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The foregoing, of course, has been given to Olney in conversations earlier in the week. Now that Olney raised the basic question about talking to the source and how certain can we be that the source is telling the truth, Olney was told that we, of course, could not divulge the identity of the source and would not under any circumstances, without the source's permission; that the source had been reliable in the past, it would be inconceivable that the source would be making a statement unless their was a basis for it.

2. 作用 化硫铁铁 1. 数据设计 (特定) Olney inquired if we could recheck with the source. I teld him that we, of course, could do this but that it was felt that the source would furnish the same information he had previously furnished. Olney then stated that he felt dutybound to mention another matter which he wanted to preface by stating that he did so most reluctantly because he did not want any erroneous interpretation placed upon it. He then pointed out that on the preceding day, when he came in to see me, was sitting in my outer office; that he knew and they merely passed the time of day. On December 2 1955, however, Wyllys S. Newcomb, his Special Assistant handling the case in St. Louis direct, received a call from the St. Louis Globe-Democrat inquiring whether Newcomb of the Department was looking for the recordings in the Olney stated that he knew the Bureau too well and knew that the Bureau would not have passed out any information, but he was wondering if by any chance could have gotten the information from the source. I told him I could not saswer as to this; that I knew that had been to the Bureau; that I knew the nature of his inquiry; that I knew without even checking that no information would be furnishe

I subsequently checked with Mr. DeLoach who informed me that he made no reference whatsoever to the matter at the time called on him.

Since this has been the subject of previous press releases, I told Mr. DeLoach to go ahead and furnish him with the information we had previously given out.

Subsequently, Mr. DeLoach told me that he had learned from

I, accordingly, told Mr. DeLoach on Friday to

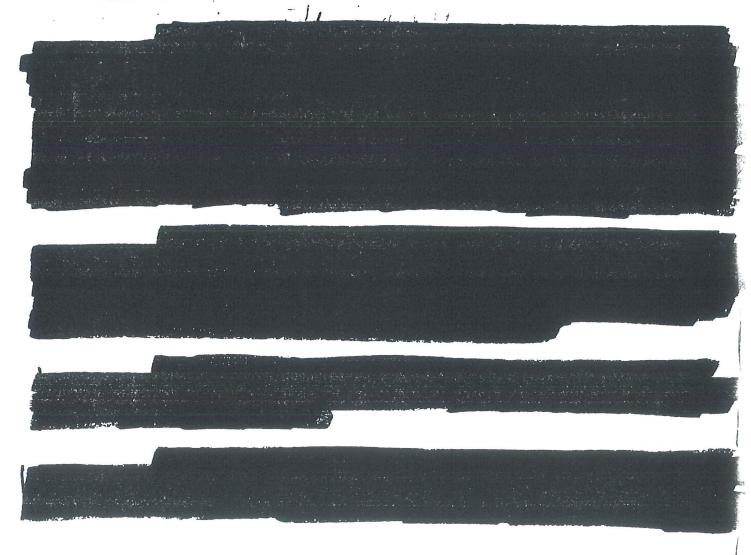
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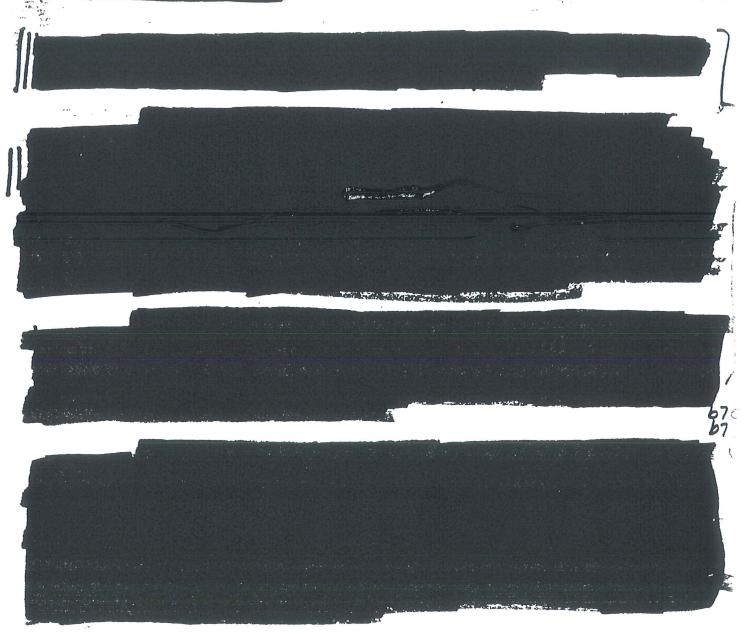
Mr. Olney had taken up with us the matter of identifying our source of information which we had declined to do and to mention the St. Louis Globe-Democrat inquiry on whether the Department was looking for recordings in the case, to mention the meeting of and Olney in my office, and to point out to

Mr. DeLoach had an occasion to see on December 24, 1955, and the foregoing matters were raised. Mr. DeLoach tells me provided him as follows:



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Should Olney recontact me, I will tell Olney that

is, of course, obvious that Olney if he pressed the matter with in an effort to find out the names of all person to whom that made the

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In fact, in one of the earlier conversation, statements, could identify Olney stated that ad told him that

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Olney at the time that I knew of was somewhat indefinite about this and Olney then stated that referred to the fact that the individual rides towork with an FBI Agent and his name was something like Nellis or some such name.

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12-28-55 ADDENDUM, LBA

Late on the afternoon of 12-28-55, Olney came to my office and inquired if we had heard anything further from the source. I told him we had talked to the source over the week end and the source had reaffirmed the statements previously reported as having been made based and which had been reported to the Department. I further told Olney that the source had reminded us that he had given us the information in confidence and for which reason it would be impossible to divulge the identity of the source. Olney stated that he has now concluded that tory was a diversion and that the incident which related actually did take place but that this was tactic being employed by

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Olney further stated that he is satisfied himself that did not hold out on Rogers since was the individual who teld Rogers that he had been caught with the recordings, that and told him that he was desperate and meeded money. Olney states that he is also planning 67C pefore the Grand Jury and question him about convergation with and after this then call before the Grand Jury. Olney states that it would be very helpful to him if he could be put in touch with the source directly so that he could reconstruct the source's information as best he could so that he could be in a position to question before the Grand Jury.

I told Olney that this we could not do. Olney then inquired if there was some particular reason why the source wanted to have his identity concealed. I told him quite frankly the source was in a delicate position, that he was a chap who had been around town many years, and had been helpful in the past, and that under these circumstances we certainly could not violate a confidence. Olney stated that he did not want us to violate any confidence, that he deeply appreciated the promptness in which we had reported the situation to the Department, and that he could very well appreciate our position which he would respect.

The question did arise as to what might happen should give a statement as to the individuals he had related the information to, that it was entirely possible the source snight be identified in this manner. I told Olney that was a bridge to cross when we came to it, that certainly if this occurred, it would not be us who would be violating a confidence. He stated he agreed.

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In maintaining his and