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TITLE OF CASE <b>UNSUB.; Whitney National Bank of New Orleans, St. Roch Market Branch, 2337 St. Claude Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana, 7/11/63</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA LESTER G. DAVIS</b>	TYPED BY <b>:js</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>BR</b>	

REFERENCE:

Report of SA EARL L. HASSELL, JR., 8/7/63, at New Orleans.

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LEADSNEW ORLEANS DIVISIONAT GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI

Will maintain contact with [REDACTED] for additional information which may lead to the identification and location of NICK RUSSO, JEAN (LNU), and ABE COCHRAN concerning this bank robbery.

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

1. Will continue efforts to identify, locate, and

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interview one NICK RUSSO, who is alleged to have perpetrated this bank robbery.

2. Will continue efforts to identify, locate, and interview JEAN (LNU), who allegedly has stated that NICK RUSSO, with whom she was residing at the time, robbed instant bank.

3. Will continue efforts to identify, locate, and interview one ABE COCHRAN who, according to an informant, had been hired by NOFIO PECORARO to steal the bank robbery loot from NICK RUSSO in New Orleans.

4. Will maintain contact with Detective Division, NOPD, for any information they might be able to develop concerning this bank robbery.

5. Will continue efforts to develop additional suspects who may have been responsible for this robbery.

6. Will locate and interview WILLIAM ALFRED ROUSSEAU, NOPD #57187, concerning his whereabouts on 7/11/63, and for any information as to whether or not he might have been involved in this robbery.

Will, if possible, arrange for him to be interviewed in person by the witnesses to this robbery.

Will ascertain whether he will submit to an interview with the aid of a lie detector.

INFORMANTS

NO 1017-C

**INFORM  
OA**  
[REDACTED] contacted SA WILLIAM F. DUKES at Gulfport, Mississippi, on 9/6/63, and advised that he had what he believed was reliable information that captioned bank was robbed by NICK RUSSO (PH) possibly ROUSSEAU, white male, about 40, 5'11", 190-2 pounds, slightly dark complexion, flashy dresser and wears dark glasses, white straw hat with black band, drives 1960-61 white or cream Cadillac, two door, with Louisiana license unknown. He possibly has record with NOPD.

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Informant advised RUSSO hangs out at the Golden Slipper Tavern on St. Claude and is believed to live either nearby or possibly in the French Quarter. RUSSO is living with a New Orleans prostitute, name unknown, possibly JEAN, white female, about 25, with black hair.

Informant advised this woman contacted NOFIO PECORARO, Operator of the Tropical Court on Gentilly Highway, New Orleans, and told PECORARO that RUSSO pulled this job, that he had the loot hidden and never carries over four or five hundred dollars with him at a time. This woman is helping PECORARO try to steal the loot from RUSSO, and PECORARO has hired ABE COCHRAN (PH), a New Orleans pimp and strong-arm man, to try to find the loot and heist the loot from RUSSO.

Informant advised he has learned from other contacts in New Orleans that RUSSO pulled this job and states ABE COCHRAN told him personally on the night of 9/4/63 that he had been unsuccessful in finding the loot but is certain that RUSSO has it. Informant advised that COCHRAN, whom he believes to have a record with the NOPD, will probably talk if put under pressure, but requested that COCHRAN not be interviewed until RUSSO is either interviewed or picked up in order to avoid compromising informant. Informant returning to New Orleans 9/6/63, and states will make effort to ascertain exact address of RUSSO there.

On September 12, 1963, NO 1017-C telephonically contacted SA WILLIAM F. DUKES from New Orleans and advised that from information he has continued to develop he is more convinced than ever that NICK RUSSO (PH) robbed captioned bank. Informant stated he learned from ABE COCHRAN (PH), whom NOFIO PECORARO hired to try and heist the loot from RUSSO, that RUSSO and his girl friend had a fight recently due to the fact that she was trying to elicit from RUSSO the whereabouts of the loot. According to COCHRAN, the girl, whose name informant still knows only as JEAN, apparently obtained about \$1,400 of the loot from RUSSO, which she turned over to COCHRAN.

Informant advised he had still been unable to ascertain

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Report of: SA LESTER G. DAVIS Office: NEW ORLEANS  
Date: November 1, 1963  
Field Office File No.: NO 91-2046 Bureau File No.: 91-17937  
Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECT; Whitney National  
Bank of New Orleans, St. Roch Market  
Branch, 2337 St. Claude Avenue,  
New Orleans, Louisiana, 7/11/63  
Character: BANK ROBBERY

Synopsis: Photographs of suspects suggested by auxiliary offices exhibited to witnesses to this bank robbery, and such photographs have been eliminated by these witnesses as being identical with subject. Investigation being conducted in an effort to identify one NICK RUSSO who is alleged by one JEAN, whose last name and identity is not at this time known, to have been the person who robbed this bank. Efforts also being made to identify, locate, and interview JEAN, as well as one ABE COCHRAN who allegedly has been employed by one NOFIO PECORARO to steal the bank loot from RUSSO. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DETAILS:

On August 12, 1963, the Memphis Division advised that SA HOLLOWAY CROMER, JR., had discussed this case with Captain N. E. ZACHERY, Robbery Squad, Memphis Police Department, and that Captain ZACHERY advised that the description of WALTER JOHN HENDERSON is quite similar to that of the person who robbed instant bank. Captain ZACHERY furnished a photograph of HENDERSON.

The photograph of WALTER JOHN HENDERSON was exhibited by SA LESTER G. DAVIS to the following persons who were witnesses to this bank robbery. HENDERSON's photograph was exhibited among a group of photographs, and each of the following witnesses positively eliminated all persons whose photographs were included in the group as being the bank robber: