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April 23, 1934

Commander F. B. Fryer,  
Acting Director of Naval Intelligence,  
Navy Department,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated April 11, 1934, with enclosure, concerning communistic activities in the vicinity of the Canal Zone and the presence of members of the Detroit Purple Gang in Honolulu which, it is believed, may have some connection with the alleged plot to destroy the Panama Canal.

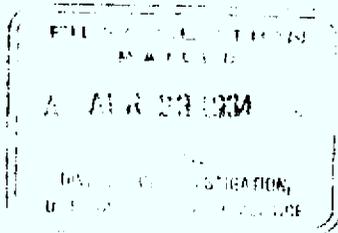
I shall appreciate being advised of any additional information that you may obtain in this respect.

Copies of these communications are being referred to the San Francisco office of this Division for consideration in connection with the investigation conducted there of the alleged plot to destroy the Canal.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.



62-30889-27

1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago Illinois

May 17, 1934

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Commissioner of Police,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

In connection with an investigation conducted by this Division at Butte, Montana, two women by the name of Violet Powers, alias Betty Evans, alias Gene Evans, and Joyce Ferrell, were interviewed. They stated that they are members of the Purple Gang in Chicago, and that Violet Powers, with aliases, was released from jail on June 8, 1933, charged with extortion of \$30,000.00 from some person in Chicago, and that she and Joyce Ferrell were implicated in several shady transactions in Chicago in connection with this gang.

Of course the Purple Gang operates at Detroit, Michigan, and is well known there. Violet Powers is described as being twenty-three years of age, 5 feet in height, weighing 130 pounds, gray eyes, dark bobbed hair, light complexion with freckled face, married, has a baby born in Nebraska, white, has a cowboy tattooed on left upper arm, question mark on left little finger and a cat on left thigh, which she calls "Felix".

This office has no record of either of these individuals. However, if it is found that either of them are wanted by the Chicago Police Department, they can be located and taken into custody at Butte, Montana.

The Detroit office of this Division will communicate the above information to the Police Department at Detroit.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Division  
Detroit  
Butte

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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625 Lafayette Building  
Detroit, Michigan  
May 19, 1934

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[REDACTED]  
Superintendent of Police  
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Sir:

In connection with information furnished by your office as to persons presently wanted whose names appear on the list of gangsters of the Purple Gang, criminals of various Detroit gangs, confidence men and con games recently furnished this office, please be advised that I am in receipt of a copy of a letter from our Chicago Office to the Commissioner of Police, Chicago, Illinois, which contains certain information allegedly relating to members of the Purple Gang, which is forwarded for such value as the same may be to you.

In that connection, kindly be informed that in an investigation recently conducted by the Butte, Montana, Office of this Division, two women by the names of Violet Powers, alias Betty Evans, alias Gene Evans, and Joyce Ferrall were interviewed. They stated that they are members of the Purple Gang in Chicago and that Violet Powers, with aliases, was released from jail on June 8, 1933, charged with extortion of \$30,000.00 from someone in Chicago and that she and Joyce Ferrall were implicated in several shady transactions in Chicago in connection with this gang.

Violet Powers is described as being 23 years of age, height 5 feet, weight 130 pounds, eyes gray, hair dark and bobbed, complexion light with freckles, married and is reported to have a baby born in Nebraska. She is white and has a cowboy tattooed on her upper left arm, a question mark on the left little finger and a cat on her left thigh, which she calls "Felix."

For your further information, kindly be informed that a check of the Detroit and Chicago Division files has failed to reflect any information concerning these women.

Very truly yours,

M. W. Keekins, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge 21 1934 A.M.

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cc - Division  
Chicago  
Butte

Jan. 7, 1935.

Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

DIV. OF INV.

Gentlemen,

You may, or may not, be interested in the following facts and rumors of a certain individual I know of.

He lives in Grand Rapids, Mich. He is married to a woman whose first husband is said to have been slain by a "Purple" gangster. His fear of the law, also, his wife's, seems to take him out of the detective class. He and his wife makes long trips and always travels by night, frequently on Sundays, to Indianapolis, Detroit, Cleveland and New York. When he returns he has plenty money. His wife sports, on occasions, several diamonds. On one return he threw a party that cost money. Another, he paid a tax bill of a couple hundred dollars or so, on a relatives property. Recently he took much notice, according to witness, of report of the Lindberg baby kidnap trial on in New Jersey, whereon something was stated, or intimated, that a former Purple gangster and bootlegger was being sought by authorities. Three times he virtually commanded his wife to "read that", pointing out the piece. They asked for this newspaper. That evening they made another "mystery" trip. The time he returned and threw a little party was a few days after the Brooklyn bank robbery of some \$485,000.00. This took place while he was on one of his trips from Grand Rapids. Of course, there is but little, and very little, chance that he was mixed up in it, nevertheless the coincident of his absence with the commission of the crime, and the mystery which seems to surround him and his movements had to be noted. I recall that he was said to have been in New York City at the time of the bank robbery. He is said to have several friends on the Grand Rapids police force. For this reason I have not disclosed any of the herein to the force. In fact, I have said nothing to anyone connected in any way to the force, or to anyone else. It has been my secret and confidence in parties who I know to be reliable. I convinced the latter the matter should be brought to your attention and the party was willing provided he was not disclosed to anyone but yourselves, having a natural fear of reprisals if discovered by friends of this man, should he turn out to be an egg.

*Have him interviewed*

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Yours truly,

[Redacted signature area]

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1/18/35*

*ask 1/2/35 JST*

TAMER ONE

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January 23, 1935.

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Dear Sirs:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated January 7, 1935, in which you inform that you have information of interest to this Division.

Please be advised that Mr. M. H. Purvis, Special Agent in Charge of the Chicago Office of this Division, will have an agent contact you at an early date concerning any information you have in your possession relative to the violation of a Federal statute coming within the investigative jurisdiction of this Division.

Your interest in referring this matter to this Division is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

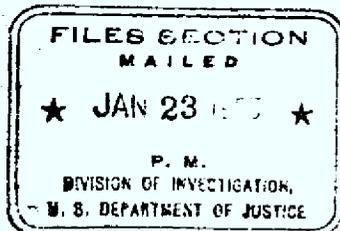
John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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2 copies

c-1 Chicago (copies of [REDACTED] letter of 1/7/35 att.)

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*for 62-34106-1*

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box #812

Chicago, Illinois



February 8, 1935

Director  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

(b)(7)(C)(D)

Reference is made to your letter of January 23rd, 1935, to [redacted] in which you advise that a Special Agent of the Chicago Office would contact him in the near future for information he might have of interest to the Division.

I am submitting herewith two copies of a memorandum prepared by Special Agent [redacted] dated at Grand Rapids, Michigan, February 6th, 1935, which is self-explanatory.

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Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*  
M. H. PURVIS *and*  
Special Agent in Charge

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enc.

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Grand Rapids, Michigan  
February 6th, 1935

7-1-2028

Memorandum for Chicago File 62-1930

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[redacted] was interviewed with reference to his letter dated January 7th, 1935 directed to the Department in Washington, D. C. He stated that the information set forth in the letter referred to was secured from [redacted]

[redacted] Michigan, that any information he had was purely hearsay.

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[redacted]  
[redacted] interviewed [redacted]  
[redacted]

leads a rather suspicious life in her estimation. [redacted] stated that [redacted] own a 1934 Chevrolet Coupe; that they make many mysterious trips to Detroit, Toledo, Fort Wayne, Chicago and once in a great while to New York City. That they receive many long distance phone calls, and usually leave immediately after receipt of said calls and are gone several days at a time. [redacted] stated that [redacted] never does any work, however, he is always quite flush with money. She stated further that the Monday night before the recent bank robbery in New York City (probably the Bank of the Manhattan Company, [redacted] left for New York City with a girl named [redacted] who lives at the [redacted] that he returned to Grand Rapids the following Friday night and was unusually flush with money; that he bought his wife all kinds of very expensive clothing.

[redacted] also stated that when Bruno Hauptmann's defense counsel announced that he would or could show that the Lindbergh baby was kidnaped by members of the Purple Gang in Detroit, Michigan, [redacted] appeared to show quite a bit of concern over this statement.

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[redacted] had no definite information as to the kind of business [redacted] is in. She stated that [redacted] and [redacted] give her no information whatsoever; that whatever information she was able to gather was secured when there was a disagreement among the family. [redacted] stated that she understood that [redacted] was a bootlegger during prohibition days; that he has a number of friends on the Grand Rapids Police Force. She also stated that [redacted] has a common law wife by the name of [redacted] a full blood Mexican, who is now living in [redacted] cottage at Lake Harbor, Michigan. She also stated that [redacted] court give considerable information regarding [redacted] and his activities; that she very often went on trips with [redacted] that quite often [redacted] in a fit of rage threatened to expose [redacted] also stated that [redacted] first husband was said to be a Syrian and that he was killed by gangsters in Chicago a number of years ago.

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[REDACTED] gave the following descriptions:

Name:  
Height:  
Weight:  
Build:  
Hair:  
Eyes:  
Glasses:  
Marks and  
scars:  
Complexion:  
Beard:  
Teeth:

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated she gave the above information in strict confidence. However, she suggested that if anything ever became of it she would like to get it [REDACTED] She was informed that Agent had nothing say about giving her [REDACTED]

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Respectfully submitted,  
M. F. GLYNN  
Special Agent

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Mr. J. E. H:-

Supplementing my letter of earlier today, attached is a copy of another to N.Y., N. Y. wanted to know who was here with Luciano, where they were stopping, and to keep under surveillance until further word received from them.

I am supplying this information to you feeling that you too will be interested in whos who, whos here and why, however, no one shall know this is being given to you. Unfortunately Mr. A. J. K. is out of the City now and I can take the matter up with him and am awaiting his return or the arrival of proper requests for arrests before any steps are taken.

There is no doubt that the entire mob is coming here for business. This is borne out by the fact that some property owners, owning property in the night club operators do business in Miami Beach, have been approached and demands made on them not to renew any leases until they, the gang, say the word, and this gang have approached the operators of those bars and night clubs and told that they must do several things, 1-The mob must be given the gambling concessions 2-That waiters and guards of the gangs choice must be employed and that the operators must co-operate in "fingering" patrons of wealth who may be operated against for and jewelry by the robbery route and if possible by the "snatch" route; 3-Those owners who will not consent will be forced to stop "by the things we can do" as expressed, and if we "do those things, well, several things can happen".

Now all of this propositioning has taken place at Miami Beach up to tonight, and against Miami Beach Operators, but the plan is to extend to Miami and the Miami end is being looked after by Jake the Plumber alias Jake Wagner, Jack Werner ( a subject that Fitzimmons is now working on and with whom we will be working on soon in one of your cases). Jake the Plumber is the man who will be the entry in Miami for this mob, and he has already started by getting a former part owner of the Arena Bar in Miami to sell out and an unknown NY mobster is now a partner to Palmer who was part owner with Findley. Next Plumber is now tied up with one "Nig" Stein, and they will operate a "Bridg" just what that is yet I do not know, but am informed it will be for one purpose that is to finger those wealthy persons who will patronize it and they will be victims of Robbery, Burglary and if necessary the snatch. This party is the only so far known to have taken a start in Miami. Next, Dave Levine, operator of the Southern Cafeteria in Miami, is a go between for Luciano and his gang so far visited by this mob. Levine is formerly from Pittsburgh, Pa, and is said to have been a collector in Miami some winters past, collecting from the racket. Levine has already met with Luciano, Trojone and Stretch and two others here.

As soon as Mr. AJK returns I am going to lay this all before him and act a croding to his desire and Im sure I know what that will be, in so far as is concerned. Care must be taken here since Miami Beach is a separate City and I tell what will be permitted and not permitted there and it is out of our hands. I am certain that some help will have to be called for, I'll leave it to you.

With every confidence in the world, and with personal

NOV 18 1936 RECORDED sincerely,

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AIR MAIL  
SPEED MAIL

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10-29-35, 1. PM.

[REDACTED]  
Chief Inspector,  
Police Department,  
New York City, N. Y.

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Dear Sir:-

Supplementing my letter of even date, advise that I saw Lucky Luciano, Joe Fajone or Frajone and a young fellow named STRAZON, with two others this evening in Miami. They went back to Miami Beach about 9.00 PM.

Information has reached me that Martin "Doc" Bernstein is also here. The party I named as "Big Frenchy" in my previous letter is one Frenchy Lemange. The George Burns is the man who operated the Paddock Bar in Miami Beach, a bar which Frenchy Dewings' money is running. The Jack O'Brien is the man formerly connected with the Inwood Hotel in Miami Beach, Florida, and who either stopped at or in capacity was connected with the Plymouth Hotel, N. Y. City. Johnnie Torreso or Torio of Chicago and N. Y. arrived, he did not however see in the 1.45 AM plane this morning via Eastern Airlines as I was at air field and he did not get off the plane.

One group, in two cars, came into Florida via Taylorport went over to Tampa, Florida, thence Orlando, and back over to Coast and came into Miami via the Tamiami Trail Highway instead of Dixie Highway. Of the 5 cars here now, 4 I have Florida License except one which has N. J. plates, all numbers so far unknown to me will be secured later. I have no further information as to the men of the Purple gang as to whether or not they arrived, but they are due in state today or tomorrow. Altho I have been informed that Martin Doc Bernstein is here I did not see him as yet personally.

If there is any one of the group that you want to see please let me know as soon as possible, sending a warrant along so that I can serve and fugitive warrants may be served here.

Assuring you of our co-operation and awaiting your

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PS: Longie, a noted character of Newark is also here, but don't know when.

Very truly yours,

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[Signature]  
S. Helch  
Date 11/13/35

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JOH EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 13, 1936.

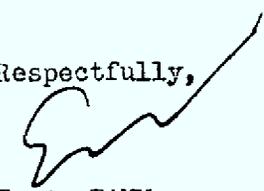
Time - 5:10 P.M.

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

During a telephonic conversation which Mr. Thompson had with Special Agent in Charge Magee of the New Orleans Office, he said that through the United States Attorney there in New Orleans, he received a request for a conference with two Congressmen and one Senator about the gangster situation in Louisiana in the coming election. These gentlemen were Mr. J. A. Sanders, Jr. and John N. Sandlin, the Congressmen, and Cleveland Dear, the Senator. These gentlemen wanted Mr. Magee to undertake at once an extensive investigation relative to the Purple Gang, who are reported to be in Louisiana to do some "dirty work" in connection with the coming election on January 21, 1936. Mr. Magee said that these men had absolutely nothing definite, and it appeared that they just more or less wanted confirmation or denial on the part of Mr. Magee as to the presence of this gang in Louisiana so that it might be used for political purposes.

Mr. Magee said he told these gentlemen that in the absence of a specific violation of a Federal law within the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau, no investigation could be conducted. A letter of complete detail and particulars is being forwarded to the Bureau by Mr. Magee relative to this matter.

Respectfully,



E. A. TAMM.

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Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Mumford	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

*Handwritten initials: S, DC*





gation by this office as an applicant for appointment to the position of [redacted] Louisiana, was the one who supplied the original information that members of the Purple Gang might be in New Orleans. [redacted] was to furnish Mr. Viosca with a list of any members of this group who were thought to be in New Orleans, and same will be transmitted to this office by Mr. Viosca.

The primary election in the State of Louisiana will be held January 21, 1936, and many such inquiries for investigation, savoring of a political nature, may be expected to be received at the New Orleans Bureau Office. I am adopting the policy heretofore followed by Special Agent in Charge Rhea Whitley, in avoiding any investigations of a political nature. Should any requests for investigation be received by this office that bear directly on a violation over which this office has investigative jurisdiction, and yet savoring of political embroilments, I will advise the Bureau of their nature prior to investigation.

Mr. Eugene Stanley, former District Attorney, Orleans Parish, New Orleans, Louisiana, several days ago, in the local newspapers, carried an article warning the public of possible violations of the election laws, indicating that it would be a federal offense, and citing numerous cases. There may be some later effort to request investigation in this connection, and all such matters received will be referred to the United States Attorney. Mr. Viosca, in this connection, has indicated that he will accept any such complaints with great caution. (b)(7)(C)

[redacted] appeared satisfied with my explanation relative the investigation requested.

I will remain in touch with the situation and obtain the residences here of any members of the Purple Gang, especially if they are named as supernumeraries on the New Orleans Police Department, and will check their names against those listed as Purple Gang members on page 303 of the summary report in the kidnaping case of Charles A. Lindbergh.

Very truly yours,

*D. W. Magee*  
D. W. Magee,  
Special Agent in Charge.

# U. S. LAW TO APPLY IN BALLOT FRAUDS, STANLEY DECLARES

Federal Statute Covering  
Congressional Primaries,  
Carrying Rigid Penalties,  
to Be Invoked, He Avers

THOROUGH SIFT OF  
REPORTS PROMISED

Civil Rights to Be Protected,  
Home Rule Committee  
Head Asserts; Cites 'Evi-  
dence, Past Experience'

Federal law making interference with civil rights at an election involving congressional candidates punishable by maximum imprisonment of 10 years and fine up to \$5000 will be invoked in cases of all persons suspected of fraud in the January 21 primary, former District Attorney Eugene Stanley warned in a statement Sunday.

Mr. Stanley, chairman of the legal committee for the Cleveland Dear Home Rule ticket, asserted that "we intend to make every legal effort to prevent the casting of fraudulent votes, or the fraudulent counting of the votes cast and the making of a fraudulent return by any commissioner."

Mr. Stanley said that he and his committee will thoroughly investigate reports that wholesale fraud has been perpetrated in registering of voters, and pointed out that as a result of his experience in such studies in the past he knows "the exact spots where such fraudulent registrations will be most likely attempted" and the "names of the persons most likely to be guilty." His statement follows:

"As chairman of the Cleveland Dear legal committee to investigate the claim, that wholesale fraud has been committed in the registration of voters in this state, it is my intention to make this investigation as complete as possible.

from my past experience in investigating fraudulent registrations in the city of New Orleans, I know the exact spots where such fraudulent registrations will be most likely attempted, and know the names of the persons most likely to be guilty of this attempted fraud, and I shall concentrate on these spots, and these persons, at the outset.

"Grossly Padded"  
"In many instances, from information already in my possession, we have discovered that certain locations have been grossly padded with persons not now living there, and who never resided there; that some of the names of registrants are fictitious; that some persons are registered from different wards and some in different parishes; that minors have been registered and that registration certificates have been issued in blank by the registration office, to be signed by the precinct workers with the name of the pretended registrant (the precinct worker also signs the original registration book, so that the signatures will compare, if checked); that 1934 poll receipts have been issued after the books have been closed. Evidence to prove these statements is already in my possession.

"We intend to avail ourselves of every constitutional and statutory right granted us by the constitution and laws of the United States of America for the protection of the civil rights guaranteed us under the constitution and laws of the United States.

"We particularly intend to seek the protection afforded us by the United States law (Section 5508 of the United States Revised Statutes) which makes it a felony, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$5000 and imprisonment for not more than 10 years in the federal penitentiary for

anyone to conspire to injure a person in the exercise of civil rights.

Section Applies

"In the approaching primary election candidates for the United States Congress and United States Senate will be voted for, and the United States supreme court and United States courts of appeal have held that the above section of the United States revised statutes applies to those cases coming within the terms of the statute in a primary election when congressional and senatorial candidates participate.

"In the Herndon case in Texas the supreme court held that in a primary election where candidates for Congress were voted for that such an election was equivalent to a final election and was within the jurisdiction of the United States court."

'Every Legal Effort'

"We do not desire to hinder or to make it difficult for any citizen of the state lawfully entitled to vote to cast his vote election day, but we do intend to make every legal effort to prevent the casting of fraudulent votes, or the fraudulent counting of the votes cast and the making of a fraudulent return by any commissioners of election, and wherever the facts submitted to us show a violation of the United States laws we intend to submit the facts to the United States attorney for investigation and action.

"The making of a false return by any commissioner of election in a state primary where candidates for Congress and the Senate are voted for is an offense under the laws of the United States, and has been decided numerous times by the United States supreme court.

"A decision in point is that of United States vs Mosley and Hogan (decided in 1915), Vol. 59 U. S. Sup. Ct. Rpts. (L. Ed.) 1355, wherein it was said:

"Conspiracy of state election officials to omit the returns from certain precincts at an election for member of Congress from their count and from their returns to the state election board is indictable under the criminal code of the United States."

(Signed) "EUGENE STANLEY."

D. W. Magee,  
Special Agent in Charge

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

From: Unit

1-20-34 1934

- To:  Director  
 Mr. Nathan  
 Mr. Tolson  
 Mr. Clegg  
 Mr. Edwards  
 Mr. Quinn  
 Mr. Tamm  
 Miss Gandy  
 Chief Clerk  
 Mr. Seyfarth  
 Mr. Kennedy  
 Mr. Pennington  
 Mr. Hair  
 Mr. Warner  
 Secretary  
 Unit 1

*Division 3  
not interested  
in 62 cases  
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deportation  
is involved*

*J. S. Egan*  
J. S. Egan  
Room 5143



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NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

*U.S. Dept of Investigation  
Washington.  
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Congressman from New York

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Executives Ass'n

**Jennings Perry**

Editor, Nashville Tennessean

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National Committee to Abolish the Poll Tax

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Ex. 4892

# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 15, 1936.

Time-11:00A.M.

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Boardman
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Foxworth
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Joseph
- Mr. Lester
- Mr. Quinn
- Mr. Nease
- Mr. Tamm
- Mr. Tracy
- Miss Gandy

## MEMORANDUM

RE: Director's conversation with  
Mr. Tamm.

Mr. Tamm advised Mr. Hoover that the District Attorney at Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania is sending his certified papers to the New York City Police Department today with a request that they get in touch with our New York Office; that he, Mr. Tamm, has instructed [redacted] to stay away from [redacted] until the word is received.

With reference to the call received by Agent [redacted] from [redacted] yesterday, Mr. Tamm stated that [redacted] was out of the office at lunch when the call came in; that [redacted] talked to Agent [redacted] who told [redacted] that he would bring the matter to the attention of the Agent in Charge as soon as he returned; that [redacted] called the Bureau as soon as he returned.

Mr. Tamm told Mr. Hoover that the Bremer Trial looks pretty good on paper. Mr. Tamm advised Mr. Hoover of a bank robbery in Los Angeles yesterday.

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Mr. Tamm advised Mr. Hoover of a teletype received from Agent [redacted] in Dallas concerning Training School for Law Enforcement Officers in the Dallas District which started today. Mr. Hoover told Mr. Tamm to find out if [redacted] read his speech or had someone read it for him.

JAN 16 1936

Mr. Tamm advised Mr. Hoover that the Bureau is working on a bank robbery which occurred in Dixie County, Florida, yesterday.

TAMM FILES

Mr. Tamm advised Mr. Hoover of a call from SAC Spears on night before last; that Spears advised that a big extortion case broke in Everett, Washington. Mr. Tamm stated that the case is within the jurisdiction of the Bureau and he ordered Spears to Seattle to take over the case from the Post Office Inspectors; that a teletype has been received that the case has been turned over to the Bureau and Post Office Inspectors have withdrawn from the case. Mr. Hoover instructed Mr. Tamm to write a letter to [redacted] of the Post Office Department again requesting that appropriate instructions be issued that the proper jurisdiction be observed in these matters. Mr. Hoover told Mr. Tamm to check up on the matter that [redacted] was supposed to have taken up with [redacted]. Mr. Tamm stated that no correspondence has been received from [redacted] about this matter and Mr. Hoover instructed to write a letter to [redacted] to this effect.

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FEB 1 1965 Mr. Tamm advised Mr. Hoover of the Dr. Arthur Hunter extortion case in New York City.

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Tamm advised Hoover of a call from [redacted] on night before last; that [redacted] advised that a big extortion case broke in Everett, Washington. Mr. Tamm stated that the case is within the jurisdiction of the Bureau and he ordered Spears to Seattle to take over the case from the Post Office Inspectors; that a teletype has been received that the case has been turned over to the Bureau and Post Office Inspectors have withdrawn from the case. Mr. Hoover instructed Mr. Tamm to write a letter to [redacted] of the Post Office Department again requesting that appropriate instructions be issued that the proper jurisdiction be observed in these matters. Mr. Hoover told Mr. Tamm to check up on the matter that [redacted] was supposed to have taken up with [redacted]. Mr. Tamm stated that no correspondence has been received from [redacted] about this matter and Mr. Hoover instructed to write a letter to [redacted] to this effect.

Conversation of Director and Mr.  
Tamm, 1/15/36.

Mr. Tamm advised of a call from Agent Magee who advised that through the U. S. Attorney's office in New Orleans he received a request for a conference with two State Congressman and one State Senator about the transfer situation in Louisiana; that they wanted Agent Magee to undertake at once an extensive investigation relative to the Purple Gang who are reported to be in Louisiana to do some dirty work in connection with an election to be held on January 21, 1936. ~~Mr. Magee~~ stated that in the absence of a specific violation of a Federal law within the Bureau's jurisdiction no investigation would be conducted.

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[REDACTED]  
(b)(7)(D)  
Miami, Florida  
May 8, 1936.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Edgart

Congratulations and best of luck. To say the least, I feel very happy over the newspaper reports of the last week, and I want to assure you that they are very encouraging to the other law enforcement agencies.

I have some information to the effect that Pete Lacovola and Joe Massey, both members of the "Purple Gang" are now in Miami Beach. They have been trying to open up a gambling place just over the Miami City limits in Miami Shores, Florida. We have been watching them here because we expected they would try to open up a place in Miami but instead they went over the City line into the Shores. Not knowing that we had been trailing them closely, the Sheriff a few days ago closed the place in Miami Shores and the gang went back to the Beach where I am satisfied we can locate them if they are wanted.

There is another fellow named Willie Heeney with them. This fellow is an Italian, by the way all of these men are Italians, so I do not know what Heeney's Italian name is, nevertheless, this Heeney is sticking very closely to Marty Guilfoyle the Chicago racketeer, and who was named here by the Mayor as "Public Enemy Number One", and you and I know that Joe Annenberg is that enemy.

Edgar, keep up the good work. There are at least one-hundred out of one-hundred and seventy men here that you can have at a moments notice, and I hope and trust that within a few years every law enforcement unit in the United States will be able to give as good if not better service and co-operation.

I shall appreciate if very much if you would send me the complete record of [REDACTED] whose right name is [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] alias [REDACTED] fingerprint classification [REDACTED] L/L, U/R, III/100, 15/18.

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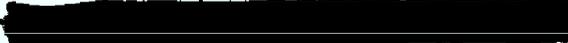
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*to Gangster hiding in Miami Beach  
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

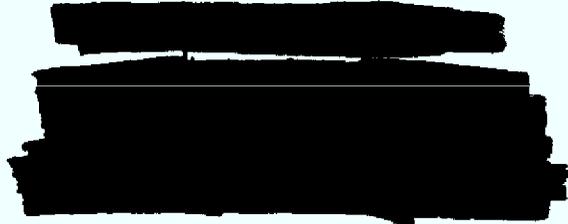
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May 8, 1936.

For your information, we have changed Chiefs of Police. We have been very fortunate in having appointed the investigation expert of the State's Attorney's Office, Mr. John B. Rowland. Rowland worked under State's Attorney Hawthorne who, by the way, was State's Attorney that exposed a great many forms of graft in the City of Miami. Rowland was kept on by our mutual friend George A. Worley at a salary of \$3,600 per year, but now he has been appointed Chief at a salary of \$4,000 per year, so I believe that the salary is sufficient to be attractive. Although he has had no experience in the actual handling of men he has had experience in investigation which is one of the things that is very much lacking at the present time. John is to begin work on May 18th, and I have every confident that John is going to work  one-hundred percent co-operation.

With kindest personal regards, and sincerest best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,



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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY**

FILE NO. **62-40**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Louisville, Kentucky</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>6/19/36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>6/16/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] <b>(b)(7)(C)</b> OCD:mk
TITLE [REDACTED] <b>(b)(7)(C)</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>MISCELLANEOUS - Possible Fugitive.</b>	

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

[REDACTED] **(b)(7)(C)(D)** reports Subject operates Lookout House near Covington, Ky., where he is harboring a number of tough looking customers and criminals. The Lookout House reported to be visited by members of the Purple Gang from Detroit and Chicago. Subject reported to have been a former liquor runner from Georgia and Florida, and is alleged to have shot and killed a Federal Agent near Charlotte, North Carolina.

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DETAILS:

This matter is predicated upon information received from [REDACTED] at Covington, Kentucky, to the effect that near that city is a roadhouse known as the Lookout House, which is frequented by a number of tough looking customers and criminals. Several reports have been received by [REDACTED] to the effect that members of the Purple Gang from Chicago, Illinois, and Detroit, Michigan, frequent this roadhouse. Complaints have also been received that the customers, upon winning any money at the gambling tables in this place, are followed home, beaten, and robbed of their winnings.

The Lookout House is run by [REDACTED] who is reputed to be a former large liquor runner from Georgia,

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and Florida, to the Northern States, and is said to be well known around Savannah, Georgia, as [REDACTED]. It is also reported that in the Fall of 1933, he shot and killed a Federal Agent, near Charlotte, North Carolina, was arrested and indicted, but never tried.

Investigation by the Charlotte and Atlanta Offices, fails to corroborate any of the information that [REDACTED] formerly operated in that section, and that he was involved in the shooting of a Federal Agent.

Attempts have recently been made to close the Lookout House, which have resulted because of the fact that the Lookout House is regarded as an undesirable establishment. Efforts have also been made to rescind their liquor license.

Inasmuch as no information has been revealed that Subject is wanted for a violation of any Federal law, no further investigation will be made of this matter, and the case will be closed, subject to being reopened, if additional information is received at a later date.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 812

Chicago, Illinois

August 10, 1936

Mr. Nathan	
Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Miss Gandy	

*Photos Retained in Room 5734. KRJ*

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of August 4, 1936, requesting the writer to contact Emil Wanatka at his lodge at Little Bohemia, Wisconsin, I desire to advise that on the evening of August 7, 1936, the writer and Special Agent [redacted] of this Office viewed the Dillinger Museum at Little Bohemia. (b)(7)(c)

It was found that the personal belongings of John Dillinger, such as his old clothing, et cetera, were maintained in a small cottage adjacent to the Little Bohemia lodge. In this cottage, on one of the end walls, were tacked, covering the complete end of the room, the shirts and shoes which formerly belonged to Dillinger and other members of that mob. On the other end, covering the entire wall, are photographs, such as the Chicago Police pictures of the St. Valentine's Day Massacre, Detroit Police Department pictures of the Purple Gang, the suitcases in which Dillinger and other members of that mob were carrying their clothes, and numerous newspaper articles.

On the front wall of this cottage were fastened, completely covering the wall, suits of clothes and newspaper articles covering Dillinger's escapades. The back wall was completely covered with newspaper articles, neckties and pyjamas, all of which allegedly belonged to the Dillinger mob, and on this back wall was a small, glass case in which is maintained a Colt .45 automatic revolver, bearing serial #160461, which gun, Wanatka states, he purchased from [redacted] but is exhibited as having been left by the mob. There was also contained in this cabinet an old .351 caliber rifle, about half a dozen colored sun glasses, a number of medical supplies, razors, toilet articles, et cetera; boxes of playing cards and numerous boxes and dishes containing exploded shells allegedly picked up on the grounds of Little Bohemia following the raid. (b)(7)(c)

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Inside of a closet door is a portion of a bullet-proof vest, the complete vest is not there, the sides being missing. This vest is [redacted]

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not contain either the make or serial number and Wanatka claimed that same had been located at Little Bohemia following the disappearance of Dillinger and other members of that mob, among the effects left by him.

Wanatka stated that in the past he may have indicated that this vest and the automatic pistol had formerly belonged to Agent [REDACTED] but that he would immediately discontinue any such statements inasmuch as they were not correct and inasmuch as he did not desire to do anything which would be embarrassing to the Bureau. He was advised that if he continued informing the public that this property formerly belonged to Agent [REDACTED] or to the Government in fact, that the facts would be laid before an appropriate United States Attorney and he assured the writer that he would not so represent these articles.

It might be noted that there is no indication that he is in possession of a .38 super automatic pistol.

A number of postcards are on sale at Little Bohemia, among which are two postcards showing various views of the interior of this cottage, showing the manner in which the clothing is tacked on the wall, and these photographs are being forwarded to the Bureau for the completion of their files. Wanatka also turned over to the writer a photograph purporting to show himself posed with John Dillinger, which he stated was a fake; that he had had a picture taken of himself and had had superimposed thereon the photograph of John Dillinger. He stated he did not sell these postcards but merely occasionally gave them to his friends. A copy of this postcard is also being forwarded to the Bureau for the completion of their files.

Earl Wanatka appears willing to cooperate fully with the Bureau and is not desirous of doing anything that would in any way reflect against the Bureau and accordingly it is felt that following my interview with him he will discontinue any statements indicating that the articles above referred to were Agent [REDACTED] or the Bureau's in any way.

Very truly yours,

  
D. M. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge

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AIR MAIL - SPECIAL

JUN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

General Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

#10 Parkview Apartments  
1250 Ocean Drive  
Miami Beach, Florida  
August 20, 1936

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: Re: Politics and Crime

I am transmitting herewith, data regarding politics and crime, which I have picked up during the past few weeks in Miami, Florida. This material is in rough draft form, and where supported by newspaper clipping, the clippings are attached.

This morning while conversing with [redacted] he asked me to inform you that recently one of the Capone boys in true gangster fashion had himself elected President of the Local Bar Tenders Union. It was this organization, according to [redacted] that was responsible for a recent murder in Rochester, New York, when several persons were shot, and one individual killed when a car drove up to a cafe and opened up with a Machine Gun.

[redacted] expressed considerable concern over this fact, as he feels it might be a forerunner, of a reign of terror in Miami this winter. Should the Bureau ever be interested in this organization [redacted] has a good informant on its operations.

Very truly yours,

L. B. Nichols  
L. B. Nichols

CC: Jacksonville.

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### Local Politics.

Since 1928 Herth Wertheimer, a former member of the Purple Gang of Detroit, Michigan has been operating the Beach and Tennis Club, on Miami Beach, Florida. This Club is primarily a gambling institution, however it does deal in a few legitimate enterprises, such as a Cafe, Bar, Swimming privileges and the like. It is rumored that this Club is a Capone interest, and at any rate Ralph Capone is financially interested in it to the extent that the Club Steward is his personal representative and keeps check on the Clubs activities. Wertheimer has been very successful in the management of the club and resorts to the payoff as a means of staying in business. Frequently his Club is raided, however he is usually tipped off in advance by the Miami Beach Police Department, in the past the Sheriffs Office of Dade County when raiding the Club, is reputed to call the Miami Beach Police, who then tip off the Club.

In the Winter of 1934-35 this Club was raided on one occasion at which time there apparently was not a tip off, by the Miami Beach Police under the leadership of W. C. Wichman, now Ass't Chief of Police. Wertheimer met him at the door and told him that he could not go up stairs, to which Wichman replied that he was going upstairs in spite of Wertheimer, whereupon he was advised to call his Chief, H. V. Yocum. Upon calling Chief Yocum, apparently his action was approved whereupon he so advised Wertheimer that he was going upstairs, at this point Wertheimer took the phone and said to Yocum, "Listen I am telling you what you can do and you are going to take orders from me", he then told Wichman to talk to Yocum, who called off the raid. Apparently at this time, Wichman was not being included in the payoff.

It is believed that Wertheimer receives his support thru Arthur Childers, a Miami Beach Councilman to whom he is reputed to be making his payments. The Club employs one John Silvers to contact the Society people bringing them to the club, and on one occasion, he refused to admit one Swift Morgan, who cursed him out very bitterly telling a large crowd of people that Silvers was the person who thought he was so smart in preventing the Government from getting his fingerprints at the time he was inducted into the Military service and that he was the one who was going out with several prominent society women.

A year or two ago, a Mrs Warren Wright, the wife of the prominent Horseman, lost a very valuable necklace at the club, and it was believed that she had been robbed when in reality the necklace had merely fallen on the floor and was picked up by one of the bus boys who put it in his locker. When the Noel Scafe Detective Agency announced a large reward, this boy took it to the Steward who was representing the interests of Ralph Capone and showed it to him asking his advice. This steward went to his room and secured the Gold Plated Pistol which formerly belonged to Al Capone and returned sticking it in the boys stomach demanding that he produce the necklace and not say a word about it. The steward then went to Wertheimer telling him that he had scared it out of the boy, and collected the reward which ran between \$1500 and \$2500. It is not known whether he ever split with the boy.

Wertheimer is reputed to be a power on the Beach and in Florida and on one instance when gambling was shut down, secured Harry Richmond the entertainer who took several persons to call upon Gov. Sholtz in behalf of the Gambling interests. The Beach and Tennis Club is also reputed to be connected in some way with George Carter, inasmuch as the Money from Carters place at closing time was taken to the Beach and Tennis Club where it was kept overnight.

(The above information was furnished by [redacted])

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CLEVELAND, OHIO**

FILE NO. 62-107

REPORT MADE AT <b>CLEVELAND, OHIO</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12/16/36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>11/30/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] <b>LK</b> <b>(b)(7)(C)</b>
TITLE <b>LEC WENDELL, alias Leo Walsh</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>MISCELLANEOUS - Information Concerning</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

[REDACTED] Toledo, Ohio, states subject is Detroit racketeer, engaged in various kinds of illegal activities, including extortion, narcotics, and inciting labor strikes. States subject attempted to have him kidnapped on 3/9/33.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau letter, dated 11/2/36, addressed to [REDACTED] Toledo, Ohio

**(b)(7)(C)(D)**

DETAILS:

Agent interviewed [REDACTED] Toledo, Ohio, regarding his complaint to the Bureau in a letter dated October 19, 1936. [REDACTED] advised that he made this complaint principally because he was very anxious to have the true facts of his case in the hands of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the event of the possibility of his death.

The following story was related by [REDACTED] regarding his contacts with [REDACTED]

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In the latter part of 1932 [redacted] was in the plumbing business in Toledo, Ohio. However, this business failed during the latter part of 1932. Kropp was in need of a job and was making efforts to secure one in Toledo, Ohio and Detroit, Michigan. As a means to getting employment he was referred by [redacted] of Detroit, Michigan, to [redacted] who went to [redacted] who had an office in Detroit, and requested help in securing employment. [redacted] was told by [redacted] that he would be able to secure employment for him, and [redacted] arranged for [redacted] to secure employment as an inspector or guard at the Detroit Trust Company in Detroit, Michigan. After [redacted] was working at this job a few days, [redacted] told him that he wanted [redacted] to do exactly as he directed and to learn as much about the officers and organization of the Detroit Trust Company as he could. He introduced [redacted] to [redacted] an officer of the Detroit Police Department; Sammy Schwartz of the Detroit "Purple Gang"; [redacted] an ex-police officer, who was Wendell's body guard; and [redacted] also a henchman of [redacted]. When [redacted] asked [redacted] to report conditions in the bank, [redacted] became suspicious of [redacted] intentions and, by neglecting his work, succeeded in getting himself discharged from his position with the Detroit Trust Company. [redacted] informed [redacted] of his discharge and also told him that he wanted no more to do with him.

That evening, which [redacted] believes was March 4, 1933, [redacted] forced their way into [redacted] apartment and told him that they were taking him for a "ride". [redacted] was living at the Longfellow Apartments at the time. While the above-named persons were waiting for [redacted] to dress, he succeeded in escaping from them and located an officer, who returned with him to the apartment. By this time, [redacted] who was apparently stationed near by, was at the apartment and he told the police officer who accompanied [redacted] to leave, as [redacted] did not know what he was talking about. [redacted] then informed [redacted] to get out of town right away and [redacted] took the train to Toledo, Ohio that same evening. A few days later, probably about March 9, 1933, [redacted] was walking along the street in Toledo, Ohio, when a car drew up to the curb and [redacted] and [redacted] got out. They told [redacted] that they were taking him to [redacted] to see [redacted] [redacted] made no objection because he was not armed and felt that any resistance would be futile. On the way back to Detroit the car in which they were riding collided with another car and during the resultant confusion Kropp was able to slip away and get a ride with a motorist to Toledo. Since that time [redacted] has repeatedly made boasts to relatives of [redacted] that he would "get" [redacted] in the end. [redacted] is now married to [redacted] sister, who was formerly [redacted] whose true name, according to [redacted] was [redacted] died in March, 1936. The cause of [redacted] death, according to [redacted], was the influence that [redacted] wielded over him, based on the fact of [redacted] knowledge that [redacted] was once convicted of a felony and served a jail sentence.

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 2118

Detroit - Michigan

September 24, 1937

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

(b)(7)(C)

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Detroit, Michigan, who is very cooperative with the Bureau, has requested assistance in determining whether one Andi Helmezi has secured a passport from the United States to Hungary.

[REDACTED] has advised that he is desirous of locating Helmezi in connection with a fraud matter and has learned through investigation that Helmezi is a former member of the so-called Purple Gang of Detroit, and indications are that he has either been killed by rival gangsters or has returned to Hungary which is believed to be his birthplace. The description of this person in 1933 was as follows:

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Age: 50 years  
Height: 5 feet 7 inches  
Weight: 145 pounds  
Build: Slender  
Complexion: Ruddy  
Hair: Grey  
Eyes: Grey  
Chin: Round  
Nationality: Hungarian  
Where born: Hungary

The only other information [REDACTED] has been able to secure concerning this person is that his father's name is believed to be Nick.

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A photostatic copy of the fingerprints of Andi Helmezi secured by [REDACTED] from the [REDACTED] Detroit, Michigan, showing his arrest on November 1, 1935, is enclosed.

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In view of the close cooperation between [redacted] and the Bureau, it is respectfully requested that efforts be made to learn through the State Department whether the person in question has been issued a passport.

Chief Max has requested that the fingerprints of Helmeçi be returned to him when they have served their purpose.

Very truly yours,



Jay C. Newman  
Special Agent in Charge

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Enclosure

Los Angeles, California.  
October 12, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE:

Re: GANGSTERS

(b)(7)(c)(D)

This is to record that recently [REDACTED] called at the Los Angeles office, at which time she stated that she was using the name of [REDACTED] and residing at [REDACTED]

She called at this office, according to herself, simply for the purpose of visiting with me and the other Agents who had been courteous to her during the time it was felt that possibly her husband had been a kidnap victim in January of this year. During the conversation with her, she mentioned that she and her husband have definitely separated and that she is attempting to effect a divorce at this time. She also stated that as far as she knows, her husband, [REDACTED] is still associated in the gambling racket in Los Angeles. She added that because of the activity of the grand jury here it was her understanding that her husband is hiding out to a certain extent and she understands he is planning a world cruise in the immediate future. She also stated it was her understanding that [REDACTED] as well as his wife, [REDACTED] are in Honolulu, stating she understands that some other people who are attempting to avoid the grand jury are also in Honolulu. [REDACTED] a local bondsman, also interested in the gambling business, is reputed to be on a trip North, exact whereabouts not being known. She stated that AL WERTHEIMER, who it will be recalled is one of the Wertheimer Brothers from Detroit, Michigan, reputedly members of the old Purple Gang in that city, is now in Montana, where he has recently purchased a large ranch, [REDACTED] stating she understands he even has a private lake on this ranch. She stated that WERTHEIMER's only gambling interest in this area now is the Dunes (a night club) at Palm Springs, California. She said that WERTHEIMER formerly had a piece of the Clover Club but was forced out by [REDACTED] who is now supposed to be in San Francisco. [REDACTED] generally known as [REDACTED] and who [REDACTED] states even transacts his business under the name of [REDACTED] is manager of the Clover Club, and according to [REDACTED] and his wife at this time are in Montana at AL WERTHEIMER's place.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Los Angeles, California  
October 12th, 1937.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Gangster Activities in  
Los Angeles, California.

For the information of the Bureau, there is attached hereto, in triplicate, a copy of a memorandum that I have prepared concerning some recent conversations that I have had with individuals in this area with respect to gangsters from the East reputedly moving into this vicinity.

I am making this a matter of record in the Los Angeles office for any possible future use and I thought that the Bureau might be interested in knowing the contents of it.

If any other information is obtained, you will, of course, be promptly notified.

Very truly yours,

*J. H. Hanson*  
J. H. HANSON  
Special Agent in Charge.

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United States Department of Justice

Los Angeles, California.  
September 30, 1938.

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Mr. J. E. Hoover, Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

In connection with an inquiry made of [redacted] and [redacted] by Special Agent [redacted] during the course of investigation in the Furdress case, we learned from [redacted] that the bookmaking and gambling establishments in Los Angeles have been closed since September 24, 1938, due to the new Mayor coming into office in Los Angeles. [redacted] expressed the belief that the new organization was the same as "forty thieves after a wolf" and that in his opinion the establishments would soon be operating, it just being a matter of time until proper contact and "adjustments" could be made.

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[redacted] with respect to the Los Angeles gambling setup that it is absolutely controlled by Guy McAfee, who is closely allied with Byron Fitts, the Los Angeles District Attorney with Cap-

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tain Contreras, in charge of the Vice Detail of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office, and up until Mayor Shaw left office, with the Mayor's brother, Joe Shaw. [REDACTED] Mayor Shaw never took a nickel from any underworld connection, but he said that everyone knows that Joe Shaw took plenty. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] that Benjamin Siegel had secured the favoritism of Joe Shaw and that for a few months it appeared as though Benjamin Siegel would take over the gambling in Los Angeles, but that this matter was straightened out with the result that Guy McAfee still is the big figure here. (b)(7)(C)

(Also while making an inquiry in the Furdress case, Special Agent [REDACTED] and I talked to Mr. Lou Wertheimer, whom you perhaps will recall as one of the Wertheimer Brothers from Detroit, Michigan, reputed to be members of the Purple Gang of Detroit. Lou Wertheimer, for about the past ten years, has resided in Southern California, during which time he was associated in the operation of exclusive gambling houses with his brother, Al. These two men, with other associates, operated the Clover Club in Los Angeles, undoubtedly the finest gambling establishment in this city; and prior to that time they operated a place known as the Colony Club. They also operated The Dunes at Palm Springs, California, which establishment is still operated by Al Wertheimer, although it has been inactive during the past year because of the action taken by the State Authorities in shutting down gambling in Palm Springs. Another brother, Mert Wertheimer, operates the Royal Palms in Miami, Florida. (b)(7)(C)

"Lou Wertheimer, [REDACTED] had tired of the gambling profession and when he had the opportunity of entering the motion picture industry it was reported that he did so with much pleasure and it is reputed that at this time he draws a salary of fifteen hundred dollars a week as a producer at Twentieth-Century Fox Studios. Lou Wertheimer is very close to Mr. L. B. Mayer, the head of the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios, as he is with Joseph Schenck, the head of the Twentieth-Century Fox Studios. Wertheimer is frequently in the company of Schenck particularly and he mentioned to us during the interview a cruise that he had taken that lasted over a period of several months in Schenck's yacht, which he referred to as having a crew of twenty-eight sailors on it. Lou Wertheimer also mentioned making a trip to Czechoslovakia, as well as to other foreign countries, with Joe Schenck and L. B. Mayer. (b)(7)(D)

Wertheimer, during our conversation with him, also said he never heard of the Purple Gang until about the time the Lindbergh child was kidnaped. He insisted this was the truth even though he was raised in Northern Michigan. He mentioned that his brother, Mert, had been kidnaped in 1926, the kidnaper being Frank "Killer" Burke. He said that \$50,000 was paid for Mert's release. He said that so far as he knows the term "Purple Gang" resulted from a taxicab warfare that took place in Detroit, Michigan, when opposing cab companies were wrecking each other's automobiles; that one of the cab lines was known as the Purple Line, it apparently being victorious in this squabble, and that thereafter a sort of myth sprang up about the protection that the Purple Cab Line had adopted for its cars and the men who had maintained this protection, of course, were referred to as the Purple Gang. He claims, however, that none of the members of his family ever had any connection with such a gang, nor with the taxicab business. He readily admitted that he and his brothers, Al and Mert, had been engaged in the gambling business all their lives. *end*

I thought that you might be interested in knowing of the above, particularly as to what one gambler thinks of the possibilities of the gambling profession operating in Los Angeles under the new administration; and I also thought you might like to know about the Wertheimers of Detroit, about whom I know you have heard.

Very truly yours,

*J. H. Hanson*  
J. H. HANSON *v c z*  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

October 6, 1938

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Under date of September 30, 1938 I directed a personal and confidential letter to you concerning contacts that have been made in Los Angeles with [redacted] as well as with Mr. LOU WERTHEIMER, one of the WERTHEIMER brothers from Detroit, Michigan, reputed to be members of the Purple Gang of Detroit, as well as gamblers.

I unintentionally failed to include in my letter of September 30th information that was given to Special Agent [redacted] and me confidentially by LOU WERTHEIMER to the effect that prominent Jewish people in Los Angeles have recently banded together for the purpose of opposing Anti-Semitic movements and propaganda. Mr. WERTHEIMER stated that he was not at liberty to make any further statements about this Jewish organization except that he said he, a few evenings prior to our visit with him, had attended one of the meetings of this group. Mr. WERTHEIMER stated that at this particular meeting much was made of the weakness of Jewish people to help the followers of their faith, even though some of these followers were law violators.

Mr. WERTHEIMER apparently was prompted to make these remarks because of his disappointment in noting that of the thirty or forty photographs shown to him by Agent [redacted] and me of subject LOUIS BUCHALTER and his associates, practically all of the photographs are of Jewish individuals. WERTHEIMER, when commenting about that, also said that he, himself, is a full-blooded Jew, saying also that when he had given serious consideration to HITLER and his anti-Semitic activities, it has occurred to him that possibly there is some real basis for HITLER'S activities. He said, naturally, it chagrins him to think that Jewish people are selected as targets in this manner, but that he still could not get it entirely out of his mind that possibly there was some good reason for this activity. It was then that he mentioned that the Jewish people had perhaps too frequently helped their fellow men even though some of the latter were law violators or individuals not worthy of help.

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At WERTHEIMER'S suggestion, Special Agent [redacted] and I went with him to the office of [redacted]

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[redacted] WERTHEIMER [redacted] when going over the pictures jointly, both commented about the disgrace to the Jews that so many of the pictures we showed them were of Jewish people who all at one time or another had been arrested.

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[redacted] that all Jewish people have stopped going to the club because they realize they are targets for thieves, as well as for adverse publicity if they patronize that place and spend money heavily. [redacted] prophesied that the Clover Club, because it no longer would receive the Jewish patronage, would have to close its doors. When he made that statement, LOU WERTHEIMER, who, you were advised, was at one time one of the operators of the Clover Club, spoke up saying that if the wealthy Jews did not patronize the Clover Club he knew from his own experience with that club that it could not operate.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

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October 6, 1938

I might also mention that during the course of the inquiries of the Los Angeles Division in the FURDRESS case, as the reports indicate, the Agents have called on a number of outstanding people in the motion picture industry, during which time they have displayed the photographs of SEIGEL and his associates. Most of these leaders of the industry are of the Jewish faith and invariably they have been aghast at noticing the number of Jews whose pictures are included among this collection.

Very truly yours,

*J. H. Hanson*  
J. H. HANSON, VC 7  
Special Agent in Charge.

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**The Detroit News**  
THE HOME NEWSPAPER

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Nov. - 28, 1937.

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

You may be interested in the enclosed  
clipping which gives a history of our Purple Gang  
in Detroit .

Faithfully,

*John Carlisle*

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*Carlisle*

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# Millman, Last of Purples, Was Just a 'Tough Punk'

## to Police

### Bullets Write Gang's Long Overdue Obituary

Mob's Final Chapter Featured by One Who  
Was Called More a Hooligan Than  
Hoodlum by Authorities

By JOHN M. CARLISLE

The slaying of Harry Millman last week wrote in a blaze of gunfire the long overdue obituary of the Purple gang, after 18 years of bloody notoriety.

Millman was the gang's last surviving torpedo and his death was the end of the gang, according to Henry W. Piel, chief of detectives, and Inspector Paul H. Wencel, head of the homicide squad.

Millman had stalked through the underworld for seven years with a chip on his shoulder, rye whisky on his breath, and a robust eagerness to be a tough guy.

More hooligan than hoodlum, Millman became an underworld hustler, willing to make a dollar by any means other than working. He died as many a Purple gunman had died before him.

It is an interesting phase of the decline of the gang, which through the years included some of the country's most ruthless gangsters, that its last tough guy was considered by police merely as "a tough punk."

The Purple mob had its origin in 1919. A group of young ruffians roamed Hastings street as petty thieves, annoying merchants. These youths rolled drunks. They stole fruit. They broke into stores. They waylaid pedestrians late at night.

#### 'TAINTED BOYS'

Their people said they were "off color." A Jewish fruit peddler, a patriarch of his neighborhood, shook his head sadly one day after a recurrent raid on his fruit stand.

"They're tainted, those boys," he told a policeman. "Their characters are discolored, they're purple. They'll come to a bad end."

He was a prophet. The name stuck and the Purple Gang stuck.

Henry Shorr was 21 years old then and a potato packer at the Eastern Market. Irving Shapiro was 15 and a tailor's helper. Ray Bernstein was 16, and a couple of years later was running errands for Joe Murphy, the gambler.

Abe Axler was 17, Eddie Fletcher 16 and trying to be a prize fighter; Phillip Keywell was 18, and Millman was 9.

In their careers can be found all the phases of the gang's history.

#### RISE AND FALL OF MOB

Axler and Fletcher, then Shorr; again Bernstein, Harry Keywell and Irving Mißberg, and finally Millman represent four periods of the mob's rise and fall.

The gang actually was organized as a unit through gamblers' money in 1926 to protect a group of gamblers from being shaken down by a St. Louis mob of extortionists and kidnapers. Axler and Fletcher already were hot spots in the underworld by then.

Axler was saturnine, moody and quick on the trigger of a machine gun. Fletcher was his pal. Fletcher was a second-rate pug who became a fifth-rate fight manager and finally a first-rate gunman. For 10 years these homicide twins, inseparable even in death, were feared in the underworld.

They staged Detroit's first machine gun execution in April, 1927, when they mowed down three gamblers outside their hangings in the Milaflores Apartment at 106 Alexandrine street east.

By 1928 the gang was a top team. Its members killed a policeman, and Fred W. Frahm, now superintendent of police, reluctantly admitted the policeman had tried to shake down blind pigs owned by the gang.

#### A BITTER BATTLE

Later, in that same year, the gang's growth was checked by the cleaners and dyers' war. It was a bitter gang fight. There were daily slayings of cleaners, fires, dynamitings, stench bombings, thefts and sluggings. There was kidnaping and extortion.

The police finally stopped the war and 13 Purples were charged with conspiring to extort money from wholesale cleaners and dyers. They beat the case in court.

Meanwhile, the Oakland Sugar House had become the financial bulwark of the gang. On Oakland avenue, near Owen and Holbrook avenues, the gang had grown prosperous and numerous. Shorr was the mob's financial genius and business head. In those days a young fellow named Fleisher, later to become its most vicious killer, was content to be a driver for the warehouse.

The sugar house sold corn sugar

to moonshiners and controlled alley alcohol prices in Detroit. It financed moonshiners, bought blind pigs and night clubs, and the Oakland Sugar House gang became a gang within a gang, allied by birth, friendship, and by illegitimate enterprises.

The gang had nation-wide alliances. It shipped out liquor to New York and Chicago.

These alliances were disclosed in February, 1929, when three Purples were identified as having participated in Chicago's most violent gang episode, its so-called St. Valentine's Day Massacre.

#### IDENTIFIED IN MASSACRE

Seven members of the Bugs Moran gang had been executed by underworld machine gunners disguised as Chicago policemen. The Keywells and Fletcher were identified by witnesses as having rented and occupied a room across from the garage in which the killings were committed.

The gang flourished through the prohibition era and almost miraculously maintained a precarious peace with the Licavoli-Cellura-Pizzino East Side gang of liquor runners.

In September, 1931, the so-called Collingwood massacre broke the mob's power at a time when its leaders thought it was strong enough to wipe out the Little Navy Gang in one bold stroke.

This gang of invading hoodlums from Chicago, who made Third street their headquarters, challenged the Purples' power. The Little Navy mob hijacked the Purple liquor warehouse, shot its alky cooks and beat up some of its straw bosses.

Izzy Sutker, Nigger Joe Lebkowitz and Hymie Paul were its leaders. They were shot to death in a Collingwood avenue apartment on Sept. 16, 1931.

Two months later three leaders of the Purple Gang, Ray Berrstein, Milberg and Harry Keywell went to Marquette Branch Prison for life, convicted of this crime. The Purple mob never recovered from this blow by law and enforcement, directed by Harry S. Toy, then prosecutor.

#### DECLINES TO A WHISPER

The repeal of prohibition ended the underworld's power and its most lucrative profits. Leaders of the mob pulled away, now rich. Some retired; some went into legitimate pursuits.

In the gang itself, there developed a dog fight for leadership, and slowly the gang declined to only a whisper of its former power.

Meanwhile, what had happened to its tough guys?

Shapiro had been a gorilla for

the gang. He was taken for a ride and killed in 1929. Frank Klayman, specialist in ~~robbing~~ trucks laden with automobile accessories, died in the Ohio State Penitentiary in 1930.

Jack (Ziggie) Selbin, pal of many Purples, was shot to death in April, 1929, when gunmen cornered him in a blind pig doorway on Twelfth street.

Phillip Keywell was sentenced to the Southern Prison of Michigan in 1930 for life for wantonly taking the life of a Negro youth who was caught snooping around a Purple alcohol-cutting plant.

Maurice Raider, another gangster high in Purple councils, went to the same prison for life for another slaying.

Earl Pasman was shot and killed by enemy gunmen in July, 1931, on Oakland avenue.

#### FOUND SLAIN IN CAR

Fletcher and Axler held hands in the back seat of Axler's automobile in November, 1933, when they were killed on Quarton road near Telegraph road, for trying to seize the gang leadership.

Shorr, for many years the gang brains, disappeared in December, 1935, after meeting Fleisher in a Twelfth street restaurant. Fleisher's automobile later was found with bloodstains on the cushions. But Shorr never was seen again.

The police decided Shorr had been taken for a ride. But his body never was found. Fleisher had an airtight alibi.

In 1932, Inspector Charles C. Carmody, head of the police identification bureau, drew up a confidential prospectus of the gang. He disclosed that there were 50 members. Ten were serving penitentiary sentences, seven were wanted for murder and kidnaping, four were dead and 28 were at large and being watched by the police.

Four years later Fleisher and a mere handful of the Purples were left. The others were dead, some like Charlie (the Professor) Aderbach, a scholar who became the armament agent for the mob, were fortunate to die of natural causes. Others were in jail. A few smart leaders had retired from the criminal scene.

#### ACCUSER VANISHES

Fleisher had been accused of being one of the four triggermen in the Collingwood massacre. He beat the charge when a State's witness changed his story and gave him a clean bill. The witness then disappeared.

Police still wonder where Solly Levins, the missing witness, is.

Fleisher is in Alcatraz prison, serving an eight-year sentence for conspiring to violate the internal revenue law by running an \$150,000 alley distillery.

The distillery was raided in April, 1935, and Fleisher, and three other Purples, Sam Fleisher, a relative and Joseph Stein were convicted in Federal Court in the spring of 1936.

Fleisher had had a charmed life in the underworld. Once a policeman shot him in the hand. He escaped death a score of times. He had been arrested 30 times, but never convicted for a major offense though he had been charged with all the high crimes.

With Fleisher's departure, Millman took up the shaky eminence as Detroit No. 1 Tough Guy. And then other gangsters cut Millman down to his size.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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FILE NO. 62-1165

REPORT MADE AT Miami, Florida	DATE WHEN MADE 1/21/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/12/37 1/21/38	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] (b)(7)(C)
TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; (General Undercover investigation, Miami, Florida).			CHARACTER OF CASE MISCELLANEOUS

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Information set out with respect to various night clubs and resorts at Miami and Miami Beach, Florida, together with their ownership, nature of entertainment, and types of persons noted to frequent these places.

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**REFERENCE:** Letter from Miami Office dated January 14, 1938.

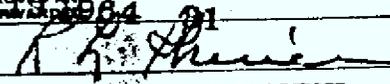
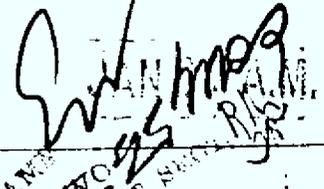
**DETAILS:** The following information was collected and compiled as a result of the general undercover investigation in connection with the establishment of contacts and criminal information of the City of Miami and Miami Beach, Florida.

**MIAMI**

**ROYAL PALM CLUB:** The Royal Palm Club which is the most exclusive and largest night club situated in Miami, Florida, is a club which contains a very large bar, a room for dining and dancing, and a gambling room, the latter of which, as will be later noted, is not at the present time in operation.

The nature of the entertainment provided at this club for dinner dancing is of a rather high type, without any tendency toward being indecent or risqué. Music at this club is provided by

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~~X~~ ESQUIRE CLUB: This club which is operated as a bar and dining club in downtown Miami, is owned by a man associated with the gambling element called [REDACTED]. His correct name is [REDACTED] and he is one of the leading book-makers in Miami. It is open twenty-four hours a day and is frequented primarily by business men and women and a certain amount of the racing class. The clientele is, as a whole, of a rather good character and the club is operated in an orderly fashion. There are apparently no gambling facilities in this club.

## MIAMI BEACH.

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~~X~~ THE PADDOCK: The Paddock which is a night club, is located on Washington Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida, and owned and operated by [REDACTED] and he is frequently seen in this club during the early hours of the morning. The club has the usual large bar and facilities for dining and dancing. There are two orchestras which provide entertainment in this club, one being an ordinary dance band and the other a group of four girls, several of whom have reputations of being Lesbians. The Paddock is frequented by a rather tough class of persons, although it is usually operated in an orderly fashion. The manager of this club is a [REDACTED]. The cigarette and parking concessions in this club are also operated by [REDACTED]. The cigarette girl who is presently employed at the club is [REDACTED] who, although having been born in Mt. Vernon, Ohio, has been working for the last few years in New York City. Among persons noted to have been in the club were [REDACTED] and a large number of persons who from their conversations are obviously connected with or are frequenters of the race tracks.

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~~X~~ THE CONTINENTAL CLUB: This club which was opened December 28th, is also owned by [REDACTED]. Inasmuch as this club is being operated in conjunction with the Bowman Hotel, [REDACTED] who is manager of the Bowman Hotel, is also considered the manager of the Continental. The club has the usual bar as well as facilities for dining and dancing, music at the present time being provided by [REDACTED] which orchestra came from the Stork Club, New York City. The type of entertainment has been maintained on a high standing by the management. It appears that a large number of persons employed there as waiters may possibly be friends of [REDACTED] rather than persons having had waiting experience. On the opening night of this club, there were noted to be present in the club in addition to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] the owner of the concessions as aforementioned; [REDACTED] wealthy oil man and playboy from New York who was accompanied by [REDACTED] the ex-model from that City with whom he is presently living; [REDACTED] the owner of the Palm Island Club, which club is not at the present time open; [REDACTED] who assisted [REDACTED] in the management of that club; [REDACTED] owner of the Royal Palm Club; [REDACTED] stock-

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broker, New York; [redacted] furrier, of that City; and [redacted] On several occasions there have been seen seated at the table with [redacted] a man known as [redacted] who is supposedly associated with the racing and gambling element in Chicago, Illinois; [redacted] and [redacted] both gamblers from Cleveland, and a man known as [redacted] last name unknown, who apparently comes from Philadelphia and is driving a 1937 Buick Sedan bearing 1938 Pennsylvania License L5426 and Venetian Causeway License 134. It was learned by this Agent that on several occasions [redacted] had at his table [redacted] who is residing on Palm Island and a Mr. Abe or Al Bernstein who, it is believed, is in some manner connected with the remnants of the Purple Gang in Detroit, Michigan. Another person who is said to have been in the club was a man whose name is [redacted] (phonetic) who was indicated as being a gangster from New York City and to be one of the financial backers of [redacted] in the Continentale Club. It was learned through conversation with various people at this club that [redacted] is also supposedly in town and has a financial interest in some of the night clubs, the exact ones of which are not known. It is learned that [redacted] is apparently not too well financially situated at the present time, and that a levy of attachment was being made against the Paddock Club which is owned by him, by reason of a \$7,000.00 indebtedness. There was also seen in this club a man pointed out as being [redacted] who is in some manner connected with the jewelry business and contacts the rich people in and about Miami Beach, offering to sell them jewelry which he leads them to believe may be "hot", at a very reasonable price. There is a possibility that this man [redacted] may be a fence for stolen jewelry. There was also seen in this club on several occasions, as well as in other clubs in and about Miami Beach, a [redacted] who is the social or goodwill representative from the Pabst Beer Company, this man's offices being maintained in New York City.

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**FIVE O'CLOCK CLUB:** This night club which is located on 22nd Street right off Collins Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida, is owned by [redacted] who formerly operated a Five O'Clock in Detroit, Michigan, and he is assisted in the management of the club by [redacted]. The club has the usual large bar and also facilities for dining and dancing, although no other form of entertainment is provided by this club. This club is frequented by a rather high class of people, most of whom are residents of hotels such as the [redacted]. The owner, [redacted] remains in the club virtually the entire time and thus personally supervises the operation thereof. [redacted] remains behind the bar as cashier, he being assisted in this duty by a man called [redacted]. The headwaiter of the club is a man named [redacted] last name unknown. He has two assistants. The telephone operator is [redacted] who is from New York City, and the hat check and cigarette girl is [redacted] who

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

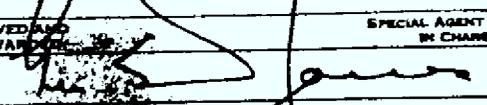
Unable to locate [REDACTED] Texas. Forwarding order given for his mail to be sent General Delivery, San Antonio. Inquiry at San Antonio Post Office indicates that [REDACTED] has been receiving mail here but has not called for several days. Subject [REDACTED] well known to this office. Information of him set out in previous files as having gambling concessions in Mexico. Now operating slot and marble machines in Lower Rio Grande Valley. P.

Reference: Bureau letter dated January 13, 1938, Bureau file 62-0-6741.

**DETAILS:**

Agent was unable to locate [REDACTED] Texas. [REDACTED] McAllen, Texas, advised that on November 21, 1937, [REDACTED] requested his mail to be forwarded care of General Delivery, San Antonio, Texas.

At Brownsville, Texas, Agent interviewed James L. Abney, Assistant United States Attorney, who states that [REDACTED] is well known in the Lower Rio Grande Valley and had had previous gambling concessions in Nuevo Laredo, Reynosa, and Matamoras, Mexico. He was presently engaged in the slot and marble machine business in the Lower Rio Grande Valley and has been interested more or less in politics in the Rio Grande Valley.

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From time to time persons are secured from "flop" houses and relief establishments to substitute for the real operators for raid purposes. Intimation has been obtained that [REDACTED] (b)(7)(c) also has something to do with naming the horse books which are to be raided from time to time by the Police in order that the same operators will not be imposed upon to too great an extent.

Although this rumor has been heard from only one source, it has been indicated that one ABE BERNSTEIN, one of the former heads of the notorious Purple Gang, along with his several brothers, and who now has quarters at the Book-Cadillac Hotel in Detroit, has a connection with the handbook set-up in this City and is one of the leading figures although he stays in the background. It has been further indicated that numerous other outstanding figures in the gambling life of Detroit, among whom is [REDACTED] have substantial interests in the various phases of gambling in the City although they keep in the background and have only a financial connection. (b)(7)(c)

#### NUMBERS RACKET

The numbers racket in Detroit is allegedly operated by one main organization, although it has been determined that there are numerous small establishments which are said to be independent in nature. It is believed, however, that this phase of gambling is really controlled by one syndicate and that this syndicate receives royalties from the smaller operators for permitting them to run in an unmolested fashion.

The main organization is comprised of [REDACTED] This clique is said to be strictly of Italian make-up and all its members are regarded as being former hoodlums of the muscle type who "push the Jews and negroes around." [REDACTED] in particular have reputations as having been the leading figures in the old Italian mob which gets the credit for having been responsible for many gang murders. [REDACTED] has a large home located on Pine Tree Drive in Miami Beach, Florida, and spends each winter at this home. (b)(7)(c)

A colored numbers organization, headed by [REDACTED] who are associated in the management of JOE LOUIS, has the numbers racket with respect to the colored portion of the City but are said to be dominated by the [REDACTED] syndicate. (b)(7)(c)

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Dear Sir:

Special Agent [redacted] informs me that he was recently contacted by one [redacted] who described himself as being associated with the [redacted] Columbus, Ohio. (b)(7)(C)(D)

[redacted] claimed to have knowledge concerning various irregularities in the administration of the Ohio State Penitentiary, Columbus, Ohio. The following information is quoted from a memorandum submitted by Special Agent [redacted] (b)(7)(C)(D)

[redacted] informed that he has definite information from what he considers an authoritative source - a convict serving time on an embezzlement charge - that liquor and dope can be bought within the prison, and the numbers and races played by the inmates. Liquor supposedly sells for \$4.00 a pint and is nothing more than cotton whiskey which retails for \$ .85 on the outside. The Sportman's Grill, located on Spring Street, near Third or Fourth, is allegedly the address where the trustees play the numbers and races for the other inmates.

[redacted] further stated that it is his knowledge that the above purchases and gambling are all arranged through the conniving of a prisoner named THOMAS, alias "YONNIE" LICAVOLI, who is so powerful within the penitentiary as to have earned the sobriquet of 'Inside Warden'. LICAVOLI, according to [redacted] is the former rod man for JOHNNY TORRIO'S Detroit 'Purple Gang' who went to Toledo and formed his own 'Purple Gang' after TORRIO'S power in Detroit had waned. He is serving life on a murder charge for which he was convicted in 1934. LICAVOLI'S partner and chief lieutenant is one 'Three Fingers' O'MALLEY, a friend and henchman from Toledo. According to REED, these two men, and particularly the former, control everything inside the prison and arrange - for a consideration - for jobs for the other inmates. (b)(7)(C)(D)

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[redacted] cited numerous instances of LICAVOLI'S disregard for the institution's regulations, which misconduct allegedly went unpunished. He also mentioned dates when LICAVOLI was hospitalized, contending that many such visits were without the usual required permission. He traced this prisoner's ascent to power, beginning with a letter written by Dr. [redacted] on December 19, 1934, to Warden THOMAS requesting 'YONNIE' as a nurse, to November 27, 1935 when he was made porter at the Catholic chapel - 'the second cushiest assignment in the prison', and finally to October 14, 1937, when he was appointed as assistant to Col. E. M. WALKER, Chief of the subsistence division of the penitentiary. This job is supposedly the most cherished in the prison, inasmuch as it gives the inmate a direct contact with the outside world through the various salesmen.

"When LICAVOLI received this honor, 'THREE FINGERS' O'MALLEY, whom he displaced, was appointed as chief convict clerk of the record division, under Mr. D. J. BONZO. REED claimed that while O'MALLEY served in this capacity, transfer papers were made for sending one ZENZ to London Prison Farm. BONZO never signed these papers and the story goes that when ZENZ was refused at London, he never returned to the penitentiary.

[redacted] could not explain how LICAVOLI arranged for jobs for the other men but quoted a guard named MILLER as remarking to some of the convicts that 'you guys are crazy - YONNIE won't let you keep your jobs for more than a week or so and you're paying real money'. He contended that since there are approximately 1000 jobs inside the prison, LICAVOLI is literally coining money and he was apprising this Bureau of the situation in order that LICAVOLI be investigated to determine whether he is paying income tax on these sums. Of course, in return, he asked for the story on what would develop in the course of the inquiry. =

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"The writer advised [redacted] that income tax matters were not within the investigative province of this Bureau and suggested that the problem be discussed with Agents of the Internal Revenue."

The above information is furnished to the Bureau for record purposes.

Very truly yours,

*H. D. Harris*  
H. D. HARRIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

Detroit - Michigan  
April 1, 1939

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR:

In connection with the inquiry being made in Detroit, Michigan, the Attorney-General suggested that interview be had with one [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Interview was had with [REDACTED] March 30, 1939, at which time he informed that he had been expecting such an interview.

[REDACTED] that the Attorney-General had requested that he deliver a message that some one from Washington would come to see him in Detroit.

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Relative to the numbers racket existing in Detroit, [REDACTED] stated that he had never paid particular attention to this set-up but that it was his understanding that "Scarface" [REDACTED] were the controlling figures in this racket.

[REDACTED] ABT BERNSTEIN, one of four BERNSTEIN brothers, who formerly headed the notorious Purple Gang in Detroit, now has the home wire into Detroit; that on March 30, 1939, [REDACTED] two of the BERNSTEIN brothers, first names unknown.

[REDACTED] that they appeared to be quite excited about something and were evidently making arrangements for a meeting; that he has noted such unusual activity on the part of local hoodlums and gamblers, which leads him to believe that something important is about to happen.

[REDACTED] stated that he is of the opinion that the BERNSTEINs lost some of their influence as a result of the death of ISAIAS LEEBOVE, who was shot by his partner in an oil busi-

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ness. [redacted] was never able to figure out the connection but that LEEBOVE had been the controlling figure under COMSTOCK when the latter was Governor; that when FITZGERALD came into power he, of course, disregarded LEEBOVE's connections; that LEEBOVE suffered by this, as did the BERNSTEINS, who gained their power from LEEBOVE.

Relative to the pay-offs made by the vice and gambling operators [redacted] stated that it was his information that [redacted] handled all the local gambling for the Sheriff's office and County Prosecutor; that all the rackets had to clear through [redacted] and that [redacted] on at least one occasion of a new house of prostitution opening being immediately raided and the madam informed that she would have to [redacted] that this audience usually consisted of [redacted] informing her as to what she would have to pay for protection. [redacted] unable to explain [redacted] source of influence but stated that he has rapidly grown to be a rather important figure. (b)(7)(c)(D)

[redacted] that the present Mayor of Detroit, RICHARD W. READING, has a son; that this son handles all collections for the Mayor's office, making the rounds of the handbooks and houses of prostitution.

Relative to the amount of pay-off [redacted]

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FILE NO.

REPORT MADE AT <b>DETROIT, MICHIGAN</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>4/2/39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>3/27-4/1/39</b>	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] <span style="float: right;">(b)(7)(c) TID</span>
TITLE <b>POLITICAL CORRUPTION IN DETROIT AND MICHIGAN GENERALLY</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INFORMATION CONCERNING</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Summarized information submitted relative to confidential investigation in Detroit, Michigan which reflects Mayor, Superintendent of Police, high ranking Police officials, Sheriff, County Prosecutor and others are probably receiving payments of graft from organized gambling and vice operators in return for protection. Consistent rumors secured to effect that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] receives and distributes graft from numerous sources in State and received payment of an estimated sum of \$100,000.00 - \$200,000.00 from organized gamblers to insure unrestricted gambling operations during administration of Governor FRANK FITZGERALD, now deceased. Data obtained reflects big gambling casinos now at standstill and active operations confined to horsebooks and numbers games in Greater Detroit as result of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Vice operations in Hamtramck, Michigan, where County Prosecutor receives payoff, now at standstill because of political problem. Entire inquiry restricted to insure absolute confidential nature. No apparent Federal jurisdiction other than possible income tax evasions on parts of officials concerned.

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[REDACTED] as follows:

Age, [REDACTED]  
Height, [REDACTED]  
Weight, [REDACTED]  
Hair, [REDACTED]  
Eyes, [REDACTED]  
Complexion, [REDACTED]  
Build, [REDACTED]  
Teeth, [REDACTED]  
Occupation, [REDACTED]  
Marital status, [REDACTED]  
Residence, [REDACTED]

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It is noted from the files of this office that there is a previous file on this subject under [REDACTED] indicating that subject is a big-time gambler and had gambling concessions in the towns in Mexico mentioned above in this report and that it was reported that he was backed in the gambling concessions in Matamoros, Mexico, by J. B. Bernstein, member of the Purple Gang at Detroit, Mich.

Agent endeavored to get in touch with [REDACTED] at General Delivery, San Antonio, and the Clerk on duty advised that [REDACTED] had called for his mail but he did not have any there at the present time nor did he give a forwarding order on his mail as yet. The General Delivery Clerk was requested to advise [REDACTED] to come to this office for an interview and to advise this office should a forwarding order be given concerning his mail.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

San Antonio office: At San Antonio locate and interview [REDACTED] in this case.

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Pending.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

Re: Col.

Time: 4:25 p.m.

May 22, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

SAC Bugas called and stated he had contacted [redacted] concerning the sale of the University of [redacted] [redacted] source of information was [redacted] and Bugas will have complete information concerning the bonds in the morning.

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[redacted] source of information regarding [redacted] is [redacted] during which time he made considerable money. At one time [redacted]

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[redacted] is now working for [redacted] in the latter's Service Department and is making quite a bit of money from his ideas. [redacted] talked to Bugas quite frankly but only at the request of [redacted]

According to [redacted] during Frank Fitzgerald's first term as Secretary of State (1929 or 1930) the Federal Internal Revenue Agents in Detroit under one Woodruff (first name unknown) were grafting considerable money as a result of malt sales to breweries in and around Detroit. The malt manufacturers would sell for example 100 of malt to the breweries and would only pay tax on about twenty per cent of that amount to the Federal authorities. Eventually the State came into the graft picture by passing a tax similar to the Federal tax on malt and consequently it was necessary for the malt manufacturers to get to the State authorities. Henry Schorr was the leader of the Purple Gang at that time and was friendly with [redacted] Schorr went to [redacted] to find out how the job could be put in with the State authorities as had been done with the Federal authorities. [redacted] introduced Schorr to [redacted] who at that time was coming into the political picture. As a result of Schorr's contact with [redacted] they entered into a scheme whereby the State gave a certain firm in Detroit (Mr. Bugas is to ascertain the name tomorrow) the contract for manufacturing all state tax stamps on malt. This firm worked along with [redacted] Schorr and the

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Purple Gang. As a result the malt operators were able to pay [redacted] and his gang a good profit and operate very nicely.

Later [redacted] discontinued working with each other and [redacted] teamed up and crowded [redacted] out of the picture.

The year Fitzgerald first ran for Governor of the State of Michigan and before he was elected, [redacted] wrote a letter to one [redacted] a publisher of a small town newspaper thought to be in Lansing, Michigan, telling [redacted] that Fitzgerald could not be elected Governor because [redacted] did not want him as Governor and that [redacted] knew too much on [redacted] in connection with the tax stamps. As a result of this letter, Schorr visited [redacted] shortly thereafter at [redacted] request to threaten him and make him keep quite about what he knew about [redacted]. However, Schorr double-crossed [redacted] and entered into an agreement with [redacted] whereby the latter would keep quite provided Schorr was given anything he wanted of the administration. Schorr told [redacted] he could run the State of Michigan as a result of the "club" he had over [redacted]. [redacted] promised to give Schorr anything he wanted.

About two weeks after Fitzgerald assumed office for the first time, [redacted] wanted a little political favor and asked Schorr to arrange the same through [redacted] promised the favor but failed to come through. One Saturday night [redacted] drove Schorr in his car to Grand Rapids to [redacted] home. Schorr entered the house with the specific intention of demanding that [redacted] live up to his promises. Schorr returned to the car and advised [redacted] that [redacted] had agreed to fulfill all promises. [redacted] then drove Schorr back to Detroit and has not seen him since leaving him at his home. It is [redacted] opinion that [redacted] had Schorr killed as Schorr was in a position to steal [redacted] power. Furthermore, [redacted] was working hand in hand with the Purple Gang and as a matter of fact still has two of the old gang as body guards, namely, Charley Leider and Abe Schwartz. [redacted] is to be further interviewed tonight and will call me at five o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Rugas

  
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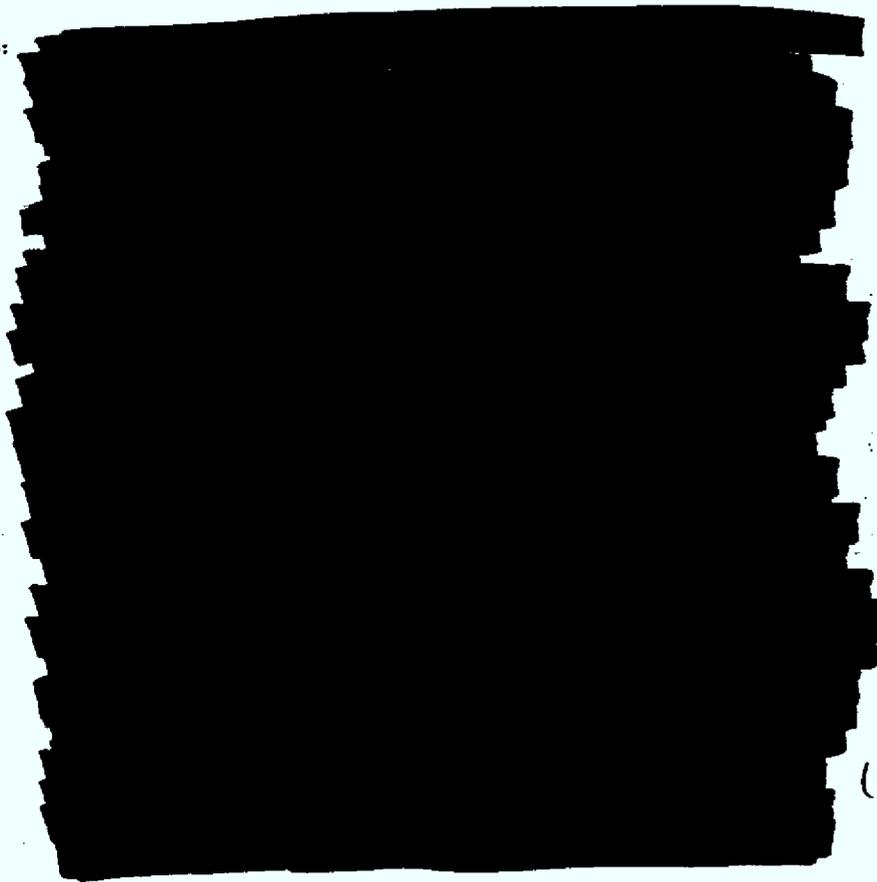
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TITLE <b>POLITICAL CORRUPTION IN MICHIGAN GENERALLY</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:



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[REDACTED] stated that in Prohibition days, around 1928 to 1930, he was intimately acquainted with various members of the Purple Gang, which at that time was operating most large illegal enterprises in Detroit and Michigan. He stated that he was intimately friendly with one HENRY SCHORR, who was one of the most influential members of the Purple Gang. The Purple Gang controlled such things as the manufacture of beer and liquor labels, large breweries, and one of their most lucrative activities, [REDACTED] stated, was the sale of malt, which had its market with the illicit breweries, although the sale of malt itself was not illegal. Because there was so much malt being sold in those days, [REDACTED] stated that the Federal Government first placed a very high tax on malt and later the State of Michigan followed suit in order to raise revenue on this really large industry.

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[REDACTED] stated that along about 1930 a man named [REDACTED] first name unknown, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] had been "reached" by members of the Purple Gang and for a number of years had made himself considerable money by overlooking the large percentage of the malt sales made by the Purple Gang. After this had progressed for quite a while the State imposed its tax on malt, and eventually the State authorities also grafted similar to [REDACTED]

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Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit - Michigan  
June 17, 1939

Inspector M. E. Gurnea  
New York, New York

COPY

Re: FURDRESS;  
DETROIT GENERAL ORGANIZED  
CRIME CONDITIONS. *0 Detroit Mich*

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter to this office dated June 10, 1939, in which this office was instructed to submit current information relative to general organized crime conditions in Detroit. In reference letter several suggestions are made concerning the matters that should be covered in submitting this information. Although the outline in the reference letter is not being followed exactly, all the information requested available here is being set out herein.

The Police Department of the City of Detroit is ostensibly very cooperative with the Bureau and is a fairly efficient Police Department. Due to the fact that Detroit is highly industrialized and is generally regarded as a liberal city, the Police Department apparently has adopted, either as a broad general policy or as a matter of internal intrigue, a very tolerant attitude toward vice and gambling generally, except where it breaks out into crimes of violence. Prostitution, handbooks, the numbers racket, and small money gambling, such as single small roulette wheels, blackjack games, dice games, etc., run with little interference from the Police Department and other law enforcement agencies in the City of Detroit.

Houses of Prostitution

An extensive general investigation has been conducted by this office for the past several months with relation to prostitution. Prostitution flourishes most rampant in the Detroit area in the City of Hamtramck, located right in the middle of Detroit, although it is a separate, incorporate city, in Mt. Clemens, a small resort city located on the edge of greater Detroit, and in communities on the west edge of Detroit, such as Ecorse, Wyandotte and Dearborn. Houses of prostitution also flourish

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Elizabeth, New Jersey, uses the Detroit race track in their operations. [REDACTED] has advised that the numbers gang from around Elizabeth, New Jersey, has an agreement with some member of the Detroit race track so that odds are switched at the last minute in order to make the desired numbers in the published daily mutuels come out in order that the numbers racket, which pays off on the combination of mutual numbers at the Detroit race track, will not have the lucky number fall on one where the purchases are unusually heavy for that particular day.

According to [REDACTED] every day while the Detroit race track is running some representative of the mob in New Jersey will telephone the contact at the Detroit race track and advise what numbers should show in the published mutuels for the day in order to insure that the lucky number will not be one where the purchases are unusually heavy. Then, according to [REDACTED] the mutuels are shifted a figure or two if necessary in order to make the desired number appear. He stated he knows this has been done because in 1938 he procured the cooperation of two detectives from the Special Investigation Squad of the Detroit Police Department and checked on the telephone calls that came in daily from the numbers mob in New Jersey. He stated his observations indicate this practice has continued. He advised that he knows nothing concerning the identity of the numbers mob in New Jersey and his only information is that each day in 1938 at least the telephone calls came from some city close to Elizabeth, New Jersey, or possibly from Elizabeth, New Jersey, itself.

#### GANGS IN DETROIT

At present there are no known gangs or mobs of hoodlums operating as such in Detroit. Detroit, four or five years ago, was the headquarters for the notorious Purple Gang that operated for a while and controlled a great number of illicit and semi-illicit activities in this area. During its operation the Purple Gang controlled such things as the malt industry, liquor labels, breweries, whiskey smuggling, dope, etc. However, this gang was dissolved through the activities of the Detroit Police Department and its remnants, if not in the penitentiary, have become engaged in such activities as handbooks, big money gambling, the numbers racket, and like operations.

The original head of the Purple Gang, ABE BERNSTEIN, presently resides at the Book Cadillac Hotel, Detroit, Michigan, and receives a very substantial income from the race track wire service in Detroit. Information indicates that several years ago, when he had his Purple Gang together, he muscled in on the wire service as it was conducted then and has maintained his interests sufficiently to force the ANNENBERG interests to pay him a rake off. ABE's two brothers, JOE and IZZIE BERNSTEIN,

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are alleged to be affiliated with him in wire service activities. A fourth brother, RAYMOND, is said to be in the Michigan State Prison, Marquette, Michigan, where he was sent as a result of his participation in the killing of three CAPONE gangsters in the Collingwood Massacre.

Two lieutenants of BERNSTEIN's in the old Purple Gang were IZZIE SWARTZ and CHARLIE LEITER. After the break up of the Purple Gang these two individuals became associated with [REDACTED], allegedly taking over the operation of a brewery which [REDACTED] owned. However, it has been alleged that SWARTZ and LEITER act as [REDACTED] bodyguards and it has been stated that these two individuals, in company with possibly one or two other former Purple Gang members, attempted to and did murder HENRY SCHORR, another former Purple Gangster, who had incurred the wrath of [REDACTED] (b)(7)(C)

At the present time there appear to be no racket unions in operation in Detroit or similar protective organizations. One of the more notorious night clubs is the Wonder Bar located on Washington Boulevard, which is run by one [REDACTED]. This organization is backed by [REDACTED], a member of the Chalet syndicate and formerly identified as a Detroit racketeer. [REDACTED], reputed head of the Chalet syndicate, is associated with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in the operation of the Klean Linen Service, a linen supply house operating in Detroit, Michigan. (b)(7)(C)

Very truly yours,

John S. Bugas  
Special Agent in Charge

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

WT:DM

June 22, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

The Attorney General contacted me by telephone at 3:00 P. M. and inquired of any developments there had been today. He asked specifically about the Detroit situation and I told him that for the most part the situation was routine; that an interview had been conducted with a [REDACTED] who denied any payoff to any individuals, informing the Attorney General that [REDACTED] was supposed to have some connection or "in" with the Purple Gang. I told him that [REDACTED] had been interviewed and had said that [REDACTED] was the "in" for certain people on the Liquor Commission. (b)(7)(c)

The Attorney General inquired concerning the developments in the [REDACTED] situation and I told him that some brokerage accounts and transactions had been obtained and were being checked at this time but that these transactions would lead to other brokerage accounts and that before any composite or comprehensive picture could be drawn it would be necessary to check all the brokerage accounts. The Attorney General stated he thought it was very important to determine where [REDACTED] got his money since there might be some truth to the statements that he was shaking people down although he, Mr. Murphy, thought that [REDACTED] was probably a fence for houses of prostitution and handbooks. The Attorney General expressed the belief that the Agent should call [REDACTED] in and get specific information from him as to where he was getting his money but stated that he realized the Agents had a good grasp on the investigation and would undoubtedly proceed along substantial and sound lines. (b)(7)(c)

The Attorney General stated he told Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Foxworth to get together today and that he wanted to be advised of any word received from Foxworth concerning the Roosevelt-Kantor situation.

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The Attorney General spoke very highly of Mr. Foxworth and his dealings with him yesterday. 62-53409-196

The Attorney General indicated that he might go to Long Island this weekend and inquired whether there was any [REDACTED]

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June 27, 1939

Inspector M. E. Gurnea  
New York, N. Y.

Re: FURDRESS

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated June 10, 1939, wherein it is requested that a summary be compiled relating to the Furdress connections and organizations and the general organized crime conditions in the cities of Cleveland, Toledo and Akron, Ohio.

Attached in memorandum form are the requested summaries in regard to the city of Toledo.

Very truly yours,

E. P. Guinane  
Special Agent in Charge

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Cleveland, Ohio  
June 27, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR M. E. GURNEA

Re: TOLEDO -- GENERAL ORGANIZED CRIME  
CONDITIONS

In order to get a complete picture of the crime condition in Toledo, Ohio, for the present day, it is necessary to go back to the year 1931. At that time THOMAS LICAVOLI, a son of a member of the old Purple gang in Detroit, Michigan, came to Toledo where he organized the most ruthless gang of hoodlums that the city of Toledo has ever known. LICAVOLI, together with his lieutenants, SARAFINO VINITRA, alias "TOP ENGLISH", JOHN GEORGE RAI and RALPH CARPINELLI proceeded to exact tribute from breweries, night clubs, poultry and produce houses, gas stations and barber shops, for alleged protection which they might afford them. Their price for protection was a 10% cut of all profits made by these businesses or enterprises. Whenever they met with opposition they would proceed to murder the one responsible for opposing them. During the reign of the LICAVOLI mob they murdered nineteen individuals in Toledo. The end of this gang came in 1934 when LICAVOLI and his lieutenants were convicted for conspiracy to kill and were given life sentences in the Ohio State Penitentiary.

[REDACTED] (b)(7)(c)  
[REDACTED] allegedly received large amounts in graft from this mob.

In 1934 [REDACTED] came into the picture at Toledo. These two brothers operated the Casino, a night club which was frequented by some of the most notorious criminals ever known in the United States. It was at this place that well-known members of the BARKER-KARPIS gang, the perpetrators of the kidnaping of EDWARD BREMER at St. Paul, Minnesota, in January, 1934, were harbored and given protection. The [REDACTED] at the time were inseparable friends of [REDACTED] who at that time was in charge of the hoodlum squad of the Toledo

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POLITICAL CORRUPTION IN MICHIGAN GENERALLY. MISCELLANEOUS. DETROIT

BOOK MAKERS INTERVIEWED TODAY DENY KNOWLEDGE PAY OFF. [REDACTED]

ALLEGED FIX FOR NUMBERS HOUSES IN DETROIT DENIES ALLEGATIONS OF JANET

MCDONALD, DECEASED, THAT HE PAID OFF LIEUTENANT JOHN R. MCCARTHY, HEAD

OF CLEAN UP SQUAD. HOWEVER [REDACTED] HAS NOT BEEN INTERVIEWED BY AGENTS

THIS OFFICE ALONE AS YET, INTERVIEW TO DATE BEING JOINT INTERVIEW BE-

TWEEN LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT IN WHICH AGENTS SAT IN. [REDACTED]

DETROIT BOOK MAKER AND NUMBERS RACKETEER, DENIES KNOWLEDGE OF ANY

PAY OFF AND STATES THAT [REDACTED] TO HIS KNOWLEDGE NEVER HAD ANY FIX.

GEORGE G. GOLDBERG, REPUTED PURPLE GANG MEMBER, IS LARGE STOCKHOLDER

IN GRAND RAPIDS BREWERY COMPANY WHICH IS CONTROLLED BY [REDACTED]

WORKED AT BREWERY AND DISTRIBUTED BEER IN DETROIT NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR

TO THIRTY SIX. CASHED SEVERAL LARGE CHECKS IN NINETEEN THIRTYSIX

FOR [REDACTED] WHICH CHECKS WERE DRAWN BY ARROW DISTILLING COMPANY

PAYABLE TO [REDACTED] STATES UNDOUBTEDLY

SCHWARTZ CASHING THESE CHECKS FOR SOME OTHER PERSON AS [REDACTED] WAS

NEVER KNOWN TO HAVE HAD MONEY. HAS OFFERED TO COOPERATE WITH THIS

OFFICE TO DETERMINE. FOUR [REDACTED]

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FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN [REDACTED] INASMUCH AS HE BELIEVES THIS OFFICE CAN BE OF ASSISTANCE TO HIM INASMUCH AS LOCAL CREDIT COMPANIES HAVE CAUSED FIREARM INSURANCE COMPANIES TO CANCEL ALL INSURANCE ON BUILDINGS OF MICHIGAN WINERIES, OF WHICH HE AND HIS WIFE ARE ONE THIRD OWNERS.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

1300 Biscayne Building  
Miami, Florida  
December 30, 1939

*J. Tolson*  
*J. E. Hoover*  
*W. C. Clegg*

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR:

RE: GENERAL SURVEY,  
Miami, Florida.

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*J. E. Hoover*

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR,

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JANUARY 10, 1940  
J. EDGAR HOOVER  
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Miss Gandy	

JCS:MK

January 10, 1940

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

In accordance with your instructions, I am transmitting herewith a memorandum containing information relative to vice conditions, graft, and corruption in Miami, Florida; Tampa, Florida; Orlando, Florida; and vicinity.

Respectfully,

*E. A. Tamm*

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The Arena Bar has recently opened under the name of Club Bali. Details concerning this club will be set forth later in this memorandum.

[REDACTED]

is a well known gambler in the Miami area, having operated there for a number of years. He is also closely associated in the Local Syndicate, and resides at 2110 Brickell Avenue, Miami, Florida. [REDACTED] also owns the Esquire Club, located on Biscayne Boulevard, which remains open twenty-four hours a day, and enjoys a year-round business. [REDACTED] has been arrested by the Sheriff's Office and Police Department in Miami for operating a gambling house, but he has not received any sentence in connection with his operations, although on April 3, 1936, he received a fine of \$204.24 in connection with his activities.

[REDACTED] one of the gamblers operating on a large scale in the Miami area, resides at [REDACTED] Coral Gables, Florida. In connection with his gambling activities, he is also known to collect graft money for the Police Department from gambling establishments. He has been engaged in the latter activity for a long period. Padgett is considered to be a strong member of the Local Syndicate.

[REDACTED] a well known gambler in the Miami area, resides at [REDACTED] Miami, Florida. He is also a strong member of the Local Syndicate, and is interested in the bookmaking racket in the Miami area.

[REDACTED] is a member of the Local Syndicate, and operates a horse bookroom, located at the Olympia Smoke Shop, 112 S. W. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida. He has resided in Miami for a considerable period, the exact time unknown, and allegedly operates a number of horse books in the Miami area.

#### OPERATIONS OF THE LOCAL SYNDICATE

This Syndicate during the 1938-1939 winter season operated a gambling concession in the casino at the Royal Palm Club in Miami, Florida, and it also operated the gambling establishment located at 239 N.E. First Street, Miami, Florida, until it was ordered closed by the Governor of the State of Florida.

Shortly thereafter this Syndicate opened an establishment for gambling on top of the Security Building, Miami, Florida, and operated this business without being molested during the summer season. The

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Syndicate is reported to be contemplating continuing the operation of a gambling concession during the 1939-1940 season at the Royal Palm Club. It is also interested in approximately thirty-six horse race booking establishments in the Miami Area. This group of individuals is not considered wealthy, and is reported to receive financial assistance from an individual known as Burnstein, who is a member of the Purple Gang in Detroit, Michigan, and is reputedly very wealthy.

It is also reported that [REDACTED] who controls all gambling in Tampa, Florida, may be interested in the gambling concessions of the Syndicate, and offers financial assistance to that organization.

THE FROLICS CROWD, COMMONLY KNOWN AS  
THE SECOND SYNDICATE

This alleged organization consists of well known hoodlums who reside in Miami, Florida, and vicinity during the winter season. It is alleged to receive considerable financial backing from Moe Davis, a wealthy gambler, who operates also in Cleveland, Ohio. The following individuals are reported to belong to the Frolics Crowd:

[REDACTED] This individual when in the Miami area resides at [REDACTED] Miami Beach, Florida. He is more or less the forerunner for Moe Davis, and during the latter part of 1938, he is known to have proceeded to Cincinnati, Ohio, for the purpose of effecting arrangements whereby some \$300,000 would be invested for the Moe Davis combination of Cleveland in gambling enterprises in the immediate vicinity of Cincinnati. [REDACTED] is a representative for racing news transmitted to the Cleveland vicinity over leased wires, while his brother-in-law, [REDACTED] is a district representative for the Teleflash, which furnishes sporting news and racing results over a loud speaker.

Both [REDACTED] control the racing news service in Cleveland, Ohio, and vicinity, for Moe Davis and his associates. Annual revenue obtained from this service amounts to approximately \$500,000 annually. [REDACTED] is alleged to maintain a permanent residence at [REDACTED] Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

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RE: BANK OF MONTREAL HOLDUP  
Prior & Main Street Branch

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I wish to assure you of my desire to cooperate  
in all matters of mutual interest.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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# N. Y. Gamblers' Big Shot Nabbed, Police Report

## Raiders Describe Ryan as 'Czar' of Racing Information

By HOWARD WHITMAN

NEW YORK, Oct. 1 (N.Y. News). Mayor LaGuardia's drive against tinberns yielded a full-blown boss last night. A local czar of racing information, described as successor to the late Moe Annenberg, was taken into custody on the night of his arrest. Ryan was named in two spectacular raids on racing wire service establishments.

The big shot, 52-year-old Thomas J. Ryan, was, according to police, a former Chicago, Philadelphia and Detroit racketeer, a "muscle man for Moe Annenberg," and an alumnus of the Purple Gang of New York.

"To take over" last June and, as overhead in phone conversations tapped by police, bragged: "I'm afraid of nobody in New York. I've got everybody taken care of. I'm bigger than anybody in this town."

### Crouches in Clothes Closet

But when police went after him at the Bronx home at 11 a.m., Ryan-the-Fearless was crouching in a clothes closet, his valise packed and a brief case jammed with \$10,000. He went quietly.

Goodman, 45, his partner in the business, a partner of Ryan in the Fairfield Holding Company, was arrested at his home on Fairfield street, where both resided. Police said Ryan and Goodman snatched the \$250,000 building last June for \$35,000 cash.

In the building, according to Inspector Michael J. Murphy, who supervised the crack-down, Ryan maintained five apartments under fictitious names as the uptown headquarters of his racing news wire service. The apartments all were equipped with several telephones, some in closets.

The second raid, at noon, was at Ryan's downtown headquarters, the radio program service, on the fifth floor of a Liberty Street office building near the financial district. Murphy led 20 detectives of the force, in which 60 men were bagged and numerous telephones and telegraph instruments confiscated.

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Police say Ryan was a former Chicago, Philadelphia and Detroit racketeer, a "muscle man for Moe Annenberg," and an alumnus of the Purple Gang of New York.

Murphy declared Ryan's prize was the biggest in the city, with operations amounting to \$1,000,000. Ryan's subsidiaries, Murphy said, were the Empire Radio Co., 471 Broadway, and the Empire Radio Co., 471 Broadway.

Ryan's "lieutenants" controlled many legitimate news and large newspaper concerns of the radio program service. But police counted charges that Ryan owned hundreds of home phone rooms, and various other interests.

In a conspiracy charge in the case, Ryan and Goodman were charged with conspiring to defraud the city and state. Murphy said, to wit, the evidence and got off the line.

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This Case Originated at LOS ANGELES

File No. 62-2469

Report Made at LOS ANGELES	Date When Made 2/18/44	Period for Which Made 11/16, 25-30; 12/1-31/43; 1/2-5, 19, 20, 31; 2/4, 5, 8, 10, 11, 14, 15/44	Report Made by [REDACTED] (b)(7)(C) DMC
Title RACKETEERING ACTIVITIES IN THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION			Character of Case INFORMATION CONCERNING

Synopsis of Facts:

Information received to the effect that Eastern racketeers moving into southern California area and operating here. Investigation fails to reveal any large scale infiltration by eastern racketeers. Central gathering place of gangsters here believed to be Beverly Hills Athletic Club. No evidence of any organized or big time gambling or prostitution in Los Angeles County. Former local gamblers and racketeer, presently operating in Las Vegas, Nevada. [REDACTED] well known gangster, maintains residence in Los Angeles and engaged in supplying wire service to book makers in Nevada and in southern California. Background information as to [REDACTED] set forth. [REDACTED] departed Los Angeles latter part of December, 1943, en route to New York for approximate two months stay. [REDACTED] former legal counsel and associate of [REDACTED] presently engaged in apparently legitimate business here.

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Details:

[REDACTED] advised this during the early part of November, 1943, that numerous eastern racketeers had been seen in Beverly Hills and that they were taking over the [REDACTED] stated that it was beyond his power to cope with the situation and advised his office of this development for whatever interest this office might have in a matter. (b)(7)(C)

[REDACTED] was interviewed by the writer accompanied by Special A

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Los Angeles, in order to contact other hoodlums either operating here or hiding out in this area.

The Beverly Hills Athletic Club is operated ostensibly as an athletic club, maintaining athletic equipment, showers, steam baths, masseurs and such facilities for the members and guests. Private poker games are conducted from time to time at the club where only known members or guests may sit in. The club occupies approximately one-fourth of a square block and has available dining rooms and dance hall, which are from time to time rented out to various civic organizations for social functions; thereby the club maintains a respectable appearance.

[redacted] advised that the Beverly Hills Athletic Club was likewise the principal hang-out for [redacted] well known former New York gangster, who presently maintains a residence in Los Angeles. [redacted] was unable to supply any definite information as to the exact activities of [redacted] at the present time but stated that he was definite that [redacted] was engaged in some activities here and from the past reputation of [redacted] stated that he was certain that the activity was bound to be illegal. He stated that when a member of any outside mob arrives in Los Angeles and wish to contact [redacted] he did so by first contacting [redacted] at the Beverly Hills Athletic Club.

[redacted] telephonically advised that he had received information from an informant that there were at that time three men in Los Angeles from Chicago here for the purpose of murdering someone in connection with the Bioff case. [redacted] advised that he would attempt to develop further information but upon being contacted at a later date by the writer was unable to supply either the names of the individuals reportedly here, nor the purpose for which they were here. To date there has been no murder which could be connected with the Bioff case in this area.

On November 15 IRVING "IZZY" BERNSTEIN was arrested in Beverly Hills by [redacted] of the Los Angeles Police Department, Robbery Squad, and [redacted] of the Los Angeles Police Department Robbery Squad, and [redacted] of the Beverly Hills Police Department, on the basis of a telegraphic warrant from Detroit Police Department. The charges were conspiracy to obstruct justice. BERNSTEIN is the only member of the Dr. Robinson Hoax Case gang not yet brought to trial. The case caused considerable agitation in Michigan and precipitated the expose of draft in Wayne County, Michigan and Detroit City politics and police department. BERNSTEIN, following his arrest, was reportedly living here in Beverly Hills for the past three years. He was notorious as the "pay-off" man for the widely publicized "Purple Gang" of Detroit, which was very active approximately four years ago.

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individuals: [REDACTED]

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The following names were supplied by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] to the writer, and who conducted the major part of the investigation of [REDACTED]. These names listed below are, according to [REDACTED] known contacts of [REDACTED] mainly residing in and around New York City but some of whom have visited [REDACTED] here in Los Angeles. This list is being set forth herein inasmuch as these individuals may visit [REDACTED] in Los Angeles and so that appropriate record of their connections might be made in the Los Angeles indices.

[REDACTED] alias [REDACTED] is a killer, connected with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is a strong arm man connected with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is a confidence man frequently operating in New York City.

[REDACTED] a Lieutenant of [REDACTED] and a strong arm man in his mob.

[REDACTED] New York City. A brother-in-law of [REDACTED] and a body guard and chuff for him.

[REDACTED] general racketeer and gangster active in narcotics and liquor.

[REDACTED] strong arm man for hire by any mob.

BECKERMAN, ABE, an important gangster connected with [REDACTED] in liquor and narcotic operations, also operates with the Purple Gang in Detroit.

[REDACTED] a union racketeer engaged in operating along military and allied lines.

[REDACTED] All around racketeer on all fronts.

[REDACTED] killer operating in New York City and St. Louis, connected with Waxy Gordon mob.

[redacted] alias [redacted] lieutenant of [redacted]

[redacted] racketeer in the fish business.

[redacted] right hand power of [redacted]

[redacted] Brooklyn gangster.

[redacted] connected with [redacted]

[redacted] gangster, [redacted] mob.

[redacted] important members of the [redacted] mob operating in New Jersey, out of Newark.

[redacted] alias [redacted] racketeer in Newark, New Jersey and vicinity.

[redacted] The political leader of the Third Ward, Newark, New Jersey, is right hand man in politics for [redacted] the Third Ward Mob.

[redacted] alias [redacted] gangster with all mobs, lately with [redacted] mob.

[redacted] brother of [redacted] strong arm man.

[redacted] may be dead.

[redacted] alias [redacted] labor and union racketeer.

[redacted] alias [redacted] well known gangster, no criminal record can be located in New York City, friend of [redacted] and [redacted].

[redacted] alias [redacted] [redacted]

[redacted] lieutenant of [redacted]

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[redacted] alias [redacted] [redacted]

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represents [redacted] also the Purple Gang in Detroit. (This man is the contact that turned [redacted] over to [redacted] who turned him over to HCOVER.

[redacted] a member of the [redacted] mob, residing at [redacted] Newark, New Jersey, has to do with the numbers racket and is head of that phase of operations.

[redacted] narcotics, closely connected with [redacted] an intimate with the late [redacted]

[redacted] killer from Brooklyn.

[redacted] alias [redacted] gangster, killer for [redacted] and the [redacted] brothers.

[redacted] alias [redacted] general racketeer-Broadway figure;

[redacted] alias [redacted] very important gangster, resides at [redacted] New York may be located in Armonk, New York. He is an uncle to [redacted] deals in narcotics.

[redacted] strong arm man.

[redacted], gangster

[redacted] alias [redacted] etc., dangerous character, body guard and chuff. for [redacted]

[redacted] alias [redacted] gangster and chuff for [redacted]

[redacted] right bower of [redacted]

[redacted] alias [redacted] Important member of the [redacted] mob, resides in pent house at [redacted] travels with [redacted]

[redacted] mob.

[redacted] alias [redacted] partner of [redacted] is a wealthy gangster.

[redacted] Racketeer in the fish industry.

[redacted] alias [redacted] racketeer, union and trade labor lines.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

LOS ANGELES

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REPORT MADE AT <b>LOS ANGELES</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>4-20-44</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>3-15 through 4-17-44</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED] (b)(7)(c) CMC</b>
TITLE <b>PRIME SURVEY, Los Angeles Field Division</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>RESEARCH MATTER</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Contained herein is information developed concerning criminal activities within the Los Angeles Field Division.

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**REFERENCE:** Bureau letter dated March 9, 1944 regarding Crime Surveys.

**DETAILS:** Investigation was conducted in this matter pursuant to instructions contained in reference letter.

Information contained herein is the result of investigative effort of the various resident agents within this field division, and by agents assigned to police contacts, and obtained from a review of files.

The information is set forth below under each resident agency listed alphabetically and under each resident agency are included various cities and towns surrounding that particular resident agency. The following are the principal cities and areas represented.

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the numerous thefts occurring in this area are due mainly to an association between limited numbers of the employees of the various railroad companies and yards who have had personal knowledge of incoming shipments, and as a result, have been able to avail themselves of the opportunity, and in some instances have combined with others outside the railroad companies to effect the theft from interstate shipments. The solution of several cases recently by this office, which have occurred mainly in the Southern Pacific yards, revealed that these associations were limited to two, three or four individuals in the railroad companies in one group, and two, three or four individuals in other groups, and that there is no connection between the various groups, nor any organization to indicate an organized gang.

The police authorities here, namely the Los Angeles Police Department and the Los Angeles Sheriff's Office, are satisfied that there are no known gangs operating within this territory who are responsible for the perpetration of local crimes.

INDIVIDUAL RACKETEERS AND MOBSTERS

There have been in the past numerous known racketeers and mobsters from other cities visiting Los Angeles. However, from the best information available, it is believed that these racketeers have come to Los Angeles mainly for visits and vacations, and there is no indication that there has been any large scale influx of out of town gangsters into this area for the purpose of engaging in any nefarious activities. Among some of the better known gangsters who have recently visited Los Angeles are the following:

[REDACTED] well-known New Jersey gangster and henchman of [REDACTED] is known to have been a close associate of the late [REDACTED] and an important figure in MURDER, INCORPORATED. (b)(7)(c)  
[REDACTED] spent approximately a month here during the month of December, 1948.

PETER LICAVOLI, with aliases, PETER MOCERI, PETER RIGLEY, "HORSEFACE". This individual is known as the head racket man of the Detroit area and is well known to the local police of Detroit. His FBI number is 237021. He has a large number of arrests and is known as a former member of the notorious PURPLE GANG of Detroit. LICAVOLI was here for approximately two months during January and February and the purpose of his visit here was believed to be for his health. LICAVOLI is known to have been interested in the numbers racket, and owns a chain of dry cleaning establishments and local taverns in and around Detroit, and has been known recently to deal in large quantities of whiskey warehouse receipts and bottling of whiskey. (b)(7)(c)

[REDACTED] who is believed to be a distant relative of LICAVOLI, is a small time hoodlum having a criminal record in and around Detroit, and is believed to have merely accompanied



Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

Cleveland, Ohio

June 3, 1944

PERSONAL ATTENTION

HBF:WC

Director, FBI

Re: THEFT OF GASOLINE COUPONS  
Board 6, Cleveland, Ohio

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Dear Sir:

For your information, this is to advise that Special Agent [redacted] of this office, in response to a call on the morning of June 2, 1944, interviewed [redacted]

[redacted]

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In furnishing the information [redacted] name should never be made known to anyone outside this Bureau and it is for this reason that this letter is being directed to your personal attention so that the identity of the informant may not be disclosed. At the same time I am bringing to your personal attention information relating to the racketeering and political situation at Cleveland.

At the outset of the interview, informant advised that the alleged gasoline rationing freuds at Cleveland, which have been given wide newspaper publicity for about two weeks, can be attributed to [redacted]

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and the notorious Mayfield Road Gang which is headed by [redacted] also known as [redacted] who is presently a Lieutenant in the United States Army, serving somewhere in the United States.

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[redacted] Cleveland, Ohio, and reported to be financially interested in the Lubeck Brewery at Toledo and also in a number of other legitimate, as well as illegal business enterprises located in and outside the State of Ohio. [redacted] and others were indicted in the United States District Court at Cleveland, Ohio, in December 1943 for a violation of the Internal Revenue Laws in connection with black market liquor transactions.

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case is now pending; however, it is interesting to note that according to information received by Agent [redacted] from Confidential Informant CL-23 of this office, every effort is being made to have the indictment nolleed, THOMAS A. LINDENMAN, Secretary of the American Federation of Labor, Cleveland Federation of Labor, being particularly interested through political contacts. (b)(7)(c)

[redacted] Cleveland, Ohio, and is also reported to be financially interested in a number of legitimate as well as illegal business enterprises located in and outside the State of Ohio. Sometime ago [redacted] was indicted on gambling charges by the State of Kentucky as one of the operators of the palatial Beverley Hills Country Club located near Newport, Kentucky. (b)(7)(c)

[redacted] was furnished to the Bureau in a Personal and Confidential Letter dated January 15, 1941, copies of which were furnished to the Louisville, Cincinnati and Miami Offices). (b)(7)(d)

According to informant, the powerful Mayfield Road Gang has been harmoniously and successfully operating with Detroit mobsters and racketeers headed by PETER LICAVOLI, a relative of THOMAS (YONNIE) LICAVOLI, former leader of the old Detroit Purple Gang, who was given a life sentence at Toledo, Ohio, with other members of the Purple Gang, including one BERNSTEIN, a relative of the latter named BERNSTEIN, first name unknown to informant, being presently active at Cleveland with the Mayfield Road Gang.

Informant stated that the business of the Mayfield Road Gang involves transactions in black market liquor and gasoline. Besides, the two mobs of racketeers in Detroit and Cleveland are in exclusive control of bookmaking and racing information in the cities of Detroit and Cleveland where they operate race tracks under the management of [redacted] of Cleveland, who is a front for the Mayfield Road Gang. The tracks operated are the Fair Grounds at Detroit, River Downs at Cincinnati, Beulah Park at Columbus, and Thistle-down located near Cleveland. In addition to these race tracks, informant advised that another track known as North Randall Race Track, which is adjacent to Thistle-down, was recently reopened and is now under the management of one [redacted] a former harness racing promoter, who received a license from the Ohio Racing Commission which was practically approved by [redacted] of the Mayfield Road Gang in order to enable the LINDENMAN BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY of Cleveland to be reimbursed for construction losses to the extent of \$60,000, which amount is claimed by (b)(7)(c)

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Miami, Florida,  
December 17, 1944.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR:

*General Conditions*  
RE: GENERAL SURVEY,  
Miami, Florida.

The following information pertaining to the general vice conditions in the Miami area is the result of work performed by Assistant Special Agent in Charge JOHN L. MADALA, Special Agents [REDACTED]

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GENERAL CONDITIONS

Since Pearl Harbor, the Miami area has been for the most part a military zone. At the present time there are only a few of the larger hotels at Miami Beach which are leased to the Army. This zone is used principally as a redistribution center and the majority of the soldiers stationed at the Beach are those who have seen combat duty and have been brought back to the States for reclassification and redistribution. The Army has an efficient security agency at the Beach and this office has been working very closely with them in connection with prostitution activities in this area.

As you know, the headquarters of the Seventh Naval District is in Miami. The Commandant of this Naval District is Admiral WALTER E. ANDERSON. Directly under him is Commodore H. E. J. BENSON, who incidentally was recently promoted to that rank from Captain by the Navy Department. Captain E. B. HOWE, formerly stationed at New York City, is the District Intelligence Officer of the Seventh Naval District at the present time. He replaced Captain E. B. HICK who was transferred to New York City last summer. Our relationship with the Army in this territory is very close.

The Navy still has possession of the McAllister, Columbus, Everglades and Alcazar Hotels on Biscayne Boulevard. These hotels are being used by the Navy as barracks and officers' quarters. Most of the enlisted men and Naval officers who are housed in these hotels are attached to the Subhazer Center which is based at Pier 3, Miami, Florida.

Through the efforts of the Army and Navy officers, a curfew law was invoked for the Miami area over a year ago. This curfew law prohibits the selling and serving of any intoxicating liquors after 12 o'clock on week days and 1 o'clock on Saturdays. In the main this curfew law has been rigidly enforced by the local authorities.

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The following individuals have been reported to have an interest in this establishment:

[REDACTED] a notorious gambler. [REDACTED] was reported to have married [REDACTED] very recently. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] have each paid bills for this place during the past month. (b)(7)(C)

CIRO'S is known as a swanky supper club and presents no entertainment although there are two orchestras for dancing. During the 1943-44 winter season [REDACTED] was reported to be running a gambling house on Hibiscus Island, Miami Beach, and obtained all his customers from CIRO'S, furnishing these customers transportation from CIRO'S to his gambling house. Due to the shady reputation of the owners and persons who associate with the owners, CIRO'S is patronized by many of the racketeers and mobsters in the Miami Beach section.

CLOVER CLUB,  
118 Biscayne Boulevard,  
Miami, Florida.

This place was recently purchased by [REDACTED] from Detroit, Michigan. Information has been received that BOB ROSENBLUM, subject of Miami file #2-65, which is a NEUTRALITY ACT investigation, is an ex-member of the Purple Gang of Detroit and owns a one-half interest in the CLOVER CLUB. ROSENBLUM was purchasing agent for the Cuban Army until recently, his activities in this regard being responsible for his present status as the subject of a Bureau NEUTRALITY ACT investigation. (b)(7)(C)

In addition to the CLOVER CLUB, the [REDACTED] have reportedly purchased EL CHICO Restaurant, Miami Beach, and the [REDACTED] CLUB, Miami. According to information received from the Detroit Field Division, [REDACTED] ran several night clubs and entertainment establishments of various kinds and were frequently in trouble with local and state officials while in Detroit. They reportedly gambled and bootlegged at one of their establishments. Neither [REDACTED] is known to possess a criminal record. [REDACTED] has used the alias [REDACTED] in the past. The maitre d'hotel is [REDACTED]. (b)(7)(C)

CLUB BALI, INC.,  
732 Biscayne Boulevard,  
Miami, Florida.

Liquor license for this place was issued in the names of [REDACTED] who are all brothers emanating from New York State where they were previously active as gamblers. The restaurant concession is run by the [REDACTED] from New York. (b)(7)(C)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DIRECTOR

DATE: October 15, 1944

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GENERAL CRIME SURVEY  
CINCINNATI FIELD DIVISION

Transmitted herewith is the semi annual survey of crime conditions in the Cincinnati Field Division for the period from May 23, 1944 to October 15, 1944.

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STAGE DOOR BAR  
207 Vine Street

This bar is managed by NATHAN SOBOL, 2948 Harrison Avenue. SOBOL together with his brother HYMAN originally came to Cincinnati from Detroit where it is alleged they were connected with the old Purple Gang. As a result of that connection this bar is frequented by out of town criminals on visits to Cincinnati as well as by local members of the underworld.

WALDORF CAFE  
12 Garfield Place

This cafe is operated by HYMAN SOBOL, the brother of NATHAN above referred to. This cafe which is just around the corner from the Stage Door Bar is frequented by prostitutes and procurers.

WINDSOR CAFE  
112 East Sixth Street

This cafe is operated by [REDACTED] who is also a bookmaker. This establishment is frequented by shoplifters, narcotics and hold-up men.

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RED'S CAFE  
109 East Sixth Street

This cafe is operated by [REDACTED] and is a meeting place for con men, shoplifters, narcotics and hold-up men.

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111 BAR  
111 East Sixth Street

This bar is owned by [REDACTED] heretofore referred to in this memorandum. This bar is frequented by con men, shoplifters, narcotics and hold-up men.

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THE ERIN TAVERN  
140 East Sixth Street

This tavern is operated by [REDACTED]. It is frequented by con men, shoplifters, narcotics and hold-up men.

PEOPLES CAFE  
1188 Harrison Avenue

This cafe is owned by [REDACTED] and is frequented by thieves and receivers of stolen property.

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BOULEVARD CAFE

PETIT HOTEL

RESTAURANT GEORGE

PITNER'S CAFE  
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PLAY BOUL  
PLAY HOUSE, THE  
PLAZA HOTEL

POHLAR'S CAFE

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Director, FBI

Re: **CRIME SURVEY**  
**NORFOLK FIELD DIVISION**  
**Bureau File 62-75147**

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter #187, Series 1944 from the Bureau dated July 27, 1944 with regard to the Survey covering Crime Conditions in the Norfolk Field Division between the period of April 15, 1944 and October 15, 1944.

The following information is being submitted to the Bureau concerning crime conditions in Norfolk, Norfolk County, Newport News, Portsmouth, Princess Anne County, and Virginia Beach:

**GENERAL CRIME CONDITIONS IN NORFOLK, VIRGINIA**

**Organized Gangs**

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[redacted] Norfolk, Virginia, who has furnished considerable information in connection with the case entitled [redacted]

[redacted] and whose name is being submitted as a confidential informant, advised there are several organized gangs of manufacturers and distributors of illicitly manufactured whisky. These gangs are composed of dangerous white men who do not hesitate to resort to violence. This racket is possibly very lucrative, the price of sale of illicit whisky being about \$50 per five-gallon container. The whisky is manufactured in border counties in North Carolina and in Norfolk and Princess Anne County, Virginia; it is sold directly to retailers in the Norfolk City area and it appears that a greater quantity of whisky is sold in the Berkley Area than any other section of Norfolk.

In view of the information obtained from [redacted] whose allegations are substantiated by [redacted] Norfolk, Virginia, one of the most notorious gangs of bootleggers is composed of [redacted] whose residence is [redacted] of [redacted] whose business address is [redacted] and who [redacted] has no known legitimate business; [redacted] Norfolk County; and [redacted] whose present place of residence is believed to be [redacted] North Carolina. [redacted] however, may be frequently found at [redacted]

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[redacted] who is a confidential general investigative informant of this office and [redacted]

[redacted] Virginia Beach has a numbers racket operating in Newport News, Virginia and Phoebus, Virginia. Both of these men are well known to the law enforcement organizations of the Tidewater Area. It should be noted here that [redacted] and many of the gamblers which will be mentioned further in this survey letter operate openly and freely in the Tidewater Area and that their operations are well known to law enforcement organizations of this area with apparently little or no restrictions. (b)(7)(c)(D)

[redacted] advised that an individual by the name of JAKE, "The Butcher" who claims he is the last member of the old "Purple Gang" has been spending a great deal of time in Norfolk, and who has been very friendly with [redacted] big time gambler in Norfolk, and who is also the banker for the craps game that is carried on at the Bomo Club, located in Norfolk. (b)(7)(c)(D)

[redacted] JAKE is known as JAKE, "The Butcher" in New York City from which place he originates.

[redacted] also advised that there has been a heavy infiltration of gamblers, racketeers, and gangsters from Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, and New York City to Norfolk all summer long, and that the only thing he can contribute to is that gambling in Norfolk has been very heavy this summer. [redacted] went on to state that an individual by the name of [redacted] gangster and bootlegger from New York City comes to Norfolk every month or two with everything from diamonds to whisky to sell and that [redacted] always stays at the Monticello Hotel in Norfolk. (b)(7)(c)(D)

On July 17, 1944 a raid was conducted by the Elizabeth City County police authorities on [redacted] the residence of [redacted]. In this raid [redacted] eight other persons were arrested while in the act of operating a lottery. Evidence of a substantial lottery business, including several adding machines, books of accounts, and a quantity of lottery tickets were found in the apartment. -- However, no evidence of interstate transportation of lottery tickets was uncovered. As a result of the raid [redacted] several of his cohorts were convicted in the Elizabeth City County Trial Justice Court for operating a lottery and were given fines ranging up from \$200 each. The persons arrested in the [redacted] apartment who were charged with the operation of a lottery are follows: (b)(7)(c)

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GENERAL CRIME SURVEY

APRIL 15, 1945

SAN DIEGO FIELD DIVISION

Organized Gangs

[redacted] San Diego is the reported head of the mafia gang in that city which meets at the Roma Inn. [redacted] is bringing Italians to San Diego from other cities, setting them up in the liquor business for one half or one third of the gross receipts. Deals in narcotics and has ambitions to open a large public gambling house in San Diego. [redacted] an employee of [redacted] carries a gun at all times and allegedly set off bombs in San Diego several years ago.

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One [redacted] who owns the Time and a small gambling place in San Diego county, operates in opposition to [redacted] and foresees a gang war between [redacted] and [redacted] since [redacted] is believed to have a string of bars in the city and [redacted] has indicated he would run [redacted] out of business.

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[redacted] who was discharged from San Quentin on February 5, 1940 has opened a liquor store and pool hall in Encinitas, California and is said to be connected with [redacted]

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Juvenile Crime

Juvenile authorities report an increase in juvenile crime.

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Narcotics

San Diego's biggest problem according to narcotics authorities is the sale of marihuana with occasional sales of opium.

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Notorious Types and Places of Amusement

the v.d. rate among servicemen has risen during the past year, attributed to the large influx of Negro service personnel. Very little suppression of prostitutes among the Negroes. The Negis Hotel in Tijuana maintains about thirty females at all times in private houses.

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Imperial County

Juvenile Crime

Organized Pachudo gangs ranging in age from thirteen to fourteen years have caused difficulty in several localities. The boys wear zoot suits while the girls emphasize extreme hairdos. Knives and small weapons have been found hidden in the hair of some of these girls. These gangs are often involved in violent disorders. They have a deep-seated code of secrecy and will take punishment rather than talk. The girls in the gang will not date the boys unless the boys have spent at least one night in jail.

Juvenile delinquency in Imperial County has increased tremendously and cases are of the same serious type. Sex delinquency among the girls has increased and the girls involved are younger.

Orange County

Individual Racketeers

[redacted] Seal Beach, California, is reputedly a former member of the St. Louis Egan gang and has boasted that he will outdo Al Capone. [redacted] is associated with many persons of criminal background. (b)(7)(c)

Police Tieup with Organized Crime

[redacted] are said to receive gambling payoffs. Members of the Santa Ana Police Department, the Fullerton Police Department and the Newport Beach Police Department are said to receive graft. (b)(7)(c)

The person backing the reform movement of Wesley G. Edwards who has conducted gambling crusades in the county is said to be Dewey Lockman of the Lockman Foundation, La Habra, California.

Gambling

[redacted] believes that slot machines are controlled by [redacted] and [redacted] with each having a definite territorial allotment. [redacted] has machines but does not operate them in Orange County. Edwards' campaign is believed to have eliminated slot machine operation in the county. [redacted] is reported to be the kingpin of the Orange County gambling element. He has so involved the authorities that they dare not question him. (b)(7)(c)

[redacted] is presently sponsoring a boys' club at Seal Beach, but is also reported to operate a string of houses of prostitution in Las Vegas and the Midwest. He has operated in partnership with one [redacted] formerly a Los Angeles policeman. (b)(7)(c)

Riverside County

Gambling

The Dunes Club in Palm Springs, California and the Colonial Hotel were considered gambling places. They were owned by Al Wortheimer, former

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Detroit "purple gang" member. Slot machines operate freely in the county and are owned by [redacted] of Riverside who has had this monopoly for the past ten years. There are no slot machines within the city limits of Palm Springs. It is reported that Riverside County law enforcement officers receive forty per cent of the "take" from these machines.