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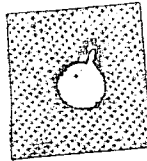


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Memorandum



TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-9-28)

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SUBJECT: CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
MEMPHIS DIVISION
MONTHLY SUMMARY

RE: FEDERAL JUDGE ORDERS CHANGE OF
VENUE TO CHATTANOOGA, TENN. FROM
NASHVILLE IN HOFFA TRIAL

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The trial of JAMES RIDDLE HOFFA and six co-defendants for Conspiracy and Obstruction of Justice previously scheduled for trial in USDC, Nashville, has been ordered changed by change of venue to the USDC for the EDT at Chattanooga. This trial has now been set for 1/20/64. HOFFA'S co-defendants in this trial are LARRY LOUIS CAMPBELL, Business Agent of Local 299, Detroit; THOMAS EWING PARKS, an uncle of CAMPBELL who resides at Nashville; NICHOLAS JOHN WHEEL, wealthy Huntington, W. Va., cigarette merchant and vending machine operator; ALLEN DORFMAN, wealthy Chicago insurance broker; LAWRENCE W. MEDLIN, Nashville sandwich and pie distributor; and EWING KING, former President of Local 327, IBT, Nashville, who was defeated in an election for that post held 12/13 - 15/63, the successful candidate for that post being DON VESTAL, former President of Local 327 and a controversial labor figure in the Teamsters Union during 1957-58 period of the McCLELLAN Committee Hearings in Washington, D.C.

As in the HOFFA trial, USDC at Nashville, during the Fall and early Winter of 1962, representatives of the Criminal Division, U. S. Department of Justice, expect that efforts will be made by HOFFA's sympathizers and persons closely allied with him to tamper with the HOFFA trial jury Chattanooga.

RE: NEW GAMBLING JOINT OPENED IN TIPTON
COUNTY, TENN. NOW KNOWN AS
PADDOCK

This establishment is at the site of the Bob Ton Club, an old notorious road house in Tipton County, which burned. JAMES ROBERT NIX and members of his family have been

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associated with the operation of the Bon Ton Club and other road houses in Tipton County over a long period of years and have been involved in many violations of the state law for which they have received some publicity.

The Paddock is located near the Shelby-Tipton County line on Highway 51, North of Memphis. This is about 25 miles from downtown Memphis and is about two miles North of two other gambling establishments which have been discussed frequently in this and other summaries, the Turf Club, operated by WERT AKINS, and the Twin Oaks, operated by WOODROW WILSON COMPTON. PCI CHARLES CLEVELAND "SONNY" BELT, JR. of Memphis, who has long been active in professional gambling circles in this area, advised that during the Fall of 1963, he and CLARENCE HOLCOMB NOLAN, aka "Round Man", took over the operation of the Paddock with BELT bankrolling this enterprise. BELT spent about \$8,000 re-furnishing and re-modeling the premises. He lost heavily in the gambling activities from the outset, losing about \$21,000 in cash, thereby going broke.

Later, during the early Winter of 1963, he got out of this operation and was succeeded immediately by BILLY GENE COMPTON, who is a brother of WOODROW WILSON COMPTON of the Twin Oaks. BILLY GENE COMPTON moved his household goods and family from West Memphis, Arkansas to Shelby County, Tenn. about the time he took over the operations of the Paddock. COMPTON is currently the ostensible owner and operator of the Paddock. The principal form of gambling at this establishment is dice shooting on a professional layout type table. Employees at the Paddock include such professional gambling characters as "ROUND MAN" NOLAN, above mentioned"; LONNIE DANIELLEY, aka Whitey; JAKE RIFKIN, aka "Kid Broad"; JOHN LESTER FONTE and one JOE CARREARO (phonetic). It is interesting to note that JAKE RIFKIN has stated he lived for a short time in the apartment with JACK RUBY at Dallas, Texas several years ago. RUBY is the killer of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, the assassinator of President KENNEDY.

BELT advised that the property on which the Paddock is located is owned by JAMES ROBERT NIX, aka "Red" and that NIX was receiving \$1,000 a month "rent" for use of the property.

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This "rent" included a "nut" which, according to BELT, re-
presents the expense of operation including local pay-off. BELT declined to elaborate concerning any pay-offs to law enforcement officers or public officials. Investigation has disclosed that ~~CHAM DANIELS~~, well known Tipton County gambling character and former doorman at Twin Oaks, has been serving as doorman at the Paddock. The Memphis Office is currently conducting ITAR-Gambling investigations concerning the Paddock, Twin Oaks and thd Turf Club.

JESSE L. SHUMAKER reported to have present interest in Twin Oaks, Tipton County, Tenn.

CHARLES CLEVELAND BELT, PCI, recently advised that WOODROW WILSON COMPTON, operator of Twin Oaks, Tipton County, has encountered financial difficulties in his gambling operations at this establishment. BELT understood that JESSE L. SHUMAKER, widely known gambler of Memphis, has become associated with COMPTON at Twin Oaks, having acquired "a piece of it." It is to be noted that SHUMAKER has long been connected with casino-type gambling operations in this area. He was one of the owners of the old Kennel Club at Byhalia, Miss. during the early 1950's. He was also a partner in the Blackfish Lake Club in St. Frances County, Ark. about 30 miles from Memphis, and more recently, he was one of the partners in the operation of the rather elaborate gambling club known as the State Line in DeSoto County, Miss., a short distance South of Memphis. SHUMAKER is reportedly quite wealthy.

RE: CREDITORS TAKE LEGAL ACTION
TO RECOVER GAMBLING LOSSES INCURRED
IN TIPTON COUNTY, TENN. GAMBLING
JOINTS

As pointed out above, the Memphis Office has conducted investigation in the ITAR-Gambling classification regarding WOODROW WILSON COMPTON's Twin Oaks and the Turf Club in Tipton County, Tenn. In connection with these investigations, the