

Memorandum

DATE 7/20/73

Director *K. J. [unclear]*
Washington

ESSEX EDITH SAXE; **GILROB**
KATHERINE ANN POWER
TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES

W. J. [unclear]
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At approximately 3:15 p. m. today [redacted] the "New York Times" called me and asked if the above two individuals are Top Ten fugitives. I told him they were whereupon he asked me what they were charged with. I read him the press release of October 17, 1970, when these two women were placed on the Top Ten list.

I pointed out to [redacted] that they were FBI fugitives and that if he had any information regarding them the investigation to run out that information should be handled by the FBI. He said he understood that. He also said that he was "on to something" but would not know for sure where it would lead for a couple of days and after he resolved the current situation, we would be the first to know. He then asked me if William M. Gilday was presently serving a life sentence for murder at Walpole State Prison in Massachusetts. I asked him if that tied in with his other information and he said it did so I told him I would check and call him back. I determined from the Special Investigative Division that Gilday was one of the three male subjects with Saxe and Power who participated in the robbery of a Boston bank on 9/23/70 after which a Boston police officer was shot and killed by a burst from a Thompson Sub-machine gun. Gilday was the individual believed to have actually fired the 31 shots killing the police officer. According to our information he is incarcerated at Walpole State Prison.

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I called [redacted] back to advise him that Gilday is in Walpole and further that he was associated with the two fugitives in the Boston bank robbery. At this time he said that they had received an anonymous communication which he was checking out item by item and that so far all the background information had checked out as accurate. I told [redacted] that I understood the "New York Times" would try to get the best story possible out of this situation but I emphasized to him that these two fugitives are being actively sought by the FBI and I felt it was our job to check out any information which might lead to their apprehension. I pointed out that it could be dangerous

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Re: Susan Edith Saxe
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for the "New York Times" to be nosing around in this type situation and that they could either get someone injured or if the two fugitives are in a specific location flush them out. [redacted] assured me that the "New York Times" would not try to locate and apprehend the two fugitives and that as soon as it was possible the FBI would be filled in on this matter. I said even if we ran into a deadend we wanted to know about it because our resources might open avenues that his would not. [redacted] assured me that we would be given the facts and that the "New York Times" would not risk interfering with our fugitive investigation.

Although [redacted] refused to give me the details at this time I have the feeling that rather than having a tip on these two fugitives location he may be checking out an anonymous or other type of offer for them to surrender through the "New York Times," possibly with a great fanfare regarding their "political motivations."

Although [redacted] is an aggressive reporter, I have no indication that he would not deal forthrightly with us. He was the reporter who broke the story apparently leaked to him about the missing records on the 17 wire taps.

I will, of course, follow up on this with [redacted] in a couple of days to see what the status is and to see if we can determine exactly what he is working with.

RECOMMENDATION

For information.

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