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AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

Re: JAMES WEINBERG, was, et al.
 THEFT FROM INTERSTATE SHIPMENT
 (Bureau file 15-16161)

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of June 13, 1946. We are forwarding here-with a summary of information as obtained from Confidential Informants CGO-5628 and CGO-5631 beginning at 12:01 A.M., August 26th and ending at 3:20 P.M., August 29, 1946. It is to be noted that these confidential in-formants were discontinued as of 3:20 P.M. on August 29th for security reasons which were explained to you by our communication dated August 30, 1946, previous information having been furnished to you by teletype on August 29th and August 30th. The information set forth herein subsequent to August 29, 1946 was furnished by Captain TOM ALCOCK, of the Chicago Police Department.

During the week in question the major portion of the activities of the WEINBERG Gang, as reflected by the above Informants, centered itself around the proposed meeting of the Chicago Tavern Owners Association members on the South Side. In connection with this new scheme of JAMES WEINBERG, reference is made to our weekly summary dated August 27, 1946, which sets forth complete information on the efforts of WEINBERG to take over the Tavern Association.

During the past week several visits were made to the Chicago Election Commissioner's Office, by MIKE WEINBERG, brother of JIM, together with GERALD WILEY, the WEINBERG Attorney. The informants could not determine the purpose of these various visits to the Election Commissioner's Office. However, it is believed that some petitions were to be examined, which petitions are believed to be ready for appearance on the November, 1946 ballots. There has been no information as to the nature of these petitions.

On August 26, 1946 JAMES WEINBERG advised his brother, MIKE, that he had been successful in obtaining a Mr. EPSTEIN, President of the Phillip Blum Company, Chicago, which company is believed to be an importer of liquors.



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PAUL ROLAND JONES

With reference to the activities of this individual, reference is made to Bureau letter to Chicago dated August 27, 1946, which enclosed a report dated August 6, 1946 at Mexico City. For this reason the information set out in the Mexico City communication will not be repeated. It is to be noted that a copy of this Bureau communication and enclosure was made available to Assistant Director E. J. CONNELLEY at Kansas City.

MARCUS LIPSKY

Regarding the activities of this individual, reference is made to New Orleans letter to the Director dated August 28, 1946, which reflects the results of the interview of LIPSKY and LOUIS SCHNEIDER after their arrest by the Shreveport, La. Police Department on August 28, 1946. In view of the fact that the Bureau and Dallas have this communication, it is not being repeated in this summary.

PAUL LABRIOLA, et al. A.A.F. VETERANS SLUGGING CASE

On August 28, 1946 the beforementioned confidential informants advised that HAROLD LEVY, another Attorney of the WEINBERG Gang, had attempted to contact JAMES WEINBERG, and in JIM's absence spoke to MIKE WEINBERG. On this occasion they discussed the slugging charges of PAUL LABRIOLA, which are scheduled for the next hearing on September 12th. LEVY was particularly interested in obtaining some money as his fee in the instant case, and MIKE WEINBERG instructed him to contact JAMES BARSELLA, a defendant in this case, at Spaulding 0698. It is to be noted that this number is listed to one JOHN MAHER, 3959 West Division Street, Chicago, at which location a hand-book is being operated which receives service from the Midwest News Service, a RAGEN functionary.

Relative to the temporary discontinuance of the services of CGO-5628 and CGO-5631, it is to be noted that spot checks are being made in the vicinity of the Checker Grill, headquarters of the WEINBERG Gang, and at such time when it is deemed advisable to re-establish these informants, will again be placed in operation.

Very truly yours,

G. R. McSwain
G. R. McSWAIN
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cc-Dallas
cc-E. J. CONNELLEY, Kansas City

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