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ELWOOD LEE HAMMOCK; [redacted] - VICTIM

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WILLIAM JOSEPH BRADY; [redacted] aka [redacted] - VICTIM

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[redacted] ELWOOD LEE HAMMOCK; GEORGE GENTILE; [redacted]

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[redacted] ELWOOD LEE HAMMOCK; GEORGE GENTILE; [redacted] VICTIMS

DETECTIVE SERGEANT WADE; DETECTIVE [redacted] - VICTIM

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SUBJECT CONTINUED: COMPROMISE AND EXTORTION
OF HOMOSEXUALS BY INDIVIDUALS
IMPERSONATING LAW ENFORCEMENT
OFFICERS
ITAR - EXTORTION
(OO: NEW YORK)

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Re Chicago report dated 3/11/66 with dual caption
"WILLIAM JOSEPH BRADY, aka; [redacted] LNU, aka [redacted]
[redacted] - VICTIM"; ITAR - EXTORTION (Bufile
166-1676) and "WILLIAM JOSEPH BRADY, aka; [redacted]
aka [redacted] - VICTIM"; ITAR - EXTORTION.
Miami letter to Bureau dated 3/4/66 captioned "ELWOOD LEE
HAMMOCK, aka;" ITAR - EXTORTION (Bufile 166-1670). Newark
report dated 2/18/66 captioned "UNSUBS (2); IMPERSONATION OF
FBI AGENTS, 10/20/65, PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY; [redacted] -
VICTIM"; IMPERSONATION - ITSP (Bufile 47-52422). WFO airtel to
Bureau dated 3/11/65 captioned [redacted]
[redacted] ELWOOD LEE HAMMOCK; GEORGE GENTILE; [redacted]
[redacted] - VICTIM"; ITSP; IMPERSONATION.

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For the information of the Bureau and all offices,
the above referenced cases plus additional information available
in NY files indicates the existence of a ring of individuals
who travel nationwide extorting money from homosexuals whom
they have previously compromised. The indications are that
this ring has been operating for several months and has
extorted large sums of money from their Victims. It appears
that in all instances the Victims have, to some extent,
homosexual tendencies.

The following is a typical example of the "modus
operandi" utilized by these individuals:

The following definitions are used for brevity:

"Chicken" - Individual who makes initial contact with
the Victim and secures Victim's wallet,
credit cards and identifying credentials.

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"Phoney Cops" - Individuals who follow the Victim to his home town and actually extort money from the Victim while impersonating a law enforcement officer.

Victim, a respected member of his community, travels from Small Town, USA, to the Big City, USA, for a professional meeting, invariably crossing a state line. One evening while in Big City, the "Chicken" will pick up the Victim at a hotel or bar and retire to the Victim's room for a "nightcap". While in the Victim's room the "Chicken" may or may not have homosexual contact with the Victim, but will in all instances demand and take from the Victim his wallet, credit cards, identifying papers and other valuables he can find. In some instances the "Chicken" will physically assault the Victim and take the above articles by force.

In most instances, the Victim will report that his driver's license, credit cards, traveler's checks and so forth were "lost". Sometimes a complaint will be made to the Local Police that he was robbed, but omitting any mention of any homosexual approach.

Subsequently the "Chicken" will turnover to two or more of his confederates, the "Phoney Cops", the wallet, credit cards and identifying papers belonging to the Victim. After his part in the scheme, the "Chicken" is usually allowed to keep the money, traveler's checks and other valuables obtained from the Victim as payment for his part in the scheme. Thereafter, in a few days, the "Phoney Cops" travel to Small Town and contact the Victim.

"Phoney Cops" will tell Victim that JOHN DOE (actually the "Chicken") has filed a complaint in Big City alleging that Victim homosexually assaulted DOE. "Phoney Cops" will then tell Victim, for a "fee" the matter can be taken care of and the Victim will not be embarrassed in his community. The Victims in all instances have paid off once approached by the "Phoney Cops" with the payments amounting to several thousand dollars. Sometimes the "Chicken" also receives a percentage of this payment.

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The following table shows the extent of this ring's operations which is presently known by the NYO:

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| Place of Compromise | Place of Extortinn | Amount Paid | Victim | Known or Suspected Subjects | Field Office File Numbers |
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| Dupont Plaza Hotel, WDC, 10/16/65 | Princeton, New Jersey, 10/20/65 | \$11,000 <u>D.C.</u> | [Redacted] <u>Princeton, New Jersey</u> | "Chicken" - [Redacted] "Phoney Cops" - GEORGE GENTLE, [Redacted] ELWOOD LEE HAMMOCK, [Redacted] | NK 47-3563 b6 b7C |
| Brooklyn, NY | | | [Redacted] <u>Brooklyn, NY</u> | "Chicken" - [Redacted] | NY 47-9819 b6 b7C |
| Palmer House Hotel, CG, 2/10/65 | West Hartford, CT, 3/1/65 | \$5000 <u>Ill.</u> | [Redacted] <u>West Hartford, CT Conn.</u> | "Chicken" - [Redacted] "Phoney Cops" - WILLIAM BRADY, [Redacted] LNU [Redacted] | CG 166-515 b6 b7C b7D |
| Dupont Plaza Hotel, WDC November or December, 1965 | Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 12/20/65 | \$5000 | [Redacted] <u>Oklahoma City, Oklahoma</u> | | |

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| Place of Compromise | Place of Extortion | Amount Paid | Victim | Known or Suspected Subjects | Field Office File Numbers |
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| Palmer House Hotel, CG, Illinois, 3/13/65 | Indianapolis, Indiana, 3/19/65 | <i>T III</i> | [Redacted] Indianapolis, Indiana | "Phoney Cops" - WILLIAM JOSEPH BRADY, [Redacted] | Indiana 166-220 |
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| CG, Illinois | St. Louis, Missouri | \$5000 | [Redacted] St. Louis, Missouri | "Phoney Cops" - Detective Sergeant WADE; Detective [Redacted] | |
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| Conrad Hilton Hotel, CG, Illinois, 1/29/65 | Dantury, CT, 2/3/65 | \$1000 | [Redacted] Employed [Redacted] Dantury, CT | "Phoney Cops" - Detective CRAWFORD, FNU WADE, aka FNU Waite, ELWOOD LEE HAMMOCK | NH 87-51954 |
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| Coral Gables, Florida | [Redacted] | | [Redacted] Florida | "Chicken" - [Redacted] | MM 87-21093 |
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| Place of Compromise | Place of Extortion | Amount Paid | Victim | Known or Suspected Subjects | Field Office File Numbers |
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Sherman or Sheraton Hotel, CG, Illinois, 2/15-17/65

Alexandria, Virginia

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"Chicken" - [Redacted]

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"Phoney Cops" - ELWOOD LEE HAMMOCK. [Redacted]

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NY Hilton Hotel 11/19/65

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"Phoney Cop" - ELWOOD LEE HAMMOCK

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[Redacted] Cleveland, Ohio

San Francisco, California, March, 1966

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Concerning Victim [redacted] the following is noted:
[redacted] has tentatively identified the "Phoney Cops" as ELWOOD
LEE HAMMOCK, FBI #1448725 and [redacted] FBI #
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[redacted] has advised that GEORGE GENTILE, NYCPD
B #128792 and [redacted] were the "Phoney Cops" in this
matter.

Concerning Victim [redacted] the following is noted:
On 1/11/66 [redacted] advised [redacted] FBI
[redacted] had mailed to the informant a credit card belonging
to [redacted] has been interviewed and stated he "lost"
his wallet and credit cards about June, 1965. This "loss"
occurred under rather questionable circumstances. [redacted]
will be reinterviewed in the near future.

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Concerning Victim [redacted] the following is noted:
Above referenced Newark report dated 2/18/66 contains the
following information: On 12/13/65, Lieutenant LENARD D.
KRAGH, WDC Metropolitan Police Department (WDCMPD), advised that
[redacted] filed a complaint at his department stating that
while registered in the Dupont Plaza Hotel, WDC, on 12/11 or
12/12/65 he was accosted in the hallway, tied up and robbed
of his watch and money. KRAGH theorized that [redacted] was
probably engaged in some type of homosexual activity when
robbed.

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On 12/21/65, the Oklahoma City Office advised the
Newark Office that JAMES D. FELLERS, attorney for [redacted] had
informed the Oklahoma City Office that [redacted] was contacted
on 12/20/65 by two individuals claiming to be Sergeants of the
WDCMPD and who returned [redacted] wallet and credit cards
and extorted \$5000 from [redacted]

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Concerning Victim [redacted] the following is noted:
[redacted] was interviewed on 2/2 and 4/66, by FBI Charlotte. [redacted]
stated that while registered at the NY Hilton Hotel, NYC, on
early AM of 11/19/65 he invited a white male to his room for a
drink. This individual subsequently took [redacted] wallet upon

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threat of assault. [redacted] confidentially admitted to the Bureau Agents that he has homosexual tendencies but denied having any homosexual activity on 11/19/65. [redacted] denied being approached by any "Phoney Cops". ELWOOD LEE HAMMOCK, FBI #1448725 was arrested on 1/30/66 by Dade County Sheriff's Office as ROBERT CRAWFORD, in possession of stolen Amexco credit card belonging to [redacted] HAMMOCK subsequently released in Justice of Peace Court, Dade County, Florida, upon dismissal of charges.

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Concerning Victim [redacted] the following is noted: Above referenced CG report contains the following information: [redacted] has admitted beating up [redacted] on 2/10/65 in [redacted] room at the Palmer House Hotel, CG, Illinois, taking [redacted] wallet and watch and subsequently turning them over to WILLIAM BRADY and [redacted] LNU. Subsequently two "Phoney Cops" identifying themselves as [redacted] and WILLIAM BRADY contacted [redacted] at his employment in West Hartford, Connecticut and extorted \$5000 from him.

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Concerning Victim [redacted] the following is noted: Above referenced CG report contains the following information: [redacted] has admitted beating up [redacted] on 3/13/65 at [redacted] room in the Palmer House Hotel, CG, Illinois and robbing [redacted] of his wallet and subsequently turned it over to WILLIAM BRADY and [redacted] LNU.

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On 3/19/65 two "Phoney Cops" came to [redacted] home and attempted to extort \$5000 from him. Arrangements were made for a pay off on 3/25/65. Marion County Sheriff's Office, Indianapolis, Indiana, arrested WILLIAM JOSEPH BRADY, aka Walter J. Casey and [redacted] at [redacted] home when they arrived to pick up the pay off.

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Concerning Victims [redacted] the following is noted: Above referenced Newark report contains the following information: [redacted] FBI # [redacted] when interviewed by the FBI, WFO on 3/10/65 claimed to have had homosexual relations with one [redacted] an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) employee attached to the National Office, WDC, while in Chicago, Illinois. Investigation by IRS failed to

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identify [redacted] but did identify one [redacted] attached to the National Office of IRS, who was in Chicago from 2/15 - 17/65 and stayed at the Palmer House Hotel. [redacted] wife admitted to IRS Agents that her husband while in Chicago had experienced "association" with a homosexual and subsequently on 3/16/65 three individuals alleging to be Chicago Police Department Detectives appeared at [redacted] residence and extorted \$1000 from him.

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Concerning Victim [redacted] the following is noted: Chicago letter to WFO dated 4/5/65 and captioned [redacted] [redacted] aka Sergeant [redacted] ELWOOD LEE HAMMOCK; GEORGE GENTILE, aka George Gentry, George Lee; [redacted] - VICTIM", ITSP, IMPERSONATION; "UNSUBS (2), aka Sergeant Wade, Detective [redacted] [redacted], ITSP; IMPERSONATION; "UNSUBS (2), aka Lee J. Crawford, (FNU) Wade, (FNU) Waite;" ITSP; IMPERSONATION, contains the following information: St. Louis, Missouri Police Department on 3/11/65 by message #3685 advised that [redacted] had been extorted of \$5000 by two men claiming to be Detective Sergeant WADE and Detective [redacted] of the Chicago Police Department. "Phoney Cops" returned wallet of [redacted] which had been "lost" in Chicago and not reported lost or stolen.

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Concerning Victim [redacted] the following is noted: New Haven letter to Baltimore dated 5/20/65 captioned [redacted] [redacted] aka" ITSP, (NH file 87-5194, Baltimore file 87-10352) contains the following information: Lieutenant WILLIAM TOBIN, Danbury, Connecticut Police Department advised that [redacted] on 2/3/65 had complained to his department as follows:

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[redacted] while staying at the Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago, Illinois on 1/29/65 was "approached" by a white male who took his wallet and credit cards. [redacted] reported this "theft" to hotel security police. On 2/3/65, two individuals claiming to be Detective CRAWFORD and either FNU WADE or FNU WAITE came to [redacted] employment and extorted \$1000 from him stating that the money was to "assure" his appearance in Court in Chicago to testify against the person who had robbed him.

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For the assistance of New Haven it is noted that ELWOOD LEE HAMMOCK, FBI #1448725 has previously used the name of CRAWFORD and the description as given by [redacted] matches that of HAMMOCK.

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Concerning Victim [redacted] the following is noted: WFO letter to Atlanta dated 3/5/65 contains the following information: [redacted] on 3/4/65 advised the FBI, WFO that in early 1964 he engaged in a homosexual act with [redacted] in a small park near the Coconut Grove Section of Coral Gables, Florida. [redacted] took [redacted] wallet, containing his drivers license, Dinner's Club Credit Card, Florida Medical Association Card and 20 personal checks. [redacted] cashed 19 of these checks in Florida and one in Atlanta, Georgia, forging [redacted] name. Miami letter to Baltimore dated 3/15/65 captioned [redacted] aka; [redacted] (phonetic)" (MM file 87-21093 and Baltimore file 87-10532) contained the following information: FBI, MM contacted the MMPD and no record was located indicating the loss of any wallet, credit cards etc. belonging to [redacted]. The MMPD subsequently telephonically contacted [redacted] who advised that he had "lost" his wallet but failed to report it. [redacted] stated he had only notified the Dinner's Club of the loss of his credit card.

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Concerning Victim [redacted] the following is noted: Communications from SF to NY during March, 1966 captioned [redacted] ITSP - POLICE COOPERATION, contained the following information: [redacted] advised that [redacted] had obtained from [redacted] a Gulf Oil Credit Card #440 731 5268 while [redacted] was in SF and had subsequently attempted to extort \$100 from [redacted] in Connecticut telephonically using telephone credit card #3601446003 without success.

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The following identifying data is noted concerning the subjects listed in the title of instant case:

GEORGE GENTILE aka GEORGE GENTRY,
GEORGE LEE
NYCPD B Number 128792

ELWOOD LEE HAMMOCK aka ELWOOD
HAMMER, BUDDIE HAMMOCK, BUDDY
HAMMOCK, ROBERT CRAWFORD, Detective
Sergeant WALTER J. BURNS, Sergeant
STEVE BENDER, "Carolina"
FBI Number 1448725
Date of Birth: 10/28/18

aka: Lee J. Crawford

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[Redacted] aka [Redacted]
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FBI Number [Redacted]
Date of Birth: [Redacted]

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[Redacted] aka [Redacted]
[Redacted]
FBI Number [Redacted]
Date of Birth: [Redacted]

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[Redacted] is believed
identical to [Redacted]
aka Sergeant [Redacted]
FBI Number [Redacted]

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*William Brady
aka Walter J. Casey*

[Redacted]
FBI Number [Redacted]

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[redacted] is believed identical to [redacted]

[redacted] aka [redacted]
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It should be noted that concerning victims [redacted] and [redacted] opinions have already been rendered by AUSA's that payments paid to individuals under circumstances outlined above definitely constitutes a violation of the ITAR - Extortion Statute.

It appears from the files of the New York Office that all offices receiving copies of this communication have pending in their offices cases which fall within this "MO". In some instances, one field office is not aware that subjects in their cases are probably identical to subjects in another field office in the same type of case.

At the present time, New York County District Attorney FRANK S. HOGAN's Office is conducting a separate investigation into the activities of this ring and has accumulated considerable evidence. Efforts are being made to develop close liaison with District Attorney HOGAN's Office and to obtain any information which may be of value in this investigation.

It is not known, at this time, how many such instances will be found in other field divisions. However, in view of the apparent scope and complexity of this ring's operations, it is apparent that one office should coordinate and direct this investigation so that every office involved will have the benefit of the information developed by other offices. The New York Office is, therefore, assuming origin in this matter until such time as it may be determined that another

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offices has developed definite substantive Federal violations and/or obtained process against any of the subjects involved in this operation.

The New York Office presently has several separate open cases which it is felt should be handled in instant cases. These cases are, therefore, being consolidated into instant case. They are as follows:

"UNSUB (2); Impersonation of FBI Agents, 10/20/65, Princeton, New Jersey; [redacted] - VICTIM", OO: NK
New York file 47-9819; NK file 47-3563

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"ELWOOD LEE HAMMOCK aka", OO: NY
New York file 166-1146

"WILLIAM BRADY aka; ET AL
[redacted] - VICTIM", OO: CG
New York file 166-1178; CG file 166-515

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[redacted] OO: BA
New York file 87-37685; BA file 87-10352

In the future, offices concerned with these cases should direct any inquiries to instant file.

Field offices, when replying, should caption their cases with the name of the subject(s), and victim dash COMPROMISE AND EXTORTION OF HOMOSEXUALS BY INDIVIDUALS IMPERSONATING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS; ITAR - EXTORTION.

The attention of all offices is directed to the PROHO Program (Program to Detect Homosexuals Who Have Been Compromised or Recruited by Soviet Intelligence Services) which was initiated by field-wide letter to

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Albany, dated 9/28/65. It is believed that a number of victims of this ring and presently unknown to the New York Office might come under this program.

The New York Office desires to canvas all field offices so as to fully develop all information regarding this ring's operation throughout the country. It is believed that many local police departments will have information concerning this ring's operation in their cities.

Bureau permission is, therefore, requested to circularize all field offices with copies of this communication.

The Bureau is also requested to furnish all information available in their files on individuals who have been known to participate in such schemes in the past.

LEADS

ALL OFFICES

1. Those offices covering the territory in which victims reside should, if they have not already done so, immediately contact the victims in their respective divisions and interview them regarding instant matter. These interviews should be penetrative and exhaustive and should be conducted by mature, experienced agents. Complete descriptions of "Chickens", "Phoney Cops" and "MO" used should be obtained. Signed statements should be obtained, if possible, where indicated. It is recognized that many victims will be quite reluctant to discuss these matters. Every effort should be made, however, to gain the cooperation of the victim.

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2. All offices should insure that complete details of all cases in their divisions falling within this operation are immediately furnished to the New York Office.

3. Those offices in which incidents have already occurred, noted above, should, if they have not already done so, contact the USA and obtain his opinion as to whether or not a Federal violation exists.

4. All offices should contact major police departments in their division and discuss this type of operation with the heads of the respective departments, ascertaining if there are any additional instances as outlined above which are known to their department and which would assist the FBI in ascertaining exact scope of this operation.

5. Any information developed in this matter germane to the PROHO Program should have copies directed to the Bureau and any interested offices (New York PROHO file). b3
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6. It is further requested that the New York Office receive copies of all future communications between other offices in this matter so as to be fully aware, at all times, of all information developed in this investigation.

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Via AIRTEL _____

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (166-1195)

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OF HOMOSEXUALS BY INDIVIDUALS
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Enclosed for all offices not receiving prior copies of NY airtel of 3/24/66, are two copies of this airtel.

Referenced Bureau airtel of 3/29/66, granted NY permission to circularize all field offices and contained the following instructions:

All offices should review their files for any information regarding incidents similar to those set forth in NY airtel of 3/24/65.

All offices should open separate cases on each incident reported where substantive violation is involved and not report all information under multiple caption used in NY airtel of 3/24/66.

The Department's policy in extortion cases of this type is to authorize prosecution only in those cases where the victim is willing to testify.

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From: Director, FBI

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Permission is granted to circularize all field offices with copies of referenced communication. New York should instruct each office to review their files for any information regarding similar incidents and report same. Inasmuch as all offices will be requested to review their files, no file review will be conducted by the Bureau.

New York should instruct all offices to open separate cases on each incident reported where a substantive violation is involved and not report all information under the multiple caption used in referenced airtel. New York should also open separate investigations on those incidents where New York will be office of origin in a substantive violation.

New York should also advise all offices the Department's policy in extortion cases of this type is to authorize prosecution only in those cases where the victim is willing to testify.

NOTE: This matter involves a nationwide ring preying on homosexual victims. Inasmuch as there have been many cases not reported to the Bureau, NY is requesting a canvass of all offices to determine if similar incidents have occurred in other field office territories.

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[REDACTED] AKA [REDACTED] AKA

ELWOOD LEE HAMMOCK AKA [REDACTED] VICTIM

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UNSUB TWO IMPERSONATION OF FBI AGENTS OCTOBER TWENTYTH

NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE

PRINCETON NEW JERSEY [REDACTED] VICTIM IMPERSONATION

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ON FOUR TWENTY ONE SIXTY SIX DETECTIVE SERGEANT WILLIAM GRAFF N.Y. COUNTRY DISTRICT ATTORNEYS OFFICE N.Y.C. NY.

FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WHICH HE STATED HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED TO COUNTY PROSECUTOR LAFOUNTAIN STATE OF MAINE BY HIS OFFICE.

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[REDACTED] OGUNQUIT MAINE MAY 18 1966

ARRIVED IN NEW YORK CITY ON THE AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER FOURTH

NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE. HE CHECKED INTO THE BICKWICK ARMS HOTEL

TWO THIRTY EAST FIFTY FIRST STREET AND WENT TO THE HARVARD

CLUB FOR DRINKS AND DINNER. WHILE [REDACTED] WAS WALKING

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BACK TO HIS HOTEL AT ABOUT EIGHT THIRTY PM HE MET [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ASKED HIM FOR A CIGARETTE AND [REDACTED] GAVE HIM

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