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CG T-1	Mr. BECKER, Assistant Superintendent, U. S. Post Office, Chicago, Illinois, to SA ROY D. RAGSDALE
CG T-2	IRWIN GOODMAN, Vice-President, Exchange National Bank, Chicago, Illinois, to SA RAGSDALE.
CG T-3	Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), Chicago, Illinois
CG T-4	SANDY SMITH, "Chicago Tribune" Crime Reporter
CG T-5	Former PCI to SA H. A. SCHLINKER
CG T-6	CG 6241-C to SA JOHN B. HARRINGTON
CG T-7	EILEEN EDGAR, Clerk, Security Department, Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Chicago, Illinois, to Investigative Clerk FRANCIS G. KAHL
CG T-8	CG 6379-C to SA CURTIS A. HESTER
CG T-9	CG 6036-C to SA HARRINGTON
CG T-10	CG 6215-C to SA ROBERT L. BAKER

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CG T-11	CG 5902-S to SA RAYMOND J. DRISCOLL	
CG T-12	PCI [] to SA HAROLD D. SELL	OTHER 4
CG T-13	Former Baltimore PCI []	OTHER 4
CG T-14	CG 6283-C to SA VINCENT L. INSERRA	
CG T-15	CG 6013-C to SA CLARK A. HULL	
CG T-16	CG 6272-C to SA WILLIAM F. ROEMER	
CG T-17	[] former Chicago CI to SA FRANCIS J. STEFANAK	OTHER 4
CG T-18	PCI [] to SA BRADNER C. RIGGS	OTHER 4
CG T-19	CG 6232-C to SA WILLIAM A. MEINCKE	
CG T-20	JOHN VALKANET, Police Officer, 41st District, Chicago Police Department, to SA LENARD A. WOLF. Contact has been insufficient to judge reliability	
CG T-21	Dun and Bradstreet, Chicago, Illinois	OTHER 4
CG T-22	PCI [] to SA CLIFFORD A. GRILL	
CG T-23	Former CG []-C to SA THOMAS W. PARRISH	OTHER 4
CG T-24	PCI [] to SA C. LEONARD TREVIRANUS who has furnished reliable and unreliable information in the past.	OTHER 4
CG T-25	CG 7518-CS to IC FRANCIS G. KAHL	
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Information obtained from CG 6343-C*, if utilized, must be carefully paraphrased in order that the identity of this source is not disclosed.

On January 18, 1960, CG 6343-C* advised that LEONARD PATRICK spoke briefly this date with FRANK FERRARO, MURRAY HUMPHREYS, both Chicago top hoodlums, and HY GODFREY, at Celano's. Nothing of any pertinence was reported from this conversation.

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was a gambling room in the rear of this building which had an entrance near 944 Eastwood Avenue. It was a big "pan" and poker game mainly played by the "Jewish boys". He stated that he saw several people driving big Cadillacs go into this gambling room, but he did not know who they were. He stated this room did not have a liquor bar, but did have a little snack or sandwich bar. He stated that to the best of his knowledge, this game was "wide open".

On March 18, 1958, CG T-15 advised that the gambling joint at 948 West Eastwood is owned by MAX NEEDLER (phonetic), and is controlled by the "outfit". CG T-15 added that the ownership and license of this place was in the name of BOB GRIFFIN or GRIFFITH who worked there at one time but is no longer there now. According to CG T-15, GRIFFIN would like to get his name off of these records, but was afraid to do so because of the "outfit".

CG T-16 advised on December 15, 1959, that during the latter part of November a friend of his was approached by HENRY FRIEDENBERG, the owner and operator of Arcadia Press. Arcadia Press is one of the three large distributors of football parley cards in the Chicago area.

CG T-16 stated that the purpose of FRIEDENBERG's approach was to have his friend contact LENNY PATRICK. CG T-16 stated that PATRICK was a fairly close friend of his and had been for approximately 15 or 20 years. He said that FRIEDENBERG asked his friend to contact PATRICK due to the fact that BILL FINKEL had recently died. CG T-16 noted that FINKEL operated a "Jewish card room" in the vicinity of Morse and Glenwood on the far North Side of Chicago in the territory controlled by LENNY PATRICK. FRIEDENBERG asked his friend to urge PATRICK to let him, FRIEDENBERG, take over the operation of this card room.

CG T-16 advised that as a result of FRIEDENBERG's request, this individual met PATRICK on the night of November 23, 1959, at the Black Angus Restaurant at 7127 North Western, Chicago. He presented FRIEDENBERG's request to PATRICK without recommendation and was told by PATRICK that FINKEL did not own the card room, and that FINKEL had operated the games in the card room only as a front for PATRICK. PATRICK told informant's friend that the room was, in fact, owned by PATRICK and that "out of the goodness of his heart" he was giving the widow of FINKEL \$100 a month as compensation for the loss of her husband's income.

PATRICK claimed that he already had someone else in mind to take over this card room, and that he should tell FRIEDENBERG that he was "out of luck" in this regard.

III. ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES

Gambling

CG T-18 advised on October 9, 1961, that a bookie named BEN CUTLER is operating his books mostly in Cicero, Illinois, at the present time. He said, however, that CUTLER continues to operate to some degree in the vicinity of Ogden and Kedzie Avenues in Chicago. According to CG T-19 LENNY PATRICK obtains 50 per cent of CUTLER's income from operations.

CG T-18 advised on October 27, 1961, that he has known LENNY PATRICK for many years as the gambling boss in Chicago's 24th Ward and PATRICK obtains a 50 per cent interest of all proceeds from gambling activity in this Ward. He said PATRICK's 24th Ward headquarters are in the Douglas Park Hotel in about the 3600 block of West Roosevelt Road, Chicago, and his office is directly behind the hotel desk. CG T-18 also advised that LENNY PATRICK's brother, JACK PATRICK is at the hotel more than LENNY.

CG T-18 further advised that LENNY PATRICK approached him about two months ago and wanted him to open a bookie operation. PATRICK advised him this would be a fifty-fifty deal with any police payoffs coming out of the informant's 50 per cent. The informant stated that he turned PATRICK down on this deal.

CG T-19 advised recently that he had received information that LEONARD PATRICK had recently become involved in an argument with one LOUIS CIRIONA over the operation of a horse book on the north side of Chicago. CG T-19 stated that CIRIONA is a runner for LOUIS BRIATTA who controls bookmaking activities in Chicago's Loop area. BRIATTA is directly answerable to Chicago hoodlums GUS ALEX and FRANK FERRARO. Informant was of the opinion that the argument was due to the fact that CIRIONA had been given authority to operate a horse book in a particular area by SAM GIANCANA. This fact was discovered by PATRICK who attempted to dissuade CIRIONA from operating. Failing to do so PATRICK reportedly went to GUS ALEX in an effort to settle the dispute.

Prostitution

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