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Synopsis

REFERENCES

Report of SA ERNEST M. SMITH dated 9/29/58, at New Orleans.
New Orleans letter to Bureau, 11/28/58.

LEADS

NEW ORLEANS

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA:

Will maintain contact with PCI [redacted]
CI NO 1075-C and CI NO 1126-C for any information concerning the activities of the subject.

Will conduct periodic nighttime surveillance of subject to determine any new associations.

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INFORMANTS

PCI [REDACTED], contacted on 10/13, 27/58 and 11/10/58 advised that he frequents the Town and Country Restaurant on the basis of three or four times per week at night. He stated that he frequently observes PECORARO at the restaurant in the company of the proprietor, JOSEPH FORETTO and CARLOS MARCELLO (top hoodlums). Informant stated he is not aware of any exertion of pressure on local gamblers by PECORARO at this time.

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CI NO 1075-C advised on 10/14/58 that PHILIP ARENA, locally charged with peddling narcotics, said he was unable to obtain any assistance from PECORARO in making bond. Informant advised that ARENA said his bond was posted by JUNIOR KERNER of Gretna, La., that KERNER possesses oil lands in Louisiana, and was formerly connected with professional gambling operations in the New Orleans area.

CI NO 1126-C on 11/17/58 advised SA RAY E. ROCKHOLD that concerning the operation of the Chesterfield Club, gambling house in Jefferson Parish, the dice game at the club was operated until about a month ago by JESSE SHOEMAKER, wealthy gambler from Memphis, Tenn. Informant advised that SHOEMAKER said he pulled out of the Chesterfield Club as he had made a substantial roll while there and because he did not want to cause any "family strife". Informant stated that SHOEMAKER did not elaborate on the term "family strife". Informant further stated that if SHOEMAKER did have any trouble with JOE PECORARO, or anyone else, he would not reveal any such occurrence to even his closest friends. Informant said that his previously reported conversation with PECORARO was considered an effort by PECORARO to bring pressure upon him to keep him from operating dice games at the Chesterfield Club. Informant advised that this effort by PECORARO had nothing to do with informant not operating at the Chesterfield Club, but rather informant found a better spot in which to operate at Baton Rouge, La.

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