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REFERENCES: Report of HOWARD CECIL, Oklahoma City, 2/15/68;  
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INFORMANTS:

On March 1, 1968, DL 275-C-TE was contacted by SA HAROLD J. EDGERTON and furnished the following information:

Informant advised that insofar as he knew, JOHN RITTER was obtaining his betting line from the "largest bookie" in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He said he could not recall the name of the bookie in Tulsa, but believed his last name was "DALE". Informant said he had no other definite information as to where RITTER was getting his line.

| ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED None |       |      |       |         |            | ACQUIT-TALS | CASE HAS BEEN:   |
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Informant also advised that COLSTON had been in Dallas, and about two weeks ago, was to have gone to Lake Tahoe, Nevada, with informant's wife. When his wife was ready to leave, COLSTON could not be located and informant has no idea where she might have gone or where she is currently located. Informant stated he has removed himself from the previous proposition in Oklahoma City wherein he and RITTER were to go into partnership in a restaurant. He said RITTER wanted to put a poker game in the back room and informant said he would not agree to this. Informant stated that, so far as he knows, RITTER is going ahead on the restaurant deal alone.

On March 4, 1968, PCI [redacted] advised SA STEPHEN S. TRAVIS, Oklahoma City, that while playing bridge at the Boomer Bridge Club in Oklahoma City, JACK RITTER told him there was so much heat on bookmaking in Oklahoma City and he had lost so much money in bad odds betting, that he had closed his book for the present time. OTHER 4

On March 6, 1968, OC 548-PC advised that JACK RITTER met FRANCES COLSTON in approximately January, 1964, when RITTER was working at the Canadian Country Club, Canadian County, Oklahoma. COLSTON eventually became RITTER's mistress and in 1965, RITTER began to hold weekly poker games in COLSTON's apartment. Each Monday night, RITTER and eight or ten others would meet at this apartment and hold poker games which each player had to "buy in" with at least \$300.

Later in the same year, RITTER and Oklahoma City bookmaker, KENNETH FLANERY, were booking out of the Capitol Arms Apartments in Oklahoma City. In 1966, RITTER's mistress obtained a job as assistant manager of the Normandie Apartments in Oklahoma City, and RITTER obtained an apartment in that building and booked from it during the football season. In 1967, RITTER again obtained an apartment at the Normandie Apartments after booking in COLSTON's apartment for three or four days.

Informant has seen RITTER accepting bets and calling other local Oklahoma City bookies, but to informant's knowledge, RITTER has never made or accepted any out-of-state telephone calls. Informant has heard RITTER and Dallas, Texas bookie, JOHNNY STONE, discuss another Dallas bookie, R. D. MATHEWS, as being a close friend of Oklahoma City bookmaker, GEORGE BARNES. Informant feels RITTER does not think very highly of MATHEWS judging from the way he talks about MATHEWS. Informant has never known RITTER to

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contact MATHEWS. RITTER told informant he intends to resume bookmaking during the 1968 football season with ~~BRUCE COUCH~~, Oklahoma City bookie, at the After Hours Club, Logan County, ~~Oklahoma~~.

On March 11, 1968, OC 549-PC advised SA HOWARD CECIL that he was to play poker that night with RITTER and others at the apartment of JIM WEHBA, apartment 301, Belle Isle Apartments, Oklahoma City.

Informant also stated RITTER lost a considerable amount of money booking during the past year and among others, owes Oklahoma City bookies ~~KENNETH FLANERY~~ and TRACY POE, as well as, Dallas, Texas bookie ~~JOHNNY STONE~~.

On March 15, 1968, OC 548-PC advised SA HOWARD CECIL that RITTER's weekly poker game for the night of March 11, 1968, was supposed to be held at the apartment of JIM WEHBA at the Belle Isle apartments; however, WEHBA had to go out of town and the game was changed to the apartment of FRED MONSOHR at the Spanish Village Apartments, Oklahoma City. Because of the snow storm, RITTER and MONSOHR were the only players who showed up.

RITTER's wife has gone to Hot Springs, Arkansas for two weeks to attend the horse races. She goes there each year where she meets with a man with whom she is having an affair. RITTER is unaware of this. RITTER's wife is reported to be a former prostitute.

RITTER obtained his football schedules during the past football season from Oklahoma City bookie BRUCE COUCH. RITTER then mailed the blank scheddles out to his bettors who had to call RITTER for the "line". RITTER would meet with his bettors on each Monday at the DeVille Motel to settle up. RITTER had a poor season and is in bad financial shape.

On March 22, 1968, OC 548-PC advised SA HOWARD CECIL that RITTER left at 10:30 A.M. that date for Wichita Falls, Texas, to attend a bridge tournament. He intends to return on March 25, 1968, in time to attend the weekly poker game at JIM WEHBA's apartment located at the Belle Isle Apartments in Oklahoma City.

This informant advised at 8:30 P.M. on March 25, 1968, that RITTER and Oklahoma City bookmaker ~~JOE VAN SCOY~~ were en route to the poker game. WEHBA has changed apartments and is now in apartment 114 at the Belle Isle. apartments in Oklahoma City.

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