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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 10/20/49

FROM : SAC, Houston

SUBJECT: *Buster*
 C.V. KERN, Sheriff, Harris County;
 J.D. WALTERS, Captain, Harris County Sheriff's Office;
 JOHN J. KLEVENHAGEN, Texas Ranger, Houston;
 WILLIAM L. LADISH, Chief of Police, Texas City, Texas;
 DIEGO L. CARLINO - Victim;
 LOUIS MARINO - Victim.
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On 7/15/49 VINCENT VALLONE, operator of a restaurant in Houston, Texas, was slain by an unknown individual, or individuals, with a 12 gauge shotgun blast.

Forwarded herewith are two clippings, one a partial clipping from the "Houston Post" datelined 10/18/49 and one a complete clipping from the "Houston Press" of 10/17/49, which detail the purported solving of the VALLONE murder case and the arrest of DIEGO L. CARLINO, aka Richard Carlino, and LOUIS J. MARINO, two Houston residents.

It is noted that both CARLINO and MARINO, according to the newspaper articles enclosed, alleged that confessions were taken from them after severe beatings on the part of Sheriff KERN and Ranger KLEVENHAGEN. This case has been given rather wide publicity in the Houston area and subsequent to the clippings forwarded, the murder weapon was located at the spot where the accused subjects related it had been disposed of.

DEFERRED RECORDING

The attorney for these men is PERCY FOREMAN, a well known criminal defense lawyer in Houston. It has been the experience of this office that in most cases in which statements have been taken from subjects who are subsequently represented by Mr. FOREMAN, the allegation of abuse is made almost without exception. In any event, the publicity which has been noted subsequently has contained the statement from Sheriff KERN and other officers wherein they state subjects were photographed and stripped prior to being placed in jail in order to counter-act any subsequent allegations of mistreatment.

No complaint with respect to this matter has been received at this office and no further action is contemplated in the absence of such a complaint or in the absence of contrary advice from the Bureau.

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