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REPORTING OFFICE NEW ORLEANS	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW ORLEANS	DATE 12/11/69	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 8/1 - 12/2/69
TITLE OF CASE DONALD LESTER JAMES, aka; ET AL DR. SALVATORE CARUSO, aka; ET AL - VICTIMS		REPORT MADE BY SA THOMAS L. COLARELLI	TYPED BY vhl
		CHARACTER OF CASE POSSIBLE ITSP	

REFERENCE: New Orleans report of SA THOMAS L. COLARELLI, 10/17/69.

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INFORMANTS:

PCI [redacted] advised on 10/25/69, that he does not know DONALD LESTER JAMES personally; however, he is acquainted with JAMES' brother-in-law, TERRY JOE NORRIS. He stated NORRIS is allegedly employed by Oatis Engineering Company; however, this is a cover for his criminal activities. NORRIS will engage in any type of criminal activity, from narcotics to burglary. Informant stated he recently met NORRIS at the Playboy Club in Hattiesburg, Miss., and NORRIS

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showed him a quantity of loose diamonds and attempted to sell some to him. Informant stated that NORRIS told him that he has a safety deposit box in a bank in Hattiesburg where he keeps the diamonds until he can sell them. Informant stated NORRIS claims to have thirty-two bars of gold for sale, but informant does not know if this is true.

LEADS:

Copies being furnished to Atlanta and Jackson as those divisions have outstanding investigation in this matter.

NEW ORLEANS

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA. Continue efforts to locate and interview SIDNEY KERN and JESSIE CHEHARDY.

2. Maintain contact with Departmental Attorney KEITH E. GISLESON, New Orleans regarding possibility of subpoenaing PROVENZANO and LEGAN before FGJ, New Orleans.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Investigative period of instant report overlaps that of referenced report as investigation by auxiliary offices not available prior to submission of referenced report.

This matter has been discussed with Departmental Attorney GISLESON, on several occasions, the last time being 12/2/69. He advised that he is in favor of subpoenaing both PROVENZANO and LEGAN before FGJ, but because of his relative tenure as a Departmental Attorney. He contacted his superiors in Washington, and they did not express any enthusiasm for this type of action, stating that they felt that this was "abuse of process", which the RAMSEY CLARK Administration adopted as policy, i.e. in bringing potential defendants before Grand Jury where a substantial case could not be proven. He stated he was in the process of preparing a memo to his superiors pointing out that it was highly unlikely that any prosecution at all could take place and it would be better to bring PROVENZANO and LEGAN before the Grand Jury. In hopes of perjuring or immunizing in an attempt to develop a prosecutive case against JAMES and other two Unknown subjects could be identified with the cooperation of either PROVENZANO or LEGAN.

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