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## LAS VEGAS DIVISION

## AT LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

Conduct similar investigation concerning STANOVICH, ANDREWS, PERKINS, NASIER, FORD and "MELVIN".

Other leads are set forth for Las Vegas later in this airtel in connection with another matter.

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In addition to the above information, furnished the following which may be of value to the Las Vegas Office and some of which concerns Dallas area gamblers.

- 1. JERRY ROSENBERG (Dallas 166-82) collects gambling debts in Dallas for the Flamingo Casino in Las Vegas and about a month ago one SAM BILKINS (phonetic) of the Flamingo was in Dallas making collections with ROSENBERG from persons who had been on the junket to Las Vegas in January, 1963.
- 2. FRED MERRILL (Dallas 166-81) was fired by the Sahara Casino in Las Vegas because he stole \$50,000 from the Sahara.
- 3. The card room at the Stardust Hotel is used as a meeting place for numerous hoodlums and gamblers from around the country.
- 4. One of the lines on athletic events is made up by one JACK SAWRKCKI (phonetic) who resides in Chicago, but who was recently in Las Vegas and is supposed to go to Palm Springs, California, this week to meet with RAY RYAN, a former "mechanic".
- bondulus, John Drew, CECIL BERNARD SIMMONS and BENNY BINION.

Informant identified the following Dallas area people as operating as bookmakers:

JOE CAMPISI (Dallas 92-339) will finance the book of BOBBY JOE CHAPMAN (Dallas 162-107) and PETE PICCOLA and possibly others. (CHAPMAN recently took one KENNETH SMITH of Dallas for over \$12,000 during a month's period by means of a rigged poker game at the Redman Club, 3109 West Davis, Dallas.)

JOE NASIER, in addition to being a "mechanic" also makes the line of golf tournaments and will possibly be in Dallas for the PGA in July, 1963.

PHIL STRIN (Dallas 165-37) is operating a book over telephone numbers AD 1-1173 and EM 8-7789.

JOHN EDI STONE (Dallas 162-37) has over 80 percent of the booking business in Dallas and has used telephone numbers TA 7-6022 and TA 6-7290. In addition, he has working for him ISADORE MAX/MILLER (Dallas 162-96) and HENRY CLINTON WINFREY (Dallas 162-95). According to informant, STONE gets the line in Dallas first over various pay telephones and then disseminates it to other bookmakers in the Dallas area.

RALPH MARSHALL and RILEY B. BAUCUM (Dallas 162-227) continue to operate over telephone TA 7-3841. MARSHALL books baseball bets until 2:15 PM each day, while BAUCUM handles horse bets.

a book in one of the Dallas suburbs.

PHIL BOSCO (Dallas 165-92) is operating a book at his service station (2701 Ross Avenue, Dallas) over telephones TA 7-9811 and TA 4-2359. Every morning at 10:00 AM he calls someone over his pay phone at the station, never says a word and just listens.

BILL "JET" ROGERS (unknown to the Dallas Office) is operating a small book in Dallas.

JIMMY VOURHAS, owner of the Chateaubriand Restaurant in Dallas, books bets from his customers and then turns these bets over to JOHN ELI STONE for which he receives 10 percent of the winnings. VOURHAS and STONE are putting up the money to operate a private Dallas dinner club, the Club Montmartrie, and this club will be used to set up suckers for rigged games, to place and receive pertinent telephone calls, and as a meeting place for STONE's group.

Gamblers in the area use Sgt. JOHN NICALOGIO (phonetic) of the Department of Public Safety License Bureau to make contacts for pay-offs to state officials (names unknown to BOSCO has a contact within the Dallas PD, name of which is unknown to informant, but which is believed by the Dallas Office to be Dallas PD Detective CHARLES SANSONE.

ALIMEADOWS (Dallas 166-84) is operating a "square game" in the Dallas area and because he has made enough money from crooked games, is able to do this. stated that he desires to cooperate fully with the FBI on a confidential basis and for money. He stated he is willing and when he makes one of his frequent trips to Las Vegas, he will obtain information concerning activities in Las Vegas as well as the activities of the Las Vegas group and furnish same to the Dallas Office. stated there is no syndicate contact in the Dallas area, to the best of his knowledge, and that the Dallas group, specifically WILLIAM RAY DAVIS, does not need any syndicate contacts. indicated he was well acquainted with numerous people in Las Vegas and that he had knowledge of the gambling operations there. It was noted by interviewing Agents that at this point of the interview had decided he would furnish his information after he had possibly been remunerated for what he had already furnished. He had been previously advised that he would be paid on a C.O.D. basis for pertinent and productive information and only after it had been evaluated by the Agents. He was agreeable to this. He was also advised that the Bureau in no way would pay for his gambling activities or expenses and he was also agreeable to this. Arrangements were made for future contacts with by SAs ROBERT M. BARRETT and IVAN D. LEE. was instructed never to contact the Dallas Office personally, that he was not an employee of the FBI, that he was to furnish information only to the Bureau Agents, and that the relationship between himself and the FBI must be strictly confidential. UACB, further contacts will be made with development as a Top Echelon Informant in view of the above information furnished by him. It is believed such contacts can be productive and it is the opinion of the contacting Agents is well acquainted with the gambling element in both Dallas and Las Vegas. These contacts will be carefully planned beforehand and efforts will be made by the Dallas Office to assure that is furnishing information for the reasons he has stated and is not being used by the gambling element in any manner. It is the opinion of the contacting Agents that is in a position to penetrate the organized criminal

element in Dallas and Las Vegas.