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interoffice communications. Latest informant information indicates the betting operation at 3901 Toulouse Street is presently being run by SALVADORE and ROBERT SAIA, who are nephews to the late SAM SAIA. This betting operation was formerly part of the old SAM SAIA operation. Investigation conducted under New Orleans file 165-628, captioned "BOBBY SAIA; SAL SAIA; ITWI;" was consolidated into instant case and pertinent information is being set forth in this report.

On April 12, 1966, NO 1232-C-TE advised that BOBBY and SAL SAIA are operating a good-sized horse and sports book at a location somewhere in back of the American Can Corporation Complex. They supposedly have a Western Union Sports Ticker and will take a bet up to \$200 to \$500 on horse or sporting events. He said that they lay-off to SAM ~~DI~~ PIAZZA LA and could very well be backed by DI PIAZZA. He believes that SAL SAIA still works for the Times Picayune. He stated that they get some very good intelligence information on horse races throughout the country.

On April 20, 1966, informant advised that the telephone number he uses to contact the BOBBY and SAL SAIA operation is number 488-3429.

On May 9, 1966, informant advised that FRANK ~~CARACCI~~ LA definitely has assumed control of the old SAIA gambling operation. He said that formerly a fellow by the name of DIAMOND ROMANO used to handle the majority of the SAM SAIA action; however, ROMANO is apparently no longer with the SAIA organization. Informant stated that he was going to approach ROMANO to possibly handle some stuff for the informant.

On May 18, 1966, informant advised he felt that FRANK CARACCI still is probably supervising the local operations of some of the former SAM SAIA books.

On June 2, 1966, NO 1439-C stated that booking establishment is operating out of the V & E Lounge on Toulouse Street, but that the actual bookmaking operation is not at the lounge but at an apartment located in the immediate area. She said that during the daytime the bookmaking is in operation and at night time it was her understanding that some prostitutes work out of the apartment. Included in this is TOOTSIE KING, wife of ROY KING, BERNICE, the barmaid at the V & E, and a GWYNN (LNU). Informant stated that BERNICE is the barmaid at the V & E and goes with one of the owners of the bar whom she stated is known as BABY or FREDDIE. She described this individual as a white male, 40 years of age, 5' 8", 135 pounds, and gray hair.

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LA On June 30, 1966, NO 1203-C advised that booking action at the V & E Lounge is personally handled by VICTOR JAUBERT, aka. "Baby DeGall" (Ph).

On November 18, 1966, NO 1232-C-TE advised that BOBBY SAIA has a small sports and horse book betting operation in the general area of the American Can Company, in New Orleans. He did not know specifically if this operation is located at 3901 Toulouse Street. He also stated that BOBBY and SALVADOR SAIA are presently working for SAM DI PIAZZA.

On October 20, 1966, Special Agent ARLIE G. PUCKETT, IRS, NOLA, made available a listing of current Federal Wagering Occupational Stamp holders for the New Orleans District for the fiscal year of July 1, 1966, to June 30, 1967. A review of this list failed to show that ROBERT J. and SALVADOR MICHAEL SAIA were current stamp holders.

LEADS:

NEW ORLEANS DIVISION

At New Orleans, Louisiana:

(1) Will conduct credit, criminal and office indices checks on SALVADOR MICHAEL and ROBERT J. SAIA.

(2) Will continue undercover attempts to place a bet at "The Brothers" lounge, 3901 Toulouse Street.

(3) Will locate and interview Subjects regarding the betting operation being run at 3901 Toulouse Street.

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