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concerning JAMES STILLMAN's knowledge of FRANK LESLIE MERRITT's involvement in this car ring and specifically regarding his use of a stolen credit card in the name of RICHARD NORIAM or NORIAN taken October 5, 1970 in a burglary at Jerry's Sunset Inn, Islamorada, Florida and used to rent car number 6.

AT HALLANDALE, FLORIDA

Interview Sergeant FREY, Hallandale Police Department concerning his possible knowledge of the reported recovery of two Dade County rental cars, one a dark green Ford Sedan bearing a 1970 to 1971 E plate and a Ford Maverick reportedly recovered in back of Eddie Hill's Diner in December, 1970, which cars may have been placed there by MERRITT and RALPH H. BASSFORD.

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA

Follow and report prosecutive action.

ADMINISTRATIVE

The confidential source abroad mentioned in the details of this report is the legat, Mexico. The source referred to is EP 566-C. A copy of this report has been furnished to the Bureau for the legat, Mexico in view of their interest in this matter and in the event further leads are set out for that legat. *AW*

In July, 1973, Assistant United States Attorney WILLIAM NORTHUTT, secured from the United States Justice Department and the United States District Court, Southern District of Florida, immunity from prosecution for RADCLIFFE WILLS, former MM 2073-C.

JFK Law 10(a)2

There is no further reason to conceal his identity and his identity has been set forth in the details of this report where appropriate.

Two copies of the indictment, according to NORTHUTT, will be tendered to the Grand Jury in this matter. One copy names FIORINI, a Watergate subject, and the other omits his name. The decision to indict FIORINI accordingly will be entirely that of the Grand Jury. This procedure, according to

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Report of: MORRIS W. HADDOCK
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Title: JERRY BUCHANAN;
ROBERT PAUL CURTIS;
FRANK ANTHONY FIORINI;
JOHN LETTIERI;
FRANK LESLIE MERRITT;
CHARLES SPINELLA, JR.

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Character: INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLE -
CONSPIRACY - RING CASE

Synopsis:

Interview of JOSE SIORDIA JIMENEZ, Agent of the Mexican Federal Police, who apprehended "JAY BLAND" in car number 4 in Guadalajara in 1970 reported. RADCLIFFE WILLS, a co-conspirator of JERRY BUCHANAN was granted immunity from prosecution



JFK Law 10(a)2

JOHN TARRING SHADWELL located and admitted fraudulently reporting car number 15 stolen and turning the same over to WILLS and BUCHANAN for disposal in Mexico. Federal Grand Jury continuing investigation in this matter. Assistant U.S. Attorney reports indictments are anticipated 8/20/73. ALL SUBJECTS CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS AND ARE ALLEGED TO HAVE MURDERED ONE MEMBER OF THIS RING.

DETAILS: ON 3-31-95
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All captions hereafter refer to captions previously utilized in Miami prosecutive summary report dated January 10, 1973, except where new information is reported hereafter.

Car Number 4 description:

1970 Oldsmobile, yellow, Vista Cruiser station wagon, simulated wood paneling, Vehicle Identification Number 348650M190077, 1969 to 1970 Florida tag 26E 276.

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On June 7, 1973, information was received from confidential source abroad indicating that JOSE SIORDIA JIMENEZ, a second Federal Judicial Police Agent, Guadalajara, Mexico, was a possible witness to the arrest of JERRY BUCHANAN, driving what was believed to be car number four. It was believed he would be available to testify in the United States concerning the date of arrest, the details of arrest, the license plate, and the Vehicle Identification Number of the Oldsmobile Vista Cruiser found in BUCHANAN's possession at the time of arrest. *(u)*

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JOSE SIORDIA JIMENEZ, an Agent of the Federal Judicial Police, was interviewed at his office at the Federal Building, Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico. (u)

He stated that he recalled the arrest of JAY BLAND, Guadalajara, Jalisco, and would be able to testify to the following:

1. JAY BLAND was arrested on March 29, 1970, at 2:00 PM, at the corner of Francisco de Anza and Calle 38 at Guadalajara.
2. He was selling contraband articles, consisting of electrical devices such as radios, recorders and power drills.
3. He was asked "where is your automobile," at which time he took arresting agents to his automobile which was parked about two blocks away.
4. This automobile was determined to be a 1970 Oldsmobile bearing Serial No. 348650M190077 and New York State license plates 8991 GX. This vehicle had entered Mexico at Miguel Aleman, Tamaulipas, Mexico, at which time JAY BLAND had been using Mexican Tourist Card No. 9878507.
5. Participating in the arrest of JAY BLAND was Federal Judicial Police Agent VINCENTE YLLAN GARCIA. (u)

SIORDIA stated he would be available as a witness and could travel to Miami, Florida, to testify to the above. He stated he would carry copies of documents reflecting the above information. (u)

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SIORDIA also stated that he had received tentative permission from his Group Chief, RAMON DEL RIO, to make the above trip. *(u)*

SIORDIA stated that he does not speak English. *(u)*

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The El Paso Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation additionally advised that the files contained a letter dated May 25, 1971 to VICTOR K. SIZEMORE, Assistant United States Attorney, El Paso, Texas confirming an opinion between SIZEMORE and Special Agent DONN K. SICKLES in which SIZEMORE declined prosecution of ADOLFO PEREZ HOLQUIN, a Juaraz Customs Broker, inasmuch as there is no evidence that the vehicle he was found in possession of was knowingly transported into the Western District of Texas.

Car Designated Number 15:

1970 Chevrolet Malibu, light green, four door, Vehicle Identification Number 13690R257908, and 1971 Florida tag 1E-12861.

[redacted] previously had volunteered information to the effect that he believed that one JOHN T. SHADWELL had rented at least one or more automobiles, reported the same stolen to the police, and in fact turned the automobiles over to someone else. Concerning JOHN T. SHADWELL, [redacted] on May 10, 1973, advised the following:

[redacted] advised JOHN T. SHADWELL was employed by AA Holiday, Incorporated for seven years. He stated SHADWELL was a former ship captain and had some connection with Marina I. He stated the man spoke with an English accent, was about 48 years old, believed his middle name was TARRING and his date of birth was about February, 1925.

[redacted] stated SHADWELL was employed at AA Holiday, Incorporated, a rental car agency at 633 N.E. 79th Street. [redacted] stated this business no longer exists. [redacted] rented a 1970 Chevrolet Malibu, light green, four door, Vehicle Identification Number 136390R257908, from Atlas Rent-A-Car, Incorporated, 160 N.W. 79th Street, 757-5508. At that time, SHADWELL gave his telephone number as 940-1839. [redacted] doubted SHADWELL could be reached at that number any longer. At that time, SHADWELL was working on "Two J's" yacht. Renting out the automobile he made an \$80.00 deposit. Three days later, on November 17, 1970, SHADWELL reported the car was stolen. Atlas Rent-A-Car was eventually paid for their loss by All State Insurance Company. The alleged theft was reported to the North Miami Beach Police Department. [redacted] stated the North Miami Beach Police Department case file was 8530-C, and the All State claim number was 42B2175.

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[redacted] SHADWELL claimed the car had been stolen at Marina I. [redacted] stated he saw SHADWELL perhaps one month ago. SHADWELL had expressed a desire to rent a second car from Atlas Rent-A-Car, however, [redacted] declined the rental in view of the fact he suspected SHADWELL stole the aforesaid 1970 Chevrolet himself and turned it over to someone else. He stated he believed SHADWELL had done the same to AA Holiday, Incorporated; however, he stated the records of this corporation no longer exist and he did not think the details of that matter could be found at this time.

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A confidential source abroad advised the following concerning MARTHA PEREZ who apparently was found in possession of this automobile in Mexico:

Investigation at Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico, reflected that MARTHA LETICIA SANTIAGO PEREZ had formerly been the Director of the Welfare Section of the Mexican Federal Social Security agency at Guadalajara, Jalisco. A recent investigation by the Security staff of this institution reflected that she had been involved in the theft of documents and checks, as well as the conversion of Social Security funds to her own use. She was charged and arrested for these crimes; however, due to the intervention of her boyfriend, LUIS JIMENEZ SEDANO, son of the former Chief of the Federal Judicial Police, General LUIS JIMENEZ DELGADO, she was released after repaying the money that she had stolen.

While she was detained at the headquarters of the State Judicial Police at Guadalajara, she was questioned concerning the stolen Torino. She stated she had bought this vehicle through LUIS JIMENEZ SEDANO; however, she refused to furnish any information concerning this or other vehicles.

GRAND JURY ACTION

On August 7, 1973 Assistant United States Attorney WILLIAM NORTHCUTT advised that he anticipated that the Federal Grand Jury investigating this matter would probably return an indictment on August 20, 1973.

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