

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

REPORT OF PERFORMANCE RATING

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Name of Employee: JAMES M. MANNING

Where Assigned: CLEVELAND  
(Division) (Section, Unit)

Official Position Title and Grade: SPECIAL AGENT - GS-12

Rating Period: from April 1, 1973 to March 31, 1974

ADJECTIVE RATING: EXCELLENT  
*Outstanding, Excellent, Satisfactory, Unsatisfactory*

Employee's Initials

*JmM*

Rated by: *Martin P. McCann, Jr.* Martin P. McCann, Jr. Supervisor 4/5/74  
Signature Title Date

Reviewed by: *Frederick C. Fehl* Frederick C. Fehl SAC 4/5/74  
Signature Title Date

Rating Approved by: *Eugene W. Walsh* Eugene W. Walsh Assistant Director MAY 8 1974  
Signature Title Date

TYPE OF REPORT

- Official
  - Annual
- Administrative
  - 60-Day
  - 90-Day
  - Transfer
  - Separation from Service
  - Special

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**PERFORMANCE RATING GUIDE FOR INVESTIGATIVE PERSONNEL  
CHECKLIST AND NARRATIVE COMMENTS**  
(For use as attachment to Performance Rating Form FD-185)

Name of Employee JAMES M. MANNING

**Note:** Only those items having pertinent bearing on employee's performance should be rated. Actual performance is to be compared with current, existing job description requirements.

- RATE ITEMS AS FOLLOWS: (See Manual of Rules and Regulations for detailed instructions.)
- + Outstanding (To warrant overall +, all rated elements must be +, and justified in writing.)
  - E Excellent (Overall E must be supported by E or + on majority of items, including important elements.)
  - ✓ Satisfactory
  - Unsatisfactory (If any item so rated, overall adjective rating can be no better than Satisfactory.) Any unsatisfactory item or overall Unsatisfactory rating must be supported in writing.
  - o No opportunity to appraise. In other responses, use "X."

(Use INK for Checklist - DO NOT TYPE)

RESPOND TO EVERY ITEM

- E 1. Personal appearance.
- E 2. Personality and effectiveness of his personal contacts.
- F 3. Attitude (including dependability, cooperativeness, loyalty, enthusiasm, amenability, and willingness to equitably share work load).
- E 4. Physical fitness (including health, energy, stamina). Any physical limitations affecting performance?  Yes  No. Has employee used more sick leave (including annual leave or LWOP for illness) during the rating period than the amount of sick leave earned during such period?  Yes  No. If answer to either is yes, explain.
- + 5. Resourcefulness, ingenuity, and initiative.
- + 6. Forcefulness and aggressiveness as required.
- + 7. Judgment, including common sense, ability to arrive at proper conclusions, ability to define objectives.
- + 8. Planning of work.
- + 9. Accuracy and attention to pertinent detail.
- + 10. Productivity, including amount of acceptable work produced and rate of progress on or completion of assignments. Also consider adherence to deadlines, unless failure to meet is attributable to causes beyond employee's control.
- E 11. Knowledge of duties, instructions, rules and regulations, including readiness of comprehension and "know how" of application.
- F 12. Performance results (rate if applicable and mark others O) O A. Internal Security; F B. Criminal or General Investigative; O C. Fugitive; O D. Applicant; O E. Accounting; F F. Other, such as Supervisor.  
Comment on type of work handled entire rating period, including performance in other divisions, and appraisal of overall work performance:

During this rating period, SAA MANNING has been the Technical Services Co-ordinator, and in this capacity he has been most effective in developing and maintaining office security procedures and in the assistance of highly sensitive investigative techniques. SAA MANNING also handles liaison with GSA in connection with space matters, not only in Headquarters City, but also relating to Resident Agencies and he has demonstrated a complete willingness and ability to handle any type of assignment he is given. SAA MANNING through his duties as described above has been called upon to do a multitude of assignments in which he has displayed an energetic attitude and a devotion to the duty at hand. SAA MANNING is also a qualified accountant and continues to maintain his competency in this field. His overall performance is highly deserving of a rating of excellent.

Complexity of matters handled:  None  Moderate  Most complicated  
Degree of supervision required:  Above average  Average  Minimum  None

- A. Is employee available wherever needs of service require for general assignment?  Yes  No Special assignment?  Yes  No
- B. Is employee qualified to operate a motor vehicle incidental to his official duties?  Yes  No  
If answer is "yes," personnel file must reflect the following: (a) Has valid State or local operator's license for type vehicle he is to use. (b) Is physically fit to drive. (c) Past safe driving record OK or has passed Bureau road test.
- C. Specify general nature of assignment during most of rating period (such as security, criminal, applicant squad, Accountant, or as Resident Agent, supervisor, instructor, etc.)

**CRIMINAL - ACCOUNTANT - SOUND MAN - RELIEF SUPERVISOR  
TECHNICAL SERVICES COORDINATOR  
EXCELLENT**

ADJECTIVE RATING: \_\_\_\_\_

(Outstanding, Excellent, Satisfactory, Unsatisfactory)

EMPLOYEE'S INITIALS

*JMM*

(Checklist and Narrative Comments continued)

13. Firearms. Check One: X Qualified \_\_\_\_\_ Qualified Instructor \_\_\_\_\_ Expert

0 14. Development of informants and sources of information. **Comment** on weaknesses or justify limited participation.  
 During rating period developed \_\_\_\_\_ informants; \_\_\_\_\_ potential informants.  
**Due to the nature of his assignment during the rating period, SAA MANNING has not participated in the informant program, although well aware of its importance.**

+ 15. Reporting: (Consider conciseness, clarity, organization, thoroughness, accuracy, adequacy and pertinency of leads, and administrative detail.)

0 A. Reports; + B. Memos, letters, wires.

+ 16. Performance as a witness.  During rating period;  Based on past performance;  No experience.

E 17. Executive evaluation (approved Supervisors, Relief Supervisors, Alternate Senior and Senior Resident Agents; underline applicable.)

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|---|---|
| <u>E</u> A. Leadership                  | <u>+</u> F. Devising procedures                     |
| <u>E</u> B. Ability to handle personnel | <u>E</u> G. Promoting high morale                   |
| <u>E</u> C. Making decisions            | <u>+</u> H. Getting results                         |
| <u>E</u> D. Assignment of work          | <u>E</u> I. Furthering equal employment opportunity |
| <u>E</u> E. Training subordinates       |   |

+ 18. Raids and dangerous assignments; + A. As leader; + B. As participant.

E 19. Miscellaneous. Specify and rate:

E Dictation; 0 Applicant recruitment; \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

0 20. Police Instruction:  Qualified  Participated  Audited

21. Foreign Language Ability: Proficient in \_\_\_\_\_ language(s).  
 Can handle typical investigative problems as follows:

- A. Conversation form \_\_\_\_\_ (language)  Excellent  Very Good  Good  Fair  Unsatisfactory
- B. Written form \_\_\_\_\_ (language)  Excellent  Very Good  Good  Fair  Unsatisfactory

Frequency \_\_\_\_\_ language ability used during rating period \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Anticipated use during ensuing year \_\_\_\_\_.

C. Completed Bureau Language School  No  Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
 Specify language(s) \_\_\_\_\_

22. Administrative Advancement:  (Check block if not interested.)

- A.  Yes  No Agent is completely available for administrative advancement.
- B.  Yes  No Agent is considered qualified for administrative advancement, including experience, ability, personality and appearance.
- C. If answer to B is "Yes," Agent's qualifications are considered  Very Good  Excellent  Outstanding  
 Explain if interested but not now qualified.

23. Number of Incentive Awards 1.

Commendations received from Director: Individual 0 Through Superior 3.  
 Suggestions submitted \_\_\_\_\_.

If none, check block .

24. Disciplinary Action and Justification for any Unsatisfactory Items.  None  
 (List items taken into consideration on Checklist.)

EMPLOYEE'S INITIALS JNN

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

*Memorandum**JP*

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, CLEVELAND

SUBJECT: JAMES M. MANNING  
SPECIAL AGENT (A)  
ANNUAL PERFORMANCE RATING  
SOUND-TRAINED AGENT

DATE: 4/5/74

SA MANNING has conducted numerous assignments as well as maintaining his expertise with the equipment and techniques involved. During this rating period, he has handled misur, tesur and related work and has more than completed the minimum program set out in the Manual of Rules and Regulations.

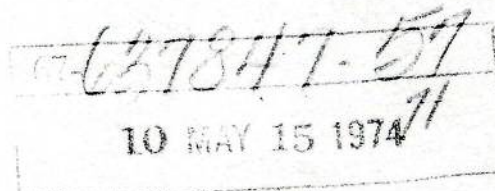
SA MANNING continues to show a high degree of proficiency in connection with his technical assignments, noting that many such assignments are conducted under extremely unusual pressures. His performance to date indicates that he continues to develop into an above average sound-trained Agent.

Annual Rating enclosed herewith.

- ② - Bureau (Enc. )  
1 - Cleveland  
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# Memorandum

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 4/9/74

FROM : SAC, CLEVELAND (66-5125)

Attention: Personnel Section

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION FOR INCENTIVE AWARD

| Name(s)             | Assigned  | EOD     | Grade | Salary   |
|---------------------|-----------|---------|-------|----------|
| SA MARTIN V. HALE   | Cleveland | 2/13/67 | 12    | \$18,663 |
| SA JAMES M. MANNING | Cleveland | 8/7/67  | 12    | 18,663   |

BASIS for this recommendation is as follows: (Check one or more as facts justify.)

- 1. Performance which has involved the overcoming of unusual difficulties. (List specific obstacles, problems, hardships, sacrifices, etc., as well as unusual investigative techniques utilized with results achieved, setting forth precisely how employee overcame obstacles, etc.)
- 2. Creative efforts, which have increased efficiency, or improved the service. (Describe in detail listing benefits and/or savings resulting.)
- 3. Performance of assigned duties, with special effort or innovation that results in significant economies or other highly desirable benefits. (Detail efforts or innovation as well as end results.)
- 4. Performance of assigned tasks so that one or more important job requirement significantly exceeded. (Set forth specific job requirements and how exceeded.)
- 5. Exemplary or courageous handling of an emergency situation in connection with or related to official employment. (Describe in detail, listing specific risks or dangers involved and results achieved.)
- 6. Sustained above-average performance for a minimum of 6 months that merits recognition. (Point out specifically how performance is considered superior. Use examples and illustrations wherever possible. In addition to results attained advise what employee has done to achieve outstanding results.)

JUSTIFICATION: (Set forth below, and attach supplemental page(s) as necessary, a clear, concise report of employee's performance in justification of award. Be specific and omit generalities. Give facts, not conclusions. Not only advise what was accomplished, but how it was accomplished, placing emphasis on performance. Remember that these justifications must be adequate. They may be subject to post-audit outside the Bureau but do not withhold information for security reasons since neither this form nor any confidential information will be made available outside the Bureau for such post-audits.)

Case caption if applicable:

QUINTILLO A. ALONZO;  
 ARTHUR RAYMOND ANDREWS;  
 ABRAHAM AUBY FEIGENBAUM;  
 CHARLES MAX HANSEN;  
 LOU ROBERTS; UNSUB; Theft of  
 \$15,350,000 in US Treasury Bills  
 from Chase Manhattan Bank,  
 New York City, 11/5/73  
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 OO: New York

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1-Cleveland  
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SEE ADDENDUM ADMINISTRATIVE  
DIVISION PAGE 3a

Enclosures - letter dated 5/21/74 See GID ADDENDUM PAGE 3.

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This letter is to recommend SAs MARTIN V. HALE and JAMES M. MANNING be granted Incentive Awards for their outstanding performance in captioned matter. This case involved the theft of over \$15,000,000.00 in US Treasury bills from the Chase Manhattan Bank, New York City, on 11/5/73.

Information was developed by a Los Angeles informant that Treasury bills were possibly available through an individual subsequently identified as QUINTILLO A. ALONZO in Cleveland, Ohio.

Information was received late in the afternoon of 3/27/74, that Los Angeles informant and subject ARTHUR ANDREWS were arriving from Miami, Florida, to meet with ALONZO to negotiate purchase of the \$5,000,000 worth of Treasury bills. Although this matter is assigned to a Resident Agent in the Cleveland Division and not SA HALE, he immediately organized the surveillance to cover the arrival of the above-named parties at the airport and identified ALONZO. He familiarized himself with the voluminous file so the Cleveland aspect of the investigation could be intelligently handled.

From the arrival of the Los Angeles informant that evening until the recovery of the \$4,000,000 worth of stocks and bonds the following day, and the arrest of four subjects, this matter proceeded at a whirlwind pace. SA HALE afforded a great deal of guidance and control to this highly placed Los Angeles informant. As a result of SA HALE's outstanding organization, four subjects were arrested without incident and \$4,000,000 in securities were recovered in tact.

SA HALE participated in and assisted in the coordination of the actual arrest, which were smoothly and efficiently carried out despite the fact that this was a potentially dangerous situation as several of the subjects were armed as they normally would have been in an anticipation of a "rip off" in any transaction involving large sums of money.

In addition, SA HALE maintained liaison with the USA's office and obtained necessary authorization at the crucial moment.

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To obtain probable cause for entry of the motel room where the arrest was made, it was necessary to conduct a consensual monitoring operation on emergency authority which called for a certain type of installation which was effected by SA MANNING. This was obviously difficult and daring as ALONZO and his body guard, FEIGENBAUM, had been in and about the motel, including up to the rooms in question and back to the coffee shop in the motel with the source. However, SA MANNING handled his assignments under pressure and it was through his highly skilled technical operation that the Agents were able to enter the rooms on cue so that the arrests could be made with the Treasury bills in plain view and they could be recovered without a search warrant.

SA MANNING handled all of his assignments in record time after he was first notified of their necessity.

In view of the above comments, it is felt that the Agents are most deserving of Incentive Awards in this matter.

ADDENDUM GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION (GID) GJF/pdb 4/22/74

GID concurs with recommendation of SAC, Cleveland, that performance of SA Martin V. Hale is deserving of an incentive award. SA Hale organized surveillance of a Los Angeles informant who came to Cleveland for a securities buy. He also assisted in the guidance of the Los Angeles informant and assisted in the coordination of the arrests of four subjects which resulted in the recovery of four million dollars in stolen securities. GID does not concur with recommendation of SAC, Cleveland, that performance of SA James M. Manning for the installation of a monitoring device is such to deserve an incentive award, but recommends individual letter of commendation. GID also concurs with recommendation of SAC, Cleveland, that Supervisor John Davis Roberson receive a letter of commendation for his overall supervision of this matter and that SA Hugh A. Cochran of the Miami Office who was in Cleveland working in an undercover capacity receive a letter of commendation. GID also concurs that general letter of commendation be directed to SAC, Cleveland, to be placed in files of deserving personnel. If approved, Administrative Division will handle.

*Per [unclear] letter to [unclear] 4/22/74*

*HJF ROY/RFB/MI*

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SAC, Cleveland, recommends SAs Hale and Manning for incentive awards, Supervisor Roberson and SA Cochran (of the Miami Office) for individual letters of commendation, as well as a general letter of commendation to SAC, Cleveland, commending through him efforts of other participating personnel.

General Investigative Division (GID) concurs with all recommendations of SAC, Cleveland, with the exception that GID feels that SA Manning would be more suitably recognized by an individual letter of commendation in lieu of an incentive award for his installation of a monitoring device in this investigation.

Administrative Division concurs with all recommendations of GID with the exception that it is felt that SA Hale would be more suitably recognized by an individual letter of commendation in lieu of an incentive award as it has been determined from a review of his personnel file that he received on April 16, 1974, a within-grade salary increase in connection with his annual performance rating for the manner in which he discharged his obligations for the period April 1, 1973 to March 31, 1974. Inasmuch as SA Hale is being recommended for recognition for activity which occurred within this period of time in instant matter, it is felt that the within-grade salary increase is sufficient recognition for his services, however, Administrative Division feels that SA Hale is deserving of an individual letter of commendation.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) That SAs Martin V. Hale, James M. Manning, Hugh A. Cochran and Supervisor John Davis Roberson be afforded individual letters of commendation.

(2) That a general letter of commendation be directed to SAC, Cleveland, commending through him efforts of other participating personnel.

Appropriate letters attached.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

May 21, 1974

PERSONAL

Mr. James M. Manning  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Manning:

Your notable services incident to the investigation of Quintillo A. Alonzo and others, the subjects of a Bank Fraud and Embezzlement case, are indeed worthy of commendation.

As a result of the skillful and effective fashion in which you handled your important duties, you contributed substantially to the success realized. Your excellent efforts are appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

  
Clarence M. Kelley  
Director

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C. M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley  
Director

1 - SAC, Cleveland (Personal Attention)

Bureau feels that an individual letter of commendation is a more suitable form of recognition in this matter as it is felt that SA Manning's performance is that which could reasonably be expected of him in this instance.

1 - Mrs. Randolph (Sent Direct)

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Based on FD-255 Cleveland 4-9-74 and addenda General Investigative Division 4-22-74 and Administrative Division 5-3-74 re SA Martin V. Hale and James M. Manning; Recommendation for Incentive Award.

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August 13, 1974

Mr. Clarence M. Kelley  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Kelley:

Our Exxon Chemical Company in Des Plaines, Illinois received an extortion letter in March, 1974, which was reported to your field office in Chicago. The field offices in Houston and Cleveland coordinated their investigative efforts with the Chicago office, which resulted in the arrest of the extortionist, Budimir Damnjanovic, at about 6:00 a.m., August 4, 1974, near Rochester, Michigan, as he attempted to collect the money from an Agent posing as an Exxon Company representative.

On behalf of Exxon Company, U.S.A. and Exxon Chemical Company, we would like to commend the Special Agents In Charge of the three field offices, Messrs. Frederick C. Fehl, Robert Russ Frank and Richard G. Held, along with the respective agents who were involved in this investigation, whose outstanding efforts brought this matter to a successful conclusion. We would especially like to commend Mr. Fehl, SAC of your Cleveland office, and the Agents working under his direction, and thank him for his cooperation and assistance in this extortion threat.

This is just another example of the high level of performance of the FBI which typifies the value of your service to industry as well as the nation.

Sincerely yours

*G. T. Rees*  
G. T. Rees

cc: Personnel file SA MANNING

GTR:cnb

cc: Mr. Frederick C. Fehl  
Mr. Robert Russ Frank  
Mr. Richard G. Held

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

September 12, 1974

PERSONAL

Mr. James M. Manning  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Manning:

The valuable services you rendered relative to the investigation of the Extortion case concerning Budimir Damnjanovic are indeed commendable.

You carried out your responsibilities in a highly technical aspect of this complex endeavor in a capable and resourceful fashion and thereby contributed to the success attained. The competent manner in which you performed is certainly gratifying to me.

Sincerely yours,

*Clarence M. Kelley*  
Clarence M. Kelley  
Director

September 12, 1974

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Cleveland, Ohio

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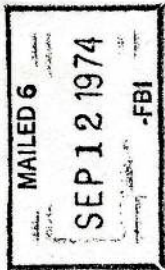
Clarence M. Kelley  
Director

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Based on Bates-Gebhardt memo 8-16-74 and addenda Laboratory Division 8-20-74 and Administrative Division 8-29-74 re Budimir Damjanovic, Exxon Chemical Company, USA-Victim-Extortion.



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# The Toledo Times

SECOND SECTION COMPLETE SPORTS

MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 1974

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## Michigander To Be Arraigned In Exxon Extortion Attempt

A Michigan man will appear before the U.S. Magistrate here today on charges that he attempted to extort \$2 million from Exxon Chemical Co., the FBI said Sunday.

Frederick C. Fehl, special agent in charge of the Cleveland office, said agents arrested Budimir Damnjanovic, 27, of Utica, Mich., as he attempted to collect the money in Rochester, Mich., from an agent posing as an Exxon representative.

Mr. Fehl said the arrest was the result of an investigation by the FBI that started last March when Exxon received a letter at its Des Plaines, Ill., office demanding the money. The letter said that if the company did not pay \$2 million, several important people, including some Supreme Court justices, would be assassinated, Mr. Fehl said. It

also stated that miniature detonators would be placed in the gasoline tanks of cars, trucks, and planes, he added.

Subsequent letters instructed Exxon where and when to pay the money. Mr. Fehl said the letters were signed Federation of Angry Small Business Owners or FASBO.

He said an FBI agent followed instructions in the letters and arrested Mr. Damnjanovic after meeting him for the payoff.

# The Toledo Times

SECOND SECTION COMPLETE SPORTS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 1974

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## Bond Set For Michigan Man Charged In Extortion Plot

U.S. Magistrate John Pietrykowski set bond at \$250,000 Monday for a Michigan man charged in connection with an alleged extortion plot against the Exxon Chemical Co.

Budimir Damnjanovic, 27, of Utica, Mich., is being held in lieu of bond in Lenawee County jail, Adrian, Mich. He will appear Friday at 10 a.m. at a hearing before Mr. Pietrykowski.

Mr. Damnjanovic was arrested Sunday in a wooded area near Rochester, Mich., by FBI agents who allegedly were arranging a payoff as part of a \$2 million extortion plot against the company. The agents were posing as Exxon representatives, according to Frederick C. Fehl, special agent in charge of the Cleveland office of the FBI.

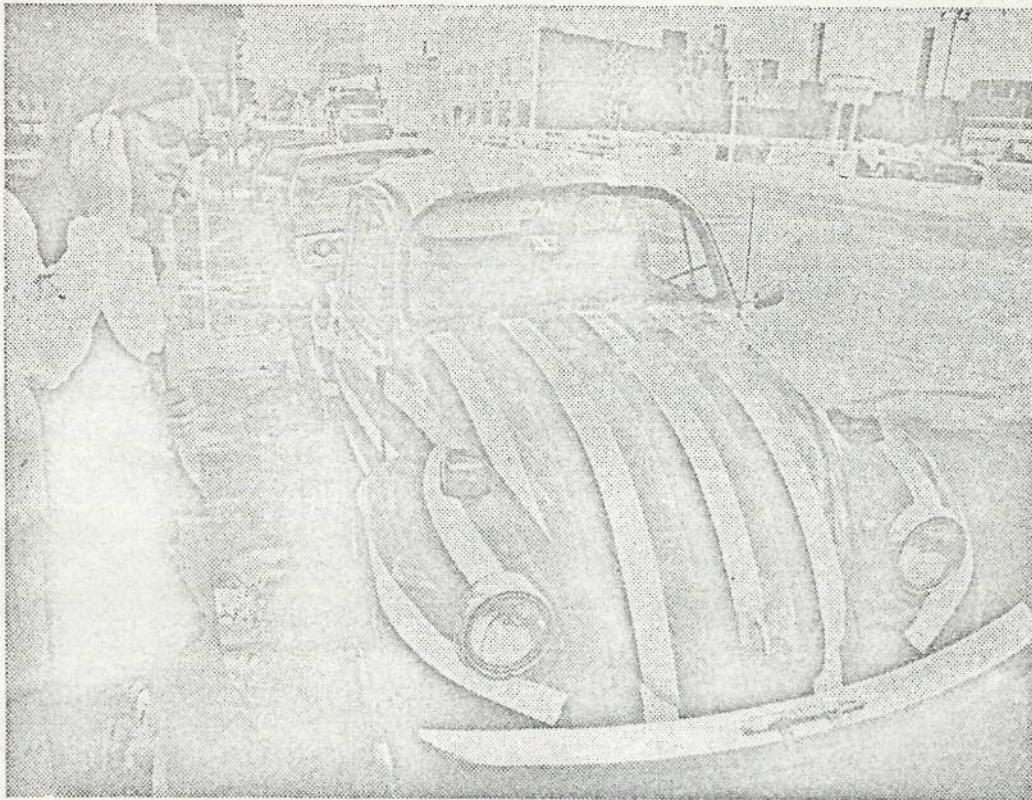
The arrest followed an elaborate series of phone calls lead-

ing the agents to various phone booths in the Toledo and southeast Michigan area Saturday night. The agents reportedly were given instructions at each phone booth and were eventually led to the scene of the arrest, Mr. Fehl said.

According to Mr. Fehl, the investigation of the incident began in March when the company received a letter demanding \$2 million or several foreign and domestic dignitaries would be assassinated as well as several U.S. Supreme Court justices.

The letter was signed "Federation of Angry Small Business Owners" as were others received in setting up the payoff scheme, Mr. Fehl said.

The investigation into the plot continues, but Mr. Fehl added that it appears only one man was involved.



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**STRIPED PAINT JOB DRAWS CURIOUS STARE FROM PASSER-BY**  
*Diane Richards views parked car used in federal investigation*

## Man Arrested On Charge Of Trying To Extort \$2 Million From Exxon

After following an elaborate money exchange trail that began in Toledo Saturday night, FBI agents charged a Michigan man early Sunday with trying to extort \$2 million from the Exxon Chemical Co.

Budimir Damnjanovich, 27, a machinist from Utica, Mich., was to be arraigned today before a U.S. magistrate for violation of the federal extortion statute. He is being held in the Lenawee County Jail, Adrian, Mich.

**Seized In Wooded Area**  
Frederick C. Fehl, special agent in charge of the Cleveland FBI office, said Damnjanovich was arrested about 6 a.m. Sunday in a wooded area near Rochester, Mich., north of De-

troit, by two agents posing as Exxon representatives.

The agents involved in the exchange drove an orange Volkswagen painted with black and white stripes, as the letters to Exxon had instructed, federal officials said.

The car, borrowed from a Cleveland dealer and painted by a local agency at the FBI's request, was to be returned to the dealership today.

It was parked on Speilbusch Avenue near the U.S. Courts and Customs House this morning with a parking ticket on its windshield.

Mr. Fehl said the FBI investigation began in March, when Exxon received a letter at its Des Plaines, Ill., office demanding the money under the threat that prominent foreign and domestic figures would be assassinated.

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# Man Arrested On Charge Of Trying To Extort \$2 Million From Exxon

After following an elaborate money exchange trail that began in Toledo Saturday night, FBI agents charged a Michigan man early Sunday with trying to extort \$2 million from the Exxon Chemical Co.

Budimir Damnjanovich, 27, a machinist from Utica, Mich., was to be arraigned today before a U.S. magistrate for violation of the federal extortion statute. He is being held in the Lenawee County Jail, Adrian, Mich.

## Seized In Wooded Area

Frederick C. Fehl, special agent in charge of the Cleveland FBI office, said Damnjanovich was arrested about 6 a.m. Sunday in a wooded area near Rochester, Mich., north of De-

troit, by two agents posing as Exxon representatives.

The agents involved in the exchange drove an orange Volkswagen painted with black and white stripes, as the letters to Exxon had instructed, federal officials said.

The car, borrowed from a Cleveland dealer and painted by a local agency at the FBI's request, was to be returned to the dealership today.

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The letter blamed high oil prices by U.S. companies for pushing small business owners to the brink of bankruptcy, Mr. Fehl said.

## Ad Put In Paper

Complying with the letter's instructions, Exxon placed an advertisement in a Columbus newspaper with a post office box number for further contacts.

A letter sent to the box in April set the money exchange date for Aug. 31, but that was moved up to Aug. 3 in a later letter, Mr. Fehl said.

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# TODAY

*Popularity a matter of chance*



by **Judy Sammon**

Vic's Lounge at 18235 Euclid Ave. was selling 400 to 700 Ohio lottery tickets a week until **Flo Thomas** hit \$1 million on a ticket purchased there in late February, and **Joe Jonke** won \$30,000 the following week.

Now, **Vic Resmondo**, lounge owner, sells about 2,000 tickets a week.

Resmondo's policy is to split his 1% of the winnings with the barmaid who sold the winning ticket. **Linda Williams** gets \$5,000 for selling Mrs. Thomas the \$1 million ticket. She said that she'll bank it for her son's education. **Marge Silbitzer** gets \$150 for selling Jonke his \$30,000 winning ticket.

Both winners still buy their tickets there.

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Latest fashion fad: If you start finding more Clevelanders wearing bells around their necks, it's because of **Barry Wasserman**, president of Lawrence Halprin & Associates of San Francisco, which is making a \$315,000 study of downtown Cleveland. Wasserman, who dresses casually and wears a small bell on a brass ring around his neck, has begun giving them to Clevelanders as presents. He makes them himself, presumably while he's giving some thought to downtown. Sporting them are **Gwill York**, **Paula Anderson** and **Pearl Jackson** at the Halprin Workshop, among others.

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**NOVA** at Park Centre will hold its first regional invitational painting show tomorrow through May 5 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily and from noon to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Among artists with works on exhibit are: **Dean F. Drahos**, **David Haberman**, **Phyllis Sloane**, **Mark Halsey French**, **Paolo Pelosini**, **Barbara Smukler** and **Richard Treaster**.

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Hats off to Union Commerce Bank which recently installed four adding machines for customers who run out of fingers in calculating their deposits and withdrawals at the main office.

**Maynard Jackson**, the mayor of Atlanta, will be among the special guests at the Saturday salute to Cleveland Indians manager, **Frank Robinson** and home run king, **Hank Aaron**, at the Palace Theater. Baseball's glittering evening, featuring dinner and dancing, is being sponsored by the Prince Hall Masons. Caterer **Paul Hamm** is consulting with **Rowena Gordon** of the mayor's staff, **Mrs. Ted Bonda**, **Mrs. Robert Bingham** and **Cheryl Wills**, among others, on the repeat.

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Name drops: **Phil Lobel** of Beachwood, who graduates from the University of Hawaii next month, has been awarded a fellowship to Harvard University to pursue research work in science. His mother, **Joan Lobel**, also is a science teacher . . . **Frank Arnold** of Oxford Press sails on Queen Elizabeth II next month for England and a few weeks of antique hunting . . . **Beth Bussey**, the first woman to fight a man in Madison Square Garden, will demonstrate her karate expertise at the Oriental World of Self-Defense Show April 25 at 8 p.m. at the Coliseum.

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**Helen Shapiro**, administrator of Circle of Homes, supported by the Parent Volunteer Association, is initiating a program of services in the community for retarded old persons. . . If you know of a retarded person older than 50 years in need of help, call the Senior Information Center at 1005 Huron Rd. SE. Mrs. Shapiro will participate in the Gerontological Aspect of Mental Retardation Consultation Conference this week at the University of Michigan, where programs for the retarded old will be considered on national, state and local levels.

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What's this! The FBI's expert on lock picking, agent **James Manning**, was called to the U.S. attorney's office here recently to pick the lock on a file cabinet. Someone lost the key. How good are FBI lock pickers? It took Manning about a half hour to do the job.

On November 7, 1974, Special Agent James M. Manning of the Cleveland, Ohio, Office was photographed with FBI Director Clarence M. Kelley at FBI Headquarters in Washington, D. C. Mr. Manning is attending In-Service Class at Quantico, Virginia.



To James M. Manning  
Best wishes

Clarence M. Kelley 11-7-74

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# Memorandum

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TO : Mr. Walsh

DATE: 11/6/74

FROM : R. G. Hunsinger <sup>RGH</sup>

SUBJECT: SAA JAMES M. MANNING

Relief Supervisor - Technical Services Coordinator  
 Cleveland Office  
 EOD 8/7/67; GS-12, \$20,308  
 Age 32; Married, 4 Children

SA Manning is attending Accounting In-Service #2 from 11/4-15/74. The following is a summary of his record for the Director's use.

He entered on duty 8/7/67 and was assigned to the Tampa Office. On 1/3/69 he reported to the Cleveland Office where he is presently assigned and is in Grade GS-12, at \$20,308 per annum.

During his Bureau career he has been COMMENDED on seven occasions and has received two INCENTIVE AWARDS the last on 4/13/73 in the amount of \$150 for his exemplary efforts relating to the investigation of Joseph Anthony Bardinello and others, subjects of an Illegal Gambling Business case. He has not been CENSURED during his career.

On 3/31/74 he was rated EXCELLENT with comments that he had demonstrated a complete willingness and ability to handle any type of assignment he was given and had been called upon to do a multitude of assignments in which he had displayed an energetic attitude and a devotion to duty. He was interested in, completely available for, and was considered to have excellent qualifications for administrative advancement and capable of handling the most complicated matters with minimum supervision.

He is in his only office of preference, Cleveland.

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ACCOUNTING II IN-SERVICE #3  
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| <u>NAME</u>            | <u>OFFICE</u>         |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Benedictis, John G.    | Baltimore             |
| Blassingame, Royal L.  | Tampa                 |
| Dzierzanowski, C. F.   | New York              |
| Flynn, John J., Jr.    | Los Angeles           |
| Fowler, Cleo L.        | Oklahoma City         |
| Golden, John J.        | Chicago               |
| Greb, Phillip A.       | San Antonio           |
| Homesley, Ray          | Kansas City           |
| Horan, Robert D.       | Philadelphia          |
| Hughes, Josiah L.      | St. Louis             |
| Kolb, Gerald H.        | New York              |
| Landsgaard, William O. | Jacksonville          |
| Manning, James M.      | Cleveland             |
| McGaulley, James H.    | Philadelphia          |
| Owens, Don G.          | Newark                |
| Page, Ronald E.        | Philadelphia          |
| Pringle, John          | General Investigative |
| Reese, Merrill F.      | Butte                 |
| Risdon, John F.        | Buffalo               |
| Russell, John F., Jr.  | General Investigative |
| Simmons, William B.    | Columbia              |
| Spooner, Walter R.     | Louisville            |
| Steging, Larry J.      | Dallas                |
| Thomas, Charles, Jr.   | Las Vegas             |
| Tuggey, Eugene I.      | Los Angeles           |
| Ungermann, Charles M.  | Albany                |
| Wertman, Robert L.     | Anchorage             |
| Woodall, Joseph T.     | San Juan              |
| TOTAL                  | <u>28</u>             |

SAC, Cleveland

11/20/74

Director, FBI

**James M. Manning**  
SPECIAL AGENT

The above-captioned Special Agent attended the following training course(s) during the period 11/4 - 15/74 :

In-Service:

Accounting II In-Service #3

Specialized Training:

The firearms scores should be entered on the individual field firearms training record (FD-40). The following grades were attained:

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|--------------------------|--------------|
| Tactical Revolver Course | _____        |
| Close Combat Course      | _____        |
| Shotgun Course #2        | <u>13/25</u> |
| Rifle Course             | <u>97</u>    |

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- ROW 2: Long, Richard E.; Pringle, John D.; Ryan, John L.; Landsgaard, William O.; Spooner, Walter R.; Flynn, John J., Jr.; Greb, Phillip A.; McGauley, James H.
- ROW 3: Colvin, Bill D.; Kolb, Gerald H.; Risdon, John F.; Page, Ronald E.; Simmons, William B.; Hughes, Josiah L.; Thomas, Charles, Jr.; Homesley, Ray
- ROW 4: Russell, John F., Jr.; Dzierzanowski, C. F.; Woodall, Joseph T.; Wertman, Robert L.; Steging, Larry J.; Benedictis, John G.; Manning, James M.