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Attention:

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Re Chicago letter dated and captioned as above, Chicago letter to Director dated 2/13/63 captioned "CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM, CHICAGO DIVISION", (Chicago file 92-350) and Bureau letters to Chicago dated 2/18 and 27/63 in response thereto.

Re Chicago letter dated February 13, 1963 and Bureau letters dated February 18 and 27, 1963, pertain to the Tgoncealment of a Robot Star II camera in a small men's shaving kitawhich was made up by the Laboratory and furnished to the Chicago Office on February 27, 1963.

Chicago has a definite and current need for another concealed Robot camera in a shaving kithto be used in connection (4) with the coverage at the Greyhound Bus Terminal in above captioned case and to be used as a supplement to the camera (5) furnished by the Bureau on February 27, 1962.

It is worthy of note that this disguise has been utilized to extremely good advantage in providing semi-mobile photographic coverage in the BELOV case as well as in the Criminal Intelligence Program at Chicago. Chicago wishes to point out that the shaving kit with zipper around the middle (W) of three sides has proved very beneficial in providing discreet access to the rewinding mechanism when necessary. Chicago wishes to suggest that a black leathered kit with a round opening the u size of the lens-opening only (so as not to reveal the lens barrel facing with its more obvious appearance) to employed in making up a second kit since this will probably afford more discreet usage as well as to give a variation to the one now being utilized by Chicago. It is also suggested that a F1.9 lens 6

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be furnished to replace the 38mm F2.8 lens number 6262130 on the Robot camera number L173776 Chicago has experienced that even when Tri-X film is developed in Baumann Special developer, affording up to ASA 4,000 ratings photographs of moving subjects under existing lighting conditions in rail, bus and air terminals necessitate as hutter speed of 1/250th of a second, and the F2.8 opening at this speed provides extremely thin flat expectives WAn exposure of 1/125th of a second at F2.8 has resulted in good exposure, however, if there is a greater relative movement (of both subject as well as panning movement of the camera) the 1/250th of a second speed is necessary, therefore, the need for the F1.9 lens.

The Chicago letter dated April 4, 1963 disclosed that the temporary fixed observation post at the Greyhound Bus Termina May no longer be available after May 1, 1963; further that fixed observation posts covering various banks of lockers located on various elevations in the bus terminal is not feasible, therefore, the need for more than one concealed semi-mobile camera. Chicago has concluded that the concealed semi-mobile camera. Chicago has concluded that the camera cannot be justified in this matter in view of obvious limitations, excessive expense and the tying-up of such a plece of equipment for an indefinite and prolonged period of time without specific information re possible future travel of BELOV to Chicago (1)

In view of the foregoing, the Bureau is requested to consider furnishing the Chicago Office camera equipment as outlined above at the earliest possible date.

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