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and that it was not unusual that a local politician was rewarded from some service to the mob by being slated for a lucrative position such as a judgeship.

CG 6283-C advised SA VINCENT L. INSERRA on the evening of 7/18/63 that he has heard that Judge AUSTIN is a fairly close friend of BIEBER and BRODKIN and that within the past year or so AUSTIN, BIEBER and BRODKIN and their wives took a trip to either Miami or Las Vegas and that the bills for this trip were paid by BIEBER and BRODKIN.

In connection it is noted that CG 6576-C\* advised that on 4/2/63 MIKE BRODKIN advised PAT MARCY, local politician who is the tool of Chicago topphoodlum SAM GIANCANA, that Judge AUSTIN had sent him word that BRODKIN "must be mad at me" since it had been a period of time since BRODKIN had visited AUSTIN.

CG 6283-C also advised that it is gossip in Chicago on Clark Street where the federal courts are located that for some time Judge AUSTIN has been having an affair with his secretary. According to this information, his secretary is a married woman, however, could furnish no additional information.

CG 6283-C also advised that Judge AUSTIN and GEORGE (LEIGHTON, the attorney who is defending GIANCANA, are personally well acquainted with each other and were very/closely associated together on a committee of the local bar association which just recently sought changes in the Criminal Code of Illinois. CG 6283-C, who is an attorney, advised that it appeared strange to him at the time that although Judge AUSTIN was no longer a judge on a state or local level, he seemed to have particular interest in the revisions of the Illinois State Code and was the chairman of the committee in this regard. This informant also noted that Judge AUSTIN seemed to favor and fight for the proposed provisions of the new code which hindered law enforcement in general. He stated in particular Judge AUSTIN was interested in having a part of the code changed to make it mandatory that defendants be "immediately" advised of their right to an attorney upon arrest and given "immediate" access to a telephone to consult with an attorney.

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Attention of the Bureau is also directed to the information that has previously been set out in my daily airtel summaries concerning the recent conversation between <u>Municipal Judge DANIEL J.</u> RYAN and PAT MARCY wherein RYAN in speaking about the federal judges which he can contact and presumable influence mentioned two of them as being available to him in this regard and then said "and, or course, Judge AUSTIN, I can always talk to." This would indicate that at least Judge RYAN, known to be under the considerable influence of MARCY and his associates, felt that he had an entre with Judge AUSTIN.

The DAPLI investigation of AUSTIN conducted in the summer of 1961 when AUSTIN became a federal judge has been reviewed and it is noted that CG 6132-C advised in 1/57 that Judge RICHARD AUSTIN who at that time was a criminal judge in Chicago accepted money to fix cases which he heard and that he accepted this money through the law firm of Bieber and It is noted that GEORGE LEIGHTON was interviewed Brodkin. during this investigation and he advised that he had known AUSTIN on a professional basis for at least ten years. LEIGHTON described AUSTIN as having more judicial ability than any other judge in the local courts of Cook County, and stated that he would highly recommend AUSTIN for the position of federal judge. This report also shows that AUSTIN was criticized in 1960 when AUSTIN was Chief Justice of the Criminal Courts for an attempt to destroy a special Grand Jury report on the police scandals "as part of a sinister plan to cover up corruption in Chicago". It is noted that this corruption greatly hindered Chicago hoodlums due to the reorganization of the Chicago Police Department. This report indicated that the Grand Jury believed that there was an alliance in Chicago between crime politicians and the police. AUSTIN explained, according to the press, that the jury exceeded its authority in making such a report. States Attorney ADAMOWSKI accused AUSTIN's "politics of the cheapest kind" and referred to him as a "CHARLIE MC CARTHY" to Mayor DALEY's "EDGAR BERGAN" of the Democratic organization. It should also be noted that this investigation determined that AUSTIN is a former law partner of ex-governor DWIGHT GREEN of Illinois and that AUSTIN ran as a Democratic candidate for governors of Illinois in 1956.

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