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INDIANAPOLIS

At Indianapolis, Indiana

Will interview JIM CURRY, 1564 North Park Avenue, for information regarding his presence in Canton, Ohio, between September 21 and October 14, 1958. Will ascertain all knowledge he has concerning instant theft.

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At Miami, Florida

Will attempt to locate STANLEY P. TUCKER through Eastern Airlines, Miami, where he is reported to be employed. TUCKER's address in July, 1957, was 5835 Northwest 29th Avenue, Miami. Will thereafter interview him in accordance with lead set out for Miami in Cleveland report on instant case dated January 15, 1959.

CLEVELAND

At Canton, Ohio

Will recontact PCI PETE SCHRUM for additional information regarding sale of Ml rifles by GENE MITCHELL.

Will contact PCI JOHN APOSTOLOS regarding possible whereabouts of MARY LEE COSGROVE who was formerly a waitress at the Varsity Restaurant and reportedly may have some knowledge regarding those responsible for instant theft.

Will interview HAROLD W. POTTS, 1428 Garfield Avenue, S.W., owner of 1952 Dodge bearing 1958 Ohio license M-352-I. The owner of this car was reported by PCI ROBERT MILLER as being a close associate of GEORGE ROTAR and possibly having some knowledge of instant theft.

At Lakewood, Ohio

Will contact RALPH L. KINGSBURY, 1579 Rosewood, of the Dukes Corporation, 737 National City Bank Building,

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and ascertain if he employed JIM CURRY in Canton, Ohio, during September and October, 1958. Will determine what connection, if any, CURRY had with instant theft.

At Cleveland, Ohio

*Will advise Detroit, Chicago, Louisville and Washington Field when stops may be removed concerning stolen weapons.

ADMINISTRATIVE

SALLY KRAJCIK, 1515 Lincolnway West, Wooster, Ohio, advised SA VINCENT R. NAPOLI on April 2, 1959, after viewing a photograph of MAZIL HANNA, aka. Daniel Hanna, that she had never seen him before and has never heard his name mentioned by LOUIS MARTINEZ. She said she had no information about him which would indicate that he was an associate of MARTINEZ.

In regard to the letter postmarked August 11, 1958, which she sent to LOUIS MARTINEZ, c/o Ponce de Leon Hotel, Miami, Florida, regarding an "\$800 deal", KRAJCIK informed that letter referred to a personal matter in which MARTINEZ was not personally involved. She said the letter had nothing to do with the issue at hand in this case, namely the theft of the weapons from the Canton Armory, and she stated she did not want to disclose the facts to which she referred in the letter. She added that no one that has ever been previously mentioned by her or to her in this case has anything to do with the "deal" she referred to in the letter, pointing out that this letter was written far before the date the theft in instant case was committed.

In regard to MARTINEZ, KRAJCIK stated that from January 4, 1959, to approximately January 30, 1959, he was staying in Cuba at the Havana Hilton Hotel. She remarked he called her either two or three times from there just to say "hello". She stated that she had no other contact with him during that period but recalled that on March 17, 1959, at 11:00 PM, she was watching the late news broadcast on KYW-TV, Channel 3, Cleveland, Ohio, when she heard the com-

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mentator mention that LOUIS MARTINEZ of Canton, Ohio, was in jail in Havana, Cuba, because of failing to pay his hotel bill at the Havana Hilton.

She said this news was a surprise to her, and the next day she went to see MARTINEZ' brother in Canton, Ohio, to find out more about it. His brother said he didn't know any of the details and was going to try to find out what had happened.

Continuing, KRAJCIK informed that on March 22, 1959, at 11:00 PM, she received a call from MARTINEZ asking her to pick him up at the Cleveland airport at 6:00 AM on March 23, 1959, as he was returning to the United States on that flight. She said she met him as he asked and returned to Wooster, Ohio, where MARTINEZ borrowed her car to go to Canton, Ohio. At that time he explained to her that someone named "MORGAN" from somewhere in Ohio, who was in Cuba when MARTINEZ was there, and who evidently had some connection with the present Cuban administration, had reported MARTINEZ as a "phony" and traitor to CASTRO, thereby causing him to be jailed and charged as being anti-CASTRO. He also informed her that CASTRO himself got him out of the trouble, and somehow MARTINEZ was able to raise the money for the hotel bill.

Continuing, KRAJCIK informed MARTINEZ stayed in Canton until the following Wednesday, March 25, 1959, when he went to New York City, supposedly on "business" and to see someone named "RIFE" (phonetic). She said she again heard from him the following Sunday, March 29, 1959, at which time he asked her to meet him at the PRR Station, Canton, Ohio, at 10:00 AM. She said she met him as he asked, and he continued to stay in Canton and contact her periodically. She said she last heard from him by phone on the evening of April 1, 1959, at which time he said he would be going to New York City at 3:00 PM on April 2, 1959, again on business.

KRAJCIK said MARTINEZ is financially embarrased, and he is trying to promote some sort of bond scheme to raise money. She said she understands from him and from a recent article appearing in the Canton Times that MARTINEZ is in good standing with CASTRO.

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KRAJCIK said she now feels that MARTINEZ is probably not involved in the theft of the weapons from the Canton Armory, as she felt that had he been so involved, he would have certainly confided in her about the theft by this time.

On March 20, 1959, PCI PETE SCHRUM advised that he had received no additional information concerning LOUIS MARTINEZ or his connection with the theft from the Ohio National Guard Armory in Canton. He stated that he tried to find out from "STRETCH" MYERS what MARTINEZ wanted SCHRUM to do but MYERS said it was none of his business and "took a swing at me".

On April 3, 1959, PCI PETE SCHRUM stated that he was recently at the Hi-Life Cafe in Canton, Ohio, and EUGENE MITCHELL, 1451 Garfield Avenue, S.W., mentioned that he did sell him an Ml rifle. SCHRUM stated that he professed interest in such a purchase, but MITCHELL made no further mention of the rifle. SCHRUM stated that MITCHELL he believes is acquainted with LOUIS MARTINEZ and was married just before Christmas of 1958 and held his wedding reception at the Spanish-American Center in Canton. MARTINEZ, who was at the reception, brought up in conversation his interest in Bars and Ml rifles, asking SCHRUM if he would know a good weapon when he saw one. SCHRUM stated that he told MARTINEZ that he could tell a good Bar or Ml rifle if he saw one.

PCI SCHRUM stated that "STRETCH" MYERS had commented on a recent night at the Hi-Life Cafe that it would be easy to get into the Ohio National Guard Armory in Canton. SCHRUM stated that he made no additional statements in this regard and didn't know whether he was just making conversation or whether he was referring to the theft of the weapons from the armory.

On February 26, 1959, the Chicago Office advised that SA JOSEPH L. SYLVESTER had made several recontacts with PCI SAM MITCHELL, Owner, Riptide Calumet City, who advised that he has had no further contact with PHIL MAINER and has developed no information identifying MAINER or GEORGE FLOREA with the theft of these guns. MITCHELL heard that MARTINEZ has been around Hammond, Indiana, and is well known in that city.

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Mrs. NELLIE WILSON, Owner, Pattersonville, Ohio, Telephone Company, advised on March 17, 1959, that telephone number 8Fl at Pattersonville was listed to FRANK MILLS, a Pattersonville, Ohio, resident.

On March 24, 1959, SA JAMES E. GILLEY contacted CV-438-C and displayed photographs of VICTOR E. CARLUCCI, JOSEPH MEROLA, MAZIL HANNA and STUART SUTOR. Informant could not identify any of the photographs as individuals he had previously seen. He advised he was acquainted with PHIL MAINER but had not seen him around Canton recently.

On March 5, 1959, SA JAMES E. GILLEY contacted PCI ROBERT MILLER concerning instant theft with negative results.

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