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It is noted that in the past captioned informant has provided general intelligence information concerning a MIKE McLANEY. This McLANEY is the brother of BILL McLANEY on the managerial staff of the Carousel Club in Las Vegas. Informant has described MIKE McLANEY as a golf and tennis "hustler" in his younger days, a good friend of DAN TOPPING, former owner of the New York Yankees, and who during the gambling era in Cuba, prior to CASTRO, was in managerial position at the Grand National Casino in Havana. Informant describes McLANEY as a typical "hustler" who will act as a "front" for anyone who has the necessary financial backing. He stated that MIKE McLANEY has been known to do work for CARLOS MARCELLO.

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The 2/3/67, issue of "LIFE" magazine has an article regarding gambling in the Bahamas. Paragraph one, column one, page 66 of this issue contains a reference that MIKE McLANEY was allegedly campaigning on behalf of LYDEN O. PINDLING, who was elected Premier of the Bahamas in the recent election.

Informant states he feels this is the same MIKE McLANEY and states he has received information that McLANEY is going to front for a large plush casino to be built in the Bahamas, and that he will be joined with his brother, BILL McLANEY, and an old-time gambler, PHIL SCHAEFFER, in the operation of this casino.

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Informant states that MIKE McLANEY owes various individuals in the gambling industry throughout the United States and owes the informant himself a considerable sum of money. Informant feels that undoubtedly McLANEY will be backed financially by a group, such as the MEYER LANSKY group.

Informant states that in the next month or two his business would permit him to go to the Bahamas with his wife on a short vacation and he could contact McLANEY under a pretext of obtaining his money from McLANEY. Informant states that if the Bureau desired any information developed while in the Bahamas, he would be glad to do so.

^{NEVADA} Informant also states that the well-known Las Vegas casino figure, ~~T. W. RICHARDSON~~, and ~~SHELBY WILLIAMS~~, ^{TEXAS} _{NEVADA} Texas oil man, are planning to open a gambling casino next to the Caesar's Palace in June, 1967. Informant states that RICHARDSON formerly has been a "well-known drop" for money of couriers traveling in and out of Las Vegas for various gambling interests. He stated WILLIAMS used to be the silent partner of JOE LUCIA, convicted Houston gambler. Informant states he has received an invitation to attend the opening of this casino and could develop any pertinent information desired by the Bureau.

Above for information of the Bureau, Las Vegas, and Miami.