle tone which could be used to direct-distance dial any telephone number in the United States.

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[redacted] has also talked to ENGRESSIA on several occasions.

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On 8/27/69 of [redacted]

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by SAS [redacted]

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[redacted] claimed he last talked on the telephone with ENGRESSIA about two weeks ago. At that time ENGRESSIA told him that he suspected his telephone was tapped in Miami, Florida, and instructed [redacted] to contact him through another telephone number other than his private home numbers. ENGRESSIA also told him that he has not complained to the local telephone company about his telephone line being tapped but he believed it was tapped because he had discussed new electronic equipment systems over the telephone and that the telephone company is eager and anxious to learn about these new systems and has tapped his telephone line. [redacted] pointed out that ENGRESSIA did not mention that he had ever found any such tapping equipment on his telephone line and that other than the telephone company he appeared to know of no one else who would attempt to tap his telephone line.

[redacted] was unable to recall the telephone numbers which he had used to call ENGRESSIA in Miami, Florida. He did state that he has telephonically dialed from his home a telephone number given to him by ENGRESSIA in Miami, Florida, and used in making this long-distance call a person-to-person type of call. When the party called in Miami, Florida, answers the telephone [redacted] states he asks for himself and thereby ENGRESSIA informs the operator that the party is not there and later returns the long-distance telephone call. They use this means so that ENGRESSIA knows he is supposed to call

[redacted] in [redacted] According to [redacted] ENGRESSIA apparently through "WATS" telephone line then communicates with [redacted] in [redacted]

When asked specifically regarding Miami telephone numbers 885-2522 and 885-2523, [redacted] stated he was not sure whether he had ever called ENGRESSIA by using these two local telephone numbers in Miami, Florida. [redacted] admitted he has not paid for telephone calls between himself and ENGRESSIA which would be long-distance telephone calls between [redacted] and Miami, Florida, because it was his opinion ENGRESSIA always paid for these calls since he would return the call to him. He did state that on several of these telephone calls many topics were included, including the "WATS", "AUTOVON", a military telephone system, and a new telephone computer system known as "ESS."

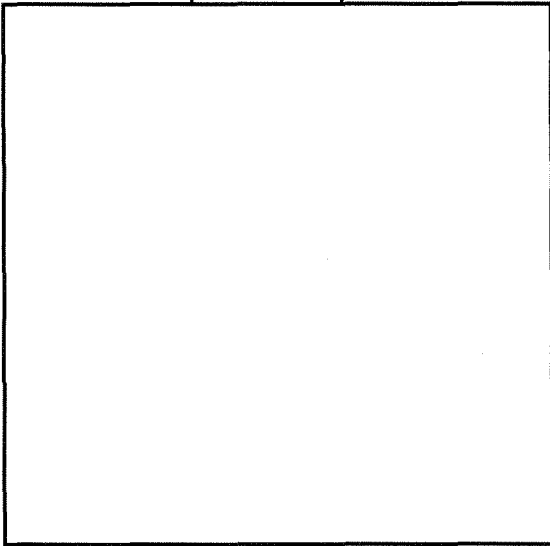
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[redacted] claimed he did not have sufficient background information in order to build a "blue box." [redacted] was of the opinion that ENGRESSIA does have such knowledge and may have made a "blue box." [redacted] further claimed he did not have the ability to intercept and monitor local and long-distance telephone calls but that ENGRESSIA probably would have sufficient knowledge to monitor these telephone calls. He pointed out ENGRESSIA is an electronic genius with an extremely high IQ, who is blind.

The following is a description of [redacted]

- Name
- Date of birth
- Place of birth
- Marital status
- Height
- Weight
- Hair
- Eyes
- Race
- Education

- Employment
- Military service



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[redacted]
JOSEPH ENGRESSIA;
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[redacted] advised that through this investigation it was learned that [redacted] and Joseph Engressia, who resides in the Miami, Florida, area, were purportedly associates and through this association were utilizing the "blue box" in order to defraud the telephone company of revenue.

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[redacted] also advised that he learned through another source (not revealed) that both [redacted] and Engressia have through the use of sophisticated electronic equipment intercepted and monitored other telephone long-distance toll calls. This sophisticated electronic equipment is purportedly located in both Jacobs' and Engressia's residences.

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It was also learned that Engressia allegedly was able to persuade the telephone officials in Miami, Florida, through some sort of a subterfuge to "strap" local Miami telephone numbers 885-2522 and 885-2523. Through this "strapping process" [redacted] and Engressia allegedly were able to telephonically communicate with each other without any

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record being made of this long-distance telephone call and thereby the telephone company would not receive the appropriate revenue for these long-distance telephone calls.

[REDACTED] further advised that through the same source he had ascertained that both [REDACTED] and Engressia had discovered a means to intercept and monitor both "WATS" and "AUTOVON" telephone systems. [REDACTED] source was not sure whether [REDACTED] and Engressia have actually intercepted and monitored toll calls or either the "WATS" or "AUTOVON" systems.

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[REDACTED] was interviewed by Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at his residence [REDACTED] [REDACTED] on August 27, 1969. At that time [REDACTED] furnished the following information:

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August 29, 1969

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TO: DIRECTOR, MIAMI AND KANSAS CITY

FROM: CHICAGO

CHANGED. JOSEPH ENGRESSIA; TANDY MAY ⁰

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FRAUD BY WIRE, OO: KANSAS CITY.

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TITLE CHANGED TO REFLECT TRUE NAME AS LEARNED
ILLINOIS BELL TELEPHONE (IBT).

RE KANSAS CITY TEL AUGUST TWENTYSEVEN LAST AND KC
TEL CALL PM EIGHT TWENTYEIGHT INSTANT RELAYING BU INSTRUCTIONS
SUTEL SUMMARY INVESTIGATION AND DISCONTINUING.

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RELIABLE SOURCE,

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NO CREDIT OR

ARREST RECORD,

[REDACTED]

CHICAGO NOTES THE FOLLOWING:

INFORMATION DEVELOPED TO DATE IBC AND MIAMI BELL
OFFICIALS INDICATE NEAR IMPOSSIBILITY OF INTERCEPTION THROUGH
MEANS ALLEGEDLY UTILIZED BY FOUR SUBJECTS OF AUTOVON OR WATS
SYSTEMS. IN LIGHT OF THIS CONFLICTING INFORMATION CHICAGO
IS NOT INTERVIEWING [REDACTED]

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TO: DIRECTOR, CHICAGO, AND MIAMI

FROM: KANSAS CITY (100-13546)

[Redacted] ET AL; SM-ESP., INTERCEPTION OF COMMUNICATIONS.

REMYTEL AND PHONE CALLS TODAY, AND BUREAU PHONE CALL TO
KANSAS CITY TODAY.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS, CHICAGO AND MIAMI
TELEPHONICALLY REQUESTED TO DISCONTINUE INVESTIGATION AND TO
SUBMIT SUMMARY TELETYPE TODAY INCORPORATING INVESTIGATION TO
DATE.

SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE CO. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.
NO REPORT BEING SUBMITTED, UACB.

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TO: DIRECTOR, CHICAGO AND MIAMI

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[Redacted] ET AL; SM-ESPIONAGE, INTERCEPTION OF
COMMUNICATIONS.

REMYTEL AUG TWENTYSEVEN LAST.

[Redacted]

INTERVIEWED P.M., AUG TWENTYSEVEN LAST.

[Redacted]

HE ACKNOWLEDGED HE HAS NEVER PERSONALLY MET JOSEPH ENGRESSIA.
APPROX. ONE YEAR AGO HE WATCHED A TV PROGRAM OF HUNTLEY AND
BRINKLEY, WHEREIN ENGRESSIA WAS ON THE PROGRAM AS AN ELECTRONICS
EXPERT, WHO WAS CAPABLE OF ORALLY EMITTING A PERFECT TWENTYSIX
HUNDRED CYCLE TONE, WHICH COULD BE USED TO DIRECT DISTANCE DIAL
ANY PHONE NUMBER IN THE COUNTRY. HE DESCRIBED ENGRESSIA AS AN
ELECTRONIC GENIUS WITH A HIGH IQ AND WHO IS BLIND.

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AS A RESULT OF SEEING ENGRESSIA ON TV, [REDACTED] CONTACTED HIM BY MAIL. FOLLOWING THIS CONTACT, [REDACTED] HAS BEEN IN CONTACT FREQUENTLY WITH ENGRESSIA THROUGH EITHER THE MAIL, PHONE OR HAM RADIO.

[REDACTED]

HE CLAIMED HE LAST TALKED ON THE PHONE WITH ENGRESSIA A FEW WEEKS AGO. ENGRESSIA HAS TOLD HIM THAT HE SUSPECTED HIS PHONE WAS TAPPED IN MIAMI, FLA., AND HAS INSTRUCTED [REDACTED] TO CONTACT HIM THROUGH OTHER PHONE NUMBERS, OTHER THAN ENGRESSIA'S PRIVATE PHONE NUMBER. ENGRESSIA HAS CLAIMED TO HIM THAT HE HAS NOT COMPLAINED TO THE LOCAL PHONE COMPANY IN MIAMI RE THIS BELIEF. ENGRESSIA HAS FURTHER CLAIMED HE BELIEVES HIS PHONE IS TAPPED BECAUSE HE HAS DISCUSSED NEW ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS, WHICH HE BELIEVES THE PHONE COMPANY WAS ANXIOUS TO LEARN ABOUT.

[REDACTED] SAID THE PHONE NUMBERS WHICH HE HAS CALLED ENGRESSIA IN MIAMI, FLA. WERE NOT FAMILIAR TO HIM AND HE WAS UNABLE TO RECALL ANY SPECIFIC NUMBER. HE NOTED HE HAS CALLED ENGRESSIA AT A NUMBER AND ASKED FOR HIMSELF, WHICH WAS THE SIGNAL FOR ENGRESSIA TO CALL HIM [REDACTED] ENGRESSIA, APPARENTLY THROUGH A WATS

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TELEPHONE LINE, THEN COMMUNICATES WITH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SAID HE MAY HAVE CALLED MIAMI PHONE NUMBERS EIGHT EIGHT FIVE-TWO FIVE TWO TWO AND EIGHT EIGHT FIVE-TWO FIVE TWO THREE IN ORDER TO TALK TO ENGRESSIA; HOWEVER, HE WAS NOT SURE ABOUT THIS. HE ADMITTED HE HAS NOT PAID FOR PHONE CALLS TO MIAMI BETWEEN HIMSELF AND ENGRESSIA BECAUSE ENGRESSIA ALWAYS PAID FOR THESE CALLS.

CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN ENGRESSIA AND [REDACTED] PROBABLY COVERED MANY TOPICS, INCLUDING "ESS", A NEW TELEPHONE COMPUTER SYSTEM, "WATS", AND "AUTOVON", A MILITARY PHONE SYSTEM, ACCORDING TO [REDACTED]

HE CLAIMED HE DID NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT BACKGROUND IN ORDER TO CONSTRUCT A "BLUE BOX". ENGRESSIA, ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] DOES HAVE SUCH KNOWLEDGE AND PROBABLY HAS MADE A "BLUE BOX". HE FURTHER CLAIMED HE DID NOT HAVE ABILITY TO INTERCEPT AND MONITOR PHONE TOLL CALLS ON ANY LINES, INCLUDING "WATS" OR "AUTOVON". HE SAID ENGRESSIA PROBABLY WOULD HAVE KNOWLEDGE RE THIS TECHNIQUE. THE NAMES [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] WERE UNFAMILIAR TO [REDACTED]

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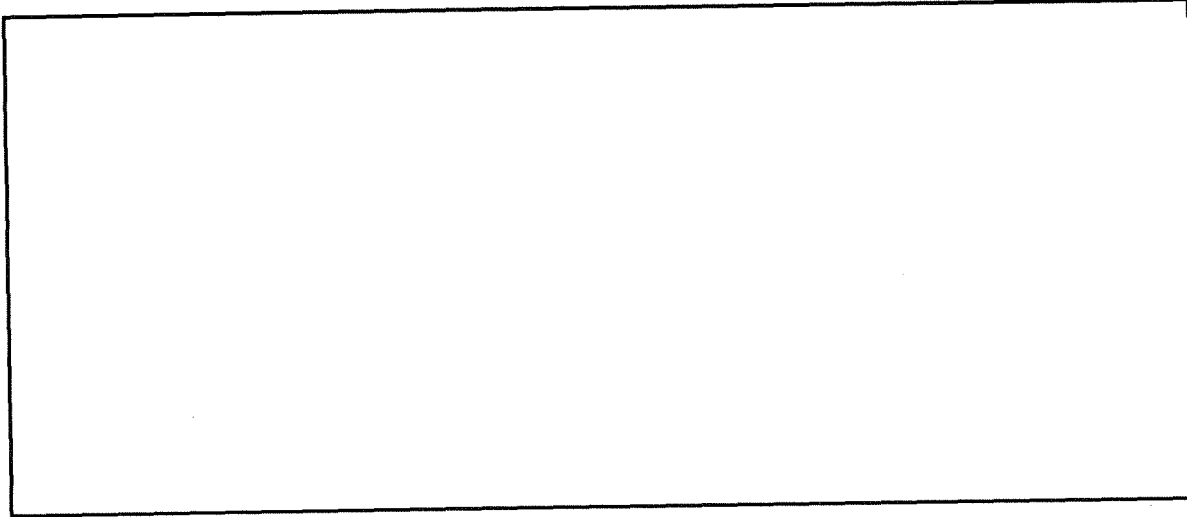
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TO DIRECTOR & KANSAS CITY

FROM MIAMI

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[REDACTED] JOSEPH ENGRESSIA; [REDACTED]

SM-ESP. INTERCEPTION OF COMMUNICATIONS.

RE KC TELETYPE AUGUST TWENTYSEVEN INSTANT.

[REDACTED] SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE &
TELEGRAPH COMPANY, MIAMI (FORMER BUREAU SA) ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

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JOSEPH ENGRESSIA AND [REDACTED] ARE BOTH BLIND MALES APPROXIMATELY
21 YEARS OLD. THEY ARE HAM RADIO OPERATORS WITH INTENSE INTEREST IN
TELEPHONE AND OTHER AUDIO SYSTEMS. BOTH HAVE BEEN INVESTIGATED BY
SECURITY DEPARTMENT, SBTST, MIAMI, DURING THE PAST YEAR, AND THEIR
INVESTIGATION IS CURRENTLY IN PROGRESS. THIS INVESTIGATION HAS NOT RE-
VEALED ANY MONITORING OF AUTOVON, WATS, OR OTHER TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS BY
SUBJECTS. ALSO, INVESTIGATION HAS NOT REVEALED ANY NATIONAL SECURITY
ASPECT TO THEIR ACTIVITIES. SBTST OFFICIALS, MIAMI, ARE OF OPINION THE
ACTIVITIES OF ENGRESSIA AND MAY HAVE BEEN STRICTLY FOR THEIR OWN AMUSEMENT
AND ARRANGEMENT OF TELEPHONE COMPANY.

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[] WILL MAKE AVAILABLE HIS SBTST FILE ON AUGUST 28, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF HIS SUPERIORS WHOM HE INTENDS TO CONSULT IN VIEW OF LEGAL ASPECTS OF THIS CASE AND CONFIDENTIAL CONTENTS OF FILE.

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[Redacted] JOSEPH ENGRESSIA; [Redacted]
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OO KC.

RE KANSAS CITY TEL CALL TO BUREAU AND BUREAU TEL CALL TO
KANSAS CITY AUG. TWENTYSEVEN INSTANT.

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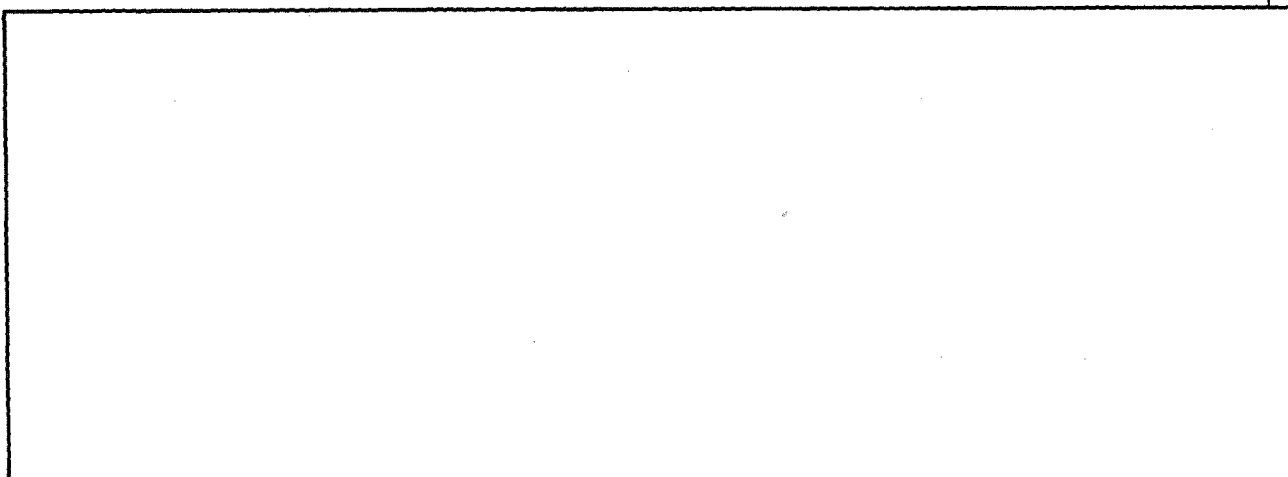
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_____ REPORTEDLY WERE ALSO INVOLVED WITH

_____ AND ENGRESSIA.

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MIAMI TELEPHONE OFFICIALS HAVE INVESTIGATED AND INTERVIEWED BOTH _____ AND _____ RE THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN "BLUE BOX" SCHEME. BOTH ALLEGEDLY ADMITTED EVERYTHING TO TELEPHONE OFFICIALS. NO PROSECUTION RE _____ AND _____ WAS EFFECTED BECAUSE THEY TURNED OVER TO MIAMI TELEPHONE OFFICIALS ALL THEIR RECORDS AND EQUIPMENT PERTAINING TO THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN THIS SCHEME. _____ ALLEGEDLY ADMITTED THAT ENGRESSIA WAS "BRAINS" IN THIS MATTER AND WAS AN

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ELECTRONICS GENIUS WITH AN I.Q. OF ONE HUNDRED NINETY.

NO CONTACT WAS MADE BY KANSAS CITY WITH APPROPRIATE USA RE THIS MATTER BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE SECURITY SIGNIFICANCE INVOLVING HIGHLY CLASSIFIED AUTOVON TELEPHONE SYSTEM.

PER BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS, THIS MATTER WILL BE HANDLED WITH UTMOST PRIORITY AND SUTEL RESULTS.

MIAMI WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW BOTH [REDACTED] AND JOSEPH ENGRESSIA CONCERNING THIS MATTER.

CHICAGO WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW [REDACTED]

KANSAS CITY WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW [REDACTED]

MIAMI SHOULD NOTE THAT TELEPHONE OFFICIALS IN THAT CITY APPARENTLY HAVE MADE SOME INVESTIGATION CONCERNING THIS CASE AND WOULD HAVE RESULTS OF THEIR INVESTIGATION AVAILABLE. ALSO ENGRESSIA ALLEGEDLY MAY HAVE SOPHISTICATED ELECTRONICS EQUIPMENT IN HIS RESIDENCE WHICH ENABLES HIM TO ALLEGEDLY INTERCEPT AND MONITOR TELEPHONE TOLL CALLS. [REDACTED] indicated that

info re radio intercept capability of monitoring with direct access by subject's had not been disclosed to anyone in the telephone company.
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Special Agent in Charge

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From [redacted]

[redacted] (TOR)

[redacted] (E)

By [redacted]
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

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To Be Returned Yes
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Interview by

8/22/69

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5 12 P.M.

[Redacted]

was located at his home

[Redacted]

5 13 P.M.

[Redacted]

was advised by Ch [Redacted]

[Redacted]

of Ray Turner

5 14 P.M.

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

interviewed by SA [Redacted]

[Redacted]

notations

Interview

5 16 P.M.

[Redacted]

given a form explaining his

Constitutional Rights

5 31 P.M.

[Redacted]

signed waiver form

6 12 P.M.

Interview concluded

[Redacted]

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From [Redacted]

[Redacted] (TOR)

[Redacted] (DATE)

By [Redacted] (AGENT)

To Be Returned Yes
 No

Receipt given Yes
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Description:

*summary of rights form
signed by* [Redacted]

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YOUR RIGHTS

[Redacted box]

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Place

Date

9/27/69

Time

5:10 P.M.

Before we ask you any questions, you must understand your rights

You have the right to remain silent.

Anything you say can be used against you in court.

You have the right to talk to a lawyer for advice before we ask you any questions and to have him with you during questioning.

If you cannot afford a lawyer, one will be appointed for you before any questioning if you wish.

If you decide to answer questions now without a lawyer present, you will still have the right to stop answering at any time. You also have the right to stop answering at any time until you talk to a lawyer.

WAIVER OF RIGHTS

I have read this statement of my rights and I understand what my rights are. I am willing to make a statement and answer questions. I do not want a lawyer at this time. I understand and know what I am doing. No promises or threats have been made to me and no pressure or coercion of any kind has been used against me.

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Witness

Witness

Time

[Redacted box]

ed

[Redacted box]

James Earl Ray, FBI, 2/27/69

5:10 P.M.