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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent ⁶¹¹⁸ [REDACTED] dated March 27, 1961, at Baltimore, Maryland.

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Report of: SA [REDACTED]
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Office: Baltimore, Maryland

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Title: HAROLD WEISBERG and
LILLIAN WEISBERG

Character: FEDERAL TORT CLAIMS ACT

Synopsis:

[REDACTED] raises laying hens and has never experienced helicopters bothering chickens or horses.

[REDACTED] has lost no chickens due to helicopter flights and she knows of no loss in egg production due to helicopters.

[REDACTED] states that on at least 2 or 3 occasions helicopters came over the WEISBERG farm scaring WEISBERG's chickens badly. [REDACTED] knows some of WEISBERG's chickens died as a result of these helicopter flights and that egg production was also cut back as a result of these flights. Photographs of WEISBERG farm and adjacent area obtained.

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ENCLOSURES TO UNITED STATES ATTORNEY, BALTIMORE:

10 Photographs of WEISBERG farm and adjacent area.

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[REDACTED]

He said helicopters still fly over this area, however, he has never seen any helicopters he would consider too low and he has never known his cows to be scared by a low-flying helicopter.

[REDACTED] said he does not raise chickens and he knows of no damage low-flying helicopters have cause in this area other than complaints of HAROLD WEISBERG.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has never experienced low-flying helicopters bothering [REDACTED] chickens. [REDACTED] has never noticed any losses in egg production due to low-flying helicopters. [REDACTED] said helicopters do occasionally fly over this area, however, [REDACTED] has never seen one which [REDACTED] would consider too low.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said [REDACTED] considers WEISBERG's claim to be ridiculous and considers him to be a trouble maker. [REDACTED] said many people in the Hyattstown, Maryland area had experienced a great deal of trouble with Mr. WEISBERG.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] recalls helicopter flights over this area, however, [REDACTED] was unable to say whether or not any of these helicopters were flying at an unusually low altitude. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] does not raise chickens or livestock. [REDACTED] has never seen a helicopter lower than the hill in back of the WEISBERG farm.

[REDACTED] said [REDACTED] understands WEISBERG claims the siren on the fire engine of the Hyattstown Fire Department has caused a number of his chickens to die.

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[REDACTED] definitely had laying hens during the 1957-58 period.

[REDACTED] said her husband mentioned a helicopter disturbing his chickens on only one occasion. This was several years ago and he related that one time when he was in the hen house the hens jumped up as though something scared them, at which time he looked out of the hen house and saw a helicopter passing over. He said that this scared the chickens no more than a child walking into the hen house and he lost no chickens as a result. [REDACTED] said that her husband has lost no chickens as a result of helicopters and she knows of no loss of egg production as a result of helicopters flying over the farm. She said disturbances can cause laying hens to stop laying and also cause blood spots in eggs.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said he was at the WEISBERG farm on several occasions when helicopters flew over the farm and scared the chickens badly. The chickens would bunch up in the corner of the chicken house, pile on top of each other and cause the death of several chickens. [REDACTED] said he was not at the WEISBERG farm every time a helicopter flew over causing the death of chickens, however, he was there on at least two or three occasions when this happened. He said he knows helicopter flights also cause a loss in egg production of Mr. WEISBERG's hens. He was unable to say how many chickens Mr. WEISBERG lost as a result of the helicopter flights, or his losses in egg production. [REDACTED] said WEISBERG usually kept from 600 to 800 laying hens and from 200 to 300 young chickens.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said he considers WEISBERG to be a trouble maker, who has complained of helicopters and fire engines bothering his chickens. He said that WEISBERG appears to be the only one who has ever complained of the helicopters and fire engines bothering his chickens.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said so far as he knows, WEISBERG has filed no legal action against the Hyattstown Fire Department regarding the loss of his chickens.

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[REDACTED] said that HAROLD WEISBERG has made numerous complaints to the Fire Department for sounding a siren when passing his farm. WEISBERG claims this scares his chickens causing death to several of them and causing a setback in egg production. [REDACTED] advised every time a fire engine went by WEISBERG's farm he would immediately come over to the fire house and tell how many chickens were killed.

[REDACTED] said he has seen helicopter flights over this area, however, WEISBERG appears to be the only one in the area the helicopters have ever bothered.

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A series of photographs were taken by Special Agent [REDACTED] of the farm and surroundings of HAROLD WEISBERG at Hyattstown, Maryland. These photographs are described as follows:

1. A view of the WEISBERG farm taken from the yard of Mrs. RUSH L. WRIGHT, looking north toward the WEISBERG farm.
2. A photograph looking south from the yard of Mrs. RUSH L. WRIGHT.
3. A photograph taken from the yard of Mrs. JOHN T. CROGHAN, looking northeast towards the farm of HAROLD WEISBERG.
4. A photograph taken from Route #355 adjacent to the farm of Mr. RAYMOND PRICE, looking northwest toward the HAROLD WEISBERG farm.
5. A photograph from the meadow between the RUSH L. WRIGHT and the HAROLD WEISBERG farms looking south toward the WRIGHT farm.
6. Same as #5, except looking north toward the WEISBERG farm.
7. Same as #5 except looking northeast toward Hyattstown and the farm of RAYMOND PRICE.
8. Same as #5, except looking southwest toward the JOHN CROGHAN farm.
9. A photograph from the meadow of Mr. RAYMOND PRICE looking north toward the HAROLD WEISBERG farm.
10. A photograph of the meadow of Mr. RAYMOND PRICE looking north toward the WEISBERG farm.

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The facts of this case were discussed with Assistant United States Attorney DANIEL H. HONEMANN on April 4, 1961. Mr. HONEMANN said the trial in this case is still scheduled for April 10, 1961, and in view of information developed, it will not be necessary to reinterview [REDACTED]