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CRIMENAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM CHICAGO DIVISION gr

Reurlet 12/7/62, requesting motion picture equipment with appropriate concealment for use im photographic surveillances of meetings between hoodlums and politicians in the Chicago Division.

The FBI Laboratory has some concealed motion picture cameras available which may fill your need. These concealments utilize the K100-16 on notion picture camera which is not equipped with an electric eye diaphraga control but which has an unusually long running time with each full winding of the spring drive. Another camera used for conceniment is the Bell and Hovell 16 mm electric eye comera that uses a fifty-foot film magazine, as opposed to the one-hundred-foot bulk load film used in the K100. The Bell and Hevell electric eye camera is difficult to concoal because of the accessity of having a large opening for the photo electric cell in addition to the opening for the lens. This camera has been disguised in the past in a can-type container on which the metal betton has been replaced with an K-ray mirror so that there is no need for definite holes for the lens and light meter. The use of the X-ray mirror requires an increase of exposure of two stops which makes it impractical for use in low light level conditions.

In addition, the Laboratory has used an 8 mm Nikkorex motion picture camera in a concealment. This camera is also equipped with the electric eye exposure control and therefore requires two holes in the concealment, however, because of the smaller size of the equipment, these holes are less conspicuous than those necessary on the 16 mm camera. It should also be noted that the 3 mm camera will not give results as good as the 16 mm because of the smaller film size. It is further pointed out that black and white film for the 3 mm camera is not generally available since nost users of 8 mm use color film. The Laboratory does have a small supply of 8 mm black and white film for use with the Nikkorex camera.

In order that you may determine what equipment the
Laboratory has that would fill your need, there are attached photographs of this equipment and some of the disguises presently
available. Any of the equipment in the photographs is available.
In addition, the Laboratory can propage any other type of disguise that may be appropriate for your situation.

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