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5. Will contact informants and additional sources to determine specific details concerning the gambling activities of KUSIC and PLOPI at McKeesport and vicinity.

ADMINISTRATIVE

For the information of all offices who have not previously received background information in connection with the case, the following is set forth for investigative assistance:

Bureau airtel to Albuquerque dated 11/20/61, captioned "INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITIES", advised that RAY KUSIC and WALTER PLOPI, are among others, considered by Internal Revenue Service, Washington, D. C., to be leading gamblers; these persons have been issued a current wagering tax stamp, and Internal Revenue Service considers these individuals to be among the biggest gambling operators holding wagering tax stamps. The Bureau requested that investigation be instituted in one of three categories involving gambling; namely, Interstate Transmission of Wagering Information, Interstate Transmission of Aid of Racketeering and Interstate Transportation of Wagering Paraphernalia, to determine if these persons have violated one or more of these statutes.

Informants of the Pittsburgh Office including PG 650-C and PCI PHIL PERRULLI, previously related that KUSIC operates a large dice and barbout game at the Red Arrow Club located on Route 30, North Versailles Township, Pa. Gamblers have reportedly lost up to \$3000 at this game. This club has been described as a "high class spot." It has been alleged that KUSIC reportedly has considerable financial resources and among his legitimate enterprises are included the Ben-Mac Apartments, McKeesport, Pa., as well as other apartments and property in the downtown Pittsburgh area. It has also been alleged that Mayor ANDREW J. JAKOMAS, McKeesport, Pa., has turned over the McKeesport Rackets Control exclusively to KUSIC. The numbers bank for the McKeesport numbers racket is allegedly located at the Fifth Avenue Smoke Shop, 730 Fifth Avenue. KUSIC's dice, card and barbout games are also allegedly operated at the Veterans Club at McKeesport, 536 Eden Park Boulevard. DAVE WANDER, a local business man and bondsman, acts as a front man for the KUSIC operation at the Veterans Club, while JOE (last name unknown) operates the Red Arrow Club for KUSIC. KUSIC is in partnership with WALTER PLOPI, 214 Wainwright Drive, McKeesport, Pa., in the operation of the Fifth Avenue Smoke Shop, 730 Fifth Avenue, McKeesport, Pa.

Records of the Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, Pa.,

INFORMANTS

On 1/19/62, BETTY ORRIS, aka., PCI, Pittsburgh Office, advised SA SAMUEL A. MILLER that while she is not acquainted with RAY KUSIC or WALTER PLOPI, she has nevertheless, heard of the gambling spot located near the Westinghouse Bridge on Route 30 when it was first operated by ARCHIE ~~LITMIN~~. When this establishment was first opened it was known as the Club 432, however, its present ownership and gambling activities are unknown.

On 2/8/62, PG 650-C advised SA JAMES B. FANNING that the Red Arrow Club, Route 30, North Versailles Township, has not been in operation since August, 1961, following the Internal Revenue Service raid at New Kensington, Pa., in connection with the SAMUEL and GABRIEL ~~MANNARINO~~ operation. Informant added that big dice games and gambling in general have virtually ceased since that date.

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