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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK, NEW YORK**

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 3/21/44	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/23, 25, 29; 3/1, 7, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17/44	REPORT MADE BY EDWARD C. SWERNEY
TITLE OSCAR FLAGLER HOWELL with aliases Slim, Oscar F. Howell; GEORGE MILTON WARREN			CHARACTER OF CASE THEFT OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subjects, employed by the **INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORPORATION**, Poughkeepsie, New York, advise in signed statements that they carried away from the above company, which employees make parts and assemble carbine rifles for the United States Army, miscellaneous parts, some of which they had assembled into carbines at the home of subject **WARREN**. Subject **HOWELL** surrendered one assembled carbine and 38 clips of ammunition containing about 15 rounds each. Search of subject **WARREN'S** car and room disclosed ten assembled carbines and numerous parts and ammunition. Company officials value material at approximately \$947. Detailed list set out. Assistant United States Attorney, Southern District of New York, **THOMAS MURPHY**, authorized prosecution and subjects arrested and warrants issued by United States Commissioner **GARRETT W. COTTER** on March 10, 1944, charging subjects with violation of Title 18, Section 82, United States Code. Subjects arraigned before United States Commissioner **COTTER** and held for final hearing on March 27, 1944. Bail set at \$2,000 each.

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DETAILS: AT POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK:

This investigation is predicated upon information received from Confidential Source A to the effect that subject **HOWELL** was in possession of a carbine which was being manufactured for the United States Army by the **INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORPORATION**, Poughkeepsie, New York.

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AT STEWART FIELD, NEW YORK:

Sergeant THOMAS SPROWLS
320th School Squadron
Stewart Field, New York

Sergeant SPROWLS can testify that he met subject HOWELL, whom he knew originally as Slim, through Mr. JOHNSON, 102 Clifton Avenue, Kingston, New York, that they had met on at least three week-ends and that subject HOWELL told Sergeant SPROWLS that he could secure for him a new carbine rifle in exchange for certain favors from the Sergeant. It is to be noted that Sergeant SPROWLS is a champion skeet shooter, is interested in guns, teaches the West Point Cadets shooting and is in a good position to acquire ammunition for the Army carbine rifle. Sergeant SPROWLS can also testify that subject HOWELL told him that he had a dozen carbines in a chest about 52 miles south of Poughkeepsie, New York. Sergeant SPROWLS can testify that on Sunday afternoon, February 21, 1944, he, accompanied by subject HOWELL, went to a spot outside of Kingston, New York, where both men fired the carbine rifle in subject HOWELL'S possession, at which time Sergeant SPROWLS noticed the letters J.L.B. on the stock of this carbine.

Special Agent EDWARD C. SWEENEY
Federal Bureau of Investigation
New York, New York

Agent SWEENEY can testify that on March 10, 1944 he, accompanied by Sergeant WILLIAM HANLEY, Bureau of Criminal Investigation, New York State Police, talked with subject HOWELL at the Resident Agency located in Poughkeepsie, New York, that subject HOWELL admitted having in his possession a carbine, the parts for which he had taken from the INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES COMPANY, Poughkeepsie, New York, and had assembled, that he, along with subject WARREN, had for the past three to five months been taking parts from the IBM CORPORATION, had been assembling these parts into guns at the room of subject WARREN located in Kentcliffs, New York.

The reason given by subject HOWELL for the theft of these parts was that he had been fired about a year and a half ago by the IBM CORPORATION and then reinstated and that he thought he was getting even with the company by stealing these parts. Subject HOWELL

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stated that they had concealed various parts of the gun on their person and had walked out of the plant with them. HOWELL voluntarily drove his automobile from Poughkeepsie, New York, to the New York State Police Barracks located about six miles south of Poughkeepsie, and took from his car a large wooden box, in which was an Army carbine and 38 clips of carbine ammunition containing approximately fifteen rounds of ammunition in each.

The following signed statement was taken from subject HOWELL at the New York State Police Barracks, East Fishkill, New York, and is being retained in the files of the New York Field Office.

"3-10-44

E. Fishkill, N. Y.

"I make the following statement voluntarily to Special Agent EDWARD C. SWEENEY of the F.B.I. who has identified himself to me. No threats or promises have been made to me and I know anything I say may be used against me in a Court of Law.

"My name is OSCAR FLAGLER HOWELL. I was born March 12, 1918 in Waterbury, Connecticut, but have lived most of my life in Poughkeepsie, New York.

"I started worked at the IBM COMPANY, South Road, Poughkeepsie, New York, about the middle of November, 1941 and worked there for about eight months. I was fired and was reinstated on May 31, 1943 and have been working there since on various jobs in the plant.

"I became acquainted with another employee there by the name of GEORGE WARREN. I don't know who suggested it or how we got started, but we began taking parts out of the plant and assembling them into complete guns. This started to the best of my recollection about four months ago. I carried one complete gun in the car, that is, my automobile with me, and the others, of which there are about twelve and numerous parts, are kept in a trunk at the home of GEORGE WARREN at Kentoliffa, New York.

"The reason I took the parts out of the IBM COMPANY plant was because I was sore at the company and wanted to get even with them. I am a good American and would not want to do anything to hurt

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my country. I knew that these parts I was taking belonged to the company and that I had no right to take them.

"I have read the above statement consisting of two pages and it is true to the best of my knowledge.

/s/ OSCAR F. HOWELL

WITNESSED:

EDWARD C. SWEENEY, FBI, NYC.

Sergeant W. F. HANLEY, N. Y. State Police.

"I have also voluntarily surrendered to Agent SWEENEY the gun and clips of ammunition about 38 in number, which were in my possession.

/s/ OSCAR F. HOWELL"

Agent SWEENEY can testify that subject WARREN was taken from the IRE COMPANY where he was working and brought to the New York State Police Barracks at East Fishkill where he was questioned regarding his knowledge of the theft as indicated by subject HOWELL. Mr. WARREN denied all such charges but finally admitted that he had taken parts from the plant. He said that HOWELL had said to him about four months ago that he would like to have a gun and since WARREN wanted one also they were working together and taking parts from the plant. WARREN stated that HOWELL had handed the parts to him and told him to hold these parts for subject HOWELL.

At first subject WARREN stated that he had no part in assembling the guns but later admitted that he might have helped HOWELL assemble a few of them. He stated that HOWELL asked him if he could use the trunk in WARREN'S room to store the parts and that this was agreeable to WARREN. He was unable to advise as to how many parts and guns were in this trunk at his room in Kentcliffs but executed to the writer the following which is being retained in the files of the New York Field Office.

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E. Fishkill, N. Y.

"I hereby give Special Agent EDWARD C. SWEENEY of the FBI and Sergeant WILLIAM HANLEY of the New York State Police permission to search my room located in the home of Mrs. COLE, Kentcliffs, New York, and take any goods therein. I give this permission voluntarily.

/s/ GEORGE M. WARREN

WITNESSED:

EDWARD C. SWEENEY, F. B. I."

Prior to proceeding to the home of subject WARREN at Kentcliffs, New York, the writer, accompanied by the two subjects, by Sergeant HANLEY, Trooper EDWARD McMANUS, and First Lieutenant TURNER B. WILLIAMS, United States Army, proceeded to the parking grounds of the IBM COMPANY where the automobile of Mr. WARREN was searched wherein it was found that the following were concealed:

- 3 barrels and receiver assemblies
- 7 bolt assemblies
- 3 clips with approximately 30 rounds of carbine ammunition
- 1 trigger housing assembly
- 1 wooden hand guard
- 3 rear sight assemblies

AT KENTCLIFFS, NEW YORK:

The reporting Agent, accompanied by Sergeant HANLEY and subject WARREN, searched his room at Kentcliffs and found in the lower panel of a large storage trunk ten assembled carbines and miscellaneous parts. This material was taken along with subjects to the Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation where an inventory was taken of the entire parts and guns in the possession of WARREN which inventory is as follows:

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					Serial No.	
1-	.30	Caliber,	Model	M-1	Carbine	3821916
1-	"	"	"	"	"	3357435
1-	"	"	"	"	"	3875642
1-	"	"	"	"	"	3835743
1-	"	"	"	"	"	3787758
1-	"	"	"	"	"	No serial number
1-	"	"	"	"	"	"
1-	"	"	"	"	"	"
1-	"	"	"	"	"	"
1-	"	"	"	"	"	"

- 4 Wooden stock assemblies.
- 28 Clips, approximately 15 rounds of ammunition in each clip.
- 1 Barrel and receiver assembly.
- 22 Wooden hand guards
- 1 Head space reaming rod, marked "U. S. 912"
- 1 Bag of 13 hand guard liners.
- 1 Bag of 8 front locking bands.
- 1 Bag of 16 front sights.
- 1 Bag of 11 recoil plates
- 3 Trigger housing assemblies.
- 1 Bag of 11 hammers.
- 1 Bag of piston and nuts.
- 1 Receiver Body
- 1 Bag of 16 Triggers
- 1 Bag of 16 Bolt assemblies.
- 1 Bag of 20 rear sights.
- 1 Bag of Hammer spring guides.
- 1 Bag of recoil plate screws.
- 1 Bag of front sight pins.
- 1 Bag of front locking springs.
- 1 Bag of hammer guide springs.
- 1 Bag of 41 front sight keys.
- 1 Bag of safeties.
- 1 Bag of operating slide springs.
- 1 Bag of 4 Butt plates and screws.
- 1 Bag of 13 screws.
- 1 Glass jar containing extractor.
- 1 Glass jar containing miscellaneous small parts.
- 1 Jar containing miscellaneous springs.
- 1 Bag containing 8 firing pins.
- 1 Bag containing 6 operating slides.

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- 1 Bag containing miscellaneous screws and pins.
- 1 Bag containing 4 plugs.
- 1 Bag containing 8 operating slides spring guides.
- 1 Bag containing 27 excutcheons.
- 1 Bag of 22 oilers.
- 1 Box containing yellow tags, hammer pins, and other small parts.
- 1 Recoil plate screw.
- 1 Bag of 11 firing pins.
- 1 Technical bulletin #23-7-1.

Taken from the car of OSCAR HOWELL on this date, 3/10/44:

- 1-.30 Caliber, Model M-1 Carbine.
- 38 Clips loaded with approximately 15 rounds of .30 Caliber Carbine ammunition (15 rounds to a clip).

Taken from the Buick Sedan this date, 3/10/44, owned by GEORGE WARREN:

- 3 Barrels and receiver assembly. Serial numbers as follows:
 - No. 1- 3923104
 - No. 2- 3929125
 - No. 3- 3923069

- 7 "bolt" assemblies.
 - 3 Clips with approximately 30 rounds of Carbine ammunition.
 - 1 Trigger housing assembly.
 - 1 Wooden hand guard.
 - 3 Rear sight assemblies.
- (The above parts are for .30 Caliber Carbine M-1.)

The above inventory list of miscellaneous parts, semi-completed carbines, and completed Carbines represents all of the materials taken from the International I.B.M. Plant, South Road, Poughkeepsie, New York.

While at the New York Field Office, GEORGE WARREN executed the following signed statement which is being retained in the files of the New York Field Office:

March 10, 1944
New York, N. Y.

"I make the following statement voluntarily to Special Agent EDWARD C. SWEENEY, who has identified himself to me as such. No threats or promises have been made to me and I know that anything I say may be used against me in a court of law.

"My name is GEORGE MILTON WARREN, I reside in Kent Cliffs, N. Y. and was born in East Fishkill, N. Y. on August 11, 1892. On January 5, 1942 I started working at what is now known as the I.B.M. Corp. on the South Rd., P'keepsie, N. Y. as a stock chaser and have been so employed at that plant since.

"I first met OSCAR HOWELL in the early part of 1942 when we both worked together at that plant.

"Sometime before Xmas of 1943, I do not remember the exact date, HOWELL asked me to help him get a gun. We were at that time manufacturing Carbines for the U. S. Army. I thought that it would be a good thing for myself to have one of these guns too, so I agreed to help him. He would come to me and say that he needed this part or that part or bring me parts to take out of the plant and I would do it. If he told me that he needed a certain part I would get it and take it out. I would take these parts to my boarding house in Kent Cliffs and put them in the bottom of a trunk that I had there. HOWELL also had a key for this trunk. I am not sure of how many guns or carbines as they are known that we had taken out but I took out all the stocks for whatever guns we have.

"I realize that these parts were not mine and that I had no right to take them, and that these guns were being manufactured for the United States Government.

"I have read the above statement consisting of one page and it is true to the best of my knowledge.

SIGNED - GEORGE M. WARREN

WITNESSED

1. EDWARD C. SWEENEY - F.B.I.
2. Sgt. W. F. HANLEY N. Y. S. Police."

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The property recovered has been properly marked and identified and is being retained in the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Sergeant WILLIAM F. HANLEY
BCI
New York State Police
East Fishkill Barracks
New York

Sergeant HANLEY can testify to the questioning of subject HOWELL and WARREN, the witnessing of the statements and the recovery of the property.

Trooper EDWARD McMANUS
New York State Police
East Fishkill, New York

Trooper McMANUS can testify to the questioning of subject HOWELL at the State Police Barracks as well as the questioning of subject WARREN, and execution of the signed statements, and the recovery of the property.

First Lieutenant TURNER B. WILLIAMS
Intelligence Unit
Military Police
Stationed at Poughkeepsie, New York

Lieutenant WILLIAMS can testify substantially the same as Trooper McMANUS as noted above.

DETAILS AT KINGSTON, NEW YORK:

Mrs. ANNA JOHNSON
102 Clifton Avenue
Kingston, New York

Mrs. JOHNSON can testify that her husband who has been inducted into the United States Army was friendly with subject HOWELL

that he, some two years ago, boarded at their home during the time that he was fired from the IBM Corporation and before his reinstatement at this company, that he was a frequent visitor at the plant and that on March 4, 1944 subject HOWELL purchased some lumber in Kingston, New York, in which to put his so-called collection of guns, that she saw in his possession three guns, one of which was a shotgun and is still at the JOHNSON home, the second gun a small rifle, which had a hole in the stock and which Mrs. JOHNSON says is a carbine which she recognized as being a carbine from pictures of carbine rifles in magazines. Mrs. JOHNSON can also testify that subject HOWELL made the statements that he was going in the gun business after the war and said that he was going to build a wooden case lined with some green cloth to exhibit his guns.

Mr. JOHN JOHNSON, SR.
102 Clifton Avenue
Kingston, New York

Mr. JOHNSON can testify as to the building of the gun case by subject HOWELL and also that he saw the gun described by Mrs. ANNA JOHNSON as an Army carbine. He is the father-in-law of Mrs. ANNA JOHNSON.

Mr. OSCAR WRIGHT
Carmel, New York

Mr. OSCAR WRIGHT can testify that as a rider sharing his car and the car of subject WARREN on their trips to and from the plant, that on Tuesday night March 7, 1944, WARREN took a part from his pocket, showed it to Mr. WRIGHT and said that it was the new gun sight for the carbine. Mr. WRIGHT did not report this to the company.

Miss CATHERINE SEMACK
Wappingers Falls, New York

Miss SEMACK also a rider in the car of subject WARREN advised that she also had been shown the part which subject WARREN had described or had told the occupants of his car on March 7, 1944 was the new gunsight for the Army carbine.

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JOHN ARENA
Ravin Hill Park
Carmel, New York

Mr. ARENA, who is a rider in the car of GEORGE WARREN, can testify that he also was shown the gun part by subject WARREN and also that a couple of months ago he was asked by WARREN if he wanted a carbine which he told WARREN that he would wait until they were sold commercially. Mr. ARENA can testify that at that time subject WARREN mentioned to him that he would carry them out piece by piece, referring to the parts for the carbine. Mr. ARENA also indicated that subject WARREN was very friendly with MORT SEYMOUR, town officer, Carmel, New York, and believed that possibly SEYMOUR might have one of these carbines.

Mr. DAUSE BIBBEY
Poughkeepsie, New York

Mr. BIBBEY, who is the resident manager of the IBM Plant, Poughkeepsie, New York, can testify that there are 63 parts contained in the carbine rifles known as the M-1, that the barrel and receiver are manufactured by the IBM Company and the other parts are shipped in to this plant, that the guns are assembled, test fired, approved by the resident Government Inspector, and shipped to various Army depots throughout the United States Army; also, that some spare parts are also packed individually after inspection and sent separately from the assembled guns. It is to be noted that some of the parts in the possession or found in the trunk of subject WARREN were these spare parts.

Mr. BIBBEY can also testify that each part of the gun can be identified as coming from the IBM Company since the serial number or the part number is followed by the letter B stamped on the part, or the letters IBM stamped thereon. Mr. BIBBEY can also testify that all the stocks taken from the IBM Company would bear the following initials stamped in large letters on the stocks, that is the stocks would bear one of the following sets of letters:

JLB
SCB
LUB
RRB
ROCKOLA B

Mr. BIBBEY can also testify that these carbines are being manufactured for the United States Army under contract number W740-Ordnance-3390 and that this contract has run from approximately the summer of 1943 until April 30, 1944. Mr. BIBBEY can also testify that approximately 30% of the total contract price has been advanced to the IBM Company by the United States Government.

Mr. L. O. BROWN
Poughkeepsie, New York

Mr. BROWN who was purchasing agent at the IBM Corporation, Poughkeepsie, New York, can testify that the parts which were taken from the plant by the subjects were valued at approximately \$947. Mr. BROWN pointed out that prior to December 31, 1943 the value of the carbine assembled was \$54.49 cost price to the United States Government and after this date, the price was reduced to \$42. It is to be noted that in arriving at the figure of \$947, Mr. BROWN considered six of the assembled guns at \$54.49 and five of the assembled guns at \$42. It is to be noted that the list of parts upon which Mr. BROWN figured his estimate of \$947 is being maintained in the files of this case at the New York Field Office.

On March 10, 1944 the facts of the instant case as related to the writer by subject HOWELL were discussed telephonically with Assistant United States Attorney THOMAS MURPHY, Southern District of New York, who advised he would authorize prosecution on both HOWELL and WARREN. Accordingly, Special Agent WILLIAM H. GRAY signed a complaint before United States Commissioner GARRETT W. COTTER charging the subjects with violation of Title 18, Section 82, United States Code, to the effect that on or about the first day of February, 1944 the subjects did unlawfully, wilfully and knowingly steal, take and carry away for their own use thirteen rifles which were there being made, manufactured and constructed under contract between the Government of the United States and the IBM Company of Poughkeepsie.

True copies of the complaint and warrant are being retained in the files of the New York Office.

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On March 11, 1944 Special Agent WILLIAM J. BURKE re-
moved the subjects from the Federal House of Detention where they
were arraigned before United States Commissioner GARRETT W. COTTER
at 1:30 p.m.

Present at the hearing was Assistant United States
Attorney JOSEPH BRANDWEN, Southern District of New York, who requested
\$3,000 bail. Since the subjects were not represented by counsel,
the Commissioner held the subjects under \$2,000 bail each until the
final hearing on March 27, 1944 at 2:00 a.m. and remanded them to the
custody of the United States Marshall.

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It was learned from Miss GRACE BARCIA, Highland, New
York, who is a beauty parlor operator in Poughkeepsie, New York, that
a woman named AVA KIMBALL, who resides in Kentoliff's, New York, was
very friendly with subject WARREN, that Miss BARCIA had learned from
Miss KIMBALL that she had been back and forth from Germany 36 times in
the last twelve years, that Miss KIMBALL had studied chemistry in
Germany and was supposed to have an estate located in Kentoliff's. Miss
BARCIA believed that possibly this woman might be engaged in activities
detrimental to the best interests of the United States and that subject
WARREN might possibly have passed on information to her regarding the
M-1 carbine.

Mrs. VIVIAN HOFF
451 Albany Avenue
Kingston, New York

Mrs. VIVIEN HOFF advised the writer that she had met subject HOWELL while working at the IBM Company, had gone out with him on several occasions but had no definite information, regarding the theft of any of the parts from the IBM Company.

It was learned from Mr. FRANCIS DU BOIS, Chief of the Guards at the IBM Plant, that the Buick dealer in Poughkeepsie whose name was (phonetic) HARTSCHON had told him that he had seen parts at different times in subject WARREN'S car. Mr. DU BOIS also stated that another employee, SARA LOUISE CRONE, had told him that she had ridden with WARREN and had seen a trigger housing assembly which is part of the carbine in the glove compartment of the car and that WARREN had told her he was experimenting with this part.

The following persons were also questioned with negative results concerning the activities of the subjects. All are employees at the IBM Company.

CHARLES CAMPION
WILLIAM JORDAN
JACK HAMM
WALTER LANDRY
HENRY SWIFT
CHARLES ALBRECHT
HARRY AHLBERG
CARL CHARTER

It was also learned from Mr. DU BOIS that a Mrs. JEANNETTE LOREY, Danbury Brewster Road, Brewster, New York, c/o Mr. EASTWOOD, had called at the plant in an effort to pick up subject WARREN'S pay check, indicating to Chief DU BOIS that she was friendly with subject and that in a message she had received from him he had indicated that he was in trouble because he had allowed subject HOWELL to store some material in his room.

Chief DU BOIS also indicated that subject HOWELL had purchased a total of \$85 worth of tools from the IBM Corporation. Chief DU BOIS furnished to the writer a list of parts which subject HOWELL purchased and which list is being retained in the files of the New York Field Office.

At the INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES COMPANY PLANT, South Road, Poughkeepsie, New York, it was learned from the personnel record of HOWELL that his full name was OSCAR FLAGLER HOWELL, residing at 532 Main Street, c/o OTT BOOTH HOSE COMPANY, that he was born on March 12, 1918 at Waterbury, Connecticut, that he was divorced, and that his wife had custody of their son and only child. The records also described that his father's name was HARRY, 37 Jefferson Street, and his mother's name was KATHERINE, who is presently divorced from her husband and is a Sergeant in the Women's Army Corps. He has one married sister, Mrs. JOHN FARLEY, residing at the corner of Washington and Parker Avenues, Poughkeepsie, New York, that he was registered under Selective Service In Training Act with Local Board 318, County Court House, Poughkeepsie, New York, Order No. 1042, was classified 4-F. Subject had three years of high school.

His previous employment was listed with the FREDERICK HART COMPANY, Poughkeepsie, New York, from January, 1936 to February, 1939, and also at the DE LAVAL COMPANY, Poughkeepsie, no dates given. His Social Security Number was 073-01-0832. The records disclosed that he was originally employed at the IBM sometime in November, 1941, was discharged in July, 1942 and rehired in May of 1943, that he had worked on milling machines, bench work and at polishing and buffing work.

The description of the subject is as follows:

Height:	6' 4"
Weight:	171 pounds
Hair:	Brown, bushy and untrimmed
Scars:	Over the left eye, high in the forehead; jagged scar on the left wrist.
Peculiarities:	Receding Chin

It was ascertained from the employment records at the IBM that GEORGE MILTON WARREN was born on August 11, 1892 at Beacon, New York, that he resided in Kentcliffs, New York, was single and that he was a widower.

He has one brother, C. WARREN, who is the Justice of the Peace at Fishkill, New York, one sister who is married to HARRY LANE, Jersey City, New Jersey.

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His employment record reflected that he had three years in high school, had been a member of the National Guard in New Jersey. His employment record is as follows:

From 1907 to 1911 - PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD at Jersey City.

From 1911 to 1912 - FORT PLUMBING COMPANY, Jersey City.

From 1912 to 1916 - L. NIXON COMPANY, pipefitter, Jersey City.

From 1916 to 1923 - A. WARNER LUMBER COMPANY as superintendent.

From 1923 to 1936 - working for himself as a contractor and real estate broker.

From 1936 to 1940 - CHINA LAKE CORPORATION, contractor, Carmel, New York.

From 1940 to 1942 - FRAZIER DAVIS COMPANY, St. Louis, Missouri, as a contractor.

From January 6, 1942 to date - IBM COMPANY as a stock chaser.

A description of the subject is as follows:

Height:	5' 7"
Weight:	179 pounds
Eyes:	Brown
Hair:	Mixed grey
Peculiarities:	Stoop shoulders, small moustache and rimless glasses.

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THE NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

AT POUCHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK

Will contact the HARTSCHON (phonetic) BUICK COMPANY relative to information in their possession regarding seeing gun parts in subject WARREN'S automobile.

At the IBM COMPANY, South Road, will interview SARA LOUISE CRONK and ascertain from her details surrounding her observance of the trigger housing assembly in the glove compartment of subject's car.

AT BREWSTER, NEW YORK

Will contact JEANNETTE LOREY relative to her knowledge of subject WARREN'S activities at the IBM COMPANY and her knowledge of any guns or specifically Army carbines in his possession.

AT KENTCLIFFS, NEW YORK

Will make a general background investigation on AVA KIMBALL.

AT CARMEL, NEW YORK

Will interview Town Officer MORT SEYMOUR relative to his knowledge of subject WARREN'S activities and possession of carbine rifles.

AT NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.

Will set out criminal report as received from the Bureau and will follow prosecutive action.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Information indicates parts of M I Carbine seen in both subjects' cars. No previous criminal record, on either subject. Assistant U.S. Attorney JOSEPH BRANDWEN, S.D.N.Y. advised case will be presented to Grand Jury during month of June, 1944.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent Edward C. Sweeney dated March 21, 1944 at New York, New York.

DETAILS:

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SARAH LOUISE CRONK
Olmstead Hall
Poughkeepsie, New York

MISS CRONK advised the writer that about four months ago subject HOWELL had driven her from the plant to Poughkeepsie. At that time he had told her about a ring he was buying for his girl and said he kept it in the glove compartment of the car. MISS CRONK stated she opened the glove compartment to look for the ring and in there was a trigger assembly of the M I Carbine. When she mentioned that to the subject he said it was a salvage part and would not pass inspection.

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MR. GEORGE HARTSHORN
Mill Street
Poughkeepsie, New York

MR. HARTSHORN, who is a Buick dealer, advised that subject WARREN frequently had his car lubricated, repaired and stored in his garage. HARTSHORN stated that the subject WARREN was inclined to be a bragger and intimated that he was a stock expediter, would pull various parts from his pocket and show them to the informant, saying they were parts that were being made at the International Business Machines plant.

BOB ROSE
HARTSHORN'S Garage
Mill Street
Poughkeepsie, New York

MR. ROSE, who is foreman of the mechanics at HARTSHORN'S Garage, stated that the subject would frequently show him parts which he would say they were working on at the I.B.M. plant. ROSE advised that he had never seen any of the assembled guns but stated that he knew that the subject was crazy about all kinds of guns.

PROSECUTIVE STEPS

The writer contacted Assistant United States Attorney JOSEPH BRANDWEN, Southern District of New York, who advised that he had postponed the final hearing on the subjects and that he would present the case to the Grand Jury sometime during the month of June, 1944.

CRIMINAL RECORD

A copy of the criminal record on both subjects obtained from the Bureau, failed to reflect any previous arrests or convictions on the part of either of the subjects.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION
At New York, New York

Will report the prosecutive action taken against the subjects.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK, NEW YORK**

NY FILE NO. **52-210**

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 10/6/44	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6/22; 10/4/44	REPORT MADE BY EDWARD C. SWEENEY
TITLE OSCAR FLAGLER HOWELL, with aliases; GEORGE MILTON WARREN			CHARACTER OF CASE THEFT OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subjects indicted by Grand Jury, SDNY. Subject HOWELL pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge, Hon. FRANCIS G. CAFFEY. Sentence postponed. Subject WARREN pleaded innocent. Trial to be held sometime during the month of October.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent Edward C. Sweeney, New York City, May 29, 1944.

DETAILS:

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PROSECUTIVE STEPS

The writer appeared before the Federal Grand Jury to whom the facts of the instant case were presented. Subsequently, the Grand Jury issued a true bill charging the subjects with violation of Title 18, Section 82, United States Code.

On June 27, 1944 Subject HOWELL pleaded guilty before the United States District Judge, the Honorable FRANCIS G. CAFFEY, Southern District of New York, and his sentence was postponed.

Subject WARREN pleaded innocent before Judge CAFFEY and his trial was set down for July 10, 1944. However, information received from the Assistant United States Attorney, JOSEPH BRAUNEN, Southern District of New York, indicated that this

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trial had been postponed and that as near as could be ascertained that time the trial would take place sometime during the month of October 1944.

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UNDEVELOPED LEAD

NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION:

At New York, New York -

Will report the prosecutive action taken against Subject WARREN and report the sentencing of Subject Howell.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK, NEW YORK**

NY FILE NO. **52-1500**

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 12/12/44	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/2,9/44	REPORT MADE BY WILLIAM C. LEONARD
TITLE OSCAR FLAGLER HOWELL, with aliases: Slin, Oscar F. Howell; GEORGE MILTON WARREN			CHARACTER OF CASE THEFT OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject **GEORGE WARREN** sentenced to six months' imprisonment, 11/30/44 and subject **HOWELL** given six months' suspended sentence, with one year's probation, 12/4/44. Disposition sheets submitted.

*2 cases
6 months
6 months
probation*

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent Edward C. Sweeney, dated October 6, 1944 at New York, New York.

DETAILS:

A check of Docket C-117-382 in the Criminal Division, Southern District of New York, revealed that subject **GEORGE WARREN** was sentenced to six months in an institution to be designated by the Attorney General, on November 30, 1944, by Judge Vincent L. Leibell. It will be noted that subject **WARREN** pled guilty on November 22, 1944.

On December 4, 1944 subject **OSCAR HOWELL** appeared before Judge Edward A. Conger and was given a six months' suspended sentence and placed on probation for one year. A disposition sheet on each subject is being submitted to the Bureau with this report.

ENCLOSURES FOR THE BUREAU (2)

1 disposition sheet on subject **OSCAR FLAGLER HOWELL** and subject **GEORGE MILTON WARREN**.

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