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THE ADMINISTRATION OF CRIMINAL
JUSTICE IN THE U.S., PLAN FOR SURVEY
AMERICAN BAR FOUNDATION

In connection with a letter from SAC Averbach, Seattle, 1/6/56 on captioned matter, the Director has/asked whether we received a copy of a 200-page book **Plan for Survey" published by the American Bar Foundation, and whether we have reviewed it. The book relates to a survey being made by the American Bar Foundation regarding the administration of criminal justice in the U.S.

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On 7/18/55 Assistant Attorney General Warren Olney III furnished a copy of this book to the Bureau. Olney is a member of the American Bar Foundation Committee making the survey. The book was reviewed in Crime Records Section and a summary memorandum, to Mr. Nichols, 8/3/55, was prepared. (63-383-391) memorandum, the original of which is enclosed, points out the book contains numerous complimentary references and no critical references to the Bureau.

On page 2 of the letter from SAC Averbach of 1/6/56 he points out his review of the "Plan for Survey" indicates the survey will go into detail as to the system of organization of various police agencies, retirement systems, crime laboratories, police training and numerous other related matters. The Director has asked whether all of this appears in the "Plan for Survey" book. On pages 108 through 126 in this book there is set forth a topical outline to be followed in surveying subordinate jurisdictions which are described as subdivisions such as counties, districts and municipalities of operation necessary in modern law enforcement agencies but does not make special phase of FBI work. On page 126 it is indicated this same outline will be followed so far as possible in surveying Enclosures

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On page 3 of Auerbach's letter he indicates it is his understanding that survey officials already have contacted the Bureau and requested the loan of a Bureau representative. This has not been done. Apparently Averbach has reference to the fact that informed an agent of the San Francisco Office of plans to request a Bureau representative in Chicago to aid in the training program being provided to the men who will actually make the field survey. The only request received from the American Bar Foundation in this connection is the request made to SAC Hostetter, Chicago, by who asked that Hostetter give a talk on 1/19/56 at Northwestern University on the subject of "Jurisdiction of the FBI" and its programs. The Director has approved Hostetter accepting this invitation as a "feeler" to determine what is going on. Hostetter has been instructed to obtain a clear-cut outline on what he is expected to cover in this talk. His outline is to be submitted to the Bureau for approval prior to his appearance. At the time we first received this indication that a request would be made for a Bureau representative to assist in this survey, all pertinent offices were informed that the Bureau has no intention of loaning a representative to the American Bar Foundation.

Offices which are in the area scheduled to be surveyed first by the American Bar Foundation have been furnished by SAC Letter 55-71, copies of the book "Plan for Survey." Mr. Nichols, of course, has the responsibility for handling personal contacts and liaison in connection with the American Bar Association and the American Bar Foundation. Training and Inspection Division has responsibility for keeping in touch with the situation and doing necessary paperwork and field guidance. You will recall I discussed this with you about the time Mr. Harbo retired to see whether there should be diversified handling of this matter by two divisions or whether one division should handle the entire matter in all aspects. Following Mr. Nichols' recommendation, the breakdown setup mentioned above was approved

RECOMMENDATION: That the enclosed letter to SAC Auerbach be forwarded in response to his letter

of 1/6/56.

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