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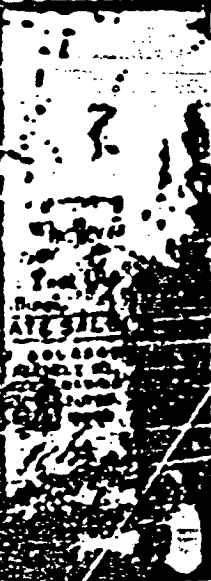
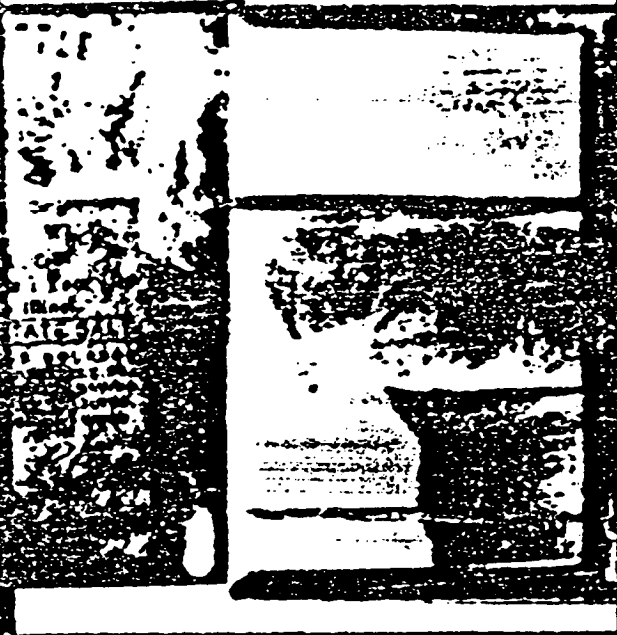
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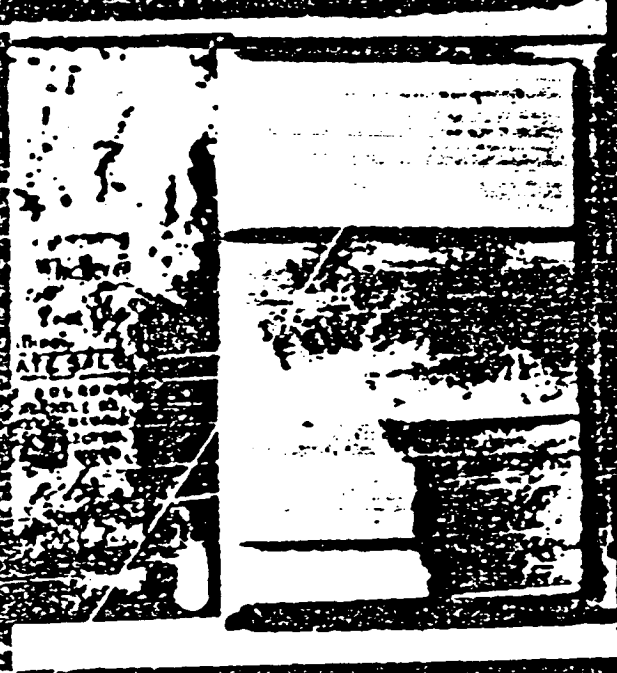
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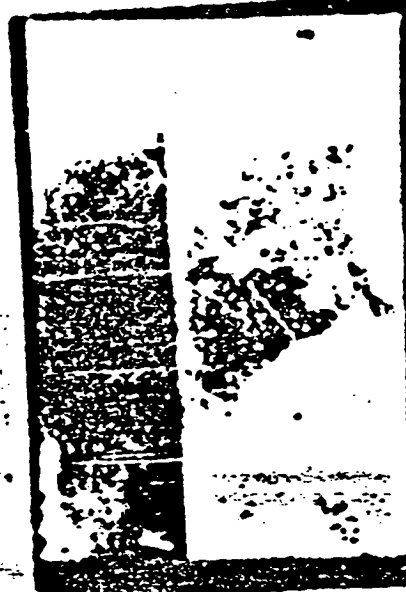
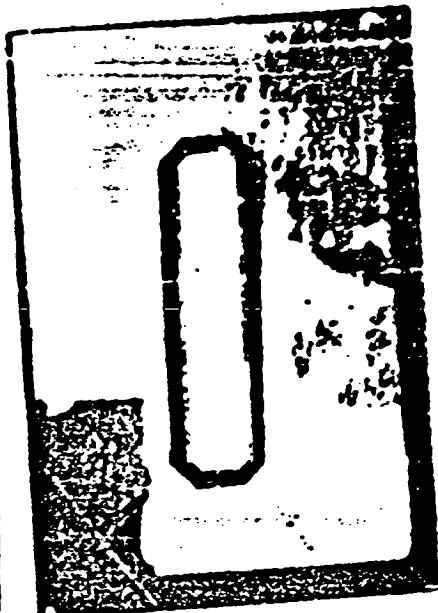
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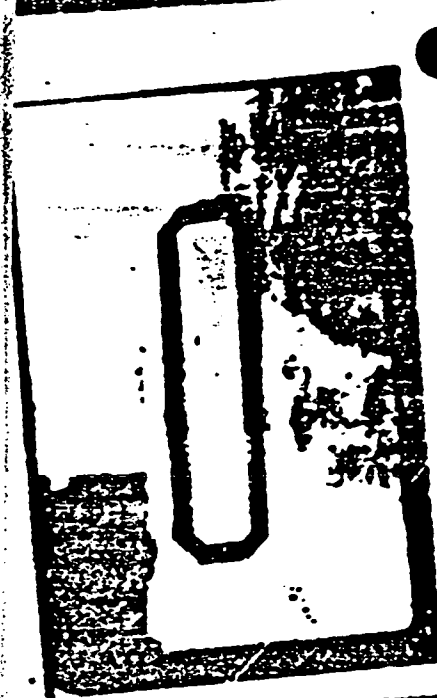
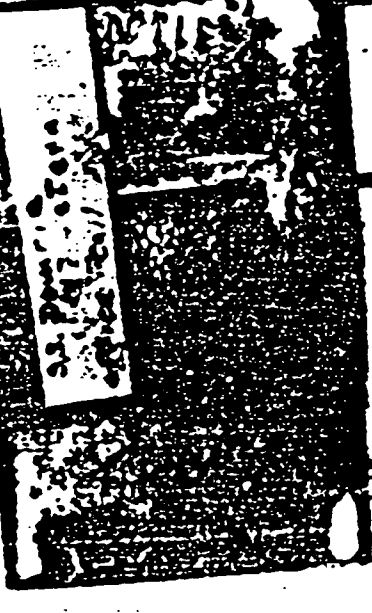
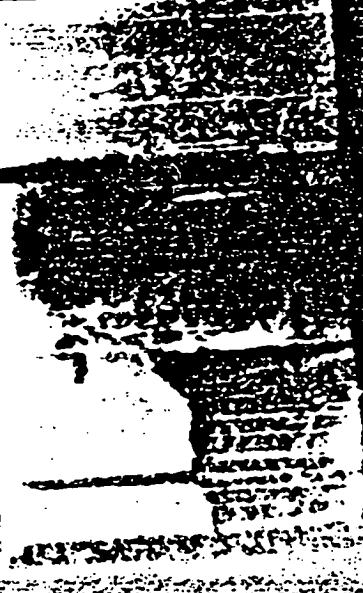
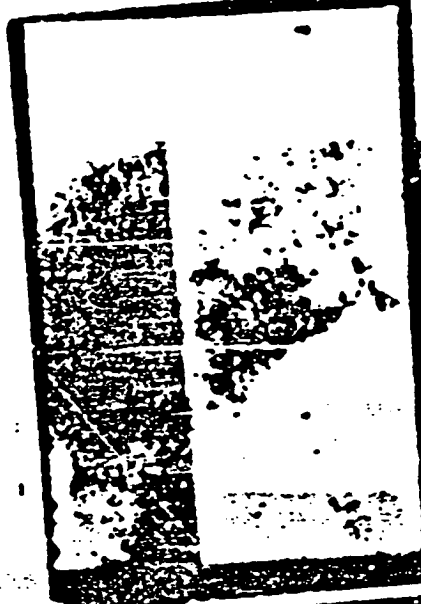
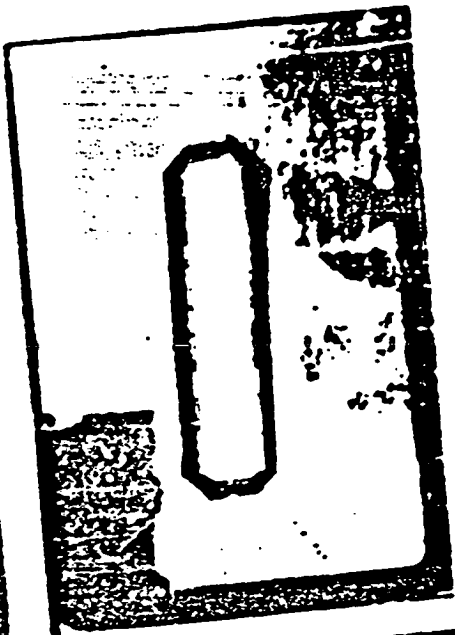
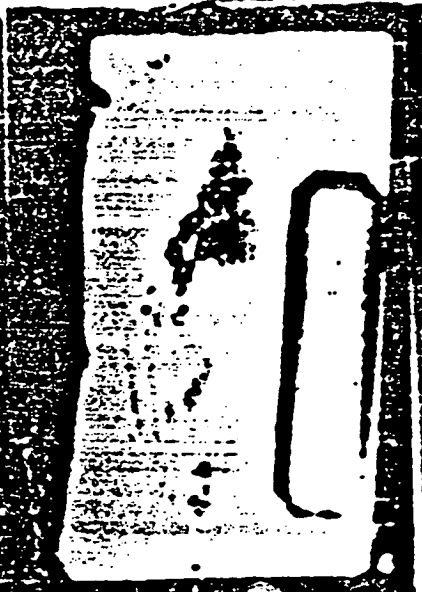
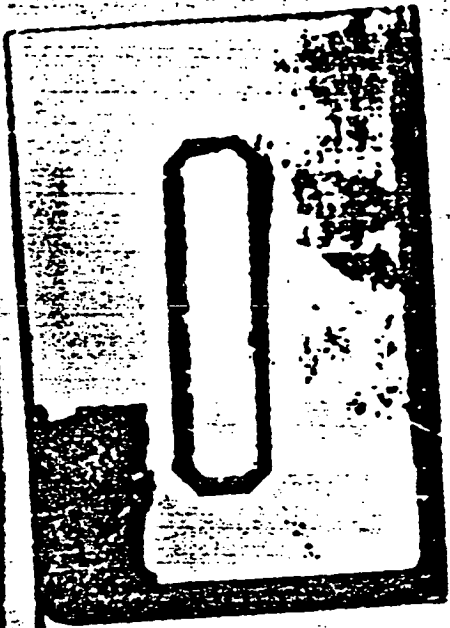


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September 8, 1937.

67-938

Special Agent in Charge,  
Los Angeles, California.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
Gary Cooper-Victim.  
NATIONAL STEEL PROPERTY ACT.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the Bureau's letter of September 3, 1937, in which you were advised that six of the latent fingerprints submitted in connection with the above-entitled case, were being searched through the Bureau's Single Fingerprint File.

You are advised that the searches have been completed but no identification was effected. Copies of these impressions have been placed in the unidentified section of the Single Fingerprint File and the original photographs are returned herewith.

Very truly yours,  
For the Director,

Harold Estlin,  
Assistant Director.

Enclosures.

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October 16, 1937

Special Agent in Charge,  
Los Angeles, California.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
Gary Cooper - Victim;  
NATIONAL STOLEN PROPERTY ACT.

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,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
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. **87-124** **GM**

REPORT MADE AT <b>LOS ANGELES, CALIF.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10/16/37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7/31, 8/2, 14, 9/13/37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>R. P. TRAMER</b>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; GARY COOPER - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>NATIONAL STOLEN PROPERTY ACT</b>

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Residence of GARY COOPER, motion picture actor, burglarized by unknown subject on evening of July 30, 1937; jewelry valued \$18,300 taken; subject believed same person who has burglarized numerous residences in exclusive residential section Los Angeles during past two years, but police have no information as to his identity or disposition of loot; preliminary list of loot furnished Bureau; detailed description being obtained; photographs of latent prints submitted, but no identification effected.

Rec'd in file 87-124-302

**DETAILS:**

**AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

The investigation of this case was predicated upon information contained in newspaper articles in local papers to the effect that the home of GARY COOPER had been burglarized on the evening of July 30, 1937 and a large amount of jewelry taken.

Detective [REDACTED], West Los Angeles

Approved and Special Agent <i>[Signature]</i>	IS NOT TO BE USED IN THIS CASE
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Police Department, advised the writer that the residence of GARY COOPER at 11940 Chaparral Street had been burglarized by an unknown subject on the evening of July 30, 1937; that the burglary was reported to the Police Department about 11:00 P.M. that evening and investigation had been immediately made by radio squad car, but that no evidence pointing to the person who had committed the burglary had been found.

██████████ advised that a latent fingerprint had been developed and this fingerprint, together with a number of other prints, was obtained from him and forwarded to the Bureau. Subsequent information was received from the Bureau to the effect that no identification had been effected.

██████████ also stated that the GARY COOPER residence had been burglarized in a similar manner approximately one year ago, and at that time extensive investigation had been conducted by the police department, but no information as to the identity of the robber had been obtained, nor had any of the loot been recovered to date.

He stated that the burglar had evidently entered the COOPER home through the front door and had proceeded upstairs and looted the dressing table in which MRS. COOPER kept her jewelry, and had then made his exit through the bathroom window. The screen on this window was broken from the inside and the bathroom door was also found to be locked from the inside, indicating that the robber had made his exit in that manner. No footprints or other evidence was found outside the home and it was not known how the burglar made his getaway.

W. E. V. BRIDGES of Toplis & Harding, Insurance Adjusters, was interviewed and furnished a list of the jewelry which had been stolen. This list was furnished to the Bureau immediately, but subsequent to that time it has been found that some corrections are necessary to the original list, and these corrections are being made in a separate letter to the Bureau.

The corrected list of the property stolen in this case is as follows:

Item No.	Description	Approximate Value
1.	1 pr. small plat. & dia. ear clips, containing 104 dias.	8 435
2.	1 Ladies' large plat. & dia. cluster ring, approx. 125 dias.	800
3.	1 wide carved ruby and dia. plat. bracelet containing 353 round dias., 30 carved Cr. rubies	3,000
4.	1 14K Y.O. bracelet	100
5.	2 14K Y.O. compact, engine turned	300
6.	1 plat. dia. ruby & aquamarine clip brooch combination, containing 1 aqua, approx. 50 Cr., 2 cut rubies, 22 1/2 dia., 22 1/2 round dias.	1,000
7.	plat. dia. & cab. ruby clip brooch, containing 15 cab. rubies, 27 Fr. cut dias., 19 bag. dias., 52 round dias., 3 large bag. white sapphires.	3,000
8.	1 Ladies' set Oriental ruby and dia. ring, 1 ruby approx. 13 1/2 ct., plat. set. with 2 bag. dia.	1,000
9.	1 Ladies' 14K and blue enam. dig. box with small plat. dia. monogram	250
10.	1 novelty 7-band ring, with assorted colored synthetic stones	95
11.	1 pr. 22K gold earrings and 1 signet ring	200

(Continued)

12.	1 plat. & dia. charm bracelet containing 10 charms, as follows:		
	1 plat. 2 1/2" star charm, 1/2" small diam.,		
	1 center dia. approx. 1 1/2 cts.	\$400	
	9 plat. dia. charms	845	
	1 plat. chain	50	\$1,295
13.	1 plat. dia. charm brace. containing 4 charms		600
14.	1 Gent's crystal, diamond, ruby & plat. dress watch, 16J. Zenith movt.		900
15.	1 white & yellow gold watch chain		65
16.	1 14K green gold combination pencil & knife		60
			<u>\$18,300</u>

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 Mr. GARY COOPER was interviewed at the United Artists Studios where he is employed, and furnished the facts of the burglary which correspond to the facts previously obtained from Detective [REDACTED] and further advised that he and his wife were absent from the home, being in attendance at a movie premiere in Hollywood, that the home had been left in charge of three servants who were sleeping in another part of the house at the time of the burglary. He stated that all of his servants had been in his employ for a number of years, and that he was of the opinion that they were all reliable and were not involved in the instant theft.

Detailed descriptions of the articles stolen were obtained from MR. COOPER, and he advised that, with respect to the ruby and diamond platinum bracelet containing 333 round diamonds and 39 carved rubies, value \$5,000, this bracelet had been purchased from PAUL FLATO in New York City, and that MR. FLATO would most likely have a drawing of the bracelet in his files.

Mr. COOPER also advised that an aquamarine clip brooch combination, containing one approximately 30-carat aquamarine, 9 cut rubies, 24 baguette diamonds, and 12 round diamonds, valued at approximately \$1,000.00, as well as a lady's compact, 14-k. yellow gold, engine turned, value \$300.00, had been purchased from Scanan-Scheppe on Madison Avenue in New York City, and that this firm would very likely have drawings of the above two items.

He further stated that a blue enamel cigarette box, with a small platinum and diamond monogram, valued at \$450.00, had been taken and that this box had been made by Cartier's in New York City and that this firm would likely have a drawing of this cigarette box. A lead is being indicated for the New York Division to check with the above-mentioned jewelry firm to obtain detailed descriptions of these items.

Mr. E. V. BIELSOE was reinterviewed on September 13, 1937 and advised that no information had been obtained by his investigators in regard to the robbery, nor had any of the loot been located. At this time Mr. BIELSOE suggested the possibility that the loot from the various burglaries in Los Angeles was being transmitted to Mexico City or some other point in Mexico in view of the fact that none of this loot had ever been located in the United States, and the further fact that he had information to the effect that there were some large fences operating in Mexico City.

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Mr. BIELSOE also mentioned that [redacted] and [redacted], who were notorious jewelry robbers, had been sentenced to San Quentin in 1929 and were presently serving sentences there and suggested that either of these men might be able to furnish information as to the method by which the loot taken in Los Angeles was being disposed of, since they were reputed to be well advised as to jewelry fences.

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Photographs of these two individuals, as well as a photograph of [redacted] also a jewel thief, were furnished by Mr. BIELSOE and are being placed in the Los Angeles file on this case for future reference. This information is being set forth in this report for possible use in the future in the event that any of the loot taken is [redacted] have been

transported in interstate commerce, but no investigation based upon this information is being requested at the present time.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS

##### NEW YORK DIVISION

At NEW YORK CITY, will conduct investigation at the jewelry firm of PAUL FLATO, at Samson Behrps on Madison Avenue, and at Cartier's, to obtain detailed description of the articles purchased from these firms by MR. COOPER, as mentioned in the details of this report, and will furnish this description to the Bureau for inclusion in the National Stolen Property file.

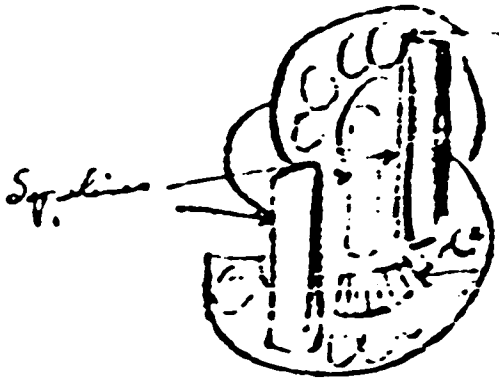
##### LOS ANGELES DIVISION

At LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, will keep in touch with MR. E. V. BLEDSON of Topis & Harding and determine what information has been obtained by him in connection with the instant case, with particular reference to the possibility that the loot was transported interstate.

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Item 7.



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FOR CONSTAT REP FILE

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
GARY COOPER VICTIM  
NATIONAL STOLEN PASSPORT ACT

97-938-7

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Los Angeles, California  
October 12, 1937

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

Re: Wash. Bureau;  
GARY COOPER - VICTIM.  
National Stolen Property Act

Dear Sirs:

Reference is made to letter from the Los Angeles Division dated August 23, 1937, setting out a list of jewelry taken from the home of GARY COOPER and requesting that these items be filed in the National Stolen Property file.

Since the submission of the original list investigation has disclosed that a number of the items listed therein were not actually stolen, and further description has been obtained of other items in the list. This information is being furnished with the request that the Bureau file be corrected in accordance with the present information.

It has been ascertained that items 14, 15, 16, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25 on the original list were not actually stolen and these items should be removed from the National Stolen Property file.

With reference to item No. 7, a drawing of this brooch was made by Mr. GARY COOPER, and is being forwarded to the Bureau with this letter for assistance in describing this item in the National Stolen Property file.

With reference to item No. 10, which was listed as a novelty 7-band ring with assorted colored synthetic stones, value \$5.00, Mr. COOPER advised that this ring was composed of seven bands of different stones arranged so that the initials of the jewels spelled the word "Tearest"; that is, the first band was composed of diamonds, the second of emeralds, the third of amethysts, the fourth of rubies, the fifth of sapphires, the sixth of sapphires, and the seventh of topaz.

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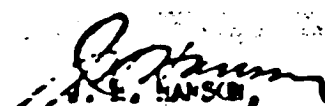
With reference to Item No. 15, described as a platinum and diamond charm bracelet, Mr. C. G. F. advised that this bracelet contained nine platinum and diamond charms, and that several of these charms were of his own design, one of them being shaped to represent the head of a cowboy wearing a sombrero, and another being made to represent a bird in flight with wings spread.

With reference to Item No. 17, information was obtained from Irabert & Hoefler, the firm selling the watch, that this watch was a No. 187 Zenith Movement Watch, 18 jewels, and 3 adjustments, bearing Movement No. 26212. The face of the watch was composed of two pieces of crystal bound together with a platinum band; the numerals 12, 3, 6, and 9 on the watch were marked with a small baguette ruby, with one baguette diamond on each side of it; the remaining numerals on the watch were marked with a small baguette diamond, making a total of four baguette rubies and 16 baguette diamonds; the watch is also set with 60 round diamonds.

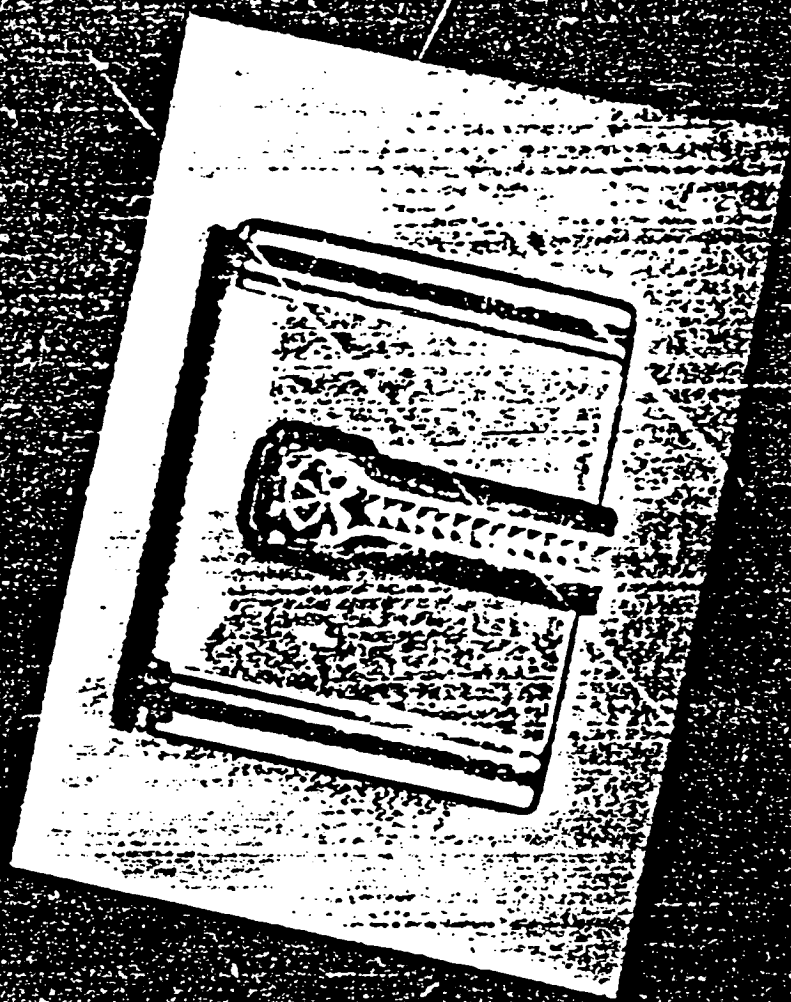
In addition to the items already listed, Mr. C. G. F. advised that two other items had been found missing. One of these was a gold flat tie clip with the initials "G.C." in gold, valued at \$10.00. The other item was a Bohner harmonica with a lever which could be moved to obtain a minor key.

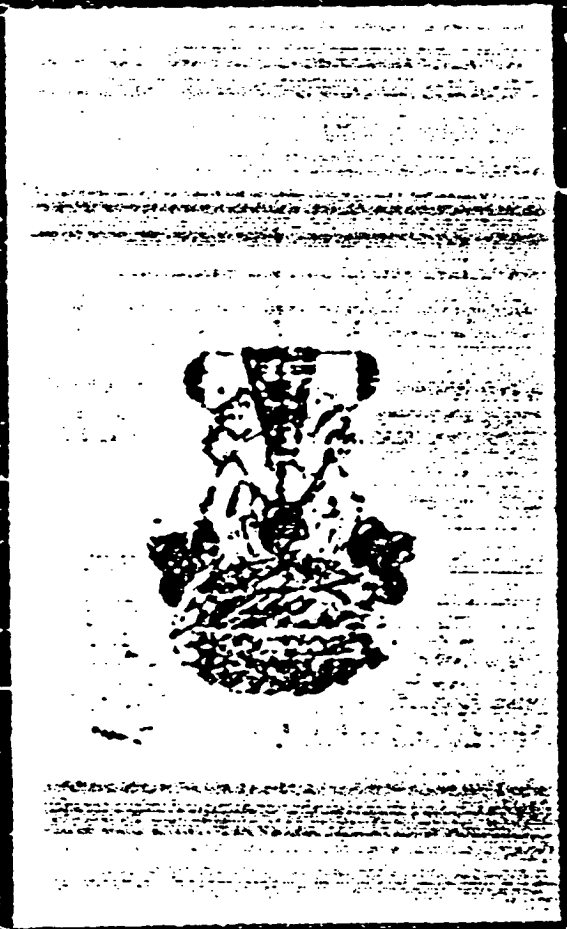
It is requested that the National Stolen Property file be corrected in accordance with the above information.

Very truly yours,

  
J. E. HANSON,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

407 U. S. Court House,  
Foley Square,  
New York, N. Y.

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November 17, 1937.

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

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
GARY COPPER - Victim.  
NATIONAL STOLEN PROPERTY ACT.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. W. Ransom dated at New York City November 16, 1937, in the above captioned case, wherein corrected descriptions of certain items of jewelry lost by the victim of instant case are set out.

In this connection I am forwarding herewith two sketches and one photograph of articles of jewelry described in reference report, and it is requested that these sketches and photograph together with the corrected descriptions referred to be indexed in the NATIONAL STOLEN PROPERTY FILE.

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Very truly yours,

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E. B. VETTERLI  
Special Agent in Charge.

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ENCLOSURE

At the firm of Cartier, Inc., Fifth Avenue and 52nd Street, New York City, Mr. Richard furnished the following description of the cigarette box, the property of Pictin, purchased from that firm and which is referred to in reference report under Item No. 9, and as shown herein for purposes of clarity:-

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Item 9 - One ladies <del>lady</del> cigarette box containing twenty-two small round diamonds - total weight unknown, in monogram forming the letters P.C. with the name - Cartier, Inc. inscribed in the inner frame.	\$ 450,

Mr. Richard furnished reporting Agent with a photograph of the above mentioned box.

Mr. Richard informed that as to the carved ruby and diamond platinum bracelet to which Agent referred he had no record of having sold any such item of jewelry to Mr. or Mrs. GARY COOPER. He stated, however, that some years ago his firm had sold to the mother of Mrs. Cooper a bracelet similar to that described by Agent which may possibly be the bracelet in question. He stated that in the near future he expects to call upon the mother of Mrs. Gary Cooper at which time he will endeavor to ascertain whether the bracelet to which he referred had been given to either Mr. or Mrs. Cooper, and whether this bracelet was the one to which Agent had reference.

The sketches and photograph referred to herein are being forwarded under separate cover to the Bureau with the request that they, together with the corrected descriptions as set out herein, be indexed in the NATIONAL STOLEN PROPERTY FILE.

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NEW YORK OFFICE AT NEW YORK CITY

Will at a later date again contact Mr. Richard of Cartier, Inc. in an effort to identify the bracelet referred to as Item 9 in reference report as being the one originally purchased by the mother-in-law of GARY COOPER.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **LOS ANGELES, CALIF.** BY **FILE NO. 87-410 EN**

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REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK CITY</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>11/16/37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>11/25/37, 1/2, 5, 12/37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. W. RANSON.</b>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; GARY COOPER - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>NATIONAL STOLEN PROPERTY ACT.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS**

Detailed descriptions and sketches of articles purchased from New York firms by victim, Cooper obtained and set out herein. Bureau being requested under separate cover and index card in National Stolen Property File.

**REFERENCE**

Report of Special Agent R. P. Kramer, 10/16/37, Los Angeles, Calif.

**DETAILS**

Interview was had with Roscoe L. Jones and J. Mann of the firm of Paul Plato, Jeweler, 1 East 57th Street, New York City, telephone number 5-1403, at which time the above parties informed that to the best of their knowledge the firm of Paul Plato has never sold to Mr. or Mrs. GARY COOPER a bracelet such as is described in reference report under item No. 3, which bracelet, according to reference report, was allegedly purchased from that firm.

Subsequently Mr. Mann caused a detailed search to be made of the records of that firm and

<p><i>[Signature]</i> Special Agent in Charge</p> <p>Approved: _____ Special Agent in Charge</p> <p>COPIES OF THIS REPORT 2 - Bureau 1 - Los Angeles 2 - New York</p>	<p>DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</p> <p style="font-size: 2em;">87-433-9</p> <p style="font-size: 2em;">NOV 18 AM</p>
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stated that although items had been sold to GARY COOPER their records did not reveal that the particular item referred to had ever been manufactured by, or sold to GARY COOPER by PAUL VIATCO.

At the firm of BEAMAN SCHEPPS, 399 Madison Avenue, New York City, it was ascertained that the following described articles of jewelry, the property of victim Cooper, had been purchased from that firm, these articles being those set forth in reference report, page three, as items 5 to 8 inclusive, and so listed herein for purposes of clarity:-

Item #5 - One 14k gold vanity case, 5" x 2 1/2" Value \$ 100.

Mr. Simon of Beaman Schepps informed that this is the only description available of instant box and further that no sketch or drawing of same exists. It may be stated that this box was originally purchased at the time victim Cooper purchased the platinum diamond ring and accompanying clip brooch referred to as Item #6.

Item #6 - One platinum diamond ring and accompanying clip brooch containing one aquamarine

total weight 1.25 carats, also 12 round brilliant total weight 13.10 carats, 3 baguette diamonds total weight 2.75 carats, and 12 round diamonds - total weight 5.10 carats.

Mr. Simon furnishes Reporting Agent with a sketch of the above brooch which had been retained in the files of Beaman Schepps, and informed that to the best of his knowledge this was the final sketch from which the actual brooch was made, although there may have been some final changes not shown in this sketch. It may be noted that

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the description shown in reference report indicates the brooch to have contained twenty-four baguette diamonds whereas the records of Seaman Scheppe indicate the brooch to have contained twenty-two baguette diamonds, and the sketch furnished reveals the presence of twenty-three baguette diamonds.

FURNISHED BY SEAMAN SCHEPPE

Item #7 - One platinum diamond and sapphire brooch containing fifteen rubies - total weight approximately 22 carats - 19 baguette diamonds - total weight 2.14 carats, three sapphires - total weight unknown, and eight four round diamonds - total weight 3.11 carats.

Mr. Siben furnished reporting Agent with a sketch of the above brooch which had been retained in the files of Seaman Scheppe, but informed that he was of the opinion that this sketch was not the final one from which the brooch was made it being noted particularly that the number of diamonds shown in this sketch does not correspond with the number shown in the records of Seaman Scheppe.

Item #8 - One ladies Oriental Ruby and diamond ring containing one faceted ruby weight 1.75 carats, and two baguettes - total weight .80 carats.

It was ascertained that there is no sketch available of this above ring.

It may be stated here that the name SEAMAN SCHEPPE should appear in the descriptions of all of the items referred to items.

Mr. Siben advised that the files of Seaman Scheppe did not reveal any records in the Scheppe's the carved ruby and diamond platinum bracelet referred to in reference report as having been purchased from Paul Lita.

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December 16, 1937

Special Agent in Charge,  
Los Angeles, California.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
Gary Cooper - Victim  
NATIONAL STOLEN PROPERTY ACT.

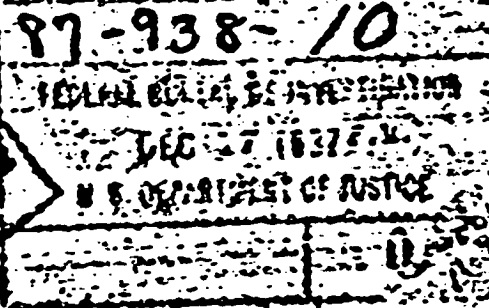
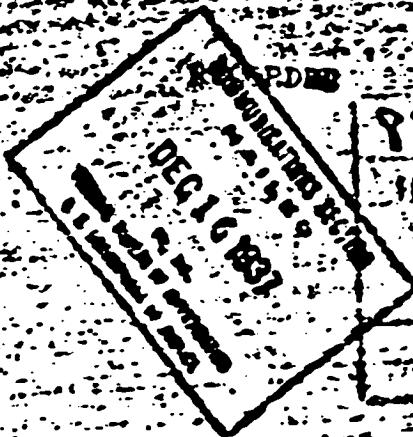
Dear Sir:

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

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.



607 S. E. Court House  
Foley Square  
New York, N. Y.

December 27, 1937

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Los Angeles, California.

Re: UNLAWFUL SUBJECTS:  
GARY COOPER - Victim.  
National Stolen Property Act.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. W. Bausca, dated November 16, 1937 at New York City, which sets out a lead for this office to re-interview Mr. Richard of Cartier, Inc. to obtain additional descriptive information regarding the bracelet referred to as Item No. 2, set out in the report of Special Agent R. P. Kresser dated at Los Angeles, October 19, 1937.

The description of that piece of jewelry as set out by Agent Kresser is adequate for filing in the National Stolen Property File, in view of the number of previous stolen watches therein, and for this reason it appears that no purpose will be served in further contacting the jewelry store. In view of this fact, and as there is no additional investigation to be conducted by this office, this case is being referred upon completion to your office.

Very truly yours,

R. P. VETTERLI,  
Special Agent in Charge

cc: Bureau

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

January 19, 1938

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Los Angeles, California.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
Gary Cooper - Victim;  
NATIONAL STOLEN PROPERTY ACT.

Dear Sir:

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Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

FILE NO. **87-134**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Los Angeles, Calif.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>1-27-38</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>1-3-38</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>R. P. KRAMER</b> - <b>S.O.</b>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; GARY COOPER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>NATIONAL STOLEN PROPERTY ACT</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

MR. E. V. BLEISOR, of Tropic and Harding, insurance adjusters, advised he has developed no further information in connection with the instant case and that there was still no indication that the loot had been transported interstate.

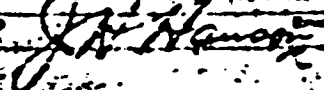
**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent R. P. Kramer, Los Angeles, dated 10-26-37.

**DETAILS:**

**AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

MR. E. V. BLEISOR, Tropic and Harding, Insurance adjusters, 610 So. Spring St., whose office is conducting an active investigation in the instant case, was telephonically contacted by the writer and advised that no information of value had been developed in the instant case; that he had recently been in contact with the police officers of the West Los Angeles Police Department, who are also conducting investigation in this case and has been advised by these officers that they have developed no information of value. MR. BLEISOR specifically stated that nothing had been discovered to indicate that any of the loot obtained in the instant burglary had been transported in interstate commerce and that in the event any information of this

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nature was obtained, he would immediately communicate the case to the Los Angeles office.

In view of the fact that no evidence of interstate transportation of the property stolen in the instant case has been brought to light, and since there are no immediate leads as to the identity of the subjects, this case is being closed, subject to being reopened at such time as evidence of interstate transportation of the loot is discovered.

C L O S E

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

**SUBJECT: Gary Cooper**

**FILE NUMBER: 9-11181**



Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Los Angeles 13, California  
October 6, 1943

9-11-43  
Recorded

Director, FBI

ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

RE: [REDACTED]  
GARY COOPER, Victim  
EXTORTION

Dear Sir:

There are being enclosed three letters received by GARY COOPER, the actor, from an unidentified individual whose almost illegible signature appears to be [REDACTED]. These letters were turned over to the Los Angeles Field Division by COOPER'S attorney.

One of the letters contained a \$25 war bond issued to [REDACTED] Berkeley, California; another letter contained a five peso Mexican note and the third letter contained a U. S. dollar bill. None of the letters appears to contain any threat against the person of GARY COOPER or any other individual and therefore no effort is being made to locate the writer at this time.

The San Francisco Field Division, at the request of this office, has located [REDACTED] owner of the bond mentioned above, who appears to have no knowledge of [REDACTED]. COOPER'S attorney who is sending [REDACTED] her bond, advised this office that [REDACTED] letters are of no interest to COOPER and may be retained by the Bureau for whatever disposition seems appropriate.

It is therefore suggested that the enclosed letters be compared with the documents in the anonymous letter file and that any identification made be reported to the Los Angeles Field Division and such other offices as may have an interest therein. It is suggested that the FBI Laboratory may wish to incorporate a specimen of [REDACTED] handwriting in the anonymous letter file for possible future use in identifying other letters which [REDACTED] may write since [REDACTED] letters indicate that he feels himself threatened by COOPER. It is possible that [REDACTED] is mentally unbalanced and that letters of which he is the author may come to the Bureau's attention at some future date.

Very truly yours,

*[Signature]*  
R. B. MOORE, SAC

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Enclosures

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Report

AMS:MKP

October 20, 1943

Re: *7C*  
[REDACTED]

File #

9-1115-1

Lab #

2-769

GARY COOPER, Victim;  
EXTORTION.

Examination requested by:

Los Angeles (9-719)

Reference:

Letter 10-6-43

Examination requested:

Document - Single Fingerprint

Specimens:

CASPER

- 9-1115-1 Q1 One envelope bearing handwritten address "Mr. Gary Cooper Warner Brothers Studios Burbank California", containing on the reverse side "Change of Address [REDACTED] and postmarked "2 Oakland Calif Jul 21 4:30 Pm, 1943".
- Q2 Accompanying 1-page handwritten letter beginning "Coop your friend...", and signed [REDACTED].
- Q3 One envelope bearing handwritten address "Gary Cooper Warner Brothers Studios Burbank North Hollywood, California", and postmarked "2 Oakland Calif Jul 21 4 Pm 1943".
- Q4 Accompanying 1-page handwritten letter dated July 21, 1943 at North 8 Street West Oakland, Calif., beginning "From a fan special!! To all....", and signed [REDACTED].
- Q5 One envelope addressed in handwriting "Mr. Frank James Cooper 1111 Chaparral Street Brentwood Heights Los Angeles California", and postmarked "2 Oakland Calif Aug 11, 1943, 5:30 PM".
- Q6 Accompanying 1-page handwritten letter dated Aug. 11, 1943 at Anton Road, beginning "To Mr. Frank James Cooper the greeter,....", and signed "J.E.J."

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- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_

Result of Examination

Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_ The handwriting on the extortion letters, Q1 through Q6, was compared with the material in the anonymous letter file but nothing of significance was noted. An appropriate photographic copy will be added to this file for future reference.

Mr. Piper \_\_\_\_\_ Q1 through Q6 were chemically treated for the development of latent fingerprints but none were developed.

Miss Gandy - Los Angeles, (Enclosure)  
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*Handwritten signatures and initials:*  
 [Illegible signatures]

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Q1 is a white bond finish envelope which contains a 3¢ U. S. embossed postage stamp and the watermark "U.S.A.". This envelope measures 6.21" in length, 3.52" in width, 0.0048" in thickness and has the weight of 1.867 grams. The address is handwritten with blue-black ink.

Q2 is a white, linen finish, ruled sheet of tablet paper which contains no watermark. This paper measures 7.85" in length, 4.98" in width, 0.001" to 0.0033" in thickness and has a weight of 3.998 grams. There are 19 light blue or blue-green lines on the front of the paper and 22 lines on the reverse side, spaced approximately .3" apart. On the front of the paper the first line is 1.33" from the top of the page and the last line is .27" from the bottom. On the reverse side the first line is .30" from the top of the page and the last line is .20" from the bottom.

The envelopes, Q3 and Q4, are similar to Q1 with regard to finish, stamps, and measurements with the exception of the length which is 6.74".

The paper, Q5 and Q6, is similar to Q2 and may have been taken from the same tablet. The measurements are all very similar. The message on specimen Q5 is handwritten with a hard lead pencil while that on Q6 was written with blue-black ink.

The above-listed evidence is being retained in the files of the Laboratory, photographic copies being attached hereto.