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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

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SUBJECT: EXPEDITO FELIX ROBERT SANTIAGO;  
SAMUEL F. BENTON  
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At 1:30 p.m., 9/17/66, Norman W. Philcox, Legal Attache, Paris, telephonically contacted Special Agent F. Anthony Tansey, Duty Supervisor, Domestic Intelligence Division. Philcox desired a check of Bureau files and Identification records concerning above-captioned individuals since the French Police had received a message from the police at Milan, Italy, indicating that Milan Police were alerted by American authorities (not otherwise indicated) that Santiago was "suspected" of being involved in a large-scale holdup in New York City. The holdup possibly involved Stock Certificates. Santiago arrived by air in Paris on 7/16/66 and and was picked up and searched by the French Police at the airport at Paris. He did not appear to have unusual or stolen property in his possession, but he did have in his possession a rubber stamp containing the words "Signature guaranteed by Franklin National Bank, Madison Avenue, New York City."

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The French Police determined Santiago is a U.S. citizen traveling with a U.S. Passport. He was born 2/9/29, New York City, and has a current residence address at 14850 South Spur Drive, Miami, Florida. He claims to be the Miami representative for the Interchange Bank at Chiasso Switzerland. He also claims to be a "business consultant."

Data which the Paris Police received from Milan, Italy, was very vague although it indicated Santiago would contact another American in Paris in order to dispose of the "loot."

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The French Police observed that after Santiago was released, he was observed to be in contact with an individual later identified as Samuel F. Benton, born 7/4/20, in Poland, who is currently a U.S. citizen traveling with a U.S. Passport. Legal Attache Philcox advised that the French Police had picked up Benton and were keeping him and that they also had retained Santiago's passport when Santiago was released. Santiago was told to report to the French Police at 9:00 a.m., Monday, 9/19/66 at Paris to pick up his Passport.

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RE: EXPEDITO FELIX ROBERT SANTIAGO;  
SAMUEL F. BENTON

Philcox stated he would check with Legal Attache Joseph Leo, Rome, Italy, to determine additional details as to why the Milan Police thought Santiago is wanted by American authorities. Philcox requested a check of Bureau indices and Identification files and possibly a check with the New York and Miami offices to determine whether either subject is wanted by local authorities or the Bureau. He specifically requested that the night supervisor advise him (Philcox) on Monday morning 9/19/66 at 8 a.m. Paris time (3 a.m. Washington, D. C., time) as to whether or not either subject is wanted so that he would be able to make this information available to the French Police prior to the time Santiago is scheduled to pick up his Passport. (u)

CHECK OF IDENTIFICATION DIVISION FILES:

Identification Division files indicate an individual with the same date and place of birth as Santiago was arrested by the Miami, Florida, Police Department on 10/21/65 on two counts of assault and battery. No disposition was shown. Since this was the only set of prints received on Santiago by the Bureau, he does not have an FBI number. (u)

Identification Division files indicate an individual possibly identical with Benton who was born 7/4/16 in Poland, was arrested on 6/25/39 in Panama by the Canal Zone Police and charged with violation of immigration regulations as a stowaway and his sentence was suspended. Since this was the only arrest indicated, Benton does not have an FBI number. (u)

At 4:55 p.m., 9/17/66, Special Agent Russell S. Garner, Duty Supervisor, Domestic Intelligence Division, telephonically contacted Special Agent Boyd Henry of the New York Office and instructed that New York submit a teletype by 2:00 p.m., 9/18/66 advising whether Santiago or Benton were wanted by the New York Police Department or by the New York Office. At 5:05 p.m., 9/17/66, Special Agent Eugene A. Flynn was given similar instructions as to whether Santiago or Benton were wanted by the Miami Police Department or the Miami Office of the FBI. (u)

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**ADDENDUM: DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION 9-19-66 WLS:mh**

At 3 a.m. 9-19-66 Duty Supervisor W. Leon Smith, Domestic Intelligence Division, telephonically furnished the following information to Norman W. Philcox, Legal Attache, Paris: (U)

A review of Bureau files, Identification Division files and Fugitive indices, as well as the records of the police departments in Miami, Florida, and New York City, failed to indicate that either subject is presently wanted. (U)

Philcox was advised that Bureau files indicate that Santiago in 1962 was Miami representative of Interchange Bank of Chiasso, Switzerland. He claimed to be the one-time private secretary of the former Venezuelan Dictator Marcos Perez Jimenez. Informants described him as a "hustler" and "opportunist." They said he had contacted practically every exiled Venezuelan in the Miami area, along with many Cuban refugees reported to have money, in an effort to convince them to place their funds in his Swiss bank. (134-8483) (U)

Subject Benton claims to be an investor and private investigator but Bureau files indicate that he has engaged in some dubious financial deals involving fraudulent securities. He is an officer in a company known as Sari-C, located in the Biscayne Building, Miami. He resides at 1800 South Treasure Drive, Miami. (87-86864) (U)

Santiago was born 2-9-29 in New York City. He is described as five feet five inches, 165 pounds, brown hair, brown eyes, light complexion. Benton was born 7-4-20 at Ludvipol, Poland, and is a naturalized U.S. citizen. He is six feet one and one-half inches, 195 pounds, medium build and has black, greying hair. (U)

**ACTION:**

For information. Philcox will furnish details of his contact with French police concerning captioned matter. (U)

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