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MAY 29 1957

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
908 PACIFIC COMMERCE BLDG  
LOS ANGELES CALIF

ASCERTAIN DISCREETLY NAME AND ADDRESS INSURANCE COMPANY  
COVERING THEFT OF APPROXIMATELY FIFTY THOUS. \$ IN JEWELRY  
FROM GARY COOPER AND LUIE VELZ ABOUT SEVEN AND ONEHALF YEARS  
AGO IN VICINITY HOLLYWOOD SUGGEST YOU OBTAIN THIS INFORMATION  
DISCREETLY FROM HOLLYWOOD OR LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT  
NO INVESTIGATION DESIRED *W.A. 2/2-1*

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cc-Bureau

VIA MURKIN RADIO

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607 U. S. Court House  
Voley Square  
New York, N. Y.

June 1, 1937

Special Agent in Charge,  
Los Angeles, California.

Re: GEORGE SUBJECT.  
GARY COOPER - Victim.  
LUPE VELES - Victim.  
NATIONAL STOLEN PROPERTY ACT.

Dear Sir:

On May 19, 1937, a confidential informant of the New York Office informed Special Agent V. E. Moran that he had received information confidentially from an informant to the effect that approximately seven and one-half years ago about \$20,000 in jewelry was stolen from Gary Cooper and Lupe Voles in or near Hollywood, Cal., as a result of which an unknown person was sentenced to serve approximately seven years. He indicated that the source of his information disclosed that the person responsible for the theft actually was not sentenced for the jewelry theft, but did receive a sentence for some crime and has been incarcerated in a prison until recently.

The informant of this office continued by stating that the actual thief intends to secure the jewelry, which is now concealed in a house some place in Hollywood, Cal. Our informant did not receive any information that a violation of the National Stolen Property Act exists, it being noted that the theft occurred prior to the passage of the Act, although it is possible that there has been some transportation of the stolen property since the passage of the Act.

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Additional information was furnished by our informant on June 1, 1937, to the effect that the actual thief was possibly a man [redacted] aged [redacted], height, 5' 10", weight, 135 lbs., and it is possible that this individual was sentenced at San Quentin, Cal. [redacted]

To assist this office, you were requested by telegram on May 19, 1937, to secure, if possible, the name and address of the insurance company covering the theft of \$20,000 in jewelry from the above-named victim approximately seven and one-half years ago in the vicinity of Hollywood, Cal. In receipt of your telegram of May 19 advising that the Los Angeles Police Department has no record of such a theft and that the Insurance Adjuster handling a theft of jewelry from Gary Cooper occurring on October 20, 1934, advised that his records do not reflect any previous loss of jewelry sustained by Cooper.

This office does not know of the theft of jewelry occurring on October 20, 1934, and it is probable that no violation of the National Stolen

SAC, Los Angeles  
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Property Act has been discovered. However, in connection with that loss and the one that may have occurred seven and one-half years ago, as outlined hereinafore, it is suggested that you furnish this office with such information as you may obtain, and of course, if a violation of the National Stolen Property Act is disclosed, appropriate investigative attention should be given to such fact. This advice will supersede my telegram of today, instructing that investigation in connection with the above-captioned loss should be discontinued.

Very truly yours,

R. WITNEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc: Bureau ✓

AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

New York, N. Y.  
June 1, 1937  
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VIA AIRCRAFT RADIO

J H HANCOCK  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
903 PACIFIC COMMERCE BUILDING  
LOS ANGELES CALIF

RETEL FIFTY THOUSAND JEWELRY THEFT FROM GARY COOPER AND LEFT VILLE

DISCONTINUE INVESTIGATION

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Los Angeles, Calif.  
May 29, 1937.

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R. WHITLEY  
FBI  
607 U. S. COURT HOUSE, FOLEY SQUARE  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

RETEL FIFTY THOUSAND JEWELRY THEFT FROM GARY COOPER AND LIFE VIKER LA PD ADVISES  
NO RECORD SUCH THEFT INSURANCE ADJUSTER HANDLING COOPER JEWELRY THEFT OCTOBER  
TWENTIETH LAST STATES RECORDS REFLECT NO PREVIOUS LOSS JEWELRY SUSTAINED COOPER  
FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING MADE WILL ADVISE

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Upon receipt of the letter from the New York office dated June 1, 1957, with reference to this matter, containing information relative to the arrest of one [REDACTED], alias [REDACTED], who was possibly identical with the individual sentenced to San Quentin [REDACTED] a check was made at the Los Angeles Police Department by Special Agent Gocher and it was determined that [REDACTED], substantially meeting the description contained in this letter, was arrested by the Los Angeles Police Department, their number [REDACTED] for an attempted robbery of a grocery store at Third and Olive Streets and was sentenced and sent to San Quentin [REDACTED] being subsequently pardoned from San Quentin [REDACTED]. The description of this individual as appearing on his arrest card was as follows: Age [REDACTED] height 5'11"; hair blond; eyes [REDACTED]; [REDACTED].

It is noted that in checking these records the above was the only [REDACTED] having a description in any manner similar to that indicated in your letter. In view of the fact that the inquiries made in this district with reference to any \$30,000 theft from either Gary Cooper or Lupe Voles have been unproductive in obtaining any corroborating information, it does not appear necessary for any further investigation to be conducted relative thereto, unless a further specific request should be received from your office.

On the basis of the information contained in your letter of June 1, 1957, I am of the opinion that, in view of the negative results of the [REDACTED] inquiries, direct contact with both Gary Cooper and Lupe Voles would be the most practical way of definitely verifying the information furnished by your confidential informant; however, this has not been done by this office to date inasmuch as it was believed that your request for a discreet investigation might be graduated upon some basis that the victims themselves might in some way be implicated.

Very truly yours,

J. H. SAUGH  
Special Agent in Charge

JH/ME  
cc Bureau

SAC, New York

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Inasmuch as Gary Cooper is presently under contract with Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, Agent Harich telephonically contacted with [redacted] at that studio, it being noted that [redacted] has always been a very reliable source of information for this office. [redacted] stated that, to his knowledge, no such sizeable theft of jewelry had ever occurred in respect to either of the parties indicated. He subsequently, after having made appropriate discreet inquiries about the studio, advised that he was unable to obtain any information relative to any such theft.

In view of the fact that the Los Angeles file in the above-entitled case indicated that Arnold Kumody of the Evanstine Kumody Corporation, Hollywood, California, Insurance Brokers, had been contacted in connection with the recent burglary of the Cooper home, an appropriate inquiry was made of Mr. Kumody by Agent Harich but he stated that at the time Cooper obtained his present insurance his record showed that he had stated he had never sustained any previous loss of jewelry. Mr. Kumody further indicated that his records failed to reflect any information showing that Cooper had had any previous insurance on jewelry with any other company that the one he represents.

Special Agent Harich telephonically contacted Mr. E. T. Hodges, who is the other large insurance adjuster in Los Angeles, and through him made appropriate discreet inquiries with reference to the instant alleged \$50,000.00 jewelry loss on the part of Gary Cooper and Lupe Velez. After having made an appropriate check in his files, he indicated that they contained a record to the effect that Gary Cooper had only sustained one jewelry loss, that having occurred during the latter part of the year, 1934. In regard to Lupe Velez, Hodges advised that he has known her ever since she has come to this country and knows that she has had a great deal of difficulty in having jewelry insured in view of her unreliable character. He advised that the only jewelry loss which, to his knowledge, Miss Velez has ever had was a \$7500.00 diamond bracelet which she had lost in a night club in New York City in 1931 at the time she was there apparently in the company of attorney Charles Walker and one of his associates. The only record that he has of her having had any insurance on jewelry was one in 1931, which policy was written by Lloyd of London, presumably through the insurance brokers Chapman and Company of San Francisco, California. He stated that, in light of the length of time that he has been an insurance adjuster in this town and the fact that information relative to every large jewelry loss is brought to his attention, he is positive that neither Gary Cooper nor Lupe Velez could possibly have sustained a loss of such amount in jewelry in the vicinity of Hollywood without his having gained information with reference thereto.

Los Angeles, California  
June 1, 1937

Special Agent in Charge  
New York, New York

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT  
Gary Cooper, Victim  
Lupo Velas, Victim  
NATIONAL STOLEN PROPERTY ACT  
L. A. File # 44-135

Dear Sir:

Upon receipt of the telegram from the New York office dated May 29, 1937, requesting an appropriate discreet investigation be conducted for the purpose of determining the name and address of the insurance company covering theft of approximately \$50,000.00 in jewelry from Gary Cooper and Lupo Velas about 7 1/2 years ago in the vicinity of Hollywood, there is being set forth hereinafter the result of the inquiries made by this division.

Special Agent S. J. Gorman, who conducted the investigation with reference to the more recent theft of jewelry and property from Mr. and Mrs. Gary Cooper, the information relative to which is contained in the case entitled "Unknown Subject, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Cooper, Victims, National Stolen Property Act", advised Captain [redacted] of the robbery detail, Los Angeles Police Department, who advised that while he vaguely remembers Gary Cooper having sustained a loss of jewelry he could not definitely state either the amount or the time that same was obtained. Through Captain [redacted] an appropriate check was made of the Police Department's records of thefts of this nature from 1935 until the present and the only record reflected therein of any loss sustained by either of these individuals in the vicinity of Los Angeles was that which occurred on October 20, 1934, at which time approximately \$10,000.00 in jewelry was lost and was classified from the name of Gary Cooper - 2100 [redacted] in Los Angeles, California. A similar check was made by Agent Gorman at the Sheriff's Office, where likewise no record relative to any such loss was obtained.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**  
**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION**

**SUBJECT: Gary Cooper**

**FILE NUMBER: 87-938**

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JUL 30 1937

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
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LOCAL PRESS INDICATED THIRTY THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS WORTH JEWELRY

BURGLARIZED FROM WEST LOSANGELES HOMES OF GARY COOPER SCREEN STAR

AND SOL WURTZEL FILM PRODUCER JULY TWENTY NINTH LAST APPROPRIATE

INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED THIS OFFICE AS OSXXPOSSIBLE NSPA AND

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**ACTOR'S HOME ROBBED**

**\$18,000 in Jewels Taken From  
Gary Cooper's Home**

LOS ANGELES, July 27 (AP)—Bur-  
glars broke into the private home of  
Gary Cooper, film star, and stole  
jewelry valued in excess of \$18,000  
early today.

The burglary was committed while  
Cooper and his wife, the former Va-  
ronna Belle, were on vacation in  
San Francisco, according to the po-  
lice's dog, discovered that many rooms  
had been ransacked.

For weeks past no police were sus-  
taining an investigation. The Coopers made  
a hurried appraisal of their jewels,  
which may total more than \$20,000.

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Mr. E. A. Tamm	
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WASH STAD  
JUL 30 1931

## Director's home looted

Jewelry worth nearly \$54,000 today had been stolen in daring burglaries from the West Los Angeles homes of Miss Cary Cooper, Paramount star, and Sid Wurtzel, well-known director.

In each instance the thefts occurred while both owners and servants were asleep.

A third burglary reported from the same district was also under police investigation.

William J. Ryan, an assistant police director, told police that, when entertaining friends last night at his Hollywood home, burglars stole three purses containing \$43.

Cooper's home was looted, with \$25,000 worth of goods, mostly dress gowns, beads and clothing gone.

From Wurtzel's home at 10429 Belgrade road the burglars entered with \$12,000 worth of jewelry, after climbing a terrace to a balcony, forcing open a window, and looting a jewel box lying on Mrs. Wurtzel's dressing table.

Most valuable jewel in the Wurtzel collection, police reported, was a \$7,000 23-carat star sapphire ring.

The ransacking of the Cooper estate was discovered by a housekeeper while the actor and his wife, the former Veronica Hill, were visiting friends.

His neighborhood police investigated. The Coopers returned shortly after police arrived on the premises to conduct a preliminary examination.

An inventory showed that beads were about \$14,000 in jewelry alone. Costly dress gowns, beads, clothing and assorted other objects brought the total to about \$24,000, they said.

The burglars entered by cutting the screen of a bathroom window and apparently worked with lightning rapidity.

Two young rascals found on the grounds of the Cooper home at 11940 Channing street, were questioned by police but were released immediately.

Among the loot was a \$400 diamond and ruby bracelet, a diamond and ruby ring, a \$700 sapphire bracelet, a \$1,000 diamond cluster, a \$200 pair of diamond and ruby cuffs, an \$800 cigarette case and a \$200 coin purse.

Three who lost purses to the robbery of Ryan's home were Mrs. John Gray, 1137 Cordell street; Miss A. Flanagan, 116 Noy street; Venice, and Mrs. O'Neil O'Connell, of South Atlantic place.

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LOS ANGELES DAILY NEWS

EVENING NEWS

FRIDAY, JULY 14

# home robbed of \$25,000

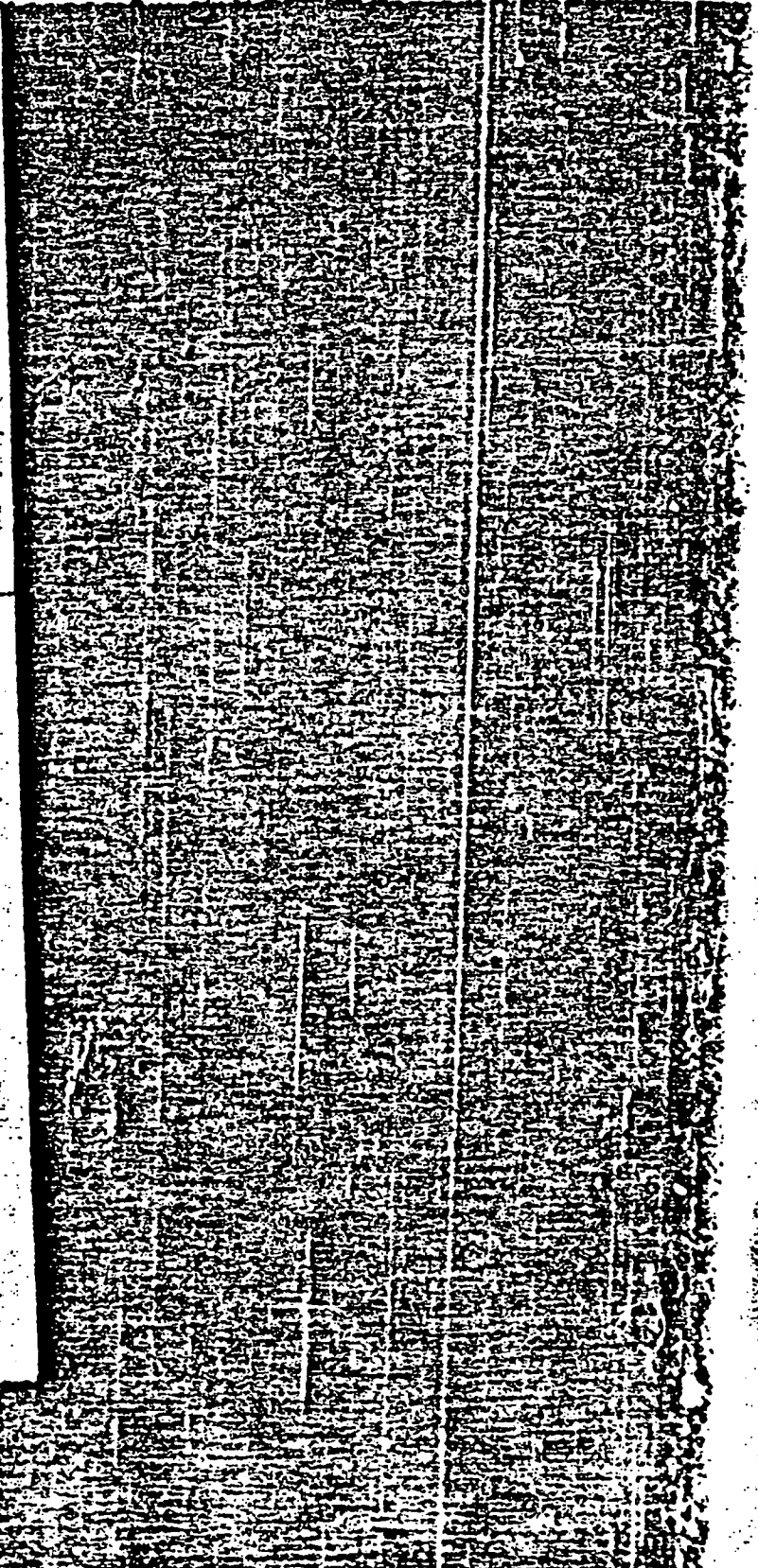
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- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Lester
- Mr. Quinn
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

*Walt*  
*Murray*  
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LOS ANGELES EVENING NEWS

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**Film Couple Robbed of Jewels**  
**Thieves Get \$25,000**  
**in Loot From**  
**Home**



**MR. AND MRS. GARY COOPER. (FORMER VERONICA HALPER)**  
*Their Palatial Hollywood Home Looted to \$25,000 in Gems and Silver.*

# Gem Gang Robs Gary Coopers

HOLLYWOOD, July 30 (By International News Service).—Burglars today broke into the palatial home of Gary Cooper, film star, and escaped with jewelry and silver valued at more than \$25,000.

The burglary was committed while Cooper and his wife, the former Bronica Balle, were out.

It was discovered by a housekeeper shortly before they returned early today.

The burglars, evidently experienced operators, slit the screen of a bathroom window and gained entrance.

Among the missing valuables is a large star diamond which Mrs. Cooper said was of "incalculable" value.

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DATE: JUL 30 1937

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# GARY COOPER, SOL WURTZEL LOSE JEWELS

Names of Film Celebrities Are  
Burglarized and \$33,000  
Worth of Valuables Taken

ENTER THROUGH WINDOW

Movie Star's Loss Set at \$25,  
000; Producer's at \$8000;  
Party Guests' Purses Stolen

Jewel thefts, in which Gary Cooper, film star, and Sol Wurtzel, producer, lost approximately \$33,000 worth of valuables, yesterday sent police on a hunt for a window-entering burglar or burglars.

Entrance to the Wurtzel home at 13635 Bellagio road, West Los Angeles, was gained through a second-story window. The burglar took from Mrs. Wurtzel's room a jewel box containing gems valued at \$7853, the most valuable item being a \$7500 star sapphire ring.

At the Cooper home, the burglar cut the screen of a bath room window and ransacked the house while Mr. and Mrs. Cooper were absent, taking jewelry worth \$7,000.

### ACCORDING LOSS FOR COOPERS

It was the second loss suffered by the Coopers within a few months. Last October their home was entered while they were in New York and \$25,000 worth of jewelry, clothing, rug, furniture and other items taken.

Included in the loot of the window Cooper burglary were a \$3000 diamond and ruby bracelet, a \$5000 ruby ring, a \$2000 sapphire bracelet, a \$300 pair of diamond and ruby earrings, an \$800 diamond-studded cigarette case and a \$200 compact.

At the home of W. J. Ryan, 1271 Hobbs avenue, a party burglar broke through a window screen and took three purses belonging to Mrs. A. Storrison, 218 Ney street, Venice; Mrs. Cookie Cohen, 878 South Palmetto street, and Mrs. John Gray, 2187 Cordell place. Total loss was \$100.

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LOS ANGELES EXHIBIT

THE OAKLAND TRIBUNE, July 30, 1937

## Burglars Get \$30,000 In Film Notables' Homes

HOLLYWOOD July 29.—Burglars today robbed the homes of film star Gary Cooper and producer and director, carrying off jewelry, cash, clothing and other loot totaling more than \$30,000.

Cooper and his wife were robbed of jewelry, silverware and clothing valued at \$25,000 when burglars looted their country estate.

The home of Sam Wurtzel, producer, was robbed of jewelry valued at \$7,000, including a \$7,500 emerald ring of 25 karats.

While William J. Ryan, Pathe director, was entertaining guests, a "party breaker" cut a bedroom door in the house and took pieces of loose goods, containing \$142, he reported to police.

The movie stars pursued the

crime was remarked shortly before Cooper and his wife, the former Veronique Baile, returned from visiting friends.

The burglars gained entrance by cutting the screen of a bathroom window, and searched many rooms before Cooper's dog aroused the housekeeper.

Two young couple found on the extensive grounds of the Cooper estate were questioned and released.

The haul included jewelry valued at \$12,000. Among the articles taken were a \$3,000 diamond and ruby bracelet, a \$3,000 diamond and ruby ring, a \$2,000 aquamarine bracelet, a \$1,000 diamond cluster, a \$500 pair of diamond and ruby clips, an \$800 diamond set cigarette case, a \$300 sapphire, and other pieces.

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## Cooper Home Laid Loss Is Set at \$25,000

### Robbers Also Get \$7,500 Ring From Wurtzel's Home

LOS ANGELES, July 31 (AP).—The details: West Los Angeles homes of two film celebrities were robbed of jewelry and other valuables estimated at \$25,000 in daring burglary early today.

Police reported approximately \$25,000 in jewelry and expensive table furnishings were taken at the home of Gary Cooper, screen star, and that gems worth \$7,500 were stolen from Sol Wurtzel, producer.

At the Cooper mansion the burglar cut a bathroom window screen and ransacked the home. A house-tripper made the discovery shortly before the actor and his wife, the former Veronica Balle, returned after an engagement. The burglar climbed to a balcony at the Wurtzel home, forced open a bedroom window and stole a jewel box belonging to Mrs. Wurtzel.

Wurtzel reported to police the most valuable jewel missing was a diamond ring which he valued at \$7,500.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**  
**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION**

**SUBJECT: Gary Cooper**

**FILE NUMBER: 9-11181**

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORT ORIGINATED BY **LOS ANGELES**

FILE NO. **9-719**

REPORT MADE AT <b>LOS ANGELES</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>2/27/44</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>2/1/44</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>RICHARD C. THOMPSON</b> <span style="float: right;">VL</span>
TITLE <b>[REDACTED]</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>EXTORTION</b>
VICTIM <b>GARY COOPER - Victim</b>			

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

File review discloses no leads outstanding and no allegation of a threat against the property or person of victim.

**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent R. C. THOMPSON, Los Angeles, dated 12/3/43.  
Report of Special Agent WALTER C. ROETTING, JR., San Francisco, dated 1/22/44.

**DETAILS:**

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A review of the file in this case discloses that there are no leads outstanding and that there has been no allegation nor evidence of a threat made by Subject against the person or property of GARY COOPER, Victim.

Subject has been adequately identified and specimens of his handwriting and printing submitted to the FBI Laboratory for possible future reference. since Subject appears to be a chronic letter writer who may at some time be the Subject of an extortion investigation.

This case is therefore being closed.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES 11161-6 281-2-34	FBI
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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**  
**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION**

**SUBJECT: Gary Cooper**

**FILE NUMBER: 87-938**

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
 United States Department of Justice  
 503 Pacific Commerce Building  
 Los Angeles, California  
 August 23, 1937

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

Re: ~~UNKNOWN SUBJECTS~~;  
 GARY COOPER - VICTIM.  
National Stolen Property Act.

Dear Sirs:

On July 30, 1937 the home of GARY COOPER, motion picture star, located at 11840 Chapparral Street, West Los Angeles, California, was entered by an unknown burglar and the following items of jewelry were taken:

Item No.	Description	Amount Insured
1.	1 Pr. Small plat. & dia. ear clips, containing 164 dias. ....	\$ 835.00
2.	1 Ladies' large plat. & dia. cluster ring, approx. 125 dias. ....	800.00
3.	1 Wide carved ruby and dia. plat. bracelet containing 363 round dias., 59 carved Cr. rubies .....	5,000.00
4.	1 14K Y. G. Bracelet .....	100.00
5.	1 14K Y. G. compact, engine turned .....	300.00
6.	1 Plat. dia. ruby & aquamarine slice brooch combination, containing 1 aqua. approx. 20 dia., 9 out rubies, 24 bag. dia., 12 round dias. ....	1,000.00
7.	1 Plat. dia. & cat. ruby clip brooch, containing 15 out rubies, 27 pr. out dias., 14 bag. dias., 62 round dias., 3 large bag. white sapphs. ....	2,000.00

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 [Initials]

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Director

August 21, 1937

(Description of jewelry stolen in instant case - continued.)

Item No.	Description	Amount
9.	1 Ladies' cut Oriental ruby and dia. ring, 1 ruby approx. 1 1/2 cts., plat. stg. set with 2 car. dia. ....	\$4,000.00
9.	1 Ladies' 14k and blue enam. / oig. box with small plat. dia. monogram .....	450.00
10.	1 Novelty 7-band ring, with assorted colored synthetic stones .....	55.00
11.	1 Pr. 22k gold earrings and 1 signet ring .....	200.00
12.	1 Plat. & dia. charm bracelet containing 10 charms, as follows: 1 Plat. dia. star charm, 2 small dia., 1 center dia. approx. 1 1/2 cts. .... \$400.00 5 Plat. dia. charms .....	845.00
	1 Plat. chain .....	60.00
		\$1,295.00
13.	1 Plat. dia. charm brace. containing 4 charms .....	500.00
14.	2 Tecla pearl ear screws .....	500.00
15.	1 Gent's Cartier stop wrist watch, 16 k. Cartier sort., 18k Green gold case .....	525.00
16.	1 Pr. 14k cuff links .....	65.00

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Director

August 23, 1937.

(Description of jewelry stolen in instant case - continued.)

Item No.	Description	Amount Insured
17.	1 Gent's crystal, diamond, ruby & plat. dress watch, 18J. Zenith mvt. ....	\$ 500.00
18.	1 White & yellow gold watch chain .....	66.00
19.	1 14k green gold combination pencil & knife .....	60.00
20.	4 Fiat. dia. & white enam. on gold waistcoat buttons, each button containing 20 small dia. ....	350.00
21.	2 Cultured pearl studs .....	200.00
22.	1 Gent's 14k yellow gold cig. box, engine turned .....	350.00
23.	1 Gent's cab. emerald stud set in yellow gold mtg., em. approx. 2 1/2 cts. ....	200.00
24.	1 Pr. Plat. & dia. cuff links, 6 sq. cut dia. ....	600.00
25.	1 Octagon frosted crystal, blank onyx and dia. dress set, consisting of 1 pr. links, 6 waistcoat buttons and 3 studs .....	850.00
TOTAL - - - -		\$21,600.00

PROPERTY OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

It is requested that no part of the above items as are sufficiently described to permit their

Director

August 28, 1927.

future identification be listed in the National Stolen Property file, and that the Los Angeles office be notified in the event any of these items are located in the future.

Very truly yours,

  
E. E. HANSON,

Special Agent in Charge.

RPH:GME  
67-284

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Los Angeles, California  
August 24, 1937

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

Attention: Technical Laboratory

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
GARY COOPER - VICTIM.  
National Stolen Property Act

Dear Sir:

In connection with the investigation of the above-entitled case, there are transmitted herewith two photographs of latent fingerprints developed by the West Los Angeles Police Department at the scene of the burglary, which photographs have been labeled by the police officer taking the fingerprints.

There are also transmitted fifteen photographs developed by the West Los Angeles Police Department in other burglaries in the vicinity of the Cooper residence. The police officers have advanced the theory that all of these burglaries have been committed by the same individual inasmuch as the method employed has been similar in these instances, and the type of property stolen has also been similar.

It is requested that those of the enclosed photographs which bear sufficient detail for classification be searched through the single fingerprint file, and that the Los Angeles Office be notified in the event an identification is established. It is also requested that the enclosed latent fingerprints be compared with the fingerprints of LA [redacted] alias [redacted] Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office No. [redacted]

The enclosed photographs were furnished by Lieutenant [redacted] of the West Los Angeles Police Department, and it is requested that when they have served their purpose they be returned to this office so that they may be returned to [redacted]

Very truly yours,

J. E. HANSEN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Los Angeles, California  
August 24, 1937

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

Attention: Technical Laboratory

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
MARY COOPER - VICTIM.  
National Stolen Property Act

Dear Sir:

In connection with the investigation of the above-entitled case, there are transmitted herewith two photographs of latent fingerprints developed by 200 West Los Angeles Police Department at the scene of the burglary, which photographs have been labeled by the police officer taking the fingerprints.

There are also transmitted fifteen photographs developed by the West Los Angeles Police Department in other burglaries in the vicinity of the Cooper residence. The police officers have advanced the theory that all of these burglaries have been committed by the same individual inasmuch as the method employed has been similar in these instances, and the type of property stolen has also been similar.

It is requested that those of the enclosed photographs which bear sufficient detail for classification be entered through the single fingerprint file, and that the Los Angeles Office be notified in the event an identification is established. It is also requested that the subject's latent fingerprints be compared with the fingerprints of LA [redacted] alias [redacted] Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office No. [redacted].

The enclosed photographs were furnished by Lieutenant [redacted] of the West Los Angeles Police Department, and it is requested that when they have served their purpose they be returned to this office so that they may be returned to [redacted].

Very truly yours,

J. E. [redacted],  
Special Agent in Charge.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

(See Form 2-30-37 610 P.M.)

Single Fingerprint Report

Case: Re: **WILLIAM SHERIDAN**  
**GARY COOPER - VICTIM.**  
National Stolen Property Act.

Number: **57-937-3**

Specimens:

Two photographs of latent prints taken from the Cooper residence.  
Fifteen photographs of latent prints taken from other burglaries in the vicinity of the Cooper residence.  
Requested that the latent prints be searched through the Single Fingerprint File and also be compared with the fingerprints of [redacted] alias [redacted] Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office [redacted]

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Examination requested by: Los Angeles

Date received: chp Aug. 28, 1937.

Examination requested: fingerprint

Result of examination: Examination by: Knowles

RETURN PHOTOGRAPHS

Latent fingerprints compared with the fingerprints of [redacted] S.O. Los Angeles, Cal. [redacted] No identification effected.

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Five latent fingerprints searched through file. Negative results. One latent yet to be searched through file.

Dictated 9-2-37

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*Handwritten notes:*  
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[redacted]  
[redacted]



September 3, 1937.

JPK:JEM

67-930-3

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Los Angeles, California.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
GARY COOPER-VICTIM.  
NATIONAL STOLEN PROPERTY ACT.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of August 24, 1937 transmitting seventeen photographs of latent fingerprints for examination in connection with the above-captioned case.

In accordance with the request contained in your letter, the latent fingerprints were compared with the fingerprints of [redacted], Sheriff's Office, Los Angeles, California, [redacted]. Identification was effected as a result of the comparison. In addition, one of the latent impressions were found to be of sufficient detail for classification and they are being searched through the Bureau's single fingerprint file. You will be advised within the next several days as to the result of these searches.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION  
MAILED  
SEP 3 1937  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

*Handwritten notes and signatures:*  
A large handwritten signature, possibly "A. J. [unclear]".  
Below it, "hmc/3".  
To the right, "9/12".

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FROM

SINGLE FINGERPRINT SECTION

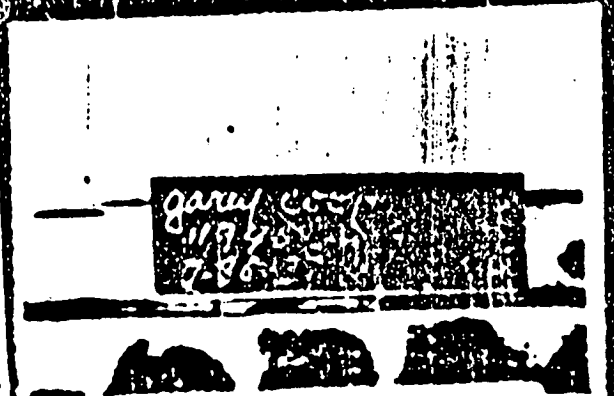
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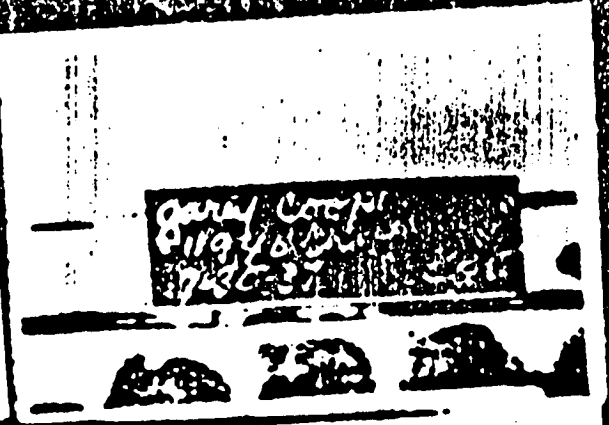
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*Gary Cooper*  
*11940 Chippendale*  
*7-36-37*



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