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June 7, 1977

Mr. Robert O. Goff  
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Privacy Acts Officer  
Office Of Public Affairs  
United States Secret Service  
Room 944  
1000 G Street, N. W.  
Washington, DC 20223

Dear Mr. Goff:

Just today I received the materials you sent from Secret Service files and your accompanying letter dated June 3, 1977, and I thank you. However, in your letter you stated "in accordance with your request, there are attached copies of the documents which were released by the United States Secret Service to Mr. Mark Lane." In my Freedom Of Information Act (FOIA) request dated May 11, 1977 there is nowhere mentioned Mr. Mark Lane or any materials he might have received from the Secret Service. Insofar as my aforementioned initiating letter, I requested "access for purpose of inspection, and if I so choose, copying Secret Service File Number CO-2-34030."

Therefore, it is evident you have chosen to release to me what you see fit without regard as to the content of my request. For this reason and because of the amount of time which has elapsed, this letter should serve as a formal letter of appeal pursuant to subsection (a)(6) of the Freedom Of Information Act as amended (5 U. S. C. 552).

To expedite this administrative appeal, I have enclosed a list of documents contained in the abovementioned Secret Service File which I specifically request accession to and have serialized them for your convenience.

As provided for in the Act, I expect to receive a reply within twenty days.

Sincerely,  
MICHAEL J. LEVY

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Enclosure: As stated

EXHIBIT A

Documents from Secret Service File CO-2-34,030

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| 1   | 275 | 643 | 901  | 1358     |
| 4   | 276 | 647 | 912  | 1359     |
| 11  | 277 | 649 | 913  | 1374     |
| 13  | 288 | 670 | 916  | 1389     |
| 16  | 295 | 672 | 920  | 1403     |
| 19  | 305 | 674 | 925  | 1407     |
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| 41  | 311 | 691 | 977  | 1420     |
| 59  | 320 | 697 | 1012 | 1426     |
| 61  | 322 | 701 | 1013 | 1436     |
| 62  | 323 | 703 | 1014 | 1447     |
| 73  | 334 | 712 | 1015 | 1451     |
| 91  | 371 | 716 | 1024 | 1453     |
| 98  | 394 | 721 | 1028 | 1465     |
| 99  | 407 | 728 | 1032 | 1475     |
| 100 | 425 | 741 | 1041 | 1476     |
| 105 | 427 | 745 | 1046 | 1480     |
| 116 | 440 | 749 | 1063 | 1484     |
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| 127 | 449 | 753 | 1074 | 1493     |
| 143 | 454 | 754 | 1117 |          |
| 151 | 456 | 764 | 1136 |          |
| 152 | 481 | 767 | 1144 | Addendum |
| 154 | 484 | 786 | 1148 | 80       |
| 171 | 490 | 788 | 1155 | 167      |
| 178 | 501 | 789 | 1171 | 224      |
| 180 | 505 | 792 | 1175 | 226      |
| 184 | 514 | 795 | 1176 | 227      |
| 189 | 515 | 796 | 1177 | 335      |
| 197 | 516 | 797 | 1179 | 350      |
| 199 | 517 | 798 | 1184 | 432      |
| 204 | 522 | 800 | 1189 | 437      |
| 206 | 536 | 805 | 1202 | 511      |
| 210 | 549 | 806 | 1215 | 560      |
| 212 | 550 | 813 | 1226 | 742      |
| 215 | 551 | 815 | 1244 | 1132     |
| 217 | 554 | 816 | 1246 |          |
| 221 | 573 | 818 | 1247 |          |
| 223 | 579 | 833 | 1260 |          |
| 225 | 591 | 834 | 1264 |          |
| 230 | 592 | 840 | 1266 | 157      |
| 231 | 600 | 849 | 1290 | 161-6    |
| 234 | 603 | 855 | 1297 | 172-4    |
| 236 | 618 | 869 | 1329 | 403      |
| 248 | 620 | 875 | 1334 | 773      |
| 256 | 625 | 879 | 1337 |          |
| 259 | 632 | 890 | 1344 |          |
| 264 | 634 | 892 | 1345 |          |
| 267 | 640 | 900 | 1346 |          |

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Re: 77-483-F

Mr. Michael J. Levy  
2204 Q Street N.W.  
Washington, D. C. 20008

Dear Mr. Levy:

As a result of your Freedom of Information request of May 11, 1977, the U.S. Secret Service referred one (1) document to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) for a direct reply to you.

The referred DEA document is being released to you with excisions made pursuant to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 USC 552, which exempts from disclosure matters which are:

- (b) (2) related solely to the internal rules and practices of an agency;
- (b) (7) investigatory records compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such records would:
  - (C) constitute an unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of another person,
  - (D) disclose the identity of a confidential source and information furnished only by a confidential source,
  - (F) endanger the life or physical safety of law enforcement personnel.

All fees have been waived, and the aforementioned document is being forwarded to you with this letter.

EXHIBIT C

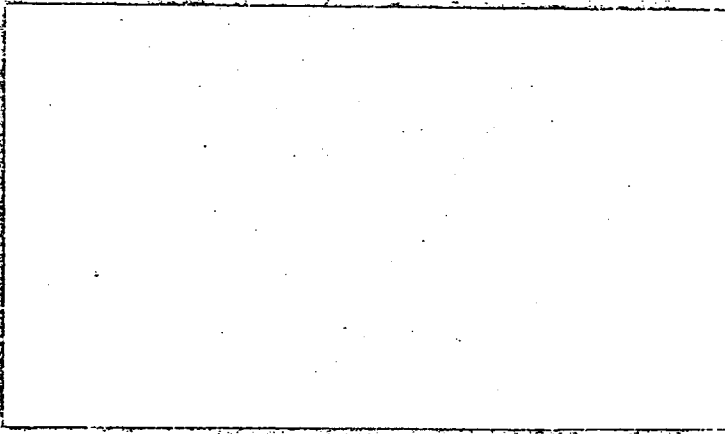
Should you wish to appeal DEA's processing of your request, you may do so within thirty (30) days pursuant to 28 CFR 16.7. Any appeal should be directed to the Office of Privacy and Information Appeals, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530. Judicial review will thereafter be available either in the District where you reside or have a principal place of business, or in the District of Columbia.

Sincerely,

Peter B. Bensinger  
Administrator

by Robert J. Rosthal  
Acting Chief Counsel

Enclosure



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77-483-F

Mr. Michael J. Levy  
2204 Q Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Levy:

Subsequent to our correspondence of August 17, 1977, the Deputy Attorney General has modified the deletions of certain portions of the Bureau of Narcotics Memorandum Report dated October 31, 1947 and the attached three-page Statement.

The Deputy Attorney General recently advised a requester for the same Memorandum and Statement that the "...substance of all four pages was published as Exhibit No. 1271 of the Warren Commission Report. To the extent that the names of two supervisory Federal agents were not mentioned in the Exhibit, and were not included in DEA's initial release to you, I have determined that the spirit of 28 CFR 50.8 justifies their release." Accordingly, totally unexcised copies of the four pages are enclosed.

Therefore, you are now receiving all the information contained in the documents referred to the Drug Enforcement Administration by the U.S. Secret Service, and all fees pertaining thereto have been waived.

Sincerely,

Peter B. Bensinger  
Administrator

by Donald E. Miller  
Chief Counsel

Enclosures

EXHIBIT C

COPY

Form No. 101

MEMORANDUM REPORT  
BUREAU OF NARCOTICS  
DISTRICT NO.

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|---|---|---|
| CASE FILE NO.   | SE NO.                                      | GEN. FILE TITLE: Taylor Crossland, Maurice O. Melton, Paul Roland Jones |
| REPORT MADE AT: Chicago, Illinois<br>DATE: October 31, 1947<br>BY: A. E. Aman | RELATED FILES: SE-202, Mafia, P 234 and 240 | OTHER OFFICERS: Arthur R. Adams, Customs Ag Chicago, Illinois           |

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| SUBJECT OF THIS MEMORANDUM: Investigation re: Taylor Crossland, Maurice O. Melton, Paul Roland Jones | RECOMMENDATION:<br>PENDING: <i>11-4-55</i><br>CLOSE:<br>FURTHER INVESTIGATION: <i>11-1-55</i> |
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DETAILS (if report is over two pages in length summarize in first paragraph)

On October 29, 1947, we interviewed Jack Ruby, a permanent guest, Room 6-142, of the Congress Hotel, Chicago. He identified the photograph of Paul Roland Jones, and has known him for the past four or five months inasmuch as Paul Jones is a friend of his sister, Eva Grant, proprietress of the Singapore Supper Club, 1717 S. Ervay Street, Dallas, Texas. He was introduced to Paul Roland Jones by Eva Grant.

Jack Ruby has talked to Paul Jones on numerous occasions while visiting his sister in Dallas, Texas, but has never had any conversations with him relative to narcotic drugs nor has he ever talked to Paul Jones in the city of Chicago, either personally or via telephone. According to Jack Ruby he was visiting in Dallas, Texas, on August 2nd and 3rd, 1947, which are the dates that Paul Jones, Taylor Crossland and Maurice Melton were in Chicago.

Jack Ruby is a sales promoter, and calls himself a merchandise distributor. He is 35 years of age, 5' 9" tall, weighs about 160, wavy hair, with a high receding hair line, a large, sharp, pointed nose, a fashionable dresser, is of Jewish extraction, and was born at Chicago, Illinois. He is also a brother of Hyman Rubenstein.

Hyman Rubenstein was interviewed, and the attached statement is herewith enclosed; also two business letters, which, seemingly, substantiate his sworn statement.

The registration records of the Sherman Hotel, Chicago, indicates that Paul Jones occupied Rooms 1024 and 674 from October 10, 1947, to October 21, 1947, and the telephone calls made by him have been checked and were made to all legitimate organizations.

The files of this office and the files of the Bureau of Identification, Chicago Police Department, have been examined and there are no records involving Hyman Rubenstein, 3650 W. Lexington St., Chicago, Illinois, or Jack Ruby, his brother, who resides as a permanent guest at the Congress Hotel, Chicago.

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| COPY OF THIS MEMO FURNISHED TO:   | SIGNATURES:   |
| BUREAU: (2) 11-5-1947   | <i>[Signature]</i><br>(NARCOTIC AGENT OR INSPECTOR)   |
| DISTRICT NO. SCA- Laredo, Texas (Don White) (1)<br>SCA- Chicago, Ill. (2) | APPROVED: <i>[Signature]</i><br>(DISTRICT SUPERVISOR) |

11-13-47 cc: Mr. Patrick Pulmon, FBI 901

EXHIBIT C

COPY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ( )  
DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS ) SS

STATEMENT

I, Hyman Rubenstein, having been informed by Albert A. Aman, known to me to be an agent of the Bureau of Narcotics of the Treasury Department of the United States, and Arthur R. Adams, known to me to be an agent of the Bureau of Customs of the Treasury Department, that I may decline to answer any questions propounded to me by him on the ground that the answers thereto may tend to incriminate me; and having also been informed that this statement may be used in evidence against me in criminal or other proceedings; and no threats of any character having been made against me and no physical violence having been used against my person, and no reward nor immunity having been promised to me in consideration for my making said statement by said Aman or any other person acting for or on behalf of the United States; I do freely and voluntarily make the following statement:

My name is Hyman Rubenstein. I am 46 years of age, born in Warsaw, Poland, and I was naturalized about 1922 in the Federal Building, Chicago, Illinois. My occupation is the candy and novelty business, and I am the proprietor of the Victory Products Company, 3650 Lexington Street, Chicago, Illinois.

I reside with my father, my brother, Sammy, my sister, Marian, and a nephew named Ronnie at 3650 Lexington Street. I have lived in Chicago since I have been 2 1/2 years of age, at which time my people migrated from Poland.

Q. I hand you three (3) photographs. Will you examine them and inform Mr. Aman: me whether or not you know these people.

A. I met Taylor Crossland and Maurice Costello Melton only once. Paul Roland Jones I have known for about a year or less.

Q. When was the first time you met Paul Jones?

A. About ten months ago. He called me at my home and said he was a friend of my sister, Eva Grant, and that he would like to see me if I wasn't too busy. We met at the Sherman Hotel in the Celtic Room, and our conversation was merely general subjects of the day. The next time I met him was on a Sunday morning after he called me at my home, and this meeting was held at the Sherman Hotel in the Celtic Room. He introduced me to Taylor Crossland and Maurice Costello Melton, and we all had breakfast together. The latter meeting held at Hotel Sherman, Celtic Room, took place during the first week of August, 1947.

During this period of time the conversation was about general subjects. We talked around the Loop for about one hour and I pointed out places of interest to the men. Later, I suggested driving them to the Airport because I wasn't busy and inasmuch as they said they were going to Wichita, Kansas. While in my automobile, Melton and Crossland asked

me if I could get them a connection on steel pipes and I said I would let them know tomorrow, which I did, and mailed the sample (3/4 inch pipe) to Paul Jones at 3904 Junius Street, Dallas, Texas. I also wrote him a letter with specifications and prices. I never heard a word from him since.

During the period of time spent with Jones, Melton and Crossland, a discussion came up about lumber, inasmuch as Melton asked me. Melton suggested that he could get me carloads of lumber at a very good price. I believe a brother of his had a connection in a lumber mill. I suggested if he would cut off a one foot sample slab so that I could show it to some people here in Chicago, he might be able to do some business. He promised me he would, but I never got a sample.

While we were waiting for the plane, Taylor suggested something about a gold mine that he had with an engineer partner on the Pacific Coast of Mexico. I told him that it took too much money for a guy like me. He said, "Do you think you can find somebody?" I told him there was only one party that I knew who was a prospector and a miner and knows more about that business than I do, and I gave him the name of Joseph Cunningham, located at room 423, Rowan Bldg., 458 Spring, Los Angeles, Off. Tel. Van Dyke 4044.

Crossland said he would have his engineer write to Cunningham as he knows more about the details of gold mining. No more was ever heard further on this subject. (Residence Tel. Chapman 52801)

During this conversation Paul Jones said that he would like to pick up some new cars if any contacts could be made, but I never tried to do so, and that ended that.

The next time I saw Paul Jones was on or about the 15th of October, and he remained in Chicago approximately a week. He called me upon his arrival, at my home, and asked me to meet him in Room 574 at the Sherman Hotel, which I did. He introduced me to a Mr. Wagner, and the importance of my meetings with him each day that he was here was that Mr. Wagner was the inventor of a new type of rubber fabric to be used for re-tapping tires. Paul Jones said that he met and talked with Jack Neeshin of the Keeshin Motor Express Corporation, and that Jack Neeshin was going to give it a trial. Paul Jones also said that he made a trip to Canada and attempted to interest either the Goodyear Rubber and the U. S. Rubber Company in this product, but was informed that he would have to take the matter up with the U. S. office in Ohio.

During this week Paul Jones asked me if I could get him 700 gallons of bulk-four-year-old whiskey. I wrote him special delivery air mail letter after he left Chicago, and told him I could get him the whiskey he filed out from his people what they would pay, and to let me know immediately. I have never heard from him on this matter, either.



During these several meetings that I had with Paul Jones, he never mentioned opium, nor any other narcotic drug to me, nor did Crossland or Maurice Malton.

For the Government's information, I want it to be known very clearly that I am a businessman; that I have never been arrested on any charge, and that I absolutely know nothing about opium, or narcotics in any shape, manner or form, nor the illicit traffic of narcotic drugs.

UNITED STATES OF ALGERIA {  
DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS { SS

HYMAN EISENSTEIN, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he has read the foregoing statement in question and answer form by him subscribed and knows the contents thereof, and that the same is true in substance and in fact, except as to those matters stated therein to be upon information and belief, and that as to those matters he believes it to be true.

/s/ Hyman Eisenstein

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 30th day of October, A. D. 1947.

Witnessed by:

/s/ Albert E. Anna, Narcotic Agent