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Los Angeles, California 90024

October 25, 1983

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Hon. Alexander H. Williams, III
Acting United States Attorney
1200 United States Courthouse
312 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Attn: AUSA James E. Berliner

Dear Mr. Williams:

RE: Ron Levin, aka
Ronald George Rothchild,
Ronald George Levine,
Sam Goldberg,
Ronald Michael Weatherby,
Dba Network News, Inc.,
General Information Corp.,
May Brothers Land Corp.;
Joseph Hunt, dba
Cyclotronics of North America, Inc
Tom Frank May, II, dba
I Contact Advertising

This is to confirm a conversation between
AUSA James E. Berliner and SA Nancy N. Underwood that took
place on October 14, 1983.

On October 11, 1983, Jerry Verplank, Vice President,
Progressive Savings and Loan, Alhambra, California, reported
a possible bank fraud being perpetrated by customer Ron Levin.
Verplank advised this involved two of Levin's numerous accounts.
He stated that Progressive Savings and Loan records show that
on September 22, 1983, Levin deposited a check for \$100,000
to his May Brothers Land account and Levin wrote checks
for the entire amount which cleared the bank shortly thereafter.
Two days later, a letter was sent from the writer of the check
(Joseph Hunt, Cyclotronics of North America) to his bank, City
Manufacturers Bank, asking that the check not be paid.

The second incident occurred on September 28, 1983,
when Levin deposited a check for \$100,000 into his general
information account. The check was signed by Tom Frank May, II,
I Contact account. Two days later, a letter was sent to May's

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bank, Mitsui Manufacturers Bank, using the same wording as the letter previously described, requesting that the check not be paid. As before, checks were paid on the general Information account totaling \$53,500 to date. Total loss to Progressive Savings and Loan is \$153,500.

Verplank advised that both letters received by Mitsui Manufacturers Bank were identical with the exception of the letterhead and the signature block. He also advised their bank would be conducting further investigation into the accounts of Ron Levin.

On October 17, 1983, AUSA Berliner advised that due to the large loss to Progressive Savings and Loan and to the unusual circumstances surrounding the case, investigation should be conducted into this matter under Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 2113.

Very truly yours,

RICHARD T. BRETZING
Special Agent in Charge

By: JAMES B. NEILSON
Supervisory Special Agent