

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D.C. 20535

April 30, 2024

FOIPA Request No.: 1348152-000

Subject: BECKER, TROY

Dear

The FBI has completed its review of records subject to the Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) that are responsive to your request. The enclosed documents were reviewed under the FOIPA, Title 5, United States Code, Section 552/552a. Below you will find check boxes under the appropriate statute headings which indicate the types of exemptions asserted to protect information which is exempt from disclosure. The appropriate exemptions are noted on the enclosed pages next to redacted information. In addition, a deleted page information sheet was inserted to indicate where pages were withheld entirely and identify which exemptions were applied. The checked exemption boxes used to withhold information are further explained in the enclosed Explanation of Exemptions.

	Section 552		Section 552a
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(b)(2)		(b)(7)(B)	☐ (j)(2)
(b)(3)		☑ (b)(7)(C)	☐ (k)(1)
		(b)(7)(D)	☐ (k)(2)
		☐ (b)(7)(E)	☐ (k)(3)
		☐ (b)(7)(F)	☐ (k)(4)
(b)(4)		(b)(8)	(k)(5)
(b)(5)		(b)(9)	☐ (k)(6)
(b)(6)			☐ (k)(7)

252 pages were reviewed and 107 pages are being released.

Please see the paragraphs below for relevant information specific to your request as well as the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for standard responses applicable to all requests.

Based on the information you provided, we conducted a main entity record search of the Central Records System (CRS) per our standard search policy. For more information about records searches and the standard search policy, see the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum General Information Section.

In response to your negotiated Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request, enclosed are the processed documents. Duplicate copies of the same document were not processed.

This is the 9th interim release of information responsive to your FOIPA request. Accordingly, upon receipt of the enclosed CD, please go to www.pay.gov to make an electronic payment* in the amount of \$15.00 or make a check or money order payable to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and remit it to the Initial Processing Operations Unit, Record Information/Dissemination Section, Information Management Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, 200 Constitution Drive, Winchester, VA 22602. Please include the FOIPA Request Number with your payment.

Failure to pay for this release within thirty (30) days from the date of this letter will close any pending FBI FOIPA requests from you. Nonpayment will also cause an automatic denial of any future FOIPA requests.

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Documents were located which originated with, or contained information concerning, another Government Agency [OGA]. We are consulting with the other agencies and are awaiting their response. Our office has processed all other information currently in our possession. The FBI will correspond with you regarding those documents when the consultation is completed.

Please refer to the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for additional standard responses applicable to your request. "Part 1" of the Addendum includes standard responses that apply to all requests. "Part 2" includes additional standard responses that apply to all requests for records about yourself or any third party individuals. "Part 3" includes general information about FBI records that you may find useful. Also enclosed is our Explanation of Exemptions.

Additional information about the FOIPA can be found at www.fbi.gov/foia. Should you have questions regarding your request, please feel free to contact foipaquestions@fbi.gov. Please reference the FOIPA Request number listed above in all correspondence concerning your request.

If you are not satisfied with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's determination in response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, 441 G Street, NW, 6th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20530, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIA STAR portal by creating an account following the instructions on OIP's website: https://www.justice.gov/oip/submit-and-track-request-or-appeal. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within ninety (90) days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

You may seek dispute resolution services by emailing the FBI's FOIA Public Liaison at foipaquestions@fbi.gov. The subject heading should clearly state "Dispute Resolution Services." Please also cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified. You may also contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Sincerely,

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Record/Information Dissemination Section

Information Management Division

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FBI FOIPA Addendum

As referenced in our letter responding to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request, the FBI FOIPA Addendum provides information applicable to your request. Part 1 of the Addendum includes standard responses that apply to all requests. Part 2 includes standard responses that apply to requests for records about individuals to the extent your request seeks the listed information. Part 3 includes general information about FBI records, searches, and programs.

Part 1: The standard responses below apply to all requests:

- (i) **5 U.S.C. § 552(c).** Congress excluded three categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIPA [5 U.S.C. § 552(c)]. FBI responses are limited to those records subject to the requirements of the FOIPA. Additional information about the FBI and the FOIPA can be found on the www.fbi.gov/foia website.
- (ii) Intelligence Records. To the extent your request seeks records of intelligence sources, methods, or activities, the FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(1), (b)(3), and as applicable to requests for records about individuals, PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(1), (b)(3), and (j)(2)]. The mere acknowledgment of the existence or nonexistence of such records is itself a classified fact protected by FOIA exemption (b)(1) and/or would reveal intelligence sources, methods, or activities protected by exemption (b)(3) [50 USC § 3024(i)(1)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that any such records do or do not exist.

Part 2: The standard responses below apply to all requests for records on individuals:

- (i) Requests for Records about any Individual—Watch Lists. The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of any individual's name on a watch list pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(7)(E) and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(7)(E), (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that watch list records do or do not exist.
- (ii) Requests for Records about any Individual—Witness Security Program Records. The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records which could identify any participant in the Witness Security Program pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(3) and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(3), 18 U.S.C. 3521, and (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that such records do or do not exist.
- (iii) Requests for Confidential Informant Records. The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of confidential informant records pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(7)(D), (b)(7)(E), and (b)(7)(F) [5 U.S.C.§ § 552 (b)(7)(D), (b)(7)(E), and (b)(7)(F)] and Privacy Act exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C.§ 552a (j)(2)]. The mere acknowledgment of the existence or nonexistence of such records would reveal confidential informant identities and information, expose law enforcement techniques, and endanger the life or physical safety of individuals. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that such records do or do not exist.

Part 3: General Information:

- (i) Record Searches and Standard Search Policy. The Record/Information Dissemination Section (RIDS) searches for reasonably described records by searching systems, such as the Central Records System (CRS), or locations where responsive records would reasonably be found. The CRS is an extensive system of records consisting of applicant, investigative, intelligence, personnel, administrative, and general files compiled by the FBI per its law enforcement, intelligence, and administrative functions. The CRS spans the entire FBI organization, comprising records of FBI Headquarters, FBI Field Offices, and FBI Legal Attaché Offices (Legats) worldwide; Electronic Surveillance (ELSUR) records are included in the CRS. The standard search policy is a search for main entity records in the CRS. Unless specifically requested, a standard search does not include a search for reference entity records, administrative records of previous FOIPA requests, or civil litigation files.
 - a. *Main Entity Records* created for individuals or non-individuals who are the subjects or the focus of an investigation
 - b. Reference Entity Records- created for individuals or non-individuals who are associated with a case but are not known subjects or the focus of an investigation
- (ii) **FBI Records.** Founded in 1908, the FBI carries out a dual law enforcement and national security mission. As part of this dual mission, the FBI creates and maintains records on various subjects; however, the FBI does not maintain records on every person, subject, or entity.
- (iii) **Foreseable Harm Standard.** As amended in 2016, the Freedom of Information Act provides that a federal agency may withhold responsive records only if: (1) the agency reasonably foresees that disclosure would harm an interest protected by one of the nine exemptions that FOIA enumerates, or (2) disclosure is prohibited by law (5 United States Code, Section 552(a)(8)(A)(i)). The FBI considers this foreseeable harm standard in the processing of its requests.
- (iv) Requests for Criminal History Records or Rap Sheets. The Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division provides Identity History Summary Checks often referred to as a criminal history record or rap sheet. These criminal history records are not the same as material in an investigative "FBI file." An Identity History Summary Check is a listing of information taken from fingerprint cards and documents submitted to the FBI in connection with arrests, federal employment, naturalization, or military service. For a fee, individuals can request a copy of their Identity History Summary Check. Forms and directions can be accessed at www.edo.cjis.gov/about-us/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks. Additionally, requests can be submitted electronically at www.edo.cjis.gov. For additional information, please contact CJIS directly at (304) 625-5590.

EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence:
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

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Route Four, Post Office Box no telephone, voluntarily appeared at the Atlanta Office of the FBI. was advised that the inquiry was in regard to his association with Great American Silver Company (GASCO). was read an "Interrogation; Advice of Rights" Form by SA and was provided with the "Interrogation; Advice of Rights" Form, to read for himself. advised he understood his rights, and signed the above mentioned form. stated he could be contacted through his father, tele-	ь6 ь7С
stated he is presently unemployed. has completed over three and one-half years of college education in industrial management at Georgia Tech. He has been in credit work for most of his working life, after retiring from the U.S. Army.	
GASCO was formed in 1972 to sell silver to small investors. From the years 1972 to 1974,	b6 b70
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GASCO was working a mining claim on Jamison Creek, and were having to ship their ore concentrates to Handy and Harmon, which was back east, and if they could find a company in Reno, Nevada, to run the concentrates, the cost of shipping would be greatly reduced. stated he went to Reno, Nevada, alone and He did not take any ore samples met with at this time, but he told he would like to have him refine the Jamison Creek material. stated he would like to have a look at the material before he said he could run the material or not. stated he went back that night to Jamison Creek, and returned the next day with stated that during this period of time, samples. b6 and | <u>| were in Atlanta, Georgia.</u> b7C and were partners with GASCO. When returned to U. S. Platinum, he was introduced to JOHN MC ALLISTER, and was taken in the laboratory to <u>look</u> at some quite expensive equipment. material under a microscope after doing an acid dissolving test. stated the material looked interesting and he would like to do further work on the material. left the samples with and went back to Jamison When came back several days later, Creek. presented him with a nice looking blue backed Aero Engineering Assay. stated the assay results were substantially greater than the amounts that Handy and Harmon were getting. said that his tests on the material was substantially the same as the values in which Aero Engineering had gotten. set up a meeting. At this meeting MC ALLISTER, TROY BECKER, President, Aero Engineering, Employee, Aero Engineering, and were all present. At this meeting, the goals of Aero Engineering and U. S. Platinum were discussed and new methods in the flux were described as being the difference why U. S. Platinum and Aero Engineering could obtain more precious b6 b7C metals from the ore than other companies. did most of the talking at this meeting. After the was taken to the laboratory with his ore sample, and ore samples from Lake Topez, California. The samples were run and beads of gold were obtained. the Lake Topez samples and the to show

gold which was obtained from the samples. | | stated

he was given assays on the Lake Topez property by TROY BECKER at that time. stated at that point and time, he did not realize why sas giving him assay reports on the Lake Topez property, but it became apparent later when save GASCO the opportunity to lease the mining claims on the Lake Topez property.	ь6 ь70
stated the whole project started to look very good and at this time, he called his business partner in Atlanta, Georgia, and told him to come out. added had a Telex machine, which he let use and would advise on a daily basis what was going on in Reno, Nevada. stated during his visits to U. S. Platinum, he was introduced to a man who was represented to be the Speaker of the House of Representatives of Canada.	
recalled after or of the meetings with set up a meeting for with TROY BECKER. During this meeting, BECKER tried to sell some of BECKER's ore. stated he was not interested in buying any raw ore since he did not have any method at that time to process any ore and was looking to U. S. Platinum to process his Jamison Creek material.	b 6
was shown a letter, dated August 24, 1974, from TROY BECKER on Taneum Material. stated that he believes this is a letter of which was sent to him by BECKER regarding the material which was offered for sale.	ъ7C
After arrived at Reno, Nevada, stated he soon left and went back to Atlanta, Georgia. stated the main reason he relied upon U. S. Platinum and was because he had done credit reports and Dunn and Bradstreet reports on the company and individual and found them to be good. had also checked bank references, had met with former president, Chrysler Corporation, and had met who was represented to be the Speaker of the House of Representatives from Canada. went on to say the assay reports of TROY BECKER on the material appeared to be legitimate and was in Who's Who, and thought he knew what he was talking about.	
On August 30, 1974, GA O turned over their first monies to U. S. Platinum, being \$20,000. Shortly	

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after this time, and decided to start selling portions of the Big Apple Mine to investors. stated he got the idea of selling the raw ore from the South Africans where this is common practice. stated he sold the ore in good faith because he believed the Big Apple Mine Ore did contain great amounts of gold and he also had his Jamison Creek material which he believed had gold.	ь6 ь7с
was asked why investors were shown a slide show before they invested in the Big Apple Mine. GASCO wanted to put all their cards on the table, and show the investors everything they were doing, which included Golden Goose, which was invention for the mining of placer gold. was asked the ore sample which was given to Investor turned out to contain no gold when it was tested by Georgia Tech. replied that when took the material to Georgia Tech it did show europium, which stated probably shielded the readings of gold. stated that he told about this test at Georgia Tech and said that the europium was masking the gold. was asked what billion dollar contract did GASCO have with Anacarda. stated the contract was set up through with a stated that might have.	b6 b7С
stated Angelo, Carolina, head-quarters Columbia, South Carolina, wanted to purchase three million dollars of the raw ore from GASCO. Angelo Carolina was backed up by a group from California, which stated he believed is Associated Insurance Group, which was going to be the bonding agent for Angelo Carolina. stated no monies were ever realized from this three million dollar contract.	_
stated there was a civil suit trial against U. S. Platinum and in October, 1976. During this trial, a barmaid testified she received \$103,000 from during the months of October, November, and December, 1974. stated this was the period of time which GASCO was turning over nearly a quarter of a million dollars to	ъ6 ъ70

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stated he acted in good faith and truly believed U. S. Platinum and Aero Engineering could do the things which they told they could do. added he has suffered a divorce because of the situation, and has civil suits totalling \$28,000,000, filed against him.

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1 10/5/77 . Date of transcription. telephone number was re-contacted at his residence and provided the following: stated Great American Silver Company became aware of through an article in the California Mining Journal. an associate of Great American Silver Company saw the article and was very went to see interested in it. In July, 1974, in Reno and took a sample of Great American's Jamison Creek Ore. met with and a Mr. MCALLISTER. believes might have taken a tour of facility at this time. An assay was performed on the material and the assay results were sent b6 by way of a TWX machine. The results of the assay b7C showed the amount of gold in percentage. TROY BECKER of Aero Engineering also did his assay reports in percentage where as would do his assay in ounces per ton. Great American became interested in when he came up with a great amount of gold and platinum in the sample which was brought to by At a later date, went back to Reno to see at which time _ a written assay on the Jamison Creek material which was an assay report from Aero Engineering. During this visit, was shown around by and told had a secret breakthrough. claimed he at first did not believe could extract the gold and platinum and went out and purchased chemicals and watched extract the metals. said he was hired by if he a Switz bank to watch and to disprove stated he was a firm believer in knew everything that | did except secret flux. In mid-August, 1974, went to Reno with and was met by and stayed a few days and during this period of time told and the following: **b6** b7C 10/3/77 of Atlanta, Georgia File # AT 196-33 Date dictated_

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1.	. He was hired by a Switz bank to watch	
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3.	. He went through the whole assay procedure with	•
4.	. He bought the chemicals which used.	6 7C
5.	. He examined everything handled.	
6.	. He kept all samples in his possession.	
knew 7.	He said it would not be long before everyone secret.	
8.	. He was not on anyone's payroll.	
	. He did not understand exactly how got the it had something to do with the electron sharing.	
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signed the greeting MCAI and spoke more conspiracy to precious met could let Greeting to the might war BECKER and together. I BECKER and barrel of togethin a given within a given because the signed of the signed	he Jamison Creek material then mentioned he to get together with TROY BECKER to see if Great American Silver could work out something Later, and had a meeting with at which time BECKER wanted \$25,000 for a aneum ore, which Aero Engineering would refine wen period of time stated they were ents backing up the value of the taneum ore at	6 57C
indicated ev	uring the next day's meeting with veryone would have to work fast because the cartel rking on his secret and if they did not meet the	

cartel to refining the platinum and gold they would not make much money then indicated he would like a loan from Great American Silver to complete his plant five also indicated Great American could lease the upper gold vein and gave Great American Silver some paperwork regarding the value of the upper gold vein stated the assay reports were done by Aero Engineering regarding the upper gold vein stated U.S. Platinum had tried to sell the upper gold vein previously to a San Diego, California, who runs an engineering firm asked Great American Silver for a 1.5 million dollar loan to complete plant five. MCALLISTER said money was needed right away and the amount of \$20,000 was mentioned said Great American had the money and arranged to have \$20,000 wired to U.S. Platinum stated this \$20,000 became part of the September 6, 1974, contract.	b6 b7С
stated his reliance on believing the upper gold vein head values were because of the following:	
1. The assay of TROY BECKER on the material from the Jamison Creek material.	
2. Conversations with and of U.S. Platinum indicating they believed .	
3. The assay which was done on September 6, 1974, by TROY BECKER regarding the upper gold vein.	b6 b7C
4. The demonstrations which were done between September 6, 1974, and September 16, 1974, by showing the extraction analysis of gold and platinum to Great American Silver.	D/C
stated during the September 6, 1974, through September 16, 1974, demonstrations by indicated to he would start with a given amount of material and after his procedure was finished he would come out with more material than he started. stated he told about this at which time gave him an article which was a United States Government publication which somewhat explained this phenomenon. In May, 1975,	⊐
MCALLISTER told or possibly both and BECKER was a fraud and MCALLISTER knew where BECKER was buying his gold to salt the samples.	





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[telephone was contacted at Denny's Restaurant, Chamblee-Tucker Road and Interstate 85. was advised of the identity of the interviewing be agent and told the inquiry was in regards to Great b7C American Silver Company after which he provided the following:
	stated Great American Silver Company (GASCO) was formed to sell silver and precious metals. and were purchasing pre-1964 silver coins while they were running Atlantic Clearing House. stated subsequently Great American Silver Company was incorporated by and
[while working on a joint venture, a dredging operation on Jamison Creek to recover plaster gold, assay reports were needed. The concentrates which were obtained from Jamison Creek were sent to well known assay houses with good results. read about a man who could get fantastic amounts from ores which conventional assay houses could only get a small amount. took a sample of the Jamison Creek material to indication was the material was very valuable and company, U. S. Platinum, needed marketing people. went to see to find out if was for be real. stated he went later.
	stated telephoned him in Atlanta, Georgia. to come to Reno. was met at the airport by and taken to the U. S. Platinum office. signed a non-disclosure before being allowed to enter U. S. Platinum. was introduced to and the gist of talk that day was the GASCO people were not really needed but they were conservative people as was and would like to help them out. The next morning and the chief chemist, a dark-haired young man supposedly from the Colorado School of Mines, ran a demonstration. It was explained a special flux was needed to get the values out of the material. Some of the samples which were run by came out with more material at the end than what was put in in the beginning.
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stated he did not question regarding this because he was a novice himself and thought knew what he was doing. stated would put his special flux in the furnace along with the ore to prove that there was no precious metals in the flux.	be b7
was asked how GASCO got the idea to sell portion of Big Apple Mine ore to individuals for future processing. stated and a (LAST NAME UNKNOWN) put the proposal together against the advice of Attorney could provide no further pertinent	ns

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Mrs. telephone was interviewed at the residence of telephone was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and told that the inquiry was in regard to her association with Great American Silver Company (GASCO), Atlanta, Georgia, after which she provided the following: stated she will soon be moving back to and will be living at stated she became aware of GASCO either in late 1973 or early 1974 when she heard over the radio an announcer by the name of who was talking with regarding precious metals as an investment. It stated she and her husband were interested in "capital preservation investments" and they felt that precious metals would be a good investment. It stated she became a distributor with GASCO so she could get a discount on purchases of precious metals through GASCO. stated she has records concerning her association with GASCO which are in California and she could better recollect facts and dates with those records. stated she would try at this time to give an overview of her association of GASCO and would further discuss this matter when her records were available. stated after a time with GASCO she was asked to go into the Big Apple Mine venture by and was given documents regarding the Big Apple Mine and she took these to a Mr. a New York mining engineer with 50 years of background regarding mining. impression to the was not to get involved. After reading the prospectus, stated it just does not sound right. pointed out sometime before the offer to get into the Big Apple Mine, the invested \$48,500 investment of the big Apple Mine, the invested \$48,500 investment of the big Apple Mine, the invested \$48,500 investment of the Big Apple Mine, the invested \$48,500 investment of the Big Apple Mine, the invested \$48,500 investment of the Big Apple Mine, the invested \$48,500 investment of the Big Apple Mine, the invested \$48,500 investment of the Big Apple Mine, the invested \$48,500 investment of the Big Apple Mine, the invested \$48,500 investment of the Big Apple Mine, the	b7			
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the placer gold she went to Reno, Nevada to meet with and was taken to the U. S. Platinum Refinery and was shown the refinery by During this trip to the refinery, the employees of U. S. Platinum told her they were getting europeam which is used in color televisions was also taken to the mine site which was quarded by an individual who had a man running a bulldozer was also taken to the ranch where showed her approximately 50 barrels of ore which had been somewhat refined. After it became apparent, the were not going to get their money or placer gold they went back to the ranch and took samples from three barrels of ore, being approximately 5 pounds of samples and handcarried these samples back to their home and had them assayed. The assay showed only a trace of any precious metals in the samples told about the assay and he told the assayer did not have the right process.	ь6 ь7с
stated she would gather up her documents and checks and send them to SA at the FBI Office, Atlanta, and would be available for reinterview after having the documents.	

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Tech Research Reactor. telephone the interviewing Agent, after which he provided the following	ь6 ь7с
Reactor Request for Minor Experiment Approval letter dated October 23, 1974 signed identific the letter as being prepared by him and went on to say this experiment was done at the request of an an an employee of Georgia Tech. had brouht a rock supposed to be containing a large amount of gold for to test by nuclear affinity analysis. tested the rock and showed only a trace of gold and platinum. stated the sample did show some europeaum but thinks this was probably just more than a trace. told the sample showed only a trace of gold and platinum at which time stated this could not be right. later, went to Doctor Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), who has his office also at 900 Atlantic Drive, Atlanta, Georgia, to have also run a nuclear affinity analysis test on the rock. test coincided with in that it only showed a trace of gold and platinum also.	ed b6 b7c
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National Bank of Nevada, South Virginia Office, 1401 South Virginia Street, Reno, on October 6, 1977, at 10:45 AM, was served a subpoena from the United States District Court For the Northern District of Georgia relative to the production of records of United States Platinum Refinery, Inc., or	b6 b7с
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live in the Bay Area around San Francisco, except for who resides in Reno. Stock certificates were issued to the investors.
The stated purchased a vaccuum induction furnace from a company in Boston, Massachusetts, which cost between \$50,000 and \$60,000. This furnace was taken by pickup truck from Boston to Reno because boto was afraid the "World Cartel" was going to steal it.
The remainder of the money was used to lease building space, hire personnel, and begin an open pit mining operation at Lake Topaz which is about 50 miles from Reno then needed a mill facility and contacted an individual, name unrecalled, in Sonora, California, and negotiated a lease option for the person's mill. He also hired a millwright, son, and to work at the mine site.
subsequently produced various assay reports from TROY BECKER as to the value of the Lake Topaz ore all of which stated the ore had tremendous value.
The continued that in June, 1973, began to run into financial trouble claimed the 'World Cartel' was causing all his problems in that they wanted to keep the world's production of gold and platinum at certain levels thus stabilizing the price b6 b7c
In September; 1973, USP was to receive several million dollars for designing the buildings and equipment for AERO ENGINEERING, INC. (AEI), and the believe eventually received between \$200,000 and \$300,000 from BECKER. With these buildings and machines, BECKER was going to refine his own ore located in the State of Washington. When received money from BECKER, he began assembling equipment for plant number 3 (which was located at 700 East Glendale, Sparks, Nevada). In addition to the monies from BECKER, of Palo Alto, California, and of San Francisco, invested about \$200,000 with Prior to investing, the brothers were shown the plants and given demonstrations and assay reports by The relation-
ship between and BECKER continued until the end of 1974.

DL 196-22 told the that BECKER claimed the money given to USP was a loan and not in payment for the design of machinery. Between September and December, 1974, making platinum, palladium and gold concentrates. According all that needed to be done to the concentrates was to fire them for the precious metals. In January, 1975, bought the chemicals for the firing of the concentrates. and when it did not work, claimed the chemicals had a chemist working for USP, been sabataged. tested the chemicals and found one which may have been wrong and sent for a replacement. and then roasted 20 pounds of concentrate with the magic flux of were supposed to get seven pounds of precious metals. they got seven pounds of lead. stated he told merely shrugged it off saying all the about this and chemicals were bad. Beginning in January, 1975, ran numerous assays on the concentrates all with negative results. advised about this time, head of GREAT AMERICAN SILVER COMPANY (GASCO) headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, and various investors, funneled several hundred thousand dollars into USP and The investors were purchasing ore from Lake Topaz, also known as the Big Apple Mine, which was assayed by TROY BECKER to be 50 percent said these investors were never paid as gold. the ore was totally worthless. b6 b7C In February, 1975, of Centrailia, Washington, became acquainted with USP. came to USP put on a demonstration of his secret process.

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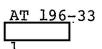
weigh out one gram of gold concentrate which he

in excess of one gram. | caught this and

returned several days later at which time he gavea \$250,000 check and drew up some type of agreement whereby the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY would receive the benefits told he would be in production within one week at the time he received the \$250,000. When this deadline was missed, began telling about gold which was buried in the Phillipines by the natives prior to the Japanese invasion in World War II.
The advised in February, 1975, went to the Phillipines where he claimed to have met with President and other government officials and made a deal where, after he found the gold, it would be processed through a plant was going to build to make it look as if it were extracted from the ground as opposed to being buried treasure.
In April, 1975,, McALLASTER, and went to the Phillipines with a lot of maps and saying he knew where the secret tunnels were which contained the gold. While in the Phillipines, sent coded telexes back to USP in which he said everything was going fine b6 was left in charge in Reno. Mrs recalled one telex back to him in English. The telex said USP had certificates of deposit in excess of \$200,000 on deposit which were going to mature in three or four weeks Secretary, sent the telex back as requested upon orders of Secretary, sent the telex back as requested upon orders of Secretary, showed the accounting records of USP where had prostitutes flown in from Oregon and Washington to spend the weekend and their services were charged off to a fictitious account called "flatwork".
The advised they left USP on July 15, 1975, and went to California after arrived back from the Phillipines with nothing. They took telexes and some of the corporate b6 records which they subsequently turned over to MIKE SPECCHIO, b7c an attorney for investors who were involved in a civil law suit against USP.

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advised he worked for USP from	b6
October, 1972, until June, 1973, during which time he was	b7C
paid a total of \$200 for nine months work. was again	
employed from March, 1974, until July, 1975, and drew a	
salary of \$800 per month when the money was there. Mrs.	
worked at USP from April, 1975, to July, 1975, and drew \$600	
a month as a receptionist-secretary.	
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Mr. and Mrs. both stated while employed at	
USP never commercially produced any precious metals	•
from any ore. USP did have a contract at one time with	
NATIONAL CASH REGISTER, Reno, to extract gold and silver	
from circuit boards.	b6
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Mr. advised his work phone number is	
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The following investigation was conducted by SA	b6 b7C
On November 15, 1977, Attorney MIKE SPECCHIO, Reno, Nevada, telephone 702-323-6822, was contacted and provided the following:	
SPECCHIO advised that he was the attorney who handled the civil suit against During the civil investigation and trial, it was determined who may be going by the name of,	1.6
was a barmaid	b6 b70
in Reno, Nevada during late 1974. would visit	
this particular establishment every evening and order cocktails	•
When would serve would leave \$100	
tips for SPECCHIO estimates would receive	
between \$600 and \$800 an eveninglater married	
but now is divorced. SPECCHIO advised that	
during the period of time was giving money to	
they were not married and he does not believe this would	
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that makes a good witness and is very willing to	
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By letter dated November 4, 1977, the Dallas Division advised 15 checks were drawn on the account of Aero Engineering, Inc., payable to U. S. Platinum, Curtis Nevada Mines, and Mar Mac Mines, Inc., in the amount of \$228,666.75.

On November 29, 1977, contact was made with Assistant U. S. Attorney (AUSA) Reno, Nevada. advised the trial for and JOHN McALLISTER will take place on February 21, 1977, at Reno, Nevada. advised there may be some problem with charging in the Atlanta Division because of a possibility
of double jeopardy.
On November 30, 1977, contact was made with AUSA Atlanta, Georgia, to advise her of the conversation with AUSA Reno, Nevada. stated she did not believe there would be any problem with double jeopardy as there seems to be two separate schemes to defraud. stated she would contact to determine his reasonings on why this may be double jeopardy.

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Copy to:	l - USA, Atlanta, Georgia ATTENTION: AUSA	b6 b7С
Report of: Date:	SA Office: ATLANTA September 26, 1977	
Field Office File #:	196-33 Bureau File #:	
Title:	Doing Business As Curtis Nevada Mines, Inc.,	
•	Sparks, Nevada, United States Platinum, Inc., Sparks, Nevada;	
Character:	TROY EUGENE BECKER, Doing Business As	
Synopsis:	Aero Engineering, Inc., Sparks, Nevada;	
•	Doing Business As Great American Silver Company, Atlanta, Georgia	
Character:	INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN PROPERTY; MAIL FRAUD; FRAUD BY WIRE - CONSPIRACY (B)	
with Sparks, No claims be selling B GASCO rais and wired 12/11/74. on Victims confine was 9/23/74 as	Records of the Securities and Exchange Commission lanta, Georgia, revealed Great American Silver GASCO), Atlanta, Georgia, principals and contracted united States Platinum, Inc., evada on 9/6/74, whereby leased mining ing the Big Apple Mine to GASCO. GASCO began ig Apple Mine ore for \$5,000 per 100 pounds. sed \$217,060 during September to November, 1974 to U. S. Platinum \$216,450 from 8/30 through interviewed and claims GASCO relied and BECKER to refine the Big Apple Mine ore. laim they were told ore contained 50 percent to t gold per assay of TROY BECKER and Big Apple richest gold mine in the world. AUSA contacted and will consider prosecution of the BECKER and possibly the second seco	ъ6 ъ7с

DETAILS:

This investigation was predicated upon a reque of Departmental Attorney Criminal Fraud	est
Section, Washington, D.C. requested SA	
contact Assistant U. S. Attorney	
(AUSA) regarding the records of Great	
American Silver Company upon transfer from	
Dallas, Texas to Atlanta, Georgia.	_

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GASCO was incorporated under the laws of Georgia on October 2, 1972, for the purpose of engaging in the precious metal business. Its principal office is located at 3820 Stewart Road, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia. GASCO is owned equally by and each of whom is a Director. is the President and Chief Operating Officer. was secretary until about January 22, 1975 when he resigned and disassociated himself with the company. is Vice-President and Treasurer.

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Curtis Nevada Mines, Incorporated was incorporated under the laws of Nevada on December 7, 1971.

It owns unpatented mining claims in California and Nevada.

is Curtis Nevada Mines President and Chief Operating Officer. Its principal office is located at 1001 Greg Street, Sparks, Nevada.

United States Platinum, Incorporated (USP) was incorporated under the laws of Nevada on October 20, 1970. USP is owned equally by Curtis Nevada Mines and Marmac Mines, Incorporated, another Nevada corporation. The principal office of USP is also located at 1001 Greg Street, Sparks, Nevada. _____ is also the President and Chief Operating Officer. USP has refining facilities located at 700 Glendale Road, Sparks, Nevada.

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Aero Engineering, Incorporated was incorporated under the laws of Washington on February 25, 1965. Its registered office is located at the residency of its President TROY E. BECKER, Seattle Washington.

On March 26, 1974, Aero qualified to do business in Nevada and its principal place of business is located at 720 Glendale Road, Sparks, Nevada, adjacent to the facilities of USP.

On September 6, 1974, at Reno, Nevada, GASCO entered into a contract with Curtis Nevada Mines and USP whereby Curtis Nevada Mines agreed to lease certain unpatented mining claims being the Big Apple Mine, near Topaz Lake, California to GASCO for three years with an option to renew. GASCO agreed to pay Curtis Nevada Mines a ten percent royalty fee. The contract provided further that the ore from the Big Apple Mine would be refined at USP. USP agreed to make available one cooker in Plant Three for this purpose for a fee of 25 percent of the gross values extracted from the Big Apple Mine ore. It was contemplated that GASCO itself would perform the necessary mining, storage, transportation and milling of said ore to the refining process of USP. GASCO was to bear the full expense of mining and milling the ore, while USP contracted to further process it into a saleable end product. contract also provided that GASCO would make a \$1.5 million construction loan to USP to build a new refinery facility called "Refinery Five". The loan was to have a three year maturity at 12 3/4 percent interest per annum, secured by the equipment therein. Upon completion of Refinery Five, USP would provide GASCO with one third of the plant's production capacity for three years for a fee of 25 percent of the gross value extracted from GASCO ore. GASCO began selling investment contracts to the public selling 100 pounds of gold ore from the Big Apple Mine for \$5,000. To date, 29 persons have contracted for approximately \$3,267,000 but only about \$217,060 was collected. This was due primarily to one \$3 million contract with Angelo-Carolina Corporation of Atlanta, Georgia which defaulted on a \$3 million contract.

GASCO has made no attempt to process any ore under its contracts with Curtis Nevada Mines and USP. GASCO has no mining facility. USP has not completed the refinery it was to build because GASCO has defaulted on its loan obligation to USP. Neither USP nor GASCO have facilities

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to process the ore to marketable gold bullion bars.

GASCO represents to investors that the Big Apple Mine is the richest or one of the richest gold mines in the world. Investors are shown assay reports made by Aero Engineering, Incorporated signed by TROY E. BECKER. BECKER's assay's which are his secret proprietory process referred to as "Nuclear Affinity Analysis" showed the gold content from the ore of the Big Apple Mine being 6,000 to 18,000 ounces of gold per ton.

Geologists of the Department of the Interior, U. S. Bureau of Mines, have taken and analyzed samples from the Big Apple Mine and have found the Big Apple Mine contains approximately 16.6 cents of gold per ton.

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In the period May to July, 1974, GASCO saw two
articles in the California Mining Journal entitled, "There's
More Platinum In The Western United States Than Anywhere Else
In The World". GASCO checked all references referred to in
the article and they were correct. Through writing the editor
of the California Mining Journal. GASCO discovered the
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In August, 1974, went to seek in
Reno, Nevada, and took samples of the Quincy, California,
ore with him. assayed the material to be 3% gold and
20% platinum. met at this time with
told both GASCO and were fighting
the same enemy being the precious metal cartel.
In August, 1974, TROY BECKER tried to sell his ore
to GASCO, but GASCO turned the deal down. In discussions
with told GASCO about his ore near Lake Topez,
California. GASCO's original reason for contacting
was to get him to run the concentrates which they were obtaining
from Quincy, California, but GASCO was having great difficulty
in getting any contracts with After discussions it
was decided GASCO was loaned 1.5 million dollars to for
to complete his facilities and GASCO would be able to
use the ores from the upper gold vein prepared a
contract in September calling for GASCO to loan1.5
million dollars to complete his facility and giving GASCO
the right to obtain ore from the upper gold vein. On
September 6, 1974, a contract was signed between and
GASCO.
stated while at the facility of U.S.
Platinum he talked to the following individuals with
who was the chemist, who was also a chemist,
Colonel and a man by the name of McALLISTER.
asked if was correct in his assays
and told chemistry if correct.
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bringing him two samples one which was from the upper	
gold vein and one which he knew was not from the upper	. ,
gold vein. After tested the material, he told	
the one sample was not from the upper gold	
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In October, 1974, was contacted by	
who was in Atlanta, Georgia, at the time to ship	
to Atlanta two barrels of ore inquired of	3-3
what he was going to do with the ore when	7:
asked him to have the or <u>e assayed before he sent it to</u>	
Atlanta. He also asked does know you are	••
selling the ore at which time stated yes. Samples	*
were pulled from the two barrels of ore by and	,
given to arranged to have an assay done by	
TROY BECKER, Aero Engineering, which were sent to Atlanta.	,
feels got the idea of selling the ore	
from BECKER when they first met BECKER in Reno and BECKER	:
tried to sell GASCO some of BECKER's ore.	
stated the money which was raised was supposed to complete	
plant number 5, which at the time was an empty warehouse.	
stated that to the best of his knowledge, no	
work was ever done on plant number 5.	
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went to Switzerland to meet a Dr.	•
was becoming suspicious of	
and who is residing in Monte Carlo at the	4
time, verified was actually living in Switzerland	•
with Dr. stated told him there was a meeting going on. later found	
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was trying to sell to did not check out, they were worthless.	b6
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stated he asked many times	
why he did not produce gold to pay the bills at which	
time would usually tell him he could not get the	
chemicals needed and would give excuses that the cartel	•
was trying to block his efforts. In October, 1974,	E E
took samples to San Diego to an unrecalled	.*
assay house at which time the assay showed nothing in	,
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the ore. This assay was conveyed to and
also asked to explain the reason gave several
reasons which was basically a man in San Diego did not know
what he was doing and the ore was a special type of ore
that needed special techniques.
was to do a mining feasibility study
for GASCO and was to receive \$5,000 for the report.
stated he does not believe ever received his money.
TROY BECKER did most of the assays but GASCO never dealt directly
with Aero Engineering or TROY BECKER to have the assays done.
All assays were arranged by
stated he would cooperate in this
investigation in any way that he could and would be available
to be reinterviewed if necessary. provided the
following documents:
1. Bank statement, Trust Company Bank, Atlanta,
Georgia, February, 1973.
2. Bank statement, First National Bank of Atlanta,
Atlanta, Georgia, May, 1974.
3. Bank statement, First National Bank of Atlanta,
Atlanta, Georgia, June, 1974.
4. Bank statement, First National Bank of Atlanta,
Atlanta, Georgia, September, 1974.
5. Bank statement, First National Bank of Atlanta,
Atlanta, Georgia, October, 1974.
6. Bank statement, Fulton National Bank, Atlanta,
Georgia, September, 1974.
7. Bank statement, Fulton National Bank, Atlanta,
Georgia, November, 1974.
8. Cash Disbursement Journal, GASCO, August 15,
1974 through February 24, 1975.
9. Cash Disbursements Journal, March 11, 1974,
through August 15, 1974.

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10. Wire transfers from GASCO to U.S. Platinum totaling \$216,450.00.

11. A sheet entitled, "Funds to U. S. Platinum", totaling \$234,919.00.

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12. Security and Exchange Commission subpoenaed items as called for and a subpoena issued to by the Security and Exchange Commission dated December 9, 1974.

The following investigation was conducted by SA
On September 20, 1977, the records which
were furnished during the interview of
were reviewed, and the following wire
transfers from Great American Silver Company, Fulton
National Bank, Atlanta, Georgia, Account Number
0170887 were found to be sent to the First National
Bank, South Virginia Office, Sparks, Nevada to the
account of U. S. Platinum, Account Number

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<u>Date</u>	Amount
August 30, 1974	\$20,000
September 6, 1974	\$30,000
September 19, 1974	\$25,000
September 25, 1974	\$5,000
September 25, 1974	\$5,000
September 30, 1974	\$7, 500
October 7, 1974	\$5,000
October 9, 1974	\$2,500
October 15, 1974	\$5,950
October 18, 1974	\$10,000
October 21, 1974	\$12,500
October 23, 1974	\$2,500
October 29, 1974	\$7,500
November 1, 1974	\$2,500

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November	5, 1974	\$2,000
November	7, 1974	\$5,000
November	11, 1974	\$10,500
November	13, 1974	\$10,000
November	18, 1974	\$13,000
November	19, 1974	\$9,500
November	20, 1974	\$3,500
November	21, 1974	\$3,000
November	27, 1974	\$4,000

In addition to the above wire transfers, one wire transfer was transferred from the Trust Company of Georgia, Atlanta, Georgia to the U. S. Platinum Account as follows:

On December 11, 1974, a \$15,000 wire transfer was noted.

The total monies being transferred to U. S. Platinum from Great American Silver Company was \$216,450.



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also received a fact sheet dated November 18,
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Georgia, telephone number , sent the following information to Special Agent on September 19, 1977. By letter dated September 15, 1977, representing , sent two cashiers checks drawn on the Citizens and Southern (C&S) Bank of Clayton County, Forest Park, Georgia, cashiers check number dated September 30, 1974, in the amount of \$10,000 payable to and Great American Silver Company and cashiers check drawn on the National Bank of Georgia, Atlanta, Georgia, cashiers check number dated September 30, 1974, in the amount of \$10,000 payable to and Great American Silver Company. Both above mentioned cashiers checks were deposited to the account of Great American silver Company at the Fulton National Bar account number .	information to Special Agent on September 19, 1977. By letter dated September 15, 1977, representing sent two cashiers checks drawn on the Citizens and Southern (C&S) Bank of Clayton County, Forest Park, Georgia, cashiers check number dated September 30, 1974, in the amount of \$10,000 payable to and Great American Silver Company and cashiers check drawn on the National Bank of Georgia, Atlanta, Georgia, cashiers check number dated September 30, 1974, in the amount of \$10,000 payable to above mentioned cashiers checks were deposited to the account Great American silver Comapny at the Fulton National Baraccount number.			•	*	
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The following are witnesses interviewed by the SEC. A synopsis of their testimony will be set out below.

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first heard of Great American	
Silver Company (GASCO) in May, 1974 through a radio	
station advertisement. purchased silver in the	
amount of \$10,011.04 on March 22, 1974. In	
September, 1974, was approached by a GASCO	
Salesman regarding selling of Big Apple	-1
Mine ore. On September 30, 1974,attended a	
meeting at GASCO Office, 3862 Stewart Road, Atlanta,	
Georgia. was shown pictures of the mine,	
refinery and a machine which GASCO used in mining gold.	
was told if he purchased \$10,000 worth of ore,	
he would get back about \$100,000. was told the	b6
Big Apple Mine was one of the richest gold mines in the	b7C
world, and GASCO's refining process could recover more	
gold than any other refining process. GASCO was to	
refine ore within nine months for a fee of	
40 percent of the gold recovered or would get his	
money back agreed to trade his \$10,000 worth	
of silver for 200 pounds of the Big Apple Mine gold ore.	
In early November, 1974, he received in the mail from	
GASCO, a letter dated November 6, 1974, together with a	
fact sheet on the Big Apple Mine. Sometime in the last	
week of November, 1974, received a letter from	
GASCO dated November 19, 1974 together with a copy of an	
assay report dated October 11, 1974 regarding Barrels	
l and Barrels Number 2. The assay was done by TROY E.	
BECKER, Aero Engineering, Inc.	
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states he first heard of	
GASCO through a radio and newspaper advertisement	b6
concerning silver. , a GASCO salesman, suggested	b7C
a purchase of gold ore and referred to a Barrons'	
magazine article dated September 30, 1974 which deals with	
Aero Engineering, Inc. and TROY BECKER. On September 28,	
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it was a sample of ore from the Big Apple Mine, and it was loaded with gold and should take it to Georgia Tech for analysis which he never did.	b6 b70
On November 6, 1974, received in the mail at his home a letter dated November 6, 1974 from GASCO together with a fact sheet on the Big Apple Mine.	
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(4)	
On the evening of October 17, 1974,	
visited the offices of GASCO. and a	
person believed to be were present	
during the presentation. The presentation was a slide show	
of various gold mines, mining equipment, refining facilities and scenery. About the time the slide show was over,	
entered and was present during the rest of the	
presentation. remarked had been a banker,	
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Big Apple Mine was one of the richest gold mines in the	b6
country and the refining process developed by was	b70
far superior to other refining methods. handed	
two samples of refined gold, one which was about	
six or seven times larger than the other. This was explained	
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to as being the process in comparison to other refining processes. After the presentation,	
agreed to purchase \$25,000 of gold ore from the Big Apple	
Mine. After the presentation, agreed to purchase	
\$25,000 of gold ore from the Big Apple Mine. On October	
19, 1974, returned to GASCO's office and paid for	
the purchase of the Big Apple Mine through the sale of	
\$12,791.25 of silver previously purchased from GASCO and	
by delivering two cashiers checks for the balance.	
received in the mail a fact sheet and assay reports.	
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October 19, 1974, he telephoned long distance from	
Boca Raton, Florida to GASCO in Doraville, Georgia and	
spoke to regarding the facts he had not	
received the placer gold he had earlier purchased from	
GASCO. During this telephone call, told	
about the Big Apple Mine. told GASCO had	
obtained or leased the Big Apple Mine which contained the	
richest gold vein in the world. represented to	b 6
the Big Apple ore was a very complex ore and	b7C
needed special refining process. GASCO had available a	
special refining process which could extract 6,000 Troy	
ounces of gold per each ton of Big Apple Mine ore whereas	
other refineries could extract only zero to 1,000 Troy	
ounces per ton. As the result of this sales presentation	
by instructed him to apply \$2,500 of the	
funds which he had previously paid to GASCO to purchase	
50 pounds of the gold ore. On October 19, 1974,	
again telephoned GASCO and instructed Mr. assistant	
to apply a total of \$5,000 for 100 pounds of the ore.	
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Mrs. purchased 100 pounds of	
Big Apple ore from GASCO for \$5,000 on November 5, 1974.	
Other members of her family expressed an interest in	
the gold ore but before she would invest their money,	
she wanted to check further. She telephoned Aero	
Engineering, Inc. on either November 11 or 12, 1974	h 6
and spoke with a man who advised her to call back and	b7C
speak with TROY BECKER, the person who did the assays.	2,0
Mrs called Aero Engineering, Inc. later on	
November 11, or 12, 1974, and spoke with TROY BECKER.	
BECKER told her he had done the assays, copies of which	
GASCO had furnished to her and the ore which he assayed	
had come from the gold vein which was running about 50	
percent gold. Mrs. on November 13, 1974, purchased	
100 pounds of the Big Apple Mine gold ore for \$5,000 for	
the Franck Joint Venture. Mrs. probably would have	
not purchased this if it had not been for the assurance	
which she received from TROY BECKER.	
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(8) Chemistry	
Department, Room 310, University of Georgia, Athens,	
Georgia. Essentially, purchased the Big	
Apple Mine ore because of his friendship with	
who is in the Music Department at University	
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was told nothing which differs from any of the above investors.	

The following work has been conducted by the $U.\ S.\ Bureau$ of Mines regarding the assay of the material known as the Big Apple Mine ore:

Liaison Officer, U. S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Mines, Carson City, Nevada, obtained samples of the Big Apple Mine ore on January 30, 1975. was accompanied by a Mineralogist of the Bureau of Mines. By pre-arranged agreement, and met Mine Superintendent and b6 b7 and showed where the Big Apple Mine ore was located. personally delivered the samples to at Reno Metallurgical Research Center of the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Mines.	
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On September 23, 1977, this matter was discussed with AUSA was advised subject TROY E. BECKER has been prosecuted in the fall of 1976 at Dallas, Texas and was convicted and sentenced to 15 years in prison and the fact had been indicted by a grand jury in Reno, Nevada the week of September 12, 1977 charged with Interstate Transportation of Monies	

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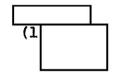
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TROY E. BECKER and possibly	b70
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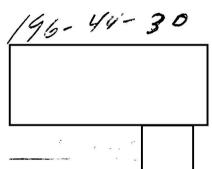
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Memorandum

10 :	SAC, LAS VEGAS (1	96-44) (P)	DATE:	2/15/78
FROM :	SA			
SUBJECT:	ET AL ITSP; FBW OO: LV			

On 2/10/78, USA's Office, Reno, Nevada, advised trial in captioned matter has been postponed until 6/12/78 due to its complicated nature.





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Federal Office Building, Room 2-011 300 Las Vegas Boulevard South Las Vegas, Nevada 89101 February 13, 1978

Mr. United States Attorney District of Nevada Federal Office Building, Room 4-634 300 Las Vegas Boulevard South Las Vegas, Nevada 89101	b6 b7С
Attention: Assistant U. S. Attorney	
Re: ET AL; Interstate Transportation Stolen Property; Fraud by Wire	
Dear Mr. :	
This is to confirm a conversation which took place between Special Agent of my office and the Assistant U. S. Attorney on February 10, 1978, regarding allegations made by that he could provide information on the burial of gold by the Japanese in the Philippines.	b6 b7С
On February 10, 1978, Mr. was informed that had made contact with Senator Laxalt's Office in Las Vegas, Nevada, and in Washington, D. C. Mr. had supplied information to the effect that he had information in his possession concerning the burial of millions of dollars of gold in the Philippines by the Japanese. This gold was allegedly stolen from China during World War II, and buried in the Philippines. The gold was buried by using the Prisoners of War who were later executed.	ъ6 ъ70
Mr. was also advised that allegedly had information that President Marcos of the Philippines had furnished a \$50,000.00 bribe through the	
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Ambassador to the United States to effect Congressional testimony being offered by an individual before the Fraser Committee hearings of June, 1975.

Mr. _____ was advised that previous contact with the U. S. Attorney's Office regarding _____ allegations indicated that the U. S. Attorney's Office did not wish to be interviewed without specific written authority from his attorney.

Mr. ____ advised that based on the information supplied to date, the U. S. Attorney's Office does not have a prosecutive interest in the matter concerning either the

gold stolen by the Japanese or the alleged bribe made by the

Philippine President.

Very truly yours,

JAMES M. POWERS Special Agent in Charge

2/10/78

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TO:	DIRECTOR, FBI (87-134110)	
FROM:	SAC, LAS VEGAS (196-44) (P)	
SUBJECT:	ET AL ITSP - FBW CO: Las Vegas	b6 b7С
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the tria has been he was is case has Office, situation senator advised investigent feel	Re Bureau airtel to Las Vegas dated 2/2/78. On 2/7/78, Assistant U. S. Attorney (AUSA) S. Attorney's Office, Reno, Nevada, advised that for in the captioned matter set for 6/12/78. Mr. advised that although nitially assigned the case to prosecute, the since been reassigned to AUSA On 2/10/78, AUSA On 2/10/78, AUSA U. S. Attorney's Reno, Nevada, was contacted and appraised of the n concerning and his allegations made to PAUL LAXALT's office of Las Vegas, Nevada. Mr. that he is not desirous of conducting any further ation into allegations at this time, and does that the U. S. Attorney's Office in the State of ould have any prosecutive interest in the matter.	ъ6 ъ7С
	In view of the U. S. Attorney's Office, no further ation is being conducted by the Las Vegas Division allegations, UACB.	
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	For information of Las Vegas, Depa furnished enclosures and indicated that DOS material in the Philippines matter	is desirous of	(DOS) liaison forwarding
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Las Vegas, Nevada January 5, 1978

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Office of Senator Paul Laxalt, Nevada Federal Building × 300 Las Vegas Blvd. So. Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

, do, on the above date, give my full authorization to Senator Paul Laxalt to submit the materials given to said-office on December 30, 1977 (approx. 500-1000 pages of correspondence and documents, seven (7),90 minute cassette tapes of alleged telephone conversation with characters, and fourteen (14) 90 minute cassettes which tells the alleged story) regarding the so called "Philippines Story" to such governmental agencies having jurisdiction in said story as it may be deemed in the interests of the United States of America—namely, but not limited to, The United States Department of State and/or the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Further, said agencies have full authority to contact any of the alleged characters in said story to acquire as much detailed information as may be necessary to determine the authenticity of said story. I also fully understand that in transferring said materials to said agencies and/or officials, Senator Laxalt nor his office is in any way passing judgement on the credibility of said story. The Senator and his staff are merely acting on my request as a constituent. Any judgement or credibility of said story and resulting actions if there be any must be determined by said governmental agencies and/or officials.

Further, that such action by Senator Laxalt in transmitting said materials to said agencies in no way has a bearing on current legal proceedings pending against me and/or any that may arise as a result of info obtained by said agencies as it relates to said story ortion thereof.

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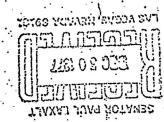
STATE OF NEVADA COUNTY OF CLARK

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME this 5th day of January 1978.

NOTARY PUBLIC in (and for said County and State

December 30, 197

Mr. Office of United States Senator Paul Laxalt Room 628 Federal Building Las Vegas, Nevada



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Attached to this letter are approximately 1000 pages of documents representing the Philippines Story which I discussed with you briefly last December 27th. Also attached are seven 90-minute cassette tapes which are copies of actual telephone conversations with the players in this story, and finally, I have provided you with fourteen 90-minute cassettes which I recommend you start with, which tell the whole story.

You will readily perceive the truth of this story having heard the tapes and tied in the evidentiary documents. The tapes also contain statements from me and four other witnesses.

You are hereby authorized to reveal the contents of this to Senator Laxalt. Before releasing to any other agency of our Government, I would like to reserve the right to discuss it with you or the Senator. Your acceptance of these documents and tapes constitutes your assurance that this material will remain confidential and in particular, your assurance that none of it will be released to the news media. If for any reason the writer becomes deceased, you are authorized to do with the material what you wish or deem necessary.

If you find the material unacceptable for any reason, you will be expected to return it, uncopied and intact.

It has been nearly 30 days since I have sought the Senator's help in this matter. Time is of the essence. As previously discussed, if you cannot help me within seven (7) days. I shall feel free to proceed in other directions.

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Per above mentioned ined herein.

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December 30, 1977

Mr. Office of United States
Senator Paul Laxalt
Room 626 Federal Building
Las Vegas, Nevada

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Dear Mr.

Pursuant to your request I will briefly summarize the areas of interest to you covering the material I submitted to you in the twenty one 90-minute tapes and documents referred to as the Philippine Story.

This material consists of three legal-size pages that cover the following:

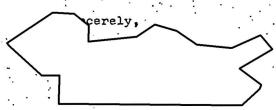
- 1. The treasure;
- 2. The war dead; and

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 The coercion and attempted bribery of U. S. Congressional witnesses.

There are other areas of marginal interest to you included in the tapes and material. They are the John Birch Society envolvement in money laundering facilities and the vast impact this treasure existence must have on Asian relations with other Countries.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact



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1. The existance of a treasure trove:

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Consisting of approximately 500 Billion U.S. Dollars, systematically placed by the Japanese during World War II, following the "rape" of the Countries they conquered is very

During two separate trips to the Philippines during a period from March 1, 1975 to March 28, 1975 and again from April 17, 1975 through July 10, 1975, I met with President Marcos and military people of that Country and confirmed the fact that such trove did exist. I have studied maps and engineering detail of these troves, which total 139 land locations and 34 water locations. I personally have knowledge of approximately 50 land excavations and approximately 6 water locations. I have been to those sites and could easily return to them.

. During this period of time, I personally sought the recovery of one water site and two land sites, confirming the authenticity of those sites, the maps and the eyewitnesses. The water site was in Manila Bay and represented the Japanese Cruiser Nachi, which we located on March 15, 1975. The two land sites were the Ortegas property or "three jars". The work was ceased on March 13, 1975, by Presidential order and the actual digging of the Teresa complex, which was completed by striking the truck on July 6, 1975. Plans were made for the retrieval of other sites during this time, which are described in the tapes.

There are other American witnesses to these activities who
were present during all or part of the story set forth in the
tapes. These were: John W. McAllaster and
of Las Vegas, Nevada, of Chicago, Illinois,
of Fon du Lac, Wisconsin, and of San Francisco
California. I personally have seen gold bars and a small Buddha
recovered by President Marcos, as well as many diamonds brought
up by Dr.

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I am completely convinced the trove is there and is real, as are others named above, and would submit to a lie detector test to verify that conviction. Everything I have said in the tapes are as true as I can make them, based upon the documents and . actual phone conversations that are in existence.

The value of 500 Billion is established from the inventory maps, and reflects the precious metal values only. The artifacts, coins and precious stones are not included in this total. I have met with and practically lived with the principals in this story. They are real people who are who they say they are. We have verified the authenticity of their maps and their stories and know them to be true.

President Marcos is deeply involved and he is likewise a believer. Ambassador ______, in telling me of the Nachi recovery and the Teresa recovery, would have no reason to lie to me. If anything, he would have denied it, not confirm it, due to the circumstances.

2. The war dead:

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This part of the story is the most depressing. Literally millions of people died in Asia to make these troves possible. In addition to those people, there was systematic slaughter of American, Australian and Filipino prisoners of war, whose slave labor was used to dig these underground depositories. For the most part they were buried alive on most of these caches or murdered by beheading or other mutilation.

The eyewitnesses, namely, and _ have described The maps of these in detail their involvement with this. sites clearly show the presence of these bodies. Each of them refers to layers of heads, hands, arm bones, etc., placed at certain levels to insure the recoverer that he is on target. I have seen hundreds of such bones, as have all other witnesses, mainly from the digging at the property (the bone pile was four feet tall), and at both the Teresa sites. On the Teresa sites there are two chambers where 1200, mostly American and Australians are buried alive. The odors and gases of these entombed bodies slowed our recovery considerably, after the concrete chamber was cut into. Arm, and especially, hand bones were uncovered throughout our descent. and were constantly quizzed regarding this and certainly suffered conscience problems throughout this period.

I spoke with a Filipino ex-POW whom I met through Colonel sargeant, who was a survivor of the Teresa entombing. He was a truck driver who used to bring the American and Aussies to the site from the military compound. Independent of the eye witnesses, he confirmed they were sealed alive when the Japanese closed the tunnel system. ____ and ____ had a very difficult time reviewing these bones. There was absolutely no reason for them to lie about their involvement. They spoke of many other sites where this was also true, describing the acts in detail.

At Fort Santiago, the two sealed basements are full of bodies, some drowned in the lower chambers. The Christ the King tunnel is full of the workmen, blown up with its closing. Even the water sites contain dead, although mostly Japanese, murdered by torpedos from their own submarines. Nearly 1000 went down with the Nachi. These people thought they were going home with the treasures. ____ and ___ described how the submarine machine-gunned the survivors so that no witnesses would exist to tell what was on the Nachi.

In the engineering details of Teresa, Ortegas and the Ayala complex, you can see the chambers where these bodies are shown (refer to the photographs). I have seen enough bones to authenticate these stories. The bones at Teresa, however, give no clue as to the nationality of the deceased. I am sure the sealed chambers, however, would contain clothing, dogtags, etc. I was told that the skulls at the "Three Jars" site have dog tags among them, but I did not see any. _____ claimed he could "see" these dead and often described what he "saw" in terms of "visualizing their actual entombing and death." I have every reason to believe these stories to be true.

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	3. Attempted bribe of U. S. Congressional witness and actual		
	coercion of another congressional witness by President		
	Marcos and Ambassador		
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,	President Marcos brought up the involvement of Ambassador		
l	with and his father,		
	first during our meeting at the palace at Malacanang on March 11,	•	
	1975. It is clear now he used me and the Leber Group to force		
	to cooperate with him in gaining support		
	and congressional testimony to offset the charges of Primitivo		
	Majares during the Fraser Committee hearings of June, 1975.		:
	During many meetings with General starting April 24, 1975,		
	this format was set forth. The program was clearly set forth		
	in letter to Marcos dated May 13, 1975. Following this		
1	letter, reported to us he was working with Marcos on the		
	matter trying to lure him to the Islands under a false "safe conduct pass."		
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	While these matters were unfolding, our only interest was		
	in solving a problem that was delaying our going ahead with our		
•	project. During a meeting with on June 8, 1975, he bragged		•
	of his handling the matter for the President and that he		
	would effect testimony at the hearing by agreeing to		
	save his son. John and McAllaster were present during		
	this meeting as was article of		
1	December 16, 1977 sets forth the results of this coercion. We		
	can certify to its happening since we were there and the.		
	Ambassador said he was going to do what is alleged by		
	I discussed this matter on many occasions with the Ambassador, some		
	of which are the subject of some tape conversations which are		
	supplied you.		
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	The Primitivo Majares matter is described by in his articles of July3, July 4, and July 9, 1975. Here, again,		-
	we can certify to the truthfulness of the articles as it relates		
	to \$50,000.00 being paid by Marcos to Majares to get him to		
	refrain from testifying against Marcos during the Fraser Committee		
•	hearings. Again, during a meeting with on June 8, 1975, he		
	bragged that he was carrying \$50,000.00 cash to the U. S. A. later		
	that day to give to Trinidad Alconcel for Majares, or as he put it,		
	the "defected newspaperman confident of Marcos" who was speaking		
	to our U. S. Congress about Marcos. We were not aware of the		
	impact of this bragging at the time and did not know its impor-		
ř	tance until after learning of the articles. We knew .		
	then that was the carrier who took the money to Alconcel		
	who deposited it in Wells Fargo Bank for Majares.		
-	confirmed the deposit. We can confirm who gave it to Alconcel		
	and that it came from President Marcos. John and	•	•
	McAllaster and were present when the Ambassador	•	
	advised us what he was doing.		_

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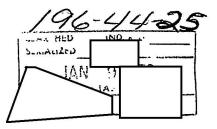
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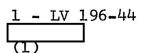
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		Re Las Vegas teletype to the Director, dated 1/5/78. On January 9, 1978, Mr. Regional Administrate for Senator PAUL LAXALT, Las Vegas, Nevada was contacted and advised that as the facts now stand, the FBI does not have jurisdictional authority to investigate the allegations made by regarding the burial of gold in the Phillipines. Mr. concurred with this opinion, and stated that the matter more than likely would be turned over to the State Department.	or



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MR. PRO	VIDED THE FOLLOWI	NG OUTLINE OF THE MAIN PO	OINTS
OF STORY.	DURING WORLD WA	R II, WHEN THE JAPANESE	
INVADED SOUTHEAST	ASIA, THEY STOLE	GOLD AND ART TREASURES 1	FROM
CITIES AND VILLAG	ES THEY HAD CAPTU	RED; IN TURN, THEY TRANS	PORTED
THE TREASURES OVE	R TO THE PHILIPPI	NES TO BE BURIED FOR FUT	URE
RETRIEVAL. THE T	REASURES WERE TRA	NSPORTED VIA HOSPITAL SH	IPS.
WHEN THE TREASURE	S ARRIVED IN THE	PHILIPPINES, UNDER THE	*
SUPERVISION OF JA	PANESE OFFICERS,	THE CAVERNS WERE DUG BY	,*
AMERICAN, AUSTRIA	LIAN AND PHILIPPI	NES PRISONERS OF WAR (PO	WS).
WHEN THE TREASURE	S WERE PLACED IN	THE CAVERNS, THE POWS WE	RE
EITHER KILLED AND	LEFT IN THE CAVE	RNS, OR BURIED ALIVE.	e
WHEN	FIRST CONTACTED	ON DECEMBER 27, 1977	•
ADVISED (I	T WAS LATER VERIF	IED BY THAT HE HAD	. 1
INITIALLY CONTACT	ED SENATOR PAUL L	AXALT'S OFFICE IN WASHIN	GTON,
D. C. AFTER RELA	TING HIS STORY HE	WAS REFERRED TO SENATOR	V. 1
EDWIN JACOB GARN	OF UTAH, WHO IN	TURN REFERRED HIM TO THE	U. S.
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TIME PERIOD WH	ICH ALL THIS REFERR	AL OCCURRED.	
ACCORDING	TO WA	S CONTACTED SOMETIME PRIOR TO	
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ASSOCIATES LTD	., COMMERICAL FINAN	CIAL CONSULTANTS, ROUTE 3,	
BOX 183, FOND I	OU LAC, WISCONSIN.	RELATED THE STORY TO]
CONCERNING THE	BURIAL OF GOLD IN	THE PHILIPPINES AND MADE AN	6
OFFER TO	FOR RETRIEVAL OF		
SUPPOSEDLY, BAS	SED ON HIS "EXPERTI	SE" IN THE GOLD RETRIEVAL AREA.	
WAS OFF	ERED ONE-ELEVENTH O	F ALL THE GOLD HE COULD DIG	١
UP IN THE PHIL:	IPPINES, IF HE WOUL	D SET UP A PLANT IN THE	
PHILIPPINES TO	REFINE AND/OR RE-W	ORK THE GOLD INTO A SUITABLE	
CONDITION FOR 1	ENTRY INTO THE GOLD	MARKET. APPARENTLY	
AGREED, AND HAI	BORROWED \$100,000	FROM TWO INDIVIDUALS IN SPARKS,	-
NEVADA, TO DISI	MANTLE HIS PLANT (U	. S. PLATINUM, INC.) AND	
TRANSPORT IT TO	O THE PHILIPPINES.	ALLEGEDLY THEN WENT	
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, Z	WORLD RENOWNED PSY	CHIC, TO LOCATE SOME OF	THE
CACHES.		*	•
ACCORDING	TO ADV	ISED HIM THAT HE HAD TO	FLEE THE
PHILIPPINES WHI	EN THE PRESIDENT, FE	RDINAND MARCOS, LEARNED	OF THE
GOLD RETRIEVAL	OPERATION.	RETURNED TO THE U. S. I	N 66 b7C
SEPTEMBER OR OG	CTOBER, 1975.		
ALS	SO FURNISHED INFORMA	TION TO THAT AT SO	ME POINT
IN TIME, A BRIE	BE WAS MADE BY A PHI	LIPPINE AMBASSADOR TO T	HE U. S.,
	TO AN INDIVIDUAL IN	THE U. S. NOT TO TESTI	FY BEFORE
SOME SENATE IN	ESTIGATION COMMITTE	E. THE BRIBE WAS TO HA	VE -
ORIGINATED FROM	MARCOS. NO FURTHE	R INFORMATION CONCERNIN	G THE BRIBE,
SUPPOSEDLY IN T	THE AMOUNT OF \$50,00	0.00, IS KNOWN.	
ON DECEMBI	ER 30, 1977,	FURNISHED TO, TO "	'SUBSTANTIATE"
HIS STORY, 100	PAGES OF DOCUMENTS	(MAINLY CONSISTING OF	COPIES OF
NEWSPAPER ARTIC	CLES WRITTEN BY	, seven niner	TY MINUTE
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	AGENCY WITHOUT	CONSENT. F	OR THIS REASON, THE DO	CUMENTS
	AND TAPES WILL NOT	BE RELEASED TO	THE FBI FOR REVIEW. F	URTHERMORE,
	THE U. S. ATTORNEY	'S OFFICE HAS ST	TATED THAT THEY DO NOT	WANT
	INTERVIEWED	CONCERNING THIS	MATTER WITHOUT THE EX	PRESSED b6 b7C
	WRITTEN CONSENT OF	ATTORNE	EY BECAUSE OF THE PENDI	NG
	INDICTMENT MENTION	ED ABOVE.	STATED THAT HE WAS CON	TACTING THE
	FBI, NOT BECAUSE T	HE FBI WOULD NEC	CESSARILY HAVE JURISDIC	TION IN THE
1	MATTER, BUT RATHER	BECAUSE HE DOES	S NOT KNOW, AT THIS POI	NT, WHAT TO
+	DO WITH THE MATERI	AL OR ST	CORY.	
	LISTENED	TO THE TAPES, V	WHICH TOOK IN EXCESS OF	THIRTY-
	ONE HOURS, AND ADV	ISED THAT THE TA	APES ARE OF PHONE CALLS	, AND THE
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	TO THE CASE, SET F	ORTH BY, WI	ERE THE WAR ATROCITIES	AND THE
	POWS, THE ATTEMPTE	D BRIBERY BY THE	E PHILIPPINE AMBASSADOR	, AND THE
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MR.	HAS CONTACTED	AND REQUESTED THAT
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THEY CAN BE RE	EASONABLY CERTAIN OF	STORY, IS TO TURN THE
MATTER OVER TO	THE STATE DEPARTMEN	T, AND DEMAND ACTION BE TAKEN.
MR.	WAS ADVISED THAT BAS	ED ON THE INFORMATION KNOWN TO
DATE BY THE FE	I (INASMUCH AS THE F	BI IS NOT ALLOWED TO INTERVIEW
AT THIS	POINT), THE FBI DOE	S NOT HAVE ANY INVESTIGATIVE JURIS
DICTION IN THE	MATTER, AND WILL NO	T BE CONDUCTING ANY INVESTIGATION
INTO	STORY. SHOULD	AT A LATER DATE OBTAIN
AUTHORIZATION	FROM HIS ATTORNEY, A	ND VOLUNTARILY DESIRE TO BE
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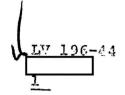
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On November 18, 1977, pursuant to an order of the Second Judicial District Court, Department Three, Reno, Nevada, signed by the Honorable JOHN E. GABRIELLI, b6 District Judge, all evidence in the case of Eureka Trust, ET AL, Plaintiffs v, ET AL, Defendants, was obtained.

One copy of the order and one copy of the receipt

On 11/18/77 Reno, Nevada File# LV-87-10741.

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State's Office, Carson City, Nevada, advised that there are no incorporation records on file for the firms of U. S. Platinum Manufacturing and U. S. Platinum Sales.

Articles of Incorporation and list of Officers, Directors, and Agents for the following listed Nevada corporations:

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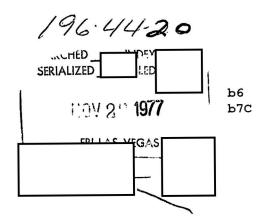
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JOHN W. McALLASTER

(Wire fraud; Inducement of interstate travel in execution of scheme to defraud)

Defendants present in court on bond for hearing brown motion to withdraw as counsel. AUSA in the for government. was appointed to represent McAllaster. December 5 trial date vacated. Trial re-set for February 21, 1978. Pretrial conference set for 2 p.m., Feb. 10, 1978. Defendants pretrial motions due by December 16, 1977, and government's response thereto by Dec. 30, 1977. Defendants continued on bond.



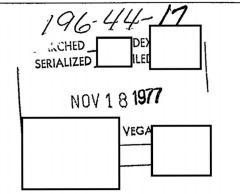
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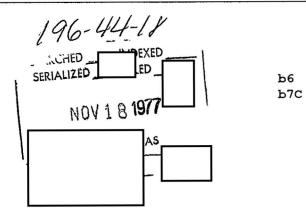
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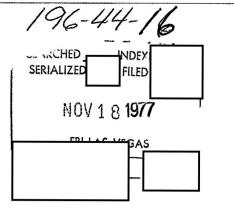
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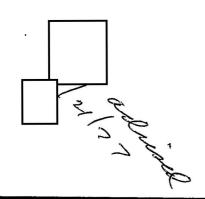
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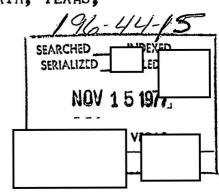
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TROY EUGENE BECKER, WHITE MALE, BORN MAY 12, 1916, INMATE
NUMBER 53495-146, WAS CONVICTED ON A TEN COUNT INDICTMENT IN
THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS (NDT) ON DECEMBER 17, 1976,
AND RECEIVED 15 YEAR SENTENCE ON CASE DOCKET NUMBER CR3-76-132.
BECKER WAS RELEASED TO UNITED STATES MARSHAL, FEBRUARY 1,
1977, FROM DALLAS COUNTY JAIL, WHERE HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO
MC NEIL ISLAND FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION (FCI),
STEILACOOM, WASHINGTON. ON MARCH 10, 1977, BECKER WAS
RELEASED TO THE CUSTODY U. S. MARSHAL, FORT WORTH, TEXAS,





b6 b7С DL 196-115 PAGE TWO CLEAR FOR COURT. BECKER WAS BOOKED INTO DALLAS COUNTY JAIL MARCH 11, 1977, AND WAS RELEASED TO U. S. MARSHAL MARCH 15, 1977. ON MARCH 17, 1977, BECKER WAS PLACED IN FCI LA TUNA, ANTHONY, NEW MEXICO. ON A HOLDOVER WRIT BY U. S. MARSHAL TO BE RETURNED TO FCI, MC NEIL ISLAND IN WASHINGTON. BECKER WAS RELEASED FROM FCI LA TUNA, ON MARCH 17, 1977, ON APPEAL BOND BY INSTRUCTIONS OF U. S. MAGISTRATE, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON. BECKER'S ATTORNEY AT TIME OF RELEASE WAS SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, b6 TELEPHONE BECKER IS REFLECTED TO LAST RESIDE b7C WITH HIS AT TELEPHONE NUMBER

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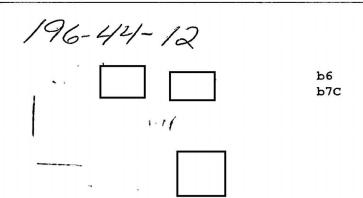
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FROM : SAC, LAS VEGAS (196-44) (B) (P)

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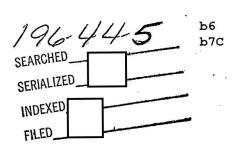
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Re Atlanta airtel to Las Vegas, 9/26/77.

Enclosed for Atlanta is the original subpoena furnished in this matter, and the original and one copy of an FD 302.

Las Vegas reports being submitted by seperate communication.

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77-00066-BRT U.S. v. Cr. 77-2200 , b6 JOHN W. McALLASTER b7C (Wire fraud; inducement of interstate travel in execution of scheme to defraud) Defendants present in court on bond with retained counsel, and for arraignment. Both AUSA for government. defendants plead not guilty. Trial set for December 5, 1977. 6(e) Order entered. Any pre-trial motions due by October 21, 1977, and government's response thereto November 4, 1977. Defendants continued on bond.

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Serve enclosed subpoena to First National Bank,
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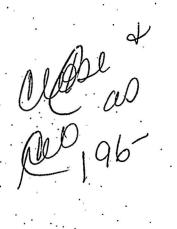
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In accordance with SAC letter 38-77, dated 8/30/77, captioned matter, which is a FBW violation, is being consolidated into a 196 classification.

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Aero Engineering, Inc.,
Sparks, Nevada;

dba
Great American Silver Company,
Atlanta, Georgia
ITSP; MF; CONSPIRACY (B)
OO: ATLANTA

For the information of Las Vegas, U. S. Attorney, Reno, Nevada, has deferred prosecution of this matter to U. S. Attorney, Atlanta, Georgia. This investigation involves inducing persons to invest in the Big Apple Mine, Lake Topez California. The Great American Silver Company, Atlanta, Georgia, found investors and told them this was the richest gold mine in the world, the ore would be refined at United States Platinum, Sparks, Nevada, and were provided with assay reports of TROY EUGENE BECKER, Aero Engineering, Inc., Sparks, Nevada, showing 50% to 70% gold.

Considerable investigation in this matter was conducted by SA Reno Resident Agency.

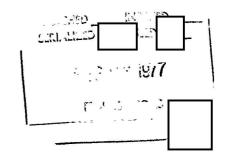
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