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Re letter from Legat Paris to Bureau captioned
[Redacted] Et AL, ITSP" dated 11/25/66.
You are requested to submit your recommendations regarding
the feasibility of including captioned individual in your
TECIP as a target for development.

1 - Mr. Schmidt - Division 6 - Room 5278

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (163-16117)

DATE: 11-25-66

FROM : *WUB*
Legat, Paris (87-347) (RUC)

SUBJECT: EXPEDITO FELIX ROBERT SANTIAGO, ET AL
ITSP

Re Miami letter 10-19-66.

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One copy of Miami LHM dated 10-19-66 was furnished to the Police Judiciaire (Criminal Police), Sûreté Nationale (PJSN), on 11-25-66. (X)

It is noted that EXPEDITO FELIX ROBERT SANTIAGO has been employed as the Miami representative of the Interchange Bank of Chiasso, Switzerland, over a long period of time. It was ascertained during contact with him following his arrest in Paris, that he solicits accounts of individuals in and around Miami for the Interchange Bank. (U)

Since we were of some assistance to [redacted] in connection with the investigation of the allegations against him in Paris and in view of the Bureau's considerable interest in Swiss banking operations, the Bureau may wish to consider having Miami attempt to develop [redacted] as an informant. It is believed that [redacted] has been used by the Miami Office in the past, and he may be susceptible to development in this regard. (U)

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- 4 - Bureau
 - (1 - Liaison Section
 - 1 - Miami, 163-323, for info.)
- 2 - Paris
 - (1 - PAR 62-180, Swiss Banking Operations)

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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are the original and six copies of a Letterhead Memorandum, dated October 19, 1966, prepared at Miami pertaining to EXPEDITO FELIX ROBERT SANTIAGO and SAMUEL FINK BENTON, copies of which are to be forwarded to the Legats at Bern, Paris, and Rome. One copy, together with a copy of the Letterhead Memorandum, is designated for the New York Office for information.

The only information in the Miami files concerning refers to his services as a Potential Security Informant - Venezuela in connection with his association with MARCOS PEREZ JIMENEZ.

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None of the Special Agents in the Miami Office currently handling ITSP matters have any information concerning the activities of SAMUEL FINK BENTON which would relate in any way to the information in the Letterhead Memorandum prepared by the Legat in Paris.

There is no information in the possession of the Special Agents of the Miami Office that EXPEDITO FELIX ROBERT SANTIAGO has been involved in the illegal transfer and sale of securities.

As mentioned in the Miami teletype to the Bureau, dated September 17, 1966, no warrants are known to be currently outstanding against either SANTIAGO or BENTON.

It is not desired that SAMUEL FINK BENTON be included in the general appearance file of the Bureau at this time. There is definitely no reason to include SANTIAGO in such a file.

SAC, Miami

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Director, FBI

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September 27, 1966

1 - Mr. Bunker

**EXPEDITO FELIX ROBERT SANTIAGO;
SAMUEL F. BENTON
ITSP**

Relet from Legat, Paris 9/21/66 and LHM attached thereto, one copy of each enclosed for each office.

The contents of LHM from Legat, Paris should be made known to Agents handling ITSP Matters to determine if such is of pertinence to any investigation being conducted by this Bureau.

Samuel S. Benton is, of course, well-known to both offices because of his involvement in other matters respecting the illegal transfer and sale of securities. The only reference the Bureau finds to [redacted] is contained in correspondence from the Miami and New York Offices under the caption: [redacted] aka; PSI - Venezuela" Miami file B4-374, New York file 134-4414, and correspondence from the Miami Office under the caption [redacted] IS - Venezulea; RA - Venezuela," Miami file 105-6100. Miami is requested to furnish Bureau with the summary of pertinent known background of Santiago with respect to his possible activities in the securities field. Miami should also, if not previously done, consider recommending that both Santiago and Benton be included in the General Appearance File (see section 7 R, Manual of Rules and Regulations.)

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2 - New York (Enclosures 2)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 9/21/66

FROM : LEGAT, PARIS (87-347) (RUC)

SUBJECT: EXPEDITO FELIX ROBERT SANTIAGO;
SAMUEL F. BENTON
ITSP

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Re Paris telephone call to Bureau 9/17/66.

Enclosed are seven copies of an LHM containing information received from the Police Judiciaire (Criminal Police), Sûreté Nationale (PJSN), on 9/17/66. Information copies are being furnished to Legats, Bern and Rome. (R)

Since it was indicated by the French Police that SANTIAGO was suspected of having been involved in a holdup in New York City, immediate check was made with the Bureau, which in turn checked with New York and Miami, to determine if either of these individuals was wanted. There were no warrants outstanding for either subject. (R)

- 5 - Bureau (Encs. - 7)
 - (1 - Liaison Section)
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 - (1 - New York, Info.)
 - 1 - Bern (Enc. - 1) (Info) (sent direct)
 - 1 - Rome (Enc. - 1) (Info) (sent direct)
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Washington, D. C.
September 21, 1966

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EXPEDITO FELIX ROBERT SANTIAGO;
SAMUEL F. BENTON

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ON *1/11/93*

Detective EDOUARD STEINER of the Police Judiciaire (Criminal Police), Sûreté Nationale (PJSN), advised on September 17, 1966, that the French Police had been alerted by the police of Milan, Italy, that EXPEDITO FELIX ROBERT SANTIAGO, who was en route from Milan to Paris by air, was suspected of having been involved in a holdup in New York City, New York. He was reported by the Milan Police to be going to Paris to meet another American, whose identity was unknown, at the George V Hotel and that the second American may be in possession of a large number of stolen stock certificates recently stolen in a New York holdup. *e*

The French Police intercepted SANTIAGO at the time of his arrival at Orly Airport, Paris, on the evening of September 16, 1966. His baggage, brief case and clothing were thoroughly searched by the French Police and nothing unusual was noted other than a rubber stamp which reads as follows: "Signatures Guaranteed, Franklin National Bank, Madison Ave., New York City, N. Y." *e*

SANTIAGO admitted that this is the type of rubber stamp used in the transfer of stock certificates but denied that he had anything to do with such activities. He advised the police that he had found this rubber stamp at Kennedy International Airport, New York City, when he was boarding the plane for Italy and that he had intended to return it by mail to the Franklin National Bank but had neglected to do so. In spite of questioning by the French Police, SANTIAGO stuck to this story. *e*

SANTIAGO denied that he intended to meet another American at the George V Hotel in Paris. He stated that he was visiting Paris for the weekend en route from Milan, Italy, to the United States. *e*

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EXPEDITO FELIX ROBERT SANTIAGO;
SAMUEL F. BENTON

SANTIAGO claims to be employed as the Miami Representative of the Inter Change Bank at Chiasso, Switzerland. He had in his possession two checkbooks from this bank and states that he is in a position to accept signature cards from prospective clients and immediately turn over checkbooks when deposits are made.

SANTIAGO was held by the French Police during the night of September 16, 1966; was released at approximately noon on September 17, 1966, and was summoned to reappear at 9:00 AM on September 19, 1966. His passport was held by the French Police as assurance of his return. The rubber stamp from the Franklin National Bank was seized by the French Police and will be turned over to the Public Prosecutor of Paris for disposition.

At the time SANTIAGO returned to the French Police headquarters at 9:00 AM, September 19, 1966, and since it had been determined that he was not wanted for arrest in the United States, his passport was returned to him by the French Police and he was discharged from further appearance.

Investigation by the PJSN determined that on the afternoon of September 17, 1966, one SAMUEL F. BENTON attempted to contact SANTIAGO at the George V Hotel, Paris. It was determined by the French Police that BENTON was residing at the Paris Hilton Hotel. He was contacted there and was brought to French Police headquarters for questioning.

BENTON identified himself as a private detective in Miami, Florida, and had as proof of this a private detective's license and badge. He stated that he has no criminal record and is well known to the Miami Police because of his occupation. A thorough search of his baggage, brief case and clothing by the French Police failed to disclose any evidence that BENTON was involved at this time in the negotiation of stolen or false securities.

BENTON stated that he knows SANTIAGO as an acquaintance in Miami and that they had agreed to meet in Paris, but stated that there was no significance to their meeting. He stated that they had merely decided to see Paris together.

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**EXPEDITO FELIX ROBERT SANTIAGO;
SAMUEL F. BENTON**

The following are the descriptions of SANTIAGO and BENTON, as obtained from the French Police:

Name: EXPEDITO FELIX ROBERT SANTIAGO
Born: February 9, 1929, at
New York City, New York.
Race: White
Sex: Male
Height: 5' 6"
Weight: 160 pounds
Hair: Brown, cut short.
Eyes: Brown
Residence: 14850 South Spur Drive,
Miami, Florida.
Occupation: Miami Representative,
Inter Change Bank,
Chiasso, Switzerland.

Name: SAMUEL F. BENTON
Born: July 4, 1920, in Poland.
Race: White
Sex: Male
Height: 6'
Weight: 180 pounds
Eyes: Brown (wears horn-rimmed
glasses).
Hair: Brown
Residence: 1800 South Treasure Drive,
Miami, Florida.
Occupation: Private Detective

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