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ATLANTA

AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA. (1) Will ascertain present place of confinement for FRANK CLAUDE RUMNEY, Atlanta Federal Penitentiary Inmate #78960A, noting that in Atlanta letter to Bureau and all continental offices dated 4/20/61, RUMNEY furnished information concerning GROSSI and may have current information as to his whereabouts.

(2) Will set out lead to have RUMNEY interviewed regarding whereabouts of JOHN CESAR GROSSI.

ALBANY

AT KINGSTON, ONTARIO, CANADA. Will recontact subject's wife, PATRICIA BOWEN GROSSI, 36 Ellerbeck Street, for any additional information she may have developed.

CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. (1) Will at the headquarters of the Playboy Club, Inc., check membership list both current and past for any reference to subject under his true name and all aliases.

(2) Will review file on subject at the Chicago County Jail under their number 63039.

NEW YORK

AT KINGSTON, NEW YORK. Will locate and interview EUGENE SCIUTTO, reportedly operator of a music store near Hudson, N.Y., and a friend of the subject, for any information he may have.

AT YONKERS, NEW YORK. Will ascertain at the Holiday Inn located off Exit #6, New York State Thruway, 125 Tuckahoe Road, telephone number GR 6-3800, if there is any record of subject staying at the motel under his true name and all aliases, noting that the New York Division in interview with a friend of the subject, SALVATORE DI BELLA, ascertained that subject had furnished DI BELLA telephone number PE 6-3800, Room 830, and DI BELLA stated this possibly could be for a Holiday Inn Motel.

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SALLY FERGUSON, 752 Ivywood Street, Duncanville, Texas.

It is noted that the Atlanta Division on 4/20/61, submitted a letter to the Bureau and all continental offices setting out information furnished by FRANK CLAUDE RUMNEY who at that time was a PCI for the Atlanta Division. It is noted RUMNEY claimed to be a former fellow inmate with GROSSI and it is believed RUMNEY is presently confined at the U. S. Federal Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia. RUMNEY, on 3/20/61, furnished the following information to the Atlanta Division:

FRANK CLAUDE RUMNEY, Inmate Register #78960-A, a PCI for the Atlanta Division, and whose identity should be protected, furnished the following information on 3/20/61.

RUMNEY has since been released from the Atlanta Federal Penitentiary. A former inmate GROSSI, Register #82090-A, had prior to his release 8/10/60, confided in him, RUMNEY, that he was going to rob a bank somewhere in the United States soon after his release. GROSSI did not state where such bank was located or if he had selected one to rob. RUMNEY stated, however, that GROSSI had previously robbed a bank in Canada; that he considered him to be a psychotic bank robber and car thief; and believed that he was sincere in his statements that he was going to rob a bank.

The file of the USP, Atlanta, pertaining to JOHN C. GROSSI, aka. Jack, Register #82090, was reviewed and shows this convict's true name to be JOHN CESAR GROSSI, aka Jack Dale Williams, Charles T. Bishop, George Edgar Van Baren, Roger Garland Dieckman, John C. Grosse, Jack Cesar Grossi, and Jack Leslie Bowen.

GROSSI was last convicted, according to USP records, 2/5/53, Northern District of Texas, Dallas, and sentenced to two years for CRV- ITSP. On the same date, in the same court, he was sentenced to two years to run consecutively for CRV-ITSP. GROSSI was originally committed to USP, Leavenworth, Kansas, 2/28/53, as Register #69642-L, to serve sentence of four years and was conditionally released 12/18/55, sentence to expire with good time allowed 3/5/56, full term to expire 2/4/57.

GROSSI violated terms of his conditional release and was recommitted 10/29/59, as number 14944-CT, FCI, Danbury, Connecticut. GROSSI was transferred to USP, Atlanta 12/4/59,

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The following investigation was conducted  
by SA WILLIAM R. MARKHAM:

AT KINGSTON, ONTARIO, CANADA

On July 30, 1964, Warden VICTOR RICHMOND, Kingston Penitentiary, made available file of former inmate JOHN GROSSI, number 4053, which indicated GROSSI had been released to Immigration and Naturalization authorities on October 7, 1959. According to file GROSSI born August 5, 1925, and his wife was FLETA BOWEN, Box 87, Calhoun, Illinois, mother ROSE (Mrs. JOSEPH) CALI, 75 Grove, Passaic, New Jersey; brother ALBERT GROSSI, New Jersey, no city indicated; sister JEANNE (PAUL) ENGOLD, residing New Jersey, no city indicated. In-laws reported as OMER (MADGE) RYDER, 305 East Cason Street, Irving, Texas. File also reflected subject's parents separated when he was two years of age and he was placed in foster home with his brother and sister being placed in an orphanage. He began to run away from home at age 12 and in 1949 attempted to contact his foster parents in New Jersey after being re-united with his natural mother. He was reported as unsuccessful in this attempt; however, the file indicated a letter of September 24, 1949, from the State of New Jersey, Board of Child Welfare, JOSEPH E. ALLOWAY, Executive Director, 163 West Hanover Street, Trenton, New Jersey, indicating subject's foster mother was Mrs. ELIZABETH SMILEY and efforts were being made to locate her at the request of Mrs. HARRIET WILLIAMS, Field Representative, Board of Child Welfare. The results of this inquiry were not reported in this file.

The file at the penitentiary also indicated that subject had received word from his wife or mother on October 12, 1956, from Irving, Texas, concerning the birth of a son. He was reported as last being employed prior to incarceration by the Taylor Publishing Company of Dallas under the name JACK BOWEN. While in prison he

studied commercial art, bookkeeping and business administration.

On July 30, 1964, subject's wife, Mrs. PATRICIA GERVAN BOWEN GROSSI, 36 Ellerbeck Street, Kingston, Ontario, Canada, was interviewed by SA MARKHAM and Detective BRUCE COOPER, Kingston Police Department. Mrs. GROSSI advised she is a Canadian citizen and married the subject on December 16, 1961, at Durant, Oklahoma, under the name of BOWEN and that a son JOHN WILLIAM BOWEN was born September 14, 1962 and is currently residing with her.

Mrs. GROSSI advised she moved to Kingston, Ontario, on July 1, 1964, from Renfrew, Ontario, Canada and that she last saw subject in May, 1964, when she believed he was driving a Pontiac Grand Prix. She first met subject while prisoner at Kingston Penitentiary and lived in Texas during the major portion of their short marital life, at which time subject was employed by Jaggars Chiles Stovall, a printing and lithograph company in Dallas. She returned to Ontario, Canada, in the summer of 1963 and sometime subsequent thereto subject quit his job and visited her at their previous residence in Renfrew. She claimed to have broken up with subject in January, 1964, but had received a phone call from him March, 1964, from Vancouver, British Columbia, at which time he advised that he was in possession of a red convertible Cadillac and was attempting to establish a concentrated orange juice business between the United States and Mexico. She denied any contact with any other members of subject's family but claimed had heard his mother was remarried and currently confined in a mental hospital, location not known. In May of 1964, she forwarded subject an income tax return check in the sum of approximately \$400 which was made payable to both she and subject, which she endorsed and forwarded in care of one CECIL CHERNIK, 32 Wasdale Crescent, Toronto, Canada, a friend of subject.

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