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THE LAS VEGAS DIVISION

AT LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

Will follow and report information developed concerning the operation of the Horseshoe Club, and activities of key personnel at this Club.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

This case is being placed in a pending inactive status and a report concerning the activities at this Club will be submitted in six months.

LV 108-PC who has knowledge of the operation and personnel of the Horseshoe Club advised on 8/30/63, that at approximately 1:45 p.m., on this date, an unknown individual appeared in the Casino of the Horseshoe Club carrying a small black bag. This individual was met near the Keno Cage by LESTER BENJAMIN BINION, aka BENNY, and this individual at that time opened the bag momentarily to show BINION the contents. Informant stated that he, AL MARSHALL, a pit boss, and one of the Keno dealers got a chance to glance into the bag and according to the informant this bag contained numerous one hundred dollar bills.

*NEV* Informant advised that very shortly thereafter DEAN "CHET" WILLIAMS, an associate of BINION's at the Horseshoe Club, joined the unknown individual and BINION. This group then immediately departed the Club by way of the Second Street entrance and walked north on Second Street.

Informant has never seen this unknown individual before nor did any of the other employees of the Club seem to know this individual's identity. The individual was described as a white male about 45 years old, stocky build, 5'6" or 5'8" tall, and semi bald.

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Informant advised on 10/28/63, that no one at the Club has mentioned anything concerning this money or the unknown individual who was at the Club on 8/30/63, nor has he seen this individual since that time.

No information to date has been developed concerning the identity of this individual who contacted BINION and WILLIAMS at the Horseshoe Club, nor has any other source of the Las Vegas or El Paso Divisions furnished any information regarding this individual or the money.

The above information furnished by LV 108-PC is not being included in the Details of this report due to limited number of individuals having knowledge of this matter.

It should be noted that RICHARD J. KORNICKS, formerly of Miami, Florida, the brother-in-law of ED LEVINSON, and presently an employee of the Horseshoe Club, is a known courier of skimmed funds. The details concerning KORNICKS' courier operations were previously reported in Las Vegas report of JOHN EDWARD SHEDD, dated 3/6/63, entitled, "Fremont Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada; AR" Bufile 92-6329.

The Bureau Agents making the observations at the Horseshoe Club on 5/24/63, were Special Agents ROBERT M. JACKSON and CARL F. FREEMAN.

INFORMANTS:

LV T-1 is LV 108-PC.

LV T-2 is Investigator WAYNE MC DORMAN, Nevada Gaming Control Board, Las Vegas, Nevada.

LV T-3 is Sergeant BEN COMPTON, Special Investigations, Las Vegas PD, Las Vegas, Nevada.

LV T-4 is LV 109-PC.

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