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DATE:

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FROM : SA

BARRON T. CONKLIN

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SUBJECT:

DR 873-C-TE

Dates of Contact 8/3/63; 8/31/63		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
EDDIE WINGATE; IGA	162-22 (CONKLIN)	
DOIL TAYLOR; AR	92-1043 (CONKLIN)	
CLARENCE WILLIAMS; AR	92-771 (CONKLIN)	
WILLIAM G. GIBSON; IGA	100-10 (CONKLIN)	
JOHN WHITE; AR	92-123 (CONKLIN)	
ANTHONY GIACALONE; AR	92-228 (LUNT)	
Purpose and results of contact		
<input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE		
<p>On June 3, 1963, informant was contacted telephonically but he advised that he was unable to meet the writer.</p>		
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ANTHONY GIACALONE;
AR
Defile: 92-228

CLARENCE WILLIAMS;
AR
Defile: 92-791

EDDIE WINGATE;
IGAI
Defile 162-22

Informant stated that the numbers business at the present time is a losing proposition. Informant advised that before 1954, the numbers business was honest and was conducted strictly as a business, that is, so much money was taken in, so much was paid out and there was normally a profit to be made. Informant stated that since 1954, the man who actually was running the numbers business was TONY GIACALONE. Informant stated that GIACALONE took over from PETE CORRADO and then in order to make more of a profit he devised a system whereby the winning number would be changed if it was one that would cause heavy payoffs.

Informant stated that when the number began to be changed the profits in the numbers business skyrocketed and everybody was making a large amount of money. Informant stated that in 1954 EDDIE WINGATE was a small man. He stated WINGATE came out of the South years before this and had been a cottonpicker with no background, and little education, but he was a shrewd man. When WINGATE found out that the number was being changed he immediately paid unit heads and pickup men more money than anyone else with the results that he took over more and more business. Today, he has more numbers business than anyone else in Detroit.

Informant stated that CLARENCE WILLIAMS worked along with WINGATE and both of them became very big and may have the dominating position in the numbers business. Informant stated that EDDIE WINGATE and CLARENCE WILLIAMS took over most of the Italians' Negro numbers business.

Informant stated that last January the "dagons" decided to pay off on the correct number with the result that all of the Negro numbers houses are in serious financial difficulty.

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Informant stated that WINGATE and WILLIAMS began to pay unit heads and pickup men a bonus of 20 to 25 per cent of the house profits. Informant stated that the numbers business actually pays off \$769.00 for each \$1.00 bet because of the fact that the house only gets 65¢ out of every \$1.00 that is bet. Twenty-five per cent goes to the writer and 10 per cent to the pickup men. Informant stated that the office expenses, police protection etc. cost at least 20¢ on the dollar with the result that the profit is very small. Informant stated at the present time several of the numbers houses are paying off 50¢ on the dollar and are paying this two and three days late.

Informant stated that the Italians will soon be able to take over all of the numbers business in Detroit.

Informant stated that the only way the numbers houses will make a profit is to eliminate the bonus being given to the unit heads.

Informant stated that WINGATE, at the present time is desperate for money and that the unit heads are leaving as fast as possible.

Informant stated that CLARENCE WILLIAMS has an operation in Los Angeles. He said that WINGATE tried to open in Los Angeles but was unsuccessful. He became frightened and did not go through with it.

Informant stated that Nashville, Tennessee has a large numbers operation but it is entirely local. He stated that to the best of his knowledge there is no numbers action in New Orleans, Louisiana, or Miami, Florida. He stated that Atlanta has a small Negro numbers operation but it is local in nature.

Informant stated that EDDIE WINGATE owns a large number of horses and that CLARENCE WILLIAMS owns three or four. Informant stated that among WINGATE's horses is one called "Indian Trader".