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HOWARD HUGHES, INFORMATION CONCERNING - MISSING PERSON.

REMYTELS DECEMBER ONE, FOUR, FIVE, SIX, AND EIGHT LAST.

THE POWER STRUGGLE FOR CONTROL OF HUGHES' NEVADA INTERESTS
 BETWEEN [REDACTED] - FRANK GAY (HUGHES TOOL CO.) AND ROBERT
 WAHEU (HUGHES NEVADA OPERATIONS) CONTINUES. LOCAL COURT HEARINGS
 BEING CONDUCTED DAILY TO ESTABLISH AUTHENTICITY OF DOCUMENTS
 SUPPOSEDLY EMANATING FROM HUGHES PERSONALLY IN THIS MATTER.
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FOLLOWING INFORMATION TODAY:

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ON DECEMBER TEN LAST HIS OFFICE RECEIVED MYSTERIOUS MESSAGE
 TO CONTACT AN UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL AT A TELEPHONE NUMBER IN LOS
 ANGELES. UPON MAKING CONTACT AT THIS NUMBER [REDACTED] WAS ADVISED BY
 [REDACTED] THAT HE WOULD PUT HIM IN TOUCH WITH ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL

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WHOM HE WOULD NOT IDENTIFY WHO HE FELT WAS A PARTICIPANT IN THE "ABDUCTION" OF HOWARD HUGHES. UPON MAKING TELEPHONE CONTACT WITH THE LATTER UNKNOWN MALE, WHO WOULD IDENTIFY HIMSELF AS "LMK", [REDACTED] WAS TOLD THIS INDIVIDUAL HAD BEEN CONSULTING WITH [REDACTED] AND HAD DECIDED THAT HE WOULD DIVULGE INFORMATION IN HIS POSSESSION IN THIS MATTER AT THIS TIME INASMUCH AS HE WAS FEARFUL FOR HIS PERSONAL SAFETY.

[REDACTED] ARRANGED TO TRAVEL FROM LAS VEGAS TO LOS ANGELES AND MEET [REDACTED] AND THE PREVIOUSLY UNIDENTIFIED MALE IN THE PENTHOUSE LOUNGE OF THE INTERNATIONAL HOTEL, LOS ANGELES, AT ABOUT EIGHT PM DECEMBER TEN LAST. THE UNKNOWN MAN AT THIS TIME IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]

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IDENTIFIED HIMSELF [REDACTED] AND DID NOT GIVE A PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT. [REDACTED] INDICATED THAT IN TRAVEL TO LAS VEGAS ON PERSONAL BUSINESS OVER THE YEARS HE BECAME ACQUAINTED WITH AN INDIVIDUAL WHO WORKED IN THE CASHIERS CAGE AT THE STARDUST HOTEL, NAMED [REDACTED] (LAST NAME UNKNOWN) (POSSIBLY [REDACTED]) A FORMER

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CASHIER AT THE STARDUST). THROUGH [REDACTED], [REDACTED] MET [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] WHO HAS LONG BEEN EMPLOYED BY HOWARD
HUGHES AND ATTENDED HIM PERSONALLY IN HIS ISOLATED PENTHOUSE AT
THE DESERT INN. ABOUT A MONTH AGO [REDACTED] RECEIVED A CALL FROM
[REDACTED] STATING HE MIGHT HAVE A JOB FOR HIM, BUT DID NOT FURTHER
IDENTIFY THE JOB. [REDACTED] LATER RECEIVED A CALL FROM [REDACTED]
TO COME TO THE DESERT INN HOTEL IN LAS VEGAS ON NOVEMBER TWENTY-
SIX. [REDACTED] DID THIS AND AT THAT TIME ACCEPTED AN ASSIGNMENT
FROM [REDACTED] FOR FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND THE PROMISE OF FIVE
HUNDRED DOLLARS MORE AT A LATER DATE. [REDACTED] JOB WAS TO GUARD
APPROXIMATELY SIX CARS PARKED IN THE NORTH PARKING LOT OF THE
DESERT INN HOTEL. HE WAS TO MAKE SURE THE CARS REMAINED SECURE
AND WERE AT NO TIME BLOCKED BY OTHER VEHICLES. [REDACTED] KNEW NONE
OF SEVERAL OTHER INDIVIDUALS OBVIOUSLY INVOLVED ON THE SAME ASSIGN-
MENT, HOWEVER, ALL WORE A PECULIAR TYPE OF BUTTON IN THEIR LAPEL
TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES. THE ONLY INFORMATION ON THE ASSIGNMENT
WHICH [REDACTED] RECEIVED WAS THAT AN INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS ILL HAD TO
BE MOVED FROM THE HOTEL.

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AT APPROXIMATELY TWO AM NOVEMBER TWENTY-SEVEN LAST TWO MEN
EXITED A FIRE ESCAPE DOORWAY FROM THE HOTEL IN THE VICINITY OF
THE SIX PARKED CARS. THESE TWO MEN WERE EITHER HELPING OR
CARRYING A SMALLER INDIVIDUAL, WHO APPEARED EITHER TO BE ILL OR
EXTREMELY WEAK AND WAS DRESSED ONLY IN PAJAMAS AND A ROBE. ONE
MALE INDIVIDUAL FOLLOWED THESE TWO MEN ^{AND ALTHOUGH UNKNOWN} ~~ALSO~~ ~~WENT~~ TO
HIM, [] ACCORDING TO [] DESCRIBED THE INDIVIDUAL IN
SUCH DETAIL THAT [] CONCLUDED THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS []

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HELPED OR CARRIED SOME FIFTEEN TO TWENTY YARDS TO A WAITING
VEHICLE, HE APPEARED TO ATTEMPT TO TURN TOWARD [] AND OTHER
PERSONS STANDING IN THE AREA AND IN A FAIRLY LOUD VOICE EXCLAIMED
"GET ME BOB MAHEU OR PAT HYLAND". NO RESPONSE WAS GIVEN BY ANYONE,
AND THE MAN WAS EITHER HELPED OR FORCED INTO ONE OF THE WAITING
CARS. IT IS NOTED THAT PAT HYLAND IS HEAD OF HUGHES' AIRCRAFT
COMPANY, CALIFORNIA, AND IS A LONG-TIME FRIEND AND ASSOCIATE OF
HUGHES.

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THE SIX CARS THEN PROCEEDED FROM THE PARKING LOT IN PROCESSION WITH ABOUT THREE OR FOUR MALE INDIVIDUALS IN EACH CAR. THE MAN WHO HAD BEEN HELPED OR CARRIED INTO THE CAR RODE IN EITHER THE FIRST OR SECOND CAR. [REDACTED]. ALL CARS PROCEEDED ALONG LAS VEGAS BOULEVARD UNTIL THEY APPEARED TO BE APPROACHING AN AIRPORT [REDACTED] (STATED HE OBSERVED A FLASHING AIRPORT-TYPE LIGHT). POSSIBLY HUGHES AIRTERMINAL, LAS VEGAS. A SHORT DISTANCE FROM THE AIRPORT THE THIRD CAR IN THE PROCESSION STOPPED, AS DID ALL CARS BEHIND SAME. A MAN EXITED THE THIRD CAR AND CAME BACK AND TOLD ALL OCCUPANTS OF THE CARS IN THE REAR TO RETURN TO THE STRIP AREA AND GO ABOUT THEIR OWN PURSUITS. MEANWHILE THE FIRST AND SECOND CARS IN THE PROCESSION HAD PROCEEDED IN THE DIRECTION OF THE AIRPORT. [REDACTED] STATES [REDACTED] THE FOLLOWING DAY LEFT LAS VEGAS.

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IT WAS NOT UNTIL [REDACTED] READ NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS THAT HE CONCLUDED THAT THE INDIVIDUAL [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] SINCE THIS DATE [REDACTED] HAS MADE SEVERAL ATTEMPTS TO GET IN TOUCH WITH [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] AND UPON EACH OCCASION HE IS REFERRED TO THE HUGHES ENTERPRISES OFFICE AT SEVEN THOUSAND ROMAINE STREET, LOS ANGELES, WHICH IS THE HEADQUARTERS OFFICE OF FRANK ^{CALIF} GAY, WHO HAS ALLIED HIMSELF WITH [REDACTED] ^{CALIF} IN THE FACTION OPPOSING MAHEU. [REDACTED] STATES THAT IN AT LEAST ONE OF HIS CALLS [REDACTED]

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HE ALSO STATES

THAT ON ONE OF THESE CALLS HE BELIEVED HE TALKED WITH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ARRANGED FOR [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] TO RETURN WITH HIM TO LAS VEGAS IN THE EARLY AM TODAY AND HAD THEM CHECK INTO THE DUNES HOTEL. THEY WERE BOTH QUESTIONED BY MAHEU AND MORTON GALANE, THE ATTORNEY REPRESENTING MAHEU IN THE LOCAL DISTRICT COURT HEARINGS.

[REDACTED] STATES THAT DESPITE CERTAIN SOMEWHAT INCREDIBLE ASPECTS OF THE STORY, BOTH [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] HAVE BEEN CONSISTENT. HE POINTED OUT THAT HE IS COMPLETELY UNAWARE OF THE BACKGROUNDS OF [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] HOWEVER, [REDACTED] HAS DESCRIBED [REDACTED] AS A

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SUCCESSFUL CONTRACTOR WHO IS PROBABLY WORTH A HALF A MILLION DOLLARS. [REDACTED] FURTHER STATED THAT [REDACTED] HAS COMMENTED THAT HE FEELS BOTH [REDACTED] SHOULD GO TO THE FBI WITH THEIR STORY, INASMUCH AS THEY FEEL THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
AGAINST HIS WILL. NO SUBSTANTIATION FOR THIS CONCLUSION CAN BE GIVEN OTHER THAN FOR THE SECRETIVE NATURE UNDER WHICH THE DEPARTURE TOOK PLACE, AND THE REPORTED CALL THE INDIVIDUAL MADE IN THE PARKING LOT FOR MAHEU [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] ADMITS HE HAS NO IDEA WHAT HAPPENED FOLLOWING THE TIME [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]. IT IS ALSO TO BE NOTED THAT TWO AM ON NOVEMBER TWENTY-SEVEN IS ABOUT TWENTY-FOUR HOURS LATER THAN PREVIOUS REPORTS OF HUGHES' DEPARTURE FROM THE DESERT INN.

NO COMMENT WAS MADE TO [REDACTED] AS TO WHAT ACTION THIS BUREAU WOULD OR WOULD NOT TAKE IN CONNECTION WITH THE INFORMATION HE FURNISHED, AND HE DID NOT MAKE ANY REQUEST TO BE ADVISED OF SAME.

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HE POINTED OUT THAT NO PUBLICITY HAD BEEN GIVEN THIS MATTER THUS FAR AND NONE WAS ANTICIPATED AT THIS TIME THAT HE KNEW OF. HE STATED HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] PLANNED TO CONTACT THE FBI WITH THIS INFORMATION, BUT STATED THEY HAD CONTEMPLATED DOING THIS. HE DID NOT INDICATE THAT ANY RECOMMENDATION WOULD BE MADE BY HIM OR THE MAHEU FACTION AS TO WHETHER [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] SHOULD MAKE A PERSONAL REPORT TO THE FBI.

NO IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION LOS ANGELES INDICES CONCERNING EITHER [REDACTED] OR [REDACTED] AND THEY ARE NOT LISTED IN CURRENT LOS ANGELES PHONE BOOK.

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FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, ALL FACETS OF THE HUGHES MATTER CONTINUE TO BE PROMINENTLY PUBLICIZED IN THE PRESS. IN VIEW OF THE NEBULOUS NATURE OF THE INFORMATION REPORTEDLY BEING FURNISHED BY [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] AND THE LACK OF ANY MORE SPECIFIC FACETS TO INDICATE AN ACTUAL ABDUCTION, NO FURTHER INQUIRY WILL BE MADE INTO THIS MATTER AT THIS TIME BY LAS VEGAS. IT IS NOT FELT THAT THE INFORMATION PRESENTED SETS FORTH SUFFICIENT INDICATION OF

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A FEDERAL VIOLATION TO WARRANT OUR SEEKING OUT [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] FOR INTERVIEW. IN THE EVENT THEY VOLUNTARILY APPEAR AT THIS OFFICE, LAS VEGAS WILL ACCEPT AND EVALUATE ANY AND ALL INFORMATION THEY FURNISH AND WILL MAKE FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BUREAU PRIOR TO CONDUCTING ANY INVESTIGATION IN THE HUGHES MATTER

As I have indicated [REDACTED] should be interviewed ad once & then [REDACTED] should evaluate the whole matter & decide what to do. I will know both [REDACTED] & [REDACTED] of whom I should have on our doorstep.
ADDENDUM: Howard Schermer. When we can re-evaluate the whole matter, I will know both [REDACTED] & [REDACTED] of whom I should have on our doorstep.
HANK GREENSPUN, PUBLISHER, LAS VEGAS SUN, CONTACTED SAC [REDACTED] LAS VEGAS, NEV [REDACTED] LAS VEGAS LATER TODAY. INQUIRED AS TO WHETHER THIS OFFICE WAS AWARE OF A REPORT THAT [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ELEVEN TWENTY-SEVEN SEVENTY FROM DESERT INN AGAINST HIS WILL. WHEN QUERIED AS TO WHAT INFORMATION HE POSSESSED, GREENSPUN RELATED SAME BASIC STORY AS DID [REDACTED] ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT FURNISH, OR APPEAR TO POSSESS, OTHER THAN THE BASIC FACTS. GREENSPUN STATED HE WAS FURNISHING THESE ADDITIONAL DATA BECAUSE HE FELT THE FBI SHOULD CONDUCT INVESTIGATION IN THIS MATTER UNDER THE KIDNAPPING STATUTE. NO COMMENT WAS MADE TO GREENSPUN OTHER THAN THAT THE INFORMATION HE FURNISHED WOULD BE MADE A MATTER OF RECORD AND EVALUATED IN CONNECTION WITH ANY
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FEDERAL VIOLATION WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THIS BUREAU.

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cc: Mr. Bishop

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