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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: Mr. DeLoach

DATE: January 7, 1966

FROM: A. Rosen

1 - Mr. Wick
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SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS (2)
THEFT OF \$2,034,631.25
STOCK CERTIFICATES
GOODBODY AND COMPANY
NEW YORK CITY - VICTIM
7/20/65
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF
STOLEN PROPERTY; MAJOR THEFT

BACKGROUND:

Chester Gray, acting as our informant in this case, previously advised that Norman Rothman, Miami, is in contact with individuals who allegedly possess over \$2,000,000 in stock certificates stolen 7/20/65, from Goodbody and Company, New York City. As previously authorized, SA Casey and Supervisor Nehrbass of our New York Office proceeded to Miami. Supervisor Nehrbass, acting in an undercover capacity, posing as a prospective buyer, is to meet with Rothman in order to effect the recovery of the stolen securities and arrest of persons involved. Rothman's principals demanded \$20,000 good faith money be put in an escrow account, after which they would produce entire package of securities. Insurance company provided \$20,000 cash, which was placed in a bank escrow account in Miami.

CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS:

Supervisor Nehrbass called from Miami this morning and advised that Gray had been in contact with Rothman and Rothman had indicated that the source of the bonds will not make them available until the money is actually turned over to Rothman. Rothman again contacted his source, allegedly in New York, in an effort to meet the conditions set by Gray as instructed by our Agents.

The Miami Office has determined that Rothman has called one Josephine Dellipaoili in New York, and the New York Office is checking this out to see if these calls could be connected with the securities. New York and Bureau files contain no references to Dellipaoili.

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Rothman told Gray that he felt if he could go to New York and meet with his contact that he could convince the contact to proceed with the sale of the securities under the terms set by Gray in Miami. Rothman said he was broke and requested Gray to loan him the money for airplane fare to New York today. Supervisor Nehrbass requested Bureau authority to advance Gray \$175 to give to Rothman for an airplane ticket.

Based on developments to date, it appears that Rothman is only acting as the middleman in this transaction and it is entirely possible that Gray is being given the runaround since it is public knowledge that he has previously cooperated with the FBI, Secret Service and other law enforcement agencies. In view of these considerations, the Miami Office was subsequently advised that Bureau authority was denied to advance Gray this money; that Gray should be instructed to inform Rothman that the payoff will be made under pre-arranged conditions wherein good faith money has been deposited in a local Miami bank.

The Miami Office was also instructed to have SAs Nehrbass and Casey return to New York today unless there are definite developments indicating Rothman will produce the securities in Miami.

ACTION:

The Miami Office will submit a detailed teletype today furnishing latest developments in this matter.

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