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on August 20, 1958 that BARNEY BAKER lavished \$25,000.00 on her keeping her in plush surroundings while financing an unsuccessful appeal of her conviction. BAKER denied he spent that much money on BROUGHER. Regarding BROUGHER's testimony that BARNEY BAKER spend approximately \$25,000.00 on her, the Bureau's attention is directed to page 5 of report of SA EARL C. PORTER datd February 3, 1956 at St. Louis in GRENAP captioned Re: ROBERT BERNARD BAKER, wa. BARNEY BAKER, FBI # 910 142. The information appearing on page 5 states that on December 30, 1955 (former) SL 1071-C advised SA ROBERT R. HANNI that ROBERT BARNEY BAKER, JOE COSTELLO, and informant met at COSTELLO's Office on the afternoon of December 29, 1955 at which time BAKER stated he was interested in a business venture of informant in the State of Illinois. Informant gave BAKER \$500.00 on account and promised BAKER \$5,000.00 more if BAKER could swing a contract for him. During the conversation BAKER stated that he was "18 grand" in debt to the "syndicate" which money he blew on RUTH BROUGHER in Miami. BROUGHER advised informant that BROUGHER was then serving time on a murder charge and he, BROUGHER, had her jewelry which he showed informant at which time informant said he observed a diamond brooch, some diamond earrings and finger rings.

An August 22, 1958 edition of the St. Louis Globe Democrat reflects RUTH BROUGHER testified August 21, 1958 before the Senate Committee that BARNEY BAKER hauled a shipment of jewels to New York City while they were mixing big-money work and play in Florida. She rejected suggestions by Committee Counsel ROBERT F. KENNEDY that they were trafficking in stolen jewels to pay the rent on three costly hideouts and to meet lawyers' bills to keep her out of prison. In this regard it should be noted on Page 10, report of SA JOHN P. LENIHAN dated December 16, 1955 at Miami in GRENAP captioned Re: ROBERT BERNARD BAKER, reflects that in prior investigation instant case, V. B. POWERS and TOM

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