# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION COVER SHEET

**SUBJECT: SONNY BONO** 

FILE 7-11343

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Date: 2/25/66 Transmit the following in . (Type in plaintext or code) AIRTEL AIRMAIL (Priority) TO: DIRECTOR, FBI FBI LABORATORY SAC, LOS ANGELES (7-1000)(P)

UNSUB:

Sonn Bono VIOTIM

POSSIBLE & UNAPPING

00: Los Angeles

On February 23, 1966, the Los Angeles Office of the Police of the Police of the Police of The Police of Investigation, Los Angeles, California", which contained an anonymous letter dated 2/12/66.

Two xerox copies of letter and envelope are being furnished the Bureau, and one each are being furnished the Milwaukee and Chicago Office for information, inasmuch as a suspect may reside in either Chicago or Milwaukee. One copy of FD 302s containing interview of SALVATORE BONO

at besnangeles, dated 2/24/66, is

being furnished Chicago and Milwaukee.

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Original letter and envelope is being furnished the Los Angeles Police Department. Upon receipt of letter from suspect, the Los Angeles Office will furnish the FBI Laboratory same for compatison purposes.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to search Anonymous Letter File for possible identification.

On 2/24/65 Assistant U.S. Attorney ROBERT L. BROSIO, Los Angeles, advised that no Federal violation exists. The Beverly Hills, California Police Department and the Los Angeles, California, Police Department have been advised. The Bureau and interested Offices will be furnished all pertinent information developed in this case.

The suspect furnished by SALVATORE BONO and on 214/66 was described as a possible "schizophrenic" where serion of victims. BONO will attempt to identify this suspect and interested Offices will be advised.

Attorney's decision regarding this letter, and the Los Angeles Police Department's responsibility in this matter.

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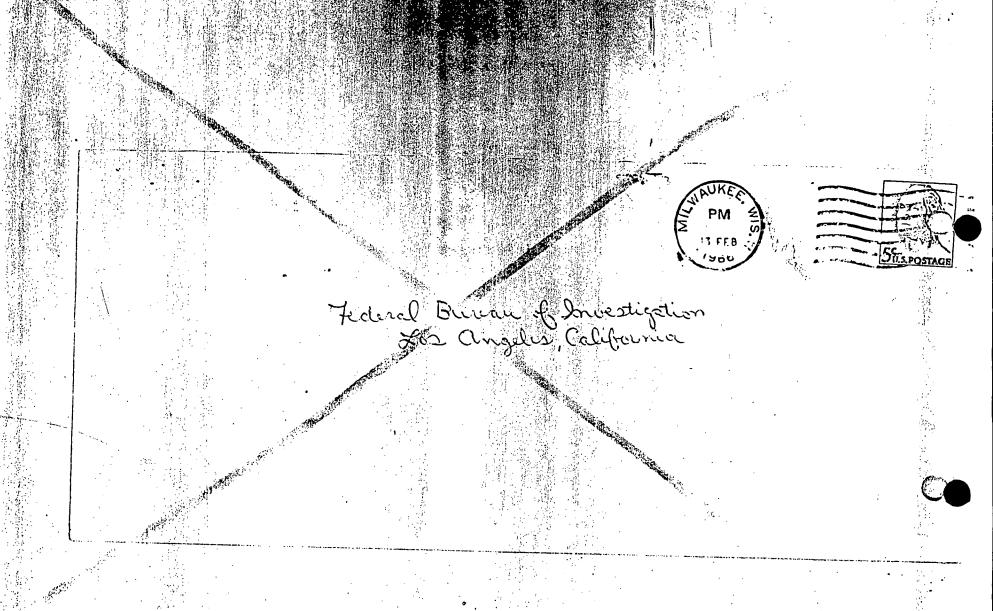
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(00: Los Angeles)

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FBI, Los Angeles (7-1000)

A. 2/25/66

Examination requested:

Document

Date received:

2/28/66

Result of Examination:

Examination by:

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Specimens submitted for examination

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Envelopes addressed to victims postmarked Chicago, Illinois, 2/1/66 and 2/4/66, return address of Lawrence Hotel, 4727 North Malden, Chicago, Illinois, and YWCA Hotel, 826 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and letters to victims, handprinted and handwritten.

Enclosed for Chicago and Milwaukee are one xerox copy each of above letters dated 2/22/66 and 2/24/66, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, addressed to the Los Angeles Office.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to compare handwriting of letters addressed to victims from (a suspect in this case). It is requested handwriting in letters written by the be compared with the Anonymous letter File and with the anonymous letter dated 2/12/66 furnished the FBI Laboratory in referenced Los Angeles airtel, to determine if subject in this case is identical with suspect

The above letters written by the Los Angeles on 2/28/66. The above two letters postmarked Milwaukee, Wisconsin were received by the Los Angeles FBI Office on 2/28/66. It is noted that a carbon copy of the letter dated 2/24/66 was received by the Los Angeles FBI Office in letter address to this office, postmarked 2/25/66. This letter is not being furnished the FBI laboratory since it is obviously a carbon copy of letter dated 2/24/66 (Envelope postmarked Milwaukee, 2/24/66). It would appear that the is a fan of victims and possibly has mental problems.

The Chicago and Milwaukee Offices are requested to review indices for any information identifiable with a and a

The LAPD has been furnished with pertinent information in this case.

The Bureau and interested offices will be immediately advised upon receipt of additional pertinent information.

RECORDED 3/7/66 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE cb. Laboratory Work Sheet NO LAB FILE 7\_113437 Re: UNSUB. aka File # Lab. # D-501014 JD Salvatore Bono, aka Sonny Bono -VICTIM: POSSIBLE KIDNAPING Airtel 3/1/66 (00: Los Angeles) Examination requested by: FBI, Los Angeles (7-1000) Examination requested: Date received: 3/3/66 Document Result of Examination: Examination by: Whitcomb the worwis of how desinated KCI fre 2 Kc Prwyste the L speciment oc6: 41 Ne : Too fan signifilia -NC LA portion QC 2 . Diffis. UCI -> QCY shows by one f. At J- Iff-7, We show project - tolowing brende VARV. Hoven, shows 12 JOCS 5m Specimens submitted for examination hu feculiant is adden, 如果抗逆以。一 Photocopy of envelope postmarked "MILWAUKEE, WIS. PM 23 FEB" bearing handwritten address "Federal Bureau of Investigation Los Angeles, California" and photocopy of accompanying one-page handwritten letter dated 2/22/66 beginning "Of Importance, As I have before ... " signed Qc4 Photocopy of envelope postmarked "MILWAUKEE, WIS. 1966 24 FEB" bearing handwritten address "Federal Bureau of Investigation Los Angeles, California" and accompanying one-page handwritten letter beginning "Of Importance, As I have before ... " signed Photocopy of two-page handwritten letter dated 2/3/66, Qc5 first page beginning "Dear Sonny and second page beginning "Just a line in my own.. Page 1 (continued on next page)

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- Qc7 Photocopy of six-page handwritten letter dated "Monday 9 AM" beginning on first page "Sonny The pain has gone..," second page beginning "down the fever...," third page or records...," fifth page beginning "a chair. He won't..." and sixth page beginning XMXX "not saying the last good-bye..."

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To: FBI, Los Angeles (7-1000)

Date:

March 11, 1966

John Edgar Hoover, Director

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POSSIBLE KIDNAPING

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The Anonymous Letter File disclosed no specimen identifiable with Qcl through Qc7 and Kcl through Kc7. Representative for future reference.

The writer or writers of the hand printing designated Kcl through Kc7 wrote the hand printings on page one of Qc5 and the hand printing on the specimen numbered Qc6. There are too few significant differences to determine whether the hand printed portion of Qc2 was or was not written by the writer or writers of Kcl through Kc7. Inasmuch as hand printing is not comparable with script handwriting, no conclusion was reached concerning whether the writer or writers of the hand printings may or may not have written the script handwritings.

The script handwritings designated Qc1 through Qc4 were written by one person. Due to too many unexplained variations, it was not possible to determine whether the script handwritings on page one of Qc5, page two of Qc5 or Qc7 and Kc2 were or were not written by the same person. However, a few handwriting peculiarities were noted in the script handwritings on page two of Qc5, Qc7 and Kc2 indicating this material may have been written by one person. The

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different style of writings on Qcl through Qc4 indicates the writings of a person not involved in writing the script handwritings appearing on other specimens in this case.

The material submitted is retained.

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### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

No. FBI, Birmingham (175-16)

Date:

April 30, 1969

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John Edgar Hoover, Director

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August 23, 1972

MR. AND MRS. SONNY

Captioned individuals, who you advised reside at 141 South Carolwood Drive, Los Angeles, California, have not been the subjects of an investigation conducted

The central files of the FBI, including the

Files of the Identification Division, contain no additional pertinent information concerning captioned individuals based upon background information submitted in connection with this name check request. MEB/1/A

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