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TITLE OF CASE  <b>HARRY RAYMOND POPE, aka. - FUGITIVE, I. O. No. 3285</b>		Report made by <b>SA ROBERT M. BARRETT</b>	Typed <b>SC</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION - BURGLARY; ASSAULT WITH A DANGEROUS WEAPON</b>	

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## LEADS

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ST. LOUIS

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

Will locate and interview PAT CHESTER PAULOS, FBI No. 2504640, and MAE VESTAL, FBI No. 1654641, for information concerning recent or present whereabouts of POPE.

SALT LAKE CITY

AT LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

(1) Will locate and interview POPE's present wife, PEGGY GAFFORD, through Post Office Box 127, Las Vegas. Will arrange coverage of GAFFORD for any possible future contacts by POPE.

(2) Through sources and informants who know GAFFORD will attempt to determine if POPE and/or FRYE have been in contact with her in Las Vegas.

DALLAS

AT ARLINGTON, TEXAS

(1) Will make inquiry at a bar known as Judge Roy Beans, an alleged former hangout of POPE.

(2) Will make a thorough search of the personal belongings of LILA JO BENTLEY, arrested 7/28/59 by the Arlington PD, for any information which may lead to POPE's whereabouts. BENTLEY is the former wife of POPE and has remained an associate of his since their divorce.

AT CELINA, TEXAS

Will interview Mrs. DESSIE JOHNS, grandmother of PEGGY ANN FRYE and custodian of FRYE's child, to ascertain if FRYE has been or is presently in contact with JOHNS. Will arrange coverage of JOHNS for any possible future contact by FRYE.

AT FARMERSVILLE, TEXAS

Will maintain contact with DL-91-0 for possible information concerning POPE's present whereabouts.

AT GRAFORD, TEXAS

Will attempt to locate and interview associate CECIL BROWN, last known phone number 92-F-21, Graford, and who supposedly has had or presently does own a cabin on Possum Kingdom Lake.

(8) Will identify and interview SAM HOUSTON and TILDA JANE CORZINE. Will attempt to determine if they have information or are in contact with POPE.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE

Numerous PCI's and CI's of the Dallas Office and CI's of the Kansas City and Salt Lake City offices have been contacted concerning the whereabouts of POPE and FRYE with negative results. The identities of these informants, the dates of contact, and the name of the agent contacting them are on file in the Dallas Office. The following positive information was obtained from informant contacts.

On 5/27/59 PCI DORRIS KEY BOGARD, who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that he was of the opinion POPE would contact DEWEY BARKER, an Oklahoma City police character and underworld character who works at the Derrick Cafe on Northeastern Street in Oklahoma City. PCI stated he is basing this on past knowledge of POPE and that he definitely knows POPE has contacted BARKER in the past.

On 6/10/59 DL-90-C, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SA ROBERT M. BARRETT that POPE and FRYE are acquainted with one JOE OLIVERO, believed identical with JOSEPH OLIVERO, aka., FBI No. 81060, Kansas City, Missouri. This information was furnished the Kansas City Office and subsequently Kansas City advised that no pertinent information had been developed concerning this possible contact of POPE.

On 6/16/59 DL-95-C, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SA ROBERT M. BARRETT he had information that approximately a week prior POPE and FRYE had been seen in St. Louis, Missouri, and POPE was in contact with MAE VESTAL, former Dallas police character. It was subsequently ascertained that VESTAL was believed married to PAT PAULOS, a former Houston police character.

On 6/15/59 PCI ARTHUR NAT ROSENBERG, with whom contact has been insufficient to determine the reliability of his information, advised SA ROBERT C. LISH he had information that POPE had returned to Fort Worth, Texas, about 6/11/59 from California or Las Vegas and was in contact with Dallas police characters WESLEY BENTLEY (killed by police 7/28/59, Arlington, Texas) and CARL MAIN BENTLEY (WESLEY BENTLEY is married to POPE's former wife, LILA JO METZ.) Informant further advised that POPE was supposedly staying in Fort Worth with one "BLACKIE" NORRIS and hanging out at the Liberty Bar, Fort Worth. On 6/16/59 PCI ROSENBERG advised that on 6/16/59 POPE, from Fort Worth, had made telephonic contact with someone in Dallas.

On 6/25/59 former Dallas PCI LUTHER AUBREY MURFF, JR., with whom contact has been insufficient to judge the reliability of his information but who is well acquainted with POPE, advised SA

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ROBERT M. BARRETT he had learned POPE was hiding out near a lake near Shreveport, Louisiana, and FRYE was with him. At this location there was a "bookie joint" where POPE spent considerable time. MURFF stated that on 6/23/59 a person known to him only as FNU ARTHUR of Muskogee, Oklahoma, was in Dallas en route to the West Coast and had just left POPE at the lake in Louisiana.

On 7/13/59 DL-95-C advised he believed ARTHUR was identical with one CHARLIE ARCHER, a Muskogee, Oklahoma, police character.

On 7/10/59 PCI MAX I. RUDBERG, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SA JAMES W. BOOKHOUT that he had heard POPE was hiding out in or near Fort Worth, Texas, and was in contact with LOIS ANN VINCENT, widow of FLOYD EDWIN VINCENT.

On 7/15/59 DL-105-C, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SA MILTON L. NEWSOM that he had heard through underworld sources that POPE had been in Fort Worth, Texas, sometime within the previous two-week period. Informant stated POPE will not stay in any one place for any length of time and will be continually on the move. He stated he had heard POPE had been seen recently along the "strip," the Jacksboro Highway, Fort Worth.

On 7/16/59 DL-91-C, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SA ALFRED D. NEELEY that DL-91-C had recently been in contact with ANGELO THOMAS CASTEN, Fort Worth police character and known associate of POPE. CASTEN had said that sometime within the past two weeks he had been visited by PEGGY ANN FRYE and that FRYE had said that she and POPE were hiding out near a lake and intimated this lake was located in East Texas. CASTEN during the conversation concerning POPE casually dropped the names of two persons who might know his whereabouts as CECIL, a Dallas pimp, and LESTER, a Fort Worth police character. From past investigation it is believed CECIL is identical with CECIL BROWN and LESTER is identical with LESTER HANCOCK.

On 7/17/59 DL-95-C advised that CECIL BROWN has a cabin on Possum Kingdom Lake.

On 6/9/59 Chief Special Agent R. A. BURROW, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Dallas, furnished the following information to SA ROBERT C. LISH on a confidential basis, requesting that his identity as the source of this information be kept confidential. This information concerns toll calls charged to the below listed telephones.

(1) Charge to the phone of MARJORIE LOFTICE, FL2-3245.

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