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NORMAN ROTHMAN;
MAURICE STANLEY STEEN;
Theft of Money Orders from
Washington Federal Savings
and Loan Co. - Miami Beach,
Fla.
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copies made
2/13/78 JSB/MLP
re Norman Rothman
for review at FBIHQ by
MECA re 4/2/77 request.
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On December 8, 1960, MM 722-C advised SA PRUE C. CLINKSCALES, he had learned NORMAN ROTHMAN, who now operates lounge at Belaire Hotel, 6515 Collins Avenue, Miami Beach, Fla., had access to what ROTHMAN referred to as "personal money orders" which were being "lifted" by an unidentified employee of an unknown Federal Savings & Loan Association in the Miami Beach or Miami area. ROTHMAN claimed this employee was filling in varying amounts on the money orders with check protector at the institution, amounts ranging up to \$1900.00, leaving space blank for name of payee. Informant understood money orders are in quadruplicate, and when sold the purchaser obtains original and one copy, third copy kept by issuing Savings & Loan Association, and fourth copy mailed to unknown branch of Hanover Bank in New York City on which bank these money orders are drawn. Informant understood name of selling institution

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- (1) (137-6257)
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appears on money order and no signature of bank official is required.

On 12/10/60, MM 722^{-C} advised unidentified employee of Washington Federal Savings & Loan Association reportedly delivered a number of such money orders to ROTHMAN on 12/7 - 8/60; and although employee's name not ascertained, Informant described employee as white male, 5' 7"-8", 165 lbs., dark or black hair, wears horn rim glasses, Jewish extraction, about 22-25 yrs of age. This individual reported close associate of SANTI ROTHMAN, son of NORMAN ROTHMAN and student at University of Miami.

Informant learned that ROTHMAN had furnished a number of such money orders to one MORRIS or MAURICE (LNU), part owner of Rocking M. E. Lounge, Miami Beach nightclub, 2200 Park Avenue, Miami Beach. Informant learned this individual was taking these money orders to Puerto Rico weekend of 12/10/60, for cashing. MORRIS or MAURICE (LNU) since identified as MAURICE STANLEY STEEN, FBI #146278D, who with his brother WILLIAM STEEN formerly operated cheap bar in downtown Miami, but now are part owners of Rocking M. E. Lounge, Miami Beach.

Informant on 12/13/60, advised unidentified Savings and Loan Association employee drives 1955 Buick bearing 1960 Fla. License 1W-154075. On 12/14/60, this 1955 Buick Century 2-door Hardtop, Dark Gray with Cream on lower fenders and doors and Black Top located parked in front of Washington Federal Savings and Loan Association, 1113 Normandy Drive, Miami Beach. Above license issued to ABRAHAM HOFFMAN, 480 Northwest 122nd Street, North Miami, Fla.

On 12/15/60, Informant advised he had been unable to learn whether MAURICE or BILL STEEN actually went to Puerto Rico, or whether any of these money orders actually cashed as yet, locally or elsewhere.

Due to manner in which Informant obtained above info, source from which obtained and very limited number of persons having knowledge of this alleged operation, investigative action withheld so as to protect Informant's identity and status. Any investigation at Washington Federal Savings &

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