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There are enclosed herewith two copies of Identification Record for Reed Sutton Wilson, FBI number 360 244 A. A copy of this record may be made available to Inspector Thurston of the Metropolitan Toronto Police Department on a confidential basis. As you recommend, you may also furnish orally to Inspector Thurston on a confidential basis the substance of the information appearing in Bureau airtel to all SACs dated April 3, 1963.

The person referred to in reairtel as ~~Fred Ostach~~ is quite likely identical with ~~Fred Otash~~, a private detective who in 1957 had an office in Suite 105, 1342 North Laurel Avenue, Hollywood, California. On the basis of information furnished, Morton Farber could not be identified in Bufiles.

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REED SUTTON WILSON  
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Re Bureau airtel to all SACs dated 4/3/63.

Forwarded herewith for the Bureau are five copies of a Letterhead Memorandum captioned "REED SUTTON WILSON, FRED OSTACH, MORTON FARBER" reflecting information furnished to SA JAMES P. MC MAHON of this office on a confidential basis by Inspector HERBERT THURSTON, Morality Bureau, Metropolitan Toronto Police Department (MTPD).

It is noted that in furnishing this information, Inspector THURSTON did not identify the stock brokerage firm involved nor did he furnish the name of the stock promoter who employed WILSON in Toronto. Inspector THURSTON explained that the nature of this operation was so delicate that if the identities of the stock brokerage firm and the stock promoter became a matter of public knowledge, the effect upon the Toronto Stock Exchange could be disastrous and for that reason the Toronto Police Department was not even recording those names in their own files.

Inspector THURSTON also stated that no criminal or other charges were anticipated in this case since the victim of the technical installations did not sign a complaint for this same reason as that cited above. Inspector THURSTON

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added that he was furnishing this data to the FBI principally because of the allegation that REED has done technical work for both the FBI and the CIA in the past, and furthermore, because of the possibility that he and his associates might be engaged in this or similar type activities in the United States.

It is noted that the unverified and unevaluated allegation that WILSON did technical work for the FBI is not being included in this Letterhead Memorandum.

No request for investigation by either Los Angeles or New York is being made by the Buffalo Office, but two copies of the Letterhead Memorandum are being furnished herewith for each of those offices for their information and so that they will be available in the event the Bureau specifically instructs either or both of those offices to conduct investigation based upon the information contained herein.

REQUEST OF BUREAU:

Bureau authority is requested for the Buffalo Office to furnish verbally to Inspector HERBERT THURSTON the information set forth in Bureau airtel to all SACs dated April 3, 1963.

In this connection it is further requested that a copy of the identification record of REED SUTTON WILSON, FBI No. 360244A, as well as a copy of his photograph, if one is available, be furnished to the Buffalo Office so that same may be made available to Inspector THURSTON.

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## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Buffalo, New York  
August 21, 1964

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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REED SUTTON WILSON  
FRED OSTACH  
MORTON FARBER

On August 20, 1964, Inspector HERBERT THURSTON, Head of the Morality Bureau, Metropolitan Toronto Police Department (MTPD), confidentially advised the Buffalo FBI Office that his department on the previous day had recovered approximately \$7,000.00 worth of technical equipment including microphones, transmitters, monitoring set, recording equipment and tapes from an otherwise vacant suite of offices in a downtown Toronto office building.

Inspector THURSTON stated that investigation by him disclosed that a Toronto securities promoter, whom he did not identify, but whom he described as a disreputable individual, had acknowledged during interview that the technical equipment recovered in Toronto had been brought there and installed at his behest.

Inspector THURSTON stated that according to this man's story, he was promoting a particular stock issue in Toronto, the underwriting of which was handled by a reputable stock brokerage firm in Toronto whose name Inspector THURSTON did not disclose. The stock promoter claimed that his purpose in obtaining this equipment and arranging for its installation was so that he could monitor the activities of the stock brokerage firm, particularly conversations carried on in their quarters not otherwise available to the public so that he would know what action to take with regard to the buying and selling of this particular securities issue.

Inspector THURSTON added that while he was inclined to believe that this story was partially true, he believed that the stock promoter and his associates probably would have used any information obtained through this source for blackmail, extortion or whatever other purposes it might have served.

Inspector THURSTON stated that their investigation indicated that when the stock promoter decided to embark upon this scheme, he contacted an attorney in New York City named MORTON FARBER who stays at the Madison Hotel in that city.

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After explaining to FARBER what his wishes were, FARBER told him that he would make the necessary arrangements.

Shortly thereafter FRED OSTACH, a private detective, who used the address 949 North Fairfax Avenue, Hollywood, California, and who reportedly has done considerable work in the past for one of the top men at Warner Brothers Studios and for the deceased Hollywood attorney JERRY EISLER, arrived in Toronto and checked into the King Edward Hotel on July 27, 1964. He was accompanied by an individual who used the name R. WILSON and who was called REED while in Toronto. In checking into the King Edward Hotel, the latter individual gave his address as 1428 North Fuller Avenue, Los Angeles.

After looking over the situation, these individuals agreed to make the necessary installation for a fee of \$25,000 plus the cost of the technical equipment. The office obtained by these individuals for the setting up of their recording equipment was located in the same building but six floors above the offices of the stock brokerage firm which they planned to monitor.

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 Inspector THURSTON stated that he has since *Calif.* learned that the equipment reportedly cost \$7,000 and was shipped to ~~R. WILSON~~, Room 391, King Edward Hotel, Toronto *Canada* by Air Express under bond from Los Angeles on August 11, 1964 arriving in Toronto on August 13, 1964. It was thereafter *NY* picked up by WILSON at the downtown Air Express Office in Toronto on August 14, 1964 and presumably was installed over *DC* the weekend of August 15-16, 1964.

Inspector THURSTON said that the shipper of this technical equipment was W. S. Jones Company, 8961 Wonderland Avenue, Los Angeles 46, California. He also advised that the eventual monitoring of the equipment was to be done by a local Toronto criminal whose name Inspector THURSTON did not disclose.

Inspector THURSTON stated that the investigation indicates that after the equipment was installed and determined to be in operating condition, the stock promoter in Toronto paid WILSON and OSTACH \$25,000 cash at noon time on August 18, 1964 and OSTACH thereafter used part of this money to pay

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the King Edward Hotel bill for himself and WILSON when they checked out of that hotel shortly after noon on August 18, 1964.

According to Inspector THURSTON, OSTACH and WILSON departed from the Toronto Airport at 2:36 PM on August 18, 1964 both destined for New York City with OSTACH scheduled to stay in New York while WILSON had further reservations to Washington, D. C.

Inspector THURSTON stated that he had been told by the stock promoter who was behind this scheme in Toronto that he had been informed presumably by MORTON FARBER that WILSON was one of the most accomplished sound technicians in the United States having handled the installation of sound equipment in the past for the Central Intelligence Agency.

Inspector THURSTON advised that the work done by WILSON in this particular job in Toronto was of the highest caliber with all wiring, microphones, etc., extremely well concealed, and that the setup found by the Toronto Police Department was sufficient to handle approximately eight such installations.

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