FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION
COVER SHEET

SUBJECT: BING CROSBY

FILE: 9-43113
Memorandum

TO: Mr. Belmont

FROM: A. Rosen

DATE: 12/17/64

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT; THREATENING LETTER POSTMARKED 12/6/64, DENVER, COLORADO; BING CROSBY - VICTIM; EXTORTION

Supervisor [Name Redacted] of San Francisco Office, called and furnished the following details concerning a letter which threatened the life of Bing Crosby, the noted entertainer.

On 12/11/64, the San Francisco Police Department received a letter postmarked Denver, Colorado, 12/3/64, addressed to "Police (Vice), San Francisco, California." Inside the envelope was a plain piece of paper which contained in handwriting, "If that son of a bitch Bing Crosby doesn't stop he'll get a powerful bullet in the neck." Letter unsigned.

This letter was routinely routed by the Chief of Police, San Francisco, to his Bureau of Special Services who received it late on 12/16/64. An officer in the Bureau of Special Services called our San Francisco Office this morning and furnished the details of the letter. The San Francisco Police Department is not conducting any investigation and the envelope and letter have been furnished to our San Francisco Office for referral to our Laboratory for appropriate examinations.

Since the letter was not addressed to any particular individual, the U. S. Attorney (USA) in San Francisco was contacted for an opinion as to whether it constituted a violation of the Extortion Statute. The USA stated that in his opinion, the mailing of this letter was in violation of Title 18, Section 876, U. S. Code. The San Francisco Office is instituting an immediate investigation in an effort to determine the identity of the sender of this letter.

It was pointed out that Mr. Crosby currently resides in Hillsborough, California, a suburb of San Francisco located approximately 15 miles to the south. Mr. Crosby is believed to be in Hillsborough today and he will be contacted by Agents of our San Francisco Office and advice of the letter and will be interviewed in an attempt to determine any suspects who may reside in the Denver, Colorado, area.

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
UNSUB; THREATENING LETTER

In addition, our San Francisco Office is notifying the Hillsborough Police Department of this letter and both the Police Department and Mr. Crosby will be advised that the Bureau cannot provide him any protection in this matter. Our Denver Office is also instituting investigation.

This is submitted for information and you will be advised of any pertinent new developments.
UNKNOWN SUBJECT: POLICE (VICE), SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. - VICTIM: EXTORTION, CO DENVER.

RE SAN FRANCISCO PHONE CALL TO BUREAU THIS DATE.

ON DECEMBER SEVENTEEN INSTANT, [Redacted], SAN FRANCISCO POLICE DEPT., ADVISED THAT HIS DEPARTMENT WAS IN RECEIPT OF A LETTER ADDRESSED TO "POLICE (VICE), SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF." NAILED AT DENVER, COLO., DECEMBER EIGHT LAST, PM, NO RETURN ADDRESS. WRITTEN IN GREEN INK WAS "IF THAT SON OF A BITCH BING CROSBY DOESN'T STOP, HE'LL GET A POWERFUL BULLET IN THE NECK."

LETTER WAS RECEIVED AT SAN FRANCISCO PD DECEMBER ELEVEN LAST AND ROUTED TO APPROPRIATE DETAIL WITHIN THE SFPD, WHO RECEIVED IT YESTERDAY. NO INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN CONDUCTED BY THE SFPD.

END PAGE ONE
PAGE TWO

USA JERROLD M. LADAR, SAN FRANCISCO, ADVISED THAT CONTENTS OF LETTER DID CONSTITUTE VIOLATION UNDER FEDERAL EXTORTION STATUTE.

CROSBY RESIDES HILLSBOROUGH, CALIF. AND WILL BE INTERVIEWED TODAY, AT WHICH TIME HE WILL BE ADVISED THAT NO PROTECTION CAN BE AFFORDED HIM BY THE FBI. HILLSBOROUGH PD, ALERTED.

ORIGiNAL LETTER BEING DIRECTED TO FBI LABORATORY BY SEPARATE COMMUNICATION TODAY.

BUREAU AND DENVER WILL BE ADVISED OF RESULTS OF CROSBY INTERVIEW.

UNSUB CONSIDERED DANGEROUS IN VIEW OF THREAT.

END

SHL
FBI WASH DC
JH DJP
FBI DENVER
FBI SAN FRAN
500PM PST URGENT 12-17-64 MS
TO DIRECTOR AND DENVER
FROM SAN FRANCISCO (9-1866) 2P

UNKNOWN SUBJECT: POLICE (VICE), SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA - VICTIM, EXTORTION (CO - DENVER)

RE SAN FRANCISCO TEL TO BUREAU AND DENVER THIS DATE.

CROSBY INTERVIEWED AT RESIDENCE AND NOT CONCERNED OVER CONTENTS OF LETTER AND UNABLE TO OFFER ANY POSSIBLE SUSPECTS. CROSBY HAS NOT BEEN IN DENVER FOR SEVERAL YEARS. HE ADVISED ALL HIS CORRESPONDENCE HANDLED BY BROTHER, LARRY CROSBY, IN LOS ANGELES, WHO MAINTAINS FILE OF CRANK TYPE LETTERS. CROSBY ADVISED OF BUREAU JURISDICTION AND IS AWARE THAT FBI CANNOT OFFER PROTECTION.

BY SEPARATE COMMUNICATION, LOS ANGELES IS BEING REQUESTED TO CONTACT LARRY CROSBY FOR POSSIBLE SUSPECTS AND COMPARISON OF HANDWRITING.

END PAGE ONE

6 JAN 1965

Copy to Conrad
PAGE TWO
LETTERS RECEIVED IN LOS ANGELES.

DENVER REVIEW FILES, CONTACT POLICE DEPT., SHERIFF'S OFFICE,
AND POSTAL AUTHORITIES FOR ANY SIMILAR SITUATION IN AN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY
UNSUB.

END

WA SJC

FBI WASH DC

DN TFH

FBI DENVER
12/18/64

1 - Mr. McInerney

AIRTEL

To: SACs, Denver
San Francisco (3-1086)
Los Angeles

From: Director, FBI

UNKNOWN SUBJECT:
THREATENING LETTER POSTMARKED
12/8/64, DENVER, COLORADO
RINO/CROSBY - VICTIM
EXTORTION

ResFtel 12/17/64 captioned "Unsub; Police (VICE),
San Francisco, California - Victim, Extortion."

In future communications re this matter, title should be set out as instant airtel.

SFM:PAH [signature]
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NOTE: See Rosen to Belmont memo dated 12-17-64 RIS:cb
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC SAN FRANCISCO (9-1886)
SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
POLICE (VICE);
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. — VICTIM
EXTORTION
(00: Denver)

Re San Francisco teletype to Bureau and Denver 12/17/64.

Enclosed for the Bureau are original and two copies of letter containing threat to shoot BING CROSBY. Letter is postmarked Denver, Col., 12/8/64, pm, addressed to "Police (Vice), San Francisco, Calif." Contents, written in green ink, read, "If that son of a bitch Bing Crosby doesn't stop he'll get a powerful bullet in the neck."

Enclosed for Denver's assistance is one copy of above-described letter.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to search the Anonymous Letter File for possible similar type note as the one enclosed. At conclusion of the examination, the letter should be returned to San Francisco to hold as evidence.

The San Francisco Police Dept. advised this letter was not protected for possible latent fingerprints and a number of persons probably handled both the envelope and letter.

ENCL: 3 — Bureau (Encls. 3) (REC. MAIL)
2 — Denver (Encl. 1) (AH)
1 — San Francisco
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Approved: Special Agent in Charge
Sent: M Pet
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. - VICTIM
(00: Denver)

San Francisco (9-1826) 12/17/64

Examination requested by: Document
Examination requested: 12/18/64
Result of Examination: Returned

Specimen submitted for examination:
Q1 Envelope postmarked "Denver, Colo. 15 Dec 8 1964 PM" bearing handwritten address "Police (Vice) San Francisco Calif." and accompanying note beginning "If that..." and ending "...in the neck."
Of course, son of a...

Lilke Bogy, having Pointed
stop here for a powerful
ballet jump and...
Dec 11, 1964

J. E. K.

If that son of a bitch Bing Crosby doesn't stop he'll get a powerful bullet in the neck.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: FBI, San Francisco (9-1886)  Date: December 24, 1964

Re: Unsub:
Police (Vice), San Francisco, Calif. - Victim Extortion

(00: Denver)

San Francisco

Examination requested by:

Reference:

Examination requested:

San Francisco

AirTel December 17, 1964
Teletype December 17, 1964
Document

Enclosures (3) (Q1, 2 Lab report)
2 - Denver Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

MAIL 14 DEC 24 1964
COMM-FBI
REPORT of the

FBI, San Francisco (N-1986)

December 24, 1964

Delet. FBI File No.
Lab. No.
P-466236 JB

Unsub:
Police (Vice),
San Francisco, Calif. — Victim
Extortion

December 12, 1964

Specimen received

Q1 Envelope postmarked "DENVER, COLO. 1B DEC 8 1964 PM" bearing handwritten address "Police (Vice) San Francisco Calif." and accompanying note beginning "If that..." and ending "...in the neck."

Result of examination:

Specimen Q1 was searched through the Anonymous Letter File without making an identification. Copies of this material will be added to this file for future reference.

The paper comprising Q1 was examined for indented writing with negative results. No watermarks or other identifying characteristics were noted which would indicate the possible source of this paper. The stamp appearing on the envelope originated from a sheet of stamps. The accompanying note measures 5.9 inches by 3.8 inches and probably originated from a pad of this size.

Specimen Q1 was photographed and is returned herewith.
Jones to DeLoach memorandum
Re: Charles S. Gubser (R. - Calif.)

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1 - That the attached letter to Congressman Gubser and Mayor Atkinson be approved for transmittal to them.

2 - If approved, that the letters to Mayor Atkinson be sent Airmail Special Delivery in that the kickoff dinner is set for Monday evening, May 11, 1969.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

File # 9-42113-5
Lab. # D-4566236 JB

Recorded 12/22/64

POLICE (VICE)
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. - VICTIM
EXTORTION
(00: Denver)

Examination requested by: San Francisco (9-1886) 12/17/64
Examination requested: Document Date received: 12/18/64

Result of Examination:
No evidence of airograph, ink, crayon, writing, ink or crayon marks on the back of this document (specimen submitted for examination).

Q1 Envelope postmarked "DENVER, COLO. 1B DEC 9 1964 PM" bearing handwritten address "Police (Vice) San Francisco Calif." and accompanying note beginning "If that..." and ending "...in the neck."

To collect Q3-F searched all handwriting, print - letters and surrounding (9-1886) 12/18/64.
FBI DENVER
1050 AM MST URGENT 12-18-64 RRH
TO DIRECTOR AND SAN FRANCISCO (9-1866)
FROM DENVER (9-1441) (RUC) IP

UNKNOWN SUBJECT; POLICE (VICE) SAN FRANCISCO CALIFORNIA - VICTIM, EXTORTION.

REFERENCE SAN FRANCISCO TELETYPES TO THE DIRECTOR TWELVE SEVENTEEN SIXTYFOUR.

ON TWELVE EIGHTEEN SIXTYFOUR POSTAL INSPECTOR IN CHARGE DENVER, COLORADO AND DENVER POLICE DEPARTMENT CHIEF'S OFFICE, BOTH ADVISED SPECIAL AGENT [REDACTED] THAT THEY COULD NOT RECALL ANY SIMILAR TYPE SITUATIONS OR LETTERS THAT WOULD CORRESPOND WITH THREAT TO BING CROSBY. REVIEW OF DENVER FILES FAILS TO REFLECT ANY SIMILAR SITUATION. IT IS TO BE NOTED THAT THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AT DENVER, COLORADO HAS NO INVESTIGATIVE JURISDICTION.

END.

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REO- 62 9-13/4/63 - 6

EX-101 12 DEC 21 1964
12-16-64

Airtel

1 - Mr. McInerney

To: SAC, Denver (9-1441)

From: Director, FBI

UNKNOWN SUBJECT; THREATENING LETTER
POSTMARKED 12-3-64, EX-101
DENVER, COLORADO
RING CROSBY - VICTIM
EXTORTION

Reference Denver teletype to Bureau 12-18-64. Title previously carried as "Unknown Subject; Police (Vice), San Francisco, California, - Victim, Extortion.

Referenced teletype indicates matter being RUC'd by Denver and also states, "it is to be noted that the Sheriff's Office at Denver, Colorado, has no investigative jurisdiction."

Denver's statement regarding Sheriff's Office not clear to Bureau since investigation of this matter would be handled by the Bureau as a violation of the Federal Extortion Statute, in view of AUSAs opinion at San Francisco, 12-17-64. Denver being considered office of origin since threatening communication originated in your Division.

Denver should immediately conduct appropriate investigation in an attempt to identify subject in this case. The Bureau should be kept advised of all pertinent developments.

2 - San Francisco (9-1886)

NOTE: On 12-17-64, San Francisco, PD made available threatening-type letter to San Francisco Office, which had been received by their department and mailed at Denver, Colorado, 12-3-64. No investigation was conducted by PD. Letter states,

SEE NOTE PAGE TWO
NOTE:

"If that son of bitch, Bing Crosby, doesn't stop he will get a powerful bullet in the neck." AUSA, San Francisco, of opinion letter is a violation of Extortion Statute. Original letter submitted to Bureau Laboratory by San Francisco, 12-17-64, and San Francisco teletype to Bureau and Denver, 12-17-64, designated Denver as office of origin. Victim interviewed by San Francisco, 12-17-64, and has no suspects.
# Federal Bureau of Investigation

**Reporting Office:** San Francisco  
**Office of Origin:** Denver  
**Date:** 12/31/64  
**Investigative Period:** 12/17-18/64  
**Unknown Subject:**  
**Threatening Letter Postmarked:** 12/8/64, Denver, Colorado, Bing Crosby - Victim  
**Character of Case:** Extortion

**Reference:** San Francisco telephone call to the Bureau 12/17/64. San Francisco teletype to the Bureau 12/17/64. Denver teletype to the Bureau 12/18/64.

**Leads**  
**Denver**  
At Denver, Colorado. Will contact Denver Police Department and U. S. Postal Inspectors for any information of similar type letters.

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**Approved by:**  
**Special Agent in Charge:**  
**Copies Made:**

1. Bureau  
2. Denver (9-1441)  
3. (1 - USA, Denver)  
1. USA, San Francisco  
2. Los Angeles  
2. San Francisco (9-1885)  

**Dissemination Record of Attached Report: HiC**

**Notations:**

*Cover Page*
LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. WILL contact LARRY CROSBY, advise him of contents of letter and ascertain if any letters in his files contain handwriting similar to that on extortion letter.

SAN FRANCISCO

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AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

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The following description of CROSBY was obtained from interview and observation:

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Weight: 160 pounds
Eyes: Blue
Hair: Brown, balding
Wife: KATHRYN CROSBY
Children: Son, HARRY LILLIS CROSBY, JR., age 6; Daughter, MARY FRANCES CROSBY, age 5

Residence: MILLSBOROUGH, CALIFORNIA

On 12/27/64 at MILLSBOROUGH, CALIFORNIA File #: SF-9-1888

by SA [redacted] pac Date dictated 12/18/64
REPORT of the
FBI
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

File: FBI, San Francisco (9-1868) Date: December 24, 1964
Ref: Unsub;
Police (Vice), San Francisco, Calif. - Victim
Extortion

Specimens received: December 18, 1964

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

File #: 9-42712-5
Lab #: D-466236 JE

Re: Unsub:
POLICE (VICE),
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. - VICTIM
EXTORTION
(QO: Denver)

Examination requested by: San Francisco (9-1888) 12/17/64
Examination requested: Document
Date received: 12/18/64

Result of Examination:

No. 1 sheet Q1 inch A4F added.
No. 2 sheet A1 inch A4F added.
No. 3 sheet A1 inch A4F added.

Measurements: 5.9" x 8.5" and probably from a part of this size.

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accompanying note beginning "If that..."

2 - Denver

AFT: 1 1/2
12/22/64

PHOTOGRAPHED TO 22/1964
FBI DENVER
1050 AM NOT URGENT 12-18-64 RRH
TO DIRECTOR AND SAN FRANCISCO (9-1886)
FROM DENVER (9-1441) (RUC) IP

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REC-627-4313-6
EX-104.1 12 DEC 21 1964
12-18-64

Airtel

1 - Mr. McInerney

To: SAC, Denver (9-1441)

From: Director, FBI

UNKNOWN SUBJECT; SEC-62
THREATENING LETTER
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SPM: tmt (6)

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LEADS

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REFERENCE: San Francisco telephone call to the Bureau 12/17/64.

Telephone to the Bureau 12/17/64.

DENVER 12/17/64

 THREATENING LETTER POSTMARKED 11/18/64, DENVER, COLORADO - VICTIM

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Residence: Hillsborough, California

On 12/17/64 at Hillsborough, California File # SF 9-1986

by SA 57c /pac Date dictated 12/18/64

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

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**UNKNOWN SUBJECT:**
THREATENING LETTER POSTMARKED
12/8/64, DENVER, COLORADO.
BING CROSBY - VICTIM

**CHARACTER OF CASE:**
EXTORTION

**REFERENCES:**
- San Francisco teletypes to Bureau and Denver dated 12/17/64
- Denver teletype to Bureau and San Francisco dated 12/18/64
- Buairtel to Denver dated 12/18/64
- Buairtel to Denver, San Francisco and Los Angeles dated 12/18/64
- San Francisco airtel to Bureau dated 12/17/64
- Builet to San Francisco dated 12/24/64
- Report of SA [redacted] dated 12/31/64 at San Francisco

**LEADS:**

**DENVER**
At Denver, Colorado: Will follow investigation conducted by auxiliary offices.

**APPROVED**

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**NOTATIONS**

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LOS ANGELES AND SAN FRANCISCO INFORMATION

Information copies designated for Los Angeles and San Francisco in view of pending investigation those divisions.

ADMINISTRATIVE: A review of the Denver Office files located no information regarding any threatening letters similar to that in instant investigation.

For information of the Bureau, the statement in referenced Denver teletype of 12/18/64, "It is to be noted that the Sheriff's Office at Denver, Colorado, has no investigative jurisdiction," means that this agency is not an investigative agency. The Sheriff's Office for the City and County of Denver performs such duties as process servers, court bailiffs, and custodial detention officers, and investigative matters in the City and County of Denver are handled by the Denver Police Department.
Copy to: 1 - USA, San Francisco

Report of:
Date: January 22, 1964

Field Office File No.: 9-1441

Office: DENVER

Deane File No.: 67C

Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
THREATENING LETTER POSTMARKED
12/3/64, DENVER, COLORADO,
RING CROSBY - VICTIM

Character: EXTORTION

Synopsis:

Denver area law enforcement officers advised they know of
do not recall any similar type situations or letters that would
correspond to the threatening letter sent to RING CROSBY.
also advised that he had talked to
Intelligence Bureau, and
Detective Bureau, Denver Police
Department, and they could suggest no suspects or sources of
information concerning instant letter.

On December 18, 1964, Office of the Chief of Police, and Postal Inspector in Charge
Denver, Colorado, advised they could
not recall any similar type situations or letters that would correspond to the threatening letter sent to RING CROSBY.
also advised that he had talked to
Intelligence Bureau, and
Detective Bureau, Denver Police
Department, and they could suggest no suspects or sources of
information concerning instant letter.

On December 21, 1964, was recontacted and shown a copy of the envelope, in which instant letter was contained, which reflects the Denver postmark. He stated the postmark cannot be associated with any particular Denver Post Office station, and added that the letter could have been sent from anywhere in Denver.

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On December 23, 1964, the Denver Police Department, advised he retains no file concerning anonymous letters that are sometimes referred to his department for investigation inasmuch as his department lacks the space to file the letters. He added that inasmuch as the letters are usually of the "crank," or "nut" variety, there appears to be no useful purpose served in maintaining them when the senders are not identified. He stated that the letter which was sent to CROSBY does not appear to be similar to any of these anonymous letters received by his department.

On December 28, 1964, the Denver Police Department, advised that she usually sees the anonymous letters or threatening letters sent to the Chief of Police at Denver, and she does not recognize the letter sent to the victim in instant case as being similar in content to the letters she has observed. She added she has no files concerning these letters, which are usually referred to the Intelligence Bureau.

On December 24, 1964, the Adams County Sheriff's Office, Brighton, Colorado; on January 5, 1965, the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Golden, Colorado; and on January 8, 1965, the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office, Littleton, Colorado, all advised that instant letter does not appear to correspond with any anonymous or threatening letters that they have observed. It is to be noted that these three counties are suburban counties surrounding the city and County of Denver.

On December 24, 1964, the FBI Laboratory advised as follows:

"Specimens received December 18, 1964

"Q1 Envelope postmarked 'DENVER, COLO. 1B
DEC 8 1964 PM' bearing handwritten address
'Police (Vice) San Francisco Calif.' and
accompanying note beginning 'If that...,' and
ending '...in the neck.'

"Result of examination:
"Specimen Q1 was searched through the Anonymous Letter File without making an identification. Copies of this material will be added to this file for future reference.

"The paper comprising Q1 was examined for indented writing with negative results. No watermarks or other identifying characteristics were noted which would indicate the possible source of this paper. The stamp appearing on the envelope originated from a sheet of stamps. The accompanying note measures 5.9 inches by 3.8 inches and probably originated from a pad of this size."
UNKNOWN SUBJECT; THREATENING LETTER POSTMARKED 12/8/64, DENVER, COLORADO, BING CROSBY - VICTIM

REFERENCES: Report of BOS 1/22/65 at Denver;
Los Angeles letter to Denver 1/27/65 (10);
San Francisco letter to Denver 2/23/65 (10).

LEADS

LOS ANGELES DIVISION

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Will contact LARRY CROSBY for any additional information.

1 - Bureau (9-43113).
2 - Los Angeles (9-3170)
3 - Denver (9-1441)
UNIVERSAL UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy for: SA 67C Office: DENVER
Report of: March 5, 1965
Date: 9-1441
Field Office File #: Bureau File #: 9-43113
Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
THREATENING LETTER POSTMARKED
12/8/64, DENVER, COLORADO,
BING CROSBY - VICTIM

Character: EXTORTION

Synopsis:
Los Angeles Office advised file of "crank" letters addressed
to BING CROSBY during period 1956-1964 examined. None
were postmarked at Denver, and none appeared similar to
instant letter. San Francisco Office advised no additional
letters similar to instant letter have been received by
victim. UNSUB CONSIDERED DANGEROUS IN VIEW OF THREAT.

DETAILS

On January 27, 1965 the Los Angeles Office
advised as follows:

The following investigation was conducted at Hollywood, By
California, by SA 67C
personal secretary to LARRY CROSBY, 67C
Vice-President of Bing Crosby Enterprises, 9229 Sunset
Boulevard, on January 8, 1965, advised that LARRY CROSBY
was at Pebble Beach, California, organizing the annual Bing
Crosby Golf Tournament, and would not return until January
26, 1965.

On January 26, 1965 LARRY CROSBY made available
a personal file of what he termed "crank" letters addressed
to BING CROSBY from all parts of the country. The file

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contained approximately one hundred letters dating from 1956 to 1964. None of the letters was postmarked at Denver, Colorado.

The correspondence file was examined in the presence of CROSBY and his secretary, but none of the letters contained handwriting remotely similar to the handwriting in the threatening letter postmarked December 8, 1964.

CROSBY said he had alerted the fan mail department of Bing Crosby Productions at Desilo Studios, Hollywood, to immediately forward to his office any "crank" letters with a Denver, Colorado postmark.

On February 23, 1965 the San Francisco Office advised as follows:

Liaison has been maintained with Hillsborough, and also contact with BING CROSBY periodically has determined that the CROSBY residence has not received any letters which could be deemed similar to the one received at San Francisco, California, and postmarked at Denver, Colorado.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE: DENVER
OFFICE OF ORIGIN: DENVER
DATE: 3/23/65
INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD: 2/22/65 - 3/16/65

TITLE OF CASE:
UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
THREATENING LETTER POSTMARKED
12/8/64; DENVER, COLORADO;
BING GROSBY - VICTIM

REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED]
CHARACTER OF CASE: [REDACTED]
EXTORTION

REFERENCES:
Los Angeles letter to Denver dated 3/16/65.

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SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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DISSEMINATION RECORD OF ATTACHED REPORT

AGENT IN:
REQUEST REC'D:
DATE PERF:
HOW PERF:

J.R. [SIGNED]

NOTATIONS:

[REDACTED]
UNION STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report at:
March 23, 1965

Date:

Field Office File No.:
9-1441

Title:
UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
THREATENING LETTER POSTMARKED
December 8, 1964, DENVER,
COLORADO;
BING CROSBY - VICTIM

Synopsis:
EXTORTION

No further threatening letters have been received in instant
matter. UNSUB CONSIDERED DANGEROUS IN VIEW OF THREAT.

DETAILS:

On March 16, 1965, the Los Angeles Office advised as
follows:

The following investigation was conducted at Hollywood,
California, by LARRY CROSBY, Vice President of Bing Crosby Enterprises,
and his secretary, 9229 Sunset Boulevard, on
February 23, 1965 and March 16, 1965, advised that no threatening
letters have been received by the Crosby Office or fan mail department
at Desilu Studios in Hollywood.

They said they would notify the Los Angeles Office
immediately should any questionable letters be received in the
future.

Inasmuch as no further logical leads remain in this
matter, no further investigation is being conducted and this
matter is being closed.

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its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

9:10 PM PST URGENT 4/8/66 VLB
TO: DIRECTOR
FROM: LOS ANGELES (9-NEW)  2 PAGES

HARRY LILLIS CROSBY, AKA, BING CROSBY
VICTIM, EXTORTION. ADD: LOS ANGELES,
OFFICE OF ORIGIN:

FOLLOWING INFORMATION RECEIVED LATE TODAY FROM DETECTIVE
BUREAU, LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE (LASO):

AN ATTORNEY OF BING CROSBY ENTERPRISES TODAY ADVISED LASO THAT
THEIR AGENCY HAD RECEIVED A HANDWRITTEN LETTER BELIEVED TO CONTAIN
A THREAT TO CELEBRITY BING CROSBY, HIS WIFE KATHY CROSBY, THEIR
CHILDREN, HIS SONS, AND HIS BROTHERS, LARRY AND BOB CROSBY. NO
INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED BY LASO OTHER THAN OBTAINING LETTER.

BUREAU AGENTS IMMEDIATELY PICKED UP LETTER FROM LASO. LASO
RECEIVED THE LETTER FROM SAUL C. WEISLOW, VICE PRESIDENT, BING CROSBY
PRODUCTIONS, HOLLYWOOD, WHO STATES SUBJECT IS KNOWN TO VICTIM'S
BROTHER, LARRY CROSBY,
MET SUBJECT.

VICTIM'S WIFE, KATHY CROSBY,

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OPINION, AND ALSO SAUL WEISLOW ADVISED.

LOS ANGELES INDICES INDICATE ONE WHO APPEARS
IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT, HAS BEEN CHRONIC COMPLAINER AND IS OBVIOUSLY
MENTALLY DERANGED.

AIRTEL FOLLOWS WITH LETTER,

END

WA- ---XFL

FBI WASH DC
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (9-3456)

SUBJECT: HARRY LILLIS CROSBY, aka Bing Crosby - VICTIM EXTORTION

504268

Re Los Angeles teletype to Bureau dated
4/8/66.

Enclosed herewith are one complete xerox copy of the four page extortion letter and its envelope.

It is suggested the FBI Laboratory may wish to search this handwriting through the anonymous letter file. The enclosed items need not be returned to the Los Angeles Division and the laboratory may desire to retain them for an addition to the anonymous letter file.

The following background information is submitted:

On 4/8/66, at 3:45 p.m., SA [redacted] received a telephone call from [redacted] Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office (LASSO), and from [redacted] LASSO, in which both advised that an attorney of BING CROSBY Enterprises on 4/8/66, advised the LASSO that their agency had received a handwritten letter believed to contain a threat to celebrity

LA-Bureau (Encls. 6), 2-Los Angeles ENCLOSURE REG No. 9-45062-2

APR 13 1966

Approved: [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

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BING CROSBY, his wife KATHY CROSBY, their children, his sons, and brothers LARRY and BOB CROSBY.

Both [redacted] and [redacted] stated no investigation was conducted by the LASO concerning this letter other than obtaining it from the attorney and obtaining certain information from that attorney.

Immediately thereafter, SA's [redacted] and [redacted] proceeded to the Homicide Detail of the LASO, where they obtained possession of the letter. From [redacted] and [redacted] as well as [redacted] the following information was obtained:

At about 1:30 p.m., 4/8/66, Mr. SAUL C. WEISLOW, Vice President, BING CROSBY Productions, 780 N. Gower St., Los Angeles, Calif., who resides at 15071 Del Cado Drive, Sherman Oaks, Calif., telephonically advised the LASO that their agency had received the extortion letter.

[redacted] and [redacted] at about 2:30 p.m., 4/8/66, personally interviewed Mr. WEISLOW at BING CROSBY Productions, obtaining the letter, and they were advised by him as follows:

The writer of the letter is known to the victim's brother, LARRY CROSBY.

Moreover, the victim's wife, KATHY CROSBY, met [redacted] and the letter was not protected for fingerprint examinations inasmuch as numerous individuals had touched it.

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On 4/8/66, SA's [redacted] and [redacted] discussed this case with Assistant U. S. Attorney ROBERT L. BROSSO, who declined prosecution of [redacted] for violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 876, since [redacted] is apparently a crank; the latter is ambiguous in nature; its comments are vague; and there is no specific reference to violence.

Thereafter, on 4/8/66, [redacted] advised both SAUL O. WEISLOW of BING CROSBY Productions and [redacted] of the LASO, of the decision of Assistant U. S. Attorney BROSSO.

On 4/8/66, SA [redacted] determined

The indices of the Los Angeles Division indicate that one [redacted], who appears identical with the subject, has been a chronic complainer to this division and he is obviously mentally deranged.

On 4/12/66, the original of the extortion letter was returned to the Homicide Detail of the LASO.

The following physical description of [redacted] was obtained from the LASO and the

Sex
Race
Birth data

Height
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Beneficiary

The following physical description of the victim, HARRY LILLIS CROSBY, was obtained from the files of the Los Angeles Division:

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The Los Angeles Division will close this case by means of a confirmation letter addressed to the U. S. Attorney, Los Angeles.

The original extortion letter is not being submitted to the FBI Laboratory inasmuch as the writer's identity is known and Assistant U. S. Attorney, Los Angeles, has declined prosecution.
Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: HARRY LILLIS CROSBY, aka Bing Crosby - VICTIM

EXTRACTION

Examination requested by: FBI, Los Angeles (9-3456)
Examination requested: A. 4/11/65
Result of Examination: Document

Date received: 4/13/66
Examination by: [redacted]

Specimens submitted for examination

Q1 Photocopy of an envelope postmarked "LOS ANGELES, CAL. PM 3 APR 1966" bearing handwritten address "Harry Bing Crosby Enterprises 9028 Sunset Blvd. Suite 700 Hollywood 59, California" and photcopies of accompanying four-page handwritten letter dated 4/3/66, beginning "Harry Bing Crosby Just thought I would..." and ending "...Sincerely, Civil Defence..."
Harry Crosby

I just thought I would write you this letter to let you know about your recent picture on the cover of Post that it seems the very least you could have done was show. Before having your picture taken about the studio... Also, your brother Bob Crosby who has a picture for Spalding golf ball stores should have this picture removed. Also, Bob told me he did not know you. Harry and I still you. Love, And I know Nott.
Mr. Smith, who was President of the T.C.A. and Spalding, now is passed away and I know she he made a
to Groves Tucker of Michigan. By the way George told the President of the T.C.A. you should consult
him and get his consent on some things. Remember you are only a T.C.A. paying member. There are in nothing else
which I recently told him your brother that you got out of American Airlines and I have written him that you
get out of Ford Company since 1945. I have given you a break and single for your
Life insurance and have been wanting to see you since 1959. While I have been back here in California, I've thought of you. I got this picture at the mental picture of you. I hate Bing Crosby and your wife. They married without a heart. Crosby also met me and your son and also the girl and boy that you have here. I'm going to see your children too. I love you, sister, Rosemary and other brothers, Ted and Brother out of it. So now, I am going to commence to dripole if you fancy and the others I have stated.
Don't ever forget like I said before the eyes of the world are on you and Enterprise by the way I don't care if you get property at Santa Fe City Ariz. or gorgeous Bank in Westwood or Richelieu at Dell Gable. By the way you stated Barry that Hollywood is going to give you a part in the next thing. Do you have your office out there in Hollywood 69 California. You should move your office to Tacoma Washington. That might be better Barry.

Sincerely,

C. D. McBean
To: SAC, Los Angeles

April 22, 1966

Re: HARRY LILLIS CROSBY, aka Bing Crosby - VICTIM EXTORTION

Reference: Airtel 4/11/66

The material described below has been searched in the following file without effecting an identification:

Anonymous Letter File

Copies have been added to this file for future reference.

MATERIAL SUBMITTED:

Qcl Photocopy of an envelope postmarked "LOS ANGELES, CAL
PN 3 APR 1966" bearing handwritten address "Harry Bing
Crosby Enterprises 9028 Sunset Blvd. Suite 700
Hollywood 69, California" and photocopies of accompanying
four-page handwritten "letter dated 4/3/66, beginning
"Harry Bing Crosby Just thought I would..." and ending
"...Sincerely..."

CIVIL DEFENCE..."
RECORDED 4/18/66

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re:
HARRY LILLIS CROSBY, aka Bing Crosby - VICTIM
EXTORTION

Examination requested by: FBI, Los Angeles (9-3456)
Examination requested: Document
Result of Examination:

Specimen submitted for examination:

QC1 Photocopy of an envelope postmarked "LOS ANGELES, CAL.
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Crosby Enterprises 9028 Sunset Blvd. Sweet 700
Hollywood 63, California" and photocopies of accompanying
four-page handwritten letter dated 4/3/66, beginning
"Harry Bing Crosby, Just thought I would ..." and ending
"...Sincerely [Redacted] Civil Defense...
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TO:  DIRECTOR, FBI (9-45062)
     (Attention: FBI Laboratory)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (9-3456)

SUBJECT: HARRY LILLIS CROSBY, aka
     Bing Crosby - VICTIM
     EXTORTION

(CC: Los Angeles)

Re: Los Angeles airtel to Bureau dated 4/11/66,
and Bureau letter to Los Angeles dated 4/22/66.

Enclosed herewith to the FBI Laboratory are one
photocopy each of the following three related items:

Face of an envelope postmarked "Bellingham,
Washington, P.M., 9/6/66", addressed to
"LARRY CROSBY, 9028 Sunset Street 700, Hollywood
69, California";

Reverse of above described envelope; and

A two page handwritten letter dated 9/4/66
beginning "Hello Larry, Well I thought I'd write ...", and ending
"Civil Defense ..."

The above items are being furnished the FBI
Laboratory for any useful purpose they may serve.

ENCLiOURB

EX-113  2 SEP 22 1956
The following information is submitted:

On 9/19/66, at 11:40 A.M., SA received a telephone call from Homicide Detail, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office, who advised that LARRY CROSSBIE, brother of victim, HARRY LILLIS CROSSBIE, had furnished their agency with the original of the current extortion letter.

Shortly thereafter, SA. obtained the enclosed photocopies of the letter and immediately discussed this case with AUSA JOHN F. LALLY, Chief of the Complaint Unit, Los Angeles, who likewise declined prosecution of for violation of Title 18, Section 896, U. S. Code, since it appears to be a prank and inasmuch as there are no specific references to violence within the letter.

In view of the above, no further investigation will be conducted by the Los Angeles Division, and this case will be closed by means of a confirmation letter addressed to the U. S. Attorney at Los Angeles.

The original extortion letter is not being submitted since the writer's identity is known and since prosecution has been declined at Los Angeles.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

File #: 9-45062-3
Lab. #: D-516223 JB

HARRY LILLIS CROSBY, aka Bing Crosby - VICTIM
EXTORTION

OO: Los Angeles
Examination requested by:
Examination requested:
Result of Examination:

FBI, Los Angeles (9-3456)
AirTel 9/19/66
Date received: 9/22/66
Examination by:

Specimens submitted for examination

Qc2 Photocopy of envelope postmarked "BELLINGHAM, WA
SEP 5 AM 1966," accompanying two-page handwritten
thought..." and ending on second page "...Civil Defense Agent".
FBI, Los Angeles (9-3456)

Date: October 5, 1966

RE: HARRY LILLIS CROSBY, aka Bing Crosby — VICTIM
EXTORTION

(Orig: LOS ANGELES)

Examination Requested by: Los Angeles

Reference: Airtel 9/19/66

Examination requested: Document

Specimen received 9/22/66

Qc2 Photocopy of envelope postmarked "BELLINGHAM, WA
SEP 5 AM 1966," and accompanying two-page handwritten
letter dated 9/4/66, beginning "Hellow Larry Well I
thought..." and ending on second page "...[redacted] Civil Defence Agent"

Remarks:

Specimen Qc2, described above, is retained for any
future comparisons desired.

No laboratory report is being submitted at this time.
Laboratory Work Sheet

File #: 9-45062
Lab #: D-516223 JB

Re: HARTY LILLIE CROSBY, aka Bing Crosby - VICTIM EXTORTION

CC: Los Angeles

Examination requested by: FBI, Los Angeles (9-3456)  Airtel 9/19/66
Examination requested: Document
Date received: 9/22/66
Examination by: [redacted]

Result of Examination:

T.S. Oc 2 retained for any future comparison desired. No lab report.

Specimen submitted for examination

Oc2 Photocopy of envelope postmarked "EUSTON, MA STP & AU 1066," accompanying two-page handwritten letter dated 9/4/66, beginning "Hellow Lady Well I thought..." and ending on second page "... Civil Defence Agent"

Retained
This is very important and something I have never told before but certainly do want you too know. This part concerns Harry Bing Crosby who Ive known since 1945 when I was at Rancho Santa Fe a naval convalescent home near Dell Mar California, one time at Dell Mar when he was with his first wife Dixie Lee he said lets go too Nevada I said all right because I had a few days pass. Well any way we went to a gambling club an argument started the gambler put up the house for what money I had and I won and he gave me a note for about fourth thousands and after that I got right out of the game. But the gamblers and Harry Bing Crosby played on they were playing for about 3 hundred a card, and another argument started so 2 men held Harry Bing Crosby with guns and 4 men with guns walked me out put me in a black cadillac limousine handcuffed me and took me for a real fast ride and beat me up in route and relieved me of the note, and made me jump from limousine while it was moving. I was hurt from that and was near a service base it was army and they got me back too Rancho Santa Fe in California. And the next day Harry Bing Crosby got back came out too Rancho Santa Fe told the Naval officers what happened also told them thats the worst he ever had it and also said I needed special attention which I never got, and he had the naval officers bring the Sheriffs out from ocean Side California and they came and made out a report and I signed some papers and I signed some for Harry Bing Crosby regarding insurance and others. Also another time at Dell Mar, Hotel, Dell Mar, California I was thier and I ordered meals for Dixie Lee Crosby, and Bob Crosby, and Harry Bing Crosby. It was Thanksgiving in which I paid for. Also when I was in California again in 1959 too 1966 I meet his 2 wife Katrynyn Grant Crosby. California also I meet his brother Larry Crosby at his enterprises. And President Kennedy which is Jack John Fitzgerald Frances Kennedy who I knew in the Navy when he was officer of the Day at Pier 91 Seattle Washington and talked with 3 hours and made report with him and wrote him while he was President and him and his wife acknowledge.
and I was in on the Presidential Investigation in his behalf at the Department of Justice for minutes after it happened in California with the Special Assistant Robert E. Kerst and his agents, and one time when President Kennedy was in California he visited Bing Crosby home but when he passed away he did not give too his funeral which I never
will understand. And I received a letter from Bing Crosby stating I am his dear friend but regardless he is finished and his brothers Larry Crosby, and Bob Crosby, his 5 sons and his wife by this marriage Kathryn
Grant Crosby and his 3 children, also these are finished Jennies, Robert E. Kerst, Bill Klusterwun, Nierings, Dudley, Anthony B. Plumbo, Flynn, Kippos Gord, Little, Dayley, and Ray Gilbert who represented his self
too me as a federal Bureau of Investigation agent because they don't do nothing also so are all the cabinet members because they are drinking alcohol all the time and Bing Crosby and Sacha Armstrong acted together
and that is the very cause of all your race riots, also by the way I found some oil at Brentwood Newropsychiatric Veterans Hospital and sent it too the Bureau of Mines and minerals too Elosten and Miller and four months later they start drilling. Now are getting 405 barrels of oil and natural gas a day remember I found it and it's a federal reservation and I am Indian and if I don't get it all all cabinet are finished and all federal officers.

P.S. This Immigration officer Shields is finished also because he stopped me from leaving this country when they said I could be in B.C. Canada, and too me a dust cloth and the American flag mean about the same.

Attention who would think wrote the song White Christmas - it was me:
January 11, 1958

Airtel

To: SACs, Detroit
    Los Angeles

From: Director, FBI

Enclosed is a copy of a letter from subject dated 12/29/67, received by SA [REDACTED] at the Seat of Government. This communication contained threats which may constitute a violation of the Federal Extortion Statute. The obvious victims are entered in the title. His threats are aimed at other persons who appear to be FBI Agents and others.

Los Angeles refer to your file 9-3459 wherein Crosby was the victim and [REDACTED] the subject. This file indicates Tompkins has been a chronic complainer to the Los Angeles Division and is obviously mentally deranged. Advise victims of threat as well as appropriate local authorities.

Los Angeles furnish Detroit pertinent background data concerning [REDACTED] in order that this matter may be presented to the U.S. Attorney for a decision under the Extortion Statute. The letter was mailed from Detroit.

Advise Bureau results in form suitable for dissemination.

Enclosure

SEE NOTE PAGE TWO.
Airto to BACs, DE, LA

RE: 612

The original is being made available to the FBI Laboratory for appropriate examination and you will be advised of the results.

NOTE:

By letter dated 12/29/67 to SA 87a of the Crime Records Division subject made veiled threats toward the victims. He is obviously mentally deranged but this matter should be presented to the appropriate U.S. Attorney for his consideration under the Federal Extortion Statute. The communication is rambling in nature and involves a wild story concerning the subject's winning $40,000 in Las Vegas in 1945, which was later taken away from him. He alleges he was with Bing Crosby at this time and then goes into a rampage concerning the Crosby family and others. He does not know where subject obtained his name.
TO:       DIRECTOR, FBI (9-45062)
FROM:     SAC, LOS ANGELES (9-3456)(RUC)
SUBJECT:  HARRY LILLIS CROSBY, AKA Bing Crosby,
           AND FAMILY, ET AL.
           EXTORTION

ReBuairstel to Los Angeles dated 1/11/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and
five copies of an LHM reflecting information concerning
this matter. Also enclosed for Detroit are two copies
of the aforementioned LHM, and for San Diego and San
Francisco one copy each.

For the information of San Diego and San Francisco,
reBuairstel advises instant letter was received from subject
by SA                at SGG. This letter was mailed from
subject at Detroit, Michigan. The Bureau requested that
victims of threat, as well as appropriate local authorities,
be advised.

Information concerning contents of instant letter
was furnished to Mr. BASIL CRILLO, President, Bing Crosby
Productions, Los Angeles, California, by SA                

3 - Bureau (Encls. 6)
2 - Detroit (Encls. 2)
2 - San Diego (Encl. 1)
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Information concerning contents of instant letter was disseminated to the Beverly Hills, Los Angeles, and Palm Springs, California, Police Departments by the Los Angeles Division.

On 1/16/68, S [redacted] of the Los Angeles Division was furnished information concerning the contents of instant letter. Los Angeles was not able to further identify the individuals mentioned on Page Four of instant letter as being assigned to the Los Angeles Division.

LEADS

DETROIT

AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN. Will present this matter to AUSA, Detroit.

SAN DIEGO

AT LA JOLLA, CALIFORNIA. Will advise La Jolla Police Department concerning facts of this matter.

SAN FRANCISCO

AT HILLSBOROUGH, CALIFORNIA. Will advise the Hillsborough Police Department of facts concerning this matter.
The following letter was received in an envelope addressed to a Special Agent of the FBI, Washington, D. C. This envelope had the return address of 1336 Porter Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48226, and had a postmark dated December 29, 1967, at Detroit, Michigan:

"Friday
Dec. 29, 1967"

"This is very important and something I have never told before but certainly do want you to know. This pertains to Harry Bing Crosby, who I've known since 1945 when I was at Rancho Santa Fe, a naval convalescent house near Dell Mar, California, one time at Dell Mar when he was with his first wife, Dixie Lee. He said let's go to Las Vegas; I said, all right because I had a few days off. Well, any way we went to a gambling club an argument started and the gambler put up the house for what money I had and I won and he gave me a note for about forty thousand dollars and after that I got right out of the game. But the gamblers and Harry Bing Crosby played on them being playing for about 3 hundred a card, and another argument started so 2 men held Harry Bing Crosby with guns and 4 men with guns walked me out put me in a black cadillac limousine handcuffed me and took for a real fast ride and beat me up in route and relieved me of the note,"
and made me jump from limousine while it was moving. I was hurt from that and was near a service base it was army and they got me back to Rancho Santa Fe in California. And the next day I was at Rancho Santa Fe told the Naval officers what happened also told them that's the worst he ever had it and also said I needed special attention which I never got, and he had the naval officers bring the Sheriff's out from Ocean Side California and they came and we made out a report and I signed some papers and I signed some for Harry Bing Crosby regarding insurance and others. Also another time at Dell Mar, Hotel, Dell Mar, California I was there and I ordered meals for Dixie Lee Crosby, and Bob Crosby, and Harry Bing Crosby it was Thanksgiving in which I paid for. Also when I was in California again in 1959 too 1956 I meet his wife Kathryn Grant Crosby who was one of my nurses when she was training out at Brentwood Neuropsychiatric Veterans Hospital in California also I meet his brother Larry Crosby at his enterprises and President Kennedy which is Jack John Fitzgerald Francis Kennedy who I knew in the Navy when he was officer of the day at Pier 91 Seattle Washington and talked with three hours and made report with him and wrote him while he was President and him and his wife acknowledge, and I was in on the Presidential Investigation in his behalf at the Department of Justice 4 minutes after it happened in California with the Special Top Agent Robert E. Horton and his agents, and one time when President Kennedy was in California he visited Harry Bing Crosby home but when he passed away he did not go to his funeral which I never will understand. And I received a letter from Harry Bing Crosby stating I am his dear friend but regardless he is finished and his brothers Larry Crosby, and Bob Crosby, his 5 sons and his wife by this marriage Kathryn Grant Crosby and his 3 children,
also these agents are finished Jennkens, Robert E. Kertogn, Bill Klustermon, Mirous, Dudley, Anthony R. Plumbo, Flynn, Kipps, Cord, Little, Dayley, and Ray Gilbert who represented himself to me as a federal Bureau of Investigation agent, because they don’t do nothing. Also so are all the cabinet members because they are drinking alcohol all the time. And Harry Bing Crosby and Sache Armstrong acted together and that is the very cause of all your race riots, also by the way I found some oil at Brentwood Neuropsychiatric Veterans Hospital and sent it to the Bureau of Mines and minerals too Elmerian and Miller and four months later they start drilling. Now are getting 408 barrels of oil and natural gas a day remember I found it, and its a federal reservation and I am Indian and if I dont get it all. All cabinet are finished and all federal officers.

"/s/ 81C"

"P.S. This Immigration officer Shields is finished also because he stopped me from leaving this country when they said I could he is in B. C. Canada, and too me a dust cloth and the American flag mean about the same.

"Attention. Who would think wrote the song White Christmas it was me."

Records of the Los Angeles Division of the FBI reflect that [redacted] has previously written similar threatening letters to the Crosby family during 1966. An Investigation reflected that [redacted] is known to Larry Crosby and Kathy Crosby, wife of Harry Lillis Crosby.
Harry Lillis Crosby, Also Known As Bing Crosby, and Family, et al.

He is described as being a chronic complainer and being mentally deranged. A Federal prosecution against [redacted] has previously been declined by the U.S. Attorney's Office, Los Angeles, California, for violation of the Federal Extortion Statute.

On January 16, 1968, Mr. Basil Grillo, President, Bing Crosby Productions, 780 North Gower Street, Los Angeles, California, was advised by a Special Agent of the FBI of the contents of the above letter. Mr. Grillo recalled that Tompkins had previously written letters to Mr. Crosby during 1966. He said he would immediately contact Mr. Crosby and other members of the family and advise them of the receipt of this additional letter and the nature of the threat contained therein. Mr. Grillo said the Crosby family receives many crank letters and are not greatly concerned by them. He added that Mr. Bing Crosby and his immediate family are well guarded and protected.

Mr. Grillo furnished the following home addresses for the Crosby family:

Bing Crosby, [redacted]
Hillsborough, California

Larry Crosby - brother, [redacted]
Beverly Hills, California

Bob Crosby - brother, [redacted]
La Jolla, California

Gary Crosby - son, [redacted]
Los Angeles, California

Dennis Crosby - son, Smoke Canyon Estates, Palm Springs, California

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HARRY LILLIS CROSBY,
ALSO KNOWN AS BING CROSBY,
AND FAMILY, ET AL.

EXTORTION

Philip Crosby - son,
Woodland Hills, California

Lindsay Crosby - son,
Los Angeles, California, area,
specific address not known

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TO:        DIRECTOR, FBI (9-45062)

FROM:      SAC, DETROIT (9-2343) (C)

HARRY LILLIS CROSBY, aka. Bing Crosby, AND FAMILY, ET AL.

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ReBuairtel, 1/11/68, and Los Angeles airtel to Director, 1/23/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau is an original and five copies of a LLH setting forth the USA's opinion at Detroit, Michigan.

Also enclosed for Los Angeles, San Diego and San Francisco is one copy each of LLH.

It is to be noted that subject refers to complaint clerk and former clerk of the Detroit Office.

In view of the USA's declination in this matter, no further investigation is being conducted and a copy of Los Angeles LLH, dated 1/23/68, and copy of Detroit's LLH is being furnished to USA, Detroit.

3. Bureau (Enc. 6)
   1 - Los Angeles (9-3456) (Enc. 1) (Info.)
   1 - San Diego (Enc. 1) (Info.)
   1 - San Francisco (Enc. 1) (Info.)
   1 - Detroit
   MCP:PM

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Sent  M Per

C. G. Bishop
Appeared:
Special Agent in Charge

[JULY]
Mr. Robert J. Grace, Chief Assistant United States Attorney, Detroit, was apprised of the facts of the case by Special Agent [REDACTED] on January 26, 1968. He advised that he would decline prosecution against [REDACTED] in this case since the threats in his letter to Special Agent [REDACTED] dated December 29, 1967, were equivocal and in view of [REDACTED] mental condition.

In view of the above decision, no further investigation is being conducted.

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REPORT of the

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Detroit

Re: HARRY LILLIS CROSBY, aka BING CROSBY and FAMILY, et al. - VICTIMS EXTORTION

Specimen received 1/23/68

Available in Bureau

Q3 Five-page handwritten letter dated 12/29/67, beginning, "This is very important..." and signed

Result of examination:

It was determined that specimen Q3, described above, was prepared by the writer of Qc1 and Qc2, previously examined in connection with this case.

Q3 is retained.

AEH: rat (6)
Re: HARRY LILLIS CROSBY, AKA THE BING CROSBY AND FAMILY, et al. - Victims
EXTORTION

Report to Detroit

Examination requested by: Bureau Busiret to Detroit, Los Angeles 1/11/68
Examination requested: Document
Result of Examination:

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address signed

2. Los Angeles (9-3456)