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Reports of SA EDWIN BROWN dated 5/4/61, 6/21/61 and 8/31/61 at Little Rock.
Little Rock letter to New Orleans dated 10/31/61.
Report of IC CHARLES W. DENNY dated 4/7/61 at St. Louis.

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INFORMANT COVERAGE:

T-1 is K. BARNEY LEVINEA PCI of the Little Rock Office.
T-2 is Little Rock 483-C whose identify is known to
the Bureau
T-3 is LRt474-C (RAC) whose identity is known to
the Bureau.
T-4 is Thoroughbred Racing Protective Bureau,
New York City.
T-5 is LR452-C whose identity is known to the Bureau.

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T-6 is MAX GRANOFF, Onwer-operator of Granoff's restaurant, 10th and Main Streets, Little Rock, Arkansas.

T-7 is LR 545-C whose identity is known to the Bureau.

T-8 is LR 481-C whose identity is known to the Bureau

T-9 is HAROLD FRED DUNAWAY is a PCI of the Little Rock Division.

T-10 is former LR 542-C whose identity is known to the Bureau.

T-11 is T. B. SAVIN, Little Rock Manager of Dun and Bradstreet, Inc.

T-12 is JUNE LYTLE a PCI of the Little Rock Division.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

This report reflects a review and consolidation of existing information concerning SLOAN FREDERICK BENNETT incorporating pertinent information into one report. Information attributed to informants and prior to the start of IGA investigation is set out in the report without the use of FD-302's. Future information concerning subject's activities obtained from informants will be incorporated in FD-302's.

FERRIS MIDDLETON, Assistant Cashier, Union National Bank, Little Rock, furnished information on a confidential basis from records of the Union National Bank as set forth in this report.

HOWARD CRUCE, Cashier, First National Bank, Little Rock, furnished information on a confidential basis from records of the First National Bank as set forth in this report.

LEADS:

NEW ORLEANS DIVISION

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, will attempt to develop through known sources, information indicating whether or not SLOAN FREDERICK BENNETT is known to be one of the subscribers to the wire service from Nola Printing Company.

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On April 5, 1961, T-7 advised SA'S VINCENT H. LAMMERS and CLARK S. MILLER that he is not aware of the source of information concerning the receipt of race results coming into Little Rock. SLOAN BENNETT, who gave T-7 \$175.00 for use of a room at T-7's residence during the 1961 Hot Springs, Arkansas. (Oaklawn Race Track) racing season, advised T-7's wife that they had a man at the track in Hot Springs who obtains the odds just before post time, then leaves the track and calls Little Rock. BENNETT did not advise T-7's wife the identity of the man at the track or who he contacted in Little Rock with the information. It has been T-W's experience that odds in Little Rock are obtained up to as late as two or three minutes before post time. Results of the race are obtained in Little Rock within seven to ten minutes after the race is completed. BENNETT stated on this occasion to T-7's wife that the man at the track was reportedly paid \$15.00 a day for his work during previous years.

T-7 advised he does not know for sure who is receiving payoffs in connection with book operations in Little Rock. On one occasion T-7's wife received a call during the Hot Springs meet from an individual who identified himself as HAYNIE, who T-7 assumed was Captain ALBERT M. HAYNIE, Chief of Detectives, Little Rock Police Department. On this occasion the person identifying himself only as HAYNIE instructed the wife of T-7 to have BENNETT (SLOAN) meet him at Granoff's Restaurant, 10th and Main Streets, Little Rock. Later T-7 overheard BENNETT state he had to "Take care of that man at Granoff's."

T-7 advised that as far as can be determined DUNAWAY (HAROLD F.) seems to be the moving force among the "bookies" in Little Rock. The printed scratch sheets are delivered early in the morning to BENNETT's establishment near 9th and Main Streets, Little Rock, by DUNAWAY or his representative.

On April 20, 1961, T-8 advised SA GILVERT W.
STRICKLAND that partnerhsip in the wire service in Little.
Rock consists of HAROLD DUNAWAY, JUNE LYTLE and CECLE HILL.
The service is received from New Orleans, Louisiana, from JOE PORETTA. The Little Rock partnership in the wire service services four regular customers at Little Rock and four more additional customers during the Oaklawn race meet at Hot Springs, Arkansas. According to T-8, among those customers serviced during the Oaklawn race meet is SLOAN BENNETT.

On April 20, 1961, T-9 advised SA GILBERT W. STRICKLAND that the persons in Little Rock receiving race wire service from JOSEPH PORETTA, New Orleans, Louisiana, which is furnished by telephone, services four year-round customers in Little Rock and four additional customers during the Oaklawn race meet at Hot Springs, Arkansas. SLOAN BENNETT is one of the customers serviced during the Oaklawn race meet at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

On January 25, 1961, T-10 advised SA JOHN H. LUPTON there were two crap games being operated in downtown Little Rock, one of which was being operated by JUNE LYTLE and SLOAN BENNETT located upstairs at $908\frac{1}{2}$ Main Street, Little Rock, Arkansas.

On April 25, 1961, T-11 advised SA EDWIN BROWN that information gathered by a national business status reporting agency compileddinformation on October 14, 1953, concerning SLOAN BENNETT, owner of National Billiards Parlor, 910 Main Street, Little Rock, Arkansas, and the information so compiled was verified and brought up-to-date as of January 10, 1961. The summary of this information so compiled indicates that SLOAN BENNETT started the business of the National Billiards at 910 Main Street, Little Rock, on September 21, 1953, and at that time his net worth was estimated to be \$6,100.00. He made all payments in connection with this business in cash and sales at the business amounted to approximately \$1,500.00 per month. He started out the business with a heavy debt; however, the payment schedule probably was not too heavy.

On September 7, 1961, T-7 advised SAs JOHN J. JUREY AND VINCENT H. LAMMERS as follows:

SLOAN BENNETT, known local Little Rock bookie, continues to operate his horse race booking business out of the residence of T-7 on the Pine Bluff highway. Informant estimated BENNETT nets between \$200.00 and \$300.00 per day.

Race results are being received from Hawthorne Race Track, Chicago, Illinois, within 20 minutes after race time. It is T-7's information that the results are received from Chicago directly to BENNETT's place of business, Ninth and Main Streets, Little Rock. T-7 advised that he understands the major bookmakers in Little Rock and vicinity pay \$900.00 a week for this service. This amount is divided between seven or eight local bookmakers - BENNET's portion being \$112.00 per week.

a known local Little Rock gambler, has withdrawn himself from actively participating on the local gambling scene. HAROLD DUNAWAY and C. J. LYTLE continue to operate out of $611\frac{1}{2}$ East Washington, North Little Rock.

On September 21, 1961, T-7 advised SA VINCENT H. LAMMERS that ED HERNER and BILLY McKIM were booking horses but that according to a listing of gambling stamp holders set out in a local Little Rock newspaper in August, 1961, HERNER and McKIM do not have a stamp.

In addition to the above, T-7 advised that horse race booking operations in the Little Rock area ceased on Friday, September 8, 1961. So far as T-7 is aware no one is presently booking horses. He stated the word came from BARNETT, who has been disseminating results of races locally for sometime.

In accordance with BARNETT's advice, SLOAN BENNETT discontinued his operations in T-7's house on September 8, 1961. BENNETT is presently said to be playing dice and cards in North Little Rock, exact location unknown.

SLOAN BENNETT has leased his business on Main Street, Little Rock, to ARCHIE SASABEE (phonetic). T-7 is not aware of the length of the lease but was sure that BENNETT has no active part in the operations. T-7 stated he has visited SASABEE's place of business on a number of occasions but observed no gambling machines or games of any kind in operation. Informant advised that he has concluded from bits of information coming to his attention over the past two weeks to a month that the bookmakers are making some type of plans for circumventing the recent laws passed by Congress as they relate to interstate transmission of gambling information. One plan is to use companies and figures of the stock market. For an example, T-7 stated the horses will be given the names of firms listed on the stock market. They will then identify the position of the three lead horses by the price of the stock, such as 285, meaning that horse #2 came in last, #8 came in second, and #5 came in third.