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		CHARACTER OF CASE CGR	

REFERENCE: Bstel to Director, 7/26/66!³
Cleveland airtel to Boston, 8/24/66.

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LEADS


ALL RECEIVING OFFICES

Will review MOs in recent ITSP and other related cases where armored cars have been held up and robbed, to determine whether any cases in the respective offices bear any similarity to the MO in instant case.

NEW HAVEN

AT HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

Will contact any Decal distributors listed on the list furnished in referenced Cleveland airtel for any information they may be able to furnish which would be of assistance in identifying Unsubs.

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CHICOFSKY stated that he believes that JOHN KELLEY was involved in the robbery of the VA Hospital and he said this because CHICOFSKY claims that on several occasions in the past KELLEY, who CHICOFSKY says believes the Post Office has some kind of an apparatus on his 1966 gold Cadillac which enables them to ascertain the whereabouts of this car, has intentionally left his car in downtown Boston, proceeded with the informant via the car borrowed from "PRO"LERNER or from some other person, to Hyde Square where they would walk over to a 1962 or 1963 Buick, two-door, hardtop, light blue and cream in color. CHICOFSKY said that the car was a light blue top and light blue bottom, and had a cream stripe; that the driver of this car was 40 years of age; 5'7" to 5'8"; stocky build; approximately 160 lbs.; very dark complected and appeared to be an Italian and had a flat nose and black hair.

CHICOFSKY said that this individual would get in to the back seat of the car and KELLEY would sit in the passenger seat and he would drive on KELLEY's instructions into the vicinity of the VA Hospital, and that this individual would get out and walk towards the VA Hospital. CHICOFSKY stated that on other occasions he would drop them off one street car stop away from the VA Hospital, and they would take the street car to the VA Hospital, and he would be back in an hour and a half to pick them up. CHICOFSKY advised that this was taking place during the late morning hours and that from conversation he knew that KELLEY was looking over a score from the lobby of the VA Hospital.

Informant said he never heard this unknown person's first name, but he got the impression that KELLEY was doing this individual a favor by cutting him in on a score since he missed out on the Post Office score.

Informant further advised that KELLEY, in the last two months, has not been associating openly with "PRO"LERNER as he has in the past, but that he definitely was still in contact with LERNER but only on "clandestine meets."

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BS 70-1952

PCI said CLIFFORD is crazy and has a machine gun. He would consider CLIFFORD as a possibility on the VA Hospital.

BS 960-C

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Informant on 8/16/66 advised SA RAYMOND F. BALL and SA JOHN F. SWEENEY that he had heard some information around 7/23/66 that JOHN KELLEY and "PRO" LERNER and four other individuals had a good score going for them.

The informant stated that he knew that KELLEY and his mail robbery associates were strapped for funds.

Informant stated that during the recent wave of gangland assassinations in the Boston area, KELLEY was known to have offered use of bullet proof vests and machine guns to members of the group which was fighting the group headed by GEORGE McLAUGHLIN. Informant advised that he heard that KELLEY could get access to some former Army weapons and that the vests which he had indicated were possibly vests formerly used by the military.

The informant further advised that he had heard that there were possibly six men involved in the holdup at the VA Hospital.

The following informants were contacted on the dates indicated with negative results:

<u>Informant</u>	<u>Date Contacted</u>	<u>Agent</u>
BS 959-PC	8/5/66	SA CARL J. EVENSEN
[REDACTED]	8/10/66	SA GEORGE W. WHALEN
BS 812-C-TE	8/8/66	SA JOHN F. KEHOE
[REDACTED]	8/4/66	SA DONALD A. BASSETT
[REDACTED]	7/27/66	SA DONALD A. BASSETT
[REDACTED]	8/16/66	SA JOSEPH E. CONDON

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