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On 5/8/64, LA 4350-C returned from Las Vegas, Nevada. SAS LOGAN J. LANE and ALBERT A. HUSTEDT interviewed informant in the vicinity of his business in the Palm Desert, California area, at which time he related the following:

Informant was in Las Vegas, Nevada, during the past week. While there, he stopped at the Fremont Hotel and visited with EDWARD LEVINSON, President of the Fremont Hotel. During the course of this visit, HARRY LEVY stopped in to see LEVINSON. According to informant, LEVY is a Las Vegas City Commissioner and was on a Presidential committee with WALTER REUTHER. LEVY was delivering a police card for one of LEVINSON's employees, an ex-convict who had been previously unable to obtain a police card to work. During the course of the conversation, LEVINSON looked in his pocket and made the comment "I better look for an FBI Agent while I'm in there." LEVY replied that the FBI was not so bad, following which LEVINSON went into a profane tirade against the Bureau and SAC DEAN ELSON personally. LEVY stated he was acquainted with DEAN ELSON personally and thought "he was a real good guy." LEVINSON stated "ELSON is a no good s.o.b." LEVY stated ELSON was a nice guy and he had known him for some time. LEVINSON again cursed DEAN ELSON and stated, "I had him in a chair one time and I let him up. The next time I get him in a chair he is not going to get up." Following this comment, PAUL J. DORFMAN dropped in to see LEVINSON and the topic of conversation was changed. No further comment was made regarding this matter in the informant's presence.

The informant advised that he felt LEVINSON was using a figure of speech and was not sure how to interpret LEVINSON's remarks. He felt, however, LEVINSON had reference to possibly putting DEAN ELSON in some embarrassing position. Informant pointed out he was unaware of any incident LEVINSON might have referred to and that this matter came up in general conversation and did not appear to be any specific plan of action LEVINSON had in mind. Informant stated further he felt HARRY LEVY would not offend LEVINSON and be inclined to do whatever LEVINSON requested of him. Informant pointed out he was not in a position to ask any questions during the conversation and could furnish no other details. Informant will be alert for any additional possible information regarding the above matter.

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The following information was furnished on the dates indicated by LV 155-PC:

BECAUSE OF THE SENSITIVE POSITION OCCUPIED BY THIS PC AND THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE INFORMATION OBTAINED, IT HAS BEEN REQUESTED THAT THIS INFORMATION NOT BE DISSEMINATED OUTSIDE THE BUREAU, AND IS BEING SET FORTH IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION FOR THAT REASON.

On 5/6/64, this source advised that the principal individual in the Mammoth Producing Corporation is SAM GARFIELD, and has a very active account at the Bank of Las Vegas, Las Vegas, Nevada. Much of the business of this account is handled through the Gideon Bank, Gideon, Ohio. Source noted that a number of the owners of the Desert Inn Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, are stockholders in this company. Source advised that there has been considerable talk to the effect that EDWARD LEVINSON is going to sell his interest in the Fremont Hotel; however, there has been no official word concerning this sale as yet. It was indicated that possibly EDWARD TORRES, Vice President, Fremont Hotel, would buy most of LEVINSON's interest.

This source advised on 5/13/64, that a wire was sent to the Fidelity Bank and Trust Company, Oklahoma City, to GRADY HARRIS, President, on 5/7/64, reflecting that LEVINSON would pay off a loan obtained by FRED BLACK for approximately \$62,000.00. The collateral of 2800 shares of Serv-U Corporation given by BLACK to secure this loan were to be returned to LEVINSON. Payment would be transferred through the Federal Reserve Bank in San Francisco.

On 5/8/64, however, a wire was sent to HARRIS to disregard the previous wire as the offer was canceled. Source could furnish no information for the reason for the cancellation.

On 5/19/64, this source advised that the Mammoth Producing Corporation has recently been involved in the development of the "Morrow County Oil Runs" in Ohio. Source stated that he did not know what the term "oil runs" meant; however, it appears to concern undeveloped oil potential. Source advised that on 5/8/64, information was received that the Mammoth Producing Corporation oil runs in Morrow County, Ohio, were worth

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\$12,000,000.00. Source noted that EDWARD LEVINSON, EDWARD TORRES, and LESTER SIGELBAUM all own stock in this company.

On 5/19/64, this source furnished a copy of a liability ledger sheet for EDWARD LEVINSON concerning his personal account. It reflects the amount of money LEVINSON has borrowed from the Bank of Las Vegas, and at the present time LEVINSON has a balance owed of \$400,000.00. Source noted that these are all personal unsecured loans.

On 5/31/64, this source advised that shortly after the "Las Vegas Sun" a Las Vegas daily newspaper, building burned down in 1963, EDWARD LEVINSON made a personal loan to HANK GREENSPUN, owner and editor, in the amount of \$65,000.00.

In connection with rumors circulating in Las Vegas regarding a partnership between LEVINSON and JAMES G. SNYDER, the following information has been received:

LV 117-C-TE advised that he had also heard the rumor that JAMES G. SNYDER, the former operator of the Vegas Turf and Sports Club, 19 Ogden Street, Las Vegas, Nevada, had been a partner with EDDIE LEVINSON in the Vegas Turf and Sports Club and in the Hollywood Sports prior to the moving to the Vegas Turf operation. LV 117-C-TE advised that he has extremely reliable information that SNYDER allowed this rumor to get started and to continue in the belief that this type of information would help his bookmaking operations since many of the bettors would consider SNYDER's bankroll and backing to be desirable if he was, in fact, associated with EDDIE LEVINSON of the Fremont Hotel.

This source also advised that SNYDER did two things to make the rumor continue and that was that he always banked a bankroll for the Vegas Turf and Sports at the Fremont Hotel when the establishment closed in the evening as well as obtaining personal loans from LEVINSON at such times as the January 1, bowl games and the Tournament of Champions Golf Tournament in order to pay off the winners. Source advised that SNYDER was required to obtain enough money at these periods of time due to the fact that the winners always showed up almost immediately after the sporting event had been completed, while many of the

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losers had to be located and arrangements for payment made so that a large bankroll was required. Source advised that at these times, EDDIE LEVINSON furnished large sums of money to SNYDER on a personal loan basis without any interest, etc. to be paid on the loan. This information was generally known throughout the gambling fraternity in Las Vegas, Nevada, and tended to substantiate the rumor that EDDIE LEVINSON was a partner with JAMES SNYDER in his bookmaking operation.

Source advised that LEVINSON now attempts to keep himself completely aloof from all such operations. Source advised that prior to all of the "heat" brought on the Las Vegas gambling and bookmaking operations by the Federal Government, LEVINSON was always in the frame of mind that as long as he was not directly involved in bookmaking, that he could not be injured by operating in the manner described above, but due to the many problems brought on by investigations conducted by the IRS and the FBI in the Las Vegas, Nevada area, LEVINSON is operating in a very limited manner at the present time and wants no other activities other than that of the Fremont Hotel.

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LV T-3 is LV 141-PC.

LV T-4 is Sergeant BEN C. COMPTON, Special Investigations, Las Vegas Police Department, Las Vegas, Nevada.

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