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MATTHEWS has been in contact with Oklahoma City gambler GEORGE EDWARD BARNES and source believes MATTHEWS contacted BARNES at Oklahoma City telephone number WI 6-4353. Source advised BARNES was opening a new gambling joint with JACK SUSSY (Phonetic) which was to be located on May Avenue close to Nichols Hills, in Oklahoma City.

In connection with the above it is noted that during an interview with BARNES on 11/2/62 by SAs ROBERT W. KNIGHT and CHARLES F. ALDEN, that BARNES stated he was residing at the Nomad Apartments with home phone number WI 6-4353. The JACK SUSSY referred to is possibly identical with the owner of Sussy's Restaurant on North Lincoln Boulevard.

OC 374-C advised SA CHARLES F. ALDEN on 5/10/63 as follows:

CI advised that GEORGE BARNES does a lot of traveling, frequently to Texas; that he operates as a free lance gambler; that he is not engaged in the operation of any gambling establishment to CI's knowledge. CI said EVERETT C. JOHNSTON has made trips to Nevada but seems to be primarily engaged in the raising of thoroughbred horses, and that CHARLES HANDLEY is working for his brother, FLETCHER, as Club Room Manager at the Canadian Country Club, near Wheatland, Oklahoma. It was CI's opinion that JOHNSTON, BARNES, and both HANDLEY brothers are "too smart" to become involved in anything involving a violation of Federal law.

PCI GARNER PETTIGREW, El Reno, Oklahoma, advised SA CHARLES F. ALDEN on 5/10/63, as follows:

PCI advised that, insofar as he had been able to observe, GEORGE BARNES was operating as an independent gambler; that CHARLES HANDLEY was working for his brother, FLETCHER HANDLEY, at the Canadian Country Club, and that EVERETT C. JOHNSON was primarily occupied with the breeding and raising of thoroughbred horses, which he sells in the eastern part of the United States.

PCI SILAS HANNA, JR. El Reno, Oklahoma, advised SA CHARLES F. ALDEN on 5/10/63 that GEORGE BARNES and "JONK" JOHNSTON are "in and out" of the Oklahoma City area, and believes both are operating as independent, free lance gamblers. JOHNSTON often goes to Las Vegas, Nevada and BARNES usually goes to Texas.

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KEN FLANERY, who reportedly "set up" the recent attempted hijacking of the Canadian Country Club is a close friend of Informant. Informant has heard similar rumors about FLANERY and although he considers him capable of such an act, he does not believe FLANERY would become involved in any hijacking inasmuch as FLANERY has "too much to lose" in connection with the building and construction business. Informant recalled that FLANERY's name had also been mentioned in connection with the hijacking of the Pennsylvania Club in 1963 when it was being operated by GEORGE BARNES. Informant said BARNES had talked to FLANERY at that time and had eliminated him as a suspect.

Informant stated he too has been accused of having a part in the attempted hijacking of the Canadian Country Club, possibly because he is a former employee and is presently "somewhat at odds" with FLETCHER HANDLEY, owner of the Canadian Country Club. Informant talked to GEORGE BARNES and JUNK JOHNSTON the previous week and is certain he convinced them that he had no part in the attempted hijacking. (BARNES and JOHNSTON operate the gambling room at the Canadian Country Club.)

Informant said that BARNES uses R. D. MATHEWS, a Dallas, Texas, hoodlum, as a strong-arm man, but that to Informant's knowledge, MATHEWS has not been in Oklahoma City recently.

~~RUSSELL DOUGLAS MATTHEWS~~
On 1/26 and 28/ 65, PCI PATRICK HENRY EARLEY advised SA GEORGE B. STEWART that R. D. MATTHEWS, a gambling house operator from Dallas, Texas, is presently in Oklahoma City, and is working for GEORGE BARNES. He stated MATTHEWS is considered as a hired gun and collector of gambling debts but he does not know the specific reason for BARNES bringing MATTHEWS to Oklahoma City. The informant described MATTHEWS as a hoodlum who is very dangerous. He described MATTHEWS as approximately 50, sandy hair, medium build, 5'10", 185 pounds, with only one eye. The informant did not have any description of the car in possession of MATTHEWS.

The informant stated that BILL RAWLS (former Agent) is a close associate of GEORGE BARNES and possibly does private investigative work for him. He said RAWLS also associates closely with ROBERT EDWARD JOHNSON who is a pimp and a "setup" man. The informant explained that JOHNSON hangs out in the Central Club pool hall in Oklahoma City and is a professional gambler. He said that in addition JOHNSON

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