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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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459 PM URGENT 4-20-70 RPM

TO DIRECTOR

FROM NEW YORK (97-NEW) 2P

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Unknown Subject

UNSUB; THEFT OF APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND

DOLLARS JEWELRY AND FURS, HOTEL RESIDENCE OF ETHEL MERMAN,

Interstate Transportation of Stolen Property

Major Theft

NYC, FOUR SEVENTEEN SEVENTY; LPSP DASH NY.

N.Y., N.Y.

BETWEEN THE HOURS SEVEN FIFTEEN PM, FOUR SIXTEEN SEVENTY AND ONE AM, FOUR SEVENTEEN SEVENTY, UNSUB ENTERED VICTIM'S APARTMENT HOTEL BERKESHIRE, TWENTY ONE EAST FIFTY SECOND STREET, NYC, AND FLED WITH APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS JEWELRY AND FURS. UNKNOWN SUBJECT APPARENTLY GAINED ENTRANCE TO VICTIM'S APARTMENT BY JIMMYING A LOCK ON ONE OF THE DOORS, AS WOOD SHAVINGS WERE LOCATED ON THE FLOOR WHEN THE VICTIM UNSUCCESSFULLY ATTEMPTED TO INSERT HER KEY.

VICTIM CURRENTLY PREPARING A LIST AND OBTAINING PHOTOGRAPHS OF SOME OF THE JEWELRY WHICH SHE WILL MAKE AVAILABLE. NO SUSPECTS DEVELOPED BY NYCPD. SOURCES OF NYO WILL BE CONTACTED AND EMPLOYEES OF HOTEL WHO WERE ON DUTY DURING PERTINENT PERIOD WILL BE INTERVIEWED.

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MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

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FOR INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, VICTIM IS WELL KNOWN
STAGE PERSONALITY AND IS CURRENTLY APPEARING ON BROADWAY IN
MUSICAL "HELLO DOLLY".

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 800PM NITEL 4-22-70 AJN
 TO DIRECTOR
 FROM NEW YORK 87-NEW



UNSUB, THEFT OF SEVENTY ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIXTY
DOLLARS JEWELRY AND FURS, HOTEL RESIDENCE OF ETHEL MERMAN, NYC,
FOUR SEVENTEEN SEVENTY, ITSP DASH MT.

RE NEW YORK TELETYPE, FOUR TWENTY ONE SEVENTY.

NIGHT MANAGER, BERKSHIRE HOTEL, NYC, ADVISED THAT A
 REVIEW OF THE HOTEL GUESTS DURING PERTINENT PERIOD REVEALED
 THAT TWO INDIVIDUALS SKIPPED HOTEL WITHOUT PAYING BILL ON FOUR
 EIGHTEEN SEVENTY. HE STATED THEY CHECKED INTO HOTEL ELEVEN
 THIRTY PM FOUR FIFTEEN SEVENTY, AND WERE ASSIGNED ROOM ONE NINE
 ZERO ONE AND ONE NINEZERO SIX. ONE REGISTERED AS

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EMPLOYED BY ZELLERS LIMITED, AND THE OTHER AS

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BUSINESS LAD AND LASSIE

KINDERGARTEN, INC. THE ABOVE INDIVIDUALS HAD AN AVIS NINETEEN
 SEVENTYDARK BLUE PONTIAC TEMPEST, QUEBEC LICENSE FOUR Z SEVEN
 ZERO FOUR THREE OR FOUR Z SEVEN ZERO TWO THREE.

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AN LHM TO LEGAT OTTAWA REQUESTING INVESTIGATION IN
MONTREAL IS BEING PREPARED BY THE NYO. NO ADDITIONAL PERTINENT
INFORMATION DEVELOPED TO DATE BY NYO OR NYCPD.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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725AM NITEL 4-24-70 RVD

TO DIRECTOR

FROM NEW YORK SU - NEW

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT: THEFT OF SEVENTY ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIXTY SIXTY DOLLARS JEWELRY AND FURS, HOTEL RESIDENCE OF ETHEL GERMAN, NYC, FOUR SEVENTEEN SEVENTY; ITSP DASH MT.

RE NEW YORK TELETYPE, FOUR TWENTY TWO SEVENTY.

INVESTIGATION TO DATE BY NYCPD AND NYO AT VICTIM'S HOTEL RESIDENCE NEGATIVE. NO SUSPECTS DEVELOPED. NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE OF VALUE DEVELOPED BY NYCPD LAB.

SOURCES NYO HAVE FURNISHED NO INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE WITH THIS THEFT.

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INASMUCH AS ALL LOGICAL INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN CONDUCTED IN NYC, DAILY TELETYPES ARE BEING DISCONTINUED. THE BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED IF ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION IS OBTAINED.

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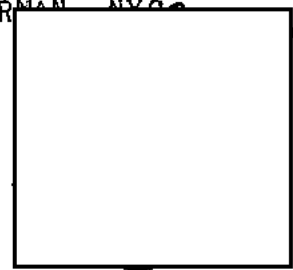
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CHANGED. UNKNOWN SUBJECT; THEFT OF SEVENTY ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIXTY DOLLARS JEWELRY AND FURS, HOTEL RESIDENCE OF ETHEL MERNAN, NYCPD FOUR SEVENTEEN SEVENTY; ITSP - MT.

RE NEW YORK TELETYPE, ^{MR} FOUR TWENTY SEVENTY.

TITLE CHANGED TO REFLECT TRUE VALUE OF STOLEN PROPERTY WHICH WAS PREVIOUSLY CARRIED AS APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS.

INTERVIEW OF PERTINENT HOTEL EMPLOYEES BEING CONDUCTED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS TO DATE. VICTIM PREPARED DESCRIPTION OF STOLEN PROPERTY AND HAS OBTAINED SOME SKETCHES WHICH WILL, WHERE APPROPRIATE, BE SUBMITTED FOR INCLUSION IN THE NSPF. THOROUGH INTERVIEW OF VICTIM UNSUCCESSFUL IN DEVELOPING SUSPECTS. JEWELRY MAINTAINED IN SMALL SAFE IN VICTIM'S BEDROOM CLOSET, WHICH WAS DRILLED AND RIPPED OPEN AND LEFT LYING ON BEDROOM FLOOR. NYCPD LAB DEVELOPED NO LATENT FINGERPRINTS. EXAMINATION OF LOCK TO VICTIM'S
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SUITE BEING CONDUCTED BY NYCPD LAB TO DETERMINE IF PICKED.

SOURCES OF NYO HAVE FURNISHED NO INFORMATION TO
DATE ON INSTANT BURGLARY. NO SUSPECTS DEVELOPED BY NYCPD
OR NYO.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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Date: 4/24/70

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
(ATT: LIAISON SECTION)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (87-New)

SUBJECT: UNSUB; Theft of \$71,160
Jewelry and Furs, Hotel
Residence of ETHEL MERMAN,
NYC,
4/17/70
ITSP-MT

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ReNYtel to Bureau, 4/23/70

Enclosed for the Bureau are six copies of an LHM concerning investigation desired in Montreal, Canada, through Legat, Ottawa.

It is noted that due to the nature of the investigation, the possibility exists that the persons interviewed may be subjects or witnesses in this matter and contents of any report could be used in a judicial proceeding in this matter.

The Bureau is requested to cause Legat, Ottawa, to contact [Redacted] in Montreal, Canada, for any information they possess relative to this matter and to determine the identity of person who is registered to 1970 Pontiac, Quebec license 4Z7043, and interview relative to their whereabouts from 4/15-18/70.

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Approved: [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York
April 24, 1970

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Unknown Subject: Theft of \$71,160
Jewelry and Furs, Hotel Residence
of Ethel Merman, New York City
April 17, 1970

Between the hours of 7:15 PM, April 16, 1970, and 1:00 AM, April 17, 1970, the hotel suite of Ethel Merman was entered and approximately \$71,160 in jewelry and furs was taken. Victim resided in Suite 1410, Berkshire Hotel, 21 East 52nd Street, New York City. The jewels were maintained in a small safe in Miss Merman's bedroom closet, and was found drilled and ripped opened, on the bedroom floor.

Investigation by the New York City Police Department and Federal Bureau of Investigation, reveals that two individuals registered at the hotel 11:30 PM, April 15, 1970, and departed hotel on April 18, 1970, without paying their bill. They had a car, described as a 1970 dark blue Pontiac Tempest, two door, Quebec license 4Z7043.

The above individuals registered in the hotel as [redacted] employed by Zellers Limited, and [redacted] employed by Lad and Lassie Kindergarten, Incorporated. They were guests in room 1901 and 1906, respectively, and allegedly entered the hotel with four bags and departed with six bags. While guests, they had two male and two female guests in their hotel rooms.

No additional information relative to their activities was developed through inquiry at the hotel.

The above individuals are described as follows, names not included, as identity was not determined by witness, and are referred to as number one and number two:

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ENCLOSURE

Unknown Subject; Theft of
\$71,160 from Residence of
Ethel Merman

Number One

| | |
|-----------------|---|
| Race | White |
| Sex | Male |
| Age | 35 |
| Height | 5 feet 8 to 9 inches |
| Build | Slim |
| Hair | Black, neat, regular haircut, |
| Characteristics | Small mustache, very well dressed, no accent, well mannered |

Number Two

| | |
|-----------------|--|
| Race | White |
| Sex | Male |
| Age | 33 |
| Height | 5 feet 6 inches |
| Build | Medium |
| Hair | Medium brown, sandy cast, sideburns |
| Characteristics | Mustache, neatly dressed, well mannered |

Unknown Subject; Theft of
\$71,160 from Residence of
Ethel Merman

It is requested that investigation be conducted in Montreal, Canada, relative to establishing if criminal record exists on [redacted] and [redacted] and interview them relative to their activities in New York on April 15-18, 1970. It is also requested that the identity of owner of 1970 Pontiac, Quebec license 4Z7043 be obtained and he also be interviewed in accordance with above.

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| REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK | OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK | DATE 6/23/70 | INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 4/20/70 - 6/23/70 |
| TITLE OF CASE UNSUB; Theft of \$71,166.00 Jewelry and Furs, Hotel Residence of Ethel Merman, NY, NY. 4/17770 | | REPORT MADE BY JOSEPH S. NEALON | TYPED BY me <small>b6 b7C</small> |
| | | CHARACTER OF CASE ITSP | |

REFERENCES:

NYteletype to Bureau, 4/20/70.
NYairtel to Bureau, 4/24/70.

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INFORMANTS:

A maximum utilization memo has been furnished to agents of the NYO for contact with their confidential informants. However, to date, no information regarding this burglary has been received from these sources.

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LEADS:

LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. Will contact confidential informants for any information they may possess relative to this burglary, in view of the fact that the victim is such a well-known show business personality.

MIAMI

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA. Will conduct same inquiry as set out for Los Angeles.

NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. 1.) Will maintain contact with Detective [REDACTED] 17th Detective Squad, NYCPD, for any information he may develop relative to this theft.

2.) Will report the results of investigation requested of Legat, Ottawa, by referenced NY airtel.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: JOSEPH S. NEALON

Office: New York, New York

Date: 6/23/70

Field Office File #: 87-60152

Bureau File #:

Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
Theft of \$71,166.00
Jewelry and Furs,
Hotel Residence of
Ethel Merman,
New York, New York,
April 17, 1970

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Character: INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION
OF STOLEN PROPERTY

Synopsis: Between the hours of 7:15 PM, 4/16/70, and 1:00 AM, 4/17/70, the hotel residence of the victim was entered, and \$71,166.00 in jewelry and furs taken. Victim resides in Suite 1410, Berkshire Hotel, NYC, and jewelry maintained in a small safe in victim's bedroom closet, which safe was found drilled and ripped open. Investigation revealed two individuals, giving their residence as Montreal, Canada, checked into hotel, 4/15/70, and departed 4/18/70, without paying their bill. No additional suspects developed. Description of jewelry and furs taken is set out herein.

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DETAILS:

Investigation in this matter is predicated upon a telephone call from Detective [redacted] 17th Detective Squad, New York City Police Department, (NYCPD), who advised on April 20, 1970, that Miss MERMAN's hotel residence was entered between 7:15 PM, April 16, 1970, and 1:00 AM, April 17, 1970, while she was appearing in Broadway play, "Hello Dolly".

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1.Date 4/29/70

Detective [redacted] 17th Detective Squad, New York City Police Department (NYCPD), advised that his precinct received a call regarding this burglary at approximately 1:00 AM, April 19, 1970. He stated at that time it was not known of the extent of the loss. He stated that the NYCPD Laboratory had removed the lock in victim's apartment and are processing it to determine if the lock was picked. He also advised that no latent fingerprints were developed and that as of this time he had no suspects as a result of his investigation.

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Detective [redacted] advised that he obtained a list of employees who were on duty during the pertinent period and who had access to victim's apartment which names he is reviewing with the records contained in the Bureau of Criminal Identification of the NYCPD.

On 4/21/70 at New York, New York File # NY 87-60152

by SAS FRANK R. GERRITY &
JOSEPH S. NEALON/JSN:ifk Date dictated 4/23/70

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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4/29/70

Date _____

Miss ETHEL MERMAN, Suite 1410, Hotel Berkshire, 21 East 52nd Street, New York City, New York, advised that between the hours of 7:15 PM, April 16, 1970, and 1:00 AM, April 17, 1970, her suite was entered and jewelry and furs amounting to \$71,160 was taken. She stated that this occurred while she was performing in the musical "Hello Dolly". Miss MERMAN stated that when she returned to her residence she attempted to insert her key into the door but was unsuccessful in her attempt and summoned assistance from the hotel manager. She stated when she entered the suite she proceeded to her bedroom and there observed a safe in which she maintained the jewelry, broken open and lying on the bedroom floor. She stated that this safe is maintained in her bedroom closet and was sure that it was locked prior to her departing for the evening.

Miss MERMAN stated that she could recall nothing unusual occurring in the recent past that would cause her to suspect anyone or to think that she was being "set up" for a burglary.

At this time Miss MERMAN made available a detailed description of the items taken along with sketches of some of the pieces of jewelry which were taken.

Following is a description of property taken in this theft:

- 1) Gold and diamond locket and chain - \$500
- 2) Star sapphire and diamond ring - \$3,500
- 3) Star sapphire and pin - \$4,000
- 4) Ruby and diamond pin - \$3,000
- 5) Pearl and diamond ring with one South Sea center pearl, 14 mm. and 9.40 round diamonds - \$2,500
- 6) Amethyst broach - \$1,000
- 7) Amethyst earrings - \$500
- 8) Gold and Amethyst bracelet - \$500
- 9) Diamond charms attached to bracelet - \$1,500

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by SAS FRANK R. GERRITY & JOSEPH S. NEALON/JSN:1fk Date dictated 4/23/70

- 10) Diamond and platinum bracelet with four diamond hearts and one diamond pill box attached - \$5,000
- 11) Three strand cultured pearl necklace, one ruby and nine diamonds ball clasp - \$1,500
- 12) Three strand cultured pearl necklace with aquamarine clasp - \$1,750
- 13) 11 carat gold ball ring with 69 diamonds - \$500
- 14) A white gold dom turquoise and diamond ring - \$2,000
- 15) An Aquamarine ring - \$1,500
- 16) A cut sapphire and diamond ring - \$1,000
- 17) A turquoise pin with diamonds (egg shaped) - \$3,000
- 18) One pair gold and diamond earrings - \$3,500
- 19) One gold and diamond pin (Van Cliff and Arpels) - \$4,000
- 20) Platinum, diamond and persian turquoise drop earrings, containing: - \$4,000
 1. 64 round diamonds
 2. two oval shaped persian turquoise
 3. two pear shaped persian turquoise
- 21) Piaget and gold and diamond watch - \$2,000
- 22) a) Gold bracelet made up of United States \$50 gold pieces
- b) Gold bracelet with dangling United States gold pieces, various denominations of \$1.00 - \$2.50
- 23) Eight gold bracelets with large gold charms - \$3,200
- 24) Four gold and jade round bracelets - \$2,800
 - gold pearl and jade drop earrings - \$500
 - gold jade and pearl ring - \$500
 - gold bracelet - jack charms - \$500
- 25) One pair pearl and gold earrings - \$575
- 26) One emerald and diamond large round pin with coral center - \$575
- 27) One coral, diamond and Russian pin - \$1,700
- 28) One coral cut sapphire and diamond pin - \$1,000
- 29) Two cigarette lighters with watches - \$60
- 30) One strand pearl necklace - \$500
- 31) Various cufflinks and gold earrings approximately \$1,250
- 32) One round gold watch with "EM" in script
- 33) One gold bracelet with gold ball charm (diamonds)
- 34) One Russian capri and gold charm which opens up as a book

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[redacted] Berkshire Hotel, 21 East 52nd Street, New York City, advised that a review of the bellboy and delivery records failed to reveal anyone in the immediate vicinity of the victim's apartment during the pertinent period except for a maid, [redacted] whose nightly duty is to turn down the bed. He stated that the hotel records reflect she entered Miss MERMAN's suite at approximately 8:10 PM, the evening of the burglary, and performed her required duties.

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[redacted] also advised that he recalled hearing from [redacted] the [redacted] that two individuals believed to be from Montreal, Canada skipped a bill either a day or two after this burglary, and he was having the records reviewed in order to obtain the details surrounding this event.

[redacted] stated that he had no suspects in this matter nor has any additional information come to his attention that he considered pertinent to this investigation.

4/21/70 at New York, New York

File # NY 87-60152

SAS FRANK R. GERRITY &
JOSEPH S. NEALON/JSN:lfk

Date dictated 4/23/70

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1.Date 4/29/70

[redacted] Credit [redacted] Hotel
Berkshire. furnished a photostat of the registration cards
of [redacted] and [redacted] which reflected there
registering at the above hotel at exactly 11:37 PM on
April 15, 1970.

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On 4/22/70 at New York, New York File # NY 87-60152

by SA JOSEPH S. NEALON:ifk Date dictated 4/23/70

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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4/29/70

Date _____

[redacted] Berkshire Hotel, 21 East 52nd Street, New York City, was contacted relative to two Canadian individuals allegedly skipping the hotel bill subsequent to the burglary of Miss MERMAN's jewelry. [redacted] stated that in that regard that at approximately 11:30 PM the evening of April 15, 1970, he assisted in registering two individuals at the Berkshire. He stated they registered as [redacted] and was employed by Zellers Limited. He was assigned Room 1901. The other individual registered as [redacted] and was employed by Lad and LASSIE Kindergarten, Incorporated.

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[redacted] stated that the above individuals had a car described as a 1970 dark blue Pontiac Tempest, Quebec license 4Z7043. He stated that this car was checked in the hotel garage and was taken out at approximately 1:00 PM the afternoon of April 17, 1970, and not seen again. He stated that the above two individuals left the hotel shortly after noon on April 18, 1970, and did not pay their bill. He stated that the records reflect that they checked into the hotel with four bags and departed with six. However, he was not too certain of the above facts.

[redacted] described the above individuals as follows:

Number One

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| Race: | White |
| Sex: | Male |
| Age: | 35 |
| Height: | Five feet eight inches - nine inches |
| Build: | Slim |
| Hair: | Black, neat regular haircut |
| Characteristics: | Very well dressed, no accent noted and well mannered, small mustache |

Number Two

Race: White

On 4/22/70 at New York, New York File # NY 87-60152

by SA JOSEPH S. NEALON:ifk Date dictated 4/23/70

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|------------------|---|
| Sex: | Male |
| Age: | 33 |
| Height: | Five feet six inches |
| Build: | Medium |
| Hair: | Medium shade of brown with sandy cast |
| Characteristics: | Sideburns, mustache, very neatly dressed |

[redacted] stated that he believes he could identify the above individuals if seen again.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1.Date 4/29/70

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advised that she was born [redacted] She stated she has been employed as a maid at the Berkshire Hotel since 1965. She stated as best she could recall she entered the suite of Miss MERMAN shortly after 8:00 PM the evening of April 16, 1970, and turned down the bed as was her responsibility. She stated that she observed nothing unusual in the victim's apartment at the time, and there was definitely no safe on the floor of the victim's bedroom. She stated that she did not notice anyone outside the victim's suite either before entering or after departing and could think of nothing unusual that occurred that evening that would cause her to suspect anyone of perpetrating this burglary.

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[redacted] stated that in the event anything is recalled by her that would be of assistance, she would immediately advise the New York Office.

On 4/22/70 at New York, New York File # NY 87-60152

by SA JOSEPH S. NEALON:ifk Date dictated 4/23/70

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Recontact with Detective [redacted] 17th Squad,
New York City Police Department, was made on May 4, 21 and
June 14, 1970, however, he advised that he has not developed
any suspects and no information has come to his attention
indicating that any of the property has been taken interstate.

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DESCRIPTION OF JEWELRY AND FURS TAKEN; ALSO, IF POSSIBLE,
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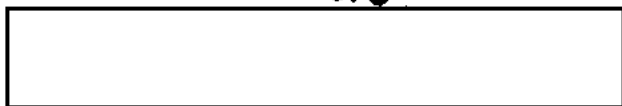


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To: Director, FBI

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Attention : _____

From: Legal Attache, Ottawa

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| <p>Title</p> <p>UNSUB: Theft of \$71,166.00 Jewelry and Furs, Hotel Residence of Ethel Merman, New York, New York - 4/17/70</p> | <p>Character</p> <p>ITSP</p> <hr/> <p>Reference</p> <p>Ottawa letter - 8/7/70.</p> |
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To: Director, FBI (Bufile :)

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From: *MINGA* Legat Attache, Ottawa (87-914)

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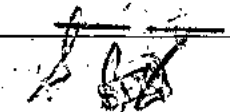
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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FROM :
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DIRECTOR, FBI
(ATTENTION: LIAISON SECTION)

DATE: 9/29/70

SAC, NEW YORK (87-60152)

UNSUB; Theft of \$71,160 Jewelry
And Furs, Hotel Residence of
ETHEL MERMAN, NYC, 4/17/70
ITSP - MT

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Re Legat, Ottawa letter to Bureau, 9/8/70.

Enclosed for the Bureau are six copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning investigation in NYC requested by

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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New York, New York
September 29, 1970

*In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.*

Unknown Subject; Theft of \$71,160
Jewelry and Furs, Hotel Residence
of Ethel Merman, New York City,
April 17, 1970
Interstate Transportation of
Stolen Property - Major Theft

Information Services provided by the New York
Telephone Company revealed that there is no record of an
Islandic Travel Agency in Manhattan, New York.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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| REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK | OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK | DATE NOV 20 1970 | INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 6/23/70 - 11/17/70 |
| TITLE OF CASE UNSUB; Theft of \$71,166, Jewelry and Furs, Hotel Residence of Ethel Merman New York, New York 4/17/70 | | REPORT MADE BY JOSEPH S. NEALON | TYPED BY mxd |
| | | CHARACTER OF CASE ITSP-MT | |

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REFERENCE

Report of SA JOSEPH S. NEALON at New York, 6/23/70. It is noted that the period of this report is in excess of 45 days which occurred as a result of the desire to incorporate investigation in New York as a result of leads obtained from inquiry conducted through Legat, Ottawa.

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The confidential source abroad referred to in the report is the Legat in Ottawa.

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INFORMANTS

By communication dated 8/11/70, from Los Angeles, and 8/18/70, from Miami, it was noted that sources of the above offices have furnished no information relative to this burglary. To date no information of value regarding this matter has been obtained through contacts with sources of the NYO.

LEADS

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AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. Will maintain contact with Detective 17th Detective Squad, NYCPD.

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2. Will report results of investigation requested of Legat, Ottawa.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: JOSEPH S. NEALON Office: New York, New York
Date: NOV 20 1970
Field Office File #: 87-60152 Bureau File #:
Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECT; Theft of
\$71,166, Jewelry and Furs,
Hotel Residence of Ethel Merman
New York, New York, April 17, 1970
Character: INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN PROPERTY-
MAJOR THEFT
Synopsis: Results of investigation to date regarding two possible
suspects in Montreal and Toronto, Canada, set forth
herein. No information of value developed by NYO or NYCPD.

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DETAILS:

By communication dated June 19, 1970, the confidential source abroad advised that Quebec license 4Z 7043 is registered to a Lad and Lassie Nursery and Kindergarten, Incorporated, 1357 Van Horne Street, Montreal, Canada, for a 1970 Pontiac hardtop. Communication continued that this company is managed by [redacted] who is father-in-law of [redacted]

The source advised that as a result of the investigation the following information was developed on [redacted] and [redacted] resides at [redacted] telephone number [redacted] Montreal. He has driving permit number [redacted] and his date of birth is noted to be [redacted]

[redacted] resides at [redacted] telephone number [redacted] and his previous employment was with Zellers Limited, 5115 Trans Island, Montreal, telephone number 481-8181, from December 26, 1962 until October 7, 1966,

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and with Western Auto Parts, 5872 Sherbrooke Street, West, Montreal, from October 21, 1966, until May 6, 1969. From May 6, 1969, until date unknown, he was employed by Dinsdale Sales Promotion Limited, 5117 De Maisonneuve Boulevard West, Montreal, telephone number 489-7578. His present employment is with Computer Institute of Canada, 2015 Drummond Street, Montreal, telephone number 849-4563, as an educational counsellor. His Social Security number is [redacted]

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No criminal record was located in Montreal on [redacted] or [redacted]. By communication dated July 23, 1970, a confidential source abroad advised that investigation at the residences of [redacted] and [redacted] resulted in obtaining no information of value pertinent to this investigation. The communication continued that [redacted] was contacted and admitted being in New York at the Berkshire from April 15, 1970, until April 18, 1970, and that he left without paying the bill. He stated that he was in the company of [redacted] and they did not have the money to pay the bill. With regard to this burglary, [redacted] denied that he and [redacted] were in any way involved in this matter, advised that their trip had been one of pleasure and for the purpose of [redacted] obtaining his fiancée's personal effects, which he intended to bring from New York to Canada. [redacted] stated that he was born in New York City, is still an American citizen, and gave his former New York address as [redacted]. The above referred to communication also noted that [redacted] wife [redacted] is engaged in the buying and selling of nonexpensive jewelry which she purchases from [redacted] and that she was selling between \$800 and \$1,000 worth of this jewelry per month. Some of this jewelry was observed during the above investigation, but none was found to be identical with any of the articles taken in this theft.

It was determined that [redacted] listed another address, [redacted]

By communication dated August 20, 1970, confidential source abroad informed that [redacted] date of birth [redacted] was contacted at [redacted] [redacted] regarding his trip to New York April 14 to 18, 1970. He stated that he was in New York on a

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pleasure trip and for the purpose of bringing to Montreal surplus luggage which his fiancée, [redacted] of Germany, had left with relatives upon arriving from Germany. He denied being involved in this burglary, and regarding his leaving the hotel without paying the bill, he stated he ran out of money at the time. [redacted] stated that during his stay in New York he had made reservations at Islantic Travel Agency, Manhattan, exact address unknown, for his fiancée's return trip to Germany. He did not recall the exact address of the travel agency nor was he able to furnish the location from which he obtained his fiancée's luggage stating that it had been on a piece of paper which he had thrown away.

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Inquiries by SA NEALON through the information services provided by the New York Telephone Company revealed that there is no record of an Islantic Travel Agency in New York City.

By communication dated August 11, 1970, the Los Angeles office furnished the following information:

Between July 4, 1970, and August 11, 1970, SA [redacted] made contacts with Lieutenant [redacted] Burglary Auto Detail, Central Division, Los Angeles Police Department; Lieutenant [redacted] Detective Detail, West Los Angeles Division, Los Angeles Police Department; Lieutenant [redacted] Los Angeles County Sheriffs Office; Lieutenant [redacted] Detective Detail, Hollywood Division, Los Angeles Police Department; Captain [redacted] Detective Division, Beverly Hills Police Department. However, no pertinent information was developed.

Contact with Detective [redacted] 17th Detective Squad, New York City Police Department, has been maintained by the New York office on a periodic basis. However, to date, no additional suspects have been developed either by the New York City Police Department or the New York office.

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Date 10/23/70b6
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[redacted] advised he has done business with [redacted] since February 6, 1970. He stated his records reflect that since that time he has had ten separate transactions with her involving sale of costume jewelry to her in amounts of \$166, \$317, \$432, \$536, \$43, \$675, \$940, \$1,422, \$648 and \$1,071. [redacted] stated in each case he delivered jewelry to [redacted] either at a hotel in New York City or at his own residence when she stayed there on her buying trips from Canada.

[redacted] stated he had no other dealings with her of any type. He added that he has no knowledge of [redacted] or her husband, [redacted] ever handling swag, but stated they are high livers and spend large sums of money on clothes, entertainment and travel and currently are paying \$330 per room per month at her hotel in Canada where she is currently doing business as Jonethan Marks, Incorporated, 1 Benvenuto Street, Toronto, Canada. He stated that [redacted] has in the past been successful in getting by Canadian Customs officials without paying duty on her purchases.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] is a computer course salesman who is originally from the Bronx and allegedly went to Canada to avoid the draft. [redacted] stated he is a con man and married [redacted] as her parents have money and that is his only interest in her. He added, however, that her parents do not like him and, therefore, they do not give her any money.

With regard to the possibility of [redacted] pulling a large score, [redacted] stated although he has no specific information, he is of the opinion that he could be capable of being involved in pulling a score. He stated his son, [redacted] who has been in Canada and has seen [redacted] there, may have additional information of value to this investigation.

On 10/21/70 at Long Beach, New York File # NY 87-60152

by SA [redacted] /lac Date dictated 10/23/70

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[redacted] who appeared most cooperative, stated that he has no additional information regarding this matter, but that if in the future he becomes aware of anything, he would immediately contact the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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Date 10/30/70

[redacted]
[redacted] was contacted relative to the ETHEL MERMAN burglary and as to any information he may have relative to [redacted] and [redacted]. He advised substantially the same as his father, adding that he had no specific information indicating they were involved in this theft. He opined, however, that he believed [redacted] would do almost anything for a dollar.

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He stated that if in the event he learns anything pertinent to this investigation, he would advise the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

On 10/28/70 at Long Beach, New York File # NY 87-60152
by SA [redacted] /lac Date dictated 10/30/70

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| REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK | OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK | DATE 1/29/71 | INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 11/20/70 - 1/26/71 |
| TITLE OF CASE UNSUB; Theft of \$71,166 Jewelry and Furs, Hotel Residence of ETHEL MERMAN, NY, NY, 4/17/70 | | REPORT MADE BY JOSEPH S. NEALON | TYPED BY lac |
| | | CHARACTER OF CASE ITSP - MT | |

REFERENCE

Report of SA JOSEPH S. NEALON, 11/20/70, at NY. *med 7-1*

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ADMINISTRATIVE

The confidential source abroad referred to in this report is the Legat, Ottawa. *Sc*

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to:

Report of: JOSEPH S. NEALON
Date: 1/29/71

Office: New York, New York

Field Office File #: NY 87-60152

Bureau File #:

Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECT; Theft of
\$71,166 Jewelry and Furs,
Hotel Residence of ETHEL
MERMAN, New York, New York,
April 17, 1970

Character: INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN PROPERTY -
MAJOR THEFT

Synopsis: All logical investigation complete. No suspects
developed. No evidence ITSP violation.

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Details:

By communication dated January 20, 1971, a confidential source abroad advised that [redacted] was contacted in Montreal, Canada, and advised that the airline used by his fiancée in April, 1970, was Islantic Airlines, and one of his purposes in being in New York City was to make reservations for her on that airline to go to Germany.

The telephone directory in New York City reveals no Islantic Airlines, but does reveal Icelandic Airlines.

[redacted] Icelandic Airlines, New York City, advised that their records reflect that on Flight 400 on April 26, 1970, an individual named [redacted] travelled from New York City to Luxemburg where the flight terminated. She stated another airline could be used to continue a trip to Germany, but they would have no record of it.

Inasmuch as all logical investigation has been conducted and since no evidence was developed to indicate a suspect or an Interstate Transportation of Stolen Property (ITSP) violation, this matter is being closed.

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