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TITLE VICTOR EDUARDO PEREIRA, wa. Victor Perry-FUGITIVE; EUGENE R. BRADING, wa. James Bradley Lee-FUGITIVE; WILSON SR., wa. E. J. Wilson; UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa. "SILVER"; Mrs. GERTRUDE J. JOYCE - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN PROPERTY; CONSPIRACY; MAIL FRAUD

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subjects PEREIRA, age 45, and BRADING, using name JAMES BRADLEY LEE, age 35, first met victim GERTRUDE J. JOYCE, wealthy Roswell, N. M., widow, age 55, and her sister, KATHRYN JOYNER, age 33, as these women were checking into fashionable Del Norte Hotel, El Paso, Texas, 4-19-51. PEREIRA and LEE, respectively posing as wealthy sportsman and big-time oil lease operator, and driving 1950 Cadillac, pursued acquaintance avidly. When women returned to Roswell three days later, invited PEREIRA and LEE as house guests. Whirlwind courtships resulted in marriage of PEREIRA and JOYCE in Kansas City, Mo., 5-25-51 and in engagement of JOYNER and LEE. PEREIRA posed as having just been divorced in Denver, Colo., and having \$48,000.00 coming in a short time from property settlement. On this basis LEE and PEREIRA subsequently swindled JOYCE out of \$48,243.33. \$5,000.00 given to LEE on 4-25-51 to purchase fictitious oil lease for PEREIRA pending PEREIRA's receipt of above money. This \$5,000.00 believed transported interstate from Roswell, N. M., to Lubbock, Texas, where LEE cashed cashier's check. JOYCE gave PEREIRA \$6956.55 in Kansas City, Mo., on 5-28-51 for purchase of 1951 two-tone convertible Cadillac which PEREIRA still had when he disappeared on 6-21-51. JOYCE gave PEREIRA check for \$35,286.78 in Roswell, N. M., on 6-14-51 to purchase fictitious option on Washington Hotel, Greenville, Texas. PEREIRA transported this check interstate from Roswell to El Paso, Texas, where it was deposited for collection with State National Bank El Paso. Check was cleared on 6-19-51 and cash in large bills taken by PEREIRA, who has not been seen since. Information received from Miami, Oklahoma City and Bureau indicates LEE and PEREIRA members of widespread gang of confidence men operating over entire U. S., which gang includes PAUL AUGUSTUS KING, FBI #2594295, JOE P. DOWDING, FBI #477053, and SIDNEY (DOC) SOLOWAY, FBI #76762. Facts in this case were presented to AUSA ROBERT WILLIAMS on July 30, 1951, and complaint

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authorized and warrants issued charging the subjects, FERREIRA and LEE, with violation Section 371, Section 2384 and Section 1341, Title 18, U.S. Code. Fugitive Form Letters submitted. Victim interviewed El Paso 8-1-51. 1951 Cadillac purchased by FERREIRA recovered Columbus, Ohio, 8-11-51. Subjects LEE and FERREIRA apprehended New York 8-11-51. Arraigned same date before U.S. Commissioner ISAAC FLATT, Southern District of New York, and remanded to Federal House of Detention in lieu \$50,000.00 bond. Hearing set 8-20-51. USA El Paso recommends \$10,000.00 bond returnable instantly at El Paso. Certified papers forwarded New York. Associates KING and SOLWAY presently in Denver, Colo.

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DETAILS:

At El Paso, Texas

It is noted that this report was typed prior to the apprehension of subjects BRADING and FERREIRA, and BRADING is referred to in the body of this report as LEE, the name under which he operated in this swindle.

This investigation is based upon information received from Mr. O. L. MALONE, member of the law firm of Cunningham and Malone, Bassett Tower, El Paso, Texas, on June 22, 1951. On that date Mr. MALONE telephonically contacted ASAC F. T. MC INTYRE and furnished information concerning the swindling of Mrs. GERTRUDE J. JOYCE of Roswell, New Mexico, by subjects FERREIRA and LEE as will be set forth below.

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The facts in this case were presented on that day to Assistant United States Attorney HOWEY WILLIAMS, El Paso, Texas. Prosecution was declined at that time by Mr. WILLIAMS on the grounds that the swindling of Mrs. JOYCE as related by Mr. MALONE on that date did not constitute a violation of a federal statute.

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On July 30, 1951, Assistant United States Attorney WILLIAMS contacted the El Paso Office and advised that he had received additional information from Mr. MALONE which in his opinion brought the activities of PEREIRA and LEE and their unknown associates within the purview of the federal statutes.

On that date Mr. O. L. MALONE was reinterviewed by the writer, and the following is the information furnished by Mr. MALONE concerning this matter:

MALONE stated that Mrs. GERTRUDE J. JOYCE, age 55, wealthy Roswell, New Mexico, widow, residing at 401 West 11th Street, Roswell, New Mexico, had contacted him on June 21, 1951, and related the following information:

Mrs. JOYCE stated that on April 19, 1951, she and her sister, Miss KATHRYN JOYNER, age 30, who resides with her in Roswell, New Mexico, had come to El Paso, Texas, to shop and receive medical treatment. Mrs. JOYCE and her sister drove to El Paso in Mrs. JOYCE's 1949 Chrysler automobile and arrived in front of the Del Norte Hotel, El Paso, at approximately 5:30 PM on that date. Mrs. JOYCE advised that she had been drinking a little bit on the road from Roswell to El Paso and that her sister, KATHRYN JOYNER, had driven the automobile.

As the doorman at the Del Norte was assisting Mrs. JOYCE and Miss JOYNER from their automobile, a tall, nice-looking, well-dressed man about 35 years of age with a "hail fellow well met" attitude had come from the Del Norte to the sidewalk where the women were alighting and greeted the women boisterously, asking them how they were and how their trip from New Mexico had been. Mrs. JOYCE stated that she had never seen this man before and presumed that he asked about New Mexico from the fact that their car bore New Mexico license. This man, later identified as JAMES BRADLEY LEE, was extremely agreeable and persisted in talking to Mrs. JOYCE, who stated that she was probably more sociable than she would have been had she not been drinking, and succeeded in striking up acquaintance with Mrs. JOYCE.

Mrs. JOYCE stated that LEE's manner was so familiar that she at first thought he was one of the hotel greeters and asked him if he were connected with the hotel. LEE stated that he was not and pulled some kind of card from his wallet and waved it in front of Mrs. JOYCE, stating that "I'm just an old Texas boy". Mrs. JOYCE introduced LEE to her sister, Miss JOYNER, and LEE assisted the women in checking into the hotel on that occasion.

Immediately after LEE and the women had entered the lobby, PEREIRA, who had been sitting in the lobby, came up and joined the three of them and was introduced to the women. Mrs. JOYCE stated that both PEREIRA and LEE were extremely well dressed, had pleasant, open faces, and appeared to be men of considerable means. The women allowed

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themselves to be taken to dinner that same night by LEE and FERREIRA. They remained in El Paso for three days and were escorted everywhere they went by LEE and FERREIRA, at which time LEE was driving a 1950 Cadillac Special. LEE and FERREIRA made themselves so acceptable to Mrs. JOYCE and her sister that upon their return to Roswell three days later, the women invited LEE and FERREIRA to return to Roswell with them as their house guests. Miss JOYNER rode in the 1950 Cadillac with LEE and FERREIRA rode with Mrs. JOYCE to Roswell in Mrs. JOYCE's 1949 Chrysler.

Mr. MALONE stated that Mrs. JOYCE was 55 years of age and had been married but had been a widow for the last ten years and had no children. He stated that she was obviously a woman of means and culture and described her as a "sitting duck for a bunch of swindlers." MALONE stated that Mrs. JOYCE had told him that she had never met nor heard of LEE and FERREIRA before seeing them at the Del Norte on April 19, 1961. MALONE expressed the opinion that the meeting between the women and LEE and FERREIRA was not prearranged but that LEE and FERREIRA had simply come to El Paso and checked into a fashionable hotel for the purpose of meeting any available wealthy women for the purpose of swindling.

MALONE stated that he had checked the records of the Del Norte Hotel and found that LEE and FERREIRA had registered in at the Del Norte on April 19, 1961, also. At the time of registration FERREIRA gave the address of 4444 York Street, Denver, Colorado. Mrs. JOYCE advised MALONE that FERREIRA and LEE continued to be her house guests for the next two or three weeks. They "entitled" themselves in being nice to Mrs. JOYCE and Miss JOYNER. FERREIRA's manner was impeccable, his dress was the finest, and Mrs. JOYCE stated that she found herself falling in love with FERREIRA.

Shortly after LEE and FERREIRA arrived in Roswell as the guests of Mrs. JOYCE, FERREIRA told Mrs. JOYCE that he and LEE had been staying at the Westward Ho Hotel in Phoenix, Arizona, where they had been taking part in a big golf tournament. He told Mrs. JOYCE that he was in the process of obtaining a divorce in Denver, Colorado, and that the property settlement would be made in the very near future, at which time he, FERREIRA, would receive \$48,000.00.

A few days after LEE and FERREIRA had arrived in Roswell at the home of Mrs. JOYCE, FERREIRA received a telegram from Denver, Colorado, addressed to FERREIRA at Mrs. JOYCE's home, stating, as near as Mrs. JOYCE could remember, "You received \$48,000 net division of property and your divorce final May 28."

LEE in the meantime had been making trips out from Roswell from day to day, stating that he had a number of oil leases in New Mexico and

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West Texas and that it was necessary for him to make these trips in order to take care of his oil lease business. On April 25, 1951, LEE came back from one of his trips and told Mrs. JOYCE that he had a sure-fire lease in southwestern New Mexico that he would like very much to have PEREIRA "get in on," as it was a sure thing that PEREIRA could double his money within thirty to sixty days' time. LEE pointed out the fact, however, that PEREIRA could not get in on the deal inasmuch as PEREIRA's money was tied up in the property settlement in Denver, Colorado, and that PEREIRA would not receive his money for a few weeks and was thereby going to have to lose a chance to double his money.

LEE then suggested that in view of the fact that PEREIRA was going to get the \$43,000.00, that Mrs. JOYCE lend PEREIRA \$5,000.00 in order that he might take advantage of this opportunity. Mrs. JOYCE accordingly wrote a check for \$5,000.00 and gave the check to LEE for the purpose of purchasing the oil lease for PEREIRA.

Mr. MALONE turned over to the agent a photostatic copy of the above \$5,000.00 check. The check is drawn on the First National Bank of Roswell, Roswell, New Mexico, check No. 518, dated April 26, 1951, in the amount of \$5,000.00. The check is payable to JAMES B. LEE and is signed GERTRUDE J. JOYCE. On April 26, 1951, LEE cashed the above check at the First National Bank of Roswell and the endorsement shows "JAMES B. LEE, 302 Southland Life Building, Dallas, Texas." The photostatic copy of this check is being maintained in the files of the El Paso Field Division.

Mr. MALONE exhibited to and turned over to the writer a cashier's check in the amount of \$4,000.00, dated April 26, 1951, #9751, issued by the First National Bank of Roswell, Roswell, New Mexico, drawn on the Republic National Bank of Dallas, Dallas, Texas. MALONE was furnished a photostatic copy of this check by Mrs. JOYCE, who stated that when she later checked at the First National Bank of Roswell, she was informed that LEE had cashed the \$5,000.00 check given him by her on April 26, 1951, had taken \$4,000.00 in the sum of the above cashier's check and had taken \$1,000.00 in cash. An examination of this check reflects a stamp on the front of the First National Bank, Lubbock, Texas. The reverse side of the check reflects that it was cashed at the above bank on April 28, 1951, and cleared through the Dallas, Texas, Clearing House on April 30, 1951.

On the night of April 26, 1951, the same day that LEE drew the \$5,000.00 from the First National Bank of Roswell, he told KATHRYN JOINER that he had to go to Lubbock, Texas, to meet "SIDNEY."

Parenthetically, it should be noted that "SIDNEY" may be identical with SIDNEY "DOC" SOLOWAY, FBI #76762, known associate of PEREIRA.

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Mrs. JOYCE related that on April 29, 1961, she and PEREIRA came back to El Paso in the 1950 Cadillac which LEE and PEREIRA had, inasmuch as she had business in El Paso at that time. JOYCE and PEREIRA again stayed at the Del Norte Hotel, the hotel record reflecting that they checked in on April 29, 1961, and checked out on May 2, 1961. Mrs. JOYCE stated that on April 30, 1961, the day after she and PEREIRA arrived in El Paso, that LEE flew into El Paso, stating that he had to get PEREIRA to sign the oil lease for which she had given him the money. Mrs. JOYCE stated that she now knows that LEE came to El Paso to divide the "loot" of \$5,000.00 with PEREIRA.

Mrs. JOYCE stated that it was her opinion that it was on this trip that PEREIRA opened an account at the State National Bank of El Paso. A check of the records of the State National Bank of El Paso by Mr. MALONE confirmed this opinion, the bank record reflecting that VICTOR PEREIRA, giving the address of 401 11th Street, Roswell, New Mexico, had opened an account with that bank on April 30, 1961, with a deposit of \$1,400.00.

After LEE, PEREIRA, and Mrs. JOYCE returned to Roswell on May 2, 1961, LEE and PEREIRA continued to be the house guests of Mrs. JOYCE. On about May 10, 1961, as near as Mrs. JOYCE could remember, she and PEREIRA, with whom she had fallen completely in love by this time, started on a "pre-honeymoon honeymoon."

Prior to the beginning of this trip, PEREIRA had told Mrs. JOYCE that though it embarrassed him considerably to admit it, that inasmuch as his property settlement had not come through, he was a little short on cash and asked her for an advance against his property settlement.

In order not to embarrass PEREIRA, Mrs. JOYCE got a neighbor, Mr. J. W. COX, to go down to the First National Bank in Roswell and cash a \$1,000 check for her; the \$1,000.00 she then gave to PEREIRA. Mr. MALONE turned over to the writer the original of check #564, drawn on the First National Bank of Roswell, Roswell, New Mexico, payable to J. W. COX in the amount of \$1,000.00, dated May 11, 1961, and signed by GERTRUDE J. JOYCE. This check is endorsed on the back by J. W. COX. The original of this check is being maintained in the files of the El Paso Field Office.

On the above mentioned "pre-honeymoon honeymoon," they were traveling by airplane and Mrs. JOYCE furnished her attorney, Mr. MALONE, with a letter which she had written to her sister, KATHRYN JOYNER, at Roswell, which she had mailed from the Kemp Hotel, Wichita Falls,

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Texas, on May 14, 1951. Mr. WALONE furnished this letter to the writer inasmuch as it contained some original handwriting of LEE. This letter is as follows:

"Hi little gal - thinking of you - having loads of fun but missing you. Have terrific hangover.

/s/ "Sis"

On the bottom of this letter, LEE, who had met JOYCE and PEREIRA in Wichita Falls, Texas, added:

"This is your true love speaking - Hope your Mom received the Poses C. K. and that my little orange is doing C. K. - Visiting Grandma here having the time of their lives - We will have ours' later--drop me a line c/o the Texas Hotel, Ft Worth Texas Miss you and will see you later.

love. Jim. S. [Signature]

This original letter is being maintained in the files of the El Paso Field Division.

From Wichita Falls, Texas, PEREIRA and JOYCE flew to Dallas, Texas, and then to Hot Springs, Arkansas, where they spent a few days at the Arlington Hotel.

Mrs. JOYCE stated that since meeting LEE and PEREIRA, they had asked her how she liked a Cadillac automobile and had pointed out the desirability of owning a Cadillac. Mrs. JOYCE stated that she had learned to like a Cadillac very much and she and PEREIRA decided to get one. While she and PEREIRA were staying at the Arlington Hotel in Hot Springs, PEREIRA received a telephone call from someone in Kansas City, Missouri, the identity of whom Mrs. JOYCE does not know, stating that PEREIRA could get a Cadillac in Kansas City. They immediately flew to Kansas City, arriving there on May 21, 1951, where they checked in at the Mouhlebach Hotel. After PEREIRA and JOYCE had been in Kansas City for a day or so, PEREIRA told her that she was "too nice a girl" to be running around all over the country with him and not married to him. Consequently, they decided to get married. Mr. WALONE exhibited to the writer a photostatic copy of an application for license to marry issued to JOYCE and PEREIRA, dated May 24, 1951, furnished to him by the Marriage License Bureau in Kansas City, Missouri.

Mrs. JOYCE stated that after she and PEREIRA decided to get married, they notified LEE and her sister in Roswell and that LEE and KATHRYN JOYNER flew to Kansas City and were present at the time that JOYCE and PEREIRA were married in the Mouhlebach Hotel on May 25, 1951.

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While JOYCE and PEREIRA were in the Meuhlebach, PEREIRA contacted MORRIS STUDNA, a used car dealer in Kansas City, Missouri, concerning the Cadillac which he and JOYCE were going to purchase. Mrs. JOYCE contacted her brokers, Fewel and Company, Los Angeles, California, in order to have money sent to her at Kansas City for the purpose of paying for the Cadillac. Mr. MALONE turned over to the writer a photostatic copy of a check #G-5822, dated May 25, 1951, drawn on the Citizens National Bank, Los Angeles, California, by Fewel and Company, payable to GERTRUDE J. JOYCE, care Hotel Meuhlebach, 12th and Baltimore Streets, Kansas City, Missouri, in the amount of \$6,956.55.

An examination of the reverse side of this check reflects that it is endorsed by GERTRUDE J. JOYCE, MORRIS STUDNA, R. L. JETT, and VICTOR PEREIRA, in that order. The check was cashed at the Baltimore Bank, Kansas City, Missouri, on May 28, 1951. The above photostatic copy of check #G-5822 is being maintained in the files of the El Paso Field Division.

PEREIRA had previously known STUDNA, according to Mrs. JOYCE, but told Mrs. JOYCE that he did not want to invite STUDNA to the wedding, as STUDNA's wife was a drunkard and might "cause a scene."

After receiving the check from Fewel and Company, PEREIRA bought the Cadillac at a cost of \$4,750.00, the remainder of the money being kept by PEREIRA.

Mr. MALONE stated that he had subsequently ascertained that R. L. JETT was employed by STUDNA in Kansas City and that STUDNA's telephone number was Gladstone 3744, Kansas City, Missouri.

Mr. MALONE subsequently contacted JETT concerning the Cadillac and was advised that the motor number of the Cadillac was 5 162-10296 and that it was a 1951 two-tone blue steel top club coupe. Mr. MALONE further stated that he had subsequently contacted the Motor Vehicle Registration Bureau in Topeka, Kansas, and Jefferson City, Missouri, and had been unable to find any registration in either Missouri or Kansas.

MALONE stated that Mrs. JOYCE had told him that there was a small amount of mileage on the Cadillac at the time they purchased it and that it bore a 1951 Kansas license at the time of purchase. MALONE, however, advised that he had not been able to find any record of this automobile and expressed the opinion that STUDNA might be a member of the confidence gang with PEREIRA and LEE.

Shortly after the purchase of the above Cadillac by PEREIRA, he and his new wife started a leisurely ~~trip~~ ^{trip} back to Roswell, New Mexico.

While in Kansas City, PEREIRA had told Mrs. JOYCE that he was an old time hotel operator and that he had an option to purchase the

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Washington Hotel in Greenville, Texas, and that if he could get this hotel, that the two of them would have an "insured income" the rest of their lives. PEREIRA exhibited to Mrs. JOYCE a paper purporting to be the option. Mrs. JOYCE stated, however, that she was so in love with PEREIRA by this time and had so much confidence in him that she did not examine the option but simply took his word for it. On the trip back toward Roswell, PEREIRA drove Mrs. JOYCE through Greenville and passed the Washington Hotel. He pointed out the Washington Hotel and said in effect, "There it is, honey. If we can get it, we're all set." He did not, however, stop at the Washington Hotel nor contact anybody connected with the hotel.

PEREIRA told Mrs. JOYCE that he was beginning to be a little worried about getting the hotel, however, inasmuch as his option only had a short time to run and he had not yet received the \$48,000.00 from the above mentioned property settlement in Denver. PEREIRA stated that the \$48,000.00 would be sufficient to take up the option and that it would be a shame for him to lose such a good business deal because of the slowness of the property settlement in Denver.

Mrs. JOYCE stated that they spent a few days at the Baker Hotel in Dallas on the way back from Kansas City and arrived back in Roswell in the new Cadillac about June 9 or 10, 1951.

On June 11, 1951, in the presence of Mrs. JOYCE at her home PEREIRA called E. J. WILSON, Fort Worth, Texas, telephone Fortune 2434, telling Mrs. JOYCE that E. J. WILSON was the attorney handling the option on the Greenville, Texas, hotel for him. PEREIRA told the individual whom he called WILSON that he had not yet gotten his property settlement from Denver and stated that he would have to have an extension on the option for a week, as he was sure the \$48,000.00 would be released to him within that time. Two days later, on June 13, 1951, PEREIRA got a telegram directed to Mrs. JOYCE's house from WILSON, confirming the fact that WILSON had obtained a one week's extension on the hotel option. Mrs. JOYCE stated that she personally read this telegram and knew that it came from Fort Worth.

Mr. MALONE advised the agent that Mrs. JOYCE had told him that after she had come to know that she had been swindled, that she had traced the telephone in Fort Worth, number Fortune 2434, and found that it was a telephone answering bureau located at 1414 Electric Building, Fort Worth, Texas, which Bureau was owned by CEDRIC and NORA LOU CHRISTIAN.

After JOYCE and PEREIRA returned to Roswell and PEREIRA supposedly got a one week's extension on the hotel option, he told Mrs. JOYCE that he was afraid that his property settlement would even then not be

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made in time for him to take up the option and that he would lose the deal. He persuaded Mrs. JOYCE to "lend" him \$35,000.00 with which to take up the option, stating that he would pay her back immediately upon receipt of his part of the property settlement. She agreed to do this. Mr. MALONE turned over to the writer a photostatic copy of a check #0-6216, drawn by Fewel and Company, Los Angeles, California, dated June 13, 1951, on the Citizens National Bank of Los Angeles, payable to Mrs. GERTRUDE J. JOYCE, 401 West 11th Street, Roswell, New Mexico, in the amount of \$35,286.73. The reverse side of this check reflects an endorsement by Mrs. GERTRUDE J. JOYCE and VICTOR PEREIRA.

Mrs. JOYCE advised MALONE that she gave the above check to PEREIRA in Roswell, New Mexico, on June 14, 1951, at which time she saw him put it in his wallet.

On June 15, 1951, PEREIRA and JOYCE came to El Paso again and stayed at the Del Norte Hotel. PEREIRA had told her that he wanted to deposit this money in the State National Bank of El Paso "along with the money which he already had there" and then they could carry on their business through the State National Bank. Mrs. JOYCE stated that she endorsed the check after they reached El Paso but that she did not go to the bank with him inasmuch as she trusted him so very much that she was willing for him to transact this business alone.

An examination of the reverse side of the above mentioned check, which is being maintained in the files of the El Paso Field Division, reflects that it was deposited with the State National Bank of El Paso on June 15, 1951, "for collection only."

Mr. MALONE stated that he had ascertained at the State National Bank that PEREIRA had specifically requested that this check be deposited for collection only and that it be sent to the Citizens National Bank in Los Angeles and returned airmail. Mr. MALONE stated that he had ascertained that PEREIRA talked with Mr. SIDNEY HOWARD, Assistant Cashier at the State National Bank, concerning this matter and had been assured by Mr. HOWARD that he would have a return on the check within two or three days.

The following day PEREIRA and JOYCE left El Paso and drove to Ruidoso, New Mexico, for a weekend party. While at the party, JOYCE became ill and she and PEREIRA went on to her home in Roswell. PEREIRA had expressed concern for her illness, telling her that they would have to go to Greenville, Texas, on June 20 for the purpose of exercising the option on the Washington Hotel there.

At about 5:30 A. M. on the morning of June 19, 1951, LEE and PEREIRA left the JOYCE home, LEE stating that he wanted to take PEREIRA to the vicinity of Hobbs, New Mexico, for the purpose of looking over

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an oil lease which he had there. LEE and FERREIRA promised JOYCE that they would be back by 2:30 P. M. on the afternoon of June 19, 1951, FERREIRA stating that he wanted to get a good night's sleep prior to the trip to Greenville the following date.

When LEE and FERREIRA left at 5:30 A. M. on the morning of June 19, 1951, that is the last time she ever saw either of them. JOYCE stated that when LEE and FERREIRA did not return on the night of June 19, she became worried and when they did not return all day the day of June 20, 1951, she decided that FERREIRA for some reason had decided to go on to Greenville by himself and attend to the option on the hotel and not bother her inasmuch as she had been ill.

Later on the day of June 20, however, she became very disturbed and called the Washington Hotel in Greenville, Texas. She was informed by the manager of the Washington Hotel that he had had the hotel leased for a number of years and, in fact, had just signed a new long term lease on the hotel and knew nothing whatever about any option on the hotel. The manager of this hotel further advised Mrs. JOYCE that VICTOR FERREIRA and JAMES B. LEE were both entirely unknown to him.

Mrs. JOYCE at that time became suspicious that she had been swindled and immediately called the State National Bank in El Paso. Here she ascertained that FERREIRA had checked out the \$35,000.00 which they had deposited for collection on June 15, 1951. It was at that time that she called the law firm of Cunningham and Malone for assistance.

Mrs. JOYCE stated that on June 21, 1951, she received a local call from some telephone in Roswell, and upon answering it, a man's voice asked in muffled tones, "Are you GERTRUDE JOYCE?" She answered, "Yes." The voice then stated, "Are you enjoying living?" Mrs. JOYCE stated that inasmuch as she had been a widow, there were several men in Roswell whom she knew well and were always "kidding" her, and she asked the man, "Is this COX?" The man said, "No." She then asked, "Is this BOB?" The man said, "No," and then said, "How are you? I hope you enjoy living the next week or two." With that, the man hung up the telephone.

On June 21, 1951, also Mrs. JOYCE received a letter postmarked El Paso, Texas, June 20, 1951. Mr. MALONE furnished the writer the original of the above letter, which is as follows:

"EL PASO
June 20, 1951

"Dearest Gertrude:

This letter is very difficult to write for I have done a very foolish thing. Jim and I had too much to drink and

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"ended up here. We somehow got to gambling and I completely lost my head and lost all my money. I don't have the courage to face you under these circumstances so Jim and I are going out to raise some money. Soon as I am able to do this, I will see you.

"Try not to think too harshly of me and I will work all this mess out. /s/ VICTOR"

The original of this letter is being maintained in the files of the El Paso Field Office.

Mrs. JOYCE remembered that LEE had told them that he was from Richland, Texas, and stated that LEE had a briefcase upon which was stamped "JAMES B. LEE, Richland, Texas."

Mr. MALONE stated that she also told MALONE that at the time LEE and PEREIRA left her home, that they had left quite a few articles of clothing behind. She told Mr. MALONE that she remembered that while LEE was away from her home during the pertinent period on one of his periodic trips, that he had told her sister, Miss JOYNER, to write him in Fort Worth, Texas, in care of the Texas Hotel, which she had done.

Mrs. JOYCE described PEREIRA as follows:

Name	VICTOR EMANUEL PEREIRA
Age	About 45
Place of birth	Northern California
Sex	Male
Race	White
Height	6' 1 1/2"
Weight	215 lbs.
Hair	Dark brown, receding
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Olive
Build	Well, medium
Features	Pleasant; wears black mustache
Dress	Wears fine clothes
Other	Said to be Captain in U. S. Navy during World War II; nice voice; gold wristwatch.

Mrs. JOYCE described LEE as follows:

Name	JAMES BRADLEY LEE
Age	35 to 40
Height	6' 1 1/2"

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Weight	185
Sex	Male
Race	White
Hair	Light brown
Eyes	Blue
Characteristics	Pleasant face, "Hail fellow well met"
Dress	Dresses well; good manners; poses as oil lease operator.

She stated that the 1950 black Special Cadillac being driven by LEE bore a Texas license from Dallas County, which license number she was unable to remember.

Prior to the beginning of the Bureau's investigation in this matter, Mr. MALONE contacted the State National Bank of El Paso and found three monthly account sheets relative to the account of VICTOR FERREIRA, which account sheets were being held by the State National Bank inasmuch as they were marked "hold." These account sheets reflect that FERREIRA opened an account at the State National Bank of El Paso on April 30, 1951, with a deposit of \$1400.00, as set forth above. The statements which show FERREIRA's account through July 18, 1951, reflect no further deposits and that FERREIRA still has a balance in this bank of \$23.02. These account sheets contain the following canceled checks, all signed VICTOR FERREIRA and drawn on the State National Bank of El Paso:

- April 30, 1951 - Check in amount of \$13.00 payable to Denver Lodge #17, endorsed by JAMES J. FITT, Secretary, B.P.O.E. Lodge #17, Denver, Colorado.
- May 1, 1951 - Check in the amount of \$67.50, payable to the Union Clothing Company, El Paso, Texas, endorsed by the Union Clothing Company.
- May 2, 1951 - Check in the amount of \$51.00, payable to the American Furniture Company and endorsed and stamped for deposit by the American Furniture Company of El Paso, Texas.
- May 2, 1951 - Check payable to cash in the amount of \$150.00.
- May 9, 1951 - Check in the amount of \$21.00, payable to the American Furniture Company, endorsed for deposit by the American Furniture Company.
- May 9, 1951 - Check in the amount of \$1,00.00 payable to cash.
- May 25, 1951 - Check in the amount of \$1,00.00, payable to LOUIS J. MATUCH and endorsed by LOUIS J. MATUCH and cashed

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at the Merchants Bank, Kansas City, Missouri, on May 28, 1951.

June 2, 1951 - Check in the amount of \$203.87. There is no payee written on the face of this check but the face of the check contains a stamp "Casher #1, Baker Hotel." The check is endorsed for deposit only by the Baker Hotel, Dallas, Texas.

June 4, 1951 - Check in the amount of \$200.00, payable to cash, stamped on the reverse side at the First National Bank, Roswell, New Mexico.

June 15, 1951 - Check for \$250.00 payable to cash, the stamp on the reverse side indicating that this check was cashed at the State National Bank.

June 17, 1951 - Check in the amount of \$45.03 payable to the order of the Moisy Water Lodge. The stamp on the reverse side shows that the check was cleared through the First National Bank, Roswell, New Mexico.

June 17, 1951 - Check in the amount of \$15.00 payable to W. D. WHARTON. This check is endorsed on the reverse side with the name "W. D. WHARTON by Dr. D. E. SMYER" and and shows it to have been cashed at the Otero County State Bank, Alamogordo, New Mexico.

June 18, 1951 - Check in the amount of \$5.52 payable to JOE LASOIA. This check is endorsed on the reverse side by "JOE LASOIA", cashed at the First National Bank, Roswell, New Mexico, to the credit of the Central Hardware, Incorporated.

June 19, 1951 - Check in the amount of \$125.00 payable to cash, the stamp on the reverse side showing that it was cashed at the State National Bank of El Paso.

The above bank statements and canceled checks are being maintained in the file of the El Paso Field Division.

Mr. MALONE stated that inasmuch as the above set out check dated April 30, 1951, payable to the Denver Lodge #17 in the amount of \$18.00, was endorsed by Mr. JAMES J. PITT, Secretary of Denver B.P.O.E. Lodge #17, that he had called Mr. PITT by telephone. He stated that Mr. PITT had told him that FERREIRA was a member of Denver B.P.O.E. Lodge #17 but that very few people around the lodge know anything about him. Mr. PITT advised that FERREIRA's sponsor in entering the lodge, which he joined on

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January 4, 1951, was one DALE M. CAREY, residing at 747 Newport Street, Denver, Colorado. Mr. PITT advised that PEREIRA had a fine personality but was a big time promoter and that he knew very little good about him. He stated PEREIRA had been married at least three times, once to an individual by the name of ADA RICE, who at one time owned the Saint Francis Hotel in Denver. Mr. PITT stated that he understood that PEREIRA had married again in Kansas City, Missouri, in May, 1951, and had bought a new Cadillac while in Kansas City.

PITT further stated that it was his understanding that PEREIRA owed hotel bills at the Westward Ho Hotel in Phoenix.

PITT advised that DALE CAREY's telephone number in Denver is Florida 008-3.

MALONE exhibited to the writer a carbon copy of a letter addressed by him to CAREY at 747 Newport Street, Denver, Colorado, dated July 11, 1951. Mr. MALONE stated that inasmuch as CAREY had sponsored PEREIRA for the B.F.O.B. in Denver, that he had written CAREY in an attempt to ascertain PEREIRA's present whereabouts. Mr. MALONE stated that he had not received any answer whatsoever from CAREY up until the present time.

MALONE ascertained that ADA RICE PEREIRA was presently living at the Commodore Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri, and on June 26, 1951, stated that he had contacted this individual by telephone. This former wife of PEREIRA advised that she had divorced PEREIRA in Carson City, Nevada, in 1943, after which he married BONNIE LUCILLE CRANOR or FRANKER, whom he divorced in Reno, Nevada, in the Spring of 1950.

She stated that she knew that PEREIRA had recently remarried in Kansas City. This individual advised Mr. MALONE that PEREIRA was definitely not a good business risk and referred MALONE to the Alcatraz Hotel and the First National Bank in Reno, Nevada, in verification of this statement. She stated that she did not know JAMES BRADLEY LEE. ADA told Mr. MALONE that she knew that VIC had bought a Cadillac in Kansas City from MORRIS STUBBS but did not say how she had received this information.

ADA advised Mr. MALONE that PEREIRA "did not have anything and had never been married to anyone who did have anything." She said that there was absolutely nothing to his story that he had \$48,000.00 coming as a part of a property settlement in Denver in April of this year.

It is to be noted that the above individual is the person from whom PEREIRA had told Mrs. JOYCE that he was being divorced in Denver in April, 1951. Mr. MALONE exhibited to the writer a certified copy of a decree of divorce from the First Judicial District of the State of Nevada in and for the County of Ormsby, Nevada, reflecting that ADA PEREIRA had sued VICTOR

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PEREIRA for divorce and was granted a decree of divorce on July 19, 1944. It is to be further noted that Mr. MALONE ascertained that at the time PEREIRA and LEE met Mrs. JOYCE and her sister in the lobby of the Del Norte Hotel in El Paso on April 19, 1951, that PEREIRA and LEE had been in conversation with a Mr. HALL of the Hall Motor Company, El Paso, Texas, shortly before meeting the women. In a subsequent conversation with HALL, HALL advised that he had met PEREIRA in Chihuahua, Mexico, during 1950, at which time ADA PEREIRA was with VICTOR PEREIRA.

Mr. MALONE expressed the opinion that inasmuch as ADA had been divorced from VICTOR PEREIRA since 1944, yet was with him in Mexico last year and is presently residing in Kansas City, Missouri, where PEREIRA went to be married and pick up the Cadillac, that it was entirely possible that ADA as well as MORRIS STUBBS was involved in the confidence game being perpetrated by these individuals.

MALONE stated that he ascertained that PEREIRA, at the time of his registration at the Del Norte Hotel on April 19, 1951, had given his home address as 4444 York Street, Denver, Colorado; that he had traced this address and found that this was the address of the Wagner Machine and Mill Supply Company, Denver, Colorado. Accordingly, MALONE telephoned Mr. WAGNER, President of the Wagner Machine and Mill Supply Company, who advised that PEREIRA had worked for him as a salesman for approximately two months about two years ago. Mr. WAGNER stated that PEREIRA was a lot of "hot air" as far as he was concerned and had let PEREIRA go "because we pay men to work."

Mr. WAGNER stated that he knew that ADA PEREIRA, former wife of VICTOR, presently or at one time had owned the Senator Hotel in Reno, Nevada, and knew that ADA had spent some time in Denver with VICTOR PEREIRA last year. Mr. WAGNER stated that PEREIRA and ADA were rumored to be intending to be remarried but so far as he knew, they never had, but he did know that they had been living together since they were divorced. At one time they operated the Saint Francis Hotel in Denver. Mr. WAGNER stated that he knew that PEREIRA also had another former wife in Reno, Nevada, by whom he had a son six or eight years old.

Mr. MALONE exhibited a report prepared by the Credit Bureau of Greater Denver, Denver, Colorado, dated June 7, 1951, on VICTOR EMANUEL PEREIRA, reflecting the address of 4444 York Street. This report reflected only that PEREIRA had been employed about a year ago by the Wagner Machine and Mill Supply Company for about sixty days but had been discharged because of unsatisfactory service.

Mr. MALONE also exhibited to the agent a report from the Credit Bureau of Reno, Nevada, dated June 27, 1951, concerning VICTOR PEREIRA. This report reflects that PEREIRA was divorced from ADA BOZEMAN and had lived at various

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addresses in Reno, though no specific address was given. The information reflected in this credit report is as follows:

"Subject first came to our attention in the early 40's, when he married Ada Bozeman who was also a former resident of Vallejo, Calif.

"Before coming to Reno, subject was a Laborer at the Mare Island Naval Yards, in Vallejo.

"At the time of their marriage, Mrs. Bozeman had the lease on the Carlton Hotel Cocktail Bar & Lounge, which her husband managed. She later disposed of this lease and purchased a new lease on the Senator Hotel, 138 W. 2nd St., in Reno.

"Their marriage did not last long as, according to her statement, subject was shiftless and too expensive of a husband to maintain. She divorced him in Aug., 1943, and in October filed suit against him on a Promissory Note of \$6000. which, of course, she has never recovered. Since that date Pereira has been a resident of Reno intermittently, and during most of his short stays in Reno he has worked as a Bartender. Most of the time, however, he has resided in Sacramento where we forwarded claims for collection. RCA, Sacramento filed suit and received judgment but have never been able to collect. Subject has been a "Skip" in our files over 2 years.

"Adjustment:

Dr. account \$75. listed 3/2/45 - Nothing paid
Utility \$24.38 listed 12/6/47 - paid 1/16/50
July \$189.50 listed 5/29/50 - Nothing paid
Telephone \$27.00 listed 7/13/50 - Nothing paid
WSP Check \$75. listed 7/3/50 - Nothing paid
Fuel \$49.00 listed 1/10/51 - Nothing paid
Dentist \$20.00 listed 6/6/47 - Nothing paid
Falo Alto, Calif. Fed. Cray acct. \$33.88 on 3/15/50
ret'd 5/12/50 - Uncollectible
Utility - Reno - \$13.28 listed 7/10/50 - Nothing paid."

The Credit Bureau of Reno also advised that PEREIRA was the son of E. W. PEREIRA, residence Sacramento, California, and that he had a brother, JAMES PEREIRA, who was a contractor in Sacramento. They advised there was no listing in the May, 1951, telephone directory for PEREIRA, nor a listing in the 1951 city directory for the City of Reno.

Mr. MALONE advised that he had found records of four divorces for VICTOR EMANUEL PEREIRA in the State of Nevada. These are as follows:

Case #12982 in the First Judicial District of the State of Nevada in and for the County of Ormsby, the record reflecting a decree

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of divorce granted ADA PEREIRA from VICTOR PEREIRA, also known as VICTOR E. PEREIRA, which decree was granted and filed on July 19, 1944, at Carson City, Nevada.

Case #75470, filed March 13, 1943, in the Second Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada in and for the County of Reno, Nevada, reflects that VICTOR EMANUEL PEREIRA was awarded a decree of divorce from THELMA HAYPEREIRA.

Case #99907 in the Second Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada in and for the County of Washoe at Reno, Nevada, reflects that OSCEOLA MITCHELL was awarded a decree of divorce from VICTOR E. PEREIRA on April 25, 1946.

Case #129572 in the Second Judicial District Court for the State of Nevada in and for the County of Washoe, Reno, reflects that BONNIE LUCILLE PEREIRA was awarded a decree of divorce from VICTOR EMANUEL PEREIRA on June 27, 1950.

After the Assistant U.S. Attorney had declined to prosecute in this case on June 21, 1951, as set forth above, this matter was brought to the attention of the El Paso, Texas, Police Department. Mr. W. F. BLAND, Check Detail, El Paso Police Department, has made available a letter dated July 2, 1951, received by his Department from Mr. GEORGE U. YOUNG, Jr., Captain, Detective Division, Phoenix, Arizona, Police Department. This letter is as follows:

"CITY OF PHOENIX
PHOENIX, ARIZONA

"Mr. W. B. Wilson
Chief of Police
El Paso, Texas

Attention: W. F. Bland

Re: Victor Emanuel Pereira
James Bradley Lee

"Dear Sir:

"Your letter of June 28, 1951 has been received.

"The files of this department reflect no arrest on the above subjects. They attempted to beat a large hotel bill at the Hotel Westward Ho, but when picked up by our officers, paid the bill and were not booked. This was as of April 17, 1951.

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"The subjects are known confidence men but we have not been able to obtain mugs or prints of them.

"Their associates are as follows:

Paul Augustus King FBI #2594295
Ted Saunders
Joe F. Dowding alias Jack Dowding, FBI #477053
J. P. Donahue, FBI #427053
Sidney (Doc) Soloway

"James Bradley Lee drives a 1950 Cadillac bearing 1950 Texas License W/D 8675 or 1951 license H/U 8433, giving his residence as Baker Hotel, Dallas, Texas. Also maintains an address at 303 Southland Life Building, Dallas, Texas.

"The above car was acquired from a Mrs. Van Horman who lived at Tulsa, Oklahoma. She met Lee in June of 1950 at Hot Springs, Arkansas and after an acquaintance of several weeks planned on marrying Lee. In view of that arrangement, she advanced Lee \$1500.00—presumably to pay off a gambling debt. In September, 1950, at Tulsa, Oklahoma, she gave Lee \$4500.00 to purchase a 1950 Cadillac which was last known to bear 1950 Michigan license plate DU 2577. Also in September of 1950, at Tulsa, she gave him another \$1,500.00 to extend oil drilling operations in Texas and in November, 1950, she forwarded to Lee at Dallas, Texas a cashier's check in the amount of \$2,000.00 with which to purchase oil leases from an individual known as Soloway who resided on Fort Worth Avenue in Dallas, Texas. When Lee called on Mrs. Van Horman in Tulsa, he was accompanied by Gus King, who claimed to live at the San Marcos Hotel, Phoenix, Arizona. (The San Marcos Hotel is actually located at Chandler, Arizona).

"James Bradley Lee reports he committed a crime in 1947, 1948 at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., but a communication from Fort Lauderdale reports no record of such.

"Gus King reflects an arrest in Miami Beach, Fla. March 17, 1947, their #411514.

"The Federal Bureau of Investigation maintains an extensive file on the operations of the above-mentioned subjects who are all big-time confidence men and who, apparently, have been convicted of only minor offenses, with no apparent record of the subjects of your inquiry.

"If the occasion warrants an arrest of the subjects, we would appreciate a copy of their fingerprint cards and photographs.

"Very truly yours,

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-19- By: George U. Young, Jr.
Captain, Detective Division."

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On July 6, 1951, the El Paso Police Department forwarded to the FBI Laboratory a letter, the pertinent portion of which is as follows:

"There are inclosed two (2) documents described as follows:

- "(1) A check dated June 7, 1951, in the amount of \$25.00 payable to Joe Lasoya, and signed Victor Pereira, Cashier on the State National Bank El Paso, Texas.
- "(2) An envelope and letter written in ink. Envelope is addressed to Mrs. Gertrude Lopez Pereira; letter dated June 20, 1951, beginning "Dearest Gertrude, This letter is very difficult-----."

"It would be appreciated if your F.B.I. Laboratory would compare the handwriting appearing on the above described with the handwriting of persons having similar names as persons captioned and described, as will be here and after noted, on print cards in the Identification Division. We would also appreciate the comparison of inclosed handwriting with appropriate handwriting contained in the National Fraudulent Check File.

"We have received information that the above individuals are known "confidence men" and that the F.B.I. has a file on them. It has been reported to me from Phoenix, Arizona Police Department that the above individuals are associates of the following known confidence men:

Paul Augustus King --- F.B.I. #2794295
Ted Saunders -----
Joe P. Dowding, alias, Jack Dowding --- F.B.I. #477053
J. P. Donahue --- F.B.I. #427053
Sidney (Doc.) Soloway

"We would, therefore, appreciate it if your Identification Division would furnish us, insofar as is possible, a copy of fingerprints and fingerprint classifications of the captioned individuals, and their reported associates along with photographs of each."

The Laboratory replied to the El Paso Police Department under date of July 30, 1951, advising that it had concluded that the signature on the above mentioned check for \$25.00 payable to JOE LASOYA was written by VICTOR EMANUEL PEREIRA, FBI #2157349, whose signature appeared on fingerprint cards on file in the Identification Division of the Bureau. The Bureau further advised that it was transmitting copies of the fingerprints, fingerprint classifications, identification records, descriptions and photographs, where available, of PAUL AUGUSTUS KING, FBI #2594295, JOE B. DOWDING, FBI #477053, J. P. DONAHUE, FBI #427053, VICTOR EMANUEL PEREIRA, FBI #2157349, and SIDNEY (DOC) SOLOWAY, FBI #76762.

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The Laboratory advised that it had not been possible to locate an identification record for an individual using the name of JAMES BRADLEY LEE, having the description as furnished by the El Paso Police Department.

At the time the above report was furnished to the El Paso Police Department, the Bureau furnished to the El Paso Office a copy of a letter directed to the Bureau by the Miami Office under date of March 27, 1951. This letter advised that on March 26, 1951, Mrs. VIRGINIA VAN NORMAN, 211 South Santa Tulsa, Oklahoma, telephone 7-1967, had appeared in the Miami Office and furnished the following information:

Mrs. VAN NORMAN stated that she had met JAMES BRADLEY LEE at Hot Springs, Arkansas, in June of 1950 at a horse show. LEE had subsequently called her on the telephone on several occasions from Dallas, Texas, Reno, Nevada, Monterrey, Mexico, and Los Angeles, California. In July of 1950 LEE was reportedly staying at Grand Lake, Colorado, and flew to Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he stayed for one week with Mrs. VAN NORMAN and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. MATHEI. He reportedly flew from Tulsa to Los Angeles after this visit and stayed at the Casa Manana in La Jolla, California.

Mrs. VAN NORMAN advised that she is divorced from her former husband and had expected to marry LEE and had given him money as follows:

September, 1950, at Tulsa, Oklahoma: \$1500.00, believed used to pay a gambling debt;

September, 1950, at Tulsa, Oklahoma: \$4500.00, to purchase 1950 Cadillac, last known to bear 1950 Michigan tag DU 2577;

September, 1950, at Tulsa, Oklahoma: \$1500.00 to extend oil well drilling operations in Parker County, Texas;

November 28, 1950: sent cashier's check for \$2000.00 on National Bank of Commerce, Tulsa, Oklahoma, to LEE in Dallas, Texas, to purchase leases on oil land from GILMAY, who reportedly resides on Ft. Worth Avenue, Dallas, Texas. Mrs. VAN NORMAN advised that she had seen these leases and they bore the appearance of being genuine.

Mrs. VAN NORMAN advised that on several of his frequent visits to her parents' home in Tulsa, that LEE had been accompanied by a GUS KING who claimed to be presently staying in Phoenix, Arizona, at the San Marcos Inn. Mrs. VAN NORMAN advised the Miami Office, however, at the time of her visit that she had reason to believe that both KING and LEE were at that time staying at the Westwood Hotel in Phoenix, Arizona. (This was apparently meant to be the Westward Ho Hotel). She advised that she understood that KING and LEE were expecting to leave Phoenix about the first of April for Colorado Springs, Colorado, where they usually stay at the Cosmopolitan Hotel.

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It is to be particularly noted that Mrs. VAN NORMAN and her mother, C. A. MATHEY, were shown a photograph of PAUL AUGUSTUS KING, FBI #2594295, from the Miami Con Men File and definitely identified KING as the associate of JAMES LEE.

The Miami Office advised that KING was last known to that office on March 19, 1947, at which time KING was arrested by the Miami Beach, Florida Police Department, their number 4-11514. The Miami Crime Survey File for 1947-1948 reflects that KING and FRED BROWN, alias RALPH BROWN, FBI #2594295, were arrested by the Miami Beach Police Department on the above date in connection with swindles at the Miami Beach Hotel. The Miami Office advised further that the Crime Survey for the 1946-1947 season reflects that Mrs. PEGGY REILLY, an informant, who operates a beauty shop on Collins Avenue, Miami Beach, had advised that she had gone around with PAUL AUGUSTUS KING of Atlanta, Georgia, for some time and that KING had been using her as an entry to meet people whom he might swindle. According to this informant, KING had swindled several individuals in Atlanta and Miami of several thousand dollars.

KING's accomplices at that time were reportedly FRED BROWN, one TED CLARKE, TEDDY SANDERSON and a Mr. SARDO, all of whom the informant described as crooked gamblers.

The Miami Office advised that a complaint had been received on January 13, 1950, concerning one JAMES LEE, who had swindled a Mrs. ELEANOR ROME NICHOLS of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, out of \$1,200.00 on New Years Eve of 1950, after "dating" her three days and inducing her to pawn her jewels to assist him in paying a bad gambling debt. Mrs. NICHOLS at that time was shown the Miami Con Men Files and positively identified LEE as EDWARD S. LYONS, FBI #847381. At the time of Mrs. VAN NORMAN's complaint against JAMES LEE on March 26, 1951, she was shown a photograph of LYONS by the Miami Office but was unable to identify LYONS' photograph as being the individual known to her as JAMES LEE, although Mrs. VAN NORMAN and her mother both noted that the description furnished of LEE by Mrs. NICHOLS as set forth above fitted LEE to perfection.

LEE is acquainted with and associates with one TED SAUNDERS who may be identical with TEDDY SANDERSON, gambler mentioned above, and with "JOCK" DOWDING, whom Mrs. VAN NORMAN and her mother met on one occasion when in company with LEE.

They were exhibited a photograph of JOE P. DOWDING with aliases "JOCK" DOWDING, J. P. DONAHUE, etc., FBI #477053, which photograph was taken by the Miami Police Department on April 30, 1935, their number 8991. Mrs. C. A. MATHEY advised that she was reasonably certain that JOE P. DOWDING is identical with "JOCK" DOWDING, in spite of the date of the photograph which was exhibited to her. This individual was arrested at Miami, Florida, as a card sharp on April 30, 1935.

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she understood Mrs. VAN NORMAN advised that JAMES LEE had been in Phoenix, Arizona, most of the time since his leaving her and she has heard through a close friend that he has been seen in the company of a wealthy widow whose name she was unable to furnish but who, she advised, is soon to obtain a divorce. Mrs. VAN NORMAN advised that in the middle of January at the time the show was operating in Denver, LEE was supposed to be staying at the Metropolitan Hotel but that she had called the hotel and had been unable to locate him there. She stated he subsequently called her and advised that "GUS" had registered him at the hotel as GEORGE LANG but made no explanation as to why he had been registered under that name.

According to Mrs. VAN NORMAN, LEE is presently negotiating with _____ NORMAN, Fort Worth Avenue, Dallas, Texas, relative to oil leases and LEE reportedly maintains a mailing address in Dallas at 303 Southland Life Building.

In connection with the address given by Mrs. VAN NORMAN for LEE, 303 Southland Life Building, reference has previously been made in this report to an address of 302 Southland Life Building, Dallas, Texas, which is the address LEE furnished in endorsing the \$5,000.00 check given him by Mrs. JOYCE. Mrs. VAN NORMAN advised Miami at the time of her interview that she had arrangements to meet LEE in Dallas, Texas, on Saturday, March 31, 1951, where he was to make reservations for her at the Baker Hotel. Mrs. VAN NORMAN furnished the following descriptions of LEE and KING:

Name	JAMES BRADLEY LEE
Age	35
Height	6'
Weight	170-175
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Dark Brown, wears lot of hair oil
Complexion	Dark
Teeth	Beautiful, mouth always has smiling expression
Miscellaneous	Wears sport clothes, is excellent golfer, knows a great deal about music - all types, has gangling appearance, is long-legged.
Name	PAUL AUGUSTUS KING
Age	30
Height	5' 11"
Weight	200
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Gray
Complexion	Medium

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Build
Miscellaneous
Relatives

Broad shoulders
Talks incessantly, drives old
model Buick
Son, "BUD" KING, address unknown,
allegedly attending Southern
Methodist University, Dallas, Texas.
Divorced from wife, Birmingham,
Alabama, in 1938.

Reference is made to Oklahoma City letter to Albuquerque dated July 23, 1951, entitled "VICTOR R. PEREIRA; JAMES BRADLEY LEE; Mrs. GERTRUDE JOYCE - VICTIM, INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN PROPERTY", a copy of which was furnished to the Dallas, El Paso, Denver and Kansas City offices. This letter advises that Oklahoma City T-1 had advised the Oklahoma City Office on July 23, 1951, that he had received information concerning PEREIRA and LEE swindling Mrs. GERTRUDE JOYCE of Roswell, New Mexico, out of \$48,000.00. T-1 advised that he was personally acquainted with PEREIRA and added that there were several PEREIRA boys, all engaged in confidence rackets. T-1 further stated that it was possible that one or all of the following individuals may be involved in the above swindle with PEREIRA and LEE:

GUS KING, formerly of Dallas, Texas, but presently residing in
Denver, Colorado
JED P. BOWLING
J. P. DENNARD
SIDNEY GILLOWAY
TED GUNTERS

T-1 was of the opinion that with the exception of GUS KING all of the individuals referred to by him have in the past resided in Dallas, Texas, or are presently residing there, but in all probability will be headquartered in Denver, Colorado, and perpetrating their confidence games from Denver to the West Coast. T-1 also stated that JAMES BRADLEY LEE has purchased a new Cadillac from one A. L. STUBNER in Kansas City, Missouri, since the loss of the above-mentioned money by Mrs. JOYCE, and the car is reportedly bearing a Missouri license at the present time.

The attention of all offices is called to the similarity between this name, A. L. STUBNER, and that of the individual from whom PEREIRA and Mrs. JOYCE purchased the above mentioned 1951 Cadillac.

T-1 added that he was unable to give physical descriptions of the above referred to suspects but stated that if inquiries of Mrs. JOYCE in Roswell confirmed his information that she had been swindled out of \$48,000.00, he would be in a position to render additional assistance in identifying the individuals responsible for her loss.

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Fingerprinted by Police Department, Detroit, Michigan, as JOE F. DRAPER, #44449, on August 4, 1931; charge, fugitive; no disposition shown.

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Fingerprinted by the Police Department, Flint, Michigan, as JOE DOWDING, #12787, on August 11, 1931; charge, investigation; no disposition shown.

Fingerprinted by Police Department, Covington, Kentucky, as JAMES DOWDING, #2080, on January 20, 1935; charge, vagrancy; disposition, \$50 and costs.

Fingerprinted by Police Department, Charleston, South Carolina, as JOSEPH PETER DOWDING, #21-433, March 28, 1935; charge, investigation; hold. No disposition shown.

Fingerprinted, Police Department, Miami, Florida, as J. P. DOWDING, #8191, April 30, 1935; charge, card shark; May 1, 1935, released.

Fingerprinted, County Jail, Marshall, Michigan, as JOE P. DOWDING, #19969, November 13, 1939; charge, investigation checks (hold.)

Fingerprinted by Police Department, Spring Lake, New Jersey, as JOSEPH P. DOWDING, #—, July 7, 1940; charge, suspicion.

Fingerprinted same date by "Mon. Co. Jail", Freehold, New Jersey, as JOSEPH P. DOWDING, #3956, charge "viol. Ord." Disposition, ten days or \$28.

Fingerprinted by Police Department, Savannah, Georgia, as JOSEPH PETER DOWDING, #8881, September 30, 1940, for general investigation; October 2, 1940, released.

Fingerprinted by Sheriff's Office, Vero Beach, Florida, as J. P. DOWDING, #—, November 22, 1940, for vagrancy; disposition, \$10 and costs or 30 days in County Jail.

Fingerprinted by Police Department, Palm Beach, Florida, as JOSEPH PETER DOWDING, #4-177, February 22, 1941; charge investigation (card sharp); February 29, 1941, released to W. P. B.

Fingerprinted by Police Department, West Palm Beach, Florida, as JOSEPH PETER DOWDING, #2106, February 28, 1941; investigation; March 5, 1941, \$50. bond.

Fingerprinted by Police Department, Lansing, Michigan, as JOSEPH P. DOWDING, #14517, November 4, 1943, drunk; paid \$8.35.

Fingerprinted by Police Department, Jackson, Michigan, as JOSEPH DOWDING, #17534, July 30, 1944; charge, Ord. drunk; July 31, 1944, P. G. Paid \$5.

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Fingerprinted by Police Department, Washington, D. C., as JOSEPH PETER DOWDING, #A08522, September 28, 1947; investigation card shark; no disposition shown.

Fingerprinted by Police Department, Atlantic City, New Jersey, as JOSEPH DOWDING, #18-664, June 10, 1948; investigation of undesirable; June 12, 1948, ordered out of town.

Fingerprinted by State Police, Hartford, Connecticut, #61135, as JOHN PETER DOWDING, #A-1352-C, State Police, Ridgefield, Connecticut, on June 23, 1948, for breach of peace. No disposition shown.

Fingerprinted by Police Department, Toledo, Ohio, as JOHN PETER DOWDING, #39804, June 27, 1949; suspicion (con game); pending.

The identification record includes the following:

Fingerprinted as J. P. DONAHUE, #8191, by Police Department, Miami, Florida, December 9, 1937, for investigation, card shark; \$50 and costs or 22 days in jail.

Fingerprinted as JOSEPH P. DOWDING, Albion, Michigan, August, 1939, D. and D.; released. Admits Miami, Florida, disorderly conduct, fined \$25.

Fingerprinted as JOS. DRAPER, #41449, by Police Department, Detroit, Michigan, October 13, 1945, for investigation of carrying concealed weapon (gun).

Fingerprinted as JOSEPH DOWDING, #41449, Police Department, Detroit, Michigan, May 31, 1949, general investigation; June 2, 1949, dismissed on writ.

The Bureau furnished a photograph of J. P. Donahue, a copy of which is being furnished to each office to which it is being referred herein with this report.

Under date of August 2, 1951, the Bureau furnished the criminal record of VICTOR EMANUEL PEREIRA, FBI #2157349. This criminal record reflects that PEREIRA was born in Fort Jones, California, on May 3, 1918, and in 1945 resided at 1827 Humboldt Street, Reno, Nevada. His fingerprint classification was reflected as:

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Fingerprinted by Police Department, Oakland, California, as VICTOR EMANUEL PEREIRA, #30018, November 16, 1940; charge, investigation checks; December 12, 1940, three months County Jail and three years' probation.

Fingerprinted by County Jail, Oakland, California, as VICTOR E. PEREIRA, #11423, November 20, 1940; charge, violation Section 4764, Penal Code (checks); on December 12, 1940, given three months County Jail and three years' probation.

Fingerprinted by Sheriff's Office, Reno, Nevada, as VICTOR EMANUEL PEREIRA, #--, October 8, 1944; charge, investigation. No disposition shown.

The Bureau furnished photographs of VICTOR EMANUEL PEREIRA, a copy of which is being furnished herewith to each office to which leads are herein set out.

The Bureau also furnished the criminal record on SAMUEL SIDNEY SOLOWAY, FBI #76762. The following description was reflected for SOLOWAY:

Name	SAMUEL SIDNEY SOLOWAY, was.
Date of birth	August 21, 1893
Place of birth	Portland, Maine
Color	White
Sex	Male
Height	5' 1 1/2"
Weight	210
Complexion	Light
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown - grey - part bald
Build	Stout
Scars and marks	Scar under chin; 1" irregular scar center forehead; vertical scar 1" base of left palm; approx. operation scar; 2" vertical cut on center forehead above ridge of nose; small pit on right cheek 1 1/2" ft. ear; small scar forehead center; hairline scar over left eye; small dimple in chin - center.
Occupation	In 1945, salesman
Residence	In 1945, 48 West 91st Street
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The following criminal record was reflected for SOLOWAY:

Fingerprinted by Police Department, Duluth, Minnesota, as ~~SAMUEL SOLOWAY~~, #2349, May 19, 1917, for vagrancy; \$100 or 60 days WF-Execution of sentence stayed for three months.

Fingerprinted by Police Department, Detroit, Michigan, as ~~SIDNEY SOLOMON~~, #16046, May 26, 1921; charge fugitive, con man; discharged May 29, 1921.

Fingerprinted by Police Department, Los Angeles, California, as ~~SIDNEY SULLY~~, #20083, December 8, 1921; charge G. L. and suspicion, burg; 180 days suspended May 23, 1922, for vagrancy.

Fingerprinted by Police Department, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as ~~SIDNEY SOLOMON~~, #55302, January 31, 1923; charge, suspicious character; discharged February 2, 1923.

Fingerprinted by Police Department, Lakeland, Florida, as ~~SIDNEY SULLY~~, #—, January 15, 1938, for investigation; January 19, 1938, released to U. S. Marshal, Tampa, Florida.

Fingerprinted by U. S. Marshal, Tampa, Florida, as ~~SAMUEL SOLOWAY~~, #1057-7, January 19, 1938; concealing bankruptcy assets. February 6, 1938, removed to Southern District of New York.

Fingerprinted by U. S. Marshal, New York, New York, as ~~SIDNEY SOLOWAY~~, #C19-299, January 31, 1939; charge, mail fraud; disposition shown as pending release to Police Department, Toledo, Ohio, on charge of obtaining money under false pretense.

Fingerprinted by Police Department, New York, New York, as ~~SAMUEL SOLOWAY~~, #B-176849, January 30, 1939; charge, fugitive, using mails to defraud; January 31, 1939, turned over to the U. S. Marshal.

Fingerprinted, USM, New York, New York, as ~~SIDNEY SOLOWAY~~, #26398, January 31, 1939; charge, using mails to defraud.

Fingerprinted by Police Department, New York, New York, as ~~SAMUEL SOLOWAY~~, #B-176849, February 2, 1939; charge, fugitive, G. L.; turned over to Toledo, Ohio Police Department.

Fingerprinted by Police Department, Toledo, Ohio, as ~~SAMUEL SIDNEY SOLOWAY~~, #30228, February 4, 1939; suspicion, con man; 1 to 3 years State Prison.

Fingerprinted at State Penitentiary, Columbus, Ohio, as ~~SIDNEY SOLOWAY~~, #75510, May 23, 1939; charge, obtaining money by false pretenses; 1-3 years; January 7, 1941, conditionally released to US (London Prison Farm).

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As SIDNEY SOLLOWAY, London Prison Farm, London, Ohio, 1939, obtaining money under false pretense, served ten months.

Fingerprinted by U. S. Marshal, Columbus, Ohio, as SIDNEY SOLOWAY, #11485, January 7, 1941, using mails to defraud.

Fingerprinted, Federal Detention Headquarters, New York, New York, as SAMUEL SIDNEY SOLLOWAY, #31485, January 9, 1941; concealing assets in bankruptcy; January 20, 1941, bail.

Fingerprinted by U. S. Marshal, New York, New York, as SAMUEL SOLLOWAY, #C-11-341, October 31, 1941; concealing assets in bankruptcy; November 17, 1941, one year and eleven months.

Fingerprinted, Federal Detention Headquarters, New York, New York, as SAMUEL SOLLOWAY, #33478, October 31, 1941, conspiring to violate Bankruptcy Laws; November 22, 1941, to U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia.

Fingerprinted, U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, as SAMUEL SOLLOWAY, #61081, November 24, 1941; consp. in concl. assets from trustee in bankruptcy; 1 yr. 11 months; May 31, 1943, discharge by conditional release in custody of U. S. Marshal, Atlanta, Georgia, for U. S. Attorney, New York, New York, defraud.

Fingerprinted by Police Department, New York, New York, as SIDNEY SOLOWAY, #B-176849, September 8, 1945, G. L. (con game); no disposition shown.

Fingerprinted, Federal Detention Headquarters, New York, New York, as SIDNEY SOLOWAY, #4581-Ct, December 4, 1945; charge mail fraud; disposition 1 yr. - 1 day, December 4, 1946; discharged to Federal Correctional Institution, Danbury, Connecticut.

Fingerprinted, Federal Correctional Institution, Danbury, Connecticut, as SIDNEY SOLOWAY, #4581-Ct, December 4, 1945; using mails to defraud, etc. Disposition, 1 yr. 1 day; September 10, 1946, conditionally released.

Fingerprinted by Police Department, Miami, Florida, as SIDNEY SOLOWAY, #34356, "vol. crim. regis. January 30, 1947; released instantan."

In addition, the record reflects SIDNEY SOLOWAY, Columbus, Ohio, January 10, 1941, concealing assets in bankruptcy, 1 yr. and 11 mos., U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia.

The Bureau furnished photographs of SAMUEL SIDNEY SOLOWAY, FBI #76762, a copy of which is being furnished to each office to which leads are herein set out.

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On August 2, 1951, the Bureau furnished a copy of criminal record of PAUL AUGUSTUS KING, FBI #2594295. KING is described as follows:

Name	PAUL AUGUSTUS KING, was.
Color	White
Sex	Male
Height	6'
Weight	210
Complexion	Pig
Eyes	Ch M
Hair	Ch M
Scars and marks	1" horizontal scar across tip of nose; 3" scar left thigh; small scar over right eye and on nose
Birth	September 28, 1896, Reno, Texas
Residence	In 1947 Hotel Henry Grady, Atlanta, Georgia
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The following criminal record was furnished for KING:

Fingerprinted by Police Department, Louisville, Kentucky, as PAUL A. KING, #52825, June 3, 1940; charge S.U.C.G.C.-DC.

Fingerprinted, Police Department, Atlanta, Georgia, as P. A. KING, #44421, January 16, 1942; charge D. C. gaming; January 23, 1942, fined \$17.

Fingerprinted, Fulton Co B of C. I., Atlanta, Georgia, as GUS KING, #39143, January 16, 1942; charge, gaming; April 4, 1942, six months and \$75.

Fingerprinted, Police Department, Miami Beach, Florida, as PAUL AUGUSTUS KING, #A 11514, March 19, 1947; vagrancy and investigation; March 28, 1947, dism. rec. prosecution.

Fingerprinted, Police Department, New York, New York, as PAUL A. KING, #B-256948, September 11, 1947; charge, Conspiracy Bribery 1897 FL (Jack). No disposition shown.

Fingerprinted, WH, Rikers Island, New York, New York, as PAUL KING, #315945, June 23, 1948; conspiracy -SM; \$500 or 30 days and 30 days.

Photographs of PAUL AUGUSTUS KING were furnished by the Bureau and a copy is being furnished to each office to which leads are herein set out.

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The facts in this case were presented to Assistant U. S. Attorney HOLNEY WILLIAMS on July 30, 1951, and a complaint was authorized against subjects PEREIRA and LEE and warrants issued charging PEREIRA and LEE with violation of Section 371, Title 18, U. S. Code, in that PEREIRA and LEE conspired to obtain money and property from victims of the value of more than \$5,000.00, and did transport same in interstate commerce in violation of Section 2384 of Title 18.

The complaint further charges subjects of violation of Section 2384, Title 18, U. S. Code, in that LEE and PEREIRA caused to be transported in interstate commerce property over the value of \$5,000.00 from El Paso, Texas, to Los Angeles, California.

The complaint further charged violation of Section 1341 of Title 18, U. S. Code, in that subjects devised and intended to devise a scheme and artifice to defraud victim, and for the purpose of executing their artifice caused to be placed in an authorized depository for mail matters a letter to be sent or delivered by the post office establishment of the United States.

Fugitive Form Letters were forwarded to the Bureau.

On August 9, 1951, the writer interviewed the victim in this case, Mrs. GERTHAUDE J. JOYCE, and her sister, Mrs. KATHRYN JOYNER, in El Paso, Texas. At that time Mrs. JOYCE exhibited to the writer a chronological account of her associations with subjects PEREIRA and LEE. This account which had been written out originally in handwriting by Mrs. JOYCE and is being maintained by her is as follows:

"April 19 - Thursday - Met Vic and Jimmy. Vic said he was from Denver in the Hotel Business. Jimmy said he was from Dallas in the oil business.

"April 22 - Sunday - All four went to Meswell.

"April 23 - Monday - Vic showed me letters signed with the seal of the State of Colorado recommending him and a group of men for their ability and integrity.

"April 24 - Tuesday - Vic received a telegram stating his divorce from Ada would be granted on April 28th and settlement of his assets would be paid May 28th, amounting to \$48,000.00 net to Vic. Vic told me he gave Ada two hotels, stocks, etc.

"April 25 - Wednesday - Jimmy borrowed \$5,000.00 to put Vic in on an oil lease, to be paid back May 28th.

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"April 26 - Thursday - Jimmy cashed check at First National Bank, Roswell. Obtained \$1,000.00 cash and a \$1,000.00 Cashier's Check. Jimmy left for Lubbock to meet Sidney. Jimmy called Katherine from Lubbock that night.

"April 29 - Sunday - Vic took me to El Paso in Jimmy's car.

"April 30 - Monday - Jimmy cashed cashier's check and arrived in El Paso via plane that afternoon.

"May 2 - Wednesday - Vic and I returned to Roswell from El Paso.

"May 3 - Thursday - I had a birthday party for Vic. Many of my friends invited met him and were favorably impressed.

"May 11 - Friday - Vic and I went to Wichita Falls, first stop on trip which Vic planned, that we might become better acquainted. Just before leaving Vic asked me for \$1,000.00 to apply on the trip as he was running short of cash. I wrote a check and Mr. Cox, my neighbor, cashed it for me.

"May 12 - Saturday - Jimmy came to Wichita Falls to join us for some parties and the weekend. He flew in from Dallas.

"May 15 - Tuesday - Jimmy drove with Vic and me to Dallas. Vic and I stopped at the Adolphus Hotel. Jimmy joined us several nights on parties with some of my friends.

"May 18 - Friday - Vic and I went to Hot Springs, Arkansas, Arlington Hotel. Jimmy joined us on Saturday, May 19th.

"May 20 - Sunday - Morris Brown called from Kansas City saying he had a Cadillac available. Vic asked me about purchase of the car. I agreed to advance money to be paid back May 28th.

"May 21 - Monday - Jimmy drove Vic and me to Little Rock where we got a plane for Kansas City. Jimmy drove my car back to Roswell.

"May 25 - Friday - Married, Muelbach Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri.

"May 26 - Saturday - I received \$6956.55 check for sale of securities. Vic took check to buy Cadillac.

"May 28 - Monday - Vic called E. J. Wilson, Ft. Worth, about hotel in Greenville, Texas. Vic got Cadillac from Morris.

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"May 29 - Tuesday - Left Kansas City for Dallas - Jimmy, Katherine, Vic and I stayed Muskogee, Oklahoma that night.

"May 30 - Wednesday - Arrived Dallas - Baker Hotel. Stopped on way to Greenville, Texas and saw Washington Hotel.

"May 31 - Thursday - Vic went to Ft. Worth to see his broker, E. J. Wilson. Came back that evening saying that he had received an option on the Washington Hotel in Greenville, Texas. He had called his lawyer and secured \$2,500.00 which he had paid on the deal. The rest was to be paid by June 15th. Vic asked me for about \$35,000.00 to complete the deal. I think he said the lease would cost around \$78,000.00. Later he said \$32,000.00 would complete the deal. He said that after we arrived in Roswell.

"June 2 - Saturday - Katherine, Vic and I left Dallas for Roswell. Stayed in Abilene, Texas that night.

"June 3 - Sunday - Arrived in Roswell.

"June 4 - Monday - Attended final ball - N.M.M.I. Vic, Katherine and I.

"June 11 - Monday - Vic called E. J. Wilson, Ft. Worth, asking extension on hotel deal for one week.

"June 13 - Wednesday - telegram came from E. J. Wilson granting extension of hotel deal. Also I received a check for sale of my securities for \$35,286.78, which I gave to Vic. Vic got reservations for us on the plane for Greenville, Texas, via Dallas for Wednesday, June 20.

"June 15 - Friday - Vic and I took to El Paso, where I endorsed the check. The plane was stuck in the State National Bank for collection. We went back to Roswell for a party. It was an anniversary party for a cousin of mine. Vic said he had signed the release on his money that had been tied up in his divorce proceeding and everything was O.K.

"June 17 - Sunday - Returned to Roswell.

"June 19 - Tuesday - Vic and Jimmy left for Texas to pick up some quick profit oil leases. They left at 5 a.m. and were to return at 2 p.m. that afternoon. They did not return.

"June 21 - Thursday - I called Greenville Texas. Vic had no option or lease on the hotel. I also called the State National Bank of El Paso and Vic had drawn the money out. They said he only had a small account left. He never had the \$48,000.00 that he told me of. Also I received a mysterious phone call from a man at my home. It was a local call.

"June 22 - Friday - I received a letter from Vic."

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Mrs. JOYCE stated that after she and PEREIRA arrived in Kansas City, Missouri, on May 21, 1951, and decided to get married on May 25th, that they called her sister, Miss JOYNER, and LEE at Roswell and LEE and Miss JOYNER agreed to come to the wedding in Kansas City which they did.

LEE and Miss JOYNER remained in Kansas City until after the purchase of the 1951 Cadillac by PEREIRA as mentioned herein and then drove back from Kansas City, Missouri, to Dallas, Texas, with PEREIRA and Mrs. JOYCE in the 1951 Cadillac. Mrs. JOYCE stated that LEE was present at the automobile company owned by MORRIS STUDNA at the time of the purchase of the Cadillac. She stated that STUDNA and LEE pretended not to know one another and PEREIRA introduced LEE to STUDNA on this occasion. Mrs. JOYNER pointed out, however, that during the negotiations for the Cadillac, later on in the day on that occasion STUDNA told LEE, "JIM, you should buy an airplane with all the hopping around that you do", indicating previous acquaintanceship with LEE. She stated that later on in the day STUDNA learned that LEE and Miss JOYNER were supposedly engaged to be married and he asked Miss JOYNER, "How did you ever land this wild buckaroo?" Mrs. JOYCE stated that she was positive that STUDNA and LEE were previously acquainted with one another.

Mrs. JOYCE stated that after her marriage to PEREIRA in Kansas City on May 25, 1951, that they left Kansas City on May 29th together with LEE and Miss JOYNER and arrived in Dallas, Texas, on May 30, 1951, where the party stopped at the Baker Hotel. Mrs. JOYCE stated that on the following day, May 31st, PEREIRA told her that he had to go to Ft. Worth to see his broker, E. J. WILSON, concerning the option on the hotel. He returned to the Baker Hotel that evening and told her that he had paid down \$2500.00 on the option and the remainder of the money had to be paid by June 15th. Mrs. JOYCE stated that it was on that occasion that PEREIRA told her that the Washington Hotel at Greenville would cost \$18,000.00. He told her that he had the \$48,000.00 which was supposed to be received by him within a few days and that if she wanted to go in with him on the purchase of the hotel and furnish the remainder of the money, about \$30,000.00, that the two of them could then have an assured income for life of approximately \$2,000.00 per month.

He told Mrs. JOYCE that he had a man in Denver, Colorado, by the name of "DOUG" who would run the hotel for them and that he knew DOUG was a good hotel man inasmuch as he had managed several hotels for PEREIRA previously. He stated he had contacted DOUG and that DOUG had agreed to come to Greenville and operate the Washington Hotel.

It is noted parenthetically that at the time of Mrs. JOYCE's visit to El Paso on August 9, 1951, to see her attorney, at which time she was interviewed by the reporting agent, that she brought a number of clothes

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which had been left at her home by PEREIRA and LEE. It is particularly noted that among the clothes was a Royal Stetson snap brim hat from Williams Stores, Broadway at First Avenue, Denver, Colorado. Initialed in the sweatband of this hat were the initials "D.J.E".

In connection with the information previously set out in this report that PEREIRA phoned Ft. Worth, Texas, in the pretense of calling his attorney, one E. J. WILSON, relative to the weeks extension of the option on the Washington Hotel in Greenville, it is noted that the photostatic copy of a decree of divorce granted THELMA DAY PEREIRA from VICTOR EMANUEL PEREIRA in Reno, Nevada, dated March 13, 1943, reflects that the attorney for THELMA DAY PEREIRA on that occasion was one EMERSON J. WILSON, Esq.

Miss KATHRYN JOYNER, sister of victim, advised that on either April 23 or 24, 1951, she went to the First National Bank of Roswell with LEE at which time LEE cashed a \$100.00 check drawn on a Dallas bank which she believed she remembered to be the Dallas National Bank. She stated further that on about June 9, 1951, LEE wrote another check payable to the Continental Airlines at Roswell, New Mexico, for about \$14.00, which check also was drawn on a Dallas bank. He told her at this time that he had a balance of \$12,000.00 in his bank in Dallas.

Reference is made to Kansas City teletype to El Paso dated August 4, 1951, in which the Kansas City Office advised that MORRIS STUDNA, automobile dealer in Kansas City as mentioned above, advised he had sold PEREIRA a 1951 Cadillac 62 Club Coupe, Motor No. 516210296. STUDNA advised the Kansas City Office on this occasion that he had received a telephone call from King's Court, Columbus, Ohio, on about July 26th from PEREIRA and he advised that PEREIRA was supposedly living at King's Court at that time.

The Cincinnati Office by teletype August 6, advised that investigation at King's Court, Columbus, Ohio, reflected that VICTOR PERRY had rented an apartment at that establishment on July 2, 1951, and had left his wife and three year old child his 1951 two toned blue steel top convertible Cadillac bearing Oklahoma License 1-98838.

The Oklahoma City Office by teletype dated August 7, 1951, advised that the Tax Commissioner's Office, Oklahoma City, reflects that VICTOR PERRY, residing Skirvin Hotel, Oklahoma City, had registered a 1951 Cadillac coupe, Motor No. 5162-10296, Title No. D939540, on June 21, 1951, and was issued 1951 Oklahoma License 1-98838. The Cincinnati Office advised that this license number was identical with the one appearing on the car parked in front of the King's Court Apartment in Columbus.

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By teletype dated August 7, 1951, the Salt Lake City Office advised that PEREIRA had married BONNIE CRANOR, Reno, Nevada, in June, 1947, and that a female child, LESLIE, was born to this marriage in May, 1948. PEREIRA deserted BONNIE shortly after the marriage and did not again contact her until Christmas, 1950, at which time he started writing letters to her and at his request on about June 24, 1951, she left Reno to join PEREIRA in Kansas City, Missouri. The Cincinnati Office ascertained that the individual living in the King's Court in Columbus, Ohio, as set forth above, was BONNIE CRANOR and her three year old child.

By teletype dated August 8, 1951, the Kansas City Office advised that MORRIS STODMA, mentioned above, had furnished information to the effect that subjects LEE and PEREIRA were at that time staying at the Marion Richieu Hotel in Quebec, Canada.

The Boston Office advised by teletype dated August 9, 1951, that it had been ascertained that PEREIRA and LEE had left Quebec, Canada, and had stayed at the Bald Peak Colony Club, an exclusive resort near Wolfeboro, New Hampshire, for a period of five days, having left this Colony on August 3, 1951, in company with one BENJAMIN DRAPER and DRAPER's wife and daughter, HELENE. LEE and PEREIRA were believed to have stayed with DRAPER at his residence at Hopedale, Massachusetts, from August 3rd to 8th at which time LEE and PEREIRA left with DRAPER and his party for New York City where DRAPER was to sail on August 9, 1951, for Rio de Janeiro.

The New York Office advised by teletype dated August 11, 1951, of the apprehension of LEE and PEREIRA in New York City on that date.

By teletype dated August 11th the New York City Office advised that subjects had been arraigned on August 11th before U. S. Commissioner IRVING FLATT, Southern District of New York, and remanded to the Federal House of Detention in lieu of \$50,000.00 bond each. Hearing for subjects set for August 20, 1951.

By teletype on the same date the New York Office was advised that Assistant U. S. Attorney HOLVEY WILLIAMS, El Paso, had recommended a \$10,000.00 bond each for subjects PEREIRA and LEE returnable instant El Paso, Texas, and they were advised that certified papers were being forwarded.

By teletype dated August 4, 1951, the Oklahoma City Office advised the Albuquerque Office that a Mrs. BROWN and a Mrs. MORAN were presently residing at Bishops Lodge, Santa Fe, New Mexico. The Oklahoma City Office advised that Mrs. BROWN and Mrs. MORAN were well acquainted with PEREIRA and LEE and that Mrs. BROWN was reportedly in love with subject LEE.

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The Cincinnati Office advised by teletype dated August 9, 1951, that BONNIE CRANOR mentioned above appeared at the Columbus, Ohio, Resident Agency on that date in a hysterical condition and demanded to know why the FBI was looking for PEREIRA. During the course of the interview, she advised that PEREIRA had called her at Reno, Nevada, in June, 1951, and requested that she join him in Kansas City, Missouri, so that they could be remarried, and that they had gone to Columbus shortly thereafter at which time PEREIRA had left and had not returned. During the course of this interview she exhibited to the agents a telegram received at King's Court addressed to J. B. LEE from HUGH B. STREET of the firm of Allen and Street Attorneys, Dallas, Texas.

She advised that two letters had also been received for LEE at the Columbus address from the law firm of Allen and Street, Dallas, Texas. BONNIE PEREIRA advised that she had called HUGH B. STREET in Dallas requesting information regarding PEREIRA and LEE, at which time STREET had advised her to return to Reno.

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The New York Office advised by teletype dated August 11, 1951, that a marriage license in the possession of subject BRADING reflected the marriage of JAMES B. LEE to MARGARET BERRY, age 21, at Durant, Oklahoma, on June 24, 1951. BRADING claimed his wife is presently residing at Richland, Texas. BRADING also stated he had approximately \$500.00 in the Dallas National Bank, Dallas, Texas, under the name of JAMES B. LEE. Another check book not reflecting ownership contained checks from the Valley National Bank of Phoenix, Arizona. A ticket stub, No. 43573, from the Hanna Parking Garage Company, 12th at Chester, Cleveland, Ohio, was found in the possession of BRADING who advised that this check was for his 1950 Cadillac sedan which was presently stored at the above garage.

Under date of August 11, 1951, Special Agent in Charge CHARLIE WEEKS of the Denver Office telephonically contacted the El Paso Office and advised that GUS KING mentioned herein as an associate of subject PEREIRA was presently in the Memorial Hospital, Cheyenne, Wyoming, where he had been confined with a heart attack since the middle of July, 1951. SAC WEEKS further advised that SAMUEL SIDNEY HOLLOWAY, also mentioned as a possible subject in this case, was presently registered at the Cosmopolitan Hotel in Denver where he had been since August 1, 1951.

By letter dated August 4, 1951, the Miami Office advised that their files indicate that PEREIRA, LEE and associates mentioned in this report were possibly known to Minneapolis Confidential Informant T-1

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TO ALBUQUERQUE, CLEVELAND, DALLAS, DENVER, DETROIT, KANSAS CITY,
LITTLE ROCK, MIAMI, MINNEAPOLIS, NEW YORK, OMAHA, OMAHA, OMAHA,
SALT LAKE, CITY, SAN ANTONIO, SAN DIEGO, AND SAN FRANCISCO. En-
graph to each office for each of the following: VICTOR MANUEL
PEREIRA; PAUL AUGUSTUS KING; SAMUEL SIDNEY SOLOWAY; JOE P. TROTT.

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THE ALBUQUERQUE OFFICE

At Santa Fe, New Mexico

Will interview Mrs. BROWN, as set out in Oklahoma City teletype of August 4, 1951, relative to her knowledge of and association with subject LEE.

THE CLEVELAND OFFICE

At Cleveland, Ohio

Will at the Hanna Parking Garage Company, 12th and Chester, examine the 1950 Cadillac parked at the above establishment under ticket stub No. 43573. As set forth herein it is believed that this Cadillac was the one purchased by LEE with the money which he swindled from Mrs. VAN NORMAN, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Will advise regarding the registration and motor number of the above Cadillac.

THE DALLAS OFFICE

At Ft. Worth, Texas

Will conduct appropriate investigation at 1414 Electric Building for any pertinent information concerning PEREIRA and LEE and other subjects mentioned in this report for background information and in an attempt to identify the confederate posing as E. J. WILSON.

Will at the Western Union Telegraph Company attempt to locate a copy of the telegram sent to VICTOR PEREIRA, 401 East 11th Street, Roswell, New Mexico, on 6-13-51, purportedly signed by E. J. WILSON, in an attempt to ascertain the identity of the sender of this telegram.

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Will at the Texas Hotel check the registration records for the months of April, May and June, 1951, for registration of subject IKE and associates mentioned herein. It is known that KATHRYN JOYNER wrote to IKE in May, 1951, in care of the Texas Hotel.

At Dallas, Texas

Will check the field office indices and other pertinent sources of information for any data concerning PEREIRA, BRADING and associates mentioned herein.

It will be recalled that Oklahoma City T-1 advised that PEREIRA and other members of this same gang formerly resided at Dallas, Texas.

Will at the Dallas National Bank check the records for any account of moneys or safety deposit box in the name of JAMES B. LEE or EUGENE BRADING.

Will check the field office indices and other pertinent sources of information relative to HUGH B. STREET, attorney for PEREIRA as mentioned herein. If considered advisable will interview STREET relative to his knowledge of and association with PEREIRA.

It is pointed out that one individual may be the attorney who drew up the fictitious option on the Washington Hotel at Greenville, Texas, for PEREIRA, and may have been the individual posing as E. J. WILSON, Ft. Worth, Texas, as set forth herein.

Will check the appropriate records for any information concerning any marriage or divorce for BRADING or PEREIRA in Dallas County.

Will at 302 Southland Life Building conduct appropriate investigation in an attempt to obtain any pertinent information concerning BRADING or PEREIRA or associates mentioned herein. It is recalled that BRADING in endorsing the \$5,000.00 check given him by Mrs. JOYCE, gave 302 Southland Life Building as his address.

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Will at the Baker Hotel check the registration records for April, May and June, 1961, for any pertinent information concerning PERERA, LEE and associates mentioned herein.

At Rickland, Texas

Will conduct appropriate investigation to determine whether subject BRADING is known to have ever resided in Rickland. It is recalled that on the brief case carried by LEE there was printed "JAMES B. LEE, Rickland, Texas".

As further set out above BRADING advised upon his apprehension that his wife, MARINET BERRY, age 21, whom he married at Durant, Oklahoma, last June 1961 under the name of JAMES B. LEE, was presently residing in Rickland, Texas. This individual should be located and interviewed in detail concerning her knowledge of and association with subject LEE.

At Lubbock, Texas

Will check the records of the leading hotels for registration of LEE, PERERA, SIDNEY "DOC" SOLOWAY and other associates mentioned herein for any pertinent information. It is recalled that when LEE received the \$5,000.00 from Mrs. JOYCE, that he told her that he had to meet "SIDNEY" in Lubbock and that on 4-28-61 he cashed a \$4,000.00 cashier's check at the First National Bank, Lubbock.

At Greenville, Texas

Will at the Washington Hotel conduct appropriate investigation to establish the fact that PERERA never had an option to buy this hotel but used this pretense as part of his scheme to defraud Mrs. JOYCE.

THE DENVER OFFICEAt Denver, Colorado

Will check the field office indices and other appropriate sources for any pertinent information concerning PERERA, LEE and associates mentioned herein. It will be recalled that T-1, who personally knows

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PEREIRA, has advised that this gang may be presently headquartered in Denver.

Will at the B.P.O.E. Lodge #17 interview Mr. JAMES PITT, Secretary, for any pertinent information concerning PEREIRA. PEREIRA is known to be a member of this lodge and forwarded a check for \$18.00 on 4-30-51 to PITT for lodge dues.

Will check the field office indices and other pertinent sources of information for background data concerning D. M. CAREY, 747 Newport Street, Denver. CAREY is known to have been PEREIRA's sponsor for membership in B.P.O.E. Lodge #17 and refused to answer the letter forwarded him by Attorney MALONE.

If deemed advisable the Denver Office will interview CAREY for pertinent information concerning PEREIRA.

Will at the Wagner Machine and Mill Supply Company, 4444 York Street, interview Mr. WAGNER, President, for any information in his possession concerning PEREIRA.

Will check the appropriate marriage and divorce records in Denver for any record of marriages or divorces on the part of LEE or PEREIRA.

Will check the registration records of the leading hotels in Denver for registration of PEREIRA, LEE and associates mentioned herein during 1951.

Will at the Western Union Telegraph Company check the records for April 25, 1951, in an attempt to locate a copy of the telegram sent to VICTOR PEREIRA, 401 West 11th Street, Roswell, New Mexico, during this period in an attempt to identify the sender of the telegram. It will be recalled that Mrs. JOYCE read the telegram received by PEREIRA, which telegram stated that PEREIRA's divorce would be final on April 28, 1951, and that he would get \$48,000.00 settlement.

Will conduct appropriate investigation at the St. Francis Hotel and the Senator Hotel, Denver, for background information on PEREIRA and associates. As set forth in this report, these hotels were formerly operated by ADA PEREIRA, former wife of VICTOR PEREIRA.

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Will through the investigation set forth above attempt to identify "DOUG" whom PEREIRA told Mrs. JOYCE was willing to come to Greenville to operate the Washington Hotel.

It is pointed out that this individual may be identical with the owner of the hat in PEREIRA possession having the initials "D.J.E." imprinted in the sweat band.

At Grand Lake, Colorado

Will conduct appropriate investigation in an attempt to ascertain whether LEE was staying in the Grand Lake area during July, 1950, as set forth herein in the interview with Mrs. VAN NORMAN.

At Colorado Springs, Colorado

Will conduct appropriate investigation at the Cosmopolitan Hotel in an attempt to ascertain whether LEE and KING were registered during April, 1951, as set forth in the interview with Mrs. VAN NORMAN herein.

Will at each of the above places of investigation exhibit the enclosed photographs of PEREIRA and associates mentioned herein in an attempt to ascertain the identities of the associates of LEE and PEREIRA.

THE DETROIT OFFICE

At Lansing, Michigan

Will check the records of the Motor Vehicle Registration Department concerning the identity of the person to whom 1950 Michigan license DU-2577 was issued as set forth in the interview with Mrs. VAN NORMAN mentioned herein.

At Jackson, Michigan

Will conduct appropriate investigation to attempt to ascertain the present whereabouts of JOE P. DOWDING, associate of subject PEREIRA. It will be recalled that the report of SA WEYL mentioned herein reflects that DOWDING's father lives in the 800 block of Stewart Avenue, Jackson, Michigan.

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THE KANSAS CITY OFFICE

At Kansas City, Missouri

Will check the field office indices and Police Department records concerning MORRIS STUDNA, used car dealer, telephone Gladstone 3744, from whom PEREIRA purchased 1951 Cadillac 62 club coupe, Motor No. 516210296, two-tone blue convertible, on 5-25-51.

As set forth in the above report, it should be borne in mind that the possibility exists that STUDNA may be implicated in this case. MORRIS STUDNA and R. L. JETT, employed by STUDNA, should be vigorously interviewed concerning information regarding PEREIRA. It should be borne in mind that STUDNA is the person who telephoned PEREIRA at Hot Springs, Arkansas, as set forth herein concerning the availability of the above Cadillac.

Will question STUDNA concerning his previous association with subject LEE.

Will at the Meuhlebach Hotel check the registration records from January, 1951, to present time for any information concerning subjects PEREIRA, LEE, and other associates mentioned herein.

Will check the field office indices and the Police Department records on ADA PEREIRA, former wife of VICTOR PEREIRA, inasmuch as there are indications that ADA may be involved in this matter with PEREIRA. If no reason exists for not doing so, will interview ADA PEREIRA, presently residing Commodore Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri.

Will conduct appropriate investigation to determine the identity of LOUIS J. MAYUCH. It will be recalled that the bank statement of PEREIRA at the State National Bank, El Paso, reflects that PEREIRA issued MAYUCH a check for \$100.00 on 5-25-51, which check was cleared through the Merchants Bank, Kansas City, Missouri, on 5-26-51.

At Topeka, Kansas

Will at the Motor Vehicle Registration Bureau check the records for registration of any automobiles sold to PEREIRA and LEE during 1950-51.

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In addition to the 1951 Cadillac purchased by PEREIRA and JOYCE on 5-28-51, it will be recalled that information furnished herein by Oklahoma City T-1 reflects that LEE had recently purchased a Cadillac in Kansas City.

THE LITTLE ROCK OFFICE

At Hot Springs, Arkansas

Will check the records of the Arlington Hotel for the month of May, 1951, concerning the registration of PEREIRA and Mrs. JOYCE.

Will check the records of leading hotels in Hot Springs, Arkansas, for the period of June, 1950. It will be recalled that Mrs. VAN HORN states that she first met LEE in Hot Springs, Arkansas, in June, 1950, at a horse show.

THE MIAMI OFFICE

At Miami, Florida

Will check the field office indices and other pertinent sources of information for any pertinent information relative to subjects LEE and PEREIRA or men set forth herein as known associates of LEE and PEREIRA.

Will reinterview PEGGY REILLY, operator of a beauty shop on Collins Avenue, Miami Beach, relative to her knowledge of and association with PAUL AUGUSTUS KING, said to be an associate of subjects LEE and PEREIRA.

At Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Will interview Mrs. ELEANOR ROWE NICHOLS in detail relative to her knowledge of and association with subject LEE in an attempt to secure background information.

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THE MINNEAPOLIS OFFICE

At Minneapolis, Minnesota

Will report the results of the interview with Minneapolis Confidential Informant T-1 as requested in Miami letter of August 4, 1951.

THE NEW YORK OFFICE

At New York City

Will thoroughly interview subjects PEREIRA and BRADING on the basis of information set forth in this report. New York should bear in mind the information furnished by G.O. WELLS of the Denver Office to the effect that associates KING and SLOAN are presently in the Denver territory and are available for interview should information be developed of association with these individuals by PEREIRA and BRADING.

THE OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE

At Tulsa, Oklahoma

Will at 3111 South Durbin Street interview Mrs. VIRGINIA VAN NORMAN in detail relative to her knowledge of and association with subject JAMES BRADLEY LEE and GUS KING.

At Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Will on the basis of information set forth in this report recontact Confidential Informant T-1 for detailed information concerning subjects LEE and PEREIRA as well as their associates as set forth in Oklahoma City letter to Albuquerque dated 7-23-51.

Will at the Tax Commissioner's Office check the registration of the 1951 Cadillac, Motor No. 516210296, registered by PEREIRA on June 21, 1951, in an effort to ascertain the identity of the previous owner of this automobile. It is presumed that the certificate of title previously on this automobile at the time that Oklahoma Certificate of title was issued will reflect the previous owner's name.

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It is recalled that victim stated at the time of purchase of this automobile that it bore 1951 Kansas license. It is further recalled that efforts made by Attorney MALONE as set forth herein reflect no registration in Kansas for this automobile in 1951, and the possibility exists that this automobile may be used to sell repeatedly to victims of this gang.

Will at the Skirvin Hotel obtain and forward to the El Paso Office photographic copy of the registration card for subject PEREIRA who registered at this hotel on June 20, 1951, under the name of VICTOR PERRY.

THE PHOENIX OFFICE

At Phoenix, Arizona

Will at the Westward Ho Hotel check the registration records since 3-1-51 for all dates of registration for PEREIRA, LEE, KING, SOLOWAY, DOWDING and SANDERS as set forth in this report, and conduct appropriate investigation relative to association of above individuals.

Will check the records of the Phoenix PD and interview GEORGE S. YOUNG, Captain, Detective Division, for any information in their possession concerning marriages and divorces on the part of LEE or PEREIRA.

At Chandler, Arizona

Will on the basis of information furnished herein by Mrs. VAN NORMAN conduct appropriate investigation at the San Marcos Hotel for any pertinent information concerning LEE or KING.

THE SAN DIEGO OFFICE

At La Jolla, California

Will at the Casa Manana Hotel conduct appropriate investigation to determine whether subject LEE or other subjects in this case were staying there in approximately July or August, 1950.

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THE SAN ANTONIO OFFICE

At Austin, Texas

Will check the records of the State Motor Vehicle Registration Bureau for any automobile registered by LEE or PEREIRA during 1950 or 1951. It will be recalled that the Phoenix PD has advised that when LEE was in Phoenix in April, 1951, he was driving a 1950 Cadillac bearing either 1950 Texas License WD-8675 or 1951 License HU-8433.

THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE

At San Francisco, California

Will check field office indices for any pertinent information concerning PEREIRA and associates mentioned herein.

At Sacramento, California

Will check PD records and other pertinent sources of information for background information on PEREIRA. It will be recalled that the Credit Bureau of Reno Nevada, has advised that PEREIRA formerly resided Sacramento, California, and that PEREIRA's father, E. W. PEREIRA, resides in Sacramento.

At Yuba City, California

Will check the records of the Credit Bureau and the Police Department for any pertinent information concerning PEREIRA.

THE SALT LAKE CITY OFFICE

At Reno, Nevada

Will at the Credit Bureau secure complete background information concerning PEREIRA and conduct appropriate investigation based thereon for background information concerning PEREIRA. It will be recalled that the Credit Bureau of Reno has advised that PEREIRA has been known to them since early 1940.

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Will at the First National Bank check the bank records for any information concerning VICTOR PEREIRA.

Will check the court records concerning PEREIRA's divorce from OSCOLA MITCHELL PEREIRA, THELMA D. PEREIRA, in an attempt to locate these former wives. In the event their present whereabouts is ascertained, appropriate leads should be set out to have them interviewed concerning PEREIRA.

Will conduct appropriate investigation at the Carlton Bar, the Senator Hotel, and the Alcatraz Hotel for information concerning PEREIRA.

Will secure all available data on E. J. WILSON, Attorney, who represented THELMA DAY PEREIRA at the time of her divorce from VICTOR PEREIRA on March 13, 1943. It will be recalled that PEREIRA used the name of E. J. WILSON as an attorney at Ft. Worth, Texas, in a furtherance of instant swindle as set forth above.

THE EL PASO OFFICE

At El Paso, Texas

Will at the Del Norte Hotel check the registration records from January, 1951, to present time for any pertinent information concerning the registration of LEE, PEREIRA and associates mentioned herein.

Will at the Hall Motor Company interview Mr. J. W. HALL, owner, concerning his knowledge of and associate with VICTOR PEREIRA.

Will at the State National Bank interview Mr. SIDNEY HOWARD, Assistant Cashier, concerning his conversation with PEREIRA relative to the \$35,000.00 check.

Will follow and report prosecutive action.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

Oklahoma City Confidential Informant T-1 is Oklahoma City #275 whose identity is known to the Bureau.

Minneapolis T-1 is SP-3 whose identity is known to the Bureau.

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