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Instructions Special Agent in Charge Eckhart.

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TITLE AND CHARACTER OF CASE:

DON OSBORN (In custody at Atlanta Penitentiary)
ROSE PUTNAM (Serving Sentence Miami Co. Jail)
R.G. alias C.W. alias BLACKY MADSON (Fugitive)
~~JOHN ASHYAN alias JACK RYAN (Fugitive)~~
HERBERT I. ROSS alias ALBERT S. HARRIS,
(In custody at Cincinnati, Ohio)

Viol. Sec. 32, Impersonation;
Sec. 37 C.C. Conspiracy;
Sec. 145 C.C. Extortion &
Sec. 135 C.C. Intimidation
or Corruption of Govern-
ment Witness.

At Cincinnati, Ohio

Cinti. File No. 8195

With reference to my report dated Dec. 26, 1923 entitled as above; also my report dated Nov. 2, 1923, Page 11, entitled as above, wherein reference is made to HERBERT I. ROSS alias ALBERT S. HARRIS; also my report dated Oct. 25, 1923 entitled as above, Page 9 thereof; also report of Agent Meehan, Los Angeles, under date of Nov. 19, 1923.

First Assistant United States Attorney HAVETH E. MAU had conferred with HERBERT I. ROSS, at the Miami County Jail, and it had been tentatively agreed that ROSS should enter a plea of "guilty" in answer to the indictment returned against him at Cincinnati. On Dec. 31, 1923 SUBJECT (ROSS) was brought to Cincinnati, and brought to the Bureau Office where he was interviewed by this Agent, and Agent-in-Charge Eckhart, for several hours, he finally, after much persuasion, confessed all the details of his transaction at the time he endeavored to approach JOHN L. BUSHNELL at Springfield, O., and Dayton Ohio.

October 8, 1923, HERBERT I. ROSS, alias ALBERT S. HARRIS, advises that he was confined in the County Jail, Los Angeles, in the summer of 1923, and there met

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CHARLES and CLAUDE DOAK, who were being held on a charge of forging some bonds, and these two brothers asked him to see their other brother - WILLIAM DOAK - and to arrange for their Attorney, and also to have the brother - WILLIAM DOAK - see another brother - FRED DOAK - at San Francisco, who is trustee for the funds left the four brothers by the father at his death. He having previously stayed at the Southland Hotel, he registered in there October 30, 1923, and talked at various times with WILLIAM DOAK, who was registered in to Room 500, and advised him as to what the other two brothers in the County Jail desired. While in the County Jail, ROSS had also met "THE SPARROW" who had also been released about the time he was from the County Jail, and "THE SPARROW" had a case coming up in the State Court about September 5, 1923 and as he was friendly to "THE SPARROW" they had talked over his case, and on the morning that he (ROSS) was apprehended, together with "THE SPARROW" and MIDGE CLARK, by Detective REED, at Los Angeles, he advises that he, as a matter of accommodation to "THE SPARROW", had arranged to take MIDGE CLARK over to the State Court where "THE SPARROW" was to appear on a State Charge. He advises that MARGARET SMITH, the wife of GEORGE STAFFORD, alias LAWRENCE alias SPARROW, was also in Los Angeles at this time, and he (ROSS) talked with her as to the case of "THE SPARROW", he then being up on a charge of highway robbery, and his wife was to appear as a witness for him to prove an alibi, although he was separated from her at this time, and she was then living with MIDGE CLARK. ROSS advises that MARGARET SMITH, the wife of "THE SPARROW" is understood to be now in El Paso, Texas. SUBJECT gave the above in lieu of an explanation as to his transactions at

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the Southland Hotel, August 30 to Sept. 5, 1923. About the time that he was arrested he had arranged for a position selling stock with H. E. SLOAN, he then having things arranged so that if he had sufficient money to do so he could have fixed up the State case against him at Los Angeles in connection with the passing of a check for \$565.00, which is the charge now pending against him there. Of course, after he was arrested the second time, it put him in a rather tight place due to the fact he was in fear his bondsman would turn him up on ^{his} bond, and he had no ready cash to help himself. About this time he talked with ALBERT MAYNE about operating a "pay off" in connection with Tiajuana, Mexico, but the races were not on at this time, and MAYNE suggested that he (ROSS) come to Cincinnati, O. and meet JACK PETERS who was to open up a pool-room here for the operation of the "pay off," and he came on to Cincinnati for the purpose of operating a "pay off" together with JACK PETERS. JACK PETERS is an old confidence man whom he has known of for about ten years, having first met him at Omaha, Nebraska. JACK PETERS and ALBERT MAYNE during the summer of 1923, and previous, had been operating a "pay off" at Los Angeles, and paying about 15% to the Police for protection; their operation had been to the extent of about \$105,000.00 during the year of 1923.

SUBJECT (ROSS) arrived at Cincinnati, Ohio, the latter part of September, 1923, and met JACK PETERS at "THE SPOT" a saloon on Central Ave. close to the Central Union Station, and with him was a small man known only to him by his first name, LAWRENCE, whom he understood to be from San Francisco; he (ROSS) explains this as ^{being} the party previously referred to in reports, for the party with JACK PETERS.

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~~was~~ at one time was believed to be, and possibly may have been, ALBERT MAYNE. After being in Cincinnati several days the matter of the indictment of DON OSBORN & ROSE PUTMAN appeared in the papers, and JACK PETERS advised ROSS that these were friends of his, and that he had some letters involved in the case which he believed JOHN L. BUSHNELL, BANKER, Springfield, O. to be interested in, and he arranged for ROSS to go to Springfield to see BUSHNELL, which ROSS did, but was only able to see the son ASA BUSHNELL upon several visits, and until such time as JOHN L. BUSHNELL returned to Springfield, and he then arranged to meet MR BUSHNELL on the morning of Oct. 8, 1923, having with him typewritten copies of the twelve letters which he handed to BUSHNELL to verify, and he then advised BUSHNELL that it was desired that bond be arranged for ROSE PUTMAN and DON OSBORN, and also some money to pay their expenses in order that they could leave the Country. No definite arrangements were made at that time, and it was arranged that ROSS should meet BUSHNELL later in the day, which he did at the Gibbons Hotel, but previous to the time when this arrangement could be made he (ROSS) was taken into custody by Agent Woodruff of the Cincinnati Office. ROSS advises that this is as far as he was familiar with the details as to what was to be arranged, and denies up to that time it had been arranged for him to demand any definite amount of money from BUSHNELL, that he was acting as a representative of JACK PETERS, and at that time he did not know about the indictment of J. A. RYAN & BLACKY MADSON in connection with this case, nor did he know definitely he was going up against such a serious proposition as trying to secure money from JOHN L. BUSHNELL the second time. He also advises that he can have

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believe that ALBERT MAYNE knew that the trip East was to be for a possible shake-down of BUSHNELL in connection with the letters which JACK PETERS had; however, it was explained to him that ALBERT MAYNE knew all the preliminary details and facts connection with this case, however without disclosing to him the fact that [] had made certain confidential admissions to this Agent and Agent Meehan. ROSS advised that he could see that he had evidently been dragged into the matter to be pushed forward as a "feeler" for possible "taking the chestnuts out of the fire" for the other parties who were afraid to approach BUSHNELL themselves. ROSS advises that he is certain that after he has been released from confinement here that he will be able to determine ^{the} location of both JACK PETERS & BLACKY MADSON or BLACKY SHERIDAN as he knew him. He advised that he had never seen BLACKY MADSON in the matter, but knew of him as a confidenceman. JACK PETERS above referred to is the party we previously referred to in reports as J. A. alias JACK RYAN, and ROSS describes him as about 45 to 50 years of age; 180 lbs.; 5 feet, nine inches; dark hair, thin on top; bull dog or puggish face. He advised that this party, JACK PETERS, had boasted to him of the fact that a picture was not available, especially at Los Angeles, for the reason that same had been removed from the gallery by an old practice of paying parties in the Police Department to do this; also it is believed that JACK PETERS and ALBERT MAYNE had been paying certain of the authorities there a percentage in their "pay off" operation. ROSS also disclosed his operations together with the present Chief of Detectives there namely "HOLLIES." HOLLIES about the time he retired as Chief of Police, and took a year's leave.

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absence, had formed an oil company, together with ROSS, and had forced the various people of the underworld there to buy stock, as well as various police officers he had been instrumental in having re-instated, and while HOLMES was away in Texas at the time of his year's leave of absence the company "blew up" and HOLMES resigned as President of the company, and left ROSS to "hold the bag." ROSS advises that he lost about \$1500.00 of his own money in this transaction, and had difficulty in keeping out of jail, but could take no action against HOLMES due to his connection with the Police Department.

The above matter was taken up with Assistant United States Attorney Mau on this same date, and the matter thoroughly covered by ROSS, and it was arranged by this Agent, Agent-in-Charge Eckhart, and Assistant United States Attorney Mau, to have ROSS enter a plea of "guilty" to one of the indictments against him here, namely the one charging violation of Section 135 C.C., Corruption and Intimidation of a Government Witness, and Obstructing Justice, and SUBJECT was arraigned on this date before United States Judge Hickenlooper, and sentenced to serve eight months in the Miami County Jail, the other indictment being a conspiracy indictment was laid away for the present.

As arranged with, and agreed to by ROSS, it would have been impossible to have released ROSS at this time without any sentence for reason that he would have destroyed his usefulness to us as the other "crooks" would readily have known that he had evidently "squawked." As arranged by United States Attorney, ROSS, after he has served his time, is to locate RYAN & MADSON within a period of thirty to sixty days, and

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After he has fulfilled this obligation the second indictment against him here will be nolle prosequi, otherwise he, failing in his obligation in this matter, will again be arrested and returned here for trial on the second indictment, although it is very probable he would not have received much more of a sentence if he had plead to both of the indictments at the one time, this arrangement made, however, in order that we might have a lever for use against him to enforce the agreement for the assistance in apprehending J. A. RYAN alias JACK PETERS and BLACKY MADSON alias BLACKY SMITH. ROSS is to make effort while in jail to obtain information as to RYAN and MADSON, but he advises that this will be difficult for reason that the parties who know would not advise him by letter or while he is still in jail. The Assistant United States Attorney, and this Office, believe that satisfactory results will be obtained in this manner, although, as are always the possibilities in dealing with this class of criminal, we run the possibility of having him doublecross us as to turning up the other two parties.

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In view of the above it was thought that [redacted] could accomplish very little by coming on here at this time, and for that reason the following wire sent to Agent-in-Charge Wheeler, Los Angeles, California, December 31, 1923:

"Referring to your telegram [redacted] December 26 and your letter December 10 developments here such that it is not deemed advisable for [redacted] to come here now stop Do not have [redacted] come until further advised report follows."

HERBERT I. ROSS will be confined in the Miami County

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Jail to serve sentence above indicated, and his mail will be covered as in the past.

AT LOS ANGELES, Cal.: It is suggested that **HESSIE MURRAY**, with whom **SUBJECT (ROSS)** has been communicating at Los Angeles be not approached in person, if she has not already been interviewed, at this time.

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Attention Mr. Hoover.)

El Paso, Texas 12/140

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TITLE AND CHARACTER OF CASE:

R.G.MADSON, alias "BLACKIE" MADSON, ET AL. | **FUGITIVE - Vio. Secs. 32 C.C., 37 C.C. and 48 C.C. - Impersonation, Etc.**

FACTS DEVELOPED:

At El Paso, Texas:

REFERENCE: Letter and telegrams from Agent in Charge L.C. Wheeler, Los Angeles, California, dated January 7, 1924, under caption "Don Osborne, in custody Atlanta Penitentiary."

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Agent Wheeler's letter states that R.G.MADSON, alias "BLACKIE" MADSON, other aliases, is wanted by this Department for violation Section 32, C.C.; that if we were successful in apprehending MADSON he should be charged in complaint with having on or about the 15th of November, 1922, at Springfield, Southern District of Ohio, Western Division, knowingly and willfully pretend to be an officer of the United States: to-wit, an Agent of the Department of Justice, and did knowingly and willfully extort from John L. Bushnell the sum of \$10,000.00 under threats of prosecution under federal laws for violation of the White Slave Traffic Act. That in addition to description of MADSON he has a blue star tattooed on left wrist, and may have a woman with him named May Ryan, alias Mrs. Luther Windham, May Wilson, alias May Anderson, dope fiend, whose description in

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1914 was:

Age 24 years;
Hair dark brown;
Weight 104 lbs.

Eyes, blue;
Complexion medium;
Height 5 ft. 1-5/8.

Finger-print Classification: $\frac{17}{19} \frac{1}{1}$

The following telegram was received from Agent in Charge Wheeler, Los Angeles, Cal., on January 15, 1924:

"REFERRING TO MY LETTER JANUARY 7th BLACKIE MADSON STOP INFORMANT HERE REPORTS MADSON CAN BE FOUND JUAREZ HANGING AROUND KENTUCKY BAR STOP EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION AS PARTY LIABLE MOVE ANY TIME."

Also following telegram received from Agent Wheeler, Los Angeles, on January 25th:

"REFERRING TO MY LETTER JANUARY 7th AND TELEGRAM JANUARY 15th BLACKIE MADSON CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT ADVISES MADSON'S WIFE HERE RECEIVING MAIL POSTMARKED RIFASO LAST LETTER RECEIVED JANUARY 21st URGE QUICK ACTION THIS MATTER AS FURTHER WORK HERE DEPENDS ON YOUR REPORT."

This Agent obtained information from local Post Office General Delivery Clerk, after exhibiting picture of MADSON, that she believed she had seen him, and that he had called for mail under the name of Ross G. Sheridan; that on January 16th a forwarding order was received from Calexico, California, for Ross G. Sheridan's mail to be forwarded to General Delivery, Calexico, California.

The following telegram was sent to Agent Wheeler, Los Angeles, California, on January 26th:

"REPLYING TO YOUR TELEGRAM YESTERDAY FORWARDING ORDER RECEIVED HERE FROM CALEXICO 16th INSTANT FROM BLACKIE MADSON UNDER NAME OF ROSS G. SHERIDAN TO FORWARD MAIL TO GENERAL DELIVERY THAT PLACE."

The General Delivery Clerk at post office was under the impression that Ross G. Sheridan was none other than R.G. MADSON.

You will note that he has used the names of John Cole Sheridan, San Diego, California, Richard C. Sherman, Los Angeles, and Ross G. Anderson, Bakersfield, California, and it is very likely Ross G. Sheridan is R.G. MADSON.

A strict watch and cover has been put on Subject's mail at Post Office in case he returns to El Paso.

Copies of report are being forwarded to the Los Angeles and Cincinnati offices, together with photographs of Subject.

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Approved & Forwarded
LOUIS *DeBates* - acting
Special Agent in Charge
El Paso, Texas.

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Rose Putnam (Serving sentence Miami Co. Jail)
R.G. alias C.W. alias Blacky Madison (In custody Cinti. O.)
John A. Ryan alias Jack Ryan (Fugitive)
Herbert I Ross alias Albert S. Harris (Serving sentence at Miami County Jail.-)
Lawrence McLean (In custody Los Angeles, Cal.)

Vio. Sec. 32, Impersonation; Sec. 37, CC Conspiracy; Sec. 145 CC Extortion & Sec 136 CC Intimidation or Corruption of Government Witness

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At Cincinnati, Ohio

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With reference to my report dated January 29, 1924 entitled Don Osborn et al, and various reports of the Los Angeles Office entitled Don Osborn, et al; reference is also made to wire of Los Angeles Office to Cincinnati Office, March 1, 1924, indicating SUBJECT (BLACKY MADSON) had been apprehended. Agent-in-Charge Eckhart arranged for the forwarding of certified copy of indictment for removal of SUBJECT (MADSON) to this District. Reference is also made to wire of March 4, 1924 from Agent-in-Charge Wheeler, Los Angeles, to the Cincinnati Office as follows:

"Blackie Madison and several other prisoners left this morning in custody US Marshal for several different Eastern points. Party will arrive Cincinnati B&O Railroad March 8th, 7:20 AM, Drawing Room A, Car hundred twenty two. Please arrange have US Marshal Cincinnati take charge Madison on arrival Cincinnati which will give you opportunity talk with him stop Believe he will plead guilty if handled carefully maybe able give you good information although claims has not seen Ryan for eight months."

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8th, 1924, Agent-in-Charge Eckhart met the Marshal at Station who had brought BLACKY MADSON to Cincinnati, O., and Mad-

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son was brought to the Bureau Office and interviewed by this Agent and Agent-in-Charge Eckhart, but he would not discuss the case advising that he preferred to consult with an attorney in the matter, as it was possible he might want to stand trial in this case. MADSON is evidently in a friendly attitude toward the Government in the matter and may plead guilty later. MADSON was arraigned before United States Judge Hickenlooper and entered plea of "not guilty" to the two indictments pending against him and was committed to the Hamilton County Jail in default of \$7500.00 bond. MADSON denies that he knows the present address of JOHN A. RYAN. Reference is made to the following wire received by Agent-in-Charge Eckhart from Agent-in-Charge Wheeler dated Los Angeles, Cal., March 6, 1924.

3:45 P. --

"Referring Don Osborn case. Have in custody Lawrence McLean referred to page three Connelley's report January second nineteen twenty four as Lawrence stop. Has made complete confession and turned over twelve original letters written by Bushnell to Rose Putnam also admits authorship telegram sent to Bushnell signed Gordon Chambers stop. With your approval will file complaint charging him with conspiracy on or about October eighth nineteen twenty three with Ryan, Sheridan and Ross stop McLean bad health and anxious return your district and plead guilty. Wire answer."

Upon receipt of the above wire Agent-in-Charge Eckhart arranged for certified copy of indictment^{to} be forwarded for the return of Lawrence McLean.

Attached to the Los Angeles copy of this report is copy of letter of February 26, 1924 to SUBJECT from the girl, who has been writing to him at various times since he has been in Jail here, Bessie Murray, for their information, also a copy of a letter to HERBERT I ROSS under date of Febr. 5, 1924 signed "PAL REBELE." HERBERT I ROSS admitted to Agent-in-Charge Eckhart that this letter was from Lawrence McLean or

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the third party who was here with ROSS & RYAN in October 1923.

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DON OSBORN, R. O. MADSON,
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VIOLATION OF SECTION 37 and 32,
U.S.C.C., CONSPIRACY TO IMPERSONATE
GOVERNMENT OFFICER AND SECTION 145, U.S.
C.C. - EXTORTION.

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AT CHICAGO ILLINOIS:

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Reference is made to the following wire received from L. C. WHEELER of the Los Angeles Office, dated March 12, 1924, entitled: DON OSBORN, R. O. MADSON, JOHN A. RYAN, ET AL - VIOLATION OF SECTION 37 and 32, U.S.C.C. - CONSPIRACY; and SECTION 145 U.S.C.C. - EXTORTION:

"CINCINNATI DISTRICT HOLDS WARRANT IMPERSONATION FOR JACK PORTER ALIAS JACK RYAN ALIAS JOHN DALE ALIAS J. A. HAMILTON AGE ABOUT FORTY FIVE FIVE FEET SEVEN AND A HALF INCHES HUNDRED EIGH SEVENTY POUNDS STOUT BUILD COMPLEXTION DARK FULL FACE HAVE INFORMATION THIS PARTY NOW AT NEW SOUTHERN HOTEL UNDER NAME J H HAMILTON OR APT TWO NINE FOUR FOUR SHERIDAN ROAD UNDER NAME J H ROGERS STOP THIS PARTY VERY HIGH CLASS BUNC AND YOUR IN QUIRIES SHOULD BE UNDER COVER AND MADE WITH GREATEST CARE STOP FOR PHOTOGRAPH CONSULT YOUR POST OFFICE INSPECTOR THERE THEIR RECORD BOOK VOLUME ONE PAGE FOUR EIGHTEEN PHOTOGRAPH FIVE ONE SEVEN NAUGHT IF APPREHENDED WIRE CINCINNATI FOR DETAILED FUGITIVE WARRANT"

Agent communicated with the Post Office Inspector's Office and ascertained from their files that subject RYAN served in the Atlanta Penitentiary five years, being discharged February 3, 1919, for using mails to defraud

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Agent also observed photograph mentioned in the above telegram which is the identical photograph sent to this office from Cincinnati Bureau Office, No. 5196 re JOHN A RYAN alias JACK PORTELL, alias JACK PETERS, also "NIGGER JACK." Subject "RYAN" mentioned in the above telegram is one of the defendants in re DON OSBORN ET AL mentioned in previous reports.

Agent got in touch with the New Southern Hotel, Chicago, and interviewed the clerk - MR. KELSO, and after checking up the records with him, it was learned that one J. H. HAMILTON answering the description of RYAN was at the New Southern Hotel from January 11, 1924 to March 8, 1924, when he checked out and left no forwarding address. After showing photograph of RYAN to MR. KELSO, he was positive that this was the man that stayed at the New Southern Hotel under the name of J. H. HAMILTON. MR. KELSO further stated that subject RYAN, known as HAMILTON was hanging around the lobby constantly with several other people, and he is of the opinion that RYAN will possibly return to the hotel. Arrangements were made with MR. KELSO to keep the matter secret, and notify this office immediately upon RYAN'S return to said hotel. The telephone calls were checked at the above hotel, and it was learned that subject (RYAN) known as HAMILTON called Long Distance to Indianapolis, and asked for one - ISENBERG. There was no telephone number furnished. This occurred on January 21, 1924 at 7:00 A.M. Subject (RYAN) also called various telephone numbers, which appeared to be different hotels in the city, and particularly one call he made on February 7, 1924 - LAKE VIEW 9873.

This telephone number is listed under the name of AMOS KAGY, 942 Sheridan Road. It will be noted in the above telegram that it states that subject RYAN is known under the name of "ROGERS" address 944 Sheridan Road.

Agent desires to state that 942 and 944 Sheridan Road is on a entrance, which is a big building, and owned by MR. KAGY, and which is now conducted as a rooming house with small apartments. One - MRS. LARSON is managing this place for MR. KAGY. The mail carrier, who brings mail to this address was interviewed, and he stated that he did not know any one by the name of ROGERS, or RYAN at that address and that he never had mail for either one. He, personally, checked the register of the rooming house and learned that no one by the name of ROGERS ever lived there, or was known, but advised Agent that MRS. LARSON, who conducts the rooming house, is very reliable.

Agent interviewed MRS. LARSON, and she stated that she has never seen such a party (after seeing photograph) known as RYAN or ROGERS. MRS. LARSON called the house man whom she claims is reliable, but he did not recognize subject after looking at photograph. However, there are various people living there in the second apartment at that address, and their names are as follows:

DUICK
NETZEL
CROWLEY
CROMVILLE
SANDERS
HULON

These various parties are known to MRS. LARSON as reliable persons. Agent observed on the second floor that there is a telephone and the number is the same as subject called - LAKE VIEW 9873. It may be possible that subject (RYAN) had called some one on the 'Phone at that address.

Agent did not deem it advisable to make any inquiries among the people living on the second floor, for fear of giving the information that subject (Ryan) is wanted. However, arrangements have been made with the carrier, and MRS. LARSON to keep the matter secret and notify this office immediately, should they learn anything concerning subject - RYAN or ROGERS.

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Copies of this report are being sent to the Indianapolis Office, and it is suggested that they ascertain who ISENBERG is, also put a cover on the mail and make under cover inquiries concerning subject JOHN A. RYAN and aliases mentioned above, and report if RYAN did communicate with ISENBERG, and the same be transferred immediately to the Cincinnati Office.

For the information of the Indianapolis Office JOHN RYAN is wanted at the Cincinnati Bureau Office for the above violation.

Copies of this report are being sent to the Cincinnati Office, Los Angeles, and San Francisco offices for their information

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Instructions Agent in Charge L. C. Wheeler.

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SHERIDAN, C.W. MADSON (In custody Cincinnati, Ohio);
JOHN A. RYAN, aliases: JACK RYAN, "NIGGER JACK",
PORTER, PORTELL, BERT WILLIAMS, etc., (Fugitive);
HERBERT I. ROSS, alias ALBERT S. HARRIS, (In
custody, Cincinnati, Ohio);
LAWRENCE MOLEMAN, alias J. L. FAIRFAX, (In custody
County Jail, Los Angeles, California).

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VIOLATION SEC. 145,
Extortion.

CINCINNATI FILE #8195.

REFERENCE

All previous reports in this matter and particularly to that of
this Agent for February 14th, 1924.

FACTS DEVELOPED AT:

LOS ANGELES,

CALIFORNIA.

IN RE: SUBJECT, MADSON:

DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE
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Information was received that subject Madison was residing at the Davis Hotel, 720 Ottawa St., Los Angeles, with May Ryan his alleged wife, a noted "hop-head".

On Feb. 28, Agent, together with Assistant Captain of Detectives Tom O'Brien of the Los Angeles Police Department, and Special Employee J. C. Keenan of this Bureau, called at this address "under cover" and were advised by the landlady that these parties had been living there off and on for several weeks, but that subject Madison, whom she identified from a photo exhibited to her by Agent, had left there about three weeks before and that May Ryan had left about Feb. 24th and that she had moved to 1009 Georgia St., Los Angeles.

Owing to the fact that the hour was late Agent and Capt. O'Brien did not approach this last mentioned address that evening, but on the morning of Feb. 29th a cover was placed around the residence, 1009 Georgia St., until midnight but no one was seen to leave or enter the place.

On March 1st, Agent together with Charles Reimer, Chief Investigator for the State District Attorney's office, one of the latter's assistants, Investigator Smith, and Mr. Reimer's woman investigator proceeded to the vicinity of 1009 Georgia Street, and the woman investigator under pretext of taking the census gained admission to the house, and later reported that she was of the opinion that Madison was in bed in the house. The house was immediately surrounded and Agent and Reimer entered from the front door while Smith covered the rear door. A careful search of the house was made, two men and two women, one of whom being May Ryan were found in the house. The men appeared to be laborers and

neither of them answered the description of subject Madison. In order to not give the occupants of the house any suspicion that search was being made for Madison, it was explained to them after this search that a car known to have been used in a bank robbery of the night before had been seen to drive into the yard of this house.

The Davis Hotel at 720 Ottawa St., was again visited and the landlady consulted further relative to subject. After a lengthy conversation she advised that a man had called recently asking for Madison and May Ryan; that this man's name was Henry Marvin and that she was of the opinion that he was a "hop-head"; that later he advised her, the landlady, that Madison was now living with his (Madison's) mother.

On receipt of this information, Agent together with Investigators Reimer, Smith and the woman investigator, proceeded to and covered the residence of Madison's mother at 2514 West 6th St., Los Angeles from 2.00 P.M. until the capture of Madison details of which will be related later herein.

Agent and investigators took up a position under cover and about 4.30 P.M., Madison appeared, wearing a heavy pair of dark tortoise shell rimmed glasses, and entered the house, which was immediately surrounded, Agent and Investigator Reimer entering through the rear door and finding Madison in the kitchen.

He was taken into custody and taken to the Bureau office where he was questioned at length by Agent in Charge Wheeler and this Agent, and outside of steadfastly denying that his name was Madison and that it was Sheridan, stated that he had nothing to say.

The following wire was then sent:

"Los Angeles, Calif. Mar. 1, 1924.

Eckhart, Dept. Justice,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Special Agent Meehan and Detective Charles Reimer of the District Attorney's office apprehended Blackie Madison alias Ross G. Sheridan this afternoon Stop Denies identity but no question that he is right man Stop Send immediately certified copy indictment and suggest names of witnesses for hearing as he will no doubt fight extradition.

Wheeler."

Madison was then taken to the Pasadena, California, city Jail.

The following telegram was received:

"Cincinnati, Ohio, Mar. 2, 1924.

Wheeler, Dept. of Justice,
Federal Bldg., Los Angeles, Calif.

Replying to your telegram of yesterday relative Madison Stop Certified copy of indictment and warrant today mailed to United States District Attorney, Los Angeles. Stop Suggest if witnesses necessary Advise and John A. Bushnell will be notified to go immediately to Los Angeles.

Eckhart."

Subject Madison was held in jail at Pasadena until Mar. 3rd. when he advised Chief of Police Kelly of that place that he was "ready to talk," and wanted to see Agent in Charge Wheeler. He was then brought to the Los Angeles Bureau office by Detective O'Rourke of Pasadena and after a lengthy conversation with Agent in Charge Wheeler and this Agent, agreed to waive hearing and be removed to Cincinnati to stand trial. This office was advised by the United States Marshal's office that a number of prisoners were to be taken to the East on Mar. 4th so arrangements were immediately made with U. S. Commissioner Long to have Madison taken before him immediately. This was done, Madison waiving hearing, and shortly thereafter an order authorizing his removal to Ohio

was signed by United States District Judge James.

On March 4th the following telegram was sent:

"Los Angeles, Cal. Mar. 4, 1924.

Eckhart, Dept. Justice.
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Blackie Madison and several other prisoners left this morning in custody U.S. Marshal for several different eastern points. Party will arrive Cincinnati P & O Railroad March eighth seven twenty A.M. Drawing Room "A" Car Hundred Twenty-two. Please arrange have U.S. Marshal Cincinnati take charge Madison on arrival Cincinnati which will give you opportunity talk with him. Stop. Believe he will plead guilty if handled carefully. May be able give you good information although claims has not seen Ryan for eight months.

Wheeler."

IN RE: SUBJECT, LAWRENCE McLEAN, alias J. L. FAIRFAX,

On the evening of March 3rd Agent in Charge Wheeler received a telephone call from Assistant Captain of Detectives C. E. Vernand of the Los Angeles Police Department that they had in custody one Lawrence McLean, alias J. L. Fairfax on a charge of Burglary and that McLean had stated that he desired to talk to this Agent relative to the above entitled matter.

On the following morning, March 4th, Agent together with Capt. Vernand and Lieut. W. E. Murphy of the Los Angeles Police Department interviewed McLean in the City Jail, later taking him to 744 So. Bonnie Brae Street, Los Angeles, where he had been living, where he obtained his grips in one of which he stated he had the twelve original letters that were written by John L. Bushnell to Rose Putnam. He and his baggage were brought to the Los Angeles Bureau office and from the baggage he extracted the twelve letters above mentioned and stated that they had been used in extorting money from Bushnell.

In a general way he admitted his complicity in this case, and was taken back to the City Jail as the Police Department were desirous of holding him longer for the purpose of gaining his assistance in clearing up several burglary and robbery cases.

On March 6th, he was again brought to the Bureau office by Capt. Vernand and Lieut. Murphy. In the presence of this Agent and the above police officers he made the following statement:

(SEE STATEMENT WHICH BEGINS;

ON NEXT PAGE)

Los Angeles, Calif.,
March 6th, 1924.

Statement taken in the presence of Special Agent O.E. McPhan, Jr., Assistant Captain O. E. Bernard and Lieutenant W.E. Murphy, of the Los Angeles Police Department, Room 617 Federal Building, Department of Justice, Los Angeles, California.

My name is Lawrence C. Maclean, alias J.L. Fairfax; age 30; born in Norfolk, Va. My mother is dead and my father is now living in the State of North Carolina.

Sometime about the middle of September, 1923, I met a man, who was known to me as Bert Williams, who is supposed to be Ryan, who is now ~~in~~ in Chicago. In the course of our conversation, he told me about this John L. Bushnell from Springfield, Ohio. A few weeks later, Williams went to San Francisco, and when he got there, telegraphed me to go and see Blacky Madison and get this package of letters. I then went to the St. Catherine Hotel at Venice, California, where Blacky Madison was stopping. I showed him the telegram Williams sent me. The telegram was introducing me to Blacky Madison and requesting him to give me the letters in question. He did not have the letters then, but asked that I come back the next day and he would have them for me, which I did. I asked him to make me familiar with all that he knew pertaining to the Bushnell case, which he did, and I took the letters and departed. He was living at this hotel with a woman, whom I supposed was his wife. However, he did not introduce her to me. She had blonde hair, large eyes and crooked nose.

I then went to San Francisco with the letters and there joined Williams. We stopped at the Continental Hotel for about two weeks. There, Williams met Herbert I. Ross and they discussed the prospects of going East in connection with these letters. I being Williams' friend, he volunteered to take me. After being in San Francisco for two weeks, we left there, the last part of September and went to Springfield, Ohio, where we stopped at the Arcade Hotel. Williams did not go on with us to Springfield, but remained in Chicago.

When we got to Springfield, Ohio, we learned that Mr. Bushnell was in France. Ross went to see his son, Asa Bushnell, and had several interviews with him, but I was not present at any of them. He laid the matter before Asa Bushnell; told him why he was there and that he wanted to give these letters to his father. The son then cabled his father in France, to return home; that everything was all right and to bring his mother. Mr. Bushnell cabled back that he would leave. He arrived in New York some time in the latter part of October. When Mr. Bushnell arrived in New York, Ross told his son, to telegraph his father and make an appointment with Ross at Dayton, Ohio, at the Gibbons Hotel. Mr. Bushnell made the appointment and he and Ross met at the Gibbons Hotel. They went by

to a room, which had previously been engaged by myself, under a name which I cannot recall. Ross and Bushnell went up to the room and there held a consultation, which was not heard by me. Ross told Mr. Bushnell that he had these letters, which Bushnell knew about, for sale. He showed them the typewritten copies of these letters and destroyed them afterwards. Bushnell said, that having been out of the country for some time, he did not know the status of the case, meaning Rose Putnam and Don Osborn case and that he would first have to consult his lawyers before he agreed to negotiate with Ross for the return of these letters. Bushnell left, making an appointment with Ross for two o'clock that afternoon. At two o'clock Bushnell telephoned the Gibbons hotel. I answered the phone and he told me that he was unable to be there at the appointed time, and made an appointment for a later hour. Bushnell came to the hotel at the appointed time and went up on the Kazanine floor, where he met Ross. There they held a consultation, which is not known to me, as Ross was arrested by Government officers during this conversation and that is the last time I saw Ross.

After Ross was arrested in Dayton, I called up Bushnell's attorneys, long distance and one of their clerks answered the telephone. I told him that unless he interceded in Ross' behalf that I would give the letters in question to the United States District Attorney, meaning that if he did not see that he got out, I would give the letters to the United States District Attorney, and he replied, "That is just what we want you to do."

After the arrest, Williams joined me and we went to Cincinnati to see an attorney, (I think his name is Hurley) to see if we could get Ross out of jail. The attorney asked me questions which were discriminating to myself, so I did not consult him further. Time went on and nothing could be done for Ross, so I gave up the matter, but still retained the letters. I left Williams in Cincinnati about a week before Thanksgiving and went down south to see my people. I stayed home until after Christmas and went to New Orleans and from New Orleans came to Los Angeles, arriving here January 10th, 1924. I lived at the Commodore Hotel for about two or three days, then moved to 744 South Bonnie Brae Street. I was sick and went to see Dr. Clair Wilson, 548 South Spring Street. His fee to doctor me was \$150.00 to begin with, which I did not have. Against my better judgment, I conceived the idea of selling these letters back to Mr. Bushnell. I sent him a telegram from the Alvarado Street branch of the Western Union, which read in substance as follows: "Am a newspaper man have stumbled across party about to negotiate the sale of your twelve contracts to newspaper syndicate," signing the name Gordon Chambers. I never heard from him.

Previous to sending the above telegram, I met a man while on the street car in Los Angeles, a Mr. Ford. The reason I spoke to him was because he resembled my brother, but I had no idea of speaking of this Bushnell affair to him, until he told me he was a newspaper man. He started telling me about his family and invited me out to his house to meet his wife. We had a long talk about Bushnell and he suggested sending the above telegram. In fact,

wrote the telegram, and I copied it and sent it. I saw him once twice after that and he told me if he had the money to go to San Francisco that he knew someone who could probably advise him as to how to finance him concerning the prospective sale of these letters to Bushnell himself. I did not think him capable of doing this, so I advised him not to fool with it any longer. About two weeks later, I met him and he told me he had been to San Francisco and had gone to see some man at the Examiner paper about these letters, but he evidently gave him no satisfaction, as Ford stated this newspaper had advised him to drop the matter. I did not see him any more after that.

I later went to Troy, Ohio to see a Mr. Hines, the attorney for Rose Putnam and Don Osborn, for the purpose of finding out if he could do anything toward getting Rose's release, if I would give him these letters. He didn't think he could get Rose released, but was very anxious to get the letters, in order that he might improve the defense of his two clients.

I was not in on the first two shake-downs, but I was in on the third. I was to receive one third of the \$30,000. had they been successful in securing the money from Bushnell.

I was arrested in Los Angeles, on February 27th, 1936, 8th and Hill Streets, charged with burglary by Captain O. E. Bernard and Lieutenant W.E. Murphy of the Los Angeles Police Department. I realized I was guilty and that in all probability would go to the penitentiary in California. Being sick at the time, with syphilis 4th stage, and tuberculosis, I realized that I could not get proper medical treatment in the prisons of California, and knowing that I had these letters that the Government wanted and that I took part in blackmailing conspiracy with Hess and Williams and being worried over the fact that the government was probably looking for me, I voluntarily called Special Agent Washan of the Department of Justice, Los Angeles, through Officers Murphy and Bernard and turned over these letters to the government; pleaded guilty to my part in the conspiracy so I would go to the Atlanta penitentiary instead of one in California where I could get the medical treatment I needed. I also wanted to clear up all charges against me in Los Angeles.

I have already served five years in the McNeil Penitentiary for burglary, where I contracted these diseases.

I have read the foregoing statement, it is correct and was made of my own free will and accord.

The following telegram was then sent:

"Los Angeles, Calif. Mar. 6, 1924.

Eckhart, Dept. Justice,
Federal Building,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Referring Don Osborne case have in custody Lawrence McLean referred to Page three Connalloy's report January second nineteen twenty-four as Lawrence Stop Has made complete confession and turned over twelve original letters written by Bushnell to Rose Putnam. Also admits authorship telegram sent to Bushnell signed Gordon Chambers Stop With your approval will file complaint charging him with conspiracy on or about October eighth nineteen twenty three with Ryan, Madson and Ross Stop McLean bad health and anxious return your district and plead guilty. Wire answer.

Wheeler."

The following telegram was received:

"Cincinnati, Ohio, Mar. 6, 1924.

Wheeler, Dept. Justice,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Replying your telegram Lawrence McLean, U. S. Attorney here advises he will forward warrant tomorrow for McLean's removal here.

Eckhart."

Referring to Agent Connalloy's report for Jan. 2, 1924, in which is quoted statement made by subject Herbert I. Ross, it will be noted that statements of Ross and McLean do not correspond except in some minor details, and this Agent is of the opinion that the statement made by subject McLean is the whole truth while that of Ross is false in some respects.

On March 12th, complaint and warrant were received from Cincinnati and upon receipt of same this agent swore out a complaint and warrant before the U. S. Commissioner here, subject McLean was brought before the Commissioner, waived hearing and was held under bond of \$15,000.00 pending signing of Removal Order by a United States District Judge for this district.

OWEN E. McLean, Jr. Los Angeles, Calif.
IN RE: JOHN RYAN

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Subject McLean was then brought to this office by a United States Deputy Marshal and was further questioned by this Agent regarding John A. Ryan, alias Jack Porter. Upon information he furnished the following telegram was sent:

Los Angeles, Calif., Mar. 12, 1924.

Rooney, Dept. Justice,
Chicago, Ill.,

Cincinnati District holds warrant impersonation for Jack Porter alias Jack Ryan alias John Dale, alias J. A. Hamilton, age about 45, 5'7", 187 lbs., stout build, complexion dark, full face. Have information this party now at New Southern Hotel under name J. H. Hamilton or Apartment Two, 944 Sheridan Road under name J. H. Rogers. Stop This party very high class Bunc and your inquiries should be under cover and made with greatest care Stop For Photograph consult your postoffice inspector there. Their record book volume one, page 418, photograph 5170. If apprehended wire Cincinnati for detailed fugitive warrant.

Wheeler."

He further advised that he was of the opinion that information might be received from Eddie Hanlon, 914, O'Farrell St., San Francisco, Calif., regarding Ryan for the reason, he stated, that Ryan is a very close friend of Hanlon's and receives mail under the name of J. H. Rogers at Hanlon's address.

It is suggested that the San Francisco office in pursuing its investigation at the above address do so in the most discreet manner possible.

For the information of the offices interested Agent secured and quotes the following information relative to Ryan:

"Taken from "PHOTOGRAPHS, DESCRIPTIONS & RECORDS OF PERSONS CHARGED WITH VIOLATION OF THE POSTAL LAWS."

Post Office Department,
Office of the Chief Post Office Inspector,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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PHOTOGRAPH (NO. 5170)

JOHN (JACK) PORTER

ALIASES: W.M. PORTER, JOHN A. DALE AND J. A. HAMILTON.
DESCRIPTION: Age, 40; Height, 5'7½"; weight, 187 lbs;
build, stout; complexion, dark; hair, dark chestnut;
eyes, red chestnut.

PECULIAR MARKS: left arm, small scar on base thumb, rear;
right arm, tattoo 8-pointed star above elbow, outer. Scar of 2.5
hors. on point of shoulder, front and outer. Face: Mole at 7
to front slightly below r. lobe. Scar across left lobe.
Hair thin on top.

MEASUREMENTS: 71.5; 71.0; 93.5; 19.1; 14.8 15.0; 6.0
26.4; 11.0; 8.6; 45.7

SENTENCED October 30, 1914 at Little Rock, Ark., to serve 5
years in United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Ga., for using
mails to defraud at Hot Springs, Ark., in 1913 in a fake pool-
room and roulette scheme. Released Feb. 24, 1916, by order
of United States court for retrial.

The National Bureau of Criminal Identification gives the fol-
lowing record: Arrested Sept. 21, 1905, San Francisco, Cal.,
suspected bunco; discharged. As William Porter, arrested at
Denver, Colo., for forgery of check. Acquitted Aug. 1, 1906.
As John A. Dale, arrested at Omaha, Nebr., Oct. 17, 1911. Oct.
19, 1911 forfeited bond. History 26452.

Resentenced Nov. 4, 1916, Little Rock, Ark., to serve 18 months
in U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Ga.

This person appealed his case (having been convicted at Little
Rock, Ark., Nov. 4, 1916, and sentenced to serve 18 months
in the U.S. Penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga.) On February 20, 1917,
to the Circuit Court of Appeals for the 8th Circuit, which
court sitting at St. Paul, Minnesota, affirmed the decision
of the lower court, Oct. 29, 1917.

C.B. 913.

Discharged on expiration of sentence from Atlanta Penitentiary
Feb. 13, 1919, and transportation furnished to Kansas City, Mo.

C.B. 925."

The above record can be found in the office of any Post
Office Inspector.

A tracing of "J. H. Rogers" (John A. Ryan's) handwriting
will be attached to the San Francisco copy of this report for such
assistance as it may be to them in conducting their investigation.

McLean also stated that if Ryan is not found in either Chi-
cago or San Francisco, he is likely in Miami, Florida, or Vancouver,
B. C.

It will be noted that McLeans original statement, mentioned previously herein, which is signed in his own handwriting is attached to the Cincinnati copy of this report.

The twelve original letters from John L. Bushnell to Rose Putnam have not been incorporated herein for the reason that doing same is unnecessary, but they are this day, being mailed by registered mail to the Agent in Charge at Cincinnati.

C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L