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**ACTIVITIES OF TOP HOODLUNS
IN THE CHICAGO AREA**

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The book submitted by you entitled "X Marks the Spot," has been reviewed and discloses interesting historical information relating to gang activities in the Chicago area. This material is being placed in the Bureau's files as a future source of reference. There is no information available indicating that this material is of unique value other than for historical information and, in view of this, it will not be necessary to submit additional copies to the Bureau.

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NOTE: LA submitted a photographic copy of a book entitled "X Marks the Spot," copyrighted 1930 by the Spot Publishing Company. A PCI gained possession of a copy of this material through a relative, who in turn obtained it from a Chicago friend connected with the rackets. This story was supposedly written in 1930 by a reporter who allegedly was killed after being warned by the mob to discontinue publication. Six copies were reportedly printed before the author's death.

This book contains considerable detail as to the history of racketeering in Chicago, dating back to the pre-Capone days and is being placed in file for reference purposes. This material has limited interest inasmuch as material dates back 33 years and there is no indication that it possesses any unique value or is in any way a rare document.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 11/7/63

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (92-738)

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PROGRAM - Chicago

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau and for Chicago is one photographic copy each of a book entitled "X Marks The Spot," copyrighted 1930 by The Spot Publishing Company.

These copies were made in this office from a photo copy provided by PCI [redacted] and were enlarged 1 1/2 times to make the print more readable. According to the PCI, he came into possession of his photo copy through a relative who had been loaned an original by a Chicago friend who is connected with the rackets. The story told to PCI is that the book was written in 1930 by a reporter and that just six copies were printed before the author, who had been instructed by the mob to desist, was murdered. The copy which PCI's relative had photographed before returning it is supposed to be one of the original six.

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Indices of this office contain no prior reference to "X Marks The Spot" and it is not known if this document is in fact, rare. Negatives of the pages are being retained pending advice from the Bureau and Chicago as to whether or not there is any value for research or other purpose. The cost of reproduction accounts for the limited number of copies. More will be made, of course, if the Bureau and Chicago believe there is unique value, and will advise as to handling desired.

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