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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

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FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (91-1283)

SUBJECT: MAXIME PAYMENT, JR.; UNSUBS;
Proposed Robbery of Messenger,
Rankin County Bank, Flooded Branch,
Pearl, Mississippi
BANK ROBBERY

Re New Orleans teletypes to Bureau dated 5/27/59,
5/28/59, 5/29/59; Bureau teletype to New Orleans dated 5/28/59,
and New Orleans letter to Bureau dated 7/13/59.

During March, 1959, New Orleans informant 1139-C reported having met two individuals in Hot Springs, Arkansas, who were interested in safe jobs. Number 1 first reportedly gave his name as JIM DELARE, then as JIM DOLAND, residence Dallas, Texas, home telephone HR 2-0445, office telephone Riverside 2-8292, both Dallas, Texas. CI described this person as white male, age 45, 200 pounds, six feet tall, well dressed. This individual reportedly associated with one CHUCK SHARP, Aka. Woody Sharp, described as white male, 55 years of age, short heavy build, gray hair, decided limp and wearing one shoe heel built up.

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On April 27, 1959, DOLAND and SHARP telephoned CI from Slidell, Louisiana and CI met them. They were accompanied by a young man, described as having blond hair and fair complexion, whom CI did not meet. The individual known to CI as DOLAND stated that they were still looking for a profitable safe job

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and would maintain contact with CI. Shortly thereafter, the young blond man telephoned CI from an undisclosed location and arranged to meet CI in Jackson, Mississippi, which they did. The blond was traveling in a 1959 two-tone tan Chevrolet, bearing Texas license, number not obtained. The blond introduced CI to MAX (later identified as MAXINE PAYMENT, JR.) LNU in Jackson and they discussed possible jobs. CI again met MAX and blond, who told CI to call him OBOIL, in Jackson, Mississippi on May 19 or possibly May 8, 1959. At that time MAX and OBOIL discussed plans to rob messenger at the Rankin County Bank, located a short distance outside of Jackson, Mississippi. MAX told CI that he was wanted to drive after robbery as CI was well acquainted with the Mississippi roads. MAX, OBOIL and CI drove to Brandon, Mississippi, where they observed the main office of the Rankin County Bank and then to Pearl, Mississippi, where they observed the Flowood Branch. Pearl, Mississippi is located in Rankin County, just across the Pearl River from Jackson.

At the same time they checked the Deposit Guaranty Bank and Trust Company in Jackson, Mississippi for parking ramps, etc.

CI informed that a plan was tentatively set for May 29, 1959 to rob the messenger carrying money from the Deposit Guaranty Bank to captioned bank at Pearl, Mississippi. MAX indicated to CI that Ringman is businessman in Jackson, Mississippi, unknown to CI, who reportedly has observed Rankin County bank official transfer money by driving Ford Station Wagon onto ramp of Deposit Guaranty Bank. CI stated that plan of robbery was to be decided by observation of movements of bank officials and dependent upon route used by messenger to reach the Flowood Branch. OBOIL was described by CI as white male, age 35, six feet tall, medium build, blond wavy hair, fair complexion, intelligent, nervous disposition, neat appearance.

Second individual, who CI believes may be participant, described as white male, early thirties, dark complexion, curly hair, Italian appearance, scar across face or temple, believed on left side, only observed by CI sitting in automobile. Apparently a third individual to be used or was involved but his identity was unknown to CI.

MAX, according to CI, reportedly is a bookkeeper for one "SMOKEY" WEAVER in Jackson, Mississippi. CI stated

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DOLAN. The Identification Division was requested to furnish photograph and descriptive data of PAUL AUGUSTUS KING, FBI # 44-1987, reportedly a former associate of DOLAN.

On May 28, 1959, CI advised that during the evening of May 27, 1959 he had attempted to contact JAMES DOLAN at DOLAN'S residence in Dallas and was told by Mrs. DOLAN that he was in town on business. CI stated that he had not heard from DOLAN again concerning the proposed robbery. CI stated that on one occasion he had observed burglar tools in the 1959 two-tone tan Chevrolet mentioned previously, but was not told where the tools are kept when not being used. CI stated that he intended to go to Jackson on the night of May 28, 1959 to get in touch with MAX concerning the proposed robbery.

Late in the evening of May 28, 1959, CI advised that he had been in contact with MAX PAYMENT, JR. who told him there had been a change in the plans to take money from the bank messenger. CI stated that PAYMENT claimed the "big man" had been in California and was returning that night or early the following morning. PAYMENT asked the CI to meet him at the Robert E. Lee Hotel at 8:30 AM on May 29, 1959, when he was to fill CI in on the changes. CI stated that PAYMENT mentioned that "we will go for a little ride", but did not elaborate on this statement.

Officials of victim bank and of the Deposit Guaranty Bank were advised of the proposed robbery on May 27, 1959 as well as were responsible law enforcement officers in Jackson, Mississippi and Rankin County, Mississippi, as well as the FBI. MAXIME PAYMENT, JR. was under observation of the Jackson, Mississippi Police Department.

Official of Rankin County Bank advised that money is transferred from the Deposit Guaranty Bank in Jackson to all branches of the Rankin County Bank by car and messenger of the Deposit Guaranty Bank and not the Rankin County Bank. The President of the Rankin County Bank drives a Ford Station Wagon but only comes to Jackson about once a month. He claims he never moved any cash from Jackson to his bank.

H. B. PIERCE (NA), Chief of Detectives, Jackson, Mississippi Police Department, advised that he lives near home of MAX PAYMENT, JR. as well as JOSEPH C. WEAVER, known as "SMOKEY", doing business as Dixie Vending Company. PIERCE stated that PAYMENT, JR. was the son of MAXIME PAYMENT, JR.

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