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**Subject: ARTHUR J. ROONEY**

Mr. Tolson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Ladd	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Nichols	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Belmont	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Clegg	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Glavin	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Harbo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Rosen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Tracy	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Laughlin	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Mr. Winterrowd	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Mr. Holloman	<input type="checkbox"/>
Miss Gandy	<input type="checkbox"/>

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FBI PITTSBURGH 8-13-52 11-33 PM EDST JSG  
 DIRECTOR, FBI URGENT

UNSUB, ARTHUR J. ROONEY, VIKEX. REMYTEL AUG. THIRTEEN AND TELEPHONE  
 CALL FROM BUREAU SAME DATE. ARTHUR J. ROONEY WILL PLACE AD IN  
 NEWSPAPER TO COMPLY WITH EXTORTION INSTRUCTIONS. ROONEY WAS ADVISED  
 PROTECTION COULD NOT BE AFFORDED BY BUREAU. IN ADDITION TO THE ACTING  
 CHIEF OF PD, LIGONIER, PA., THE BURGESS OF LIGONIER HAS ALSO BEEN  
 APPRISED BY THIS OFFICE OF THREAT TO ROONEY. [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED] INDICATIONS ARE ROONEY WILL BE IN PGH.  
 AUG. FIFTEEN THRU AUG. SEVENTEEN. BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF  
 FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS.

END AND ACK PLS

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

AUGUST 16, 1952

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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*Deferred*

Transmit the following message to: SAC, PITTSBURGH

FROM: [REDACTED]

ARTHUR J. ROONEY,

TELEX. REURLET AUGUST THIRTEEN LAST. QUESTIONED WRITING SEARCHED THROUGH ANONYMOUS LETTER FILE WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. NO WATERMARKS FOUND ON ENVELOPE OR LETTER. ENVELOPE MEASURES SIX POINT FIVE BY THREE POINT SIX INCHES. LETTER IS WHITE LINEN FINISH PAPER MEASURING SEVEN POINT THREE BY TEN POINT FIVE INCHES. GLUE ALONG TOP OF LETTER INDICATES IT CAME FROM TABLET. QUESTIONED WRITING PREPARED IN UPPER CASE BLOCK STYLE HANDPRINTING. ONE LATENT FINGERPRINT AND ONE LATENT PALM PRINT DEVELOPED ON OUTSIDE OF ENVELOPE. LATENT FINGERPRINT IDENTIFIED WITH RIGHT INDEX FINGERPRINT OF ROONEY. REQUEST YOU FORWARD PALM PRINTS OF ROONEY AND STRANDBERG KIRBY FOR FURTHER COMPARISONS. NO ADDITIONAL LATENTS OF VALUE DEVELOPED ON ENVELOPE OR LETTER. HUC.

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CEB:KMB

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- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Pennington
- Mr. Quinn
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

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teletype answer  
general: h. &*

*[Handwritten signature]*

*53 AUG 26 1952*

Per *AKB*

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY  
FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH (9-924)  
SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT  
ARTHUR J. ROONEY - VICTIMS;  
EXTORTION

DATE: AUGUST 13, 1952

REGISTERED MAIL  
AIR MAIL  
SPECIAL DELIVERY

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On August 13, 1952, ARTHUR J. ROONEY, 940 N. Lincoln Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa., owner of the Pittsburgh Steelers Professional Football Team, advised that he received the following letter through the U.S. Mails, postmarked August 9th, 11:00 AM, addressed to MR. ROONEY, 728 Ridge Avenue, Pittsburgh 12, Pa.:

"Mr. Rooney

"If you value the life of [redacted] have 10,000 in genuine U.S. currency in 10, 20 and 50's ready.

"Notifying FBI or police or using any trickery will prove useless and fatal,  
Con't

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August 15, Friday

"Place in personal column of the Pgh. Press the following:  
"Ted come home, Art" meaning you will comply.

"Instructions follow do as we say if you love them or we will kill them.

This is no plank  
We are not  
Kidding"

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ARTHUR J. ROONEY advised that the enclosed letter was delivered at the Pittsburgh Steelers Office, located in the Union Trust Building, Pittsburgh, and placed on his desk by [redacted] where it remained until the morning of 8/13/52, when he opened it and noted that it contained a serious threat. He said that while many people might have handled the envelope, he is almost certain only he and [redacted] handled the actual letter. Elimination prints of ROONEY [redacted] have been obtained and are being forwarded, together with the letter, to the Laboratory.

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ROONEY explained that [redacted]

[redacted] He said that since 6/20/52 they have been vacationing at the [redacted] and answer telephone [redacted]

[redacted] ROONEY stated that he is the only one occupying the Pittsburgh residence, 940 N. Lincoln Avenue, North Side, Pittsburgh, Pa., and that the telephone at this address is FAirfax 1-7318.

A check of the current City Directory reveals that there is no such address as 728 Ridge Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa., but that there is a [redacted] and that

a person named [redacted]

It is further noted that the envelope was marked by the Post Office, "No such address."

ARTHUR ROONEY stated that he has never lived on Ridge Avenue, but informed that Ridge Avenue is located approximately one block from North Lincoln, and that he knows no one on Ridge Avenue who would desire to harm him or his family.

ARTHUR ROONEY stated that he could not, at this time, suggest any suspects in this matter.

ARTHUR ROONEY was advised to follow the instructions set out in the anonymous letter and to keep this office advised of any and all contacts he might have regarding this matter.

The Bureau is requested to examine the enclosed letter for latent prints and any prints developed, other than the elimination prints, be searched through the Single Fingerprint Section. It is also desired that the anonymous letter be checked through the Anonymous Letter File maintained at the Bureau.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Work Sheet Recorded 8-18-52 3:00 PM rmd

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Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT:  
[Redacted]  
ARTHUR J. ROONEY - VICTIMS;  
EXTORTION

File # 9-22750-2  
Lab. # D-152906 AT

Examination requested by: SAC, Pittsburgh (9-924)

Date of reference communication: 8/13/52

Date received: 8/15/52

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Result of Examination:

Examination by: [Redacted]

WIRE ANSWER

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Specimens submitted for examination

Q1 Envelope addressed to "Mr. Rooney, 728 Ridge Avenue, Pittsburgh 12, Pa.," postmarked Pittsburgh, Pa., 8/9/52, 11:00AM.

Q2 Accompanying letter beginning "Mr. Rooney, If you value the life of your [Redacted] and ending, "This is no Plank, We are not kidding."

Also submitted: Elimination fingerprints of ARTHUR J. ROONEY and [Redacted] elimination purposes.

*Handwritten notes:*  
One lat. fpt. & one lat PP lat on outside of Q1 (I2)  
Lat fpt # 2 Rooney  
Called [Redacted] with message in wire to Pittsburgh 8-18  
Called [Redacted] 3:25 PM 8-18  
Verified 8-18-52  
Created 8-21-52

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ATTACHED ENCLOSURE

BEING RETAINED.

ROOM 1224A

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd *dy*

FROM : Mr. Rosen *ERW*

SUBJECT: *11*  
 [REDACTED] *b7C*  
 [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED]

DATE: August 18, 1952

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
 Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
 Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
 Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
 Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rosen  \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
 Egan \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gurnea \_\_\_\_\_  
 Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
 Pennington \_\_\_\_\_  
 Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

RE: [REDACTED]

To advise of the receipt of a threatening letter by Arthur J. Rooney, owner of the Pittsburgh Steelers, Professional Football Team.

BACKGROUND:

Arthur J. Rooney, owner of the Pittsburgh Steelers, Professional Football Team, made available to the Pittsburgh Division a letter postmarked August 9, 1952, at Pittsburgh, Pa. It threatens the lives of [REDACTED] unless \$10,000 is paid. It instructed that the following be placed in the personal column of the Pittsburgh Press on August 15, 1952, "Ted, come home, Art" meaning you will comply.

The ad was placed as directed, and so far there have been no developments. Coverage is being maintained.

Rooney will be in Pittsburgh August 18, 1952, and is cooperating with the Pittsburgh Division. Over the past week end he travelled to Hershey, Pa. to attend a game his team was playing.

The letter has been received in the FBI Lab and a teletype reply will be sent after the examination and comparison has been completed.

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ACTION:

The Pittsburgh Division has been instructed to afford the matter close supervision and keep the Bureau fully informed.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to:

AUGUST 15, 1952

URGENT

SAC, PITTSBURGH

UNSUB: ARTHUR J. ROONEY, VIKEX. SUTEL DEVELOPMENTS. BUREAU TO BE  
KEPT ADVISED.

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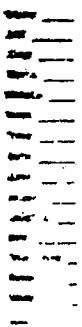
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AUG 19 1952

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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FBI PITTSBURGH

8-14-52

7-36 PM EDST JSG

DIRECTOR, FBI

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INVEST., ARTHUR J. ROONEY, DASH VICTIM, VIKEX. LIAISON ESTABLISHED BETWEEN ARTHUR J. ROONEY AND THIS OFFICE FOR COVERAGE IN EVENT OF ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATION. ROONEY HAS PLACED AD IN PGH. PRESS AND WILL BE IN PGH. STEELERS OFFICE, UNION TRUST BUILDING, PGH., FROM TEN THIRTY AM TO FIVE PM AUG. FIFTEENTH. ROONEY [REDACTED] LEAVING LIGONIER, PA. FOR HERSHEY, PA., SATURDAY, AUG. SIXTEEN AT TEN THIRTY AM STAYING AT COMMUNITY INN AND WILL RETURN LIGONIER, SUNDAY, AUG. SEVENTEENTH. LATE SUNDAY EVENING, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TELEPHONE AT RESIDENCE NINE FOUR ZERO LINCOLN, PGH., IS NON LISTED, WILL NOT BE IN USE UNTIL APPROXIMATELY SEPT., NINETEEN FIFTY TWO. TELEPHONE AT LIGONIER, PA. ALSO NON LISTED NO. ACCORDING TO ROONEY, KNOWN ONLY TO IMMEDIATE MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY AND PERSONNEL OF HIS OFFICE. ROONEY ADVISED HIS ITINERARY WILL NOT BE CHANGED UNLESS [REDACTED] IN NEWSPAPER BRINGS RESPONSE NECESSITATING CHANGE.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Gurnea	_____
Mr. Hendon	_____
Mr. Pennington	_____
Mr. Quinn	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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8-15-52

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DIRECTOR

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UNSUB, ARTHUR J. ROONEY, VIKEX. REMYTEL, AUGUST FOURTEEN LAST.

AD QUOTE TED DASH COME HOME ART. UNQUOTE, APPEARED IN PERSONAL COLUMN,

PITTSBURGH PRESS TODAY. COVERAGE MAINTAINED FROM TEN AM, TIME OF

FIRST EDITION, UNTIL THREE FIFTY FIVE PM. NO CONTACT MADE. ARTHUR

ROONEY AT THREE FIFTYFIVE PM ADVISED HE WAS LEAVING PITTSBURGH FOR

LIGONIER, PA., [REDACTED] AND THEN PROCEED TO FAMILY FARM

IN SYKESVILLE, MD., TELEPHONE SYKESVILLE THREE SIX SEVEN J FIVE.

SOMETIME DURING AUGUST SIXTEEN, THEY WILL LEAVE SYKESVILLE, MD., FOR

SHEY.U., TO ATTEND FOOTBALL GAME AND RETURN LIGONIER,

SATURDAY NIGHT RATHER THAN SUNDAY MORNING. ROONEY WILL BE IN PITTS-

BURGH STEELERS OFFICE ON MONDAY, AUGUST EIGHTEEN, FIFTYTWO. ROONEY

ADVISED HE WILL IMMEDIATELY CONTACT THIS OFFICE UPON RECEIPT OF ANY

MAIL OR UPON CONTACT BY ANY MEANS IN REGARD TO THIS MATTER.

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CORRECTION LINE 9 SECOND WD SHD BE PA.

CORRECTION LAST LINE SIXTH WD SHD BE

END AND ACK PLS

4-55PM OK FBI WA

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- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Belmont
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Laughlin
- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Winterrowd
- Mr. Nease
- Mr. Holloman
- Gandy

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PM EDST JSG

DIRECTOR

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UNSUB, [Redacted]

ARTHUR J. ROONEY

VICTIMS, EXTORTION. TODAY ARTHUR J. ROONEY, NINE FOUR NAUGHT NORTH LINCOLN AVE., PGH., PA., OWNER OF PGH. STEELERS, PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL TEAM, MADE AVAILABLE TO THIS OFFICE A LETTER POSTMARKED AUG. NINE, FIFTYTWO, AT PGH., PA. LETTER STATED QUOTE MR. ROONEY, IF YOU VALUE THE LIVES OF [Redacted] HAVE TEN THOUSAND IN GENUINE US CURRENCY IN TENS, TWENTIES, AND FIFTIES READY. NOTIFYING FBI OR POLICE OR USING ANY TRICKERY WILL PROVE USELESS AND FATAL. PLACE IN PERSONAL COLUMN OF THE PGH. PRESS AUG. FIFTEEN, FRIDAY, THE FOLLOWING QUOTE TED, COME HOME, ART. UNQUOTE, MEANING YOU WILL COMPLY. NO INSTRUCTIONS FOLLOW. DO AS WE SAY IF YOU LOVE THEM OR WE WILL KILL THEM. THIS NO QUOTE PLANK UNQUOTE. WE ARE NOT KIDDING UNQUOTE. ORIGINAL EXTORTION LETTER AND ENVELOPE TOGETHER WITH ELIMINATION PRINTS OF ARTHUR J. ROONEY [Redacted] BEING FORWARDED WITH LETTER. THESE TWO INDIVIDUALS REPORTEDLY ONLY ONES TO HANDLE EXTORTION LETTER. [Redacted] ACTING COP LIGONIER NOTIFIED RE TRHEAT.

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CORR L 9 LAST WRD "FOLLOW-"

ACK AND HOLD PLS  
60 AUG 29 1952  
9 06PM OK FBI WA

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SAC, Pittsburgh (9-924)

September 3, 1952

Director, FBI (9-22750)

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UNKNOWN SUBJECTS:  
ARTHUR J. ROONEY, VICTIM  
EXTORTION

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Reurlet August 25, 1952, submitting palm prints of  
Arthur J. Rooney [redacted] for elimination purposes  
instant case.

Palm prints submitted compared with latent palm print  
remaining unidentified instant case, with negative results.

Palm prints being retained in the Single Fingerprint  
Section for a period of sixty days pending possible receipt of  
additional extortion notes.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Date recorded: 8-27-52 1:00 PM

Single Fingerprint Report

Case: RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
ARTHUR J. ROONEY, VICTIM  
TYPE SIGN

Number: 9-22750-8 ✓

Specimens: The palm prints of ARTHUR J. ROONEY [redacted] b7C [redacted] submitted for comparison with the latents previously submitted for elimination purposes.

Examination requested by: SAC, Pittsburgh (9-924)

Date received: 8-27-52 rmd

Date of reference communication: 8-25-52

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

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Examination by: [redacted]

Evidence Noted by:

*Comparisons made - 20 &  
dictated 8-29-52*

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*[Handwritten initials]*

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
Attention: FBI Laboratory

DATE: Aug. 25, 1952

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh (9-924)

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
ARTEUR J. ROONEY - VICTIM  
EXTORTION

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Re Pittsburgh letter, August 14, 1952, and Bureau teletype, August 18, 1952.

Enclosed herewith are right and left hand palm prints of ARTHUR J. ROONEY   
 as requested in reButel, for comparison with latent palm  
print developed on extortion note forwarded by re Pittsburgh letter.

Enclosures (4)  
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REGISTERED MAIL

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to:

AUGUST 25, 1952

URGENT

SAC, PITTSBURGH

FROM: ARTHUR J. ROONEY, VIK. Y. SUTEL DEVELOPMENTS.

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*EFH*

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AUG 25 1952

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DIRECTOR, FBI URGENT b7C

INSUB, ARTHUR J. ROONEY, VIKING. REBUTEL AUG. TWENTYFIVE INSTANT.  
VICTIM LEFT PGM., AUG. EIGHTEEN, FOR CLEAN, NY, REMAINED THERE UNTIL  
AUG. TWENTY WHEN HE DEPARTED FOR CG, FROM CG TO DES MOINES AND RETURNED  
TO CC ON AUG. TWENTHREE, ON AUG. TWENTYTHREE LEFT CG FOR BUFFALO, NY,  
WHERE HE STAYED UNTIL MONDAY, AUG. TWENTYFIVE, WHEN HE RETURNED  
TO PGM. ON AUG. TWENTYFIVE, ROONEY ADVISED HE HAD NOT RECEIVED ANY  
ADDITIONAL CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING THIS MATTER OR ANY INSTRUCTIONS  
~~THROUGH~~ ANY OTHER MEANS. HE ADVISED THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PALM PRINTS OF ROONEY AND [REDACTED] OBTAINED AND  
BEING FORWARDED . VICTIM HAS NO SUSPECTS.

CORR- L E W 1 "THROUGH"  
ACK AND HOLD PLS  
9-18 PM CG FBI WA 211

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[REDACTED]

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
 THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **PITTSBURGH, PA.**

FILE NO.

REPORT MADE AT <b>PITTSBURGH, PA.</b>	DATE AND TIME MADE <b>9-3-52</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8-13, 14, 15, 23-32</b>	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
UNKNOWN SUBJECT; <b>ARTHUR J. ROONEY - VICTIM</b>		b7C	CHARACTER OF CASE <b>EXTORTION</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Victim received letter postmarked 8-9-52 addressed to Mr. ROONEY, 728 Ridge Ave., Pittsburgh 12, Pa., asking for \$10,000 or they would [REDACTED]. Victim stated letter lay on his desk until 8-13-52 and that he and his [REDACTED] are the only persons who handled the letter.

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[REDACTED] and no one presently occupying 940 North Lincoln Ave., Pittsburgh, residence. All mail received by victim at 521 Grant St., Pittsburgh, until return of his [REDACTED]. Victim complied with extortion letter instructions. Coverage maintained on 8-15-52 but no response made through any means. Extortion letter and elimination prints of victim [REDACTED] forwarded to FBI Lab.

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**DETAILS: AT PITTSBURGH, PA.**

On August 13, 1952, ARTHUR J. ROONEY, owner of the Pittsburgh Steelers Football Team, with offices in the Union Trust Building, 521 Grant Street, appeared at the Pittsburgh Office and informed that he had received the following letter, postmarked August 9, 11 AM, addressed to Mr. ROONEY, 728 Ridge Avenue, Pittsburgh 12, Pa., and which had been delivered to his Steelers' Office:

APPROVED AND FORWARDED [Signature]	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES
COPIES OF THIS REPORT		27
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3 - Pittsburgh (9-224)		21
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PROPERTY OF FBI—THIS CONFIDENTIAL REPORT AND ITS CONTENTS ARE LOANED TO YOU BY THE FBI AND ARE NOT TO BE DISTRIBUTED OUTSIDE OF AGENCY TO WHICH LOANED.

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"Mr. Rooney

"If you [redacted] have 10,000 in genuine U. S. currency in 10, 20 and 50's ready.

"Notifying FBI or police or using any trickery will prove useless and fatal.

Con't

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August 15, Friday

"Place in personal column of the Pgh. Press the following 'Ted come home, Art' meaning you will comply.

"Instructions follow do as we say if you love them or we will kill them.

"This is no plank  
We are not  
kidding"

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ARTHUR J. ROONEY advised that the above letter was probably delivered to his Steelers' Office some time late on August 9 or early August 10, 1952, and that [redacted] placed it on his desk where it remained until the morning of August 13, 1952, when he opened it and noted that it contained a serious threat. Mr. ROONEY said that, while many people might have handled the envelope, he is almost certain that only he and [redacted] handled the actual letter. Elimination prints of ROONEY [redacted] have been obtained and have been forwarded to the FBI Laboratory.

Mr. ROONEY explained that his [redacted]

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He stated that since June 20, 1952, they have been vacationing at [redacted] and answer telephone [redacted] ROONEY advised that he usually goes back and forth to Ligonier but occasionally will stay at 940 North Lincoln Avenue, North Side, Pittsburgh, and that the telephone at the residence is FAirfax 1-7318.

ROONEY stated that he has never lived on Ridge Avenue but informed that Ridge Avenue is located approximately one block from North Lincoln Avenue and that he knows of no one on Ridge Avenue who would desire to harm him [redacted] It is further noted that the envelope was marked by the Post Office "No such address."

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A check of the current City Directory reveals that there is no such address as 728 Ridge Avenue, Pittsburgh, but there is a [redacted]

ROONEY stated that there are hundreds of people in Pittsburgh and Allegheny County who are acquainted with him and his family and know that [redacted]. He said that he had no immediate suspects in this matter. He did mention that a person named [redacted] first name unknown, a native of Ligonier, once wrote a check which ROONEY endorsed and the check was returned no account. ROONEY stated that he called this to [redacted] attention and recalled that [redacted] was very upset about the incident. ROONEY stated that this took place several years ago and that he could not imagine [redacted] making a threat such as the one contained in the letter.

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Mr. ROONEY was advised that this office could not offer him any physical protection at this time. ROONEY stated that he would comply with the instructions and cooperate to the fullest extent in order to bring the writer of this letter into the open.

On August 15, 1952, in the Personal Column of "The Pittsburgh Press," column 4, page 29, appeared the ad - "Ted---Come home." Art." On the day that this ad appeared in the Personal Column, ROONEY was in the office of the Pittsburgh Steelers, located on the first floor of the Union Trust Building, Pittsburgh, Pa. The Steelers have additional office space located at 489 Union Trust Building. The telephone numbers of the Pittsburgh Steelers' Office are GRant 1-2150 and GRant 1-2151. When GRant 1-2150 is busy the call is automatically connected to GRant 1-2151. The Steelers also have telephone GRant 1-0181 and when this is busy the call is connected to GRant 1-0182. Conversations taking place on all telephones can be easily monitored through the extensions in Room 489, Union Trust Building. The Pittsburgh Steelers' Office was maintained under surveillance from 10 AM until 3:55 PM on August 15, 1952, at which time ROONEY left Pittsburgh for Ligonier, Pa. The surveillance was non-productive and was discontinued at this time because there was no one to answer any call at the Pittsburgh Steelers' Office.

ROONEY advised that he was going to Ligonier, Pa., [redacted] and b7C then proceed to Sykesville, Maryland, to his farm, telephone Sykesville 367J5. He said that sometime during August 16, 1952, he would leave Sykesville for Hershey, Pa., to attend the football game between the Steelers and the Philadelphia Eagles and return to Ligonier Saturday night. ROONEY advised that he would be in Ligonier over Sunday and return to the Steelers' Office, Monday, August 18, 1952.

ROONEY made arrangements with all personnel at the Pittsburgh Steelers' Office to have all his mail opened and that any letter appearing to be one coming from the subject of this case should be delivered immediately to the Pittsburgh Office of the FBI.

ROONEY advised that some time on Sunday, August 17, 1952, [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]

By teletype dated August 18, 1952, the Bureau advised that the extortion letter and envelope had been searched through the Anonymous Letter file with negative results and that no watermarks were found on the letter or envelope. The Bureau also advised that the white linen finish paper on which the extortion letter was written contained glue indicating that it came from a tablet. One latent fingerprint was developed and was found to be that of the index finger of ROONEY. One latent palm print was developed on the envelope which is being compared with palm prints of ROONEY [redacted] which were forwarded to the Bureau on August 25, 1952.

On August 18, 1952, ROONEY contacted the Pittsburgh Office to advise that he had not been contacted by any means and that the following was his itinerary: Leave Pittsburgh 5 PM, August 18, 1952, for Olean, New York, St. Bonaventure College, to remain until August 20, 1952; leave Olean, New York, August 20, for Chicago, Illinois; from Chicago to Des Moines, Iowa, arriving there August 21, 1952; leave Des Moines for Chicago, August 22, 1952, arriving Chicago, August 23, 1952; leave Chicago, August 23, arriving Buffalo, New York, to remain there until Monday, August 25, 1952, to return to Pittsburgh on August 25, 1952.

On August 25, 1952, ROONEY contacted the Pittsburgh Office to advise that he had not been contacted by any means by anyone.

Through observation and interrogation the following description of ARTHUR J. ROONEY was obtained:

Name	ARTHUR J. ROONEY
Race	White
Sex	Male
Birthdate and place	1-27-01, Coulter, Pa.
Height	5' 7 1/2"
Weight	180 lbs.
Build	Stocky
Hair	Gray, bushy
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Ruddy
Scars & marks	Burn scar right leg from knee to hip

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Marital Status

[Redacted]

ARTHUR ROONEY

Name  
Age  
Birthdate  
Height  
Weight  
Build  
Hair  
Eyes  
Teeth

Name  
Age  
Height  
Weight  
Build  
Hair  
Eyes  
Scars & marks

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Chief of Police JOSEPH GARDNER, Ligonier, Pa., was advised of the receipt of an extortion letter by ROONEY in order that he might be alert of any activity in his area concerning this matter.

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PITTSBURGH DIVISION

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AT PITTSBURGH, PA.

Will keep in touch with ARTHUR J. ROONEY regarding any developments in this matter.

AT [REDACTED] PA.

Will interview [REDACTED] for information of possible interest in this matter.

AT LIGONIER, PA.

Will locate and interview [REDACTED] first name unknown, concerning this matter. Will obtain handwriting and handprinting specimens of [REDACTED] in addition to fingerprints and palm prints of [REDACTED] to be forwarded to the Laboratory for comparison purposes.

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REFERENCES:

Pittsburgh letters to Bureau, 8-13 and 8-25-52.  
Pulet to Pittsburgh, 8-26-52.

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SAC, Pittsburgh (9-924)

August 26, 1952

Director, FBI

UNKNOWN SUBJECT: //

ARTHUR J. ROONEY - VICTIMS;  
EXTORTION

*JF*

Reurlet August 13, 1952, submitting an extortion letter for examination, together with the fingerprints of Arthur J. Rooney [redacted] for elimination purposes, instant case.

One latent fingerprint and one latent palm print, developed on outside of the envelope, designated as specimen Q1. The latent fingerprint was identified with the right index finger impression of Arthur J. Rooney. Request that palm prints of Rooney [redacted] be forwarded for appropriate comparison with latent palm print developed.

Fingerprints submitted being retained in Single Fingerprint Section for a period of sixty days pending possible receipt of additional extortion notes.

Laboratory report separate.

This report confirms Butel of August 18, 1952.

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REPORT  
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON D. C.

August 28, 1952

To SAC, Pittsburgh

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the results of the examination requested on August 27, 1952.

Re UNSUB., ARTHUR J. ROONEY, VIKEX

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO 9-924  
FBI FILE NO 7-22750  
LAB NO. D-153436 AT

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Examination requested by Bureau

Reference 8/27/52

Examination requested Document

Specimens

Request for comparison of the writing submitted in the above case with the writing in the case Unsub. [redacted] Victim, Extortion, submitted with Pittsburgh letter of August 22, 1952.

RESULTS OF EXAMINATION:

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A definite conclusion was not reached as to whether the questioned handprinting on the specimens submitted in the [redacted] case and the handprinting on the specimens submitted in the ROONEY case were prepared by the same person because the writings are not sufficiently comparable. The writing on the specimens in the ROONEY case is prepared in upper-case block style handprinting which is a different style from the handprinting on the specimens in the [redacted] case.

The envelope submitted in the ROONEY case is designated in the FBI Laboratory as specimen Q1 and the letter submitted in the ROONEY case is designated in the FBI Laboratory as Q2.

Specimens Q1 and Q2 in the ROONEY case will be retained in the FBI Laboratory for thirty days and will then be returned to Pittsburgh unless otherwise advised.

Requested by [redacted]

Requested by [redacted]

on 8-27-52

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WASHINGTON D. C.

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SEP 17 1952

To SAC, Boston

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on September 11, 1952. This report confirms and supplements the Bureau's teletype of September 11, 1952.

Re UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
[Redacted] - [Redacted]

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO. 9-700  
FBI FILE NO.  
LAB. NO. D-153873-700

Examination requested by Boston

Reference Letter

Examination requested Document

Specimens

- Specimen Q1 Envelope bearing handprinted address [Redacted]
- Specimen Q2 Accompanying one-page memorandum, beginning "Act on..." and ending "Your Evolving Move."

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RESULT OF EXAMINATION:

Specimen Q1 is a white bond envelope measuring approximately 6 1/2 x 3 2/3 inches and containing no watermark. Specimen Q2 is a sheet of white bond paper measuring approximately 11 x 17 inches and containing the watermark "FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION" registered with the FBI material.

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It was found that the ink used in the specimens has been identified as being assigned as "G" and "H" by the FBI. The examination conducted on the ink covers the ink "G" and "H" as appearing on specimen Q1 and it was found that this ink is of the same general type as that found in various offices; however, it should be borne in mind that this general type of ink can also be found elsewhere. In this connection,

- 1-New York
- 1-Portland
- 1-San Francisco
- 1-Pittsburgh

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although the tests reflect that the ink used is a blue-black ink, these tests are not sufficiently conclusive to definitely identify the exact make of ink used.

Specimens Q1 and Q2 were compared with the appropriate sections of the Anonymous Letter File without effecting an identification.

It was concluded that the handprinting appearing on specimens Q1 and Q2 was not prepared by the individual who prepared the handprinting on specimens Q1 and Q2 in Bureau File 9-22811, the case entitled "Unknown Subject, [redacted] Victim, Extortion," Pittsburgh office of origin. It was further concluded that the handprinting on Q1 and Q2 was not prepared by the writer of the handprinting on specimens Q3 and Q4 submitted in connection with Bureau File 9-22695, the case entitled "Unknown Subject, [redacted] VICTIMS; Extortion", submitted by the San Francisco division. It was not possible to determine whether Q1 and Q2 in the [redacted] case were prepared by the individual preparing Q1 and Q2 in the instant case because the specimens in the [redacted] case are typewritten. It was not possible to determine whether specimens Q1 and Q2 were prepared by the writer of specimens Q1 through Q8 in Bureau File 9-22676, the case entitled "Unknown Subject; [redacted] Victim; Extortion", Boston office of origin because the handwriting appearing on specimens Q2 through Q4, and Q6 through Q8 and the typewriting on specimen Q1 are not comparable with the handprinting on Q1 and Q2 in the instant case. The handprinting on specimen Q5 in the [redacted] case is too limited to warrant a definite opinion. The questioned handprinting on specimens Q1 and Q2 was also compared with the block printing on specimens Q1 and Q2 in Bureau File 9-22750, the case entitled "Unknown Subject, ARTHUR J. ROONEY- Victim; Extortion", Pittsburgh office of origin, but it was not possible to determine whether the block printing on Q1 and Q2 in the ROONEY case was prepared by the writer of the handprinting in the instant case because this type of handprinting is not comparable with the handprinting on the instant specimens.

Specimens Q1 and Q2 will be chemically treated for the development of latent fingerprints and you will be advised separately regarding the results of this examination.

Q1 and Q2 will be returned to your office after the fingerprint examination has been completed. Appropriate copies are retained in the files of the laboratory.

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AIR MAIL

SAC, PITTSBURGH

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UNSUB; ARTHUR J. ROONEY, VIKEX. REURTEL TODAY. YOU SHOULD MAKE CERTAIN VICTIM UNDERSTANDS BU CANNOT AFFORD PROTECTION TO HIM [REDACTED]

HOOVER.

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REPORT  
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON D. C.

To: SAC, Pittsburgh

October 6, 1952

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on October 6, 1952.

Re: UNSUB  
ARTHUR J. ROONEY  
VIKEX

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO. 9-924  
FBI FILE NO. 9-22750  
LAB. NO. D-155209 AT

Examination requested by: Pittsburgh

Reference: Letter 10/3/52

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprints

Specimens:

Q3 White envelope bearing address handprinted in pencil "ART ROONEY  
521 GRANT ST. PCH. 19 PENNA." postmarked "PITTSBURGH, PA. OCT  
1 11AM 1952."

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Q4 Accompanying letter handprinted in pencil beginning "ROONEY KISS THE  
[redacted]

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Results of examination:

No definite conclusion was reached as to whether the hand-  
printing on Q3 and Q4 and the handprinting on Q1 and Q2 submitted by  
Pittsburgh on August 13, 1952, in this case, were prepared by the same  
person because all of the questioned handprinting consists of block style  
of handprinting. Some of the handprinting appears to have been written  
with the use of a ruler or straightedge. A number of characteristics  
were noted in the handprinting on Q3 and Q4 to be common to the hand-  
printing on Q1 and Q2.

The handprinting on Q3 and Q4 was searched through the  
appropriate sections of the Anonymous Letter File, but no identification  
with any other case was made. Copies have been added thereto for future  
reference.

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Specimen Q3 is a white envelope containing no watermark and measuring approximately 6" by 4.5". Q4 is a sheet of white linen finish paper measuring approximately 7.3" by 10.5" and containing no watermark. Glue markings appear along the top of Q4 indicating that this sheet came from a tablet. Examination discloses that the paper for specimen Q4 is similar to specimen Q2 in length, width, color, texture and presence of glue along the top. Specimens Q1 and Q2 were previously returned to the Pittsburgh office and in the absence of the originals a comparison of other characteristics could not be made. The original documents should be resubmitted to the FBI Laboratory together with information as to whether it is permissible to cut out small parts of the documents or otherwise deface the documents in order to permit complete examination, if further analysis is desired.

The address on Q3 and the message on Q4 are written with a medium soft lead pencil. Examination discloses that some of the letters contain over writing indicating that heavy pencil lines were placed over lightly written lines or letters.

You will be advised separately concerning the fingerprint examination. Specimens Q3 and Q4 will be returned separately to Pittsburgh. Photographs have been made.

SAC, Pittsburgh (9-924)

October 1, 1952

Director, FBI (9-22750)

UNSUB  
ARTHUR J. ROONEY  
VIKEX

Inasmuch as there have been no recent submissions to the Laboratory in this case, the specimens listed below, which were submitted by your office, are returned herewith.

<u>Copies Retained in</u>	<u>No Copies Retained</u>
<u>Bureau Files</u>	<u>in Bureau Files</u>

Q1 and Q2

Enclosure - REGISTERED MAIL

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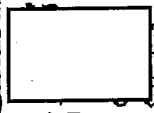
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September 30, 1952

Extortion Cases Involving  
Prominent Sports Figures

For record purposes, the questioned specimens that have been  
submitted in connection with the following cases which involve prominent  
sports figures as victims have been compared, but no connection has  
been found between any of these cases:

- 9-22076 Re: UNSUB, [redacted] Victim Extortion.
- 9-22695 Re: UNSUB, [redacted] Victim [redacted] Victim  
Extortion.
- 9-22750 Re: UNSUB, ARTHUR J. ROONEY, Victim Extortion.
- 9-22811 Re: UNSUB, [redacted] VICTIM EXTORTION.
- 9-22844 Re: UNSUB, [redacted] aka [redacted] Victim Extortion.
- 9-22971 Re: Anonymous letter sent to [redacted]  
[redacted] Cleveland, Ohio, Miscellaneous - Extortion.

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

OCTOBER 3, 1952

URGENT

Transmit the following message to:

SAC, PITTSBURGH

UNSUB: ARTHUR J. ROONEY, WIKEX. URTEL OCTOBER ONE, LAST  
REFLECTS ROONEY INTIMATED DOES NOT DESIRE TO NOTIFY LOCAL  
POLICE AUTHORITIES REGARDING RECEIPT OF SECOND EXTORTION  
LETTER. URTEL AUGUST THREE, LAST REFLECTS [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] BURGESS OF LIGONIER AND LOCAL  
PD ADVISED BY YOUR OFFICE OF FIRST LETTER. UNLESS STRONG  
REASON EXISTS NOT TO DO SO THE LIGONIER POLICE DEPARTMENT AND  
BURGESS OF LIGONIER SHOULD AGAIN BE CONFIDENTIALLY ADVISED IF  
[REDACTED] NO OBJECTION TO DISCUSSING  
THIS PROCEDURE WITH ROONEY TO DETERMINE IF BASIS EXISTS FOR  
NOT ADVISING THESE AUTHORITIES.

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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Gurnea	_____
Mr. Hendon	_____
Mr. Pennington	_____
Mr. Quinn	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

TELETYPE PITTSBURGH 10-1-52 6-40 PM EST NP

DIRECTOR FBI URGENT

UNSUB- ARTHUR J. ROONEY, VIKEX. VICTIM TODAY RECEIVED ANOTHER EXTORTION LETTER. QUOTE ROONEY, [REDACTED] SOMEWHERE SOMEPLACE WE WILL GET [REDACTED] WE WARNED YOU TO PAY. REMEMBER YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR DEATH. CALLING THE FBI WILL DO NO GOOD. THEY ARE DOOMED. WE SENT INSTRUCTIONS WHICH YOU MUST HAVE RECEIVED UNQUOTE. ROONEY STATES NO COMMUNICATION RECEIVED BY HIM OTHER THAN ONE FORWARDED TO LAB AUGUST THIRTEEN, LAST, AND IS AT LOSS TO UNDERSTAND WHICH INSTRUCTIONS UNSUB SENT. VICTIM EXHAUSTIVELY REINTERVIEWED FOR ADDITIONAL SUSPECTS. LOGICAL LEADS BEING RUN OUT. ROONEY HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT THIS OFFICE WILL MAKE NO RELEASE TO NEWSPAPERS CONCERNING SECOND EXTORTION LET AND HE HAS STATED THAT HE DOES NOT DESIRE PUBLICITY REGARDING IT. HE VOLUNTEERED THAT HE DOES NOT INTEND TO ADMIT TO LOCAL PRESS REPRESENTATIVES THAT SECOND EXTORTION LET RECEIVED BY HIM SECOND LET APPARENTLY WRITTEN BY SAME INDIVIDUAL AS FIRST EXTORTION LET. EXTORTION LET RECEIVED BY ROONEY TODAY WILL BE FORWARDED TO FBI LAB IMMEDIATELY. ROONEY HAS INTIMATED THAT HE DOES NOT DESIRE TO NOTIFY LOCAL POLICE AUTHORITIES RE SECOND LET AND NO NOTIFICATION TO PITTSBURGH PD WILL BE MADE BY THIS OFFICE UACB.

[REDACTED]

END ACK PLS

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

AIR MAIL DISPATCH

Transmit the following Teletype message to: FBI WA 0711

FBI PITTSBURGH 10-6-52 2-55 PM EST BKS b7C

DIRECTOR WASHINGTON

MURDER, ARTHUR J. ROONEY, VICTIM. REPEATED OCTOBER THREE LAST. ROONEY

[Redacted]

ARTHUR J. ROONEY, VICTIM, HAS STATED HE DOES NOT DESIRE PUBLICITY CONCERNING RECEIPT OF SECOND LETTER IN THIS CASE AND FEELS THAT ADVISING PITTSBURGH POLICE DEPARTMENT MIGHT LEAD TO PRESS INQUIRIES. ROONEY HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT THE BUREAU CANNOT OFFER HIM PROTECTION AND HE HAS STATED IN SPITE OF THIS FACT HE DOES NOT FEEL THAT PITTSBURGH PD SHOULD BE COGNIZANT OF HIS RECEIVING SECOND LETTER. IN VIEW OF STRONG POSSIBILITY THAT NEWSPAPERS WOULD CAPITALIZE ON PUBLICITY VALUE OF SECOND EXTORTION LETTER, PITTSBURGH PD NOT BEING MADE COGNIZANT OF SECOND LETTER UACB.

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AIR MAIL DISPATCH

Approved: [Signature] Special Agent in Charge

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SAC, Pittsburgh (9-924)

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Director, FBI (9-22750)

SPECIAL DELIVERY

REGISTERED

UNKNOWN SUBJECT  
ARTHUR J. ROONEY - VICTIM  
EXTORTION

Reurlet October 3, 1952, submitting specimens for examination instant case.

Three latent fingerprints developed on Q4. These impressions not identical with fingerprints of Arthur J. Rooney. No latents of value developed on Q3.

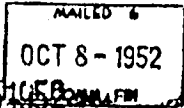
Specimens described in laboratory report forwarded separately.

Specimens returned herewith.

Enclosure

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Laboratory Work Sheet

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LATENT

LAB FILE

Re: UNSUB.;  
ARTHUR J. ROONEY - VIXEK

File # 9-22750 - 16  
Lab. # D-155209 AT

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Examination requested by: Rak Pittsburgh (9-924)

Date of reference communication: Let. 10-3-52

Date received: 10-6-52

Examination requested: Doc. - VIXEK

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Result of Examination:

Examination by:

SPECIAL

AMSD

Specimens submitted for examination

Q3 White envelope bearing kpx address handprinted in pencil "ART ROONEY 521 GRANT ST. PGN. 19 PENNA." postmarked "PITTSBURGH, PA. OCT 1 11AM 1952"

Q4 Accompanying letter handprinted in pencil beginning "ROONEY"

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*SFP will return Q3, Q4 to Pittsburgh*

Compare the latents developed in connection with this case with the latents previously developed, Speciman Q#2.

RETURN

~~REVIEWED~~

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*Q 4 to photo 10-7*

*Three lat. fpts. of value dev. on Q 4 - compared with fpts. of Arthur J. Rooney - no*

*Dictated 10-8-52*



Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: *Her* Director, FBI (9-22750)  
FROM: SAC, Pittsburgh (9-924)  
SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
ARTHUR J. ROONEY - VICTIM  
EXTORTION

DATE October 3, 1952

Attention: FBI Laboratory (D-153436)

REGISTERED MAIL  
AIR MAIL

SPECIAL DELIVERY

Re Pittsburgh letter to Bureau dated August 13, 1952, FBI Laboratory report dated August 28, 1952, and Bureau letter to Pittsburgh dated September 3, 1952.

On October 1, 1952, ARTHUR J. ROONEY, 940 North Lincoln Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa., owner of the Pittsburgh Steelers Football Team, advised that he received another extortion letter which was postmarked October 1, 1952, 11:00 A.M., at the North Side station, Pittsburgh, Pa., and was addressed to ART ROONEY, 521 Grant Street, Pittsburgh 19, Pa. This address is the address of the Pittsburgh Steelers Football Team office and it appears on all Steelers stationery. The letter received read as follows:

"Rooney

Some where  
" " place  
We will get [redacted]  
We warned you to pay  
Remember you are responsible  
for their death.  
Calling the F.B.I. will do no  
good  
They are doomed.  
We sent instructions  
which you must have received."

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ARTHUR J. ROONEY stated that he is the only person who handled the letter. His palm and fingerprints have already been taken and forwarded to the Bureau.

It is requested that the Laboratory search the enclosed letter through the anonymous letter file and that this letter and envelope be examined for:

Enclosures (2)

SG/hbh

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*Handwritten notes and stamps, including 'COPY' and 'INDEXED'.*

Letter to Director, FBI  
RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
ARTHUR J. ROONEY - VICTIM

October 3, 1952

1. Latent fingerprints and palm prints.
2. That if any latents developed on the enclosed letter it is requested they be checked against the latent fingerprints and palm prints developed from the first letter - Speciman Q-2.
3. Determine if the paper used in the second letter compares favorably with the first letter - Speciman Q-2.
4. Determine if both letters could have been written by the same person.

Upon completion of this examination it is requested that the originals of Specimens Q-1 and Q-2 and this second letter be forwarded to the Pittsburgh Office.

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SAC, Pittsburgh (9-924)

October 28, 1952

Director, FBI (9-22750) - 11

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT  
ARTHUR J. ROONEY - VICTIM  
EXTORTION

Reurlet October 8, 1952, submitting fingerprints  
and handwriting specimens of [redacted]  
[redacted] for comparison purposes instant case.

Fingerprints and palm prints submitted compared  
with latent impressions remaining unidentified instant  
case, with negative results.

Prior record for [redacted] as FBI [redacted]. Transcript  
of his record enclosed.

Laboratory report separate.

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Laboratory Work Sheet

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Re: M. S. B. ;  
ARTHUR J. ROONEY - VICTIM  
MURDER

File # 9-22750  
Lab. # D-1-5756AT  
9-22750-17 ✓

Examination requested by: SAC, Pittsburgh 10-2-52

Date of reference communication: Let. 10-8-52

Date received: 10-15-52

Examination requested: Loc. - Prot. ✓

Result of Examination: b7C

Examination by:

Specimens submitted for examination

- K1 Six pages and two envelopes bearing the kn hw and hp of
- K2 Seven pages and two envelopes bearing the kn hw and hp of

Also Submitted: 2 p lmrprints and one set of fgts. of  and 3 palm-prints and one set of fgts. of  suspects, for comparison with latents developed previously.

*Prints to tech 10-21*  
*Prior used for  as*   
*Called for job 10-21*  
*comparisons made - rw a b7C*  
*Dictated 10-23-52*

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: October 8, 1952

Director, FBI (9-22750)  
Attention: FBI Laboratory (D-153436)  
SAC, Pittsburgh (9-924)

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
ARTHUR J. ROONEY - VICTIM  
EXTORTION

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY  
REGISTERED MAIL

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Re Pittsburgh let, 10-3-52.

ARTHUR J. ROONEY, when interviewed on October 3, 1952, regarding the receipt of a second extortion letter, supplied the name of two suspects; namely, [redacted]

ROONEY stated that [redacted]

ARTHUR J. ROONEY advised that [redacted]

as a bit peculiar and unreasonable, and one who could possibly have written the extortion letters.

[redacted] readily accompanied Bureau agents to the Pittsburgh Office, where they both denied writing the extortion letters. They voluntarily gave specimens of their handwriting and handprinting and were most agreeable to being fingerprinted and palmprinted.

~~EXPEDITED PROCESSING~~

Enclosed with this letter are the following:

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- 6 pages of handwriting and handprinting specimens of [redacted]
- 2 envelopes containing handprinting specimens of [redacted]
- 2 palmprints and one set of fingerprints of [redacted]

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S. P. [unclear]  
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Boyle 10/12/52  
Copy of encls. returned ...

TO: Director, FBI  
Attention: FBI Lab  
FROM: SAC, Pittsburgh  
SUBJECT: UNSUB;  
ARTHUR J. ROONEY  
VIXX

October 8, 1952

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7 pages of handwriting and handprinting specimens of [redacted]

2 envelopes containing handprinting specimens of [redacted]

3 palmprints and one set of fingerprints of [redacted]

It is requested that the handwriting and printing specimens of [redacted] be compared with the printing in the extortion letters to determine if they are similar. It is also requested that the latent palmprint developed from the first extortion letter be compared with the palmprints of [redacted] in an attempt to make an identification.

It should be noted that an attempt was made by the Pittsburgh Office to locate on the North Side of Pittsburgh paper similar to that used by the extortioner, and in five stores visited only one store; namely, McCrory's Five and Ten, had paper of the same size but of different quality.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd

DATE: October 8, 1952

FROM : Mr. Rosen

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
ARTHUR J. ROONEY - VICTIM  
EXTORTION

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Miss Gandy	<input type="checkbox"/>

PURPOSE:

To advise that the victim, Arthur J. Rooney, does not desire that the Pittsburgh Police Department be advised of the existence of the second extortion letter in this case. He is aware that the Bureau can afford him no protection.

BACKGROUND:

Arthur J. Rooney, owner of the Pittsburgh Steelers, a professional football team, furnished the Pittsburgh Division a letter postmarked August 9, 1952, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. It threatened the lives of [redacted] unless \$10,000 was paid. The local police were advised of this letter so protection could be afforded the Rooney family.

Investigation regarding this letter has failed to identify the unknown subject.

On October 1, 1952, <sup>G.I.R. 3</sup> a second extortion letter was received by the victim, containing threats against [redacted] and contained the message "We warn you to pay" . . . "They are doomed." The letter indicated that instructions had been sent which they were sure Rooney received. Mr. Rooney advised that he received no subsequent instructions from the extortionist and indicated that he did not desire to notify the local police authorities regarding the second extortion note. B

The Pittsburgh Division was instructed to recontact Mr. Rooney to point out the fact that the Bureau could afford him no protection and that the matter should be reported to the local police.

<sup>(on Oct 7)</sup> Mr. Rooney has now advised that in spite of the fact that the Bureau can afford him no protection, he does not feel that the Pittsburgh Police should be cognizant of the receipt of the second letter. In view of the fact that the newspapers would capitalize on the publicity field of the extortion letter, no notification to the police has been made.

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Both extortion letters have been in the FBI Laboratory and the report indicates no definite conclusion could be reached as to whether the same person prepared both letters. The report points out that all the questioned hand printing consisted of block style. Some of the hand printing appears to have been printed with the use of a ruler or straight edge.

ACTION:

In view of the request of Mr. Rooney, the victim, that the Pittsburgh Police not be advised, no further action is being taken in this regard. The field is being followed closely and you will be kept advised.

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REPORT  
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON D. C.

October 21, 1952

Pittsburgh

Enclosed follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the  
examination of evidence received from your office on October 13,  
1952.

UN SUB.;  
ARTHUR J. ... - VICTIM  
TO PITCH

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO. 9-924  
FBI FILE NO. 9-22750  
LAB. NO. D-155756 AT

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Examination requested by: Pittsburgh  
Reference: Letter 10/8/52  
Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint  
Specimens: b7C

- X1 Six pages and two envelopes bearing the known handwriting and handprinting of [redacted]
- X2 Seven pages and two envelopes bearing the known handwriting and handprinting of [redacted]

Also Submitted: Two palmprints and one set of fingerprints of [redacted] and three palmprints and one set of fingerprints of [redacted]

Result of examination:

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A positive opinion was not reached as to whether the hand-  
printing on 1 through 4 in this case was prepared by either [redacted]  
[redacted] K1, or [redacted] K2, because of the disguised nature  
of the handwriting on 1 through 4. All of the questioned hand-  
writing consists of block style of handprinting, some of which  
appear to have been written with the use of a ruler or steel bodger.  
The handwriting of [redacted] K1, is not entirely comparable  
with the questioned handwriting on 1 through 4. The block style  
of handwriting does bear a resemblance to the known writing of [redacted] K1, and  
examination reveals some characteristics in this writing to be different  
from the block style of handprinting on 1 through 4. The hand-

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printing of [redacted] K2, is not comparable in style with the questioned handwriting on Q1 through Q4 and an adequate comparison cannot be conducted. For further examination, it is suggested that additional samples of writing be obtained from [redacted] consisting of handwriting prepared in block style similar to the handwriting on Q1 through Q4. Samples of handwriting prepared in block style letters with the use of a straightedge and without the use of a straightedge may be of assistance in further comparison.

Specimen K1 is returned herewith to Pittsburgh. No photographs have been made. K2 is retained for any future examination which may be requested.

You will be advised separately concerning the fingerprint examination.

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SAC, Pittsburgh, (9-924)

November 9, 1952

Director, <sup>RECORDED-39</sup> 9-22750 -20

UNKNOWN SUBJECT EX-110  
ARTHUR J. BOONY - VICTIM  
EXTORTION

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On October 23, 1952, submitting fingerprints and palm prints, as well as handwriting specimens, of [redacted] for comparison purposes instant case.

Fingerprints and palm prints of [redacted] compared with latent impressions remaining unidentified instant case, with negative results. Inked impressions also compared with latent fingerprints and palm prints developed in case entitled "Unsub; was. [redacted] Victim - Extortion," without effecting any identifications.

No prior record for [redacted]

Laboratory report separate.

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EXAMINER  
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File # 9-22750  
Lab. # D-158204 AT  
9-22750-20 ✓

Examination requested by: Pittsburgh (9-924) b7C

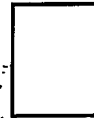
Date of reference communication: Let. 10-22-52

Date received: 10-24-52

Examination requested: Doc. - Egpt ✓

Result of Examination:

Examination by:



Specimens submitted for examination

Seven sheets of white paper bearing the known h.w. of [redacted] + 1 P

ALSO SUBMITTED: Fingerprint card and palm prints of right and left hands of [redacted]

Fingerprints and palm prints of suspect [redacted]

[redacted] submitted for comparison with latents previously developed in connection with instant case.

*also compare with fingerprints  
and palm prints in case*

*cc 9-231-3*

*VIT IX*

*Print to each 11-4  
no print record*

*Comparisons made - 2/4*

*dictated 11-4*

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: *4* DIRECTOR, FBI (9-22750)

DATE: October 23, 1952

FROM: *o* SAC, PITTSBURGH (9-924)

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
ARTHUR J. ROONEY - Victim  
EXTORTION

ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

REGISTERED MAIL

Pittsburgh - Origin

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Reference: Report of SA [redacted]  
9-3-52.

Pittsburgh,

There is submitted herewith material furnished by [redacted]  
[redacted] Pennsylvania, when interview-  
ed by Special Agent [redacted] of this office, at the head-  
quarters of the Pennsylvania State Police, Greensburg, Pennsylvania,  
on October 20, 1952, consisting of the following:

1. Fingerprint card [redacted]
2. Palm Prints.
3. Three page holographic signed statement - (to be return-  
ed to the Pittsburgh Office.
4. Two pages of hand printed material on plain white bond,  
using a pen.
5. Two pages of hand printed material on plain white bond,  
cut to width of extortion letter and lined in  
approximately the same manner, using pencil.

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in lab. 10-27-52  
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~~EXPEDITE PROCESSING~~

It is requested that the hand printed and written material  
be compared with the writing on the extortion letter.

[redacted]

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*WJM*

To Director, FBI  
from SAC, Pittsburgh

Re: ARTHUR J. ROONEY

10-23-52

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[redacted] Since the extortion  
letter was postmarked August 9, 1952, at Pittsburgh, it could only  
have been prepared by [redacted]  
Aside from the signed statement, which should be returned, the other  
material may be destroyed.

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REPORT  
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON D. C.

SAC, Pittsburgh

November 3, 1952

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of the evidence received from your office on October 21, 1952.

UNSUB, C  
ARTHUR J. SORREY  
VIKPY

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO 9-924  
FBI FILE NO 9-22750  
LAB NO L-156304 AT

Examination requested by: Pittsburgh b7C  
Reference: Letter 10/23/52  
Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint  
Specimens:

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K3 Seven sheets of white paper bearing the known handwriting and handprinting of [redacted]

ALSO SUBMITTED: Fingerprint card and palm prints of right and left hands of [redacted]

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RESULTS OF EXAMINATION:

The writing of [redacted] was compared with Q1 through Q4 submitted by Pittsburgh in the above case and with the extortion envelope and letter Q1 and Q2 submitted by Pittsburgh in the case of "Unknown Subject, [redacted] Victim, Extortion." A positive conclusion was not reached as to whether [redacted] K3, prepared any of the questioned handprinting on the above specimens because of the disguised nature of the handprinting on the questioned specimens. All of the questioned handprinting consists of block style, some of which appears to have been written with the use of a ruler or straightedge. The known

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writing of [redacted] is not sufficiently comparable for adequate comparison; however, nothing of particular significance was noted which would suggest the desirability of securing additional samples of writing from this person.

K3 is returned herewith to Pittsburgh. No photographs have been made.

You will be advised separately concerning the fingerprint examination.

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REPORT  
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON D. C.

To SAC, Pittsburgh

November 5, 1952

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on October 29, 1952.

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Re: UNSUB, [redacted]  
VIKEX

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO. 2-95  
FBI FILE NO. 2-22750  
LAB. NO. 2-256530

Examination requested by Pittsburgh  
Reference Letter 10/27/52  
Examination requested Document - Fingerprint  
Specimens

- Q1 Envelopes bearing handprinted address [redacted] postmarked "PITTSBURGH, PA. OCT 26, 1952 7:30 PM."
- Q2 Accompanying one page handprinted letter beginning [redacted] "IF YOU VALUE...." and ending ".....REMEMBER ACCIDENTS CAN HAPPEN."

Resubmission: Q1 through Q4 in case "UNSUB, was., ARTHUR J. ROONEY, VIKEX."

Results of examination: 9-22750-

This confirms and supplements Bureau's teletype message of October 29, 1952 to Pittsburgh.

The writing on Q1 and Q2 above was compared with the questioned writing on specimens Q1 through Q4 submitted by Pittsburgh in the case "Unknown Subject, with alias, ARTHUR J. ROONEY, Victim, Extortion." A definite opinion was not reached as to whether the handprinting on Q1 and Q2 above and the handprinting on Q1 through Q4 in the ROONEY case were prepared by the same person because of disguise in all of the writing. All of the questioned writing bears some evidence of disguise and this writing is prepared in a block style of handprinting, some of which was prepared with a ruler or straightedge. Examination disclosed a number of handwriting characteristics in the handprinting on Q1 and Q2 above to be common to the handprinting on Q1 through Q4 in the ROONEY case.

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The paper of the envelope Q1 above is different from the envelopes Q1 and Q3 in the ROONEY case. The paper for Q2 above is different from the papers Q2 and Q4 in the ROONEY case.

The questioned handprinting was searched through the Anonymous Letter File with negative results. A copy has been added thereto for future reference.

Q1 is a white envelope measuring approximately 3.6 by 6.5 inches. Specimen Q2 is a sheet of white unruled paper measuring approximately 11 by 8.4 inches. No watermarks were found in Q1 and Q2. Examination of Q1 and Q2 discloses that some of the block style handprinted letters were written in light pencil and then written over with heavier pencil markings.

A separate report will be furnished concerning the fingerprint examination.

Specimens Q1 and Q2 are retained for future examination.

Specimens Q1 through Q4 in the ROONEY case which were retained have been placed in Laboratory file for the ROONEY case and are retained for future comparison.

SAC, Pittsburgh (9-945)  
Director, FBI (9-23163)

November 6, 1952

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UNKNOWN SUBJECTS:  
[redacted] - VICTIM  
EXTORTION

Further reurlet October 27, 1952 submitting an envelope and a letter, designated in the laboratory report as Q1 and Q2, for examination and requesting that any latent impressions developed be compared with the latent impressions previously developed in the case entitled "Unsub; [redacted] Arthur J. Rooney, Victims, Extortion."

Confirming and supplementing Butel of October 29, 1952, three latent fingerprints and one latent palm print developed on Q2. These latent impressions were compared, insofar as possible, with the latent impressions previously developed in the Rooney case with negative results.

The submitted specimens are being retained by the laboratory.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **PITTSBURGH**

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REPORT MADE AT <b>PITTSBURGH</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>11-7-52</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10-1,2,3,11-1-52</b>	REPORT MADE BY [redacted] <b>b7C</b>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECT; ARTHUR J. ROONEY - VICTIM</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE	

### SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Extortion victim received second letter, **b7C**  
postmarked 10-1-52, addressed to **ART**  
**ROONEY, 521 Grant Street, Pittsburgh 19, Pa.**  
Letter stated the **ROONEY** would die  
as result of Mr. **ROONEY's** failure to  
comply with instructions, which were not  
received. Victim advised [redacted]

[redacted] possible suspects. [redacted]  
[redacted] could furnish no leads.  
suspects. Suspects [redacted] and [redacted]  
[redacted] interviewed and handwriting  
specimens obtained for FBI Lab examination.  
Reports of Identification Division indicate  
3 latent fingerprints remain unidentified  
on second note. No conclusion reached by  
FBI Laboratory in regard to handwriting of  
[redacted]

### DETAILS:

**AT PITTSBURGH, PA. 9-22750-22**

On October 1, 1952, **ARTHUR J. ROONEY, 940  
Lincoln Avenue, Pittsburgh,** visited the

APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>JH</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <b>22 SE B</b> INDEXED 57 FA 109
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Pittsburgh Office, at which time he was interviewed jointly by SAC WALTER HALLFORD, ASAC CARROLL DOYLE, and SA [redacted]. At this time he advised that he was in receipt of a second extortion letter, postmarked October 1, 1952, 11:00 A. M., at the North Side Station, Pittsburgh, Pa., and addressed to ART ROONEY, 521 Grant Street, Pittsburgh 19, Pa. This address is the address of the Pittsburgh Steelers Professional Football Team Office and it appears on all Steelers stationery. The letter reads as follows:

"Rooney  
 Kiss the [redacted] goodbye because now  
 they will die.  
 Some where  
 " " place  
 We will get them.  
 We warned you to pay  
 Remember you are responsible  
 for their death.  
 Calling the F.B.I. will do no  
 good  
 They are doomed.  
 We sent instructions  
 which you must have received."

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Mr. ROONEY stated that only he had handled the note and he made it available to this office for examination. The letter was immediately transmitted to the FBI Laboratory.

Mr. ROONEY was advised that this office would treat the matter with continued confidence and he was fully apprised of the Bureau's policy in regard to affording protection to his family. In this regard, he was questioned about the notification of the Pittsburgh Police Department since [redacted] was presently in Pittsburgh and Mr. ROONEY stated that he did not desire any publicity concerning the receipt of the second letter in this case and felt that advising the Pittsburgh Police Department might lead to press inquiries; hence, in spite of the lack of protection, he did not feel that they should be notified. It is to be noted that instant matter received publicity regarding the first extortion letter in the "Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph" on September 29, 1952.

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Mr. ROONEY was exhaustively reinterviewed for additional suspects and he furnished the following information:

[redacted] who is a [redacted] b7C

ROONEY and [redacted] b7C

the first extortion letter, [redacted] b7C

[redacted] ROONEY appeared to give him [redacted] b7C

[redacted] appeared to be intimidated. [redacted] b7C

instructed him to visit the Pittsburgh Steelers Office at [redacted] b7C

later date, at which time he told him he would discuss the [redacted] b7C

letter of a [redacted] b7C

[redacted] d'd visit the Pittsburgh Steelers Office [redacted] b7C

[redacted] ROONEY. ROONEY felt that [redacted] interviewed [redacted] b7C

on this occasion also and [redacted] b7C

[redacted] b7C

[redacted] ROONEY to some extent. [redacted] b7C

[redacted] ROONEY described [redacted] b7C

[redacted] b7C

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ROONEY also felt that an individual known as [redacted] might be a possible suspect in this case. ROONEY explained that [redacted]

[redacted] ROONEY had at that time. [redacted] b7C

[redacted] known to ROONEY, and he [redacted] b7C

stated that he has the utmost respect for them. About two [redacted] b7C

years ago, [redacted] b7C

in Pittsburgh. Inasmuch as ROONEY did not feel that working [redacted] b7C

[redacted] b7C

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ROONEY said that he felt that [redacted] might have been the individual and due to ROONEY's respect for [redacted]

[redacted] ARTHUR ROONEY has seen him on a number of occasions during the recent past. Recently ARTHUR ROONEY saw [redacted]

[redacted] and that he visited Pittsburgh on weekends. ROONEY said that [redacted]

[redacted] ROONEY said that [redacted] ROONEY gave the following description of [redacted]

[redacted] Pittsburgh PA

After [redacted] ROONEY he became [redacted]

[redacted] ROONEY said that in the course of the discussion [redacted] ROONEY's remarks and ROONEY thereafter [redacted] ROONEY said that they became friends thereafter and that they are friendly now but that he feels [redacted]

[redacted] extortion letters in this case even though he does not feel that [redacted] would harm [redacted]

In addition to the above information, ROONEY said that when speaking with [redacted]

[redacted] ROONEY said that he pointed out the risk involved in such a procedure and [redacted]

ROONEY advised SA [redacted] that the following individuals were cognizant of the second letter which ROONEY received.

[redacted]

In discussion letters which he had received from various individuals in the recent past, ROONEY recalled that he had received a letter from [redacted]

The letter stated that [redacted]

The letter from [redacted] also stated that a [redacted] had told [redacted] to write to ARTHUR ROONEY. [redacted] is unknown to ROONEY. [redacted] letter further stated that he had [redacted] and that although he did not know [redacted] (a Steeler football player), he was [redacted] when [redacted] was there. The letter indicated that the Marine was [redacted] remaining. ROONEY was unable to recall whether the original sentence was [redacted] although he felt that this was the case. ROONEY said that he got the letter about one to two weeks before he received the second extortion letter, and that he subsequently destroyed it.

With the view to determine from [redacted] whether or not she had any suspects in the neighborhood of 940 North Lincoln Avenue, the ROONEY [redacted] on October 2, 1952; by SAs [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that [redacted]

She said that [redacted]

[redacted] ROONEY [redacted]

[redacted] leaving little time for outsiders. She stated that to her knowledge none of [redacted]

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[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted] stated that she has a [Redacted]

[Redacted] but supply a telephone number or address for [Redacted] promised to obtain one and make it available to this office.

[Redacted] men attempted to enter the residence at 940 North Lincoln Avenue, and that the police came and scared him away.

[Redacted]

[Redacted] had informed her that the FBI had a couple of suspects in this matter and told her that they were [Redacted] stated that in her judgment [Redacted] were above suspicion inasmuch as they are very close to the ROONEY. She explained that [Redacted]

[Redacted] and during his recent [Redacted] She

said that [Redacted]

[Redacted] was given an opportunity to examine a photostatic copy of the first extortion letter received and was asked to study it and advise whether or not the printing or anything else thereon struck a responsive chord. [Redacted] after examining the photostatic copy closely, remarked that the handprinting had a strange similarity to other printing she had seen somewhere. She said that she could not at this time say where she thinks she saw the handprinting and added that she would try very seriously to recollect and advise this office.

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[redacted] advised that [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]

The first letter received in this matter appears to have been written with the aid of a straight-edge. It is neatly printed and suggests that perhaps someone in drafting could possibly have written the note. The original of the first letter was crossed several times, giving the impression that it could have been carried around by someone for a few days prior to mailing. It is possible that a student of drafting might have written this note while in school and not having an envelope with which to mail it, carried it around until he obtained an envelope. This person, upon obtaining an envelope, was not in a position to use a straight-edge to address it, and possibly addressed the envelope free hand without the use of a straight-edge. [redacted] was asked if there were any drafting schools nearby and [redacted] advised that the Allegheny Vocational School, located at the end of the block on North Lincoln Avenue, does teach drafting.

[redacted] closed the interview with the remark that [redacted] is at a complete loss to supply this office with any real suspects.

On October 2, 1952, ARTHUR ROONEY advised SA [redacted] that he had met [redacted] on the street and had conversed with him and learned that he is now [redacted]

Pittsburgh, Pa., [redacted]

In regard to the [redacted] ROONEY [redacted] he explained to SA [redacted] that this [redacted] near Troy Hill. ROONEY stated that the best information he has been able to obtain is that [redacted]

[redacted]  
The following interview was conducted by ASAC CARROLL [redacted]

On October 3, 1952, [redacted] ARTHUR J. ROONEY [redacted] Pittsburgh Office. With the consent [redacted] of, and in the presence of, [redacted] ROONEY, [redacted]

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[redacted] were interviewed concerning possible suspects in this case. [redacted] had any individual in mind who he felt might be the author of the extortion letters in this case. [redacted] mentioned one [redacted] who resided in the vicinity of [redacted] at some time in the past although this individual is known to [redacted] ROONEY as a psychopathic who moves from one rooming house to another in the neighborhood of the ROONEY home. [redacted] also mentioned one [redacted] at Ligonier and Pittsburgh. [redacted] ROONEY had [redacted] address and both discounted the fact that he might be the extortionist in this case.

Handwriting specimens of [redacted] were taken for elimination purposes while they were in the office. The handwriting specimen of [redacted] was taken by SA [redacted] and the handwriting specimen of [redacted] was taken by SA [redacted].

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The following investigation was conducted by SAs [redacted] and [redacted]

On October 3, 1952, [redacted] was located on top of [redacted] Pittsburgh, where he was [redacted] readily agreed to accompany SAs [redacted] to the Pittsburgh Office for interview. [redacted] advised that he is [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] stated that when [redacted]

b7C He stated that he vividly remembers that on October 1, 1952, Wednesday, [redacted]

b7D [redacted] to the ROONEY [redacted] APT ROONEY, he still remains [redacted]

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the extortion letters and voluntarily gave specimens of his handprinting and handwriting, which were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory for comparison. [redacted] very willingly was fingerprinted and palm printed and upon termination of the interview made the remark that he would do all within his power to try to help this bureau locate the person or persons who wrote the extortion letters.

The following description of [redacted] was obtained through observation and interrogation:

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Face  
Born  
Height  
Weight  
Hair  
Eyes  
Appearance

Marital status  
Residence

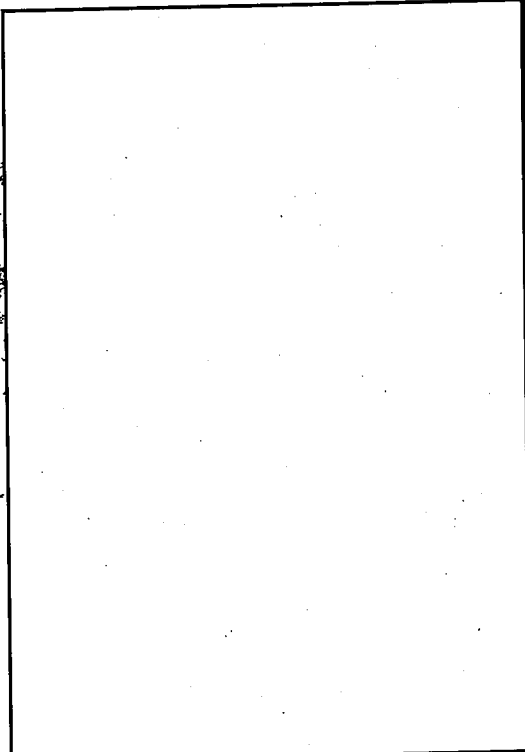
Education

Relatives

Military status

Army Serial Number  
Past employment

Original record



The following identification record for [redacted] was obtained from the Identification Division of the Bureau under date of October 21, 1952:

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Contributor	Name and Number	Arrested or Received	Charge	Disposition

Re: Suspect [redacted]

On October 6, 1952, [redacted] was located at his residence  
the [redacted] Pittsburgh, Pa.,  
and he voluntarily came to the Pittsburgh Office for interview.  
[redacted] admitted that he has had an [redacted] ART

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anything to do with the writing of the extortion notes and he willingly gave specimens of his handwriting and handprints, which were forwarded the Laboratory for comparison. [redacted] consented to be fingerprinted and palmprinted, which prints were also forwarded to the Laboratory for comparison with the latent print which was developed from the first extortion note.

While agents were obtaining the handwriting specimens, [redacted] made the comment that the instruction "Ted come home - Art" brought to his mind the only [redacted] on the North Side and the only person by the name of [redacted] who operated the [redacted] ROONEY is a person named [redacted] Pittsburg. He said that he has never known ART ROONEY to have any difficulty with [redacted] and he, [redacted] does not feel that [redacted] would attempt to extort money from ROONEY. He said his only reason for mentioning the name of [redacted] was because of the instruction "Ted come home - Art."

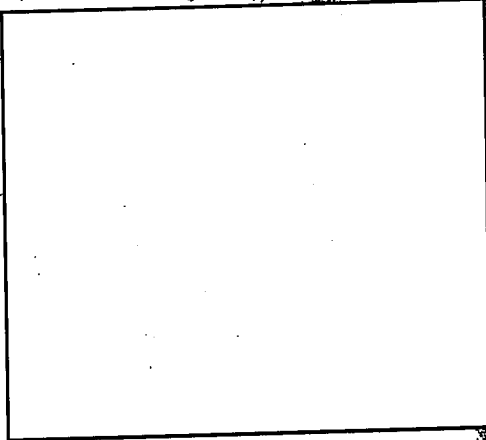
The following description of [redacted] was obtained through observation and interrogation:

- Race
- Born
- Height
- Weight
- Hair
- Eyes
- Complexion
- Residence

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- Criminal record
- Present employment

- Past employment
- Military service
- Serial Number



Re: Suspect [redacted]

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

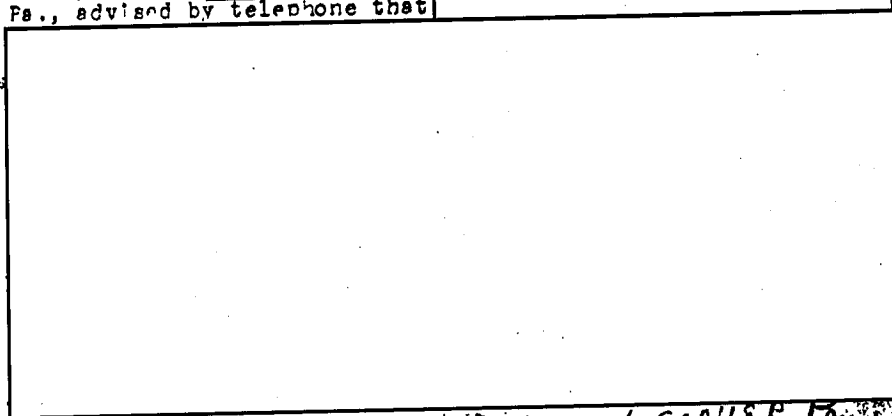
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Chief JOSEPH GARDNER, Ligonier, Pa., advised that [redacted] Pa., is undoubtedly the person known to ROONEY because he is the only person having the surname of [redacted] living in the Ligonier area who has a reputation for [redacted]. GARDNER said that in his opinion [redacted] is not the author of the extortion letter because he is not the type and because about the time the letter was mailed, [redacted].

Deputy Sheriff [redacted] Somerset County Jail, Somerset, Pa., advised by telephone that [redacted]

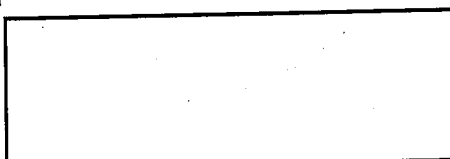


On October 17, 1952, [redacted] <sup>LIGONIER, Pa.</sup> contacted SA [redacted] by telephone and an appointment was made to interview him at Pennsylvania State Police headquarters at Greensburg, Pa., on October 20, 1952.

On October 20, 1952, [redacted] was interviewed, fingerprinted, palm printed, and furnished a three-page holographic signed statement and specimens of handwriting. In the course of dictation of material to be printed SA [redacted] saw fit to avoid the use of victim's name or identity.

The following description of [redacted] was obtained through observation and interrogation:

Address  
Color  
Sex  
Age  
Born



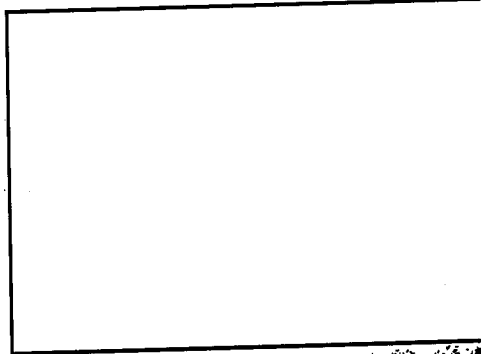
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Height  
Weight  
Eyes  
Hair  
Build  
Scars and marks

Marital status  
Relatives



All handwriting and fingerprint specimens of the above three suspects were immediately submitted to the FBI Laboratory for examination.

By letter dated September 3, 1952, the Identification Division of the Bureau advised that the palm prints of ARTHUR J. ROONEY were compared with the latent palm print remaining unidentified in instant case with negative results.

In regard to comparison of handwriting between the first and second extortion letters in this case, the FBI Laboratory advised by letter dated October 6, 1952, that no definite conclusion could be reached as to whether they were prepared by the same person because all of the writing consists of block style of handprinting, some of which appeared to have been made with the use of a ruler or straight-edge. A number of characteristics were noted to be common between the two notes. The handprinting of the second note was searched through the appropriate sections of the Anonymous Letter File of the Laboratory but no identification with any other case was made.

By letter dated October 8, 1952, the Identification Division advised regarding the second extortion letter that there were three latent fingerprints developed thereon. These were stated as not identical with those of ARTHUR J. ROONEY and remain unidentified in instant case. There were no latents of value developed on the envelope of the second letter.

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In the comparison of known handprinting specimens of [redacted] with the handprinting of the two extortion letters received by the victim, the FBI Laboratory reported by letter of October 21, 1952, that they could not reach a conclusion as to whether the original notes had been prepared by the two suspects because of the disguised nature of the handprinting of these notes. They noted that the questioned handprinting appears to have been made with the use of a ruler or straight-edge. They concluded that the known handprinting of [redacted] was not comparable and requested additional samples be obtained consisting of handprinting prepared in block style letters with and without the use of a straight-edge. They also explained that the printing of [redacted] was not entirely comparable; however, the writing did reveal some characteristics noted to be different from the handprinting of the original note.

By letter dated October 28, 1952, the Identification Division advised that a comparison of the fingerprints and palm prints of [redacted] with those prints remaining unidentified in this case had been conducted with negative results.

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LEADS

THE PITTSBURGH DIVISION

AT PITTSBURGH, PA. b7C

Will remain in contact with ARTHUR J. ROONEY regarding any developments which might come to his attention.

Will contact the Allegheny Vocational School located at the end of the block on North Lincoln Avenue near the victim's home and make inquiry of authorities and teachers in an effort to have them identify the printing used in the extortion notes as the type or style of any student of that school and further determine if the school issues or uses the type of paper similar to the type used in the extortion letters.

Will recontact [redacted] and attempt to obtain further handwriting samples from him, specifically block style letters with and without the use of a straight-edge.

Will attempt to locate [redacted] the ROONEY home, exact address unknown, and interview her in regard to instant matter, obtaining fingerprints and handwriting specimens if possible.

Will contact [redacted] ROONEY homes both in Pittsburgh and Ligonier, Pa., at telephone number [redacted] and interview him as to his knowledge of this case and attempt to obtain prints and handwriting specimens for forwarding to the Laboratory for examination.

Will interview [redacted] in regard to her knowledge of this case and attempt to acquire prints and handwriting samples from her for examination by the FBI Laboratory.

Will attempt to identify the inmate who wrote to the victim from the Allegheny County Jail in an effort to obtain money and determine if he is presently incarcerated and if so, whether he could have written such a letter. If jail records reflect

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As not being incarcerated during the time of the transmittal of the extortion letters, efforts will be made to locate and interview him in regard to the letters and to obtain handwriting and fingerprint samples for forwarding to the FBI Laboratory for examination.

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REFERENCES:

Bulet to Pittsburgh, 9-3-52.  
Report of SA [redacted] Pittsburgh, 9-3-52.  
Bulet to Pittsburgh, 10-1-52.  
Pittsburgh teletype to Director, 10-1-52.  
Bulet to Pittsburgh, 10-1-52.  
Pittsburgh letter to Director, 10-3-52.  
Butel to Pittsburgh, 10-3-52.  
Bulet to Pittsburgh, 10-6-52.  
Pittsburgh airtel to Director, 10-6-52.  
Pittsburgh letter to Director, 10-8-52.  
Bulet to Pittsburgh, 10-8-52.  
Pittsburgh letter to Director, 10-21-52.  
Bulet to Pittsburgh, 10-28-52.

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REPORT  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON D. C.

November 12, 1952

To: SAC, Pittsburgh

Here follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on November 4, 1952.

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Re: UNKNOWN  
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*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO. 9-945  
FBI FILE NO. 9-23103  
Lab. No. D-156803 AF

Examination requested by: Pittsburgh  
Reference: Letter 11/3/52  
Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

- Specimens:
- Q3 Envelope bearing handprinted address [redacted] postmarked 11-1-52, 10:00 AM North Side Station.
  - Q4 Accompanying letter handprinted in pencil on white paper bearing message beginning [redacted] WE RECEIVED YOUR MESSAGE...."

Result of examination:

This confirms and supplements Bureau's Air-Tel of November 4, 1952.

The writing on Q3 and Q4 above was compared with the writing on specimens 1 and 2 which were submitted by Pittsburgh in this case and with the writing on specimens 1 through 4 submitted by Pittsburgh in the case of [redacted] with alias, ARTHUR J. [redacted]. A definite conclusion was not reached as to whether Q3 and Q4 above were written by the writer of Q1 and Q2 or by the writer of any of the handprinting in the [redacted] case because of disguise in all of the writing. This disguise consists of writing prepared in a block style of handprinting, some of which was prepared with a ruler or straightedge. Examination reveals a number of characteristics in the handwriting on Q3 and Q4 above to be common to the hand-

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printing on Q1 and Q2 in this case and the handprinting on Q1 through Q4 in the ROONEY case. Much of the handprinting on Q3 and Q4 above consists of heavy pencil writing written over lighter pencil writing, some of which gives the appearance of double writing.

The questioned handprinting was searched through the Anonymous Letter File with negative results. Copies have been added thereto.

No watermarks were found in specimens Q3 and Q4. Q3 is a white bond envelope measuring approximately 3.6 by 6.5 inches. A light red smudge or streak was noted on the inside of the flap of the envelope, Q3. This material is so minute that it is insufficient in amount to permit analysis. Specimen Q4 is a white linen finish sheet of unruled paper measuring approximately 7.9 by 9.9 inches. The envelope Q1 is similar in physical characteristics to envelope Q1 in this case. Both envelopes are different from envelopes Q1 and Q3 in the ROONEY case. The paper for Q4 above is different from the sheet of paper Q2 in this case and also is different from the papers Q2 and Q4 in the ROONEY case.

Specimens Q3 and Q4 are retained for future examination.

Fingerprint report separately.

COPY: for [ ]

Pittsburgh (9-945)

November 7, 1952

Director, FBI (9-23163)

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Further reurlet November 3, 1952, submitting an envelope and accompanying letter for laboratory and latent fingerprint examination.

No latent impressions of value developed on the envelope or letter, which are designated in the laboratory report as Q3 and Q4. The submitted specimens are being retained in the Bureau's Laboratory files. This letter confirms and supplements Bureau airtel dated November 4, 1952.

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SAC, PITTSBURGH

RE: [REDACTED] VIKEX. REURLET NOVEMBER TWELVE. NO CONCLUSION  
 AS TO WHETHER HANDPRINTING ON ENVELOPE AND LETTER WRITTEN BY WRITER  
 IS ANY HANDPRINTING ON Q ONE THROUGH Q FOUR IN [REDACTED] CASE OR Q ONE  
 THROUGH Q FOUR IN ROONEY CASE BECAUSE OF DISGUISE. SOME  
 CHARACTERISTICS IN COMMON NOTED IN ALL QUESTIONED WRITING. INSTANT  
 ENVELOPE AND LETTER PREPARED IN BLOCK STYLE HANDPRINTING WITH SOME  
 HANDPRINTING WRITTE WITH HEAVY PENCIL OVER LIGHTER PENCIL  
 MARKS. PAPER CHARACTERISTICS FOR INSTANT ENVELOPE SIMILAR TO b7C  
 ENVELOPES Q ONE AND Q THREE IN [REDACTED] CASE BUT DIFFERENT FROM  
 ENVELOPES Q ONE AND Q THREE IN ROONEY CASE. PAPER CHARACTERISTICS  
 OF INSTANT LETTER DIFFERENT FROM Q TWO AND Q FOUR IN [REDACTED] CASE  
 AND Q TWO AND Q FOUR IN ROONEY CASE. INSTANT ENVELOPE MEASURES  
 APPROXIMATELY THREE POINT SIX BY SIX POINT FIVE INCHES AND LETTER  
 EIGHT BY NINE POINT NINE INCHES. INSTANT ENVELOPE IS WHITE ROUGH  
 PAPER AND CONTAINS NO WATERMARK. INSTANT LETTER IS WHITE UNROLLED  
 LITH FINISH PAPER CONTAINING VERY FRAGMENTARY PORTIONS OF A  
 WATERMARK. THESE MAY BE PART OF A WATERMARK CONSISTING OF  
 LETTER "D" WITH BACKGROUND OF SHIELD OR SCROLL. THIS WATERMARK  
 FORMERLY USED BY D. M. BARK PAPER COMPANY, ROARING SPRING, PENNSYLVANIA  
 BUT REGISTRATION FOR THIS WATERMARK BEING RENEWED BY WESTON TABLET  
 COMPANY, DAYTON, OHIO, MUTUAL HOME BUILDING, DAYTON, OHIO, INC.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON D. C.

9-22750

SAC, Pittsburgh

November 20, 1952

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on November 11, 1952.

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VIK X

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director  
YOUR FILE NO. 9-945  
FBI FILE NO. [redacted]  
LAB. NO. D-257321 AT

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Examination requested by: SAC, Pittsburgh.  
Reference: Letter dated November 12, 1952  
Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

- Specimens:
- Q5 Envelope bearing handprinting in pencil [redacted] postmarked "PITTSBURGH, PA. NOV 11 1952 4 PM."
  - Q6 Accompanying handprinted letter beginning [redacted] "We read your message in Thursday's...." ending on reverse side ".... no cops or else." 9-22750-

Results of Examination:  
This confirms and supplements Bureau's Air-Tel of November 17, 1952. 9-22750

The writing on Q5 and Q6 above was compared with the writing on specimens Q1 through Q4 submitted by Pittsburgh in this case and with the writing on specimens Q1 through Q4 submitted by Pittsburgh in the case "Unknown Subject, with Alias, Arthur J. Cooney, Victim, Extortion." A definite opinion was not reached as to whether the writing on Q5 and Q6 was prepared by the writer of any of the questioned handprinting on Q1 through Q4 in the H. IN case or Q1 through Q4 in the ROONEY case because of the large amount of disguise in all of the writing. The disguise consists of writing prepared in a block style of handprinting, some of which was prepared with a ruler or straightedge. Examination reveals that

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much of the handprinting on Q5 and Q6 consists of heavy pencil writing written over lighter pencil writing, some of which gives the appearance of double writing. For your information, a number of characteristics were noted in the writing on Q5 and Q6 to be common to the writing on Q1 through Q4 in the [ ] case and [ ] through Q4 in the ROONEY case.

The questioned handprinting was searched through the Anonymous Letter File with negative results. Copies have been added thereto.

b7C No watermarks were found in the envelope Q5. Specimen Q5 is a white bond envelope measuring approximately 3.6 by 6.5 inches. Envelope Q5 is similar to envelopes Q1 and Q3 in the [ ] case, but different from envelopes Q1 and Q3 in the ROONEY case. Specimen Q6 is a sheet of white unruled linen-finish paper measuring approximately 8 by 9.9 inches. Specimen Q6 is different from specimens Q2 and Q4 in the [ ] case and specimens Q2 and Q4 in the ROONEY case insofar as paper characteristics are concerned. Specimen Q6 contains very fragmentary portions of a watermark. These fragmentary portions may be part of a watermark consisting of the letter "B" with a background of a shield or scroll. This watermark was formerly used by D. M. Bare Paper Company, Hocking Springs, Pennsylvania, but registration for this watermark is being renewed by the Western Tablet & Stationery Corporation, Mutual Home Building, Dayton 2, Ohio, which company has apparently bought this watermark.

Specimens Q5 and Q6 are retained for future comparison.

Fingerprint report separately.

AC, Pittsburgh (9-945)

November 24, 1952

Director, FBI (9-23163)

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VIKEX

Reurlet November 12, 1952, submitting specimens for examination instant case.

Two latent fingerprints developed on Q5 and four latent fingerprints, as well as two latent palm prints developed on Q6. One latent palm print developed on Q6 identified with latent palm print previously developed on Q2. Latent impressions developed compared, insofar as possible, with latent impressions developed in case entitled "Unknown Subject, Arthur J. Rooney, Vikex," your file #9-924, with negative results. Latent fingerprints developed in both cases compared with fingerprints of [redacted] and [redacted] without effecting any identifications.

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Description of Q specimens set forth in laboratory report being forwarded separately.

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PITTSBURGH AIR MAIL

*W. H. R. J. ROONEY*

UTSUB, [ ] VIKEX. REURLET NOVEMBER TWENTYFIVE LAST.

CONCLUDED HANDPRINTING INSTANT LETTER AND ENVELOPE AND HANDPRINTING  
ON EXTORTION LETTER SUBMITTED URLET NOVEMBER TWENTY AND HANDPRINTING  
ON Q ONE AND Q SIX, [ ] CASE WRITTEN BY SAME PERSON. NO  
CONCLUSION REACHED WHETHER THIS WRITER PREPARED OTHER HANDPRINTING  
ON SPECIMENS IN [ ] CASE OR ROONEY CASE. SEVERAL LATENT PRINTS  
DEVELOPED ON LETTER AND ENVELOPE. ONE PALMPRINT IDENTICAL WITH  
PALMPRINTS ON Q TWO AND Q SIX [ ] CASE. ROONEY LATENTS COMPARED  
WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

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- cc- BU FILE 9-22750
- cc- [ ] ROOM 7609

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NOVEMBER 26, 1952

(VIA AIR MAIL)

SAC, PITTSBURGH b7C

RE: [redacted] VIKEX. REUKLET NOVEMBER TWENTYSIX LAST.

[redacted] WHETHER [redacted] PREPARED ANY

[redacted] HANDPRINTING ON SPECIMENS IN [redacted] AND ROONEY

[redacted] DESIRED THAT NUMEROUS ADDITIONAL SAMPLES OF

[redacted] PREPARED BY [redacted] BE SECURED. SUCH

[redacted] SAMPLES SHOULD BE PREPARED IN BLOCK STYLE OF

HANDPRINTING AND NORMAL HANDPRINTING IN UPPER CASE LETTERS

FOR PAINTS, WORDS AND LETTERS COMPARABLE TO THE EXTORTION

LETTERS. NUMEROUS SAMPLES OF THE LETTERS "D" AND "G" ARE

DESIRED. FINGERPRINTS SEPARATELY. HANDWRITING

SPECIMENS RETAINED. RUC.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

VIA AIR MAIL

Transmit the following message to: SAC, PITTSBURGH

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SUB., [ ] II, VIKEX. REURLET DECEMBER ONE LAST.  
ENCLOSED HANDPRINTING INSTANT LETTER AND ENVELOPE AND HANDPRINTING  
ENVELOPE AND LETTER SUBMITTED URLET NOVEMBER 25 AND HANDPRINTING  
IN Q1 AND Q6 THROUGH Q8, [ ] CASE, WRITTEN BY SAME PERSON.  
NO CONCLUSION REACHED WHETHER THIS WRITER PREPARED OTHER HANDPRINTING  
ON SPECIMENS IN [ ] CASE OR ROONEY CASE. FINGERPRINT REPORT  
SEPARATELY.

*W. J. R. Hoover*  
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cc: 9-22750

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SAC, Pittsburgh (9-945)

December 3, 1952

Director, FBI (9-23163)

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT

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VIKEX

Reurlet November 26, 1952, submitting fingerprints, palm prints and handwriting specimens of [Redacted] for comparison purposes instant case.

Latent impressions instant case and in case entitled "Unsub; Arthur J. Rooney, Vikex" compared with fingerprints and palm prints of [Redacted] with negative results.

No prior identification record for [Redacted]

Laboratory report separate.

This report confirms Buairtel dated November 28, 1952.

Duplicate fingerprint card of [Redacted] returned herewith.

Enclosure

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON D. C.

9-22750

December 4, 1952

Pittsburgh

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on November 21, 1952, and December 2, 1952.

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REFERENCE SUBJECT  
[Redacted]

J. Edgar Hoover  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO. 7-945  
FBI FILE NO. 9-23163  
LAB. NO. D-158000 AT  
D-158187 AT

Examination requested by: Pittsburgh  
Reference: Letters 11/25/52 - 12/1/52  
Examination requested: Document

Specimens  
D-158000 AT Submitted with letter dated 11/25/52:

9 Envelope bearing handprinted address [Redacted] postmarked "PITTSBURGH, PA. NOV 22, 1952 4:30 PM."

10 Accompanying one-page handprinted letter beginning "READ YOUR MESSAGE...." and ending "....NOTIFY F.P.I. OR ELSE."

D-158187 AT Submitted with letter dated 12/1/52:

11 White envelope bearing address handprinted in pencil [Redacted] postmarked "PITTSBURGH PA. NOV 29 1952 6 PM."

12 Letter printed on white paper bearing handprinting beginning "...." and ending "...."

13c White [Redacted] and pink prints of the following persons:

[Redacted] (1 copies) [Redacted] (4 copies)  
[Redacted] (3 copies) [Redacted] (4 copies)  
[Redacted] (4 copies) [Redacted] (4 copies)

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DUPLICATE YELLOW

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W. J. ...

This confirms and supplements Air-Tel was airtel of November 17, 1957, and December 2, 1957.

The conclusion was reached that the handprinting on Q1 through Q12 and the handprinting on specimens Q1, Q6, Q7 and Q8 in this case were prepared by the same person. No definite conclusion was reached as to whether this writer prepared any of the other questioned handprinting on specimens Q2 through Q5 or Q1 through Q4 in the POORRY case, because of variations in the writings and because of the large amount of disguise. For your information, some characteristics in common were noted in all of this handprinting.

The questioned handprinting was previously searched through the Anonymous Letter File with negative results.

Specimens Q9 and Q11 are white envelopes measuring approximately 3.6 by 6.5 inches. Specimens Q10 and Q12 are sheets of white unruled paper measuring approximately 11 by 8.4 inches. No watermarks were found in specimens Q9 through Q12. Specimens Q9 and Q11 were found to be similar in a number of physical characteristics to envelopes Q1, Q3, Q5 and Q7. Specimens Q10 and Q12 were found to be similar in a number of physical characteristics to specimens Q2 and Q8 in this case. The handprinting on Q9 through Q12 was written in a block style with a medium lead pencil. Examination of Q11 reveals the presence of some pencil notations on the front and reverse side. These notations are not comparable with the questioned handprinting in this case. It is possible that these notations may have been made by the postal employee handling this envelope. It was found that the sheet of paper, Q12, is wrinkled and there is a tear along the right edge. There are four small holes along the left edge of Q12. These appear to be staple holes and indications are that they came from the same staple as there is a fold in the paper near this point and when the paper is folded, the holes coincide. The wrinkles, tear and holes in Q12 were made before this specimen reached the FBI Laboratory.

A report is being furnished separately.

Specimens Q1 through Q12 are retained for further examination.

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DECEMBER 5, 1952

(VIA AIR)

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SAC, PITTSBURGH

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] VIKEX. REURLETS DECEMBER TWO AND FOUR LAST.  
 CONTAINED HANDPRINTING (XTORT) LETTER SUBMITTED URLET DECEMBER  
 FOUR AND HANDPRINTING ON Q1 AND Q6 THROUGH Q12, [REDACTED] CASE,  
 WRITTEN BY SAME PERSON. NO CONCLUSION REACHED WHETHER THIS  
 WRITER PREPARED OTHER HANDPRINTING [REDACTED] ROONEY CASES. NO  
 CONCLUSION REACHED WHETHER [REDACTED]  
 WROTE QUESTIONED HANDPRINTING DUE TO DISGUISE AND LIMITED KNOWN  
 HANDPRINTING. NOTHING OF SIGNIFICANCE FOUND IN WRITING OF  
 [REDACTED] NUMEROUS SAMPLES OF DICTATED HANDPRINTING WRITTEN BY  
 [REDACTED] NEEDED IF FURTHER EXAMINATION DESIRED. FIVE KNOWN  
 ENVELOPES SUBMITTED URLET DECEMBER FOUR DIFFERENT FROM ALL  
 QUESTIONED ENVELOPES EXCEPT Q5, [REDACTED] CASE. NO CONCLUSION  
 ENVELOPE Q5 AND KNOWN ENVELOPES DUE TO INSUFFICIENT  
 CHARACTERISTICS. EIGHT TABLETS SUBMITTED URLET DECEMBER FOUR  
 DIFFERENT FROM ALL QUESTIONED LETTERS EXCEPT Q6, [REDACTED] CASE.  
 TABLETS NUMBERED 1, 3, AND 5 SIMILAR IN SIZE TO Q6 AND  
 WATERMARKS IN THESE TABLETS SIMILAR TO FRAGMENTARY PORTIONS  
 OF [REDACTED] IN Q6. IMPRINT REPORT SEPARATELY.

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SAC, Pittsburgh (9-23163)

December 5, 1952

Director, FBI (9-23163)

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Reurlet November 25, 1952, forwarding an envelope and letter, which have been designated in the Bureau file as specimens Q9 and Q10, for examination in the above case.

Five latent fingerprints developed on envelope, specimen Q9. Seven latent fingerprints and three latent palm prints developed on letter, Q10. One latent palm print on Q10 identified with latent palm prints previously developed on specimens Q2 and Q6, [redacted] case. Latents on specimens Q9 and Q10 compared with latent impressions in Rooney case, with negative results. Latents on Q9 and Q10 also compared with fingerprints of [redacted] and [redacted] without effecting an identification.

This supplements the information relative to the fingerprint examination contained in Buairtel on November 27, 1952.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (9-23163)  
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY (D-157321 A1)  
SAC, PITTSBURGH (9-945)

NOVEMBER 25, 1952

AL. MAIL  
SPECIAL DELIVERY  
REGISTERED MAIL

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[REDACTED]  
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On November 24, 1952, [REDACTED] informed that another letter had been received. This letter was addressed to [REDACTED] postmarked November 22, 1952, at 4:30 PM at Pittsburgh, Pa., Number 4. The envelope was white and handprinting was done in pencil. The letter, handprinted in pencil, written on white stationery, read as follows:

*Arthur J. Rooney*

[REDACTED]

"We read your message on Fri. 21 You carried out instructions by having money there, and F.B.I. Remember as long as the F.B.I. is there we will not come. They may get us but our friends will kill [REDACTED] So be wise we warned you do F.B.I. Here are instructions Place add in personal column of Pgh Press reading Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat Nov. 25, 26, 27, 28

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[REDACTED] - mother is sick, come home - [REDACTED] Have money in green package behind bench in West Park same place as last time Date: Fri. Nov 28 and Saturday Nov 29 2 days have it there time 7:00 to 10:00 P.M. Remember do not notify F.B.I. or else"

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The above letter was delivered to the [REDACTED] Pittsburgh, and was opened by [REDACTED] He was the only person to handle this letter.

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At the victim's request, the following addition was made to the ad suggested by the extortioner in order to indicate impatience on the part of the victim:

"Must leave Pittsburgh Saturday morning, 11:00 - 11:30 AM"

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With this addition, the pay-off will only take place on Friday, November 28, 1952, unless instructions are received from the extortioner to the contrary.

It is requested that the same examination be afforded this letter as has been afforded the previous four submitted in this case.

Enclosed herewith are the original letter and envelope and a photostatic copy of each.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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DECEMBER 18, 1952

AIR-TEL

TO: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

VIA AIR MAIL

Transmit the following message to: SAC, PITTSBURGH

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*ALL IN PROGRESS*

[REDACTED] VIREX. REURLET DECEMBER TEN LAST. CONCLUDED  
CORRELATING INSTANT LETTER AND HANDWRITING ON ALL EXTORTION  
CASES, [REDACTED] CASE, EXCEPT Q TWO THROUGH Q FIVE WRITTEN BY  
PERSON. NO CONCLUSION REACHED WHETHER THIS WRITER PREPARED  
TWO THROUGH Q FIVE, [REDACTED] CASE, OR Q ONE THROUGH Q FOUR, b7C  
KEY CASE, DUE TO DISGUISE. CHARACTERISTICS IN COMMON NOTED  
ALL HANDWRITING. FINGERPRINT REPORT SEPARATELY.

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December 15, 1952

Director, FBI (9-23163)

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Reurlet December 8, 1952, instant case.

Seven latent fingerprints and one latent palm print developed on letter, designated as Q16. All of these impressions have been identified with latents developed on specimens previously submitted. No latents of value developed on envelope, designated as Q15.

Laboratory report separate.

This report confirms Buairtel dated December 10, 1952.

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Reurlet December 2, 1952, instant case.

Fingerprints and palm prints of [redacted] compared with all the latent impressions developed on specimens through Q14 instant case, as well as with latent impressions developed in case entitled "Unsub, Arthur J. Rooney, Vikex", without effecting any identifications.

Prior record for [redacted] as FBI [redacted] and for [redacted] as FBI [redacted] Transcripts of their records are enclosed.

Duplicate fingerprint cards of [redacted] returned herewith.

Laboratory report separate.

Enclosures (4)

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REPORT  
of the

FILE 9-22750



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON D. C.

SAC, Pittsburgh

December 15, 1952

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of  
evidence received from your office December 4, December 5, and December 10,  
1952.

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VIKEX

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO 9-945  
FBI FILE NO 9-2316  
LAB. NO. D-158358 AT  
D-158388 AT  
D-158593 AT

Examination referred by Pittsburgh

Reference Letters - 12-2-52 - 12-4-52 - 12-8-52

Examination requested Document - Fingerprint

Specimens:

D-158358 AT - Submitted with letter dated December 2, 1952.

K2 Eleven pages of the known handwriting and handprinting of [redacted]

K3 Six pages of the known handwriting and handprinting of [redacted]

ALSO SUBMITTED: Two sets of fingerprints and one set of right and left  
palm prints each of [redacted]

D-158388 AT - Submitted with letter dated December 4, 1952.

Q13 Envelope bearing handprinted address [redacted]  
[redacted] and postmarked "PITTSBURGH, PA., DEC 3, 1952,  
7:30 PM."

Q14 Two-page handprinted letter beginning [redacted] "We are also..."  
and ending "....we will have our friends get [redacted]"

K4 Five white envelopes.

K5 Eight white unruled tablets numbered one through eight, respectively.

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D-158593 AT - Submitted with letter dated December 8, 1952.

- .15 Envelope bearing handprinted address [redacted] and postmarked "PITTSBURGH, PA., DEC 6, 1952, 9 PM."
- .16 One-page handprinted letter beginning [redacted] "I received your message," and ending "No cops, no FBI or else."

RESULTS OF EXAMINATION:

This confirms and supplements Air-Tel messages of December 5, and December 10, 1952.

The conclusion was reached that the handprinting on Q13 through Q16 and the handprinting on specimens Q1, and Q6 through Q12 in this case were prepared by the same person. No definite conclusion was reached as to whether this writer prepared any of the other questioned handprinting on specimens Q2 through Q5, this case, or Q1 through Q4 in the ROONEY case, because of variations in the writings and because of the large amount of disguise. For your information, some characteristics in common were noted in all of this handprinting.

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No conclusion was reached as to whether [redacted] K2, or [redacted] K3, prepared any of the questioned handprinting in the [redacted] case or the ROONEY case, because of disguise and because of the limited amount of known handprinting available for examination. Nothing of particular significance was noted as a result of the comparison of the writing of [redacted] K2, with the questioned handprinting. If further examination of the writing of [redacted] is desired, it is suggested that numerous samples of dictated handprinting be secured. Such samples should be written in block style of handprinting and should contain words and letters comparable to the questioned handprinting. Normal undictated samples of handprinting prepared by [redacted] may be of value if further comparison is requested.

Specimens Q13 and Q15 are white envelopes measuring approximately 3.6 by 6.5 inches. Specimens Q14 and Q16 are sheets of white unruled paper measuring approximately 11 by 8.4 inches. No watermarks were found in specimens Q13 through Q16. It was found that physical dimensions of length and width of envelopes Q13 and Q15 are similar to the same characteristics in envelopes Q1, Q3, Q5, Q7, Q9 and Q11. The known envelopes, K4, are similar to the questioned envelopes referred to in length and width, but the cut of the flap of the envelopes, K4, is different

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From the envelopes for specimens Q1, Q3, Q7, Q9, Q11, Q13 and Q15 and it was concluded the envelopes, K4, are different from the questioned envelopes referred to. The known envelopes, K4, are similar in length and width and some other characteristics to envelope Q5 in the [redacted] case, but because of an insufficient number of significant characteristics no definite conclusion was reached as to whether the known envelopes, K4, and the envelope, Q5, in the [redacted] case came from the same batch of envelopes. The known envelopes, K4, are different from the questioned envelopes, Q1 and Q3, in the ROONEY case. The conclusion was reached that the paper in the eight tablets, K5, is different from the paper for specimens Q2, Q4, Q8, Q10, Q12, Q14 and Q16 in the [redacted] case and specimens Q2 and Q4 in the ROONEY case. It was found that the paper in tablets numbered 1, 3 and 5, contained in K5, is similar in size to the paper for specimen Q6 in the [redacted] case and that the watermarks in tablets 1, 3 and 5 are similar to the fragmentary portions of a watermark which appear in specimen Q6 in the [redacted] case. Specimens Q14 and Q16 were found to be similar in the physical dimensions of length and width to specimens Q2, Q8, Q10 and Q12 in the [redacted] case.

Specimens Q13 through Q16 are retained for future comparisons. The envelopes, K4, and the tablets, K5, are also retained for future comparisons. If future examinations fail to result in an identification with tablets 2, 4 and 6 through 8, contained in K5, these will be destroyed at the close of this case as suggested. Representative samples from tablets 1, 3 and 5 will be retained.

Fingerprint report separately.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
DECEMBER 17, 1952

AIRTEL  
VIA AIR MAIL

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: SAC, PITTSBURGH b7C

SUB, [REDACTED] VIREX. REURLET DECEMBER SIXTEEN LAST.  
INCLUDED AND SINTING INSTANT LETTER AND HANDPRINTING ON ALL  
EXTORTION LETTERS, [REDACTED] CASE, EXCEPT Q TWO THROUGH Q FIVE,  
WRITTEN BY SAME PERSON. NO CONCLUSION REACHED WHETHER Q ONE  
WRITER PREPARED Q TWO THROUGH Q FIVE, [REDACTED] CASE, OR Q ONE  
THROUGH Q FOUR, ROBBY CASE, DUE TO DISGUISE. CHARACTERISTICS  
IN COMMON NOTED IN ALL HANDPRINTING. FINGERPRINT REPORT  
SEPARATELY.

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COPY:for

TO: Director, FBI  
FROM: SAC, Pittsburgh  
RE: [redacted]  
VIA [redacted]

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"... we will go for the money.  
... we've a friend but it there is  
... it let have the money there."

... was delivered to the [redacted] [redacted]  
... afternoon mail of December 16, 1952.  
... [redacted] [redacted]  
... and forwarded to the [redacted] It [redacted]  
... clerk's handwriting and initials at [redacted]  
... and that the scotch tape [redacted]  
... placed there by this clerk. [redacted]  
... II, advised that occasionally the post [redacted]  
... intended for the [redacted] residence in [redacted] [redacted]  
... delivered at the plant.

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In order to indicate impatience on his part, [redacted]  
... the following ad be placed in the "Pittsburgh Press"  
... 16 and 17, 1952: [redacted] will be there Wednesday and Thursday,  
... cannot arrange for Friday - want this to be final. [redacted] Arrangements  
... have been made to have this ad placed in the "Pittsburgh Press"  
... personal column on December 16 and 17, 1952, and payoff coverage will  
... be maintained on these dates in West Park, North Side, Pittsburgh,  
... between 7:00 and 11:00 am.

Enclosed herewith are the original letter and envelope and  
one photostatic copy of each. It is requested that the same examination  
be afforded these items as has been afforded previous letters and  
envelopes in this case.

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REPORT  
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON D. C.

Bureau file 9-22750

SAC, Pittsburgh

December 10, 1952

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on December 12, 1952.

Unsub. [redacted]  
VIXEX

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J. Edgar Hoover  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO 9-945  
FBI FILE NO 9-22750  
LAB. NO. D-158734 AT

SAC, Pittsburgh

Examination requested by: Letter dated 12-10-52

Reference: Document - Fingerprint

Information requested:

- Q17 One white envelope bearing the handprinted address, [redacted] and postmarked, "PITTSBURGH, PA., DEC 9, 1952 10 - PM."
- Q18 One-page handprinted letter beginning, [redacted] and ending, "...and no cops or else." [redacted] Instead of being...."

Results of Examination:

This confirms and supplements Air-Tel message of December 12, 1952. A

The conclusion was reached that the handprinting on Q17 and Q18 and the handprinting on specimens Q1 and Q6 through Q16 in this case were written by the same person. No definite conclusion was reached as to whether this writer prepared any of the other handprinting on specimens Q2 through Q5, this case, or Q1 through Q4 in the ROONEY case, because of variations in the writings and because of the large amount of disguise. Some characteristics in common were noted in all of this handprinting.

Specimen Q17 is a white envelope, the front of which was torn near the right bottom portion before it reached the FBI Laboratory. This envelope

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measures approximately 5.1 by 4.1 inches. Envelope Q17 is different from all of the questioned envelopes in the [redacted] ROONEY case and is different from the envelopes E4 in the [redacted] case. Specimen Q18 is a sheet of white unruled paper which was torn along the upper left corner before its receipt in the FBI Laboratory. Specimen Q18 measures approximately 11 by 4.4 inches, and it was found that the physical dimensions of length and width of specimen Q18 are similar to the same characteristics for specimens Q2, Q4, Q11, Q12, Q14 and Q16 in the [redacted] case. Specimen Q18 is different from the sheets of paper contained in the tablets X5 in the [redacted] case. No watermarks were found in specimens Q17 and Q18.

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Specimens Q17 and Q18 are retained for future comparison.

Fingerprint reports separately.

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December 19, 1952

[Redacted]

Time of call: 3:55 p.m.

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[Redacted] VICTIM  
ARTHUR J. ROONEY - Victim  
[Redacted] VICTIM  
EXTORTION

SAC Hallford, Pittsburgh called to advise the subjects  
are on their way to be arraigned now. [Redacted] admitted writing the  
[Redacted] Rooney and [Redacted] letters. [Redacted] admits the [Redacted] letters only  
and will be charged with that violation. [Redacted] will be charged with  
the [Redacted] and Rooney letters. Prosecution on the [Redacted] letter has  
been declined.

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The Attorney General

December 20, 1952

Director, FBI

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[redacted] VICTIM;  
A. J. ROONEY - VICTIM;  
[redacted] VICTIM  
EXTORTION

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To supplement my memoranda of December 19, 1952, the following information has now been received.

Subject [redacted] has been charged with violations of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 876, in two counts, one involving letters sent to victim [redacted] and the other involves letters to victim Rooney. Subject [redacted] has been charged with a violation of the same Statute involving the letters to victim [redacted]

As a result of the apprehension of these subjects, information has been developed involving subject [redacted] in the following case: On July 31, 1951, [redacted] a resident of [redacted] Pennsylvania, received a letter through the U. S. Mail requesting [redacted] and threatening the life of [redacted]. No payment was made and the threats were not carried out. Subject [redacted] has admitted sending these letters. The U. S. Attorney has declined prosecution in this case in favor of prosecution of [redacted] in the [redacted] and Rooney cases.

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In view of these additional facts it appears all the more important that vigorous prosecutive action be followed due to the wanton use of the U. S. Mails to threaten and intimidate law abiding citizens in an effort to extort large sums of money.

1 cc-Mr. Ross L. Malone, Jr.  
Deputy Attorney General

OFM:bsw

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON D. C.

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SAC, Pittsburgh

December 21

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on December 17, 1952.

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VIKEX

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO. 9-945  
FBI FILE NO. ~~9-945~~  
LAB. NO. D-158957 AT

Examination requested by: SAC, Pittsburgh

Reference: Letter dated 12-16-52

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Specimens:

Q19 White bond envelope bearing address handprinted in pencil [redacted] and postmarked "PITTSBURGH, PA. DEC 13 1952 5-11"

Q20 Accompanying letter handprinted in pencil on white bond paper bearing message beginning [redacted] "WE REPORT THAT WE..."

Results of Examination:

This confirms and supplements air-tel message of December 17, 1952.

The conclusion was reached that the handprinting on Q19 and Q20 and the handprinting on specimens Q1 and Q6 through Q18 in this case were written by the same person. No definite conclusion was reached as to whether this writer prepared any of the handprinting on specimens Q2 through Q5, this case, or Q1 through Q4 in the BONEY case, because of variations and because of the large amount of disguise. Some characteristics in common were noted in all of this handprinting.

Specimen Q19 is a white envelope which was found to have been cut along the upper edge and which contained a string of gingham tape along the upper edge. This was done before the envelope reached the FBI Laboratory. Specimen Q19 now measures approximately 3.6 by 6.5 inches. Specimen Q20 is a sheet of white unruled paper measuring approximately 11 by 8.4 inches. Specimens Q19

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and Q20 do not contain any watermarks. It was found that the envelope Q19 is different from the known envelopes, K4, in this case. It was further found that the sheet of paper, Q20, is different from the sheets of paper contained in the known tablets, K5, in this case.

Specimens Q19 and Q20 are retained.

Fingerprint report separately.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

DECEMBER 22, 1952

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Transmit the following message to:

SAC, PITTSBURGH

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[REDACTED] VIKEX. REURLET DECEMBER  
NINETEEN. FIFTY-FOUR LATENT FINGERPRINTS AND SEVEN LATENT PALM PRINTS DEVELOPED  
INSTANT CASE IDENTIFIED WITH INKED IMPRESSIONS [REDACTED] TWO LATENT  
FINGERPRINTS AND TWO LATENT PALM PRINTS DEVELOPED IN <sup>ARTHUR J. O</sup> BOONEY CASE ALSO IDENTIFIED  
WITH INKED IMPRESSIONS OF [REDACTED] NO LATENTS REMAIN UNIDENTIFIED IN [REDACTED] CASE.  
NO IDENTIFICATIONS EFFECTED WITH PRINTS OF [REDACTED] CONFIRMING.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

FBI, Pittsburgh (9-1339)

Date: August 5, 1958

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No. [redacted] VICTIM  
[redacted] EXTORTION

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 9-24878  
Lab. No. D-284262 AT

Examination requested by: Pittsburgh

Reference: Letter 7/23/58, and Teletypes 7/22/58.

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Remarks:

This confirms and supplements Bureau teletype dated 7/29/58. *Arthur J. Rooney*

A separate report is being submitted concerning the fingerprint examination.

The hand printing on Q1 and Q2, described in the attached Laboratory report, is not sufficiently comparable or suitable for comparison with the writings on the specimens mentioned in urlet 7/23/58; namely, Bufiles 9-29231, 9-22750, 9-20958, 9-23163, and 9-30843. However, it was noted that the block style hand printed letters on the present specimens, Q1 and Q2, described in the attached Laboratory report, resemble the style of the block letters on Q2, Bufile 9-22750, in the case, [redacted] "Mooney, VIKEX." Q2 in the latter case was submitted by [redacted] on August 13, 1952.

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REPORT  
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

FBI, Pittsburgh

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Date August 5, 1958  
FBI File No. 9-34878  
Lab No. D-284262 AT

UNSUB, SR [redacted]  
[redacted] - VICTIM  
EXTORTION

Specimens received 7/25/58

Q1 Envelope bearing hand printed address [redacted]  
[redacted] postmarked "PITTSBURGH PA. JY 17 1958  
4:30 PM."

Q2 Accompanying one-page hand printed letter beginning "You  
will die unless..." and ending on the reverse side "...No  
cops [redacted]"

Result of examination:

The questioned hand printing on Q1 and Q2 was searched  
through the Anonymous Letter File without effecting an  
identification with any other case. Copies are being added to  
this file for future reference.

No watermarks were found in Q1 and Q2. The writing on  
Q1 and Q2 consists of block style hand printed letters which  
were written with a lead pencil and which appear to have been  
prepared with a straight edge. The numbers appearing in the letter,  
Q2, appear to have been prepared with a mechanical device such as  
a lettering set or stencil. Q1 is a sheet of ruled, three-hole  
notebook paper, which measures approximately 9.5" by 6". The  
sheet is ruled on each side with thirty-four blue lines which are  
spaced about 0.25" apart. The detailed physical characteristics  
of Q1 and Q2 are retained.

Q1 and Q2 are temporarily retained in the FBI  
Laboratory.

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TELETYPE

9-22750

January 15, 1953

SAC, Pittsburgh

Re: UNSUB  
ARTHUR J. ROONEY  
VIKEX

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Laboratory Report D-16006 AT,  
dated 1-13-53 in connection with the above-  
entitled matter, a copy of which was forwarded to your  
office.

There are transmitted herewith the following:

Q1 through Q4  
K2

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Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

- REGISTERED MAIL

Enclosure

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON D. C.

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January 1, 1953

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This follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the  
specimens of writing received from your office on January 6,  
1953.

[Redacted]

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO 9-4-5  
FBI FILE NO  
LAB NO 7-1-100-0

Examination requested by [Redacted]  
Date [Redacted] 1/6/53  
Examination requested Locust St

Specimens  
K6 Nine pages of the known handwriting and handprinting of [Redacted]  
K7 Ten pages of the known handwriting and handprinting of [Redacted]

Results of examination:

The conclusion was reached that [Redacted] prepared the majority of  
the writing on specimens K1 and K6 through K20 in the [Redacted] case.  
No definite conclusion was reached as to whether any of the other  
questioned writing in the [Redacted] case was prepared by either of the  
writers of K6 or K7 because of the large amount of disguise in the  
questioned writing. This disguise consists principally of writing  
prepared in a block style of handprinting, some of which was pre-  
pared with a pen or straightedge, and some of which consists of

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rest of the [redacted] also [redacted] similar to the dial [redacted]

The [redacted] of [redacted] is doubtful [redacted] or additional [redacted] of writing will be [redacted] for [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

Specimens K6 and K7 are retained in the Bureau's files.

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Specimens Q1 through Q20 and K1 through K3 in the [redacted] case will be returned separately to the Pittsburgh office. Photographs of Q1 through Q20 are retained. No photographs of K1 through K3 were made. Specimens K4 and K5, submitted by Pittsburgh in the [redacted] case which consist of blank envelopes and blank tablets, will be destroyed within the next fifteen days, unless otherwise advised.

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Specimens Q1 through Q4 and K2 in the ROONEY case will be returned separately to Pittsburgh. Copies of Q1 through Q4 are retained. No photographs of K2 were made.

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Mr. Ross L. Malone, Jr.  
Deputy Attorney General

January 14, 1953

Director, FBI

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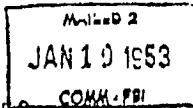
[REDACTED]  
ARTHUR J. ROONEY - VICTIM  
EXTORTION  
JUVENILE DELINQUENCY ACT

For your information I have attached hereto one copy of the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated January 6, 1953, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Previous information regarding this subject had been furnished in my memoranda of December 19, and 20, 1952.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **PITTSBURGH**

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REPORT MADE AT <b>PITTSBURGH</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>1-6-52</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/13, 17, 22, 20/</b>	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
CHANGED: <b>ARTHUR J. ROONEY - VICTIM</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>EXTORTION: JUVENILE DELINQUENCY ACT</b>	

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS.**

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Victim received letter postmarked 8-9-52 threatening the lives of victim's [REDACTED] and demanding \$10,000.00. Letter directed that ad be placed in "Pittsburgh Press" on 8-15-52 which was done and nothing happened. On 9-28-52 ROONEY Case publicized in "Pittsburgh Press" and on 10-1-52 victim received 2nd letter again threatening the lives of [REDACTED] but contained no instructions. Second letter gave the impression that there had been another letter forwarded and not received. [REDACTED]

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1-16-53  
[initials]*

[REDACTED]

USA POYLE authorized complaint, filed 12-19-52 before USC SNODGRASS charging subject with violation Title 18, Section 876. Subject brought before USC same date.

DATE INDEXED

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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and released. USA FOYLE notified  
US Probation Officer [redacted]  
indicating that he was planning to  
divert the subject to Allegheny County  
Juvenile Court for prosecution. FD-191  
properly executed. Disposition sheet  
being submitted.

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DETAILS:

The title of this case is being marked  
changed in order to reflect the identity  
of the unknown subject as [redacted]

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AT PITTSBURGH, PA.

On August 13, 1952, ARTHUR J. ROONEY, owner  
of the Pittsburgh Steelers Football Team, with offices in the  
Union Trust Building, 521 Grant Street, appeared at the Pitts-  
burgh Office and informed that he had received the following  
letter postmarked August 9, 11:00 AM, addressed to Mr. ROONEY,  
728 Ridge Avenue, Pittsburgh 12, Pa., which had been delivered  
to his Steelers Office:

"Mr. Rooney,

"If you value the life of [redacted] have  
\$10,000.00 in genuine U.S. currency in 10, 20 and  
50's ready. Notifying FBI or police or using any  
trickery will prove useless and fatal. Place in  
personal column of Pittsburgh Press August 15,  
Friday the following: Ted, Come home. Art, meaning  
you will comply. Instructions follow. Do as we  
say if you love [redacted] we will kill them. This  
is no plank. We are not kidding."

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ARTHUR J. ROONEY advised that the above letter was probably delivered to his Steelers Office sometime late on August 9 or early August 10 and that [redacted] placed it on his desk where it remained until the morning of August 13 when he opened it and noted that it contained a serious threat. Mr. ROONEY said that while many people might have handled the envelope, he is almost certain that only he [redacted] actually handled the letter itself. b7C

ARTHUR J. ROONEY explained that his family [redacted]

[redacted] He advised that his correct address on the Southside is 940 North Lincoln Avenue and the telephone at this residence is Fairfax 1-7318. ROONEY advised that he has never lived on Ridge Avenue and remarked that the address 728 Ridge Avenue is approximately one block from his present residence. ROONEY had no immediate suspects in this matter.

[redacted] the Steelers, arranged for placing the ad "Ted. Compton. Art in the August 15, 1952, personal column of the "Pittsburgh Press". Nothing happened in connection with the receipt of additional instructions and on September 28, 1952, an article appeared in the "Pittsburgh Press" about the letter ART ROONEY had received. Following this publicity, ARTHUR ROONEY, on October 1, 1952, received a second letter addressed to ARTHUR J. ROONEY, 521 Grant Street, Pittsburgh 19, Pa., postmarked October 1, 1952, at 11:00 AM, Northside Station, Pittsburgh, which read as follows:

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"Rooney, kiss the [redacted] goodbye because now they will die. Somewhere someplace we will get them. We warned you to pay. Remember you are responsible for their death. Calling the FBI will do no good. They are doomed. We sent instructions which you must have received."

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ARTHUR J. ROONEY advised that he is the only person who handled the letter.

Both letters were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory and they reported that no latents of value were developed on the first letter and envelope received and that three latent fingerprints were developed on the second letter and that they did not compare with the inked impressions of ARTHUR J. ROONEY [redacted] which had been previously forwarded.

On December 18, 1952, [redacted] was questioned in connection with the case entitled "UNSUB.; VICTIM; EXTORTION" and admitted in the presence of SAC FRED HALLFORD, ASAC CARROLL DOYLE and the writer that [redacted]

[redacted]  
On December 19, 1952, [redacted] to the Pittsburgh Office for questioning, notified the writer that [redacted]

On December 19, 1952, at approximately 1:15 PM [redacted] was brought to the Pittsburgh Office [redacted] SA [redacted] and the writer at which time [redacted] Rooney letters.

[redacted] letter to ARTHUR ROONEY which he evidently did not receive or ignored and that [redacted] ARTHUR J. ROONEY [redacted]

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later read an article about ARTHUR ROONEY receiving an extortion letter. [redacted]

[redacted]

On the night of December 18, 1952, when

[redacted]

permit SAC FRED HALLFORD, ASAC CARROLL DOYLE and the writer

[redacted]

Handwriting specimens, fingerprints and palm prints were obtained from [redacted] and all have been forwarded to the FBI.

On December 19, 1952, the facts of this case were discussed with United States Attorney EDWARD C. FOYLE, who authorized that a complaint be filed before U.S. Commissioner EDWARD SNODGRASS which was done by the writer on December 19, 1952, charging [redacted]

[redacted]

in an envelope addressed to ARTHUR J. ROONEY, 728 Ridge Avenue, Pittsburgh 12, Pa., and postmarked at Pittsburgh, Pa., August 9, 1952, 11:00 AM. On the same date [redacted] United States Commissioner EDWARD SNODGRASS [redacted]

[redacted] ARTHUR J. ROONEY [redacted]

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United States Attorney EDWARD C. FOYLE stated that he desired to divert the subject to the Allegheny County Juvenile Authorities for prosecution and he personally, in the presence of the writer, notified U.S. Probation Officer [redacted] of this desire on December 17, 1952.

On December 22, 1952, USA BOYLE directed a letter to [redacted] forwarding a copy of the complaint against [redacted] and asking that his office be notified whenever she is completely processed in order that he might take action to nol-pross the federal case against her.

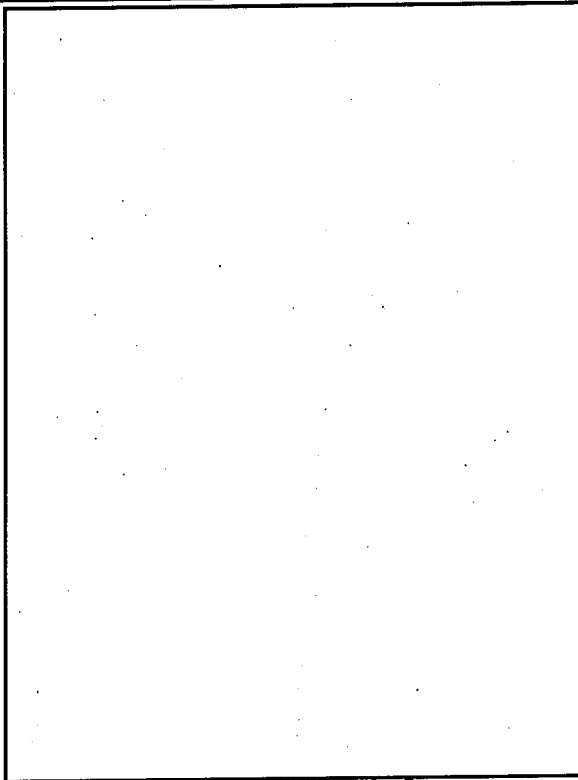
Through observation and interrogation the following description of [redacted] was obtained:

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- Name
- Address
- Telephone No.
- Birth Date
- Height
- Weight
- Race
- Sex
- Complexion
- Eyes
- Hair
- Build
- Father
- Mother
- Brothers

- Sisters
- Education
- Criminal Record

Photo



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ENCLOSURE TO BUREAU:

Disposition sheet for

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THE PITTSBURGH DIVISION

AT PITTSBURGH, PA.

Will report prosecutive action taken by Allegheny  
County Juvenile Court and report noll-pross of  
federal charges.

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REFERENCE: Report of SA  Pittsburgh, 11-7-52.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON D. C.

SAC, Pittsburgh

January 22, 1953

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of the evidence received from your office on January 9, 1953.

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RE: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] VICTIM  
EXTORTION

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO. 9-959  
FBI FILE NO. 9-23161  
LAB. NO. D-160108 FT

Examination requested by: Addressee

Reference: Letter dated 1-6-53

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Specimens:

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- Q1 Envelope bearing the address [REDACTED] Pa. handprinted in pencil and postmarked "PITTSBURGH PA. [REDACTED] DEC. 18, 1952, 1 AM."
- Q2 Accompanying one page letter beginning [REDACTED] and ending "...God bless you if you fail."

Request for comparison of captioned case with following cases:

"UNSUB; [REDACTED] - VICTIM, EXTORTION" (Bureau file 9-22811; Pittsburgh file 9-928)

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[REDACTED] VICTIM  
EXTORTION" (Bureau file 9-23163; Pittsburgh file 9-945)

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[REDACTED] ARTHUR J. ROONEY - VICTIM, EXTORTION"  
(Bureau file 9-22759; Pittsburgh file 9-22422750-)

Results of examination:

The handprinting on specimens Q1 and Q2 has been compared with the appropriate section of the Anonymous Letter File, but no identification was effected. An appropriate copy has been added to this file for future reference. ~~MAILED~~ 9-22422750-~~123~~

The handprinting on specimens Q1 and Q2 has been compared

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with the handprinting on the questioned letters in the case entitled [redacted] (Bureau File 9-23103) and the case entitled [redacted] Arthur J. Rooney - Victim, "Extortion" (Bureau File 9-22750), but a definite conclusion could not be reached whether specimens Q1 and Q2 were handprinted by the person or persons who handprinted the specimens submitted in these cases because these questioned specimens are handprinted in a block style of lettering and Q1 and Q2 in the instant case are in a normal style. It is noted that the subjects in the [redacted] and the BOONEY cases were apprehended on the same date that the envelope in this case was postmarked.

It has been concluded that the specimens listed above as Q1 and Q2 were not handprinted by the person who handprinted the questioned material in the case entitled "Unknown Subjects, [redacted] - Victim, "Extortion" (Bureau File 9-22811).

You will be advised in a separate report regarding the examination of Q1 and Q2 for latent fingerprints and those specimens will be returned to you following that examination. Photographs have been retained in the Laboratory.

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SAC, Pittsburgh (9-959)

January 27, 1953

Director, FBI (9-23481)

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT

aka.

[REDACTED] VICTIM [REDACTED]  
EXTORTION [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Reurlet January 8, 1953, instant case.

Two latent fingerprints developed on the outside of Q1 and eight latent fingerprints developed on Q2. Description of specimens included in laboratory report forwarded separately.

Specimens Q1 and Q2 returned herewith.

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9-22611

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **PITTSBURGH**

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REPORT MADE AT <b>PITTSBURGH</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3-30-53</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>2-10, 17, 24-53</b>	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE <b>ARTHUR J. ROONEY - VICTIM</b>		b7C b3	CHARACTER OF CASE <b>EXTORTION; JUVENILE DELINQUENCY ACT</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** On 2-10-53 [REDACTED] by Allegheny County Juvenile Court to [REDACTED] USA, Pittsburgh, received letter from Department of Justice suggesting vigorous prosecution of subject and USA now awaiting further instructions from Department of Justice in view of Allegheny County Juvenile Court's action. Disposition sheet previously submitted.

**DETAILS:**

**AT PITTSBURGH, PA.**

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Allegheny County Juvenile Court Probation Officer, handling the case of [REDACTED] reported that in her inquiry concerning [REDACTED] she found that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] stated that a medical examination proved that

[REDACTED]  
On February 10, 1953, Judge GUSTAV SCHRAIM of the Allegheny County  
Municipal Court examined the facts in the case of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The records of the United States Attorney, Pittsburgh, Pa., show  
that on January 12, 1953, the Department of Justice directed a letter to that  
office suggesting that [REDACTED] be vigorously

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prosecuted by the federal government in order to make an example of them and thereby deter other young people from doing the same thing. It is to be noted that [redacted] were subjects of a Pittsburgh case entitled [redacted] - Victim, EXTORTION; [redacted] "THE DELINQUENCY ACT" subsequent to the instant case, and the above prosecution in the County Court refers to both violations by subject [redacted]

U. S. Attorney EDWARD G. ROYLE has communicated with the Attorney General and notified him of the Allegheny County Juvenile Court's decisions in this case, and that no action would be taken by the U.S. Attorney at Pittsburgh until hearing from the Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.

Disposition sheets were previously submitted for [redacted] as enclosures to the Bureau with a report on the [redacted] Extortion case referred to above.

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AT PITTSBURGH, PA.

AT PITTSBURGH, PA.

Will report final prosecutive action taken by the federal  
authorities.

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Re: Report of SA [redacted] Pittsburgh, 1-6-53.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (9-23163)

DATE: April 20, 1953

FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH (9-945)

SUBJECT: [Redacted]

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[Redacted] VICTIM  
EXTORTION; JUVENILE  
DELINQUENCY ACT  
(Pittsburgh - Origin)

- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Ladd \_\_\_\_\_
- Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
- Harbo \_\_\_\_\_
- Belmont \_\_\_\_\_
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Rm. \_\_\_\_\_
- Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Tracy \_\_\_\_\_
- Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Rm. \_\_\_\_\_
- Nease \_\_\_\_\_

Reference is made to letter dated April 2, 1953, from WARREN CLNEY, III, Assistant Attorney General to the Director.

On April 16, 1953, it was determined from Chief Clerk [Redacted] of the United States Attorney's Office, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, that the Federal complaints against the subjects have not as yet been dismissed, but that this would be directed in the very near future.

The Bureau is being requested to advise this office whether or not both the [Redacted] ROONEY cases should be maintained in a pending or closed status after the complaints have been dismissed in light of the Department's instructions that the United States Attorney's Office make periodic checks with the Allegheny County Juvenile Authorities to check the adjustment of the juveniles involved.

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April 29, 1953

Director, FBI (9-22750) (9-23163)

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[Redacted]

[Redacted] - VICTIM b7C  
EXTORTION ; JUVENILE b3  
DELINQUENCY ACT

Reurlet April 20, 1953.

As soon as the Federal complaints outstanding against the subjects have been dismissed, a closing report should be submitted by your office.

The cases, of course, should be reopened in the event the United States Attorney at Pittsburgh requests additional investigation.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (9-22750)

DATE: August 26, 1953

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh (9-924)

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SUBJECT: [redacted] b3  
ARTHUR J. ROONEY - VICTIM  
EXTORTION  
JUVENILE DELINQUENCY ACT  
(Office of Origin - Pittsburgh)

Reurlet dated August 4, 1953.

On May 26, 1953, USA EDWARD C. BOYLE, Pittsburgh, Pa., advised that in view of the letter his department had received from Assistant Attorney General WARREN OLNEY III, he did not desire to have the Federal complaints against the subject dismissed. He explained that Mr. OLNEY had suggested that he make periodic checks with the Allegheny County Juvenile Authorities to determine if the adjustment of [redacted] was progressing satisfactorily. Mr. BOYLE stated at that time he had been in personal contact with Allegheny County Juvenile Court Judge GUSTAV SCHRAMM regarding the subject and at that time everything appeared to be working out satisfactorily.

[redacted] Chief Clerk, United States Attorney's Office, Pittsburgh, advised August 19, 1953, that the instant matter was still pending in their files.

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TO

[Redacted] *AS*

DATE: 2-10-54

FROM

[Redacted] *AS*

SUBJECT:

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[Redacted]

Arthur J. Rooney

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- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Ladd \_\_\_\_\_
- Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Belmont \_\_\_\_\_
- Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
- Harbo \_\_\_\_\_
- Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Taney \_\_\_\_\_
- Gearty \_\_\_\_\_
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Winterrowd \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Holloman \_\_\_\_\_
- Swan \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

*Yes*

ENCLO. ATTACHED

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There is attached the file which has been maintained in the Laboratory in connection with the above-captioned matter. It is desired that this file be maintained as an enclosure behind the main file in the Records Section WITH

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Work Sheet

*Lab File*

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT: b7C  
[Redacted]  
ARTHUR J. ROONEY - VICTIMS;  
EXTORTION

File # 9-22750  
Lab. # D-152906 AT

Examination requested by: SAC, Pittsburgh (9-924)

Date of reference communication: 8/13/52

Date received: 8/15/52

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Result of Examination:

Examination by: *CCB*  
[Redacted]  
*8-18-52*

*See attached*

Specimens submitted for examination

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Q1 Envelope addressed to "Mr. Rooney, 728 Ridge Avenue, Pittsburgh 12, Pa.",  
postmarked Pittsburgh, Pa., 8/9/52, 11:00AM.

Q2 Accompanying letter beginning "Mr. Rooney, if you value the life of your  
[Redacted] and ending, "This is no Plank, We are not Kidding."

Also submitted: Elimination fingerprints of ARTHUR J. ROONEY and [Redacted] - 22750

*Searched ALF - Black h.p. no ill. 8/18/52*  
*CCB*

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*added to 4474. Deleted fingerprints*  
*9-22750*  
*AKB*

Q1 White envelope

Qsp. 6.5 x 3.66

Thickness = .0038~~23~~ to .0040

No watermark

wt 2.820

Q2 Sheet of white linen finish paper

No watermark

Flue along upper edge indicating it came from  
tablet with 7.26 x 10.48 - 10.47.

Thickness = .0039 - .0040

wt. - 3.8628

Address on Q1 & message on Q2 written  
with medium lead pencil and  
handprinted in upper case blocked letters

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D 152906 AT TO PITTSBURGH URGENT

UNSUB: [REDACTED] ARTHUR J. ROONEY, VIKEX.

REURLET AUGUST THIRTEEN LAST. QUESTIONED WRITING SEARCHED THROUGH ANONYMOUS LETTER FILE WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. NO WATERMARKS FOUND ON ENVELOPE AND LETTER. ENVELOPE MEASURES SIX POINT FIVE BY THREE POINT SIX INCHES. LETTER IS WHITE LINEN FINISH PAPER MEASURING SEVEN POINT THREE BY TEN POINT FIVE INCHES. GLUE ALONG TOP OF LETTER INDICATES IT CAME FROM TABLET. QUESTIONED WRITING PREPARED IN UPPER CASE BLOCK STYLE HANDPRINTING.

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one latent fingerprint  
latent palm print developed on  
outside of envelope. latent fingerprint  
identified with Robert Dudley fingerprint  
of Rooney. Request for forward  
with report.

[REDACTED]

for copy to 8/17/54

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Work Sheet

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To: U.S.G.A.;  
ARTHUR J. ROONEY - PITTSBURGH

File # - 22750  
Lab. # - 155709 AT

Examination requested by: xxx Pittsburg ( )

Date of reference communication: D. t. 10-7-52

Date received: 10-6-52

Examination requested: Doc. - E. t. b7C

Result of Examination:

Examination by: 10-6-52  
CCK-

*N.P. Q3, Q4 no causal Q1, Q2 similar.*

*Q4 (paper) similar to Q3 in length, width, color,  
texture, presence of glue at top.*

Specimens submitted for examination

33 White envelope bearing xxx address handprinted in pencil "ART ROONEY 521  
GRANT ST. PGH. 19 PENNA." postmarked "PITTSBURGH, PA. OCT 1 11AM 1952"

34 Accompanying letter handprinted in pencil beginning "ROONEY KISS THE  
  GOODBY..."

*no Id. A4F.*

RETURN  
~~INSTRUMENT~~

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Q3. white Env. 6.01 x 4.50 x 0.0041-42  
no WM. WT. 3.2206

Q4 sheet of white linen finish. no. Wm.  
7.26 x 10.48-49 x 0.0036-39 WT. 3.6530  
Blue at Top indicates came from Tablet.

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Block h.p. med. soft lead pencil.  
Carefully written. Indications of overwriting

Q3. AR FLH.

Q4. R O O N Y K I S

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Q1. Y R

Q2. FLA L E

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Re: UNSUB  
ARTHUR J. ROONEY  
VIKEX

File # 9-22750-  
Lab. # D-156304 AT

Examination requested by: Pittsburgh (9-924)

Date of reference communication: Let 10-23-52

Date received: 10-24-52

Examination requested. Doc. 7

Result of Examination:

Examination by: [redacted]

K3: XO C Q1 → Q4 \* b7C

Q1, Q2 Unsubs; [redacted]

VIKEX

*eeb 10/31/52*

Specimens submitted for examination

K3 Seven sheets of white paper bearing the known handwriting of [redacted] *and handwriting*

ALSO SUBMITTED: Fingerprint card and palm prints of right and left hands of [redacted]

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Q1, Q2

MR. RONY I

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IF YOU VALUE THE LIFE

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HAVE \$10,000<sup>00</sup> IN GENUIN

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Re:  ~~XXXX~~

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File #   
Lab. # D-153436 AT

UNSUB., ARTHUR J. ROONEY, VIKEX

Examination requested by: Bureau *8/22/52*

Date of reference communication: *8-27-52*

Date received: *8-27-52*

Examination requested: Document

Result of Examination:

Examination by:

*(1, 12, 9-27-52)*

*unsub. v. vix*

Specimens submitted for examination

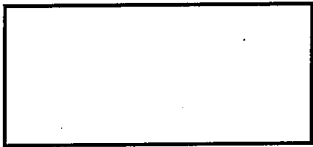
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Request for <sup>*comparison*</sup> examination of the writing submitted in the above ~~two~~ cases.

*with the writing in the case unsub.  victim, extortion, submitted with Pittsburgh letter of August 22, 1952.*

*also received oral request of  S. T. Sup...*

*[Signature]*



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Work Sheet

1/1/52

Re: [redacted]

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File # [redacted]  
Lab. # [redacted]

Examination requested by:

Date of reference communication:

Date received:

Examination requested:

Result of Examination:

Examination by:

[redacted] 1/20/52

Q1 → Q4 210 cases K1, K2

Some differences w/ K1.

K2 not comparable. Suggest additional specimens submitted for examination in block style & p.

- 1. Six pages, and two envelopes bearing the km hu and hp of [redacted]
- 2. Seven pages and two envelopes bearing the km hu and hp of [redacted]

Also submitted: 2 palmprints and one set of fpts. of [redacted] and 3 palmprints and one set of fpts. of [redacted]

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Q1 G A V E [unclear]

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TITLE <b>ARTHUR J. ROONEY - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>EXTORTION; JUVENILE DELINQUENCY ACT</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

USA, Pittsburgh, advises that Department of Justice suggests continuance of federal charges against subject so that she can be prosecuted under JDA in the event she does not adjust satisfactorily.

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**DETAILS:**

**AT PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA**

On December 14, 1953, USA JOHN W. McILVAINE communicated with GUSTAV L. SCHRAMM, Judge of the Allegheny County Juvenile Court to inquire about the progress of [redacted]. On December 18, 1953, [redacted] of the Allegheny County Juvenile Probation Office, answered for Judge SCHRAMM and informed the USA that [redacted]

On January 22, 1954, the above facts were called to the attention of Assistant Attorney General Honorable WARREN OLNEY, III, and on February 2, 1954, he advised that the federal charges against [redacted] should be kept in a pending status so that resort to juvenile procedure may be had in the [redacted]

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THE PITTSBURGH DIVISION

AT PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

Will keep in touch with the United States Attorney to determine when the federal complaint against the subject will be dismissed.

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REFERENCE: Report of SA  Pittsburgh, 1/29/54.

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[redacted] ARTHUR J. ROONEY - VICTIM		CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION; JUVENILE DELINQUENCY ACT	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Allegheny County juvenile authorities advised USA's Office that

[redacted]  
[redacted] Department of Justice by their  
letter dated 10-7-54 suggested that [redacted]  
be followed.

DETAILS: AT PITTSBURGH, PA.

On September 14, 1954, the U. S. Attorney wrote to  
Allegheny County Juvenile Court asking about the [redacted]  
[redacted] attached to the Allegheny  
County Juvenile Court, by her letter dated September 20, 1954.  
reported that [redacted]

[redacted] stated that Juvenile Court had received  
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On September 23, 1954, U.S. Attorney JOHN W. MC ILVAINE of Pittsburgh wrote to the Department of Justice, attention [redacted] Administrative Regulation Section, Criminal Division, asking for advice as to the continuance of Federal charges against [redacted]

[redacted] by his letter of October 7, 1954, advised U. S. Attorney MC ILVAINE that since [redacted]

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REFERENCE: Report of SA  Pittsburgh, 2-10-44.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>PITTSBURGH</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>5-24-55</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>4/26; 5/17/55</b>	REPORT MADE BY [Redacted] /hhd/
TITLE <b>ARTHUR J. ROONEY - VICTIM</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>EXTORTION; JUVENILE DELINQUENCY ACT</b>	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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DETAILS:

By letter dated April 7, 1955, United States Attorney JOHN W. McILVAINE, Pittsburgh, Pa., requested that a [Redacted] in accordance with the suggestion of the Department of Justice.

On April 26, 1955, [Redacted]

Pa., advised SA [Redacted]

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THE PITTSBURGH DIVISION

AT PITTSBURGH, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PA.

Will keep in touch with the U.S. Attorney to determine when Federal complaints against subject will be dismissed.

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REFERENCE: Report of SA



Pittsburgh, 12-22-54.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (9-22750)

DATE: 6/7/55

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh (9-924)

SUBJECT: [redacted] ARTHUR J. ROONEY - VICTIM b7C

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JUVENILE DELINQUENCY ACT  
(Origin - Pittsburgh)

In accordance with the request of USA JOHN W. McILVAINE of Pittsburgh, an additional copy of the report of SA [redacted] dated May 24, 1955 in the above captioned matter, is being forwarded to his office at Pittsburgh, Pa. USA McILVAINE states that he intends to forward this copy to the Department of Justice with his recommendation that he be authorized to dismiss the Federal complaints outstanding against [redacted]

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Reurlet December 18, 1952, instant case.

Fifty-four latent fingerprints and seven latent palm prints developed in instant case identified with fingerprints and palm prints of [Redacted]. Three latent fingerprints appearing on specimens Q5 and Q9 not identical with fingerprints of [Redacted]. Two latent fingerprints and two latent palm prints developed in the case entitled "Unknown Subject, Arthur J. Rooney, Vikex" identified with fingerprints and palm prints of [Redacted]. It should be noted that one of the latent palm prints was originally reported as a latent fingerprint. No latents remain unidentified in the Rooney case.

No comparisons conducted in the case entitled "Unknown Subject, [Redacted] Vikex", inasmuch as no latents were developed in this case.

No prior identification records for [Redacted]

Fingerprints and palm prints previously submitted for elimination purposes in instant case and in Rooney case are returned herewith.

This report confirms Buairtel of December 22, 1952.

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: SAC, PITTSBURGH

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[redacted] II, WALK. ENVELOPE NO. [redacted] NO  
 [redacted] AS TO WHETHER HA. PRINTING ON LETTER  
 [redacted] LETTER OF HANDPRINTING ON LETTER AND  
 ENVELOPE SUBMITTED JULY OCTOBER TWENTYSEVEN IN [redacted] CASE OR  
 BY WRITER OF ANY OF HANDPRINTING ON Q ONE THROUGH Q FOUR ROONEY  
 CASE [redacted] INSTANT LETTER AND ENVELOPE PREPARED  
 IN PLACE [redacted] OF HANDPRINTING. SOME CHARACTERISTICS IN COMMON  
 [redacted] LETTER IN [redacted] CASE AND WITH LETTERS IN ROONEY  
 CASE. SOME CHARACTERISTICS ON INSTANT LETTER [redacted] HEAVY  
 PENCIL OVER LIGHTER PENCIL MARKS. NO WATERMARKS FOUND. INSTANT  
 ENVELOPE MEASURES APPROXIMATELY SIX POINT FIVE BY THREE POINT SIX  
 INCHES AND LETTER MEASURES APPROXIMATELY NINE POINT NINE BY  
 SEVEN POINT NINE INCHES. ENVELOPE IS WRITTEN ON WHITE BOND  
 PAPER AND LETTER IS WRITTEN ON WHITE LINED FINISH PAPER.  
 FINGERPRINT REPORT SEPARATELY.

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 Mr. Tracy  
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*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

[Redacted]

YOUR FILE NO. 9-1133  
FBI FILE NO.  
LAB NO. C-206717 AT

Examination requested by Pittsburgh  
Reference Letter 6/17/55  
Examination requested Document - Fingerprint

Specimens

Resubmission of Q1 through Q20, Bureau file 9-23163, case entitled "VICTIM, EXTORTION."

Resubmission of Q1 and Q2, Bureau file 9-20635, case entitled "VICTIM, EXTORTION."

Resubmission of Q1 through Q4, Bureau file 9-22750, case entitled "ARTHUR J. HOONEY - VICTIM, EXTORTION."

Case entitled [Redacted] - VICTIM EXTORTION.

Q1 Envelope bearing hand printed address [Redacted] Pittsburgh 12, Pa., postmarked "PITTSBURGH, PA. JUN 15, 1955 3:30 PM." Accompanying one-page hand printed letter beginning "Kill..." and ending [Redacted]

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Pennington
- Mr. Quinn
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

Results of examination:

The hand printing on specimens Q1 and Q2 was compared with the [Redacted] designated as [Redacted] and [Redacted], Bureau file 9-23163, but no conclusion

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... the handwriting available for examination. The handwriting on specimen 2 was also compared with the hand printing on the letters in Bureau file 9-23163, Q1 and Q2, Bureau file 9-20985, and 1 through 46, Bureau file 9-22750, but no connections were reached because of an insufficient amount of material available and because of the nature of the questioned writing.

In your information, some similarity in style of hand printing was noted in Q1 and Q2 described above and the questioned specimens in the cases listed above. It was particularly noted that the manner of placing the name and address on the envelope, Q1, is similar to the manner of placing the name on the envelopes in the three cases mentioned. There are numerous additional samples of known hand printing to be obtained from [redacted] and [redacted] for further comparison with the hand printing on Q1 and Q2. Such hand printing should consist of dictated specimens written on envelopes and paper similar to Q1 and Q2, if dictated specimens are obtainable. Numerous specimens should be obtained so that an adequate examination may be conducted.

The envelope Q1 is different from the envelopes in Bureau files 9-23163, 9-20985 and 9-22750, and the paper Q2 is different from the paper used in the letters in the latter Bureau files.

Specimens Q1 and Q2 were searched through the appropriate sections of the Anonymous Letter File, but no identification with any case, other than those referred to above, was made. Copies will be added thereto for future reference.

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Specimen Q1 was hand printed in upper-case letters with a medium lead pencil. Specimen Q2 was hand printed in upper-case letters in [redacted] the letters on Q2 are hand printed in a block style of printing and a large number of the hand printed letters [redacted] to have been written over to give the appearance of double hand printing on Q2 consists of carbon impressions. [redacted] states that a piece of carbon paper was placed over the writing [redacted] on the sheet of carbon paper.

[redacted] the writer on Q2, it is possible that [redacted] have prepared the original hand printing on the carbon sheet and then retraced the hand printed letters with the resultant hand printing on Q2. [redacted] could have done the tracing. Specimen 2 was placed in half before the hand printing was placed thereon as

indentations appear on the second half of the sheet, with these indentations corresponding to the hand printing on the other half of the sheet. Faint carbon impressions appear at both the top and bottom of the part of Q2 containing the message. The faint carbon impressions at the top of this part of the sheet consist of carbon transference resulting from subsequent folding of the letter to place it in the envelope. Evidence indicates that a small piece of carbon paper was probably used and after the upper portion was printed, then the carbon paper was shifted to the bottom portion of the page. This is substantiated by the presence of faint carbon impressions at the bottom of the page, with these impressions corresponding to some of the hand printing at the top of the page.

Specimen Q1 is a white linen-finish envelope having no watermark and measuring approximately 5.8" by 3.8". The inside of the envelope has the printed words "Self Seal Envelope Made By United States Envelope Company Q15X". Specimen Q2 is a sheet of white unruled, folded head paper having the watermark "Concord, U.S.A." When unfolded, the sheet measures approximately 11" by 8.5". The watermark "Concord" is used by the Judd Paper Company, 92 Race, Holyoke, Massachusetts, and by the Gotham Card and Paper Company, Inc., 131-340 Hoboken Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey. The paper, Q2, may have been manufactured by the Judd Paper Company as that company manufactures a paper using the watermark "Concord Bond."

Fingerprint report separately.

Specimens Q1 through Q20 in Bureau file 9-23163, Q1 and Q2 in Bureau file 9-20985 and Q1 through Q4 in Bureau file 9-22750 are returned separately. Unless otherwise advised, specimens Q1 and Q2 in instant case will be retained for future comparison.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>PITTSBURGH</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7/5/55</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>6/21, 24/55</b>	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] /ML/
[REDACTED] <b>ARTHUR J. ROONEY - VICTIM</b>		b7C b3	CHARACTER OF CASE <b>EXTORTION; JUVENILE DELINQUENCY ACT</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

USA, Pittsburgh, on 6/21/55, requested USC, Pittsburgh, to dismiss complaint filed 12/19/52. On 6/24/55, it was determined that complaint had been dismissed on 6/21/55. Disposition Sheet being forwarded with this report.

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**DETAILS:**

AT PITTSBURGH, PA.

By letter dated June 21, 1955, U. S. Attorney JOHN W. MC ILVAINE requested U. S. Commissioner EDWARD SNODGRASS, JR., to dismiss the complaint filed against subject on December 19, 1952, because the subject was making satisfactory adjustment under the probation orders of the Juvenile Court of Allegheny County.

In June 24, 1955, it was ascertained by SA [REDACTED] that U. S. Commissioner SNODGRASS dismissed the complaint on June 21, 1955.

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REFERENCE: Report of SA  5/24/55, Pittsburgh.

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SAC, Pittsburgh

November 3, 1958

Director, FBI (9-22750)

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ARTHUR J. ROONEY - VICTIM  
EXTORTION

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Inasmuch as there have been no recent submissions to the Laboratory in this case, the specimens listed below, which were submitted by your office, are returned herewith.

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Q1 - Q4  
The above specimens were resubmitted with Pittsburgh letter of 6-17-55, under the caption "Unsub; [Redacted] VICTIM - EXTORTION."

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- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Boardman \_\_\_\_\_
- Belmont \_\_\_\_\_
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Parsons \_\_\_\_\_
- Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Trotter \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Holloman \_\_\_\_\_
- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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To: SAC, Pittsburgh

September 17, 1956

This confirms and supplements Bureau teletype of  
9/13/56 to Pittsburgh.

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Re: UNSUB

[redacted] - VICTIM  
EXTORTION

*John Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO. 9-1213  
FBI FILE NO.  
LAB. NO. D-236400 AT

Examination requested by: Pittsburgh

Reference: Letter 9/12/56

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Specimens:

- Q1 Typewritten envelope addressed to [redacted] Progress St Pgh 12 Pa, postmarked "PITTSBURGH, PA. 2 SEP 9 1956 7-PM."
- Q2 Accompanying pencil printed letter beginning "HAVE...." and ending "....NO COPS."
- Q3 Accompanying post card bearing date "SEP 14 1956" in ink and "1 A.M." in pencil.

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ALSO SUBMITTED: Autostat of Q1 through Q3.  
Two sets each of elimination fingerprints for [redacted] and [redacted]

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Results of examination:

Specimens Q1 through Q3 were compared with the Anonymous Letter File, but no identification was made.

It was found that the envelope and paper, Q1 and Q2, are different from the envelopes and paper on the specimens in the previous cases, 9-26231, 9-22750, 9-20985 and 9-23163, referred to in Pittsburgh letter of 9/12/56.

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The typewriting on the envelope Q1 appears in red letters. The typewriting on Q1 is too limited to permit a definite determination of the name of the manufacturer of the typewriter, but it was found that this typewriting most closely corresponds to the standard for Royal Pica type, spaced ten letters per inch. It is noted that part of the address on envelope Q1 in this case is abbreviated "Pittsburgh, Pa." Part of the address on the envelope Q2, File # 7-20945, is abbreviated in the same manner. Q2, 7-20945, was submitted by Pittsburgh on 8/15/51, in the case "J. B., [redacted] VIKEX."

The pencil printing on Q2 appears to have been prepared through the use of stenciled letters. The ink printing comprising the date on Q3 appears to have been prepared through the use of some type of lettering set, rather than with a dater stamp. The time "1 A.M." appearing on Q3 consists of penciled dots to form the characters.

The typewriting on Q1 could not be compared with the specimens in the previous cases referred to above as no typewriting was found on the specimens in these cases. In view of the nature of the writing on Q2 and Q3, an adequate comparison could not be made with the writing on the specimens previously received in the cases mentioned above.

Specimen Q1 is a white envelope having no watermark and measuring approximately 5.8 by 3.7 inches. The top of the envelope was cut open prior to its receipt in the Laboratory. Q2 is a sheet of unruled white paper having no watermark and measuring approximately 10.6 by 4.1 inches. The sheet was folded prior to its receipt in the Laboratory. Obliterated pencil writing appears on Q2 at the end of the message. Because the obliteration is in pencil and occurs to be the same medium as the writing through the obliteration, and because of the completeness of the obliteration, it was not possible to determine the original writing.

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Q3 is a post card of the Soldiers Memorial,  
Aliquippa, Pennsylvania, number P4355, published by  
Imperial Greeting Card Company, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Results of the fingerprint examination are being  
furnished separately.

Q1 through Q3 are temporarily retained in the  
FBI Laboratory to be available for future examinations.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

FBI, Pittsburgh (9-1412)

May 26, 1959

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Unknown Subject:

[Redacted]

VIKEX

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

Lab. No. D-308150 AT

Examination requested by: Pittsburgh

Reference: Letter 5/20/59

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint 9-28231

Remarks:

A separate report is being submitted concerning the fingerprint examination.

The hand printing on Q1 and Q2, described in the attached Laboratory report, was compared with the hand printing on Q1 and Q2, Bufile 9-34878, which were submitted by Pittsburgh on 7/23/58, in the case "Unsub, with alias [Redacted] - VICTIM; EXTORTION." The writing on Q1 and Q2 was also compared with the writings on specimens mentioned in your letter dated 5/20/59, namely, Bufiles 9-23163, 9-20985, 9-22750, and 9-28231. The hand printing on Q1 and Q2, described in the attached Laboratory report, is not sufficiently comparable for adequate comparison with the writing on the specimens in the cases mentioned. Therefore, no conclusion was reached. However, it was noted that the hand printing on Q1 and Q2 in this case is different in style from the hand printings

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- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_ 1 - Bufile (9-34878)
- Belmont \_\_\_\_\_ 1 - Bufile (9-23163)
- DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_ 1 - Bufile (9-20985)
- Malone \_\_\_\_\_ 1 - Bufile (9-22750)
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_ 1 - Bufile (9-28231)
- Parsons \_\_\_\_\_
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on the specimens in the cases mentioned. It was particularly noted that the hand printing on Q1 and Q2 in this case, described in the attached Laboratory report, is different in style from the known hand printings of [redacted]

[redacted] The writings of these two persons were previously submitted by Pittsburgh in connection with the cases mentioned above. Nothing of significance was noted as the result of the comparison which would suggest that additional known handwriting samples prepared by either [redacted] should be obtained for further comparison with the writings on Q1 and Q2 in this case.

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Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL ROOM  TELETYPE UNIT

REPORT  
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

FBI, Pittsburgh

Date, May 29, 1959

Unknown Subject:

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FBI File No.  
Lab. No.

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VIKEX

Specimens received 5/22/59

Q1 Envelope bearing the hand printed address [redacted] postmarked "PITTSBURGH 6, PA. MAY 11 1959 9:30 PM."

Q2 Accompanying one-page letter bearing the hand printed message beginning "YOU MUST BRING...." and ending "....STAND ON CORNER."

Result of examination:

The questioned hand printing on Q1 and Q2 was searched through the Anonymous Letter File without effecting an identification with any other case. Copies are being added to the file for future reference.

No watermarks were found in Q1 and Q2. The writing on Q1 and Q2 consists of upper case hand printed letters written with a lead pencil. The detailed physical characteristics of Q1 and Q2 are retained. It is noted that Q2 is a sheet of ruled tablet paper which has nineteen blue lines on the front and twenty-three blue lines on the reverse side.

Erased writing was found on Q2. The letters PM were erased on line four of Q2. The words COME ALONE were found on line six of Q2. An erasure was noted beneath the amount \$5000 on line nine of Q2, but it was not possible to determine the erased writing on this line. The word DONT was erased on line ten of Q2. Faint indentations were also noted on Q2, but these indentations are too indistinct to permit definite determination.

Q1 and Q2 have been photographed and are being returned separately to Pittsburgh.

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Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Parsons \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
W.C. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_