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Date: 2/23/76

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via NITEL _____
(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-116395)
ATTENTION: LEGAL COUNSEL DIVISION

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (62-6887)

SENSTUDY 75

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ABOVE BEING SUBMITTED FOR BUREAU'S INFORMATION.

NOTE FOR SAN FRANCISCO ONLY:

THIS WAS A SOURCE OF SA EVERETT W. NELSON, CSSF 33-X.

*AGO, BUT
IS STILL
CLOSE TO
THE EXAMINER.*

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*she got it from Ed.
got the info from
Montgomery*

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NR 012 SF PLAIN

4:22 PM NITEL 2/23/76 MCC

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FROM SAN FRANCISCO (62-6387)

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NR046 WA PLAIN

6:20PM NITEL 2-27-6 VLN

TO SAN FRANCISCO

WASHINGTON FIELD

FROM DIRECTOR

CHANGED, UNSUB, AKA, ROBERT LEE LEWIS; IMPERSONATION; OO: SF.

TITLE CHANGED FROM SENSTUDY 75 TO DESIGNATE ROBERT LEE LEWIS AS THE SUBJECT AND IMPERSONATION AS THE CHARACTER.

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 IMP
 OO: SAN FRANCISCO

Reference is made to San Francisco nitel, dated 2/23/76, captioned SENSTUDY 75, which reported that ROBERT LEE LEWIS, allegedly an investigator for the CHURCH Committee, had been attempting to get someone to testify before the committee on the mishandling of the HEARST case, and Bureau nitel to San Francisco and WFO, dated 2/27/76, instructing San Francisco to immediately conduct an appropriate impersonation investigation and to set forth leads for an interview of the Subject.

Xerox copies of above referenced communications are being furnished to WFO, New York and Boston.

Pursuant to Bureau instructions, ED MONTGOMERY was telephonically contacted at his home. MONTGOMERY stated that he received a telephone call from a third party asking him to call ROBERT LEE LEWIS in Washington, D.C., as he wanted some information about the FBI. When MONTGOMERY telephoned, the person answering said that LEWIS was not there. LEWIS returned the telephone call to MONTGOMERY, on Sunday, 2/22/76. (Referenced San Francisco nitel, dated 2/23/76, contains the information furnished by MONTGOMERY.) MONTGOMERY stated that the number he called was 212-924-7586.

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APR 13 1976

ADIC, NEW YORK (47-11827)

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IMPERSONATION
(OO:SAN FRANCISCO)

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Initially, on March 19, 1976, when contact was made to locate LEWIS at this phone number the unidentified party who answered the phone stated that he was in Boston, with the exact nature and purpose and location where he was staying were unknown, and a request was left for LEWIS on his return to the NYC area to contact the NYO. To date, LEWIS has not contacted the NYO.

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②-San Francisco
2-Washington Field
1-New York

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NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK Will continue to maintain
contact with the parties at NY telephone number (212)
924-7586.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (62-6815)

DATE: APR 13 1976

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DATE: 5/3/76

FROM : SA SAMUEL M. WILLIAMS

SUBJECT: Unsub; aka
Robert Lee Lewis
Impersonation
OO: SF

Re ~~NY~~ letter to SF, 4/13/76

NY is still attempting to contact Robert Lee Lewis for ~~in~~
interview.

No ~~in~~vestigation is outstanding in SF.

ACTION RECOMMENDED: Maintain in Pending status.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-116395)

FROM: SAC, WFO (47-10681) (P)

UNSUBS; aka
Robert Lee Lewis
IMPERSONATION
(OO:SF)

Re New York letter to San Francisco dated
4/13/76.

On 5/3/76, SA ROBERT S. TITTLE was contacted by SA DON CHACOS, U.S. Secret Service (USSS), Washington, D. C. (WDC), who advised that LEWIS could be contacted in Florida, at telephone number 813-441-9014. SA CHACOS did not know LEWIS' current address in Florida but believed he was near Clearwater, Florida. SA CHACOS additionally advised he had no idea how long LEWIS would be in Florida.

On 5/3/76, SA TITTLE telephonically contacted LEWIS at the above number to determine his length of stay in Florida. Initially, LEWIS was very outraged at being contacted by the FBI and felt that any interview by the FBI should be set up through Senator FRANK CHURCH or his aides, Mr. ED GREENFIEND or LARRY KEVES. LEWIS further advised that he is an Investigative Reporter and has done a considerable amount of work on organized crime. LEWIS stated he is now doing some work on alleged FBI-Mafia connections.

LEWIS was advised by SA TITTLE that the FBI wished to interview him regarding the possible violation

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of the impersonation statute. LEWIS stated that he felt he had resolved this matter when he talked to the FBI in San Francisco on the telephone while he was staying in New York City.

After a lengthy conversation in which LEWIS described his past journalistic endeavors regarding organized crime, he advised he would explain the misunderstanding regarding the impersonation violation to SA TITTLE.

Thereafter, LEWIS advised that in March, 1974, he was staying with a Mrs. MC CARTHY in California. Mrs. MC CARTHY was the wife of California State Senator MC CARTHY.

LEWIS said he had been informed of the following series of events by Mr. T. V. MC GUIRE. LEWIS advised MC GUIRE was the Democratic candidate for Congress in the 6th District in California in 1974. MC GUIRE advised LEWIS that he (MC GUIRE) had been soliciting for campaign funds in San Rafael, California. While campaigning for funds, MC GUIRE talked to someone who he believed to be EMILY HARRIS. MC GUIRE told LEWIS that HARRIS answered the door of her residence where he was soliciting for funds. MC GUIRE said he talked to HARRIS at length regarding women's lib.

MC GUIRE then told LEWIS that through a third person he advised the FBI of HARRIS' location. MC GUIRE said he was then informed through this third person that the FBI knew of HARRIS's whereabouts and he should keep the matter in confidence. LEWIS stated he related this information to Mrs. MC CARTHY.

LEWIS advised that he then forgot about the incident until February, 1976, when he was setting up a lecture at New York University Law School in New York City. LEWIS advised he was reading the New York Times regarding the HEARST trial and noted that HEARST and the HARRIS' were accused of participating in a bank robbery in California on April 15, 1974. LEWIS said he then remembered hearing that EMILY HARRIS had been located by the FBI in March, 1974.

LEWIS said he then called LARRY KEVES at Senator CHURCH's committee and told him that he (LEWIS) knew a man in California who had information that the FBI had mishandled the PATTY HEARST investigation.

LEWIS said he was advised by KEVES to call T. V. MC GUIRE and determine the identity of MC GUIRE's source who related the information to the FBI. LEWIS called MC GUIRE and was advised that ED MONTGOMERY, a retired San Francisco Examiner Reporter, was the individual contacted by MC GUIRE regarding MC GUIRE's seeing EMILY HARRIS in March, 1974. According to MC GUIRE, MONTGOMERY called the FBI in San Francisco and told them that MC GUIRE had seen EMILY HARRIS. MONTGOMERY was told by the FBI to tell MC GUIRE to forget that he had seen EMILY HARRIS and the FBI knew HARRIS' whereabouts.

LEWIS said he tried to contact MONTGOMERY but was unable to as MONTGOMERY had an unlisted telephone number. LEWIS obtained the number of a Mr. WELSH, a friend of MONTGOMERY, from T. V. MC GUIRE and was told by MC GUIRE to call WELSH and he would be able to get MONTGOMERY's telephone number.

LEWIS advised that he called WELSH and Mrs. WELSH answered the telephone. LEWIS told Mrs. WELSH that he wanted to talk to ED MONTGOMERY. LEWIS said he advised Mrs. WELSH that he was an investigative journalist working on organized crime and that he was doing work with the CHURCH committee on organized crime. Mrs. WELSH then asked LEWIS if he was a reporter and he replied "yes". Mrs. WELSH then asked LEWIS for his telephone number and said MONTGOMERY would call him back.

LEWIS advised that he never said he was an investigator for the CHURCH committee. He further advised he can not remember if MONTGOMERY ever tried to call him and he said that to his knowledge, he did not believe he ever talked to MONTGOMERY. LEWIS believed that his next contact in this matter was with Agent HARTER of the FBI in San Francisco.

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LEWIS then went on to describe additional experiences with organized crime figures and his feelings regarding the KENNEDY assassination and other events. LEWIS further advised that he was being interviewed by a reporter from a St. Petersburg paper at the time of this telephone conversation.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-116395)

FROM: SAC, WFO (47-10681) (P)

UNSUBS; aka
Robert Lee Lewis
IMPERSONATION
(OO:SF)

Re New York letter to San Francisco dated
4/13/76.

On 5/3/76, SA ROBERT S. TITTLE was contacted by
SA DON CHACOS, U.S. Secret Service (USSS), Washington,
D. C. (WDC), who advised that LEWIS could be contacted
in Florida, at telephone number 813-441-9014. SA CHACOS
did not know LEWIS' current address in Florida but
believed he was near Clearwater, Florida. SA CHACOS
additionally advised he had no idea how long LEWIS would
be in Florida.

On 5/3/76, SA TITTLE telephonically contacted
LEWIS at the above number to determine his length of
stay in Florida. Initially, LEWIS was very outraged
at being contacted by the FBI and felt that any interview
by the FBI should be set up through Senator FRANK CHURCH
or his aides, Mr. ED GREENFIEND or LARRY KEVES. LEWIS
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LEWIS was advised by SA TITTLE that the FBI
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of the impersonation statute. LEWIS stated that he felt he had resolved this matter when he talked to the FBI in San Francisco on the telephone while he was staying in New York City.

After a lengthy conversation in which LEWIS described his past journalistic endeavors regarding organized crime, he advised he would explain the misunderstanding regarding the impersonation violation to SA TITTLE.

Thereafter, LEWIS advised that in March, 1974, he was staying with a Mrs. MC CARTHY in California. Mrs. MC CARTHY was the wife of California State Senator MC CARTHY.

LEWIS said he had been informed of the following series of events by Mr. T. V. MC GUIRE. LEWIS advised MC GUIRE was the Democratic candidate for Congress in the 6th District in California in 1974. MC GUIRE advised LEWIS that he (MC GUIRE) had been soliciting for campaign funds in San Rafael, California. While campaigning for funds, MC GUIRE talked to someone who he believed to be EMILY HARRIS. MC GUIRE told LEWIS that HARRIS answered the door of her residence where he was soliciting for funds. MC GUIRE said he talked to HARRIS at length regarding women's lib.

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LEWIS advised that he never said he was an investigator for the CHURCH committee. He further advised he can not remember if MONTGOMERY ever tried to call him and he said that to his knowledge, he did not believe he ever talked to MONTGOMERY. LEWIS believed that his next contact in this matter was with Agent HARTER of the FBI in San Francisco.

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Mr. ROBERT LEE LEWIS, was telephonically contacted at telephone number 813-441-9014 which is located in the St. Petersburg, Florida area. At the outset of the conversation Special Agent (SA) TITTLE identified himself and advised LEWIS he was contacting him (LEWIS) regarding a possible violation of the Impersonation Statute.

Initially, LEWIS became very outraged at being contacted by the FBI and stated he felt that any interview by the FBI should be set up through the Office of Senator FRANK CHURCH and his aides, Mr. ED GREENFIEND or LARRY KEVES. LEWIS then stated that he felt he was being harassed by the FBI and saw no purpose of the interview. LEWIS further advised that he is an Investigative-Reporter and has done a considerable amount of work on organized crime. LEWIS stated he is now doing some work on alleged FBI-Mafia connections.

LEWIS was again advised by SA TITTLE that the FBI only wanted to talk to him regarding the possible impersonation violation and would contact Senator CHURCH's office if that was what LEWIS' desired.

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LEWIS then began relating his past journalistic endeavors regarding his work on organized crime and possible threats on his life by organized crime figures. LEWIS stated he believed some corruption existed in the FBI but stated it probably only concerned one or two percent of the agents. LEWIS then talked about corruption in other agencies.

After a somewhat lengthy conversation of approximately 20 to 30 minutes, LEWIS advised he would explain the misunderstanding regarding the impersonation violation to SA TITTLE.

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by SA ROBERT S. TITTLE:kao Date dictated 5/6/76

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LEWIS then thanked SA TITTLE for being patient with him and listening to his side of the story and the telephone conversation was thereafter terminated. Approximately 5 minutes after the conversation was terminated, LEWIS telephonically contacted SA TITTLE in the Washington Field Office of the FBI. LEWIS advised he called SA TITTLE to verify that SA TITTLE was, in fact, a Special Agent of the FBI.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (62-6815)

FROM : *[Signature]* ADIC, NEW YORK (47-11827) (RUC)

SUBJECT: UNSUBS; aka
Robert Lee Lewis
IMPERSONATION
(OO: SF)

DATE: MAY 12 1976

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This matter is being considered as RUC by the
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10/19/76

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From: *Cmt* Director, FBIPERSONAL ATTENTION

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In order to insure prompt response to all such requests, you are reminded that upon initiation of a domestic security investigation of an individual or organization, FBIHQ should be promptly notified, as set forth in Sections 87 and 122, Manual of Instructions. In addition, FBIHQ should also be promptly advised of the closing of any such investigations.

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TO :

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FROM :

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SUBJECT:

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SOURCE (1) CLYDE J ROACH, SPECIAL AGENT, NAVINVSERVO SAN FRANCISCO, CA

(2) SUBJECT

SYNOPSIS

1. SOURCE (1) ADVISED THAT SUBJECT TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED HIM ON 03 FEB 1981, STATING HE WAS AN INVESTIGATIVE REPORTER AND HAD INFORMATION OF VITAL INTEREST CONCERNING VADM ROBERT INMAN AND TASK FORCE 157. SUBJECT AGREED TO DELIVER PERTINENT DOCUMENTS TO NIS SPECIAL AGENTS WHO COULD MEET HIM IN A BAR/CAFE IN SAN FRANCISCO, CA.

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3. SUBJECT ALSO PROVIDED COPIES OF FBI FILE #91-44375, DEALING WITH SUBJECT AS A SUSPECT IN A 1972 BANK ROBBERY IN SAN FRANCISCO, AS WELL AS MISCELLANEOUS OTHER FBI MEMOS REGARDING SUBSEQUENT CONTACT WITH SUBJECT. SUBJECT FURTHER STATED HE HAD BEEN INTERVIEWED BY POLICE AND SECRET SERVICE IN EUGENE, OR. AS A SUSPECTED THREAT TO PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE EDWARD KENNEDY. SUBJECT WOULD NOT PROVIDE AN ADDRESS OR TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR HIMSELF IN SAN FRANCISCO.

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