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**SUBJECT: Gary Cooper**

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**SUBJECT: Gary Cooper**

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASH: DC  
 GARY COOPER NSPA COOPERS HOME WESTLOSANGELES CALIFORNIA  
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 THOUSAND DOLLARS WORTH OF VALUABLES CONSISTING PRINCIPALLY OF  
 JEWELRY AND FURS STOLEN COOPERS PRESENTLY VACATIONING IN  
 NEWYORK APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED THIS OFFICE  
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2. This package, consisting of eight  
skins, 2 sets of 3 skins sewed together  
and 2 on each end, in the  
Silver Fox Fur of two skins, by  
description at this time.

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DETAILS: The Los Angeles Office, at Los Angeles, California, will  
obtain a detailed description of the stolen property from Mr. and  
Mrs. Cooper, and will cooperate with the insurance agency and the police  
department to determine if there is a Federal violation involved in this  
case.

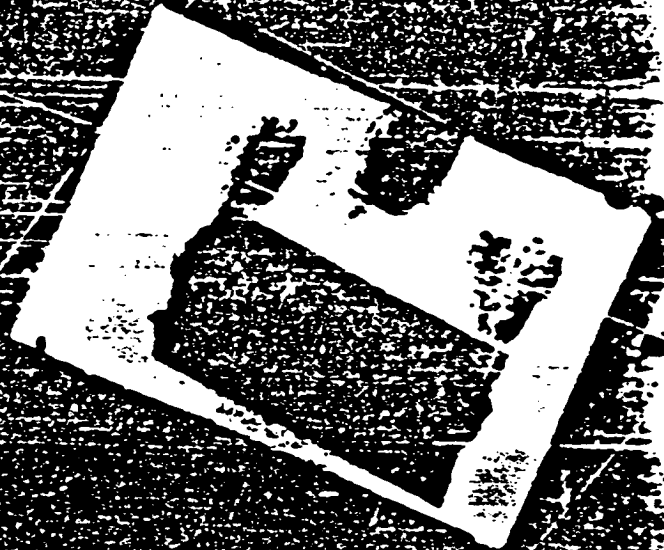
Upon ascertaining a detailed description of the stolen property,  
will forward the Bureau with care for inclusion in the National Stolen  
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

1. A. No. 8-71-

REPORT MADE AT

DATE WHEN MADE

PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE

REPORT MADE BY

Los Angeles

11-10-36

10/21, 22, 23/36

R. J. Cooper

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TITLE

INTERNAL SECURITY:

MRS. GARY COOPER - Victim.

CHARACTER OF CASE

National System Property Act.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Home of Gary Cooper, Los Angeles, Calif., robbed of jewels and furs valued at about \$15,000, the property of Mrs. Gary Cooper. Description of stolen property set out.

DETAILS:

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

This investigation is predicated upon an article appearing in the Los Angeles newspaper reporting a burglary at the home of the motion picture star, GARY COOPER, 11947 Compton Drive, West Los Angeles, California, on October 20, 1936, when jewelry and furs valued at about \$15,000 were reported stolen.

The Coopers are vacationing in the East and are expected to return the first part of November. [redacted] Secretary to Mrs. Cooper, was in charge of the home at the time and reported the loss as she was able to check the list of jewelry and furs missing. She stated that this list is subject to revision when return of the Coopers and Mrs. Cooper's list of all the property.

REPORT MADE AT

Los Angeles

8-1-36



Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
Los Angeles, California  
November 17, 1936

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
MRS. GARY COOPER - Victim.  
National Stolen Property Act.  
L. A. File 87-76.

Dear Sir:-

With reference to the report of Special Agent  
E. F. Coohan, Los Angeles, Calif., dated 11-10-36, in the  
above entitled case, enclosed find two photographs of  
fingerprints lifted from the windowsill and window-pane  
of the Gary Cooper home, 11940 Chaparral Drive, West Los  
Angeles, Calif., after the home had been entered by burg-  
lars on the night of October 20, 1936, at which time about  
\$15,000.00 in jewelry and furs was stolen.

These prints were photographed by the Los Angeles  
Police Department who reported that they were unable to  
classify them, and that they appeared to be of no value for  
identification purposes. It is thought possible that the  
prints would be clear enough to enable a search being made  
of the Bureau's single fingerprint file.

Very truly yours,

*J. H. Harbo*  
J. H. HARBO,

Special Agent in Charge

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FILE

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REPLY AND SPECIMENS OF FINGERPRINTS

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Single Fingerprint Report

Case: Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
MRG. GARY COOPER - Victim,  
National Stolen Property Act.

Number: 67-567-3

Specimens:

Two photographs of latent fingerprints.

Examination requested by: Los Angeles

Date received: sep 11-24-66 11:00 A.M.

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: Sypars

11 24 66 - 1 palm print and  
2 fingerprints of value  
for comparison but not  
usable.

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November 25, 1936

EX-201 87-507-3

Special Agent in Charge,  
Los Angeles, California.

Re: Unknown Subject;  
Mrs. Gary Cooper - Victim;  
National Stolen Property Act.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of November 19,  
1936 transmitting two photographs of latent fingerprints in  
connection with the above-captioned case, your file 87-76.

It is the opinion of the technical services of the  
Bureau that the latent fingerprints and one plain print of  
value for comparison purposes appear in the photographs.  
Neither of the latent fingerprints possesses sufficient  
characteristic detail to permit classification and search  
through the plain fingerprint files.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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December 21, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,

Los Angeles, California

RE: **UNKNOWN SUBJECT,  
Mrs. Guy Gump - Victim  
NATIONAL GUARDIAN PUBLICATION 1935**

Dear Sir:

The Bureau file in the above entitled case indicates that this case is not receiving prompt investigative attention in your district.

This matter should be placed in line for early investigative attention and you should submit a report to the Bureau at the earliest possible date.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Los Angeles, California

MISSISSIPPI STATE  
Mrs. Mary Cooper & Family  
NATIONAL GUARDIAN PROPERTY

Dear Sir:

The Bureau file in the above entitled case indicates that this case is not receiving prompt investigative attention in your district.

This matter should be placed in line for early investigative attention and you should submit a report to the Bureau at the earliest possible date.

Very truly yours,

*[Handwritten signatures and stamps, including a date stamp: JAN 18 1951]*

- 2 Silver fox fur of two skins. 500
- 1 Platinum ruby, diamond and emerald sport ring, containing 16 rubies, 10 emeralds, 21 round diamonds, 2 baroque diamonds, oval shaped, with stones arranged in floral designs. 300
- 1 Platinum diamond watch, containing 30 baroque diamonds, two Novette diamonds, two triangular diamonds, 48 round diamonds, 17-jewel movement, Swiss movement 4631, case #07202. 450
- 1 Onyx watch edged with diamonds, very thin, plain metal dial - back of watch is black onyx with initials "G. C." in small diamonds. 600

*Handwritten mark*

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hansen*  
 J. E. HANSEN, Sr.  
 Special Agent in Charge.

LJG:RS

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

300 North Broadway, Los Angeles, California

Los Angeles, California  
January 17, 1936.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
MR. & MRS. GARY COOPER - Victims.  
National Stolen Property Act.  
U. S. Title 18-645.

Dear Sir:-

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Cooper, 11940 Chaparral Drive, 1931, Los Angeles, California, was entered by burglars on the night of October 20, 1935, and jewelry and furs of the approximate value of \$12,000.00 were stolen. Entrance was forced through a window, and the Coopers were vacationing in New York at the time. To date, no trace of the property has been found, nor has the identity of the thieves been established.

For inclusion in the National Stolen Property file, the following description of the said furs and jewelry is here set out:-

- 1 Lady's platinum, diamond and emerald ring, with one large emerald of 7 47/100 carats, 4 baguette diamonds, 2 triangular diamonds, 4 rubies. \$10,000
- 1 Platinum and diamond bead/bracelet, 6 baguette diamonds, 60 hrs. 1 carved oriental emerald, 55 green agate beads. 500
- 1 Platinum diamond and emerald clip/brooch, large carved emerald, 11 triangle diamonds, 4 baguette diamonds, 25 round diamonds. 500
- 1 Ruby bead/bracelet, four strands - 73 round diamonds in clasp, two baguette diamonds, two emerald-cut diamonds, 5 cab. sapphires. 300
- 1 Pearl watch wristlet, with pendant, a little smaller than a dime, inside part of which spins, with words "Love" on one side and "Luck" on the other. Unknown
- 1 Gold cigarette case with basket design of diamond and rubies.
- 1 Cartier gold compact, with initials "V. B."
- 1 Sable neckpiece consisting of eight skins - 3 with 3 skins sewed together, and one on each end. 1,000

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UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION, at Los Angeles, California, will continue efforts to locate the property or establish a violation of the National Stolen Property Act.

mentioned in reference report. The Officer furnished a more detailed description of the stolen and several other items mentioned in the original report.

A detailed description of the stolen jewelry, with serial values, is being transmitted to the Bureau by letter for inclusion in the National Stolen Property File.

Mr. Cooper stated that nothing has been heard of any of the stolen property either by the police or the Insurance Company, and that neither he nor Mrs. Cooper has been able to identify any items or quantities of the property. He stated that Mr. [redacted] advised that the jewelry was not the work of any artist, jeweler or goldsmith and that they were without any grounds upon which to make charges of the quality thereof.

THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, Los Angeles, California, advised that the West Los Angeles Division, Los Angeles Police Department, stated that they have not been able to locate any of the stolen property or establish identity of the burglar, that the recovery had been reported to the Police Department, and that the case was being handled as a theft of jewelry and other articles of the [redacted] value.

Enclosed are [redacted] and [redacted] that they believe the [redacted] were the work of a local gang of jewelry thieves and that they are [redacted] in [redacted] and West Los Angeles, California.

Very truly yours,  
[redacted]

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED BY

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

L. A. FILE NO. 87-47

REPORT MADE AT

Los Angeles

DATE WHEN MADE

1-18-37

PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE

12/18, 28, 31/36  
1/4/37

REPORT MADE BY

S. J. Jackson

CHARACTER OF CASE

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS

MR. & MRS. GARY COOPER - Victims

National Stores Property Co.

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Mr. Gary Cooper interviewed, and he furnished description of additional jewelry stolen from the Cooper home. None of the property has been recovered, nor has identity of thieves been established.

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent S. J. Jackson, Los Angeles, Calif., dated 11-20-36.

DETAILS:

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

The title of this case is being changed to add Mr. GARY COOPER as a victim, inasmuch as a portion of the stolen property indicated as belonging to Mr. Cooper was also stolen.

Mr. GARY COOPER was contacted by this agent at his home, 2100 General Drive, East Los Angeles, California, and he stated that he and his wife had made a careful inventory of all missing jewelry and other property and that they found that the two pieces of Mr. Cooper, of an approximate value of \$500.00, were similar in character to the list of stolen jewelry.

*S. J. Jackson*

*[Handwritten signatures and stamps]*

March 2, 1937

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Los Angeles, California.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; ○  
MR. AND MRS. ARTH COOPER, VICTIMS -  
NATIONAL BUREAU OF FIREARMS ACT

Dear Sir:

An examination of the reports submitted by your division in the above entitled matter does not indicate this case is receiving the attention it deserves. It appears that two investigating agents have been depending entirely upon the local police authorities and the insurance agents to furnish them with information. No effort has been made to make inquiry of local jewelers or fences with regard to the jewelry which was taken in this theft.

It is desired that the next report submitted by your division should show more investigation along these lines.

Very truly yours,  
For the Director,

Harold Nathan,  
Assistant Director.

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April 1, 1937

Special Agent in Charge,  
Los Angeles, California.

Re: UNLAWFUL SUBJECTS;  
Mr. and Mrs. Gary Cooper,  
VICTIMS - NATIONAL STRIKE  
FEDERATION.

Dear Sir:

The latest report submitted by your division in this case is dated January 18, 1937.

It is desired that you give this matter your immediate attention and submit a report covering such investigation as has been conducted to date.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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May 1, 1937

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir:

Re: ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~  
Mr. and Mrs. Gary Cooper,  
Victims - NATIONAL FIRE  
INSURANCE CO.

Recent communications dated March 8 and  
April 9, 1937, in the above entitled matter, have  
not been answered by your office. No report has  
been submitted in this case, and you should give  
this your immediate attention.

A report should be forwarded to the Bureau  
not later than May 10, 1937.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

**LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.**

**L. A. FILE NO 87-96.**

<b>REPORT MADE AT</b> Los Angeles	<b>DATE WHEN MADE</b> 8-10-37	<b>PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE</b> 4/2, 24, 25/37 & 5/2, 4, 6/37	<b>REPORT MADE BY</b> E. J. Coonan      23
<b>TITLE</b> UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; MR. & MRS. GARY COOPER - Victims.			<b>CHARACTER OF CASE</b> National Stolen Property Act.

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

A thorough investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department and Insurance investigators failed to locate any of the stolen jewelry or other property, or to develop any information as to whether any of this property had been transported interstate.

**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent E. J. Coonan, Los Angeles, California, dated January 15, 1937.

**DETAILS:**

**LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.**

MRS. GARY COOPER advised that no trace had been found of any of the stolen jewelry or other articles; that she and Mr. Cooper had been calling upon two or three firms, as by a paper cut, in the belief that stolen jewelry recovered from burglars, but they had not if she their property; that the insurance companies had paid the loss and that she and Mr. Cooper had despaired of ever recovering any of the valuables.

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<p>7-15-37</p> <p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">SEARCHED</p> <p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">INDEXED</p> <p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">SERIALIZED</p> <p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">FILED</p>	
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██████████ Bernstein-Roady Corporation, insurance brokers, advised agent that his investigators and the police department had not been able to locate any of the stolen jewelry, and that the loss of a little over \$18,000.00 had been paid by the insurance companies to the Coopers.

Detective-Lieutenants ██████████ and ██████████ of the West Los Angeles Police Station, who have been working on this case since the burglary on October 20, 1936, stated that they have not been able to trace one article of jewelry or clothing, or other property, and that in cooperation with the Pawn Shop and Robbery Details of the Police Department a most diligent investigation had been made. Lieut. ██████████ stated that it is their opinion that a well organized local gang is responsible for this and several other burglaries in and around Hollywood within the last year, but that not a clue had been developed as to their identity. Working on the theory that the jewelry had been melted and sold as old gold, a thorough check was made of all old-gold buyers in Los Angeles and vicinity, but no trace has been found of the Cooper jewels.

Lieutenant ██████████ stated that a check had been made of all known or suspected fences, as well as all pawn shops and dealers in second-hand clothing, without success; that it had been hoped to establish the identity of the burglars through some of the articles stolen which could be readily identified, such as the motion picture camera and projecting machine, watch, bathrobe, scales, and other articles which are usually disposed of through pawn shops.

Lieutenant ██████████ said further that a check had been made of all fur dealers and merchants in an effort to identify some of the property of Mrs. Cooper, with the same unproductive result. He stated also that an investigation of the second-hand clothing shops had failed to locate any of the suits or shirts, or other clothing, of Mr. Cooper's, which comprised about \$100.00 worth of loss.

No evidence or clue having been developed to indicate that any of this property has been transported interstate, this investigation is, for the present, being closed.

CLOSED.



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

Chicago File No. **25-857**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Chicago, Illinois</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7/29/38</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7/10/38</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. R. WELLS</b>
TITLE <b>[REDACTED] 7C</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>TRIP FROM INTERSTATE SURVEILLANCE</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

**J. J. FITZGERALD**, Inspector for the Pullman Company, Chicago, reported that Subject **[REDACTED] 7C**, writer on the Chief, Great Santa Fe train, admitted finding diamond pistons when on this train on January 13, 1938, between Las Vegas and Albuquerque, New Mexico, which had been reported lost that date in a Pullman car by the crew, **W. S. S. J. McLEOD**, of Los Angeles. **WELLS** on July 12th passed this train in Chicago, which he returned July 1938, after being questioned by police, Pullman and Santa Fe agents, and adjutant for insurance company relative to same. He was later discharged from his position. Consulting United States Attorney **W. L. CONRADSON**, Chicago, Illinois, advised no federal jurisdiction.

**DETAILS:**

**At Chicago, Illinois:**  
On that date, July 20, 1938, **J. J. FITZGERALD**, Inspector, Special Service Department, Pullman Company, 221 South State Street, Chicago, Illinois, furnished the following information:  
On board the Great Santa Fe train, which left Chicago, Illinois, on July 13, 1938, between Las Vegas and Albuquerque, New Mexico, the property of **W. S. S. J. McLEOD**, of Los Angeles, California, was found on the train.

APPROVED BY <b>[Signature]</b>	DATE <b>7-29-38</b>	FILE NO. <b>25-857-12</b>
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE <b>[Signature]</b> CHICAGO		442-9 AM

LEVINSON, 230 South Bristol Street, Brentwood Park, Los Angeles, California, who was a passenger on this train from Chicago to Los Angeles. MRS. LEVINSON reported that this watch was lost near Las Vegas, New Mexico, about 12:50 P.M., January 13th, and reported it as a French watch, carrying forty-two small round diamonds, platinum case, Case No. 5707, Gyron movement, No. 4611, seventeen jewels. She reported this loss to the Pullman conductor, giving its value as \$250.00. At the time she reported the loss she stated that the last time she saw this watch was when she was on her way from her Pullman to the dining car.

Inspector FITZGERALD stated that the Pullman Company disseminated this information to the Chicago Police Department February 5, 1934, and on July 15th the Pawn Shop Detail of the Chicago Police Department reported that this watch had been placed in pawn for \$20.00 on July 12, 1934, at the Finance Loan Company, 216 East 47th Street, Chicago, by a colored man giving his name as [REDACTED], address [REDACTED].

Investigation by Inspector FITZGERALD and Division Special Agent A. G. KAPER, of the Santa Fe Railroad, disclosed that [REDACTED] was a colored waiter on this same train, The Chief, on January 13th, on which date the watch was reported lost. Investigation by them showed that [REDACTED] would arrive in Chicago on the same train, The Chief, on July 19th, at which time he was picked up and questioned by Inspector FITZGERALD, Santa Fe Division Special Agent KAPER, Detective GROSS, of the Pawn Shop Detail of the Chicago Police Department, and WILLIAM [REDACTED], representative of Tomlin & Hardist, Insurance Adjusters of Chicago, whereupon he admitted finding this watch and knowing same had been lost on the train in which he was working, the watch being found on the floor of the Pullman which was next to the dining car, which Pullman was the third from the Pullman which was occupied by Mrs. LEVINSON and her husband.

The written statement made by [REDACTED] to the above named individuals is as follows:

"I was going to call partners for lunch between Las Vegas and Albuquerque, New Mexico, Jan. 13th and on the train I lost a watch which I had on the floor."

"I picked it up and kept it making no report of it to any one on train."

I was not interviewed by any one about it; although I heard there had been a watch lost on train.

I brought watch back to Chicago and on July 12th 1938 I pawned it at Palace Loan Co. 216 N 47th St for sum of \$20.00.

On arrival in Chicago on train #20 July 19th I was met at train by police and accompanied officers to pawn shop and recovered watch and turned it over to the officers. I did not have any conversation with wench who lost the watch.

(signed) [REDACTED]

Inspector FITZGERALD stated that after [REDACTED] had made this written statement and redeemed the watch at the Palace Loan Company he was discharged from his employment; that as the insurance company had paid MRS. LEVINSON \$250.00, the value which she placed on the watch, instant watch was turned over to the adjusters for the insurance company, Toppis & Harding; that Mrs. [REDACTED] had been advised of the recovery of the watch and as it was a keepsake and of especial value to her, arrangements were being made by the insurance adjusters to return instant watch to MRS. LEVINSON on payment of the \$250.00. Inspector FITZGERALD further stated that MRS. LEVINSON, in reporting this matter, had admitted that the clasp had been loose on the watch, and it appeared that her husband had warned her that she would be very likely to lose it if she continued to wear it.

Inspector FITZGERALD requested that he be advised whether there would be any federal prosecution concerning instant matter.

A description of subject [REDACTED], as furnished by Inspector FITZGERALD, is as follows:

Age	[REDACTED]
Height	5' 7"
Weight	170 pounds
Build	A little stout
Hair	Black and kinky
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Light brown
Race	Negro
Marital status	Married
Residence	[REDACTED]
Occupation	Formerly waiter for Santa Fe R.R.

These facts were submitted to H. W. CONRADT, Assistant United States Attorney, Chicago, Illinois, who advised that in view of the fact that Subject has lost his employment because of disobeying the rules of the railroad company and that as it was his opinion that the above matter did not come within the purview of the above-entitled act, there would be no federal prosecution.

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August 6, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
Los Angeles, California

Re: ~~PLATINUM PROPERTIES~~  
SA. & MRS. GARY COOPER  
VICTIMS. NATIONAL STEEL  
PROPERTY ACT.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent  
L. J. Gooden, dated January 18, 1937, at Los Angeles,  
California.

Your attention is directed to page 2 of Agent  
Gooden's report, wherein there is set out descriptive data  
relative to certain articles which were stolen from the  
home of Mr. Cooper. The first item listed on page 2 is a  
platinum, diamond watch, with various movements, case  
#1205.

There is being transmitted herewith a copy of the  
report of Special Agent J. E. Green, dated July 27, 1936, at  
Chicago, Illinois, for the case entitled, ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ 7C  
"Stolen from Interstate Salesmen". It will be noted that the  
described platinum watch described in the last paragraph on page  
2 of this report and the first paragraph on page 3, may  
possibly be identical with the watch described in the report  
of SA. L. J. Gooden.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Signature  
at Chicago

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Nathan
- Mr. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Miss Gandy

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

FILE NO. 87-76

REPORT MADE AT <b>LOS ANGELES, CALIF.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>1/13/39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/7, 8/38 1/1, 2/39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>W. W. ROTT—IST</b>
TITLE <b>SYNCHRONY SUBJECTS MR. &amp; MRS. GARY COOPER - Victims.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>NATIONAL STOLEN PROPERTY ACT</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Investigation at Los Angeles has failed to definitely establish whether the Glywinc watch movement which was stolen from Mrs. GARY COOPER in 1936, is identical with the movement which was later stolen from Mrs. CELVIE J. LEVINSKY. Mrs. LEVINSKY'S watch examined, and photographs of same secured.

**REFERENCE:**

Bureau letter dated August 6, 1938 (Bureau file #87-567).

**DETAILS:**

Bureau letter of reference transmitted to the Los Angeles Office a copy of the report of Special Agent F. E. (NAME), Chicago, Illinois, dated 9/29/38, in the case entitled "\_\_\_\_\_ Theft from Interstate Shipment". This report disclosed that on January 13, 1938 Mrs. CELVIE J. LEVINSKY, of Los Angeles, lost her wrist watch while traveling between Chicago and Los Angeles, on the Santa Fe Railway. Mrs. LEVINSKY'S watch was described as follows:

<p>COPIES OF THIS REPORT</p> <p>1 Los Angeles.</p>	<p>87-567-13</p>	<p>DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</p>
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A French wrist watch, carrying forty-two small round diamonds, platinum case, Case No. 37,200, Register Number No. 2,611, seventeen jewels.

According to Agent SMITH's report, the wrist watch was later recovered in a Chicago pawn shop, where it had been pawned by [redacted], a Pullman dining car waiter. Prior to its recovery in the Chicago pawn shop, Toppis & Harding, Insurance Adjusters, had paid Mrs. LEVINSON for the loss which she had sustained.

The Bureau letter of reference also directed the attention of the Los Angeles Office to the fact that a platinum diamond watch with diamond bracelet Nos. 2,611, Case No. 37,200, was listed as one of the items included in the \$15,000 worth of jewelry and watches which were stolen by the staff from the residence of Mr. and Mrs. GARY COFFIN, 1854 Central Avenue, Los Angeles, California, on the night of October 20, 1930.

It will be noted that while the watch described above are different, the only one bearing similarity to the Los Angeles watch is the one which was stolen from the residence of Mr. and Mrs. GARY COFFIN, 1854 Central Avenue, Los Angeles, California, on the night of October 20, 1930. It is noted that the watch described above is a wrist watch, while the watch described above is a pocket watch.

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Mr. LEVISON stated that undoubtedly Sarant & Levy Insurance Agency could advise Agent concerning the final disposition of the watch, which was formerly owned by Mrs. LEVISON.

SAM FRENKEL, President of Sarant & Levy Insurance Agency, 707 South Hill Street, Los Angeles, advised that his concern is given to the Firm's Pure Insurance Company, Southern California Marine Branch, 315 South Spring Street, Los Angeles, and at the time of the interview was in the presence of CLARENCE G. BURE, one of the officials of the Firm's Pure Insurance Company.

Continuing, Mr. FRENKEL advised that he is acquainted with SAMUEL P. LEVISON, and has always considered LEVISON to be a man of high integrity, that LEVISON'S father-in-law is a wealthy leather manufacturer, and that LEVISON'S explanation of his wife's ownership of the watch appears probable and reasonable.

E. C. BURE, Chief of Staff, of the Firm's Pure Insurance Company, Los Angeles, produced the unknown value for the watch, and expressed his desire to cooperate with the Bureau in every way possible. Mr. BURE permitted Agent to take the LEVISON watch for the purpose of having it photographed, and also for the purpose of having it analyzed by a jeweler in an effort to determine whether the crystal bore the No. 4, 11, which appears upon both the LEVISON and the unknown watch.

WALTER B. BROWN, Jr., Vice President of Brown & Brown Company, one of the oldest and most reliable jewelry establishments in Los Angeles, examined the LEVISON watch, and advised the Agent with the identification of the watch, and advised that the watch was made in the city of Los Angeles.

With regard to the city of Los Angeles, where the watch was made, Mr. BROWN stated that in the No. 4, 11, which appears upon both the LEVISON and BURE watches, is a serial number, and that the watch was made in the city of Los Angeles, and that the watch was made in the city of Los Angeles.



Mr. DONVAL stated that all Glycine movements are imported from Europe by the firm of Peyer Fretsfelder & Mills, 17 Maiden Lane, New York City, who have a record of all Glycine movements, and who can definitely inform the Bureau whether the number 4,631 is a serial number, or whether the number 4,631 is merely a model number which appears upon many different Glycine movements.

Mr. J. RETTIE, Manager of the Watch Department of Brock & Company, 515 West 7th Street, Los Angeles, examined the Levinson watch, and stated that, in his opinion, the number 4,631 is not a serial number, and cannot be used to identify this particular Glycine movement, but that the lower plate number 427,122, which appears upon the lower plate of the LEVINSON watch is the actual serial number.

Mr. RETTIE suggested that contact be made with Peyer Fretsfelder & Mills, of New York City, to verify the accuracy of informant's statement.

For the assistance of the New York City Office, there is enclosed herewith a photograph of the Glycine movement of the watch formerly owned by Mrs. SARAH J. LEVINSON. This photograph was taken with the latent fingerprint camera, but if viewed with a magnifying glass, the number "4,631" can be readily seen.

ENCLOSURE:

TO NEW YORK CITY FIELD DIVISION -

1 photograph of Glycine movement of wrist watch formerly owned by Mrs. SARAH J. LEVINSON.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE NEW YORK CITY OFFICE, at New York City, will display the above-mentioned photograph of Glycine movement to Peyer Fretsfelder & Mills, 17 Maiden Lane, New York City, to determine

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS**

Photograph of Glycine watch movement exhibited to Mrs. G. F. DEYER of SEYER FLETCHER & MILLER, NEW YORK CITY, who cannot identify.

**REFERENCE**

Report of Special Agent W. H. BOTT, dated at Los Angeles, California, 1-18-39.

**DETAILS**

**AT NEW YORK CITY**

In connection with the undeveloped lead in the reference report of Special Agent BOTT, the photograph of the Glycine movement of the wrist watch furnished by Mrs. DEYER was exhibited to Mrs. G. F. DEYER, the firm of SEYER FLETCHER & MILLER, 17 Madison Lane, New York City. Mrs. DEYER advised that the Glycine "451" upon the watch movement only indicated the date on which the watch was manufactured, or in other words, the year 1931; that it is not the practice of the manufacturers or the importers in this country of this movement to put any number on these watches, Mr. BOTT stated that any of the Glycine movements manufactured in the year 1931 would carry the same number, 451, therefore, none of the watches in this batch is identifiable.

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