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SUBJECT: Silas Newton

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MR. A. H. BELMONT

August 6, 1951

SILAS H. NEWTON

SECURITY MATTER - X

**REFERENCE:**

(1) To advise you of the details concerning an inquiry from the Office of the Attorney General, California Department of Justice, concerning Silas H. Newton (2) to incorporate pertinent information concerning Newton into the main case file for future reference; (3) to recommend that the attached letter be forwarded to former SA [redacted] who is presently attached to the Office of the Attorney General, State of California. [redacted]

**BACKGROUND:**

On May 1, 1951, an inquiry was received at the Bureau from the Office of the Attorney General, State of California, in a letter dated April 25, 1951, pointing out that Silas H. Newton, FBI #835061, had been cited as an authority for a book entitled "Behind the Flying Saucers," which was published by one Frank Sully in 1950. The gist of the book is that the so-called flying saucers are manifestations of secret scientific research being conducted by the Government.

The letter from the Office of the Attorney General further advised that Silas H. Newton had an arrest record which was known to the Office of the Attorney General of the State of California and requested the Bureau to furnish the Office of the Attorney General with any additional information other than his arrest record which might be available in the Bureau files.

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The letter was signed by Arthur H. Shery, Chief Assistant Attorney General, for Edmund G. Brown, Attorney General for the State of California.

By letter dated May 3, 1951, to the Attorney General, State of California, the Bureau advised that no investigation of Newton pertinent to the inquiry from the Office of the Attorney General had been conducted. A summary of information concerning the book "Behind the Flying Saucers" was set forth as an addendum and this summary reflects that OSI, Washington, D. C., advised that the assertions in the book are "hogwash." Time Magazine stated that "the scientific ability of the book was below that of a comic book. Sully claimed that the information in the book was furnished to him by an unidentified lecturer at Denver University and by a [redacted] Neither of these persons were identified by Sully. (100-2244-6)

With respect to Silas M. Newton, Bureau files reflect that he is a wealthy speculator and that he was arrested by the New York Police Department on September 25, 1936, for grand larceny. (95-1589)

Newton was formerly married to [redacted] with aliases, the subject of an Espionage - C investigation in July of 1939 [redacted] (65-637)

Subsequent to the above inquiry, a letter was received from the Office of the Attorney General of the State of California dated June 14, 1951, signed by H. G. Robinson, Deputy Director, Department of Justice, State of California, requesting that the Bureau furnish any information which might further identify [redacted]

According to Mr. Robinson's letter, [redacted] mentioned above as a source of technical information in connection with the publication on flying saucers. A check of the Bureau files failed to reflect any identifiable information concerning [redacted]

By letter dated June 22, 1951, Mr. Robinson was advised that Bureau files fail to reflect any information identifiable with this individual. A copy of the reply to Mr. Robinson was furnished to the Phoenix Office for information.

By letter dated June 27, 1951, the Phoenix Office advised that [REDACTED]

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With respect to Mr. E. C. Robinson, who prepared the letter of inquiry from the Office of the Attorney General, State of California, under date of June 14, 1951, [REDACTED]

Robinson, a former Special Agent of the Bureau who entered on duty as a Special Agent (A) in March of 1934 and resigned on April 23, 1941. His resignation stated that he felt that he had progressed as far as he could in the Bureau's employ and no derogatory information appears in the file concerning him.

A news item submitted by the San Francisco Office dated December 3, 1930, which appeared in the San Francisco News, reflected that Robinson was to be appointed director of investigation for Attorney General-elect Edmund G. Brown, present Attorney General for the State of California, and that Robinson was formerly connected with the Senate Investigations Committee in Washington and that prior to that time he was associated with the Truman Committee. (67-33228)

**OBSERVATION:**

In view of the fact that it has now come to the attention of the Bureau that Lee Gebauer is identical with Lee Julius Arnold Gebauer, FBI Number 3094424, it is felt that as a matter of cooperation with the California authorities, the Bureau might desire to refer the California authorities to the public record of Gebauer's conviction since that conviction is a matter of public record.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

If you approve, it is recommended that the attached letter be forwarded to the Office of the Attorney General for the State of California, pointing out that Lee Gebauer, concerning whom an inquiry was received, may be identical with Lee Julius Arnold Gebauer who was convicted in Federal Court at Tucson, Arizona, on February 23, 1944.

A current check of the Identification Records of the Bureau does not reflect an arrest for Lee Julius Arnold Gebauer subsequent to 1944.

The letter setting forth the above information is attached herewith.

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April 25, 1951.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director, Federal Bureau  
of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Re Silas M. Newton - No. 835861

The subject named above is cited as authority for a highly fanciful book entitled "Behind the Flying Saucers", written by one Frank Scully and published by Holt in 1950. The gist of the book is that the so-called "flying saucers" are really manifestations of secret and sinister scientific research by the government.

Newton's arrest record, as shown by your files, is familiar to us. He is the owner of the Newton Oil Company, a small but active oil producing organization with offices at 315 Franklin Street, Denver, Colorado. He describes himself as a graduate of Yale, which appears to be true and as a geophysicist engaged in secret governmental research.

He is apparently wealthy, or at least possessed of sufficient temporary means to live in luxury and dress expensively. His home is at 1929 Whitley Street, Hollywood, but all messages to him, or appointments with him, must be made through the Hollywood Knickerbocker Hotel. One [redacted] is associated with him in Denver.

We are writing you because [redacted] has stated that a complete investigation of Newton has been made by your Bureau. Presumably this investigation has confirmed his cryptic allusions to his being engaged in governmental research of a secret nature.

Other circumstances coming to our attention in the light of his criminal record indicate to us that Newton is engaged in the perpetration of a hoax or swindle of large

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

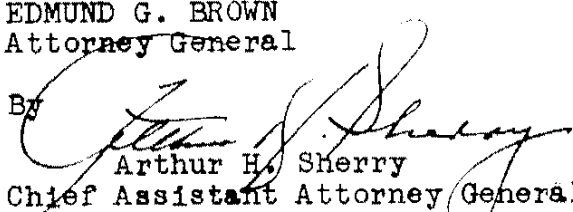
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proportions: If you have any information concerning this man, other than his arrest record, we would greatly appreciate receiving it.

Very truly yours,

EDMUND G. BROWN  
Attorney General

By

  
Arthur H. Sherry  
Chief Assistant Attorney General

AHS:W

May 3, 1951

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Honorable Edmund G. Brown  
Attorney General  
State of California  
600 State Building  
San Francisco, California

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DATE 8/1/84 BY SP4/BJK/ML  
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My dear Mr. Attorney General:

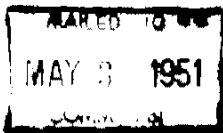
Reference is made to your letter dated April 28, 1951, signed by Arthur W. Sherry, Chief Assistant Attorney General, in which you request information concerning Silas K. Newton - No. 885861.

You are advised that the FBI has conducted an investigation of Newton pertinent to your inquiry.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

JFD:cmey



Denver (Information) With copy of the [redacted]  
Los Angeles (Information) With copy of [redacted]  
San Francisco - With copy of [redacted]

It is desired that the San Francisco Office contact the office of the Attorney General of the State of California to determine if Newton is violating any Federal Statutes in claiming to be "engaged in governmental research of a secret nature", or in the "perpetration of a hoax or misleading large proportions".

Bufiles reflect the arrest record of Newton, FBI No. 895861, last arrested by the New York City, NY, on 11-25-36 for grand larceny (95-1569).

In the investigation conducted by [redacted] (Bufile 85839), information was received that the subject married Silas K. Newton, a wealthy [redacted] and [redacted] on 7-6-39.

During this investigation, inquiry was made concerning Newton in Denver and Los Angeles, and no satisfactory information was received. Investigation of [redacted] was conducted on April 1, 1942, as no evidence was developed indicating

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she was engaged in espionage activities. (65-837-205, 193, 183,  
170, 168)

The book "Behind the Flying Saucers", by Frank Scully was analyzed in a memo from Mr. Ladd to the Director, dated 10-17-50. OSI, Washington, D. C., advised the assertions made in the book are "hogwash". "Time" magazine stated that the scientific credibility of the book was below that of a comic book. Scully claimed that the information for the book was furnished to him by an unidentified lecturer at Denver University, and by a [redacted] Neither of these persons were identified by Scully. (100-224-6)

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Mr. Nease  
Miss Gandy

May 15, 1951

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

This will acknowledge and thank you for  
your recent letter in answer to our inquiry relating  
to Silas M. Newton, No. 835861. Your interest and  
cooperation in this matter is sincerely appreciated.

This office was recently contacted by  
Special Agent [redacted] of your San Francisco office and  
all information relating to the current activities  
of Newton was made available to [redacted]

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

H. G. ROBINSON  
Deputy Director  
Department of Justice

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>ALBUQUERQUE</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>ALBUQUERQUE</b>	DATE <b>7/21/70</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>4/3/70 - 6/26/70</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>BUCKHORN MINING COMPANY; MAGNETIC RESEARCH FOUNDATION; SILAS MASON NEWTON:</b> [REDACTED]		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA</b> [REDACTED]	TYPED BY <b>dl</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ITSP - CONFIDENCE GAMES</b>	

## REFERENCES:

Albuquerque airtel to Los Angeles, dated 4/3/70;  
Albuquerque letter to Oklahoma City, dated 5/28/70;  
Oklahoma City letter to Albuquerque, dated 6/26/70.

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## LEADS:

OKLAHOMA CITY DIVISION (INFORMATION)

Information copy of this report is being furnished to Oklahoma City Division in view of outstanding investigation that Division.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

## Copy to:

Report of: SA [REDACTED] Office: ALBUQUERQUE  
Date: 7/21/70

Field Office File #: AQ 87-7861

Bureau File #:

Title: BUCKHORN MINING COMPANY;  
MAGNETIC RESEARCH FOUNDATION;  
SILAS MASON NEWTON.  
[REDACTED]Character: INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN PROPERTY -  
CONFIDENCE GAMES

## Synopsis:

SILAS NEWTON, presently under indictment Los Angeles, California, for fraud, returned to Silver City, New Mexico, area January, 1970, and began to organize what appears as a mining swindle [REDACTED]. Investigation shows contacts have been made with out-of-state individuals to purchase property [REDACTED] developed by NEWTON. No traces of minerals claimed to be on property have been located in assay and indications are property is being salted.

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## DETAILS:

AT SILVER CITY, NEW MEXICO

This matter reopened in the Albuquerque office upon the return of subject SILAS MASON NEWTON to the Silver City, New Mexico, area and the apparent indication that he has begun to operate a confidence game in this area.

NEWTON returned to Silver City, New Mexico, approximately January, 1970, and has associated himself with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The business relationship between NEWTON and [REDACTED] has not been established; however, NEWTON has opened an office in Silver

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ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION

AT SILVER CITY, NEW MEXICO

Maintain contact with established sources close to the mining operation of captioned subjects.

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City and has printed on the window of the office "Magnetic Research Foundation and Buckhorn Mine." An extension phone connects the offices [redacted] of NEWTON although they are in opposite ends of the block.

The Buckhorn Mine basically consists of two properties, one of which is the mining property where the development work is being conducted and secondly a piece of property approximately fifty miles distance on the other side of the county in Vanadium, New Mexico, whereon is located a small mill and custom smelter. The second property is believed to be leased with option to buy. A source actually working in this operation has provided rock samples and a surreptitious assay of these samples for mercury, which is the stated mineral the property is being developed for, show absolutely no traces of mercury in the assay. Statements have been made to also locating silver; however, as of this date the silver assay has not been completed.

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A recent conversation between NEWTON, [redacted] and an unidentified third person was overheard in which it was stated that one of the three was to leave for El Paso where he was to obtain mercury and in addition to that an exclamatory statement was made, "This mill has to operate for only one day, that's all we need, just one day."

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

A review of the records of the County Clerk, Los Angeles, California, by SA [redacted] revealed the following information:

On April 30, 1969, SILAS MASON NEWTON appeared

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and withdrew not guilty plea and pled guilty to count one (26104A Corp Code). Probation and sentencing on count one and disposition on remaining counts set for June 24, 1969.

On June 24, 1969, probation and sentencing continued to December 29, 1969.

On December 29, 1969, on a motion of the defendant, probation and sentencing continued until July 13, 1970.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on April 30, 1970:

AT SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

[redacted] State Corporation Commission, Corporation Records' Section, advised there was nothing on record in his office for the Buckhorn Mine, Magnetic Research Foundation, but that the Copper Corporation of America, filed articles of incorporation on February 14, 1969, listing their principal address as 110 Yankie Street, P. O. Box 922, Silver City, New Mexico, and the agent of the company as [redacted]

[redacted] The corporation has authorization for 25,000 shares of issued stock valued at \$25,000.

According to the articles of incorporation, the purpose of this corporation was to mine, smelt, refine, convert, prepare for market copper, sulfuric acid, chlorine, cryolit aluminum by-products, gold, silver, lead, zinc, brass, iron, and steel.

The Directors of the company are [redacted]

The Incorporators are the same persons named as Directors.

The names of the stockholders and the value of the stock was not given on the record and there was no description of the properties held by the corporation in this record.

AT SILVER CITY, NEW MEXICO

[redacted]

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TITLE OF CASE <b>BUCKHORN MINING COMPANY; MAGNETIC RESEARCH FOUNDATION; SILAS MASON NEWTON;</b> [REDACTED]		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED]	TYPED BY <b>dak</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>ITSP - CONFIDENCE GAME</b>	

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## REFERENCES:

Report of SA [REDACTED] at Albuquerque, dated 7/21/70. ✓  
 Oklahoma City letter to Albuquerque, dated 7/30/70.  
 Albuquerque letter to Los Angeles, dated 9/21/70.  
 Los Angeles letter to Albuquerque, dated 10/12/70.

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## ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION

AT PINOS ALTOS, NEW MEXICO

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2. Will, thereafter, set forth appropriate leads to have [REDACTED] interviewed concerning information that he reportedly advanced a substantial sum of money to NEWTON and [REDACTED] in connection with the Buckhorn Mining Company.

AT SILVER CITY, NEW MEXICO

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Copy to: 1 - U. S. Attorney, Albuquerque

Report of,  
Date.

SA [REDACTED]  
November 30, 1970

Office: ALBUQUERQUE

Field Office File #

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Bureau File #.

87-111909

Title

BUCKHORN MINING COMPANY;  
MAGNETIC RESEARCH FOUNDATION;  
SILAS MASON NEWTON;  
[REDACTED]

Character.

INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN PROPERTY -  
CONFIDENCE GAME

Synopsis:

[REDACTED]

that an individual known only as [REDACTED] reportedly advanced  
a substantial sum of money to NEWTON [REDACTED] in connection with  
an apparent "salted" mining operation near Buckhorn, New Mexico.

[REDACTED]

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DETAILS:

The following investigation was conducted by SA  
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AT POTEAU, OKLAHOMA

[REDACTED]

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The following investigation was conducted by SA  
[redacted] on September 30, 1970:

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

File Number A-226576, which is a criminal case in the Superior Court, Los Angeles County, Los Angeles, California, charges SILAS M. NEWTON with illegally selling a security for value without having permission from the Commission of Corporations, State of California. He allegedly sold an interest in an oil well to be drilled in Sedona, Arizona.

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The file reflects that on July 21, 1970, [redacted]  
[redacted] attorney for the victims in this criminal case, advised Superior Court Judge RICHARD HAYMEN that complete restitution had been made by NEWTON to the victims, and that mutual releases had been signed with regard to all transactions between NEWTON and the victims.

This case came up for hearing on July 24, 1970, and the defendant entered a motion to withdraw his plea of guilty and to enter a plea of not guilty.

On the court's own motion, the case was dismissed in the interest of justice pursuant to Section 1385 Penal Code (PC), and NEWTON's bail was exonerated.

For the information of the Albuquerque Office, the probation report, which was dated June 30, 1969, contained the following information concerning NEWTON:

He was born on July 19, 1937, at Shelby County, Kentucky. He is divorced and is a college graduate. He has claimed his occupation was that of a geologist, who had an income of \$500 a month, being employed by the Mechanic Research Foundation, Tucson, Arizona. He claims to have a Bachelor of Science in geology from Baylor University and to have studied for six months at Oxford University in London.

NEWTON has been married four times. Two of these relationships ended in divorce, and two with the deaths of his wives. He was last married in 1950, and this wife divorced



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him in 1961.

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NEWTON has had no military service. He claims to be a life member of the Professional Golfers Association.

He has FBI Number 835 061.

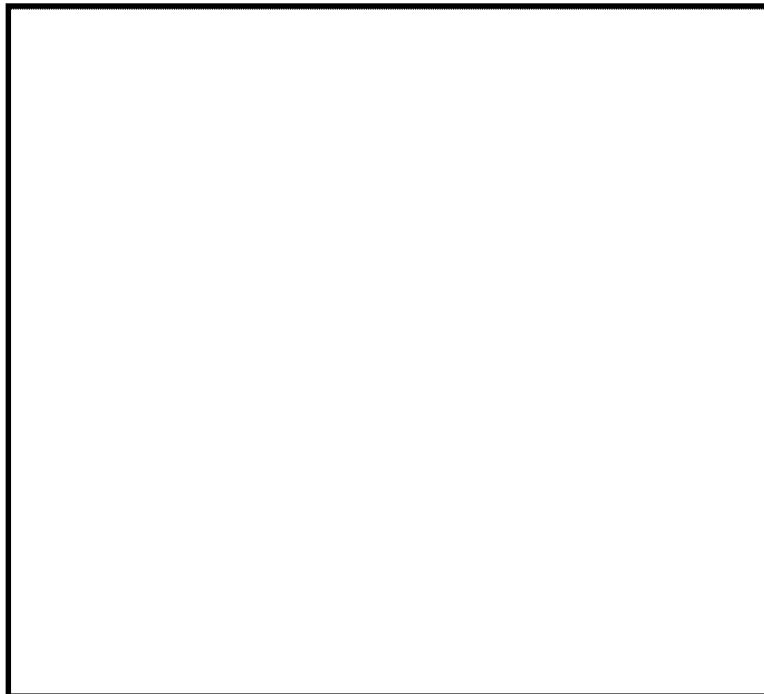
The probation report sets out the following arrest record:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
July 8, 1931	New York City Police Department	Conspiracy	No disposition
September 23, 1934	SP Oneida, New York	False stock statement	No disposition
July 15, 1935	SO El Mira, New York	952 PL	No disposition
September 25, 1936	PD New York City	Grand Larceny	No disposition
October 15, 1952	USM, Los Angeles	ITSP	
October 14, 1952	Sheriff's Office Los Angeles	Suspicion fugitive from Colorado (con game)	No disposition
March 12, 1958	USM Denver	Fraud by Mail; Acquitted by Violation Security jury and Exchange trial Act and Conspiracy	
December 7, 1967	Los Angeles Police Department	Grand Theft Merchandise	No disposition (Probation officer states this is possibly the arrest for the current offense.)

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Senior Special Investigator [REDACTED]  
California Commission of Corporations, described NEWTON as an accomplished con man of many years standing, who is knowledgeable in the field of petroleum and mining, and has exploited this knowledge in swindling people.

Letters of commendation to the subject were sent to the probation office by the following individuals:



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AT SILVER CITY, NEW MEXICO

The August 12, 1970, issue of the "Silver City Daily Press," published at Silver City, New Mexico, contained on the front page two photographs bearing the caption, "New Mine Near Buckhorn." The caption under the photographs continued to state that S. M. NEWTON shipped ore samples from the above shown mine to California by air Monday to be assayed. The mine, which is believed to contain silver ore, is located about one mile north of Buckhorn in Western Grant County. The mine is located on the side of a hill on state land and is near an area where NEWTON has been seeking mercury for about five years. A fault runs through the area of the small pit and black rock is located in the earth below the fault.

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November 30, 1970

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office at [redacted]  
furnished the

following information:

He has, in the past, been acquainted with SILAS NEWTON [redacted] who have been engaged in numerous mining ventures in the vicinity of Silver City and Grant County, New Mexico. He has seen recent publicity in the Silver City newspaper concerning a mine near Buckhorn reportedly operated by NEWTON and he has, in fact, had occasion to perform assay tests on samples of ore allegedly coming from the mine near Buckhorn as well as from a mine near Vanadium, New Mexico, also reportedly operated by NEWTON [redacted]. He said his tests on the ore proved that the ore was worthless and did not contain substantial amounts of silver or mercury as indicated in the publicity in the local press. He further commented that the publicity concerning the mine near Buckhorn, New Mexico, made mention of the possibility of mercury in this area, which he stated was practically impossible inasmuch as this area is located in an old lava flow where mercury would be unlikely to be found.

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[redacted] stated that his office was [redacted] to an office occupied by NEWTON [redacted] and the partitions in the office were very thin and NEWTON [redacted] being elderly, were somewhat hard of hearing and conversed in loud voice. He does recall hearing conversation through the partition at one time wherein somebody was being asked or told to go to El Paso and buy a quantity of mercury. He could conclude only that the purpose of the mercury was to be used to "salt" the mine either near Buckhorn or Vanadium, New Mexico, with the idea of convincing someone that the mine was, in fact, valuable for the purpose of obtaining mercury.

[redacted] continued that it has been rumored that an individual known as [redacted] had advanced a substantial sum of money, something in the neighborhood of \$50,000, to NEWTON [redacted] ostensibly for development work on the Buckhorn mine. He could conclude only knowing NEWTON's background as

On 11/24/70 at Silver City, New Mexico File # AQ 87-7861

by SA [redacted] /dak Date dictated 11/25/70

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being a con man, [redacted] of course, lost this investment and had been taken by NEWTON [redacted]. He said he does not know the present whereabouts of [redacted] however [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] further stated that a recent paving contractor in Silver City, [redacted] employed a [redacted] whose name is unknown to him, who has reportedly stated that one of the principal reasons he came to Silver City for the paving job was that he had contact with some person in either Arkansas or Tennessee who had discussed with him the possibilities of a mining venture in connection with either the Buckhorn mine or the property in Vanadium. [redacted] said that the name of this [redacted] could probably be obtained from the City Hall inasmuch as the paving contract was a city project and this individual was the first [redacted] to arrive in connection with this contract.

[redacted] advised that to the best of his knowledge, [redacted] NEWTON [redacted] have now left the Silver City area, apparently after obtaining the funds from [redacted] and he has no information concerning the whereabouts of [redacted] NEWTON [redacted]. He said that [redacted] is reluctant to accept the fact that he has been taken insofar as he, [redacted] knows, [redacted] has not made any complaint to any law enforcement agency that he has been swindled by NEWTON [redacted]. He said [redacted] is apparently convinced that he has invested in a good thing and he is determined to salvage something from the operation, although in [redacted] opinion, the mine near Buckhorn as well as the property near Vanadium, is worthless insofar as obtaining any substantial quantities of silver ore or mercury from either property.

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>ALBUQUERQUE</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>ALBUQUERQUE</b>	DATE <b>3/31/71</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>12/23/70 - 3/26/71</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>BUCKHORN MINING COMPANY; MAGNETIC RESEARCH FOUNDATION; SILAS MASON NEWTON;</b> [REDACTED]		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA</b> [REDACTED]	TYPED BY <b>jj</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ITSP - CONFIDENCE GAME</b>	

## REFERENCES:

Albuquerque report of SA [REDACTED] 11/30/70.  
Albuquerque airtel to Jackson, 1/27/71.

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## LEADS:

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Furnish Albuquerque results of interview with [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] as requested in reAQairtel.

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Date:SA [REDACTED]  
March 31, 1971

Office: ALBUQUERQUE

Field Office File #:

AQ 87-7861

Bureau File # 87-111909

Title:

BUCKHORN MINING COMPANY;  
MAGNETIC RESEARCH FOUNDATION;  
SILAS MASON NEWTON;  
[REDACTED]

Character:

INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN PROPERTY -  
CONFIDENCE GAME

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Synopsis:

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] advised subjects  
in contact with unidentified persons from [REDACTED] through  
[REDACTED] FNU  
[REDACTED]

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DETAILS:

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ALBUQUERQUE

AT SILVER CITY, NEW MEXICO

(1) Maintain contact with [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] for any further information concerning subjects' activities.

(2) Upon receipt of results of interview with [REDACTED] from Jackson, conduct any further necessary investigation.

AT ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

Through contact with the [REDACTED] attempt to identify and obtain background information on an FNU [REDACTED] reportedly [REDACTED] who has been in contact with individuals from [REDACTED] on behalf of subjects NEWTON [REDACTED]

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[redacted] office at [redacted]  
[redacted] furnished the  
following information:

He has recently heard that SILAS NEWTON [redacted]  
[redacted] have, through a [redacted] (FNU)  
[redacted] been in contact with some as yet unidentified "pigeons"  
from [redacted] He said NEWTON [redacted] have established an  
assay laboratory on Bullard Street in Silver City, New Mexico,  
and in addition to NEWTON [redacted]

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[redacted] said that the establishment of the laboratory  
lends a certain amount of credence to the information that  
NEWTON [redacted] are setting up some "pigeons" from [redacted] in  
order to get these individuals to put up some money in a mining  
venture either in Vanadium, New Mexico, or at the mine near  
Buckhorn, New Mexico, which has recently received a considerable  
amount of publicity.

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by SA [redacted] ne 2 Date dictated 12/24/70

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AT SILVER CITY, NEW MEXICO:



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SPol., Oneida, N.Y.	Silas Mason Newton, #2268	9-23-34	false stock statements	
SO., Elmira, N.Y.	Silas M. Newton #-	7-15-35	2 indictments - vio. 952 P.L.	rel. on bail \$2500
PD., NYC, N.Y.	Silas M. Newton #E-93874	9-25-36	G.L., 2nd -warrant	
USM Los Angeles Calif	Silas Mason Newton #29068	10-15-52	transp Inter State stolen prop	2-11-53 no page bill ret US CJ Denver Colo on chg of IISF
SO Los Angeles Calif	Silas Mason Newton #B-242832	10-14-52	Susp Fugitive Colo (Confidence Game)	
SO Riverside Calif	Silas Mason Newton #50116	12-2-52	Confidence Game	Hold for Colo.
SO Denver Colo	Silas Mason Newton #37279	12-5-52	hold for DA's office	
SO Denver Colo	Silas Mason Newton #5501	3-12-58	mail fraud vio Securities & ex- change act & Conspiracy	acquitted by jury trial
SO Los Angeles Calif	Silas Mason Newton #C-630673	12-7-67	GT money	

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3/31/71

Date

[redacted]  
[redacted] furnished the following information:

He has no recent information concerning the whereabouts of SILAS NEWTON [redacted]. He said NEWTON was scheduled to appear in District Court, Silver City, during the past week but he understands the appearance has been postponed because NEWTON is reportedly ill somewhere in California.

[redacted] advised that the [redacted] is operated by one [redacted] and it does not appear at this time as though either NEWTON or [redacted] have an interest in this venture.

[redacted] also said that he had no additional information concerning the identity of (first name unknown) [redacted] the [redacted] who is said to have been in contact with people from [redacted] who are interested in investing in mining ventures with NEWTON [redacted]

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On 3/26/71 at Silver City, New Mexico File # AQ 87-7861  
by SA [redacted] /jj Date dictated 3/30/71

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TITLE OF CASE <b>BUCKHORN MINING COMPANY; MAGNETIC RESEARCH FOUNDATION; SILAS MASON NEWTON; [REDACTED]</b>		REPORT MADE BY SA <b>[REDACTED]</b>	TYPED BY <b>MCC</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>ITSP - CONFIDENCE GAME</b>	

## REFERENCES:

Albuquerque report of SA **[REDACTED]**  
dated 3/31/71.  
Jackson letter to Albuquerque, 3/25/71.

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## ADMINISTRATIVE:

In view of the fact that **[REDACTED]** whose interview is reported herein, has stated he loaned NEWTON approximately \$10,000 about 4 years ago and because of the fact that **[REDACTED]** considers this to be a loan to NEWTON rather than considering that he was cheated or swindled by NEWTON in any way and further in view of the fact that NEWTON at this time is no longer in the Silver City, NM, area, this matter is being closed.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED						<input type="checkbox"/> NONE	ACQUIT- TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:  PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
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Report of  
DateSA [REDACTED]  
May 19, 1971

Office: Albuquerque

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AQ 87-7861

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Title:

BUCKHORN MINING COMPANY;  
MAGNETIC RESEARCH FOUNDATION;  
SILAS MASON NEWTON;  
[REDACTED]

Character.

INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN PROPERTY -  
CONFIDENCE GAME

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Synopsis:

[REDACTED] advised he loaned NEWTON approximately \$10,000 about 4 years ago. [REDACTED] advised that he considered the money advanced to NEWTON as a loan and did not consider that he had been cheated or swindled in any way. Efforts to identify FNU [REDACTED] unsuccessful. [REDACTED] could furnish no additional information concerning [REDACTED]. He further stated NEWTON is not known to be in the Silver City, NM, area at this time.

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DETAILS:

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date March 25, 1971

[redacted] was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the inquiry which concerned [redacted] knowledge of SILAS NEWTON [redacted] and their mining property in Silver City, New Mexico.

[redacted] stated that he has known SILAS NEWTON for about four or five years and that he loaned him \$10,000 about four years ago and that NEWTON has paid back part of this money. He advised that he never gave NEWTON a lump sum of this money but that it was over a period of time. He stated that neither NEWTON [redacted] have tried to sell him any stock in any mines and that he has spent some time in Silver City with NEWTON who is a [redacted] of his.

[redacted] stated that he met [redacted] who is also known to him as [redacted] through NEWTON and that [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he believed NEWTON was to have some silver and mercury mines. [redacted] stated that he could not be led to believe that NEWTON would attempt to sell any fraudulent mining stock as he was in his opinion too fine a gentleman; however, [redacted]

[redacted] stated that in 1968 when he was in New Mexico, he believed Mr. NEWTON advised him that [redacted] had "beaten him out of lots of money", but he could not prove it.

[redacted] stated that he could furnish no further information concerning any of the mining adventures of NEWTON [redacted] and could furnish no further information concerning either of them.

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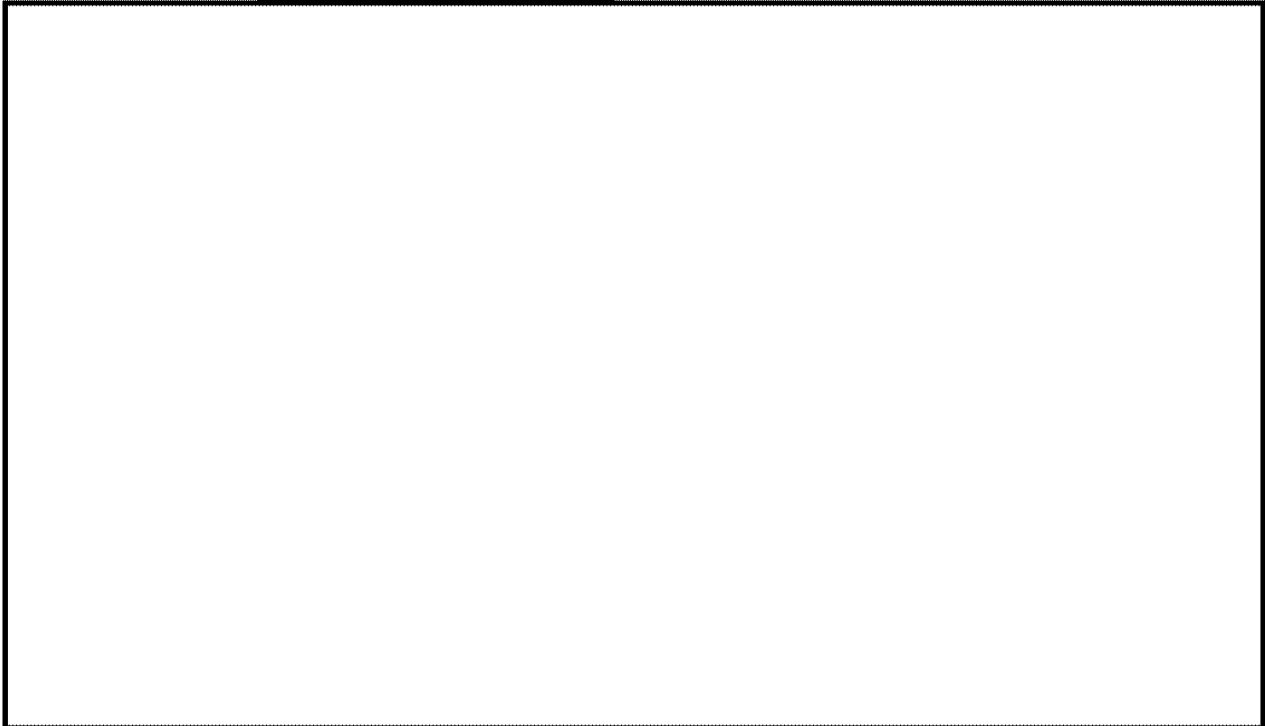
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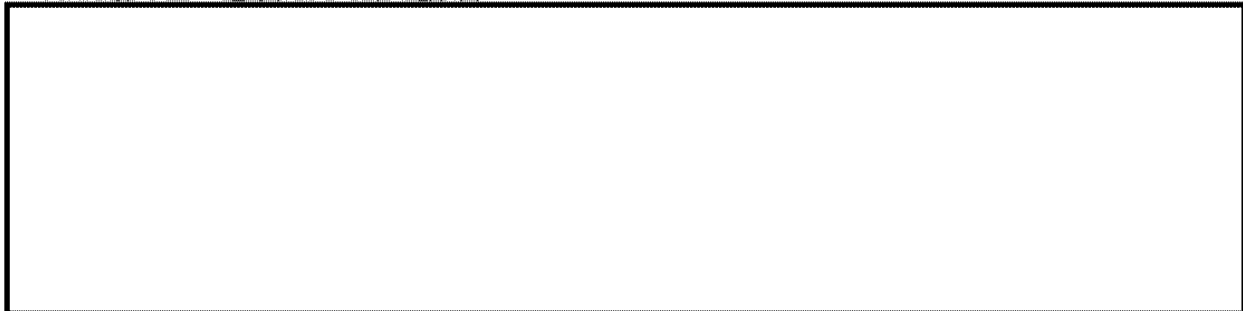
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The following investigation was conducted by  
Special Agent [REDACTED]



AT SILVER CITY, NEW MEXICO



[REDACTED] further advised that SILAS NEWTON has not been in the Silver City, New Mexico, area for quite some time and noted that NEWTON was the defendant in a law suit involving the Village of Bayard, New Mexico. He said NEWTON conveniently



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became ill when this suit was called for trial in Grant County District Court and he has not known NEWTON to be back in the Silver City, New Mexico, Area since that time.

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This Case Originated At: <b>NEW YORK CITY</b>		K.C. File # <b>65-7</b>	
Report Made At	Date When Made	Period For Which Made	Report Made By
<b>KANSAS CITY, MO.</b>	<b>7/1/41</b>	<b>5/16 - 6/18/41</b>	[Redacted] <b>HD</b>
Title:		Character of Case	
[Redacted] with aliases		<b>ESPIONAGE - G.</b>	

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

SILAS M. ~~NEWTON~~ is president of Kansas Western Pipeline Company, Denver, Colorado, which is a small oil company with three small producing oil wells but no pipeline. NEWTON receives on average about \$200 per month from this corporation. NEWTON reportedly drilling oil well near Los Angeles, California, at present time. NEWTON believed formerly to have received financial backing from [Redacted] New York City. NEWTON reportedly also associated in business with [Redacted] Wyoming. NEWTON well known to [Redacted] Kansas. NEWTON reportedly has made no disloyal or un-American statements in or near McCracken, Kansas. NEWTON maintains no personal bank account at Citizens State Bank, McCracken. The Newton Development Company, of which SILAS M. NEWTON is head official, maintains account at Union National Bank, Wichita, Kansas, but nothing of a suspicious nature appears concerning this account.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent [redacted] Los Angeles, California,  
dated 3/20/41.

DETAILS:

At McCracken, Kansas

[redacted] Assistant Cashier of the Citizens State Bank, McCracken, Kansas, upon interview advised that SILAS M. NEWTON was well known to him and although he did not carry a personal account with this bank, he did do business with the bank as president of the Kansas Western Pipeline Company, which company maintains an account at the Citizens State Bank at McCracken. [redacted] stated that NEWTON was the "promoter" type of individual and was more of an oil promoter. He confidentially advised that in his opinion, NEWTON [redacted] [redacted] stated after referring to the records of the Citizens State Bank that no sums of money have been sent by NEWTON to [redacted] the Subject of this case, from the account of the Kansas Western Pipeline Company in the Citizens State Bank at McCracken. The only withdrawals from this account appeared to be withdrawals of from \$100 to \$300, in favor of SILAS M. NEWTON, and smaller sums of money payable to employees of the Kansas Western Pipeline Company who are working on the three wells located in the vicinity of McCracken. [redacted] advised that Mr. NEWTON does not receive any set salary from this company, but draws on the account of this company according to his needs. He stated that usually the checks will run between \$100 and \$500, and that NEWTON usually cashes these checks at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, and the Brown Palace Hotel in Denver, Colorado.

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[redacted] stated that the oil produced by the three oil wells owned by the Kansas Western Pipeline Company is sold to the Shallow Water Refining Company, a branch of the Atlantic Refining Company, and that the deposits in the account of this company at the Citizens State Bank are from the sale of this oil.

[redacted] advised after referring to the records of the bank, that the address of the Kansas Western Pipeline is 908 Equitable Building, Denver, Colorado. In addition to being affiliated with this company, [redacted] advised that Mr. NEWTON is also president of the Kansas-Wyoming Oil Company at Denver, Colorado,

of the Newton Development Company of Denver, Colorado, and is also president of an oil company the name of which [redacted] did not know, which is drilling a well in California near the ocean.

[redacted] stated he believed that the location of these drilling operations is in the vicinity of Los Angeles. He stated that he had no definite information on this. According to [redacted] NEWTON formerly was connected with the Oriental Refining Company of Denver, Colorado, and also was associated in the oil business with [redacted] [redacted] advised that Mr. NEWTON had been financed in some of his promotion schemes and operations through J. H. CARPENTER of New York, a financier, who he stated has been reported to him as the owner of the building in which the Columbia Broadcasting Company is located. He advised that his information at the present time is that Mr. CARPENTER is dead.

[redacted] stated that during the time NEWTON was in Kansas he had as his [redacted] [redacted]

[redacted] stated that [redacted] know more about NEWTON'S business and private affairs than any other individual in the State of Kansas. [redacted] stated that during the time NEWTON was in Kansas, he lived intermittently in Ness City, Kansas, at the Hotel Max. He stated his permanent address, however, appears to be the Brown Palace Hotel in Denver, Colorado, but that he also spends considerable time at the Knickerbocker Hotel and Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles or Hollywood, California.

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[redacted] stated that NEWTON is a personable and likeable type of individual, that he appears to be a good American citizen, has no accent in his speech, and has never made any un-American or disloyal or unsympathetic remarks in McCracken, Kansas, or in the presence of [redacted] which would cause him to believe that he was otherwise than a good American. He advised that Mr. NEWTON displayed considerable interest in the last Presidential election and that his political remarks during that election were in favor of the Republican presidential candidate.

[redacted] advised that NEWTON has never resided in McCracken, has never borrowed money from the Citizens State Bank, and maintains a very low balance in the bank at McCracken. He stated that the account amounts to only a transfer account, and that approximately as fast as money is taken in it is paid out to the employees of the company operating the oil wells and Mr. NEWTON. [redacted] advised

that it was about six weeks prior to May 16, 1941, that a withdrawal or deposit appeared in this account.

[redacted] stated that the Newton Development Company, of which Mr. NEWTON is president, has banking connections in Wichita, Kansas, but he was unable to recall the name of the bank that these connections were with.

At Wichita, Kansas

[redacted] Cashier of the Kansas State Bank; [redacted]  
Assistant Cashier of the Southwest National Bank; [redacted]  
Vice President of the First National Bank; and [redacted]  
Assistant Cashier of the Fourth National Bank, all in Wichita, Kansas, were contacted in an effort to locate the bank account of the Newton Development Company, with negative results.

[redacted] Assistant Cashier of the Union National Bank, Wichita, Kansas, upon interview advised that the Newton Development Company maintains an account at that bank. [redacted] displayed to Agent the records and account of this company at that bank, which reflected that the account was in the name of the Newton Development Company, and that S. M. NEWTON was the only individual authorized to draw on this account. The address of the Newton Development Company was given as Box 433, Ness City, Kansas, and later changed to the Broadview Hotel, Wichita, Kansas, and later to Box 3, Dodge City, Kansas, on May 12, 1936. It was subsequently changed to 908 Equitable Building, Denver, Colorado, which according to these records is the present address of this company. [redacted] stated that although the records did not reflect it, he was of the opinion that S. M. NEWTON had formerly been associated with the Moody Interests, of considerable wealth and backing at Galveston, Texas.

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An inspection of the records concerning this account of the Newton Development Company reflected that there were no cancelled checks which had not been sent to the company at the Union National Bank. The records reflected that the balance in this account at the time it was inspected on June 18, 1941, was \$115.97. A further inspection of this account reflected that the average balance from March 21, 1941, to May 27, 1941, was about \$300. The deposits during that period were \$1,675, and the largest withdrawal during this period was \$350. This bank does not have a Recordack System, and it was

impossible to determine to whom the withdrawals were made in favor of. [redacted] advised that he does not recall ever having seen a withdrawal from this account made in favor of [redacted]. He advised that if regular withdrawals were made in favor of this individual he would know about it.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION

At Topeka, Kansas, will contact [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] for  
any additional information he might have concerning NEWTON and  
his affiliations or association with Subject [REDACTED]  
with aliases, Subject in this case.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

This Case Originated At: NEW YORK CITY

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SYNOPSIS OF  
FACTS:

  interviewed  
 and   SILAS M. NEWTON  
  Describes NEWTON as    
   
 States NEWTON is    
  SILAS M.  
NEWTON,    
  May have necessary information  
 concerning possible marriage of NEWTON to subject  
  NEWTON has done banking with the Citizens  
 Bank, McCracken, Kansas.    
  associated with NEWTON. and  
   
  may be source  
 of information. NEWTON alleged to have been married  
 twice.    
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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [redacted] Kansas City,  
Missouri dated 7-1-41.

DETAILS: At Topeka, Kansas:

[redacted]  
[redacted] was interviewed, and requested to  
furnish confidential information concerning his knowledge of SILAS  
M. NEWTON. [redacted] SILAS  
M. NEWTON [redacted]

[redacted] and in his opinion SILAS M. NEWTON  
[redacted]

[redacted] stated that he has never heard of SILAS  
M. NEWTON being associated with a woman by the name of [redacted]  
but stated that he believed NEWTON had been married at least twice  
and that approximately three years ago NEWTON [redacted]

[redacted] stated he later learned that SILAS M. NEWTON's wife had  
allegedly left a sizeable estate in stocks, bonds, and jewelry, but  
that NEWTON was unable to get possession of them after her death and  
was very much disappointed.

[redacted] also stated that SILAS M. NEWTON [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]

and if approached properly might furnish some information concerning  
SILAS M. NEWTON. [redacted] also advised that NEWTON had done  
business with the Citizens Bank at McCracken, Kansas; that he is  
known to do business with the following banks: The United States  
National Bank of Denver, Colorado, The Union National Bank of Wichita,  
Kansas under the name of the Newton Development Company. [redacted]  
states that the account at the Union National Bank in Wichita is used  
by NEWTON [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he is well aware of the fact that MR. J. H.  
CARPENTER, deceased, formerly of New York City loaned large sums of  
money in the past for SILAS M. NEWTON in the oil business. [redacted]

[redacted] states that Mr. J. H. CARPENTER at one time called on him at  
Newton, Kansas and told him that he anticipated turning over three or  
four hundred thousand dollars to NEWTON for investment, stating that  
he was obligated to NEWTON through past business experiences with  
NEWTON; had been the cause of him receiving some large profits.

[redacted] furnished additional information to the effect that SILAS M. NEWTON [redacted] frequently making long distance telephone calls when unnecessary, and stated that he traveled almost exclusively by air.

He added that the only woman who he knew NEWTON to be [redacted] and that when last known to him NEWTON had been traveling [redacted] about 2 1/2 years. [redacted] He stated that when last known to him NEWTON was staying at the Arlington Hotel, Ness City, Kansas, and that [redacted] He stated that [redacted] that NEWTON contended carried [redacted] as he was suffering some physical ailment.

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[redacted] furnished information that [redacted] who is reported to be in the [redacted] at the present time working for NEWTON. [redacted] NEWTON. [redacted]

[redacted] NEWTON and may be able to furnish information if properly approached.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE DENVER FIELD DIVISION:

At Denver, Colorado, will endeavor to locate and discretely interview [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] concerning the possible marriage of SILAS M. NEWTON to subject [REDACTED]

Will endeavor to locate and interview [REDACTED] of SILAS M. NEWTON in order to ascertain in a discreet manner whether NEWTON is married to subject [REDACTED]

Will make investigation at the United States National Bank to ascertain in a discreet manner whether or not SILAS M. NEWTON is now, or has been in the past, writing checks payable to [REDACTED] under that name, or known aliases.

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION:

At Long Beach California, will discretely interview [REDACTED] an employee of NEWTON, with a view to ascertaining whether or not NEWTON is married to, or associated with, [REDACTED]

THE KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION:

At McCracker, Kansas will interview officials of the Citizens Bank to obtain information concerning SILAS M. NEWTON, with specific view to ascertain whether or not checks written by NEWTON have cleared the bank, marked payable to [REDACTED] under that name or known aliases.

At Wichita, Kansas, at [REDACTED] employed by SILAS M. NEWTON from that establishment [REDACTED] and if possible will ascertain her present address and such information as may be pertinent to this case.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK CITY**

FILE NO **65-144**

REPORT MADE AT <b>LOS ANGELES, CALIF.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8/28/41</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8/26, 27/41</b>	REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; display: inline-block;"></div> <b>CLM</b>
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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Information received that a  is presently employed by the Newton Development Company, Denver, Colorado.

AGENCY 800 DIST OFF 4  
SEP. REC'D 12-2-55  
SEP. FORM 12-13-55  
BY *ms. Gork*  
*Spencer*

AGENCY 100-041-4  
REQ. REC'D 10-25-55  
SEP. FORM 10-27-55

**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent   
Kansas City, 8-9-41.  
Report of Special Agent   
Newark, 8-11-41.

**DETAILS:**

The following report was received by the Los Angeles Office from the Long Beach Police Department, Long Beach, California:

"Officers have checked all sources of information and are unable to locate a  as mentioned in your communication, however we have learned that a  is employed by the Newton Development Company located at 913  Equitable Building, Denver, Colorado, and that

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"We understand that Mr. SILAS M. NEWTON, living in an unknown hotel in Los Angeles had to apply for a permit and post a bond with the State Oil and Gas Division located in the Bankers' Building, Sixth and Hill Streets, Los Angeles. Possibly information can be obtained from that division as to where [ ] is living. Another source of information would be to contact [ ]

[ ] Our informant stated that he did have the address of the hotel [ ] but at the present time is unable to remember the name of the hotel."

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE DENVER FIELD DIVISION:

At Denver, Colorado, will discreetly interview [redacted] who is reportedly employed by the Newton Development Company, 908 Equitable Building, with a view to ascertaining whether SILAS M. NEWTON is married to or associated with [redacted]

THE NEWARK FIELD DIVISION:

At Paterson, New Jersey, will interview [redacted] for such information [redacted] as he may possess regarding [redacted]

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THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION:

At Los Angeles, California, will discreetly check with the State Oil and Gas Division located in the Bankers' Building, Sixth and Hill Streets, Los Angeles, relative to any information which they may possess concerning [redacted] and SILAS N. NEWTON.

Will also check the Retail Merchants Credit Association at Los Angeles for any information concerning the above-named men.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK**

FILE NO. **65-444**

REPORT MADE AT <b>LOS ANGELES, CALIF.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>11/28/41</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10/20, 21/41; 11/5, 10, 17/41</b>	REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; margin: 0 auto;"></div> <b>CLM</b>
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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

SILAS M. NEWTON  presently residing at the Hollywood Knickerbocker Hotel, Hollywood, California.  advised that NEWTON has resided in the hotel for years, has always been alone, and has never indicated in any way that he is married.  is attending NEWTON. In view of existing circumstances, it is not considered advisable to interview  regarding NEWTON. Information secured concerning  for Newton Development Company, knows nothing regarding NEWTON'S marital status.

-RUC-

**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent   
Los Angeles, March 20, 1941.  
Report of Special Agent   
Kansas City, Missouri, August 9, 1941.  
Report of Special Agent   
Newark, New Jersey, August 11, 1941.

**DETAILS:**

advised that the only record she possesses relative to instant matter is a request for a permit which was filed on April 29, 1941, by the Newton Development Company, 908 Equitable Building, Denver, Colorado, for  that at the time of filing this request, Mr. SILAS M. NEWTON, head of the Newton Development Company,

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was reportedly residing at the Hollywood Knickerbocker Hotel, Hollywood, California, and had authorized [redacted]

[redacted] to conduct all business with the State Oil and Gas Division for the Newton Development Company. [redacted] advised that she has no record of [redacted]

On October 21, 1941, [redacted] of the Hollywood Knickerbocker Hotel, 1714 Ivar Avenue, Hollywood, California, was recontacted, and, in addition to the information which he had previously furnished to the Los Angeles Office and which is contained in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated March 20, 1941, in instant case, further advised that SILAS M. NEWTON is presently residing at the Hollywood Knickerbocker Hotel and has been a guest at the hotel since March 1941; that for years NEWTON has made it a practice to reside at the Knickerbocker when in Los Angeles, but that he has always lived alone at the hotel and has never been accompanied by a wife, and has never indicated in any way that he is married. [redacted] stated that NEWTON has never discussed his marital status insofar as informant knows. Continuing, [redacted] advised that at the present time Mr. NEWTON [redacted]

[redacted] Informant stated that [redacted]

He advised that NEWTON is connected in some way with the petroleum business and is associated with [redacted] In view of this situation, it was not considered advisable to attempt to discreetly interview [redacted] relative to NEWTON'S marital status or his relationship with subject [redacted]

Special Agent [redacted] discreetly contacted [redacted] regarding the marital status of NEWTON and was advised that [redacted] SILAS M. NEWTON. [redacted] stated that he was cognizant of the fact that NEWTON was or had been married, but stated that he never saw NEWTON'S wife, did not know her name, and did not know whether she was living or dead. [redacted] was of the opinion that NEWTON [redacted]

[redacted] volunteered the information that none of the Newton drillers or riggers working for the Newton Development Company knew anything about NEWTON'S marital status, because this subject had come up in a discussion one day, but no one was able to furnish any information concerning NEWTON'S domestic affairs.

The records of the Los Angeles Retail Merchants Credit Association were checked with regard to SILAS M. NEWTON, with negative results.

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Special Agent in Charge  
New York, New York

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Dear Sir:

Re:

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated January 7, 1941, at New York City.

It is noted that this report constitutes a file review for the purpose of setting forth the delinquent investigative leads for the various field offices and that a seventy-day delay was occasioned in the typing of this report.

This investigation requires active attention in an effort to bring it to a logical conclusion at the earliest possible date. The interested offices should, therefore, give this matter the necessary investigative attention in accordance with the leads set out and reports thereon should be submitted to the Bureau not later than February 25, 1941.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

File reviewed and all outstanding leads set out.

REFERENCE:

Letter from Miami Field Office to Bureau under date of Sept. 24, 1940, with copy to New York Office.

DETAILS:

A review of instant file is being made upon the request of the Special Agent in Charge who suggested that such a review be made from serial 172 to date in order to bring this case to a logical conclusion as soon as possible.

Serial 172 is the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at New York City, April 27, 1940, and is a complete review of the entire file to that date. The principal leads set out in Special Agent [redacted] report are those to ascertain the identity and background of the people whom Subject had contacted or had listed in her address book.

The report of Special Agent [redacted]

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NEWARK FIELD DIVISION

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DENVER FIELD DIVISION

\* At DENVER, COLORADO, will make appropriate inquiry through the Hotel Brown Palace for information as to the identity and general reputation of SILAS M. NEWTON, whom Subject attempted to contact telephonically on January 17, 1940. (Set out in report of Special Agent  dated July 19, 1940 at New York City.)

NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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CASE ORIGINATED AT

NEW YORK CITY

FILE NO. 65-190

MADE AT <b>DENVER</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>2/18/41</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>1/3,7,10/41</b>	REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 20px;"></div> <b>RO</b>
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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

SILAS M. ~~NEWTON~~ highly regarded at Brown Palace Hotel, Denver, Colo., where he has resided since 1/20/38. Records Retail Credit Men's Assn., Denver, revealed NEWTON has very substantial income, good character, and habits. No record of law suit, collections, or bankruptcy. Has been President of Oriental Refining Co., Denver, since 7/28/39; became connected with Kansas & Wyoming Oil Corp., Denver, Colo., in Sept. 1940. Both reputable concerns. No indication of Espionage activities. On 9/7/38 received inquiry relative possible mail fraud violation on part of NEWTON. Criminal record of one SILAS M. NEWTON received from Bureau on 9/24/38, set out.

- R.U.C. -

**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent  New York, 1/19/40.  
" " " " " " New York, 1/19/40.

**DETAILS:**

**AT DENVER, COLORADO ---**

Brown Palace Hotel, advised that SILAS M. NEWTON occupied Suite 942-943 from January 20, 1938, to December 1, 1940, at which time he moved to Suite 925-926, which he presently occupies.  advised that NEWTON's monthly rent is \$250,

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He advised that SILAS M. NEWTON is connected with the Oriental Refining Company in Denver and is considered to be a man of some means. [redacted] advised that frequently NEWTON is out of the city [redacted]

[redacted] when NEWTON returns to Denver.

[redacted] stated he has known NEWTON during the time he has lived at the Brown Palace Hotel, and regards him as a very substantial man; that NEWTON is highly regarded about the hotel; and in his opinion, NEWTON is not engaged in foreign activities of any type. He said NEWTON frequently plays golf with [redacted] of Denver, Colorado.

[redacted] to Agent [redacted] NEWTON from the hotel since January 1, 1940, and it was ascertained that NEWTON did not make any 'phone calls from the hotel to New York City during instant period.

[redacted] Denver, stated that [redacted] NEWTON almost every day when NEWTON is in the city, and that in his opinion, NEWTON is a man of considerable means, highly regarded by all who come in contact with him; and is of the definite opinion that NEWTON is not engaged in Espionage activities.

[redacted] Brown Palace Hotel, stated he has known NEWTON for three or four years, NEWTON having lived at the Brown Palace Hotel [redacted] He said he knew NEWTON in New York City [redacted] the Gothen Hotel there; that NEWTON stayed at this hotel before he came to Denver about two years ago. He advised NEWTON had a high-priced apartment at the Gothen Hotel; however, as far as he knows, NEWTON has always conducted his affairs above-board.

[redacted] advised NEWTON had a good reputation at the Gothen Hotel, New York City, and is also highly regarded at the Brown Palace Hotel in Denver. He mentioned that at times NEWTON is out of the city [redacted] but [redacted] stated NEWTON [redacted] return to the city. [redacted] is of the opinion that NEWTON has a very substantial income, and is positive that NEWTON has never been engaged in any Espionage activities.

[redacted] stated they do not know where NEWTON goes while on his trips away from Denver, Colorado.

[redacted]  
[redacted]  
Denver, [redacted] that NEWTON has had no credit activities; however, according to his records, SILAS M. NEWTON became President of the Oriental Refining Company, Denver, on July 28, 1939; and later became connected with the Kansas and Wyoming Oil Corporation, Denver, in September, 1940, both companies being reliable concerns, the Oriental Refining Company having a capital of \$2,000,000.

[redacted] also advised [redacted] that NEWTON is reported to be of good character, good habits, very substantial earnings, there being no record of law suits, collections, or bankruptcy against NEWTON.

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On September 7, 1938, the Denver Field Division received a letter from [redacted] attorney-at-law, First National Bank Building, Denver, Colorado, which requested information concerning a possible mail fraud charge against one SILAS M. NEWTON.

Upon request of the Bureau, the Denver Field Division on September 24, 1938, received a copy of the criminal record of one SILAS M. NEWTON, FBI #835861, which is quoted as follows:

PD, NYC, NY.	Silas M. Newton #--	7-8-31	fug.-warrant- (Montclair, N.J. conspiracy)	7-10-31, del. to N.J. Auth.
SPol., Oneida, NY.	Silas Mason Newton, alias Silas Newton, #2268	9-25-34	false stock statements	
SO, Elmira, N.Y.	Silas M. Newton, #--	7-15-35	2 indictments - vio. 952 P.L.	rel. on bail \$2500
PD, NYC, NY	Silas M. Newton #B-93874	9-25-36	G.L. 2nd (warrant)	
"	WANTED by Det. 18th Sqd. Comp., #2163, 11-9-35 for Wichita, Kans. WANTED by Det. for G. L., 1st, Binghamton, N.Y., card filed 9-14-34. (Above notations as appearing on record sheet rec. from PD, NYC, NY).			

[redacted] attorney-at-law, 810 First National Bank Building, Denver, upon interview, advised that in 1938 he was requested by a banker of Denver, whose name he refused to reveal in view of the fact the banker is a client, to find out all he could about SILAS M. NEWTON, and especially with regard to a possible conviction in a mail fraud case, several years previously.

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[redacted] advised he communicated with numerous penitentiaries and Government agencies, receiving replies from all to whom he wrote, advising they had no record of SILAS M. NEWTON and did not know him.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE NEW YORK CITY DIVISION:

At New York City - Will make appropriate investigation at the Gothen Hotel concerning the general reputation of SILAS M. NEWTON, who stayed at this hotel prior to 1938, and who Subject attempted to contact telephonically on January 13, 1940.

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[redacted] listed the name of SILAS M. NEWTON.

Reference report sets forth a lead for the Denver, Colorado, office to make appropriate inquiry at the Hotel Brown Palace for information as to the identity and general reputation of SILAS M. NEWTON. Inasmuch as it is now thought that investigation indicates NEWTON is presently in Hollywood, California, it is requested that the Manager of the Hotel Brown Palace be openly interviewed concerning the identity and general reputation of SILAS M. NEWTON.

In the same report a lead is set forth for the New York office to obtain certain telegrams from the Western Union Telegraph Company in compliance with lead set forth by Special Agent [redacted] dated at New York City, July 19, 1940. Inasmuch as it is highly possible that the Western Union Telegraph Company has disposed of these telegrams, no effort is being made toward obtaining copies from the Western Union telegraph office.

Attention is called to the undeveloped lead appearing in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated January 7, 1941, at New York City, to ascertain the identities of the various persons with whom subject has been in telephonic communication as set out in the reports of Special Agent [redacted] at New York City, dated:

March 6, 1939  
April 25, 1939

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It is also suggested that in the event a bank account is located in the name of SILAS M. NEWTON that an examination of this account be made in order to determine if sums of money are being sent by NEWTON [REDACTED]

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK CITY**

FILE NO. **65-44**

REPORT MADE AT <b>LOS ANGELES</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3-20-41</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>3-7, 12-41</b>	REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; display: inline-block;"></div> <b>LT</b>
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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

SILAS M. NEWTON resided Hollywood Knickerbocker Hotel 12-23-40 to 2-18-41. Believed by management to now be at Brown Palace Hotel, Denver, Colorado, which is permanent address. NEWTON banks at Citizen's State Bank, McCracken, Kansas.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent   
New York 3-1-41.

**DETAILS:**

Hollywood Knickerbocker Hotel, 1714 Ivar Avenue, Los Angeles, obtained the guest registration card of NEWTON which reflected that he registered at the hotel on December 23, 1940, giving his address as the Brown Palace Hotel, Denver, Colorado, that he was assigned to apartment 914 at a rate of \$8.00 per day and that he remained at the hotel until February 18, 1941. Upon leaving, NEWTON gave no forwarding address and it was assumed that he had returned to Denver.

The Knickerbocker Hotel had obtained a credit card from NEWTON which reflected the following:

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Name  
Residence

~~S. M. NEWTON~~  
Brown Palace Hotel  
Denver, Colorado

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Bank reference      Citizens State Bank  
                         McCracken, Kansas  
Local reference      Ambassador Hotel

Occupation      Treasurer Oriental Refining  
                         Company, Denver, Colorado

Contained in the file was a letter from the Citizens State Bank, McCracken, Kansas which stated that business relationships with NEWTON had been very satisfactory and that he was well able to care for his financial undertakings.

[redacted] stated that NEWTON was well known as a guest of the hotel as he had been making the Hollywood Knickerbocker his headquarters when in Los Angeles for the past five or six years, that very little was known of his associates or his business connections aside from the fact that he frequently referred to the petroleum industry and indicated that he was well versed in the industry. [redacted] further stated that NEWTON, while in Los Angeles, plays golf continuously and that the reference on the credit card, [redacted]

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A review of NEWTON'S account during the time of his stay reflected numerous long distance telephone calls. These were made from the hotel switchboard and an effort was made to obtain the hotel telephone tickets showing these calls, however, [redacted] advised that the hotel did not retain them after the guests' bills were paid and therefore they were not available. For the information of the file the following record of telephone calls as taken from NEWTON'S account is being set out:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Charge</u>
December 23, 1940	\$2.20
December 29, 1940	4.60
January 5, 1941	3.60
	2.20
	7.40
January 14, 1941	13.50
January 19, 1941	1.75
	3.60
January 21, 1941	7.50
	8.00
	3.60



<u>Date</u>	<u>Charge</u>
January 22, 1941	\$ .65
January 26, 1941	4.70
February 2, 1941	3.60
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February 12, 1941	.25
February 14, 1941	.25
February 17, 1941	.25
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[ ] advised that to his knowledge NEWTON had never referred to his ever having been married or having a family. He further stated that NEWTON had never indicated particular interest in the present international crisis and had never expressed any nationalistic sympathies.

[ ] described NEWTON as:

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Age	50 years
Height	5 feet, 9 inches
Weight	160 pounds
Build	Heavy, rather stocky
Complexion	Ruddy
	Smooth shaven
	Plays golf continuously

As noted on the credit card of NEWTON he listed the Ambassador Hotel as a local reference. [ ] Ambassador Hotel, obtained the hotel credit card on NEWTON, which reflected the identical information set out on the credit card held by the Hollywood Knickerbocker Hotel. In addition it gave his business address as 908 Equitable Building, Denver, Colorado. The credit card is dated October 14, 1938. A letter contained in this file from the Citizens State Bank, McCracken, Kansas also indicates that NEWTON is well able to take care of his financial undertakings.

With reference to NEWTON'S stay at the Ambassador Hotel, [ ] advised that he had only registered there on one occasion, that being from October 14 to October 16, 1938. [ ] could not recall NEWTON or anything concerning him.

For the information of the Kansas City Office, report of reference states that information received from Inspector

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] This NEWTON in all probability is SILAS  
NEWTON who is referred to in the Federal Income Tax Return  
of [REDACTED] for the year 1938, as reflected in the  
report of reference wherein [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] the name of SILAS M. NEWTON.

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Report of reference requested the Los Angeles Field Division to endeavor to locate a bank account for SILAS M. NEWTON and examine same to determine if sums of money are being sent by NEWTON to subject. In view of the fact that subject is no longer residing at the Hollywood Knickerbocker Hotel, no further investigation by the Los Angeles Field Division is being conducted.

The indices of the Los Angeles Field Division contain no record on [REDACTED] listed by NEWTON as a local reference.

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THE KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION

AT MC CRACKEN, KANSAS:

Will examine the bank account of ~~SILAS M. NEWTON~~ at the Citizens State Bank and determine if sums of money are being sent by NEWTON  the subject of this case.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
 FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS  
 SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS

DATE: March 31, 1950

Special Agent [redacted] of the New Orleans Division, has a brother, [redacted] of the [redacted] advertising agency. [redacted] has advised Special Agent [redacted] that an employee of the [redacted] has been contacted by one [redacted] telephone [redacted] Colorado, regarding Flying Discs.

[redacted] is alleged to have told [redacted] in January, 1950, that he knows a prominent Denver oilman named STAN NEWTON, also known as a "Mysterious Mr. X", and an official of the Newton Oil Co., Equitable Building, Denver, Colorado. NEWTON is claiming that he leased land in the Mojave Desert in California and that on this land a flying disc had been found intact, with eighteen three-foot tall human-like occupants, all dead on it but not burned. Further, that the disc was alleged to be of very hard metal and near indestructible. [redacted] is said to have exhibited a radio set to [redacted] purported to be a souvenir of the space disc.

According to [redacted] [redacted] has been telling of this story off and on for the three month period prior to January, 1950, and is said to have notified [redacted] of it weeks prior to the publication of a flying disc article published in the True Magazine, and one by FRANK SCULLY published in the Variety Magazine in January, 1950. [redacted] claimed to have been visited by DONALD KEOHE, author of the article in the True Magazine.

Further data was furnished that [redacted] had been telling the tale so prolifically in Denver that he claimed to have had telephone calls from Washington, D. C. and from the Federal Bureau of Investigation in which he was requested to keep the information to himself and that, thereafter, he became mysterious about the entire matter.

It is noted that considerable publicity regarding these discs has been found in Denver and other papers.

This information is being furnished the Bureau and the designated offices for informational purposes.

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cc: Denver  
 Los Angeles

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