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1. INFORMANT'S NAME

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2. BUREAU FILE NUMBER

137-7528.

3. CURRENT ACTIVITIES AND EMPLOYMENT

For approximately 20 years informant was active in the union movement and up until June of 1961 was a business agent for Local 626 of the Teamsters Union in Los Angeles. Informant had the reputation of being HOFFA's West Coast lieutenant.

Upon leaving the Teamsters Union in June of 1961, informant opened a labor consultant and public relations office at 9107 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, California, and in addition to this business, informant became a close acquaintance of PHILIP J. MATHEW. MATHEW is the President of Allied Empire, a financial holding company, as well as other financial corporations throughout the United States. In addition, MATHEW owns a bank in the Bahamas of which the informant is a director. CALIF

Informant is acquainted with many of the gambling element in Las Vegas, Nevada, and is particularly close to IRVING "NIGGY" DEVINE of Las Vegas. As a result, informant is in a position to obtain information pertaining to the finances of many of the hoodlums and gamblers affiliated in one way or another with Las Vegas.

4. SYMBOL NUMBER

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5. DATES OF CONTACT

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November 16, 1961;
November 20, 1961;
November 21, 1961;
January 2, 1962;

January 8, 1962;
January 10, 1962;
January 12, - 14, 1962;
February 19, 1962

Informant spends a great deal of time away from the Los Angeles area and travels throughout the United States constantly. In addition informant makes regular trips to the Bahamas and the Hawaiian Islands, and since the first of the year has made trips to Japan and Europe. As a result it is only possible to contact the informant when he is in Los Angeles.

6. OUTCOME OF CASES NOT COMPLETED WHEN PREVIOUS SEMI-ANNUAL LETTER SUBMITTED

Not applicable.

7. SUCCINCT SUMMARY OF INFORMATION FURNISHED

Informant has furnished extremely valuable information of a general intelligence nature and most of the information pertains to the gambling industry in Las Vegas, Nevada, and the activities and associates of ~~JAMES RIDDLE HOFFA~~. Because of the nature of the information furnished by the informant, it has been impossible to verify a great deal of the information furnished through independent investigation and/or inquiry. It is believed that if the information furnished by this informant can be developed to the fullest extent, that a great deal of information will be developed on the handling and transfer of funds in and out of Las Vegas.

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On November 20, 1962 informant furnished the following information in the case entitled, "~~MAJOR RIDDLE, AR,~~" OO: Las Vegas, Los Angeles file 92-1010. NEVADA

Informant learned that the owners of the Dunes Hotel had determined that RIDDLE has been taking from \$40,000 to \$50,000 per month from hotel funds without the owner's knowledge and that there is definite talk that RIDDLE will be eliminated for this embezzlement. Since that date informant has repeatedly advised that the owners of the Dunes Hotel are dissatisfied with RIDDLE and that RIDDLE will be eliminated in one way or another.

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

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Informant advised that ~~SIDNEY WYMAN~~ contacted informant and advised that he had a plan worked out where JAMES GOTTLIEB would deposit \$6,000,000 in a bank having numbered accounts and WYMAN would then borrow \$6,000,000 using GOTTLIEB's deposit as security. WYMAN indicated that he would then use the \$6,000,000 to purchase the Dunes Hotel from GOTTLIEB. As a result of this conversation, informant suspects that GOTTLIEB has access to \$6,000,000 that cannot be shown and is trying to work something out to put this money to work.

Informant advised on February 19, 1962 that he recently overheard a conversation involving GOTTLIEB at which time GOTTLIEB mentioned the fact that the Government had subpoenaed all the books and records of the Central States Teamsters Pension Fund which created a real problem for HOFFA. GOTTLIEB appeared disturbed over this fact but informant does not know why. Informant furnished additional information regarding activities of associates of GOTTLIEB.

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On January 8, 1962, informant furnished information that ~~BART LYTTON~~, President of Lytton Financial Corporation, had beaten up a prostitute in the Los Angeles area and that the prostitute was planning legal action against LYTTON. The prostitute whose name informant did not know, was arrested by the Los Angeles Police Department and after agreeing to settle her suit against LYTTON the charges against the prostitute were dropped. Informant indicated that the prostitute is now the girl friend of ~~CARL COHEN~~ at the Sands Hotel, Las Vegas.

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The facts about the beating were verified through another source. This information was reported in the case entitled, "BART LYTTON, SM - C," Bureau file 100-400169, and Los Angeles file 100-24471.

On January 8, 1962, informant advised that on January 4, 1962, he was sitting in the Sands Hotel with NIGGY DEVINE at which time an unknown individual was engaged in conversation by DEVINE on two occasions. This unknown individual on the second occasion acknowledged the fact that he had picked up money at the Fremont Hotel and was delivering it to Phoenix, Arizona. This individual indicated to DEVINE that they were two months in arrears in their payments of the people from Phoenix. Subsequently, informant learned that

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this unknown individual was a man by the name of COLE who is in the advertising business in Beverly Hills. This information was reported in the case entitled, "MARVIN ROBERT COLE, aka., AR," 00: Los Angeles, Bureau file 92-5383, and Los Angeles file 92-934. Through another source, it was determined that COLE was in Las Vegas at the time informant met him and also that COLE departed Las Vegas at the time reported by informant and that COLE travelled to Phoenix. Through the other source, however it could not be verified that COLE was carrying funds.

The informant furnished the following information on January 8, 1962 and February 19, 1962, which information was reported in the case entitled, "MOVEMENT OF CRIMINAL FUNDS FROM SWITZERLAND AND ISRAEL TO NASSAU, AR," Los Angeles file 92-1038:

On January 8, 1962, informant advised that he was approached by a number of Las Vegas gamblers to make a trip to Switzerland and to carry money for these people to Israel and Nassau. Informant made a trip with DEVINE, however no funds were transported during that trip. Informant was able to identify the bank in Geneva and also the individual handling these funds in Switzerland and learned that CLIFFORD A. JONES, former lieutenant governor of Nevada, and LEVINSON held five per cent of this bank. Informant learned that JONES has a record of all D.C. monies of Las Vegas operators on deposit in the Swiss Bank. Informant learned that JONES and a number of other individuals are planning a trip to Switzerland on or about March 25, 1962, at which time funds are going to be removed from this Swiss Bank to a bank in Nassau. JONES indicated to informant that after this trip, JONES will have approximately \$20,000,000 available for investment purposes.

On February 19, 1962, informant furnished the results of a trip he made through Europe with DEVINE and furnished circumstances that occurred during this trip which makes the informant believe that DEVINE was either directly or indirectly responsible for the death of LUCKY LUCIANO.

On January 8, 1962, informant furnished the following information which was reported in the case entitled "ALLEGED INFLUENCE OF NEVADA GAMBLING INTERESTS IN WASHINGTON, D.C., AR," Los Angeles file 92-1045: