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Mrs LOUISE PECK, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Longview, Texas, was contacted 12/6/62 by SA ALAN L. MANNING.

Mr. RON MAPLES, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Tyler, Texas, was contacted 12/10/62 by SA MANNING.

Mr. CHARLES R. MASON, Office Manager, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Cleburne, Texas, was contacted 1/22/63 by SA JOHN V. ALMON.

Mr. C. O. KING, Braniff Airlines, Dallas, Texas, was contacted 2/6/63 by SA RICHARD A. CARR.

DL-177-CS whose identity is known to the Bureau was contacted 3/19/63 by SAA RAYMOND C. ECKENRODE concerning information in the records of the East Dallas Bank and Trust Company, Dallas, Texas.

The following is a summary of pertinent information received from informants and confidential sources of the Dallas Office in connection with captioned matter. These sources have requested their identities be kept confidential.

On 12/11/62 DL-141-C advised SAA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING that on about the first of December 1962 MEADOWS was trying to contact R. C. "ROOSTER" THREADGILL, a Bristol, Texas, gambler, to go fishing and MEADOWS had remarked to DL-141-C that he, MEADOWS, had quit bookmaking and was glad that he had because all bookmakers lost everything on the 1962 football season. MEADOWS commented that he too would have lost heavily if he had been booking during this season.

On 12/11/62 DL-172-C advised that MEADOWS, GRIMES and a third person, whose name was unknown to the informant but who was originally from Dallas and had previously worked as a dice man in Corpus Christi, Texas, and for JIMMY GREEN in the Key West Club, Hot Springs, Arkansas, were presently running a crooked dice game at a house near Arlington, Texas, which was formerly owned by Dallas gambler J. B. TURNS.

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other job other than being employed in a gambling establishment.

On 12/28/62, GREEN advised he was not acquainted with anyone by the name of ALBERT MEADOWS, however, stated he knew that he had heard the name before and could not recall under what circumstances. He advised he was positive he had never had any sort of dealings with anyone by that name and would not know MEADOWS if he were to meet him in person. GREEN further advised he was not acquainted with anyone by the name of JANICE CHRISTAKIS and reiterated he could furnish no information whatsoever concerning CHRISTAKIS or MEADOWS.

On 12/31/62 H. L. KIRKPATRICK, Vice President and Cashier, East Dallas Bank and Trust Company, described president of the bank WARREN A. GILBERT, JT. as a "wheeler and dealer" who would do anything "for a dollar". KIRKPATRICK further stated an unknown gambler had been seen by KIRKPATRICK in conference with GILBERT every Friday and Monday, behind closed doors. KIRKPATRICK identified FRED MERRILL, a known Dallas gambler as a frequent visitor with GILBERT in the bank and further stated that subject MEADOWS is at the bank on an average of once a week. (The unknown gambler was subsequently identified by the Dallas Division as S. C. "CHICK" FLOURNOY.)

On 1/15/63 the Savannah Division furnished the following:

On 1/12/63, New Orleans informant NO 1139-C, while in Brunswick, Georgia, area on a special assignment, advised SAs RUSSELL L. SAVITZ and JOHN P. MC QUIRE he is familiar with both the subject and LEO CARSON of Long County, Georgia. He stated both subject and CARSON are known by him to be gamblers and confidence men. He stated CARSON and MEADOWS are gambling associates and CARSON has in the past worked for MEADOWS. CI further advised it was his understanding MEADOWS had recently, within the past year, helped CARSON open two restaurants located along U.S. 301 (Long County) which restaurants are used as fronts for tourist fleecing activities.

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On 2/15/63 DL-146-C advised SA JAMES W. BOOKHOUT that MEADOWS had, on 1/18/63, purchased a 1963 Oldsmobile Starfire at the W. O. Bankston Oldsmobile Dealer, Dallas. Total cost of this car was \$4,400, MEADOWS receiving a trade in of \$1,707 on a 1962 Oldsmobile and financed \$2,693 through the East Dallas Bank and Trust Company.

On 2/28/63 DL-146-C advised that MEADOWS has been buying automobiles from W. O. Bankston since 1934. Informant also advised that MEADOWS' associate BILLY RAY GRIMES on 2/4/63 purchased 1963 Oldsmobile, traded in a 1961 Oldsmobile and financed the balance of \$2,300 through the First National Bank, Dallas, Texas, with payments of \$89 per month.

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On February 27, 1963 the Washington Field Office furnished the following:

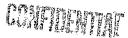
It was determined that Washington, D.C. telephone number DI 7-6646 is listed to Attorney JOHN J. NEALON, Number 1 Thomas Circle, Washington, D.C.

On January 16, 1963, SA C. DENMARK JOHNSON reviewed records of the Credit Bureau, Incorporated, Washington, D.C., at which time the following information was obtained regarding NEALON:

He is married to ELIZABETH ANN, resides at 7315 13th Street, Northwest, where he is buying a home. He has been in Washington, D.C., for a good number of years and is self-employed as an attorney. He is a graduate of George Washington University and passed the bar in 1953. Instant files failed to reflect any derogatory information regarding NEALON.

On February 7, 1963, JOHN J. NEALON, Attorney, Number 1 Thomas Circle, advised SA JOHNSON he met ED DR ISCOLL during the previous summer through RAY MC CONNON an employee of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). NEALON stated that (t) MC CONNON had engaged him as an attorney for some personal matters and that apparently DR ISCOLL was referred by MC CONNON C to him, NEALON as a potential investor for oil fields that DR ISCOLL was connected with. He stated he never actually met DR ISCOLL but talked with him on the telephone on several occasions during which times DR ISCOLL discussed the possibility of NEALON investing in DR ISCOLL's oil business. He said DR ISCOLL believed he, NEALON, had money to invest from clients he represented and that the oil investment was strictly a exploratory arrangement which would result in a tax write-off for the investor.

NEALON stated he received a long distance telephone call from DRISCOLL who was in New York and two or three other calls from him in Dallas. He stated he wrote to DRISCOLL on only one occasion and received a prospectus from DRISCOLL concerning the oil investment.



NEALON stated on no occasion did DRISCOLL discuss anything other than investing in his oil business. He said subject's name is not familiar to him.

On February 19, 1963, B. RAY MC CONNON, 1400 South Joyce Street Arlington, Virginia, advised he is employed by CIA and met ED DRISCOLL in about July or August, 1962. He stated DRISCOLL was an Army buddy of another CIA employee with whom he, [MC CONNON] was having lunch one day, during which lunch DRISCOLL was present. He stated DRISCOLL was seeking contacts with money to invest in an oil operation in Texas. He stated he had a prospectus from E. B. FLETCHER, Dallas, Texas, and that the arrangement was a 100 per cent gamble from an investment standpoint, but the investor could benefit from a tax write-off arrangement.

(C) [MC CONNON] stated he gave DRISCOLL the name of JOHN NEALON as a contact because NEALON represents several individuals whom he though might be interested in making an investment with DRISCOLL. He stated DRISCOLL never discussed anything other than the oil business while in his presence and that he received a telephone call from him from New York several weeks after meeting him to determine if he was interested in making an investment. He stated there have been no other contacts since that time.

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