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AND LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114)

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SUMMARY CHICAGO DIVISION

RE [REDACTED]

RECONTACT WITH SISTER SUSAN DONIAN THIS DATE REVEALED
SHE DID NOT KNOW HER [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] IN VIEW OF FOREGOING, CHICAGO DIVISION CONCURS
WITH RECOMMENDATION OF THE SPRINGFIELD DIVISION THAT ANY
INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED] BE HELD IN ABEYANCE.

RE PHOTO EQUIPMENT ORDERED FROM SUPERIOR BULK FILM COMPANY,
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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THICK BLACK WAVY HAIR, COMBED BACK, DARK COMPLEXION, THIN FACE
LONG NECK, WEARING MUSTARD COLORED SPORT SHIRT WITH DICKIE AT
NECK AND DARK BROWN PANTS, NO NOTICEABLE ACCENT AND NOT NERVOUS.
OLIVER IS NINETEEN YEAR-OLD W/F ABOUT TO BE MARRIED, IS STILL IN
TRAINING, NERVOUS AND NOT BELIEVED TO BE GOOD WITNESS.

CHICAGO IMMEDIATELY CONDUCT INVESTIGATION AT DOLTON, ILL.,
AND SUBURBAN MTRS. IF 'SIXTYSEVEN FORD LOCATED, ADVISE ATLANTA.

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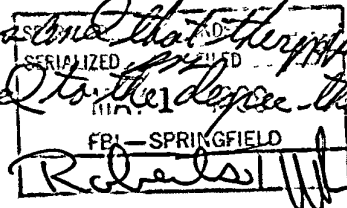
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