UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO

SAC

(157 - 10673)

DATE:

4/25/68

FROM

ASAC SYLVESTER

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

Security Officer, Southern Bell Telephone Company, telephonically advised that his office had received a call from their Los Angeles office in which the Los Angeles telephone company office advised that the FBI in Los Angeles wanted a check of the toll record information for three months, 1/21/68 to 3/17/68, of tolls to 821-1411, and mentioned the bankruptcy of SAM RECILE. was requested to determine who this phone belonged to and he advised this was the Times-Picayune States Item.

He stated he intended to take no action concerning this until he heard from this office.

LEO LARUE, sitting on the ASAC's Desk in Los Angeles in the absence of the SAC and ASAC, was telephonically requested to determine if their office made any such request and to call this office.

JTS:sam (2)

ADDENDUM, ASAC, 4/25/68: Supv. NOLAN, Los Angeles, advised that LOMAX had requested the telephone company in Los Angeles to check SAM J. RECILE, 510 O'Keefe Street, telephone 821-141, telephone records and in . view of the stop placed by Los Angeles FBI with the telephone company, they in turn had called New Orleans requesting this check. I pointed out to NOLAN that this telephone was the number of the Times-Pica une States-Item and that we were not going to tell not to do this. He agreed.

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I contacted and advised him of this. He stated before he could deny this request he would have to clear with MURRAY FINCH or the Vice President as it came from another security office of Bell Telephone.

I supplied him confidentially with information of the LOMAX "squeeze" and called NOLAN and told him to have the Security Officer in California advise what this was all about in reference to the contact with LOMAX.

NOLAN said in the event there was any mix-up, he would be back in touch with us.

ADDENDUM, ASAC, 4/25/68; Supv. NOLAN telephonically contacted the office and said the Security

Officer in California was going to call and explain the situation to him and cancel the request for the check.

of the telephone company advised that he received a call from the California Security Officer cancelling the request, and at the same time received a "lot of double talk"; that in the event any requests were received from anybody concerning this matter, he would immediately notify the New Orleans Office.