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Date: **1/29/60**

Office: **SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH**

Field Office File No.: **SU 94-253**

Bureau File No.: **92-3241**

Title: **LESTER BENJAMIN BINION, aka**

Character: **ANTI-RACKETEERING**

Synopsis:

There was little activity on the part of BINION during the month of December; however, he did advise that a review of the Government's appeal of his habeas corpus hearing in Philadelphia made and time he was supposed to serve had been reduced to 58 days. He has traveled to Victorville, California, to buy some horses and also to vicinity of Denver, Colorado, to purchase horses. Also arranged for purchase of parking lot back of Horseshoe Club at 2nd and Ogden Streets. States does not intend to attempt to lease or operate now defunct Silver Palace, 1st and Fremont. Has stated may go to Fort Worth, Texas, for Southwest Livestock Show to observe daughter BRENDA, who will participate in the rodeo in Fort Worth. She is presently a student at Texas Christian University. DUE TO SUBJECT'S POSSESSION OF FIREARMS ON OCCASIONS OF PREVIOUS ARRESTS AND HIS USE OF FIREARMS IN THE PAST, HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DETAILS: AT LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

PERSONAL HISTORY

SU 386-C advised December 22, 1959, that BECKY BINION, youngest daughter of Subject, was having severe

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pain in a hip which had been operated on at Samson Clinic at Santa Barbara, California, approximately one year ago.

On January 8, 1960, BINION advised his wife, TEDDY JANE, had taken this daughter to Samson Clinic, Santa Barbara, for an examination of her hip, stating there was a possibility there was a recurrence of a growth in the bone of this hip.

On January 19, 1960, BINION advised his wife had returned and that apparently his daughter BECKY was in good condition.

On January 26, 1960, BINION advised his daughter BRENDA BINION would probably participate in the Southwest Livestock Show at Fort Worth, Texas, in the very near future and was going to participate in two events, the cutting horse contest and the girls' barrel racing. He stated she is very well satisfied with attending Texas Christian University at Fort Worth.

ASSOCIATES

~~X~~ BINION has been observed associating with DEAN WILLIAMS, who is described by SU 353-C as a "square John," a gambler of Midland, Texas.

SU 432-C advises he knows of no connection with syndicate gambling by WILLIAMS.

~~X~~ BINION has also been seen in the company of ROBERT CAUDILL and ED LEVINSON, Manager of the Fremont Hotel and the Horseshoe Club.

LEGITIMATE ENTERPRISES

BINION advised during December he intended to make a trip to Victorville, California, to buy a horse colt which is the son of Three Bars, and approximately four days following this statement he advised he had been to Victorville and had made the purchase of this colt for \$1000.00. BINION, during the month of January, purchased two horses in the

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vicinity of Denver, Colorado. He advised January 19, 1960, that he had also purchased a parking lot at 2nd and Ogden Streets which is directly behind the Horseshoe Club and that this purchase had been made for the Horseshoe Club as a parking lot. He stated the Horseshoe Club had purchased the Boulder Club Casino which is next door to the Horseshoe on Fremont Street, and that they intended to close this casino and put in a large restaurant in this location.

SU 386-C and SU 432-C advised on December 22, 1959, that there had been some discussion among downtown gamblers that BINION was going to attempt to obtain a lease on the Silver Palace Casino at 1st and Fremont; however, ROBERT CAUDILL, who has been an associate of BINION for a number of years, was trying to keep BINION from obtaining this lease as he felt it was a bad investment and also a bad location.

BINION, on January 25, 1960, advised that this casino had been leased by some individuals from Kentucky and their names were unknown to him.

CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

According to SU 432-C, SU 353-C, SU 386-C, ROBERT CAUDILL and DEAN WILLIAMS, BINION has not been in any type of criminal activities, CAUDILL stating BINION has too much at stake ever to go into any illegal type activity in the future.

MISCELLANEOUS

SU 432-C advised January 25, 1960, that he had received information BINION had had a disagreement with ED LEVINSON and that he had backed LEVINSON into a corner and threatened to beat his head off; however, an agreement was reached and no blows were struck. The subject of this disagreement was not known and BINION has not been contacted since it occurred.

BINION advised he had received information from his attorney JACOB KOSSMAN in Philadelphia that his hearing

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had been held on the Government's appeal of his habeas corpus hearing which he won in Philadelphia and that they had reduced the time he should serve to fifty-eight days. He advised he intended to appeal on this ruling and in the event it was necessary for him to surrender that he would file another writ of habeas corpus.

TRAVEL

BINION has advised during the month of December he was going to travel to Victorville, California, to look at some horses and possibly purchase one. This information was also supplied by SU 386-C. BINION did travel to Victorville and made a purchase of one horse colt which he has at his home at the present time.

On January 19, 1960, BINION traveled to Denver, Colorado, and made a purchase of two horses from a quarter horse breeder near Denver.

CONTEMPLATED TRAVEL

BINION advised January 25, 1960, that his sons JACK and TED and his daughter BECKY intended to attend the Southwest Livestock Show at Fort Worth, Texas, where his daughter BRENDA was going to participate in the rodeo which is being held in connection with this show. He stated there was a possibility he might also make this trip unless it was necessary for him to go to his ranch near Jordan, Montana.

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