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TITLE OF CASE <b>EARL MILTON ALKEK; EDWARD WILLIAM ALKEK; WILLIAM NOBLE BATES; SAM BENSON aka James Earl West; RICHARD CARL BIGGS aka (Continued on Cover Page B)</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>HAROLD J. EDGERTON</b>	TYPED BY <b>pw</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ITWI - CONSPIRACY; ITAR - GAMBLING CPA, B, C, D</b>	

REFERENCE: Dallas letter to Bureau dated 12/24/68, captioned  
"BOOKMAKERS - TEXAS, ITWI - CONSPIRACY".

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Copy furnished El Paso for its information and also with regard to El Paso informant EP 583-C. El Paso should consider re-evaluation of its position with regard to this informant noting that he is in contact with a number of the subjects in this case and consider whether he should be investigated as a member of this group or more desirable the need to develop him fully as an informant on this group. In contact with this informant, do not discuss the overall conspiracy approach of this case.

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RUSSELL DOUGLAS MATTHEWS aka;  
JOSEPH SOPHIE GEBRON aka

It should be noted that substantial informant information has been provided by a number of Dallas Office informants as to MATTHEWS and GEBRON, and in view of the lengthy details of same it is not being set out here. The following information relating to interstate violation as furnished by Oklahoma City informant is being set out as follows:

OC 549-PC furnished the following information to SA HOWARD CECIL:

Informant explained that he, a bookmaker, was engaged during the past football season, 1967, and part of the basketball season following, with GEORGE EDWARD BARNES at the Penn Club in Logan County, Oklahoma, just outside the city limits of Oklahoma City. FRANCIS LEROY WILLS aka "Nip" was employed for a while by BARNES as a collector but was fired by BARNES when WILLS showed up drunk for work. BARNES is a known acquaintance of R. D. MATTHEWS.

On 1/19/68, informant advised SA CECIL he and WILLS formerly called R. D. MATTHEWS in Garland, Texas, every other day for line information; however, informant has not contacted MATTHEWS since MATTHEWS' book was raided in October, 1967, (9/29/67).

On 2/15/68, informant advised SA CECIL that MATTHEWS reportedly gets his line information from Las Vegas, Nevada, for \$250 per week. MATTHEWS once told informant he was angry because he had been furnished "upside down" line by the Las Vegas source and lost money because the odds were wrong.

On 4/5/68, informant advised SA CECIL that "NIP" WILLS (FRANCIS LEROY WILLS) and JOE ELLIS VAN SCOY were both engaged in the bookie operation of GEORGE EDWARD BARNES during the 1967 football season. BARNES furnished both with a telephone number in Texas where they were to call MATTHEWS for the latest line. Thereafter, either WILLS or VAN SCOY called MATTHEWS,

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