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LAS VEGAS DIVISION
AT LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

Attempt to identify sales office in Dallas which will allegedly handle reservations for the Sahara Hotel, Las Vegas, and the identity of the person operating same.

DALLAS DIVISION
AT DALLAS, TEXAS

1. Will obtain toll calls charged to subject's residence telephone numbers for period 11/1/62 through 5/1/63.
2. Upon receipt of investigation requested of Los Angeles and Las Vegas, will interview subject concerning his business relationship with the Sahara Hotel, Las Vegas, especially with NICK DONOFRAS and BENNY BINION.
3. Will present to USA for prosecutive opinion.

ADMINISTRATIVE

The extensive investigative period of this report has been noted by the Dallas Division; however, this matter has received continued investigative attention and has been kept in a current status through referenced interoffice communications.

The information concerning MERRILL possibly being in violation of Title 18, Section 1912, USC, was received from DL-172-C, who is well acquainted with gambling operations in the Dallas area.

The following information was received by the Las Vegas Division from PHYLLIS DOWNER, who requested her identity be kept confidential.

PHYLLIS DOWNER, Assistant Credit Manager, Casino, Hotel Sahara, advised on February 20, 1963 that FREDDY MERRILL of Dallas received a monthly salary from the hotel. He is employed as a hotel representative for the Dallas and Texas area. MERRILL is well known in the Texas area and for this reason his services are valuable to the hotel. MERRILL arranges junkets from the Texas area and he is also utilized by the hotel to attempt to collect hotel bills from Texas guests.

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