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CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM

Last week a series of field conferences held throughout the country on the Criminal Intelligence Program were concluded. Representatives of those offices handling the bulk of the Bureau's case load in the field of organized crime were in attendance. A complete discussion of problems concerning the investigation of cases in this category was held and many suggestions for improvement of our program were received.

For the information of all offices there follows some of the high lights of the discussions held at these conferences:

Verbatim Transcripts

In connection with our misur coverage, the question of the necessity for verbatim transcripts of misur information was raised. Representatives of many offices felt that in involved situations, such as our investigations of the skimming operations out of the Las Vegas casinos and our investigation of the underworld organization La Causa Nostra, that verbatim transcripts were absolutely necessary so that the various field divisions involved would have the most accurate available information for assistance in their investigations. Representatives of other offices maintained that in many instances material from misurs could be summarized in one communication which would be suitable for channelization. The Bureau's position in this regard is that summarization and channelization of information from misurs is preferable to extensive verbatim transcripts on the great majority of intercepts. However, as noted by some of the field divisions, where complicated investigations are underway requiring interpretation of hazy or ambiguous remarks, verbatim translations are permissible and in those cases desirable. Every effort should be made, however, in order to conserve the time of monitors and typists to utilize, wherever possible, the approved procedure of summarization and channelization of the information into the appropriate files.

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Overseas Investigations

Considerable discussion was held concerning the urgent need for developing information concerning foreign numbered bank accounts. The attention of the conferences was directed to the fact that our Legal Attaches (Legats) are in a position to be of considerable assistance to the field in this regard. Our investigations are developing extensive information concerning the foreign financial activities and travel of American hoodlums. Wherever possible, information concerning such activities should be directed to the Bureau for relay to the appropriate Legat so that investigation can be initiated abroad. In this connection, Legats have advised that there is a great deal of interest among foreign police circles in American hoodlum activities and information of this nature brought to the attention of the Legats places them in a most favorable position with reference to the police in the countries which they cover. In this connection the attention of the field is directed to the fact that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) have recently established a Criminal Intelligence Section at RCMP Headquarters, Ottawa, and have indicated a desire to exchange information with the Bureau on matters of mutual interest in this field.

Informative Indices

The question was again raised in these conferences as to whether a field office could set up an informative index concerning hoodlums active in its territory. Your attention is directed to airtel to all SACs dated 5/10/62, captioned "Criminal Intelligence Program," in which the conditions under which Bureau approval for such indices would be granted are set forth.

Monographs

In several of the conferences it was suggested that monographs to supplement those already in existence and particularly covering the field of bookmaking and gambling should be prepared for the assistance of the field divisions in handling substantive gambling cases. The San Francisco and Jacksonville Offices were instructed to submit material in this regard and each field division receiving this communication should submit pertinent material it desires to have included in such monographs by 4/30/63. Upon receipt of this information it will be analyzed and appropriate monographs prepared.