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GENERAL CRIME SURVEY
SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT
LITTLE ROCK FIELD DIVISION
FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS
APRIL 15, 1947

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Background information pertaining to Fort Smith, Arkansas, was set out in the initial survey report. As the principal change in this connection pertained to closing Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, located some eight miles from Fort Smith, and this information was included in the last survey report, such background information will not be repeated.

A. ORGANIZED GANGS

Confidential informants and sources of information are of the opinion no organized gangs are operating in Fort Smith, Arkansas, and vicinity.

B. INDIVIDUAL RACKETEERS AND MOBSTERS

LR-376; OTTO METZGER, Chief Deputy Sheriff; and WESLEY PRICE, Identification Officer of the Fort Smith Police Department, furnished the following information concerning individuals who have previously engaged in illegal activities in this section, associate with criminals, or serve as contacts for criminals. Information concerning some of these individuals was secured from the files of R. S. WILSON, U. S. Attorney, and PAT SWAIM, Chief U. S. Probation Officer. The physical descriptions and identification numbers of persons previously furnished in survey reports will not be repeated. Likewise, the names of individuals previously submitted who have not changed their status or been involved in additional criminal activities, will not be repeated. Those persons who have changed their locations or become involved in or suspected of criminal activities, and those persons whose names are presently being submitted for the first time, are being included in this report:

LUCIUS LEMAR REAVES, was, Lucien Reaves,
Luke Reaves - FBI No. 1033545

The physical description of this man has been furnished previously. He was committed to the Arkansas State Penitentiary about July 15, 1945, to serve 3 years for grand larceny. He was made a trusty and put in charge of a work detail. In this connection, he was transferred to the State Tubercular Sanatorium at Booneville, Arkansas, as foreman of a work detail. He slipped away from this assignment at nights, supposedly to have illicit relations with RUBY HORTON STEVENS, paramour of ROBERT PRESTON PARKER. When PARKER could not find his "woman," he suspected she was with REAVES and proceeded to Greenwood, Arkansas, searching for RUBY and REAVES. He was unable to find RUBY, but located REAVES. The two men had a few drinks and were arrested together at Greenwood about March 23, 1947. REAVES was returned to the

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JERRY WATKINS states that another purpose for which FRANK COSTELLO might come to Hot Springs is to divide the take from his various rackets.

It is pointed out that this survey covers the period of the racing meet which was held during the month of March of this year. JERRY WATKINS and Confidential Informant CLAY CLIFF, as well as other informants, have advised that the following individuals were in Hot Springs during this season:

NATHAN LENNETT, with alias "Nigger Nate." This individual spends three or four months out of each year in Hot Springs, usually arriving around the first of January and staying through the month of April. He is a notorious gambler and apparently engages in no other activity while in Hot Springs.

IRVING DEVINE, with alias "Nig" Devine. He is a well-known racketeer and gambler from Cincinnati, Ohio, but he has never been known to engage in anything but gambling while in Hot Springs.

EDDIE ROTEN, a gambler from Dallas, Texas.

PETE GRANT, a gambler from Memphis, Tennessee.

JESSE SHUMAKER, with alias "Shoes," another Memphis gambler.

MILTON JAFFE, a well-known racketeer and gambler from Pittsburgh. He was in Hot Springs for the entire racing meet and resided at the Arlington Hotel.

CAPPY MCGORIE, a Memphis gambler.

GLENWOOD TOWNES, with alias Glen Townes, gambler and bookmaker from Saint Louis. This individual follows races all over the country and is employed by gambling houses in resort cities as a blackjack dealer. He has the reputation of being one of the best dealers in the country. For the past few seasons he has been employed as a dealer at Club Belvedere in Hot Springs. During his stay this year he was picked up for investigation by the Hot Springs Police Department, and during his incarceration he was questioned by agents of this office regarding his knowledge of jewelry thefts in the Miami area. He was released by the Hot Springs Police Department without any charge.

MURPH HAROLD, a gambler from Shreveport, Louisiana.

TONEY MARROW, a gambler and cafe owner from Oklahoma City. He is alleged to be a close personal friend of HUBERT COATES of Oklahoma City.

SHORTY BREST, a well-known gambler from San Francisco.