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TITLE VICTOR EMANUEL PEREIRA, was. etal			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN PROPERTY; MAIL FRAUD; CONSPIRACY
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: T-1 advised subject PEREIRA leaving Los Angeles for Fort Worth, Texas on February 4, 1954 and that subject BRADING in Los Angeles. Security First National Bank, Beverly Hills, California, advised Washington Post clipping indicated U. S. Supreme Court upheld conviction of subjects PEREIRA and BRADING. T-1 advised PEREIRA returned to Los Angeles 2/16/54. T-1 stated PEREIRA and BRADING left Los Angeles 2/20/54 for Texas via Denver, Colorado. BRADING arrived Los Angeles from Albuquerque, New Mexico 2/27/54. PEREIRA arrived from El Paso, Texas same date. T-1 advised BRADING leaving Los Angeles for Washington, D. C. 2/27/54 and PEREIRA leaving Los Angeles, California for New York City 2/28/54.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- R U C -</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>At Los Angeles, California</u></p> <p>On February 3, 1954 T-1, of known reliability, advised that subject PEREIRA was leaving Los Angeles by plane for Fort Worth, Texas on February 4, 1954; that subject BRADING was presently in Los Angeles and that neither subject had indicated his intention to leave the United States.</p> <p>T-1 stated that the subjects' office phone, Webster 35574, had been disconnected and that subject BRADING had taken a phone out in his</p>			
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name. The number of this phone is Wyoming 2001. T-1 said that subject PEREIRA's former residence phone, Arizona 87596, had been changed to a non-published number, Arizona 31918.

On February 4, 1954 subject PEREIRA left Los Angeles on American Airline Flight 900 at 12:24 a. . enroute to Fort Worth, Texas via Dallas, Texas.

On February 12, 1954 LLOYD McHALEY, Manager, Security First National Bank, Beverly Hills, California advised that his bank had received a clipping from the Washington Post, Washington, D. C. dated on or about February 9, 1954 which indicated that the United States Supreme Court had upheld the conviction of PEREIRA and BRADING.

T-1 advised that PEREIRA returned to Los Angeles on February 16, 1954 and that BRADING was presently living with PEREIRA at the latter's home located at 1514 Belair Road, Los Angeles. T-1 further advised that BRADING and PEREIRA had moved their offices into room number 203 at 8255 Beverly Boulevard, Los Angeles.

T-1 stated that PEREIRA and BRADING left Los Angeles for Texas via Denver, Colorado on February 20, 1954 and that they did not have reservations but purchased tickets at Los Angeles International Airport just before departure time.

United Airlines confirmed the above and advised that PEREIRA and BRADING left Los Angeles on United Airline Flight 624 at 9:30 p.m. February 20, 1954 arriving Denver at 11:55 a.m. February 21, 1954.

The following investigation was conducted by the writer, ~~SABANOW~~ G. RICHARDS, JAMES M. BRADY, JOHN F. THARP and JAMES R. POWERS:

It was ascertained by spot checking that BRADING returned to Los Angeles International Airport from Albuquerque, New Mexico at 12:15 a.m. February 27, 1954 where he was met by Mrs. PEREIRA and FRANKIE HARNWELL, sister of Mrs. PEREIRA. All three waited at the airport until PEREIRA arrived from El Paso, Texas at 2:40 a.m. February 27, 1954. Subject PEREIRA, subject BRADING, HARNWELL and Mrs. PEREIRA then proceeded to the PEREIRA's home located at 1514 Belair Road, Los Angeles.

The following investigation was conducted by SA's WILLIAM R. MILLER, JOHN E. KELLEY, JOHN R. M. EHLEN, WILLIAM D. ANDREWS and HARRY L. GRIFFIN:

T-1 advised that BRADING was leaving Los Angeles by plane for Washington, D. C. on February 27, 1954 and that PEREIRA was leaving Los Angeles by plane from New York City, New York, on February 28, 1954.

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It was ascertained by spot checks that BRADING left Los Angeles on United Airline Flight 702 at 10:21 p.m. February 27, 1954 and was due to arrive Washington, D. C. at 10:25 a.m. February 28, 1954.

The following investigation was conducted by SA's MANUEL M. LINDAS, CARL E. UNDERHILL, HAROLD D. GERMAN and the writer:

T-1 advised RAMBULL stated that "BRADING had left for Washington on Saturday and that PEREIRA was going on a long, long trip to New York City on Sunday."

It was ascertained by spot checks that PEREIRA left Los Angeles on American Airline Flight 4 at 9:00 p.m. February 28, 1954 and was due to arrive at the Idlewild Airport, New York City, New York, at 7:15 a.m. March 1, 1954.

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