

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: April 23, 1945

FROM : SAC, DETROIT

SUBJECT: GENERAL CRIME SURVEY
DETROIT FIELD DIVISION

Reference is made to letter dated April 14, 1945, in above-captioned matter from the Detroit Field Division to the Bureau, stating that the outline of the report dated April 14, 1945, at Detroit would be transmitted to the Bureau in the immediate future.

Enclosed herewith are five copies of the outline of the report as requested.

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Detroit, Michigan
April 21, 1945

GENERAL CRIME SURVEY,
DETROIT FIELD DIVISION.
OUTLINE - REPORT OF APRIL 14, 1945

A. ORGANIZED GANGS

BATTLE CREEK

[REDACTED] Detroit gambler, heads well organized group of Italians in operation of night clubs, taverns and produce establishments. Associates include [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] subject of anti-trust case in 1940 when he attempted to corner watermelon market in Detroit. Group operates Hi-Lo Club in Battle Creek and are closely associated with [REDACTED] manager Bowery night club, Hamtramck, Michigan. [REDACTED] has produce distributorship in Detroit which supplies Battle Creek market. Group secured Fort Custer and Percy Jones Hospital contracts by payoffs to mess sergeants and officers. [REDACTED] acquainted with [REDACTED] Bureau fugitive. (b)(7)(C)

DETROIT

Detroit Purple Gang of 1920s and 1930s clarified as entirely Jewish in makeup. East Side Gang of same period was composed of Italians with a few Greek and Armenian associates. Many former members of both gangs still in Detroit and still loosely associated together.

EDDIE SARKESIAN, gambler and muscle man murdered in Detroit in 1944, alleged to have been fingered by MORRIS RAIDER, former Purple Gangster. Murder still unsolved.

[REDACTED] gang presently making deal with [REDACTED] for gambling franchise in down-river section. (b)(7)(C)

[REDACTED] and gang associate [REDACTED] arrested by Highland Park police with 150 bottles of liquor in car. [REDACTED] questioned by Agent and revealed dissention with [REDACTED] former associate.

[REDACTED] transports Illinois liquor from Chicago to Detroit weekly; places 100 to 150 cases of liquor each week on a commercial truck with cooperation of driver, follows truck to Detroit with shotgun in his car; unloads truck on outskirts of Detroit and takes liquor to hideout in Detroit.



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Los Angeles, California
May 2, 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR:

RE: CRIME SURVEY - *See*
Los Angeles Field Division

Recently, [redacted] referred two acquaintances to this office for discussion, and an Agent spent considerable time with them. The persons who called were [redacted] Las Vegas, Nevada, [redacted] Las Vegas, and [redacted]

acted as spokesman and stated that a group of business people in that city were willing to put up \$100,000 for an investigation by a skilled investigator to determine the activities, background and identities of various hoodlums who are flocking to Las Vegas at the present time. This influx of gangsters is allegedly causing a cessation of investment in the community by reputable business interests. [redacted] had recently been told by a syndicate of Los Angeles business men that although they had contemplated making investments in Las Vegas they had decided against it because of the presence of known hoodlums in that city.

[redacted] estimated that between ten and twenty thousand people are constantly in Las Vegas for the purpose of amusement, and stated Nevada feels that gambling and prostitution, since they cannot be legislated out of existence, should be permitted to exist legitimately and made a source of revenue to the state. He stated that prior to the war a \$25.00 limit existed in most gambling games, but within the past three months there is a tremendous amount of big money available and it is not uncommon for \$40,000 to \$50,000 to change hands in a single game.

██████████ indicated that he had very recently spent considerable time to defeat legislation in Nevada which was aimed at collecting 10% of the gross profits from gambling establishments. He stated that the profits from the gambling concessions at his hotel are roughly equal to 9% of his net profit, and finally the bill in the legislature was changed so that 1% is now collected by the state. RECORDED & INDEXED 170 7-11-17

As an indication of this gambling-hoodlum element now in that city it was disclosed by [redacted] that the El Cortez Hotel was recently



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Re: Crime Survey

Los Angeles Field Division

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[REDACTED] has reportedly purchased a large tract out of town to erect a hotel as soon as possible. In addition, it was stated that [REDACTED] a well known Los Angeles attorney, and [REDACTED] Los Angeles gambler and hoodlum, have purchased a large tract near Las Vegas for some undisclosed purpose.

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[REDACTED] stated that Minneapolis interests, in the persons of the BERMAN BROTHERS, one of whom is DAVE, are now in Las Vegas endeavoring to buy up gambling concessions. He has heard it stated that one of the BERMAN brothers was formerly a member of the Purple Gang of Detroit.

The Rex Club recently opened in Las Vegas is run by [REDACTED] who formerly operated gambling ships off the coast of California. Two persons named [REDACTED] are associated with him in this venture.

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[REDACTED] stated that he is personally willing to put up \$10,000 toward hiring someone to investigate conditions in Las Vegas and he believes if the people of the city can be shown that hoodlums are taking over and settling in the community, subsequent elections would provide honest officials. He advised that he had recently been offered two and one-half million dollars in cash by [REDACTED] however, he was not interested in selling, but definitely thinks that [REDACTED] would have paid him considerably more had he desired to sell at a higher price.

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[REDACTED] stated that the elections to be held on May 8, 1945, do not provide any candidates who will be interested in the welfare of the city and he blames himself and other businessmen for not taking action long before this. [REDACTED] stated that he would be happy to provide a cover for an Agent to work in Las Vegas and [REDACTED] also indicated that they would be pleased to do the same. They were informed that there was no investigation that could be conducted in this matter, based on the information which they had furnished, and we were not in a position to recommend anyone who could conduct this investigation for them.

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These gentlemen indicated that a former Special Agent, whose last name is [REDACTED] is employed as a [REDACTED]. This individual is not known to me and the accuracy of the statement is not vouched for at this time.

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[REDACTED] stated that he could furnish the Bureau proof that bribery existed on the part of NPB officials in Las Vegas, stating that the

MEMO FOR THE DIRECTOR
Re: Crime Survey
Los Angeles Field Division

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5-2-45

Box Club, the Las Vegas Club and a new spot on Fremont Street owned by [REDACTED] spent \$150,000 within the last few months in erecting and modernizing gambling establishments. [REDACTED] stated that he has thirty gamblers working for him who are well acquainted with the hoodlums and are most anxious that his legitimate business not be interfered with by this element.

The Salt Lake City Office is being requested to contact [REDACTED] for access to his sources of information in Las Vegas, who reportedly can furnish information concerning the bribery of WPB officials. This matter will be reported promptly to the Bureau by the Salt Lake City Office.

There is every indication that this offer to investigate conditions in Las Vegas was also made to [REDACTED] however, he is not interested in it in view of his present position [REDACTED] Undoubtedly, approaches were made to other individuals in this city, for information has already been received from informants to the effect that [REDACTED] is aware of the fact that these gentlemen called at this office and requested an investigation into the hoodlum situation in Las Vegas.

The essence of the information contained in this memorandum is being furnished the Salt Lake Office for assistance in its investigations. It would appear that these individuals will make excellent contacts for the Bureau in that city.

Respectfully submitted,

REH:AB


R. B. HOOD, SAC.

*Watch situation carefully
as Las Vegas will inevitably
become a criminal haven.*

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October 15, 1945

GENERAL CRIME SURVEY - OUTLINE

NEWARK FIELD DIVISION

GENERAL CRIME CONDITIONS IN NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

A. ORGANIZED GANG

First Ward Mob

[REDACTED] still leads First Ward Mob. [REDACTED], all deferred from draft because of psycho neurosis severe. [REDACTED] well known First Ward hoodlum rejected on same grounds. This is subject of pending Bureau investigation. [REDACTED] son of [REDACTED] received Honorable Discharge from United States Army recently and is frequenting [REDACTED] and seen in company of [REDACTED] associate of [REDACTED]

Black Market activities of First Ward Mob practically ceased with end of war. It is believed mob will continue extensive operations in gambling and maintenance of illegal stills. There is a noticeable increase in floating dice games and numbers banks than usual in the Newark area.

[REDACTED] was transferred from the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, to Lewisburg Penitentiary, where most of his gang is incarcerated. [REDACTED] were recalled and released on probation. [REDACTED] is reported to be providing financial assistance for families of his associates and still retains loyalty of most members of mob.

The murder of [REDACTED], Newark gambler and brother of [REDACTED] is still unsolved and receiving little investigative attention.

[REDACTED] 188 Franklin Street, Newark, New Jersey, recently arrested in Newark and charged as leader of huge counterfeit ration coupon ring operating along entire Atlantic seaboard. [REDACTED] has been one of the big time Italian racketmen in the country for many years. Arrested with [REDACTED] were [REDACTED]

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GENERAL CRIME CONDITIONS IN ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS, NEW JERSEY

A. ORGANIZED GANGS

[redacted] and [redacted] advised that there are no organized gangs in Atlantic Highlands.

B. INDIVIDUAL RACKETEERS AND MOBSTERS

According to [redacted] and [redacted] [redacted] is considered as the only racketeer in Atlantic Highlands. It will be recalled that [redacted] was reported as a leader in the union activities of the Naval Ammunition Depot, Leonardo, New Jersey. Regarding these activities, it was reported by [redacted] that [redacted] was dealing in the black market and selling the meat to the longshoremen employed at the pier.

[redacted] further stated that [redacted] one time detective who had the National Bureau of Investigation at Red Bank, New Jersey several years ago, made a trip by airplane for [redacted] to carry a message to [redacted] who was in Mexico at the time. This is the same [redacted] who was brought back to this country from Italy and turned over to the Kings County authorities in New York on a charge of murder. [redacted] reflected that [redacted] formerly had a residence in Middletown Township, Monmouth County, New Jersey, which was mysteriously destroyed by fire.

[redacted] was a postal inspector and was dismissed from the service because of his failure to report a shortage in a postmaster's account. In 1936 the same [redacted] was attempting to sell brief case radios to the government through politicians. [redacted] became the executive officer of the National Bureau of Investigation which was founded by [redacted] New York City detective during the time that [redacted] was Prosecutor, which outfit was investigated by the [redacted]. For four years the National Bureau of Investigation did work for the Prosecutor's Office when [redacted] was in office and for these services they received a total of \$86,000 in fees. Working along with [redacted] and [redacted] in these investigations was [redacted].

The Prosecutor's Office was taken over by the Attorney General at which time [redacted] was dismissed. At the same time [redacted] brother of [redacted] was postmaster at Atlantic Highlands and he subsequently lost his job. [redacted] presently conducts a notion store in Atlantic Highlands, and his brother, [redacted] resides in Asbury Park, New Jersey.

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[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] was a private county investigator for JONAS TUMAN during the prohibition era and according to [REDACTED] TUMAN was responsible for bringing the Purple Gang from Detroit and a New York gang to Monmouth County during Prohibition. [REDACTED] believed that [REDACTED] could bear watching because of his connections with the past TUMAN regime and his alleged connections with [REDACTED]

In the credit files maintained by the Merchants Credit Bureau at Asbury Park, New Jersey information was reflected that [REDACTED] took over a \$2250 mortgage from [REDACTED] on the property of [REDACTED] it was noted that no date was listed in the file for the date of transfer of this mortgage.

C. POLITICAL TIE-UP WITH ORGANIZED CRIME

[REDACTED] advised that he did not think that there was a tie-up with local politicians but did state that any tie-in would point to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

D. POLICE EFFICIENCY

[REDACTED] has two other men on his force and although the force is very small, it is considered slightly progressive.

E. POLICE TIE-UP WITH ORGANIZED CRIME

There is no known police tie-up with organized crime in Atlantic Highlands.

F. INFORMANT COVERAGE

[REDACTED] are considered excellent sources of information regarding activities in Atlantic Highlands. [REDACTED] will be contacted from time to time for information as he will be well informed on matters in the borough of Atlantic Highlands.

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January 16, 1948

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

Bureau file # 100-2-75147-41-46

SAC, Salt Lake City

Re: CRIME CONDITIONS, RENO, NEVADA
RESEARCH MATTER
(94-141)

Dear Sir:

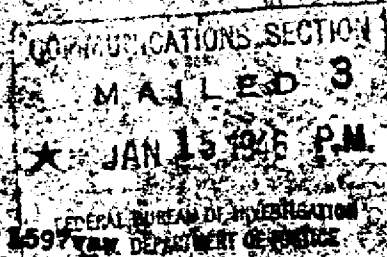
Receipt is acknowledged of your communication dated January 2, 1948 and in reply there are attached the only record disclosed through a search of the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on the basis of the information furnished by you.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

CC: SAC, Detroit

Enclosure



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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
301 Continental Bank Building
Salt Lake City 1, Utah
January 2, 1946

DIRECTOR, FBI

Re: CRIME CONDITIONS, RENO, NEVADA
RESEARCH MATTER

Dear Sirs:

(b)(7)(C)(D) 1-8-46
[redacted] Nevada furnished information to Special Agent [redacted] indicating that LINCOLN FITZGERALD, RUBY MARSH, DANNY SULLIVAN, and MERT WERTHEIMER allegedly former members of the Purple Gang in Detroit, Michigan, are now financially backing a local citizen of Reno, Nevada, named ROBBINS in the opening of a gambling establishment under ROBBINS' name in the near future.

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[redacted] requested if possible the Criminal Records and Photographs of the four individuals involved be furnished to him. According to the information furnished by [redacted] ROBBINS has no criminal record.

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A check of the indices of this office indicate that all four men are referred to as principle contacts in the FURDRESS case, a summary of the information concerning each individual being furnished to all Field Division as enclosures with the letter of inspector [redacted] dated August 4, 1939, and further indicated that DANNY SULLIVAN; MYRTON WERTHEIMER; was Myrton Wertheimer, Merv Wertheimer; LINCOLN FITZGERALD; and RUBY MARSH, have been associating together for some time and formerly operated the Chesterfield Syndicate operating in Detroit and Miami, Florida.

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The Bureau is requested to furnish the Criminal Record and photograph of the four individuals referred to above if available. The Detroit Field Division is requested to furnish any additional information that may be contained in the files of the Detroit Office which is not reflected in the summary of the information furnished to each Field Division by [redacted] letter referred to above.

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In view of the past activities of the four persons mentioned in this letter and the fact that there are some indications that [redacted] co-owners of the Bank Club in Reno, Nevada, who were recently released from the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth,



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DIRECTOR, FBI
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RENO, NEVADA
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Kansas, and who have returned to Reno, discreet inquiries will be made at Reno to determine any connections between the four persons referred to and to [REDACTED] and also ascertain the extent of the financial backing being given to the individual named ROBBINS and ROBBINS general reputation and background. (b)(7)(C)

It is requested that the Bureau and the Detroit Field Division give this matter expedite attention.

Very truly yours,

Jay C. Newman
JAY C. NEWMAN
Special Agent in Charge

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

AIRMAIL

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: January 24, 1946

FROM : SAC, Detroit

SUBJECT: CRIME CONDITIONS
RENO, NEVADA
RESEARCH MATTER

Reference is made to the letter from the Salt Lake City Office to the Director under instant caption dated January 2, 1946, in which the Detroit Field Division was requested to furnish background information concerning LINCOLN FITZGERALD, ROBY MATHIS, DANNIE SULLIVAN and MERT WERTHEIMER, gamblers who were alleged to be former members of the Purple Gang in Detroit.

A review of the files of the Detroit Field Division reveals that in 1938 and 1939 the famous gambling syndicate was known as "The Chesterfield Syndicate" deriving its name from the Chesterfield House which it operated in East Detroit, Michigan. The principal figures in this syndicate were MERT WERTHEIMER, ROBY MATHIS, DANNIE SULLIVAN and LINCOLN FITZGERALD. This group was said to have operated also the gambling casino at the Royal Palm Club in Miami, Florida, during the winter of 1938 and 1939 through one DICK SHARP.

In addition a gambling house in Saint Clair Shores, Michigan, named Blossom Heath was said to have been under the control of this group. In addition to craps, roulette, cards and bingo in the above named places the Chesterfield Syndicate was also said to have operated the largest hand-book in the City of Detroit.

At the outset it should be noted that there is no information in the files to indicate that any of the above named individuals were members of the notorious Purple Gang which functioned in Detroit in the late 1920's and early 1930's. The Purple Gang was a group of choice racketeers and hoodlums who derived the greater part of their income through bootlegging and the sale of sugar and malt during prohibition days, as well as through shakedowns and holdups of gambling houses, bookies, and houses of prostitution. At the present time the Purple Gang is said to be defunct in Detroit, as an organization and some of its former members from time to time come in contact with and associate with members of the former Chesterfield Syndicate but there is no indication that members of the Chesterfield Syndicate were members of the Purple Gang.

It should be noted that at the present time there is no open gambling in Detroit and the gambling houses mentioned above have been closed down for the last five years. No information has come to the attention of this office to indicate that any of the members of the Chesterfield Syndicate discussed above are now active in gambling or other illegal operation within the confines of the Detroit Field Division.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: CRIME SURVEY

Crime Conditions Survey

2310

In harmony with Bureau teletype dated March 12, 1946, there is being transmitted herewith a summary showing crime and vice conditions in New York City.

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2. East Side or Dago Gang

Although this gang has been inoperative as an organization for over ten years, Confidential Informant DE-138 provided the following information which was considered interesting.

According to DE-138, the height of the organization of the old East Side Gang was in the late twenties and early thirties, at the same time that the Purple Gang was operating. He stated that although the Purple Gang was Jewish in its makeup, and the East Side Gang was largely Italian, the two organizations on the whole got along well together and little, if any, inter-gang warfare resulted. He pointed out that the Purple Gang dealt in malt and sugar as well as shakedowns. The Italian gang manufactured bootleg liquor, smuggled liquor across from Canada and handled some narcotics. He related that gambling was conducted by both organizations, but the gambling was well defined and never resulted in fatal arguments.

In the early thirties, however, after the murder of radio announcer JERRY BUCKLEY in Detroit, the East Side Gang began to have its difficulties. Arguments broke out between the members of the gang itself and the beginnings of the "Clean Up Detroit Movement" which eventually resulted in the Ferguson Grand Jury began to be felt. With the elimination of prohibition laws, the East Side gangsters began to go legitimately into the liquor business. Those who had a great deal of money began to go into the wholesale manufacture and distribution of liquor, and those down the scale finally began to go into the retail business, either in their own name or in the name of a "front" working for them. Eventually illegitimate activities entered into the hands of three persons-

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In order to eliminate competition between the three groups, [redacted] is said to have called [redacted] in and offered to combine operations of all three groups. [redacted] agreed to the system only on the condition that he be made king pin of the rackets. [redacted] who regarded himself as unquestionably the No. 1 man in the underworld, emphatically declined, and through pressure against [redacted] practically forced him into Toledo, where the remnants of his gang still exist. In the meantime, [redacted] began to edge away from illegitimate activities until at the present time he is considered absolutely legitimate. After [redacted] built up his power he moved to Florida where he spends a great deal of his time. [redacted] absence left [redacted] as the "big boys" in Detroit and according to DE-138, [redacted] is now definitely the "big man" of the rackets in Detroit. (b)(7)(C)

Informant related, however, that [redacted] does not have at his disposal the same well-knit, well-organized gang that operated during the late twenties and early thirties. He stated that [redacted] have

CRIME SURVEY - NEW YORK CITY

SUMMARY REPORT
MARCH 19, 1946

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General Crime Conditions

The following statistics show the number of offenses known to the police, in major categories, committed in New York City for the years 1944 and 1945:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>MURDER, NON-NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER</u>	<u>ROBBERY</u>	<u>AGGRA- VATED ASSAULT</u>	<u>BURGLARY- BREAKING OR ENTERING</u>	<u>LARCENY- THEFT</u>	<u>AUTO THEFT</u>
1944	228	1,015	2,490	4,596	10,466	10,119
1945	304	1,419	2,596	4,351	11,992	12,416

It will be noted from the above statistics that there has been an increase in most crime categories during the year 1945. Interviews with various officials of the New York Police Department has resulted in information being received that this increase in crime has been caused by individuals engaged in unrelated violations, and not by any increase in organized gang activities. These officials have pointed out that such an increase was expected after the war. They also advised a major portion of crime in New York City is presently being committed by negroes. The one principal crime condition in New York City that has been notorious enough to receive publicity is thievery on the waterfront. This thievery apparently involves collusion between thieves, longshoremen, and private watchmen employed by shipping companies. Recently a number of burglaries have been committed, in which the bottoms of safes, which are made of thinner and weaker construction than the remainder of the safes, have been smashed open.

Jewel Thefts

Statistics are not as yet available to the New York Office to show the trend of jewel thefts in New York City. However, officials of the New York Police Department and other informants have stated there has been no large increase in such thefts in New York City during the recent past. These officials have pointed out that since most of the "big money" is presently in the hands of buyers in Florida, jewelry salesmen are making their headquarters there, thus making Florida a haven for the jewel thieves.

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Gambling

The three individuals in control of birtime/gambling in New York City are [REDACTED]. A unique feature of the gambling setup in New York City is that most of the actual gambling operations carried on by the large operators are centered outside of New York City. [REDACTED] is known to have slot machines and other interests in New Orleans, Louisiana. One informant has said [REDACTED] is the actual head of gambling activities throughout the United States. [REDACTED] recently has been carrying on his gambling activities to a great extent in Florida. [REDACTED] is in charge of a large gambling syndicate which operates in many sections of the country. The representative of this syndicate in New York City is [REDACTED] who has associated with him his brothers, [REDACTED]. It is estimated that this gambling syndicate has gross receipts of \$100,000.00 a day. [REDACTED] a brother of [REDACTED] operates at tracks outside of New York, where he is not allowed. He works such tracks as Pimlico and Havre De Grace. If a horse appears to be a probable winner and the odds are high, and the [REDACTED] syndicate has taken a considerable amount of bets on this horse, [REDACTED] places a large amount of money on this horse, thus causing the odds on this horse to drop and allowing the [REDACTED] syndicate to gain profits on the betting.

Another large bookmaker in New York City is [REDACTED] who has headquarters at 535 West Forty-ninth Street. He pays the men working for him amounts ranging up to \$150.00 a week. He is described as one of the largest operators in the city, and has bets laid off to him that are too large for other bookmakers to handle. He has top connections in political and social circles. A collector named [REDACTED] first name not known, picks up thousands of dollars for him daily.

[REDACTED] who lives at the Hotel Salisbury, New York City, [REDACTED] a betting commissioner, receiving bets in large sums from bookmakers and reselling them. He has handled bets in amounts as large as \$10,000.00.

[REDACTED] who is from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, has made his headquarters in New York City recently and is a night gambler. He is an associate of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] who was connected with the LUCPALTER-SHAPIRO gang, is a relative New York gambler who is still active.

LEWIS CLARK, formerly a member of the Purple Gang of Detroit, Michigan, is now located at the Park Central Hotel and is operating in the gambling racket in New York City.

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OVERLINE

Director, FBI

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DATE: April 15, 1945

FROM: SAC, Detroit

SUBJECT: GENERAL CRIME SURVEY DETROIT FIELD DIVISION

Memorandum of which this sheet is the first page comprises the crime survey of the Detroit Field Division from October 15, 1945, until April 15, 1946.

Following sections, covering the indicated areas in the state of Michigan, were prepared and dictated by the Agent - listed below.

Town and Territory

Agent

Ann Arbor

Battle Creek

Bay City

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Grand Rapids

Jackson

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The identities of the individuals listed in this memorandum as furnishing information are to be maintained in confidence, unless stated to the contrary.

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of [redacted] well known Detroit gambler who is a close friend of [redacted] of the old "Chesterfield Syndicate."

[redacted] according to [redacted] is a contact of [redacted] sub-machine gunner for the old [redacted] Gang, who is now confined in the Ohio State Penitentiary. Through [redacted] related, [redacted] has had some contact with [redacted]

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[redacted] asserted that [redacted] is as well acquainted in the criminal underworld as anyone in the United States and has built up a reputation among the underworld of being a reliable individual. He stated that TODAY, however, is now getting old, has made plenty of money in the rackets and sold out his interest in the Uptown Club largely to avoid embarrassing contacts with his old hoodlum friends who are forever contacting him and asking favors. He stated that [redacted] is not above handling hot property at the present time but will most likely confine his future activities to gambling due to the fact that his set-up for gambling at the present time is very good.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] is not generally regarded as a killer. [redacted] added that [redacted] operate a night club in Florida which is located just one block north of the Gulfstream Track in Miami. He stated that in October, 1945, [redacted] left for Florida and told [redacted] that he has a set-up all arranged whereby he is going to enlarge his night club and establish some crap tables in the rear.

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GEORGE G. GOLDBERG, was: George G. Goldberg, George L. Goldberg, C. George Goldberg

Confidential Informant C, whose identity is known to the Bureau, related that GOLDBERG is one of the "charter members" of the old Oakland Leger House Gang which later developed into the Purple Gang. He stated that GOLDBERG lives at 1926 Collingwood Street, Detroit, Michigan, which is an apartment house which he owns jointly with his wife, SADIE JACOBS GOLDBERG. At the present time he stated that GOLDBERG is said to have a real estate office in the National Bank Building in Detroit jointly with [redacted] an attorney, who is mentioned elsewhere in this report. (b)(7)(c)

GOLDBERG, he related, is alleged to have made thousands of dollars dealing in illicit liquor during prohibition days and his wife is also said to have a great deal of money in her own name. GOLDBERG is said to have invested this money wisely and at the present time has very few financial worries. Informant C had no information reflecting that

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GOLDBERG is at the present time engaged in any illegitimate activities but stated that GOLDBERG's background would indicate that he is the type of individual who would potentially be interested in crime and vice if it paid him enough money and he could conduct it at small risk to himself. Informant stated that he has heard that GOLDBERG has an interest in the Grand Rapids Brewing Company, Grand Rapids, Michigan, which is said to be controlled by [REDACTED] alleged corrupt Michigan Republican politician.

Informant C narrated that GOLDBERG once operated a bonding house and was also a business partner of one [REDACTED] who operated the Alaska Herring Marketing Association in Detroit. He stated that GOLDBERG, who is about 50 years old at the present time, has been arrested numerous times but has never been convicted of any offense.

The files of the Detroit Field Division show that GOLDBERG was the Subject of a bankruptcy case in 1929 and 1930 involving the Radio Corporation of Detroit, 14034 Woodward Avenue, a successor of "Credit Sam's" at the same address, of which GOLDBERG was the president. The purpose of the Radio Corporation was said to be to buy and sell automobile accessories. Investigation developed that GOLDBERG was buying spark plugs stolen from the Oakland Motor Company and was selling them below cost and other allegations indicated that he was engaged in other illegal forms of business in connection with this store.

Investigation disclosed that after GOLDBERG allegedly went bankrupt in the Radio Corporation he moved to Chicago for a short time, where with HENRY SCHORR, Detroit Purple gangster, he operated the Schorr Salvage Company at 22nd and Wabash Streets.

A check of the morgue of the "Detroit News" revealed numerous references to GOLDBERG. An article dated May 10, 1922, stated that one JOHN DRISCOLL has applied for a warrant charging GOLDBERG with assault and battery. DRISCOLL had previously recovered a \$200.00 judgment against GOLDBERG for failure to turn over \$200.00 in collections in connection with a business matter.

An article dated June 9, 1922, stated that one RAY PATTON is in jail under \$15,000.00 bond charged with the statutory rape of a fourteen-year-old girl. On the preceding Wednesday evening, the article related, EDWARD F. NICHOLS, Assistant Prosecutor, and a policeman concealed themselves in the girl's residence and shortly thereafter GEORGE GOLDBERG, who at that time resided at 554 Holbrook, and GEORGE CORDELL, 2703 Sherman Street (old-time Detroit racketeer and hoodlum) came into the house and offered the girl's father a price to drop the suit. Both GOLDBERG and

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_____ were arrested and charged with obstructing justice.

An article dated January 14, 1923, related that GOLDBERG, who at that time was employed as a broker, was convicted of stealing 300 cases of oleo from the Universal Carloading and Distributing Company located on the corner of 14th and Porter Streets. GOLDBERG claimed that he was secretary of the "Uplift Club," an organization of 1,000 members existing for the purpose of passing on the qualifications of candidates for political offices in the city and county.

An article dated June 2, 1923, referred to this same case and stated that GOLDBERG's attorney had filed a motion for a new trial and the judge held that the action against GOLDBERG should have been a civil one, not a criminal one. The civil case was thereupon settled out of court. This article mentioned that GOLDBERG had moved to 691 Kirby Street and that his occupation is "real estate broker."

An article dated August 2, 1923, mentioned that GOLDBERG at that time was a sugar merchant at 9415 Oakland Street. It stated that several anonymous letters had been sent him threatening his life. In the meantime he had been charged in Records Court with disorderly conduct and Judge COTTER sent a guard to bring him into court.

A news article dated July 25, 1923, stated that GOLDBERG operated the sugar house at 9415 Oakland Street in partnership with one ISADORE CANTOR. On July 11, 1923, CANTOR killed a gunman named FRANK SPEDE and was released on his examination on his plea of self-defense. SPEDE's gangster friends, names not given, had thereafter been threatening GOLDBERG's and CANTOR's lives. GOLDBERG was said to have hired an ex-member of a rival gang as a "watchman" at the sugar house and was also guarded at his place of business by three detectives, two uniformed policemen and a dozen "friends," all of whom were armed. GOLDBERG and CANTOR were quoted as saying that the latest outbreak between "rival gangs" was when GOLDBERG refused to purchase 200 tickets to the Michigan Greyhound Racing Club which was located at Gratiot and Eight Mile Roads. The alleged gunman who had been threatening GOLDBERG's and CANTOR's lives is one of the main stockholders in this track, according to GOLDBERG.

A news article dated March 7, 1924, stated that on March 21, 1923, GOLDBERG and CANTOR had been seated with a man named SOL CONRAD in front of the sugar house. An automobile came by and a hail of bullets killed CONRAD. GOLDBERG and CANTOR were to be the main witnesses at the trial of DOMINIC FERRO and CHARLES BARRONE for this offense and both had told police that they had rejected offers of \$5,000.00 to leave town during the trial. In January, 1924, CANTOR went to New York City for a

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brief visit there and supposedly left New York before the first of February, 1924, to return to Detroit. According to this article, he has not been seen nor heard of since that date and it is feared that he has been killed.

An article dated April 13, 1924, related that on the preceding Saturday night GOLDBERG was returning in his automobile to his home at 554 Holbrook Street in the company of his fiancée, SADIE JACOBS and her brother, SAMUEL JACOBS, age 17, who was driving GOLDBERG's automobile. As GOLDBERG pulled up in front of his home an automobile containing seven or eight men roared by and a fusillade of bullets killed SAMUEL JACOBS. The article mentioned that CANTOR's whereabouts were still unknown.

An article dated April 19, 1924, mentioned that CANTOR's bullet-ridden body had been discovered the preceding day in the East River in New York City by the New York Police Department and it was determined that he had been dead for two weeks. GOLDBERG was quoted as having said that leaders of an opposing bootleg gang, BENJAMIN EAST, "LOUIE THE WOP" RICCIARDO and "JIMMIE THE DOC" BENJON had been blackmailing bootleggers and blind pig operators, including GOLDBERG and CANTOR and implied that he suspected these men of CANTOR's murder.

An article in the "Detroit News" dated May 20, 1924, stated that GOLDBERG was supposed to appear in Circuit Court that day "on a statutory charge." The judge of the court was told that GOLDBERG refused to come into court because he believed that gunmen were waiting for him in the County Building.

An article dated August 16, 1924, related that ANTONIO ROGERILLO alias TOMMY ROGERILLO had been arrested July 28, 1924, and charged with the slaying of SAM JACOBS. Examination had been set to be held in Records Court the preceding Friday. GOLDBERG, the chief witness against ROGERILLO, did not appear and the examination was postponed until August 29th.

An article dated September 5, 1924, related that GOLDBERG had been located and served with a subpoena in the above-described case after several postponements. He was brought to court and answered all questions put to him with the answer, "I don't remember." Judge FRANK MURPHY recommended a perjury warrant for him in view of the fact that in a signed statement he had previously named ROGERILLO as the slayer.

An article dated September 6, 1924, stated that Judge MURPHY dismissed the homicide charge against ROGERILLO that day as a result of GOLDBERG's refusal to testify.

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An article of the same date stated that Assistant Prosecutor FRANK B. FERGUSON said that no perjury warrant could be issued against GOLDBERG because there is no way to prove that he gave a false statement under oath.

A "Detroit News" article dated February 5, 1925, in summarizing the available information concerning GOLDBERG stated that GOLDBERG and CANTOR had sold sugar in partnership before the Volstead Act was put into effect. After the prohibition laws were passed most of their customers were bootleggers due to the fact that sugar was a necessary ingredient to the making of bootleg whiskey. GOLDBERG and CANTOR began to get rich on this business and hi-jackers and blackmailers began to put pressure on them. After SPEDE was killed GOLDBERG and CANTOR imported SOL CONRAD, "a New York gunman and killer" to act as their bodyguard. The article mentioned that after CONRAD was killed the case against FERRO and BARONE, above-described as his murderers, was dropped.

This article mentioned that GOLDBERG has made over \$100,000.00 in the sugar business by selling to bootleggers and in his will a trust fund has been set up leaving a substantial amount of money to the men who kill his murderers, if he is murdered.

An article dated July 25, 1933, related that Judge W. MONAY SKILLMAN has set up a one-man grand jury to investigate rackets in Detroit and said that he wanted to subpoena GOLDBERG to question him about recent hi-jackings of sugar. GEORGE KRISSE, Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, said that he had been informed that GOLDBERG had been shot a week previous when an attempt was made to kidnap him on Hazelwood Avenue and that GOLDBERG is missing at the present time.

An article dated July 27, 1933, stated that Inspector WILLIAM J. COLLINS of the Detroit Police Department was quoted as saying that GOLDBERG was the victim of an attempted holdup on July 15, 1933, when he left his apartment house at 1920 Collingwood Street. COLLINS stated that GOLDBERG was struck on the head during the altercation that followed and at the present time he is recuperating at Bear Lake near Manistee, Michigan, but, according to his wife, would come to Detroit if he is wanted. A follow-up article dated July 31st stated that GOLDBERG was served with a subpoena by KRISSE and mentioned that GOLDBERG is now a partner in the Alaska Herring Company.

A news article dated July 30, 1940, stated that the United States Attorney General's Office is making an investigation of state

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graft, including alleged connections of state politicians with the State Liquor System (apparently this refers to the McKAY liquor conspiracy case.) The article stated that GOLDBERG dropped out of public notice with the repeal of prohibition and since has been involved in a number of business ventures throughout the state, principally the liquor business. Until 18 months ago, the article continued, he was manager of an out-state winery and since he left this work he has not been employed. The article stated that when GOLDBERG was subpoenaed before a Federal Grand Jury on the preceding Monday he refused to answer questions and was subsequently sentenced the same day by Federal Judge EDWARD J. MCINNET for contempt to serve an "indefinite term" in Milan Prison. The article stated that his attorney is ALFRED A. MAY.

A follow-up article dated August 1, 1940, stated that on the preceding Wednesday GOLDBERG had appeared before the Grand Jury and had answered all questions put to him, as a result of which he was freed of contempt charges.

The files of the Detroit Office revealed that on September 17, 1939, ABE DEMBINSKY, 171 Ottawa Street, Northwest, Grand Rapids, Michigan, related to agents of the Detroit Office that a few years ago he purchased the Puritan Wineries at Paw Paw, Michigan, and hired GEORGE GOLDBERG to run it in 1937. He stated he sold it to GEORGE GOLDBERG and his wife, SADIE. As collateral for a loan in connection with the sale, GOLDBERG put up 60,000 shares of capital stock of the Grand Rapids Brewing Company. Other stockholders in this company at that time were FRANK D. McRAY and ISADORE SCHWARTZ and CHARLES LEITER, alleged Detroit hoodlums and strong-arm men. (b)(7)(c)

On August 5, 1939, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] told agents that GEORGE GOLDBERG and his wife, SADIE JACOBS GOLDBERG maintain an account there. He stated that SADIE JACOBS GOLDBERG has been employed as the office manager of the Industrial Heating Equipment Company, 3770 Freemont Street, for many years.

In 1939 the records of the Bureau of Credits in Detroit reflected that as of that date GEORGE C. GOLDBERG was the manager of the Michigan Wineries, Incorporated, located at 19159 John R Street, the officers of the company being as follows:

ANDREW F. MURCHER
SADIE J. GOLDBERG
ALFRED A. MAY

President
Vice President
Secretary-Treasurer

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These records reflected that in 1923 GOLDBERG entered the wholesale sugar and hops at 8624 Oakland Avenue, Detroit, which business was known as the Oakland Sugar House and subsequently became the rendezvous of the Oakland Sugar House and Purple Gangs. He was also reported to be an officer of Credit Sam's, Incorporated in 1925, which company was engaged in the auto accessory line and which on February 9, 1927, was destroyed by fire.

In 1929 GOLDBERG and HENRY SCHORR entered the auto accessory business in Chicago and in the latter part of the same year that business was destroyed by an explosion and fire and investigation developed that insurance carried on the store and merchandise greatly exceeded the value of the merchandise destroyed and GOLDBERG left Chicago.

According to these reports, GOLDBERG was next known in Detroit as the president of the D and C Printing Company in 1930, which company went into bankruptcy in 1931 and in 1932 GOLDBERG was engaged as a salesman selling stocks and bonds in bankrupt companies in Detroit. In 1933 he and [REDACTED] appeared as owners of the Brewery Holding Company of Muskegon, Michigan, which purchased the assets of the Muskegon Brewery Company in June, 1934. The name of this business was changed to the Grand Rapids Brewing Company with headquarters at Grand Rapids, Michigan.

On August 9, 1939, GOLDBERG was interviewed at the Detroit Office in connection with the [REDACTED] liquor conspiracy case at which time he verified his personal history as set out above and furnished considerable information concerning his association with [REDACTED] going into detail as to the financial transactions involved. He related that he worked for the Grand Rapids Company through 1933 and 1934, modernizing the plant and equipment and after 1934 he came to Detroit where he distributed the Grand Rapids Brewing Company beer from a warehouse on East Woodbridge Street in Detroit.

He related that he knows [REDACTED] very well, pointing out that [REDACTED]

Referring to his operation of the sugar business in 1924, GOLDBERG stated that the original Oakland Sugar House on Oakland Avenue was operated by [REDACTED] but that they pulled out in 1924 and he started a business at the same address. He stated that due to the pressure put on him by racketeers who attempted to muscle in on the business he got scared and without remuneration turned the business over to [REDACTED]

GOLDBERG stated that he had never filed an income tax in his life and that until the last year he had never made enough money to

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file returns.

GOLDBERG's description, according to the observation of agents and the records of the Detroit Police Department, is as follows:

Sex	Male
Color	White
Race	Jewish
Place of birth	United States
Year of birth	1896
Age	50
Height	5 feet 8 inches
Weight	175 pounds
Occupation	Broker, merchant, salesman, real estate operator
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Build	Heavy
Complexion	Fair
Teeth	Good
Features	Round
Marital status	Married
Residence	1926 Collingwood
Dress	Neat

In spite of information as set out above concerning numerous arrests of GOLDBERG in Detroit, the records of the Detroit Police Department reflect only the following arrests for him by that agency:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
5/12/22	Assault & battery	10 days Detroit House of Correction
6/7/22	Compounding a felony	Discharged
10/13/22	Larceny by trick	Nolle prosequere
6/19/23	Bastardy	No disposition

[REDACTED]	34
[REDACTED]	148
[REDACTED]	260
[REDACTED]	136
[REDACTED]	222
[REDACTED]	11
[REDACTED]	251
[REDACTED]	251
[REDACTED]	251
[REDACTED] (rosse Pointe Park)	170
[REDACTED]	9
[REDACTED]	91, 132
[REDACTED]	119, 290
[REDACTED]	137, 177
[REDACTED]	199
[REDACTED]	169
[REDACTED]	175
[REDACTED]	260
[REDACTED]	9
[REDACTED]	23
Pontiac Police Department	168
[REDACTED]	28
[REDACTED]	219
[REDACTED]	200
[REDACTED]	195
[REDACTED]	175
[REDACTED]	156
[REDACTED]	241
[REDACTED]	9
[REDACTED]	236
[REDACTED]	236
[REDACTED]	192
[REDACTED]	120
Purple Gang	24, 66
[REDACTED]	120
[REDACTED]	219
[REDACTED]	8
[REDACTED]	120
[REDACTED]	58
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[REDACTED]	25, 88, 120
[REDACTED]	31
Nation Currency Protection Unit	168
[REDACTED]	236
[REDACTED]	173
[REDACTED]	148

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: April 18, 1945

FROM : *nm* SAC, Savannah

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SUBJECT: GENERAL CRIME SURVEY
Savannah Field Division

Enclosed herewith are five copies of the
General Crime Survey for the Savannah Field Division
dated April 15, 1945.

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TO : MR. A. ROSEN
FROM : J. J. RYAN
SUBJECT: CAPGA

DATE: October 24, 1946

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn Tamm
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Mr. Nease
Miss Beahm
Miss Gandy

To advise that an inquiry made by [REDACTED] appears to be identical with the request made by the Bureau of Customs, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C. concerning a group of gangsters staying at the Grace Ranch on [REDACTED] which is located on the outskirts of Tucson, Arizona.

BACKGROUND

On October 7, 1946, the Bureau of Customs, Treasury Department, communicated with the Bureau and advised that [REDACTED] a former Detroit runner and gangster, had purchased a ranch near Tucson, Arizona, and had moved in with a number of his former associates from Detroit. The Bureau of Customs, Treasury Department, requested that the Bureau furnish the criminal records of the following individuals who were presently staying at the ranch of Pete Licavelli:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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The above individuals have been possibly identified by the Identification Division and criminal records are being forwarded to the Bureau of Customs, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C. Available photographs of the above are likewise being furnished to the Bureau of Customs, in addition to photostatic copies of fingerprints.

On October 17, 1946, Assistant Director L. B. Nichols received a call from [REDACTED] at which time he stated that a situation had come up which he desired to discuss with the Director on an informal basis. [REDACTED] advised that a so-called "Purple Gang" had moved into Tucson, Arizona. He advised that Chief of Police [REDACTED] had harassed members of the gang by arresting them on picayunish offenses such as jaywalking and the like. [REDACTED] stated that he would endeavor to obtain the names of the individuals involved and furnish these names to the Bureau.

A review of the information received from the Phoenix Office in connection with the investigation in the [REDACTED] case reflects that [REDACTED] who is one of the key figures in the investigation of the [REDACTED] case in the Detroit Office, went to Tucson, Arizona, which he generally does each winter. [REDACTED] purchased a ranch for approximately \$25,000 on February 27, 1945. Since that time he has purchased four additional pieces of property, adding to the ranch and it is estimated

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that the ranch at this time is worth approximately \$50,000. The Phoenix Office has advised that Licavoli has associated with hoodlums of Italian extraction, and it is noted that several of the individuals mentioned above were reported staying at the ranch of [REDACTED]. The Phoenix Office has further advised that on August 17 and August 21, 1946, the Tucson Police Department arrested six of the above named individuals on a charge of jaywalking. According to information received from the Phoenix Office, [REDACTED] while residing in Tucson appears to more or less live a retired life. [REDACTED] in an interview with [REDACTED] Tucson, Arizona, stated that he [REDACTED] is well off financially and that it is not necessary for him to engage in any rackets and that he expects to live at Tucson as a law-abiding citizen.

The Bureau of Customs, Treasury Department, pointed out in their communication to the Bureau that it appears possible that [REDACTED] and his group have made their headquarters at Tucson, Arizona, for some illicit business and it was the opinion of the Bureau of Customs, Treasury Department, that the opium traffic from Mexico seems most probable at this time.

ACTION TAKEN

The above is for your information.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN

The information appearing in the Bureau's files with respect to the individuals mentioned above is being obtained for the purpose of consolidating all of the available data for the information of the Director.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: Yonnie Licavoli

DATE: 8-8-47

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
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Mr. Harbo	
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Miss Gandy	

██████████ the Washington representative of the Indianapolis Star, called yesterday concerning the above party who he stated was formerly a member of the Purple Gang in Toledo, Ohio. ██████████ recalled that Licavoli had been sentenced to a life term in the Ohio State Penitentiary for murder around 1931 and that he had received information to the effect that perhaps Licavoli had been paroled.

██████████ stated that he covered this trial and was very much interested in the matter since he heard that someone had put up \$100,000 to get him out of the Ohio State Penitentiary. He stated that it was against the law to parole anyone serving a life term for murder in the first degree and that the only way Licavoli could get out would be by pardon after twenty years. He wanted to know whether we had any indication that Licavoli had been paroled.

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After checking the files and mentioning this to Mr. McGuire in your absence, I called ██████████ back today and advised that we had received a rumor on one occasion that perhaps this individual had been paroled; that, of course, we had no official interest in it and had no definite information or proof. I suggested that he might want to make appropriate contact at the penitentiary to secure definite information. Reed stated that he would do this.

Our files do definitely reflect that an individual by this name was paroled from the Ohio State Penitentiary in 1946. He later was working at the Million-Run Cleaners in Detroit. The parole was secured by Pete Licavoli, his brother, who is a big-time gangster in Detroit.

It might be noted that ██████████ definitely understood that the Bureau in no way is involved in this matter and its name is not to be used in any way.

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DIRECTOR URGENT

CRIME SURVEY, DETROIT DIVISION. REOURTEL FEBRUARY TWENTY FIVE LAST.
DETROIT TIMES THIS DATE STATES QUOTE TAMERS BUSINESS SNARE UP TO
FBI UNQUOTE. THIS REFERS TO [REDACTED] (b)(7)(C)

[REDACTED] MENTIONED IN REFERENCED TEL WHO OPERATED THE VOGUE
UPHOLSTERING CO. DETROIT, MICHIGAN ALONG WITH MORRIS RAIDER, A FORMER
MEMBER OF THE OLD PURPLE GANG AND ONE [REDACTED] THIS BUSINESS
HAS BEEN ALLEGED TO BE A FRONT FOR TAMERS GAMBLING ACTIVITIES AND IS
NOW BEFORE THE USDC, DETROIT IN A BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDING. [REDACTED] (b)(7)(C)

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Detroit's Purple Gang Moves Activities Here

By WILSON MCGEE

Herald Staff Writer

Seven of the names mentioned by Operating Director Daniel P. Sullivan, of the Greater Miami Crime Commission, in The United Press story, Robert Vermillion are particularly interesting.

They belong part and parcel to the infamous Purple Gang of Detroit—and Greater Miami.

Probably no other gang in United States criminal history has caused such terror as the Purple mob.

Look at the records of Joe Massel, Joe "Scarface" Bonmarito, Pete Licaroll, Louis "The Wop" Ricciardi, Joe Bernstein and Charlie Cavallero and you look at justice with tear-stained blindfold and a blunted sword.

Sullivan also named "Lefty" Clark and failed to name Harry Fleisher. Clark is a little out of place with that group—he's a gambler, strictly, although a hanger-on. Fleisher was the alleged leader of the mob.

Clark, whose real name is Frank Bischoff, had a small beginning in 1914 with a \$20 fine for visiting a Toledo poolhall at midnight. From that he grew into a gambling figure, acknowledged to be one of the best dice operators in the

city, who bought a home at 10 N. Meridian ave., Miami in May, 1946, founded his operation on a terrific memory of places. He knows who's "right" and who's "wrong." Because that, he has a trait for tact that has earned him the title of peacemaker.

Not considered a member of any mob, however, he operates on a percentage basis in their spots. Greenacres in Broward is Lefty's winter hangout.

Clark started his Detroit activities as part-owner of a downtown Woodward ave. joint, but Lefty moved to Ecopse ahead of the cops and set up a business over a garage. James "Jim the Green" Thompson was his partner, in the spot which boasted eight crap tables, five roulette wheels, blackjack, stuss, slot machines and a machine-gun turret. They operated until 1930 when newspaper "heat" drove Clark to a spot in Macomb county at 16-mile road and Van Dyke ave.

It was at this joint, known as the Palma Gardens, where police first heard rumors that Massel had a piece of the joint.

Clark left Detroit in 1935 and in Massel turned up in Miami.

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grancy arrest in Miami Beach and forfeited bond. Arrested again in 1940 on the same charge, he was dismissed in Miami Beach court.

Clark is a known associate of "Trigger Mike" Coppola, "Little Augie" Pisano, Massel, Tony Bender, Alfred "Peggy" Toriello and "Scotchie" Morrison, all well known in Greater Miami.

Joe Bommarito is known as a Massel partner with Licavoli "fronting" for both.

Bommarito has a score or more of arrests, one of which was in connection with one of the century's most sensational murders.

Joe was tried and acquitted with two other hoodlums in the 1930 murder of Jerry Buckley, popular Detroit radio announcer.

Bommarito was also arrested with Massel—one of four in which Massel has been questioned during his lifetime—in the murder of Milford Jones in a Detroit "blind pig" known as the Stork Club. Both escaped prosecution when key witnesses disappeared. Detroit police signed and wrote the late Mr. Jones off the books. He was one of St. Louis' toughest gangsters, but not tough enough.

Bommarito purchased a home at 6795 Abbott ave., an apartment house in May 23, 1947, according to Dade county deed book 265, Page 231. The price, \$33,400.

Another lad who stays in the background and who is content to let Licavoli "front" is Ricciardi, a New Yorker who worked his way to Detroit by way of Buffalo.

"Louis the Wop" has four murder arrests, five or six on armed robbery, a couple of drug act violations and no convictions. He has been dismissed oftener than a stage butler.

Licavoli, alias Peter Mocer alias Peter Little, can also hold his head up. He has carried the torch with 25 known arrests, running from Volstead Act violations through kidnapping and murder.

He has two convictions; once a \$200 fine for carrying concealed weapons and once a fine of \$100 for simple assault.

But the grandpappy of them all is Fleisher. Harry—alias "Pink," "Alsch," "Alisk" and "Al" knows what else has an FBI record covering four sheets and 35 arrests.

Until 1934 when he ran afoul of the "Reds" and got out of



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Reno Gambling Figure Wounded in Ambush By Shotgun Blasts

Lincoln Fitzgerald Shot
Down on Leaving Home
For His Casino

By the Associated Press

RENO, Nev., Nov. 19.—Lincoln Fitzgerald, prominent Nevada and Michigan gambling figure, was critically injured by shotgun blasts in an ambush shooting here at midnight.

Although the 57-year-old casino operator was reputed to have carried large sums of money, Detective Sergt. Michael Salonsan declared: "It couldn't have been robbery."

"It must have been revenge," the police officer added.

Fitzgerald, co-operator of the Nevada Club, big downtown gambling house, was shot down as he started to leave his home for the club shortly before midnight.

Two charges were fired into his back at close range.

Found by Wife.

Fitzgerald, a former night club operator in Macomb County, Mich., was found by his wife Meta, 38, shortly after the blasts of the shotgun awoke many residents in his exclusive Southwest Reno neighborhood.

Mrs. Fitzgerald said she ran out of the house to the garage and found her husband slumped on the floor.

He apparently had just opened the garage's overhead doors. The light in the building was on, outlining his body to the dark alley.

Fitzgerald was shot by a double-barreled shotgun held only inches from his right side toward the back and the main charge severed his spine. He was paralyzed from the waist down, doctors said at Washoe Hospital.

Chances Are Slim.

They indicated his chances to live were "very slim" as he was moved to a room where transfusions were continued.

Chief of Police L. R. Greeson said one charge missed Fitzgerald entirely. He added that wadding from one shell was buried in the wound and that this and powder burns showed the gun was held almost against Fitzgerald's body by some one who had been waiting at the side of the garage which was 15 feet back, behind a hedge from a dark alley.

Greeson was asked if Gerald and his partner, Danny Sullivan, had had any tie in with the "Purple Gang" of Detroit during the years they operated in Michigan.

"No, they had no direct tieup," the chief said. "The gang occasionally hung out at their place but they were not tied up."

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Gambler

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way with the gang as far as investigators ever found."

Close associates said Fitzgerald now has no business or other connections in Michigan or other parts of the East.

"Why, he is like a banker," said one who would not permit use of his name. "He doesn't smoke or drink and is one of the best businessmen in Reno."

In Michigan Investigation.

Fitzgerald, and Sullivan, 60, were among chief targets in Michigan's biggest investigation of gambling.

Only last year, after a long battle against extradition, the two were assessed fines and costs totaling \$52,000.

By that time they had long since left Michigan and set up gambling operations in Nevada, where gambling is legal.

In the course of Michigan's investigating several official heads fell. State police and county officials were involved in bribery charges.

Macomb County, hard by Detroit, was the hot spot of gambling in Michigan.

Over the years millions of dollars turned on the dice and cards, and both Sullivan and Fitzgerald were reputed to have had a big hand in the operations.

Michigan's one-man grand jury system was credited with the final mop-up.

Had Lived Unmolested.

Since then, after a bitter legal fight over the constitutionality of such procedure, Michigan discontinued the one-man grand jury.

Except for their troubles with the grand jury, however, Fitzgerald and Sullivan led moderately unmolested lives as Michigan gamblers.

Both had operated for years in the Detroit area and their only other troubles were when they occasionally ran afoul of police.

Originally the two were charged in Macomb County with corrupting and bribing State officials in a gambling conspiracy.

When, in August, 1948, they gave up their extradition fight and surrendered, they were permitted to plead guilty to conspiracy to maintain and operate a gambling resort.

Sullivan Paid \$33,000.
With her charges dropped, Sullivan paid court costs of \$33,000 and a fine of \$700. Fitzgerald's costs were \$18,000 and he was fined \$300.

A third defendant, former Mayor William H. McKeighan of Flint, Mich., has yet to face the court. He is in Florida, where he has long pleaded such severe illness that he cannot return to Michigan.

As the gambler was given emergency treatment, he dictated a will. Its contents were not revealed.

Sullivan told a reporter he knew of no one who could have had a motive for shooting Fitzgerald. Then he added:

"In this world, you never know who hates you. The way they are snatching babies and killing children these days, you can never tell what might happen."

Mrs. Fitzgerald said also she had no idea why it would have happened. "No attempt has been made in the past," she said. She added her husband never had even been threatened in the 13 years they have been married.

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GROUNDWORK FOR ACTION:

Many of the records were ordered back into the hands of the District Attorney's office. Thus the man who admitted before a Congressional committee that he broke the law every day lost, through his attorney, Sol Gelb, a spirited fight to get the mountain of evidence returned to his secret files.

Legal experts said the District Attorney's office already has laid the groundwork for proceeding against Erickson and others under a new legal precedent set recently in the case of Max Stark.

Stark, checkcasher for big-time gamblers in New Jersey, was convicted here of conspiracy to violate the New Jersey gambling laws and was given three months.

The District Attorney, however, did not reveal whether Erickson and his associates would be accused of conspiring in New York to violate the gambling laws of Florida and possibly of other states.

BARE ERICKSON INCOME

Assistant District Attorney Scotti, at the first session of the hearing, revealed Erickson's net income, as shown by his own files.

In 1948—\$169,819.58; 1947—\$194,841.35; 1946—\$184,354.71; 1945—\$141,562.40; 1944—\$88,571.10; 1943—\$100,352.10; 1942—\$45,817.11; 1941—\$81,122.07; and 1940—\$57,867.95.

This adds up to \$1,064,111, but does not go back into the full 15 or 20 years of Erickson's operations.

Assistant District Attorney Scotti in charge of the Rackets Bureau, read from the Erickson papers in court and was expected to do so again today, uncovering further details.

FOUND IN FOLDER.

He deferred discussing any material referring to Frank Costello, but Costello's name was included in two of three typewritten transcripts placed on record as representing an inventory list of material taken from the Erickson headquarters.

The Costello material was uncovered in a folder listed under "700 Wall Street Corporation." The folder, as well as two other documents dealing with oil interests owned by Costello and Erickson, are yet to be ruled on by Mullen.

That folder contained also two promissory notes showing Costello borrowed \$25,000 twice from Erickson. One was dated Nov. 9, 1946, the other, Sept. 23, 1947, and both were payable in one year at 4 percent.

Also in the folder were letters from Costello to Erickson concerning interest payments to the bookie for funds advanced to the 700 Wall Street Corporation and a letter dated Jan. 5, 1948, which

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Thanked Frank for a \$1,000 check the Salvation Army."

That thank-you was written just a year before Costello gave dinner at the Copacabana night club for the benefit of the Salvation Army. Among the 150 who paid \$100 each to attend were many well-known politicians.

The records revealed Erickson's main Florida interest was in the Colonial Inn at Miami, though he also had a "piece" in another, the Boca Raton in Boca Raton. It was the Colonial Inn that cleared the near-\$700,000 in 1946.

Scotti disclosed the profits of Colonial Inn and their distribution for 1946 and 1948.

In 1946, he said, the Purple Gang took 33 1-3 per cent for a total of \$222,800. The rest of the profits were divided among nine men.

PROFITS LISTED.

Those named and their profits are:

FRANK ERICKSON, 76-16 Ingram st., Forest Hills, L. I., 5 per cent. Charities \$2,938.02. Share of profits \$34,276.94.

S. LABRATT, Hollywood, Fla., 1/2 per cent. Charities \$3,657.03. Share of profits \$51,415.40.

RICHARD MELVIN, Hallandale, Fla., 7 1/2 per cent. Same figures as for Bratt.

VINCENT ALLO, Hollywood, Fla., 7 1/2 per cent. Same figures as for Bratt.

BERT BRIGGS, 939 W. 47th st., Miami Beach, 4 per cent. Same figures as for Erickson.

JOSEPH BOTO, "See Adonis," Hallandale, Fla., 5 per cent. Same figures as for Erickson.

JACK LANSKY, Hollywood, Fla., 10 per cent. Charities \$4,076.05. Share of profits, \$68,153.38.

MEYER LANSKY, Hallandale, Fla., 10 per cent. Same figures as for Jack Lansky.

GEORGE SADLO, Hallandale, Fla., 10 per cent. Same figures as for the Lanskys.

MERT WERHEIMER, and BEN MATHEWS, et al, Detroit, 33 1-3 per cent. Charities \$3,247.20. Share of profits \$222,800.10.

Another folder disclosed the names of a number of persons described by Scotti as Ericksons employees. They are:

JOHN and HELEN ALLEN, 35, Winthrop st., Brooklyn, salary \$4,629.

WILLIAM F. BECK, 16 Washington Terrace, East Orange, N. J., \$4,686.

BERT BRIGGS, Miami Beach, \$3,950 income for 1949 received from partnership in the Club Havana, Hollywood, Fla.

\$725 and \$13,950 for Briggs and \$13,950 for Lansky were deducted.

Listed as employees also were:

LOUIS A. CANTOR, 595 West End ave., salary \$5,986.80.

HARRY CHARAL, 532 Lefterts ave., Brooklyn, salary \$7,492.70.

MARY CRAWFORD, 145 W. 58th st., listed as employed by the Blatz Brewing Corp., salary \$2,410.

LOUISE DI SCISCO, 75 Ocean ave., Brooklyn, salary \$3,550.

WILLIAM H. FERNBACHER, 248 Springvalley rd., Oradell, N. J. (being sought by police for questioning), salary \$4,150.

GEORGE HEIDT, 70 Overlook ave., Great Neck, L. I., a former New York City policeman, salary \$3,750.30, plus \$1,600 received by Heidt from the police pension fund.

DAVID KEDOFISKY, 2150 Creston ave., Bronx, salary \$4,436.

ALBERT KLAUSER, 954 Linden ave., Richfield, N. J., salary \$3,370.

JACK LEFF, 1347 48th st., Brooklyn, salary \$2,982.74.

CLARENCE CALLENNON, 451 Palisades ave., Cliffside Park, N. J., salary \$5,784.80.

ALEXANDER LEVY, 1647 Macombs rd., the Bronx, salary \$7,686.50.

DAVID LEVY, 336 Central Park west, salary \$8,350.

JOSEPH LEVY, 12 E. 88th st., salary \$7,566.60.

LOUIS LEVY, 20 W. 72d st., salary \$4,883.60.

SAUL LINDENBAUM, 2039 Homecrest ave., Brooklyn, salary \$4,644.66. Also collected \$773.85 from U. S. Dept. of Labor the returns showed.

EMANUEL LUPO, 201 Madison ave., Belflenfield, N. J., salary \$4,630.

LOUIS W. MAUL, 479 Senator st., Brooklyn, salary \$3,000.

STEPHEN C. MAURO, 329 Cornelia st., Brooklyn, employed by the Old Country Trotting Association, Inc., Westbury, L. I., Nassau Trotting Assn., Inc., Westbury, L. I., and the Goshen Mile Track Assn., Inc. of Westbury, L. I., total salary \$3,174.40.

HAROLD RICHARDS, Hotel

Diplomat, a clerk, employed as H. Richards, Cliffside Park, N. J., and salary \$4,592.

SO SINGER, 206 Ft. Washington ave., Cliffside Park, N. J., salary \$4,534.80.

THOMAS B. SMITH, 11 Silver st., Malverne, L. I., salary \$4,686.

EVELYN OFFNER, 419 E. 57th st., the return shows a loss from an earlier operation of \$7,477.48.

Cash Shared With Adonis And 'Purple Gang' Heads

Funds to 'Charities'
Reduced Net; Notes
For \$25,000 Signed
By Frank Costello

New York, May 17.—(NYHT).—Through his own private files, Frank Erickson was linked directly today to such underworld figures as Joe Adonis, the Lansky brothers and members of the Detroit 'Purple Gang.'

The documented proof came from Erickson's office, which was raided by District Attorney Frank S. Hogan May 2. A comprehensive chart disclosed that Erickson and ten other members of the combine netted \$685,538.76 between November 1, 1945, and October 31, 1946, in operating the Colonial Inn, a notorious gambling establishment in Hallandale, Fla. Erickson had 5 percent of the profits, or \$34,276.94, while the lion's share of 32½ percent, or \$222,800.10, went to men described as members of the 'Purple Gang' in Detroit.

Wants Papers Returned

All this and more came out in general sessions, where Sol Gelb, Erickson's counsel, tried without success to have returned to his client all of the voluminous papers seized from Erickson's office. Judge John A. Mullen held that all papers which indicate gambling operations may be retained by Hogan, who is conducting a grand jury investigation of Erickson.

Among the items seized was a folder headed "79 Wall Street Corp." in which were two promissory notes showing that Frank Costello borrowed \$25,000 twice from Erickson. One note was dated November 9, 1946, the other September 23, 1947. Both were payable in one year at the rate of 4 percent interest.

Letters From Costello

The folder also contained letters from Costello to Erickson concerning interest payments made to Erickson for monies advanced to the 79 Wall Street Corp. and a letter dated January 5, 1948, in which Costello thanked Frank (Erickson) for a thousand dollar check to the Salvation Army. The folder also had a letter from George Wolf, Costello's lawyer, to Erickson concerning payment of \$10,000 on the November 9, 1946, loan.

This folder, as well as two other documents dealing with oil interests owned by Erickson and Costello, are yet to be ruled upon by Judge Mullen. He will decide tomorrow whether these papers, as well as a few others, are to be returned to Erickson, who maintains they have nothing to do with his gambling activities.

In addition to the Colonial Inn in Hallandale, 17 miles north of Hollywood, Erickson, according to his own papers, had half of a gambling joint in Boca Raton, Fla., last year. The "wins" total was \$34,347.80, but after "expenses" the net profit was \$8024.80, which was split between Erickson and one John O'Rourke, each receiving \$4012.40. This was for the year ending October 31, 1949.

According to Erickson's own schedule, the house collected \$426,577 and paid out to winners \$392,229.20 from December 18, 1948, to March 17, 1949. From January 12 to April 10, 1949—during the height of the short season—the Boca Raton house took in \$754,083 and paid out \$689,541 to winners.

While the net income for the Colonial Inn for the 12-month period ending October 31, 1946, totaled \$685,538.76, this was reduced by \$40,760.50 for "charities," which were not described in court.

Erickson's papers were read in court by Alfred J. Scotti, assistant district attorney in charge of the racketeers bureau.

Scotti said that Erickson was connected with "topnotch underworld characters," and then he read off the names of those who had pieces of the Colonial Inn. Besides Joe Adonis, whose real name

is Joe Doto, Scotti mentioned Jack and Meyer Lansky, brothers; S. L. Bratt, Richard Melvin, Vincent Alo, known as "Jimmy Blue Eyes," Bert Briggs, George Sadlo, and Merv Wertheimer and Ruben Mathews. The latter two were described by Scotti as members of the Detroit Purple gang, a notorious combine which has been broken up.

Erickson's net income, as shown by his own files, gave these figures: 1948 — \$169,819.58; 1947 — \$194,841.35; 1946 — \$184,354.71; 1945 — \$41,562.48; 1944 — \$88,571.10; 1943 — \$100,352.10; 1942 — \$45,817.11; 1941 — \$81,126.07 and 1940 — \$57,947.95.

The documents also contained tax returns to Erickson's employees, which showed they received from \$2,000 to \$4,000 each. There also was a cancelled Erickson check for \$25,000, dated last March 28, which the big-time bookie paid to Goodbody and Co., a brokerage firm.

The papers also showed that Erickson used various names as his own—including Jack Lennon, a New Jersey bookie sentenced to jail last year for bookmaking; Frank Strader, believed to be an employee, and Harry Richards, a \$70 a week "dummy" held in \$100,000 bail as a material witness in the investigation.

The raid took place four days after Erickson testified before a Senate subcommittee in Washington, where he admitted that he has been a bookie for 30 years, grosses \$12,500,000 a year and nets \$100,000 a year.

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TO : Director, FBI
 FROM : Attention: Assistant Director A. ROSEN
 S/C, Miami
 SUBJECT: SURVEY CONCERNING PROMINENT UNDERWORLD
 FIGURES BEING MADE BY UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS
 CRIME SURVEY

DATE: May 19, 1950

Re Bureau letter dated May 12, 1950, forwarding a list of allegedly prominent underworld figures.

The referenced list contains the name of JOE BERNSTEIN, New York City Police Department number 107793, who was alleged to be active in the Miami area and who was also alleged to have been the subject of an FBI National Stolen Property Act investigation in 1942-43.

The files of the Miami Office contain no reference to JOE BERNSTEIN but this individual is believed to be identical with JOSEPH BERNSTEIN, aka Joey Bernstein, a former leader in the Detroit, Michigan, Purple Gang.

BERNSTEIN has FBI #24390 and Detroit Police Department #14498. As no identification record is available it is not possible to definitely state whether he is identical with the individual who has New York City Police Department #107793.

PAUL HARBUS, who is commonly known as "HONEY" HILDER, a former member of the Purple Gang, was interviewed at his residence in Hollywood, Florida, in March, 1950, and advised that JOEY BERNSTEIN is now in California. He furnished no specific data as to his whereabouts or activities. HARBUS related that the original Purple Gang included ABE, RAYMOND and JOSEPH BERNSTEIN, EDDIE FLETCHER, ABE AXLER, IRVING WILLBERG and himself.

Another well known Detroit hoodlum, MORRIS RAIDER, was also interviewed in March, 1950, at Miami, Florida, and said that JOEY BERNSTEIN had been second in command to his brother, ABE BERNSTEIN, in the direction of the Purple Gang's operations which he said were mainly concerned with bootlegging.

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Director, FBI

Attention: Assistant Director A. ROSEN

Re: SURVEY CONCERNING PROMINENT
UNDERWORLD FIGURES BEING MADE
BY UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS
CRIME SURVEY

Dear Sir:

Re Bureau letter to Chicago dated May 12, 1950.

Information has been developed by confidential informants of this office that [REDACTED] has been living for the past several years on Parkview Drive in Detroit, Michigan.

In view of this fact, a copy of the summary on this individual prepared by this office is being forwarded to the Detroit Office and the Detroit Office is being requested to prepare the necessary supplemental summary as outlined in referenced Bureau letter. Originals are being enclosed.

Very truly yours,

R. J. ABBATICCHIO JR.
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Special Agent in Charge

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cc: Detroit (Enclosure)

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PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

[REDACTED] was born December 24, 1899 in Boston, Massachusetts and is an American citizen. He is divorced, having been formerly married to [REDACTED]. The last known address of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] At the present time he is allegedly living on [REDACTED]. It is reported that he has a controlling interest in the [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED]

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CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

At one time [REDACTED] was reputed to be a member of the notorious Purple Gang of Detroit, Michigan, which gang controlled a considerable amount of the criminal activities in Detroit, Michigan and Toledo, Ohio. However, when interviewed at one time by a Bureau Agent, [REDACTED] denied that he had ever been affiliated with the Purple Gang, although he admitted that he attended grammar school with JOE and BENNY BERNSTEIN, brothers, who later became members of the Purple Gang and that he continued this association by trading in bootleg whiskey with them and with other members of that notorious gang during the prohibition era. [REDACTED] advised Bureau Agents that about twenty-five years ago he left Detroit, Michigan for Akron, Ohio where he was engaged for approximately four years in the bootleg alcohol business before he moved to Cleveland, Ohio, at which place he continued to interest himself in bootlegging activities on a large scale and subsequently muscling his way into gambling, pinball, slot machine, and other rackets.

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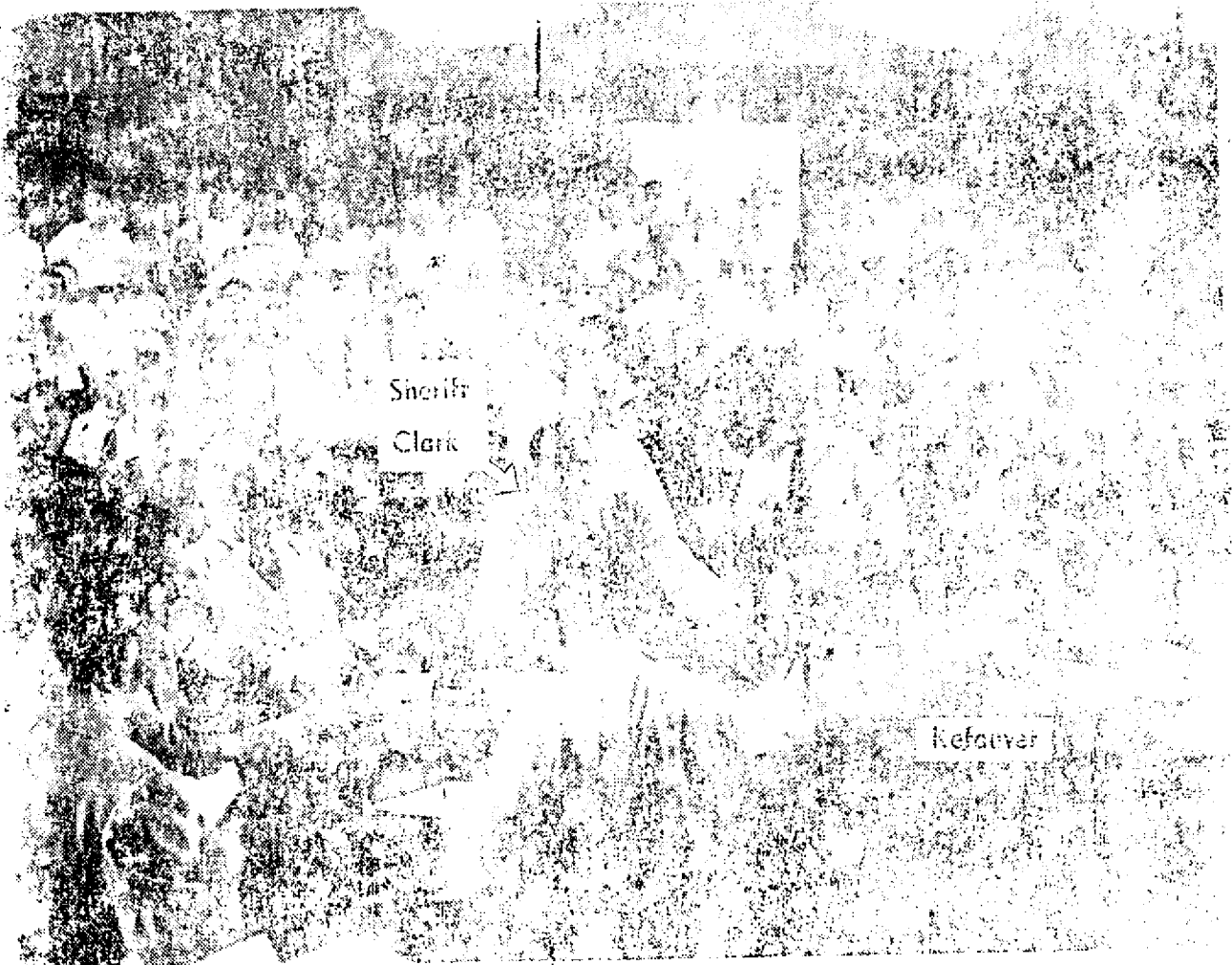
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During the dramatic hearings of Kefauver's crime-busting
Senate committee here in 1950, Sheriff Walter Clark of

Broward County (Ft. Lauderdale) admitted under questioning
that he was a secret partner in the hotel-bottle-smuggling

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STORY OF MURDER, INC.: BIG BUSINESS IN CRIME

The activities of an underworld organization widely known as Murder Incorporated are again commanding public interest, this time as the result of hearings held here by the Kefauver crime-investigating committee. What follows is a reconstruction of the story of Murder Incorporated—its activity, its methods, its membership—based on what has been learned since its peak activity in the Nineteen Thirties.

By EMANUEL PERLMUTTER

Murder Incorporated was a gang of racketeers, with a sizable number of professional murderers on its staff, which operated in the Nineteen Thirties in Brooklyn. Its own members did not refer to it by that indelicate name: To the underworld it was the Brooklyn chapter of "The Combination," an informally organized but strong confederation of criminals who staked out claims to various areas of the United States. The late Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel ruled on the West Coast, the Purple Gang in Detroit, the remnants of the Capone gang in Chicago and Charles "Lucky" Luciano and subsequently Louis "Lepke" Buchalter in New York.

Despite the name, murder was not the Brooklyn organization's principal trade. Its income was derived from a multitude of rackets—liquor distribution through dummy corporations; gambling; syndicated prostitution; murder in on legitimate businesses; control of labor unions; ownership of nightclubs and roadhouses, and shake-down extortion in many forms—some crude, some refined. Murder was only a means toward an end. It was used to discipline the gang's personnel, to eliminate "competition" and to dispose of "troublemakers"—that is, law-abiding citizens who got in the

Kefauver Revelations Disinter Sordid Account of 'Combination' at Work



Associated Press

Joe Adonis



The New York Times

Albert Anastasia



state's evidence and helped convict the professional killers.

Among those executed in the electric chair at Sing Sing were "Pittsburgh Phil" Strauss, "Happy" Maione, "The Dasher" Abbandando and "Bugsy" Goldstein. Altogether, eight men were executed and more than fifty others were sentenced to long prison terms.

Unsolved Mystery

Reles himself was killed Nov. 12, 1941, when he plunged from the window of a hotel where he was being held in protective custody as a material witness. His death holds, perhaps, the key to a major mystery about "The Combination" that remains unsolved: Why haven't Anastasia and Adonis been convicted? Their connection with the gang was never a secret to the police or to District Attorneys. In his testimony before the Kefauver committee, Mr. O'Dwyer said Reles was the one witness whose testimony could have convicted Anastasia of the murder of Morris Diamond. As Mr. O'Dwyer put it, the state's case against Anastasia went out the window with Reles. The Brooklyn District Attorney's office has since been unable to find any other witnesses whose testimony could be used successfully against Anastasia. Nor has it been able to convict Adonis, who has been indicted at various times on charges of kidnaping, extortion and assault.

Anastasia and Adonis are still alive, active and affluent. Anastasia, now 47 years old, was excused because of illness from testifying at public hearings of the Kefauver committee. But in an appearance before a closed hearing in February, he denied all the crimes attributed to him and said he was a respectable business man, with a dress factory at Hazleton,

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63 Men Murdered

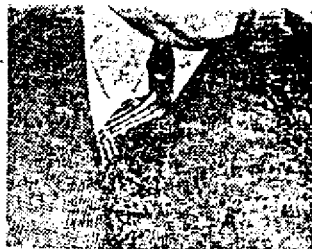
Altogether, Murder Incorporated and its Manhattan affiliates are known to have executed sixty-three men in and around New York between 1931 and 1940. About as many were probably wiped out in other parts of the country. This may look like a sanguinary record, but there is a paradox behind it. Flourishing as it did in the years immediately following the repeal of prohibition, Murder Incorporated decided it would be wise policy, in view of the danger of public outrage and police crackdowns, to exercise strict control over gang killings. Murder was performed purely for business reasons, not for personal hatred or revenge.

The leaders of Murder Incorporated were Joseph Doto, better known as Joe Adonis; Abe "Kid Twist" Reles, and Albert Anastasia.

These three top men look for themselves different spheres of enterprise. Adonis had the gambling concession and the political connections and he fronted the organization. Anastasia was chief of Murder Incorporated's own secret police, the man who controlled the execution of palky underlings or squealers as well as the murder of persons outside the gang who interfered with its activities. (Usually death sentences were handed down by "kangaroo courts" or top individuals in "The Combination," and word of the "contract" was sent to Anastasia. No murder was permitted without his direct authorization. It was he who assigned the men to do the chore.) Reles was the field commander who directed the operations of the killers, the revenue collectors, the beat-up artists and other rank-and-file members, sometimes participating personally in the important or "special" jobs.

Function of the "Troops"

Below these three men in the



Abe "Kid Twist" Reles



Martin "Boss" Goldstein

there, or the privilege of shaking down a limited number of bookies and legitimate business men for "protection."

In the lower echelons were the \$50-a-week "punks," the generic rank given to young car thieves, toughs, hoodlums, strong-arm men and killers' apprentices.

Sources of Income

Of all the gang's enterprises, the most profitable was extortion from longshoremen. This was accomplished by acquiring control of six locals of the International Longshoremen's Association, A. F. L., which had jurisdiction on the Brooklyn waterfront. This aspect of the gang's operations was jointly managed by Anastasia and Adonis. Distributing the 134th officials, the thugs were able to force longshoremen to fork over a percentage of their daily wages just for the privilege of working.

The gang maintained its hold by the fear it inspired among decent citizens and timid hoodlums alike. Their crimes were often ferocious. Murder victims were garrotted, punctured to death with ice picks, hacked with cleavers, buried alive in sand or lime pits, or burned alive after kerosene was poured on them. One gangster was dumped into the East River with his feet encased in cement. Another was thrown alive into a lake, his body anchored with two slot machines.

The victims were most often members of the gang who had turned informer (or were suspected of squealing), men who wanted to "retire," members who embezzled organization funds or hampered racketeers who were com-

ment industry. Lerke Buchalter was electrocuted in 1941 for the murder of Rosa.

For a long time the Brooklyn mob managed to stay free of the law, except for an occasional pinch on minor offenses, through their patronization of lawyers with political connections, usually in neighborhood Democratic clubs.

It was "Kid Twist" Reles whose defection led to the undoing of the gang. In 1940, at a hearing of one of the gang's kangaroo courts, he pleaded the case of "Pretty" Levine, a punk who wanted out.

Leniency Promised

Levine was permitted to live. He was one of the first of the gang to turn state's evidence when taken into custody by William O'Dwyer, then District Attorney in Brooklyn. Reles, realizing that he could be sent to the electric chair by Levine's testimony, made a bargain with Mr. O'Dwyer. He was promised leniency in return for informing on the rest of the gang.

On the basis of Reles' information Mr. O'Dwyer and his assistant, Burke Turkus, began rounding up the gang. One by one the small fry, including Levine, "Duke" McGuire, "Blue Jay" Magoon, Abe Buchbaum, turned

ing in February, he denied all the crimes attributed to him and said he was a respectable business man, with a dress factory at Hazleton, Pa.

Adonis, now 52, has been cited for contempt of the Senate for his refusal to answer questions asked by the Kefauver committee. There is also pending against him a New Jersey indictment, charging him with operation of gambling establishments. Like Anastasia, he says he is a legitimate business man, his major enterprise being the hauling of new automobiles in the New York area.

Puzzle of Reles' Death

The death of Reles himself adds a corollary, final touch of mystery to the activities of Murder Incorporated. Mr. O'Dwyer told the Kefauver committee he believed Reles fell as he was trying to escape. The police say he died in an attempt to play a practical joke. They say he tied some sheets together and let himself out the window, intending to enter a window on the floor below. Then, as this explanation goes, he planned to return upstairs, walk through the door of his room and surprise his six-man police guard.

But Senator Charles W. Tobey, Republican of New Hampshire, refused to believe the story of what he called the "peek-a-boo" gag. He offered the theory that Reles may have been thrown from that window to destroy the state's murder case against Anastasia. And last week Edward S. Rutter, chief assistant to District Attorney John F. McInerney at Kings County, announced he had requested some help from the federal police, death, which he referred to as the Police Commissioner Thomas F. Murphy already has begun an investigation into the circumstances of Reles' death.



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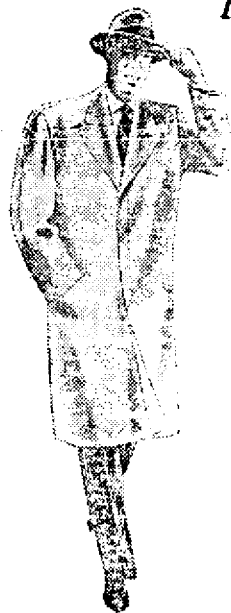
Function of the "Troops"

Below these three men in the
table of organization were the
"troops," who performed murder
for recompense. Their activities
were not restricted to murder.
They also served as collectors.
They were paid regular salaries,
from \$150 to \$250 a week, but they
also received little domains of
their own—a slot-machine conces-
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peting for business. But the hood-
lums had no hesitation about wip-
ing out law-abiding citizens too.
Among these were Peter Panto, a
young longshoreman who "made
trouble" by trying to lead a revolt
against the gang on the docks;
and Morris Diamond, a teamsters
union official, and Joseph Rosen-
a truck owner, both of whom op-
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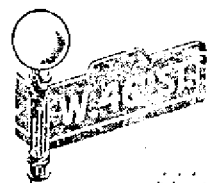
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The following items of possible interest to the Bureau were mentioned on Drew Pearson's transcribed broadcast of January 3, 1954.

ITEM:

Senate Democrats will hold an important caucus next week to decide on blocking the confirmation of Robert E. Lee, Senator McCarthy's man, on the Federal Communications Commission.

COMMENT:

In a previous broadcast on October 11, 1953, Pearson referred to Robert E. Lee's recent appointment as a member of the Federal Communications Commission. Pearson at that time stated Lee's name was mentioned in the report of the Senate Election Committee on the Butler-Tydings Senatorial Election in 1950, which report was furnished to the Justice Department for action. Pearson had predicted that Democratic Senators would consider it a personal affront for the President to appoint a man whose name was mentioned in a report which the Justice Department had under consideration and that these Senators would battle against Lee's confirmation in January.

Robert E. Lee, a former Bureau Agent, was employed by the Bureau from January 10, 1938, to June 28, 1946. Lee and his wife, Wilma testified before the Senate Committee Investigating the Maryland Election of 1950. Mrs. Lee testified she headed a volunteer group mailing out thousands of postcards favoring Senator Butler. She was questioned concerning \$6,000 which she received to cover expenses of this project. Testimony did not indicate any improper activities on the part of either Lee or his wife.

ITEM:

White House, exclusive: President Eisenhower is considering a proposal to invite Harry Truman to sit on the powerful National Security Council which fixes American policy for peace or war. Eisenhower feels it would be helpful to have the benefit of Truman's experience. It would also bring more Democratic support for his administration and show that Ike disagrees with Attorney General

cc: Mr. Rosen

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Brownell regarding Truman's loyalty. However, Truman would not be given a vote on policy decisions. He would serve only as advisor.

COMMENT:

None. For your information.

ITEM:

Pearson: What happened to the mysterious \$300,000 paid in the Greenlease kidnapping? I predict it will develop that most of this money was sold to the Purple Gang in Detroit for 25 cents on the dollar. I'm not predicting yet what persons might have sold the money to the Purple Gang.

COMMENT:

According to the Kidnapping Desk, investigation in this matter is still in progress. Consideration has been given to the possibility of these funds getting into the hands of hoodlums and racketeers, extensive coverage of which is being made in various cities, including Detroit. Our investigation to date has not come up with any material to substantiate the foregoing allegation.

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Effective or Not**Hoods Make Disturbing Heroes for Video Drama****By John Crosby**

THE DETAILED and frightfully accurate re-enactment of famous crimes is a fairly new and fertile field of dramatic exploration. Crime, goodness knows is old stuff. But real criminals painstakingly treated as historical characters are brand new and rather disturbing protagonists — I hesitate to call them heroes — all over the movie marquee and, increasingly, television screens.



The movie mob is way ahead of TV in this regard with such movies as "Al Capone," "The Purple Gang," "The Rise and Fall of Legs Diamond," "Jack the Ripper" — all of which are doing rather alarmingly well at the box office, especially with the teen crowd. On television we have had Playhouse 90's "Seven Against the Wall," about the St. Valentine's Day's massacre, and most recently "John Dillinger — A Year to Kill" which CBS put on as a special the other night.

I must say I found the Dillinger story, which was produced by John Houseman and directed by Mel Ferrer, abominably fascinating, if morally little disturbing. It start-

ed at the end, really, with the FBI clustering like grapes around the Biograph Theater where they were later to mow down Dillinger, and then flashed back to his bloody year of bank robbery.

The education of Dillinger in prison under Harry Pierpont, the marvelously planned and executed robbery of banks, the meticulous casing of the banks, the rather casual killing of cops and a sheriff all held one spellbound, dramatically speaking. But also it bothered me a little. A good short course in bank robbery, I kept thinking, though I suppose it could also be called a good short course in the prevention of bank robbery, too.

But you can't escape the feeling that this is the glorification of gangsterism, even though this is a very honest documentary. The bad guys get it in the end—but for an hour they have led a pretty glorious and adventurous life. With all the movies around, I can't help feeling that hero worship of hoodlums is being used to turn a pretty profit for some not very scrupulous film makers and I hate to see TV get mixed up in this sort of thing.

This particular show was to have been the first of a series called "The Lawbreakers" which somehow got sidetracked. It was very well directed, and produced, and had great flavor.

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Ralph Meeker played Dillinger with quiet authority.

ANOTHER WEEKEND special, which I found utterly delightful, was "The Devil and Daniel Webster" with Edward G. Robinson and David Wayne. This was Stephen Vincent Benet's dramatization of an old New Hampshire legend about how Daniel Webster won a farmer's soul from the Devil in a nocturnal court of law. The farmer had sold his soul to the Devil in a moment of helpless, and perhaps justifiable, exasperation with the Lord.

Wayne was a very gracious, charming, thoroughly Yankee Devil, whose gile at leading a mortal astray was a delight to behold. Robinson was the very image the great New England spellbinder, who undertakes at the risk of his own soul a legal defense against hopeless odds. The play abounds in delicious irony and fine flourishes of speech, which alone made the drama worth watching. It's not often that we hear the language spoken with any style and gusto and proper appreciation on television. It was fresh, different, and grown-up drama.

THE OTHER little TV goodie—for us New Yorkers anyway — was a three-hour seminar on the David Susskind show of comedy writers. Scratch a gag writer, I've always said, and you'll find a frustrated comedian and sometimes a very good one. Susskind got together six of the best comedy writers in the business—Mel Brooks, Mel Tonkin, Larry Gelbart, Charlie Andrews (who is more producer in recent years, though he's been a writer), Jack Douglas, and Sheldon Keller—six

ously for everybody. — Bob Hope, Red Buttons (and how they tore him to ribbons), Red Skelton, Sid Caesar, Jack Paar, Jackie Gleason — well, name anybody.

They chewed up the whole profession fairly mercilessly scattering quips like hail. Gelbart and Brooks are formidable comics in their own right. When they got on the subject of the laugh machine, I fell down laughing. The comedians, Gelbart implied, now warm up the machine. "The jokes don't have to be funny any more. You just ask the man who runs the machine how his finger is feeling." It was all edged as broken glass and very perceptive. None of the boys will ever work again but they had their moment of glory.

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'RISE AND FALL OF LEGS DIAMOND' *Rough Gangster Film*

By ROSE PELSWICK

"THE RISE AND FALL OF LEGS DIAMOND," now at neighborhood theatres, is the latest entry in Hollywood's new gangster film cycle. Like the recent "Al Capone" and "The Purple Gang," it sets its story against the background of the speakeasy-protection racket days of the 1920's.

Punctuated with machine gun bullets, the script may be a bit sketchy in reporting known detail but it contains sufficient excitement for the action fans. A good performance by Ray Danton in the title role and plenty of Prohibition-era atmosphere add up to lively melodramatics.

According to this account, "Legs" Diamond was a man with a plan. A small-time thief who got his nickname through his prowess in dancing, he's shown coming to New York from Philadelphia and getting a job as bodyguard to gambler Arnold Rothstein. The story traces his schemes to take over the town's underworld following the murder of his boss, and it tells how he got

"THE RISE AND FALL OF LEGS DIAMOND," at neighborhood theatres. A Warner Bros. picture produced by Milton Sperling and directed by Budd Boetticher, written by Joseph Landon. Running time: 101 minutes.

THE CAST

Legs Diamond	Ray Danton
Alice	Karen Steele
Monica	Elaine Stewart
Leo Bremer	Jesse White
Lt. Moody	Simon Oakland
Arnold	Robert Lowery
Fats Walsh	Judson Pratt
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Sgt. Cassidy	Gordon Jones
Matt Moran	Joseph Ruskin
Dixie	Diane Cannon

his come-uppance at the hands of the newly-formed crime syndicate.

Assorted gun-duels and other criminal activities are briskly maneuvered by director Budd Boetticher, and Danton plays his part with convincing ruthlessness.

Feminine interest is well

of four men — three gangsters and an expelled student — to rob a bank.

A routine feature due to plodding development, the film's chief attraction is the appearance in its cast of up-and-coming Steve McQueen who's currently scoring in "Never So Few."

provided by Karen Steele as the devoted girl Diamond married only to keep her from testifying against him and by Elaine Stewart as a woman scorned.

And cast as rough, tough characters also involved in the goings-on are Jesse White, Robert Lowery, Judson Pratt, Warren Oates, Gordon Jones and Joseph Ruskin.

Twin-billed at most of the theatres is "The Great St. Louis Bank Robbery" which has to do with the attempt

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'AA Sees Black In 'Purple' Bookings

New York, Jan. 19. — On the basis of its first four-day grosses in Michigan, where it had a saturation booking, and in early engagements in Pennsylvania and New Hampshire, Allied Artists' "The Purple Gang" is expected to become one of the company's biggest money-makers, according to an announcement made today by Morey R. Goldstein, AA vice-president and general sales manager.

"In its first engagements, 'The Purple Gang' topped the business done in the same houses by 'Al Capone,' one of the company's biggest boxoffice hits," Goldstein added.

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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Parsons	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
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Mr. [unclear]	_____
Mr. [unclear]	_____
Mr. [unclear]	_____
Mr. [unclear]	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Mr. W.C. Sullivan	_____
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Mr. Ingram	_____
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GANGSTER GLORIFICATION MOVIES

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**DAILY VARIETY
HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA
JANUARY 20, 1960**

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The Purple Gang (Crime Meller)

Allied Artists release of a Lindsley Parsons production. Stars Barry Sullivan, Robert Blake, Elaine Edwards; features Marc Cavell, Jody Lawrence, Joseph Turkel; with Suzy Marquette, Victor Crestore, Paul Dunlap, Kathleen Lockhart, Nestor Faiva, Lou Krugman, Mauritz Hugo, Norman Nazare, John Indrisano, Dirk London. Prolog by Congressman James Roosevelt. Directed by Frank McDonald; written by Jack DeWitt; camera, Ellis Carter; editor, Maurice Wright; music, Paul Dunlap; song, "Runnin' Wild," by Joe Gray, Leo Wood, A Harrington Gibbs; art direction, David Milton; set decoration, Frank Lombardo; sound, Tom Lambert; assistant director, Lindsley Parsons Jr. Previewed at the studio, Jan. 6, 1960. Running time, 85 mins.

In a prolog, Congressman James Roosevelt assures the audience that the incidents, based on fact, can happen again.

Barry Sullivan, as a police officer, and Robert Blake, as the youthful gang leader, do fine jobs as do a number of supporting players (including Marc Cavell and Joseph Turkel). Others tend to overact. Elaine Edwards does very nicely.

Jack DeWitt's script allows such inanities as, "What is this, a hi-jack?" when it's obvious to all that it is. At numerous points, characters lack sufficient motivation. Partly make-up's fault, the teenagers do not show any signs of growing older as they become adults.

But it's an action picture—despite its pretensions to social significance—and, as such, it's top-notch. Since the crimes aren't prettified and the criminals not glamorized, it should do no social harm either, however violent the film.

Dazzled by a flurry of fascinating montages and stunned by the relentless march of viciousness, the audience won't cavil at a few dramatic flaws.

This is a fast-moving, violent film about actual Detroit hoodlumism during the Prohibition era. Skillful blending of newsreel and stock footage with excellent staged material gives it an atmosphere certain to engross and excite juve

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The Purple Gang

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and adult audiences alike. It looks like a b.o. winner.

Director Frank McDonald has avoided horror, and, with greater taste, concentrated on terror. Violent deaths abound, but the more explicit details of cruelty are omitted. Since the victims are shotgunned, crushed, sealed in cement, etc., it's a mercy.

It's too melodramatic to be a "semi-documentary," too episodic to be drama, and too superficial to be deadly serious slice-of-life sermon on crime it purports to be.

Premise (somewhat withdrawn in the final scene) is that underage criminals should be treated as severely as their adult counterparts. Except for a few pedantic remarks made by cops and welfare workers, the premise is neither defended nor explored.

Cameraman Ellis Carter and film editor Maurice Wright have done outstanding jobs. Paul Dunlap's music assists as does the tune "Runnin' Wild." David Milton, art director, did a craftsmanly job of attuning the sets to the stock footage. And, of course, producer Lindsley Parsons has done an ace job of collecting and coordinating these talents.

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Mr. Mohr	_____
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Mr. Malone	_____
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DAILY VARIETY
HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA
JANUARY 8, 1960

'Purple Gang' Good Expose Of Detroit Mob

"THE PURPLE GANG" (Allied Artists)

Producer Lindsley Parsons
 Director Frank McDonald
 Written by Jack DeWitt
 Photography Ellis Carter
 Art direction David Milton
 Set decoration Frank Lombardo
 Musical score Paul Dunlap
 Song: "Runnin' Wild" Joe Gray, Leo Wood, A. Harrington Gibbs
 Sound Tom Lambert
 Film editor Maurice Wright
 Cast: Barry Sullivan, Robert Blake, Elaine Edwards, Marc Cavell, Jody Lawrence, Suzy Marquette, Joseph Turkel, Victor Creatore, Paul Dubov, Kathleen Lockhart, Nestor Paiva, Lou Krugman, Mauritz Hugo, Norman Nazarr, John Indrisano, Dirk London, and foreword by Congressman James Roosevelt.

(Running time — 85 minutes)

Exhibitors who cleaned up with Allied Artists' "Al Capone" have an auspicious chance for a profitable encore with "The Purple Gang" which concerns that notorious gang of hoodlums which operated in and around Detroit in the 1920's and '30's. While there is not so much chance for national recognition of the action, there is enough shocking incident to attract a sensation-hungry public. According to Lindsley Parsons' production and Jack DeWitt's script, this mob originally was a group of juvenile delinquents led by a young neurotic (fearfully played by Robert Blake). They graduated from purse-snatching to high-jacking illicit liquor being run in from Canada by the Olsen brothers (Joseph Turkel, Victor Creatore and Dirk London). Eventually, they made an unholy alliance with them to racketize the entire city. When the Egan's Rats mob from East St. Louis tried to muscle in with a series of gambler kidnappings, the Purples rubbed them out. The same thing happened when the cleaners and dyers association, desperate for protection, brought in a branch of the Mafia from New York. But at last the mob's depredations were stopped by a relentless, honest detective (Barry Sullivan).

Among the more startling incidents are the rape and murder of a misguided welfare worker (Jody Lawrence), the terrorizing of the detective's pregnant wife (Elaine Edwards) and the sinking of an informer (Marc Cavell) in a "concrete overcoat."

Maurice Wright works many interesting stock shots from the period into the montages and Frank McDonald's direction masters the trick of making the film seem bigger than it is.

Blake does an outstanding job as the yellow young hoodlum who goes into fits of claustrophobia whenever he is put into a cell or a paddy wagon. He's especially convincing in making the age transition from punk to adult. Sullivan holds the production together in the straight role of the dedicated policemen, though he's on shaky ground when he waxes indignant over the fate of a crooked cop. Kathleen Lockhart does a good bit as a nun.

Made for a medium budget, this one should do good business.

— Jack Moffitt.

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Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Parsons	_____
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SAC, Detroit

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Director, FBI

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STEVEN G. DANIELSON, et al
AEA

Enclosed is a copy of the front and back of a
postcard received by Bureau from [REDACTED]

Bufiles contain no information identifiable with
Hurst.

You should promptly acknowledge receipt of card
during interview of [REDACTED] to determine whether he has any
information of interest to Bureau.

Enclosure

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NOTE:

Writer furnishes names of individuals that he claims
are in charge of "Purple Gang" and have violated
Atomic Energy Act.

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Mrs. Hall, 4736-622	Please Call Me
Mr. Lynn, 4736-622	Per Your Request
Miss Joby, 4730-2456	Per Call
Miss West, 4726-678	For Your Information
Miss Ferguson, 4718-414	Appropriate Action
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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CORRESPONDENCE

11 1955

12/30/66

Dear Sir:

The following named persons are in charge of the PURPLE GANG; and have violated Section 10 (b) Of the Atomic Energy Act, Amended 1954:
STEVEN G. DANIELSON, CHESTER P. O'HARA, THEODORE R. BOHN,
LARRY GENETTI, KENNY HAINES, A. G. BOONE, LARION LOCKE,
BETTY J. HATALA, "LENNIE" (Standish, Michigan).

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CLEVELAND

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REPORT MADE AT CLEVELAND	DATE WHEN MADE 10-27-52	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10/13, 14/52	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] TW
TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa., "Purple Gang" MIAMI DAILY NEWS - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Victim received postcard dated 9-26-52 postmarked Akron, Ohio, signed "Purple Gang" and believed card to contain possible threat. Card set out. USA, CV, declined prosecution.

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DETAILS:

CLEVELAND

This investigation was prepared upon receipt of a letter dated October 5, 1952 from the Post Office Department Inspection Service, Cincinnati, Ohio, which was attached a postcard addressed to the Miami Daily News, Miami, Fla., and which had been referred to their department by the Miami Daily News. The postcard was dated September 26, 1952 and postmarked Akron, Ohio. In a letter accompanying the postcard submitted by the Miami Daily News to the Post Office Department, the paper expressed an opinion that they felt that the postcard contained a possible threat.

The postcard received by the victim is herewith set out:

Postcard dated Sep 26, 1952, postmarked Akron, Ohio, was addressed, "Miami Daily News, Miami, Florida".

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>Paul J. Shine</i> COPY IN FILE	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;">9 + 3 3151</div> <div style="text-align: center;">25151</div> <div style="text-align: center;">1952</div>	RECORDED EX-164
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THIS REPORT AND ITS CONTENTS ARE LOANED TO YOU BY THE FBI AND ARE NOT TO BE DISTRIBUTED OUTSIDE

"Dear Sirs -

Read your article on Nixon & must say you sure have nerve to print such an article. Check with Washington on telegram, letters & phone calls & find out how the nation feels about that speech. Talk about political corn your paper sure does print as I read it over winter when I'm at the beach. Politicians are sure rotten in Miami but thats the way you make your money. How about blowing up your place this winter?

"Lurid Gang"

On October 13, 1952, the facts of that case were discussed with United States Attorney, JOHN J. KANE, who declined prosecution inasmuch as he felt that there was no intention to extort and no apparent threat.

It will be noted that the above mentioned postcard is being made a part of the above file.

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A copy of this report is being furnished the Miami Office
as it may be of assistance to them at some later date.

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August 3, 1933.

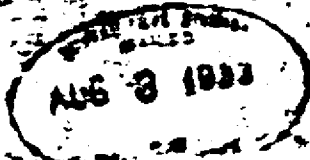
AUG 4 - 1933

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated August 2, 1933, relative to information received by you to the effect that two members of the so-called Purple Gang of Detroit have recently been in Toledo and are believed to be planning to kidnap some individual in the vicinity of Toledo. The Special Agent in Charge of the Detroit Office of this Bureau has been instructed to have an agent promptly communicate with you relative to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Director



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August 3, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
635 Lafayette Building,
Detroit, Michigan.

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Dear Sir:

There are attached herewith a letter received from [redacted] dated August 2, 1933, relative to the possibility that members of the so-called Purple Gang of Detroit are planning to kidnap some unknown individual in the vicinity of Toledo.

It is desired that you have an agent immediately communicate with [redacted] that such information as is available relative to a possible kidnapping effort be communicated to the appropriate state authorities, with a view to those authorities taking such action as may be appropriate.

[redacted] advised that an agent of your office will promptly communicate with him.

Very truly yours,

Director

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

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U. S. Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation

225 Lafayette Building,
Toledo, Ohio,
August 10, 1933.

United States Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau communication dated August 3, 1933 transmitting copies of a letter received by the Bureau from [redacted] Toledo, Ohio, dated August 1, 1933 relative to an alleged plot by members of the Detroit Purple Gang to commit kidnaping.

In accordance with instructions contained in Bureau communication, I immediately telephonically contacted [redacted] at Toledo informing him that an agent would call to confer with him immediately.

A memorandum prepared by Special Agent [redacted] of this office, which is being transmitted herewith, sets out the result of his conference with [redacted]

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
J. Edgar Hoover,
Special Agent in Charge.

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U. S. Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation

625 Lafayette Bldg.
Detroit Michigan
August 9, 1933

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE W. LARSON

REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated August 3, 1933 with enclosure
letter of [redacted] of Toledo and Perrysburg,
Ohio.

In agreement with your letter of the 5th instant en-
closing reference Bureau letter, Agent communicated with [redacted]
[redacted] 1933 and
he stated he desired to talk with Agent in his hotel room. He later
advised that he is [redacted] with offices
at [redacted] Toledo, Ohio, telephone [redacted] and
resides on the [redacted]

That [redacted]
of Toledo, Ohio who [redacted]

[redacted] Ohio is a section
which has become very exclusive and occupied by families of means;
that this section is not within the Toledo city limits and has no police
protection from that city or county, such protection as is had arising
from a Deputy Sheriff stationed at Perrysburg, Ohio with the county
seat at Bowling Green, Ohio some twenty miles distant.

That about two days ago [redacted] of the
Toledo Police Department went into [redacted] and advised him
that two members of the Detroit Purple Gang were in Toledo looking over
the situation for subjects of kidnapping and for him to be on the look-
out; that as a result of this [redacted]
[redacted] of the Toledo Police
Department and related these facts to [redacted] who had advised
that he did not place any considerable amount in [redacted]
information as he [redacted] had received no such reports. That his
[redacted] as a matter would your man and would take no
precautions to prevent a possible kidnapping. That to the end of de-
fecting this possibility he was prompted by newspaper publicity to

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Write the Director for suggestions of a preventive nature.

[REDACTED] was interviewed and he stated that he
[REDACTED] Toledo, Ohio and recently
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] since name was not furnished, had told him that he had talked with a
patrolman of the Michigan State Police who had talked with another man
and who in turn had advised that he had seen two men in Toledo riding
in a Lincoln Sedan who were known kidnapers of Detroit and that these
men were in Toledo, Ohio looking the place over for prospects.

[REDACTED] furnished no direct information that these two men were checking
up on [REDACTED] or any immediate relative of his. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] stated further that [REDACTED] did not advise him that the men
were members of the Purple Gang or any other organization, but suggested
to him that in view of the future he should be careful that a few days
later [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] that for the past several years
he has been endeavoring to get his mother to employ a personal body guard
and watchman at her home which she has steadily declined to do; that to
reach this desired end he told his mother that [REDACTED] had
advised him that two members of the Purple Gang in Detroit were in Toledo
looking him over as a possible kidnaping subject, which information his
mother in turn passed on to her brother, [REDACTED] who wrote
the Bureau of this matter.

Description of possible kidnaping subject from personal observation
and conversation:

Name - [REDACTED]
Age - [REDACTED]
Height - [REDACTED]
Weight - [REDACTED]
Build - [REDACTED]
Hair - [REDACTED]
Eyes - [REDACTED]

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Teeth - [REDACTED]
Scars - [REDACTED]

Footwear - [REDACTED]
Occupation - [REDACTED]

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Residence - [REDACTED]

Marital Status - [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Nationality - [REDACTED]

Criminal Record - [REDACTED]

General observations were made of the residential section in question which was found to be on the east side of the Maumee River about ten miles from the business section of Toledo, Ohio by highway, and about fifteen miles from the mouth of the Maumee River via water, which river empties into Lake Erie. The homes of individuals concerned face Maumee River, which Agent was advised was navigable by pleasure crafts and goodly sized speed boats, the Toledo Police Department having no river patrol. From the highway passing these homes the view is obstructed by trees and shrubbery.

In general, the source of the information was discussed with both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who had seen and identified the two alleged members of the Purple Gang and had twice been to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and neither of these men considered the information seriously. However, the usual precautions were given to both these gentlemen with the suggestion that a recent photograph of [REDACTED] be obtained and that he have copies of his fingerprints made, both for possible future use.

These gentlemen were instructed that upon receipt of any threatening kidnaping or ransom letter, that the same should be handled very cautiously and preserved with a view of possible developments of fingerprints thereon and that upon receipt of any future information relative to this matter that the same should be communicated to the Detroit Office immediately, regardless of the hour. [REDACTED] furnished with the full address of the Detroit Office with that purpose in view.

[REDACTED] requested that when an Agent is sent to Bowling Green, Ohio, he talk to the Sheriff relative to this matter and that the Toledo Police and Sheriff of Lucas County were already advised of the facts related heretofore. In this connection [REDACTED] that he had personally related the same facts to Captain Timiney as he had to [REDACTED]

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In conclusion [redacted] openly expressed himself for the Bureau's prompt and keen interest in this matter and appeared impressed with the swiftness this matter had been handled after having first been reported by him. He assured Agent that in the event of a possible kidnapping, that full cooperation might be expected from him and the members of his family and was assured that in developing kidnapping cases the first thought of the Bureau was of the personal safety of the victim and secondly to reach a conclusion and possible prosecution of the offender.

M. W. WICKINS
SPECIAL AGENT

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FURDRESSING INVESTIGATION:

CHARACTER

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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Approved & Forwarded:

Al Rosen

Special Agent in Charge

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THE CINCINNATI OFFICE

At Columbus, Ohio:-

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THE DETROIT OFFICE

At Detroit, Michigan:-

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Is requested to check the criminal record, if any, of

[REDACTED] For the information of the Detroit office, [REDACTED] better known as [REDACTED] is formerly from Detroit where he was at one time a member of or closely associated with the Purple Gang of Detroit, and now recognized [REDACTED] the powerful and notorious Mayfield Road gang of Cleveland, which controls gambling and other rackets, at and in the vicinity of Cleveland, Ohio. [REDACTED] is suspected as being a contact for [REDACTED]. Therefore, all available information concerning [REDACTED] whose true name is [REDACTED] should be obtained.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

August 29, 1938

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Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tamm.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Coffey.....
Mr. Crowl.....
Mr. Dawsey.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Foxworth.....
Mr. Glavin.....
Mr. Harbo.....
Mr. Lester.....
Mr. McIntire.....
Mr. Mumford.....
Mr. Tracy.....
Miss Gandy.....

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: FURDRESS

[REDACTED]

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

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

these persons, however, were mostly gamblers and racketeers to whom [REDACTED] gave special rates; that [REDACTED] however, maintained a very quiet and well conducted hotel.

(b)(7)(C)

[REDACTED] indicated that he had a list of the names and addresses of the guests who stopped at the hotel and somewhat reluctantly exhibited this list to Bureau Agents. Upon briefly examining this list, the following names and addresses were noted:

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] (b)(7)(C)

Mertz Worthheimer, Detroit, Michigan, known gambler and a brother of Sol Worthheimer, both of whom are known to operate in Detroit, Florida and Southern California. They are alleged to be members of the former PURPLE GANG of Detroit.

It might be stated that this list consisted of five or six typewritten pages.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm
E. A. TAMM *ET*

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

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March 3, 1934.

MR. NATHAN.....
MR. TOLSON.....
MR. CLEGG.....
MR. DOWLEY.....
MR. EDWARDS.....
MR. GAN.....
MR. QUINN.....
MR. LESTER.....
MR. LOCKE.....
MR. ROBER.....

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

[redacted] telephoned last night advising that he had received word that an individual by the name of [redacted] had testified in the O'Connell case yesterday to the effect that he was a stool pigeon of the Department of Justice and received a salary from the Department. I informed [redacted] that a list of the employees of the Division failed to disclose the name of this individual. (b)(7)(C)

Later, while conferring personally with [redacted] on another matter, he stated that a [redacted] of the State Department had telephoned him some months ago that [redacted] was in Canada, that he could help solve the O'Connell case and would tell his story only to the President, the Attorney General or [redacted] Special Agent Larson interviewed [redacted] and he was brought to New York and aided the Division in that investigation. (b)(7)(C)

I informed Mr. Keenan that I was not acquainted with the circumstances surrounding the development of that case and knew nothing about this angle. Mr. Keenan advised that [redacted] had testified that he was in a room with four of the members of the Purple Gang as a representative of the Department of Justice and had entered into a discussion of the plans for kidnaping O'Connell in such capacity. (b)(7)(C)

I telephoned the New York office and Acting Special Agent in Charge R. B. Nathan stated there was nothing in the evening paper which he had indicating that this was the case but he would communicate with the Special Agents at Albany to obtain from them the information and will call the Division the next morning.

Respectfully,

H. A. Clegg.

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File No. 88-255

Case originated at CLEVELAND, OHIO

Report Made At:

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Report Made By:

Cleveland, Ohio

4/18/45

1/22-27, 29, 30;

LORENZ H. MARTIN

2/2, 9, 10, 12-15,

Character of Case:

Title:

19-24, 26-29;

UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION (MURDER)

3/1, 2, 5-9, 14-

17, 19, 22-24, 26,

27, 30, 31/45.

4/3, 5-8/45.

Synopsis of Facts:

Subject at Geneva-on-the-Lake, Ohio, and perhaps at Youngstown, Ohio occasionally during summer of 1944. Investigation conducted to determine whether subject contacted [redacted] and other

members of Mayfield Road gang, and it was ascertained that [redacted] called [redacted] Michigan,

[redacted] five weeks before the murder at Cleveland, Ohio of NATHAN (NATE) WEISENBERG,

who reportedly operated an independent racket business in competition to the Mayfield Road gang similar to the business of [redacted] victim

in instant case. [redacted] now working and residing in Cleveland, Ohio, but no definite evidence developed that she is in touch with subject.

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References:

Bureau file #88-1910.

Report of Special Agent LORENZ H. MARTIN dated December 8, 1944 at Cleveland, Ohio.

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the Purple Cow Restaurant upon occasions last summer. None of these three girls made positive identifications. They were interviewed separately and each gave the same information. They stated that they recalled him as having associated with a group of racketeers who loaf in the Purple Cow Restaurant but they were not sufficiently familiar with these men to specify anyone in particular with whom the subject associated nor could they furnish any further information about him. Arrangements were made for them to advise this office through [redacted] if they should see the subject again. b7C

[redacted] advised that the most logical contacts for the subject at this time in Youngstown, Ohio are [redacted] and [redacted] all of whom presently reside in the Pick-Ohio Hotel.

b7D
[redacted] was advised that [redacted] is reported to be from St. Louis and a cousin of the LICAVALI of the old Detroit "Purple Mob". b7C
[redacted] was also a partner of [redacted] and others [redacted] which was operating at the time of instant murder but which is now closed. It will be recalled that [redacted] and his partners are suspected of having employed the subject and [redacted] to commit instant murder.

b7D
In the report of Special Agent L. STANLEY KEMP dated March 31, 1945 at Buffalo, New York it is reflected that the subject frequented the Jungle Inn. [redacted] also advised that [redacted] associated with LEO MOCCERI, alias LEO LICAVALI (wanted for murder in Toledo, Ohio) at the time [redacted] was working for [redacted] in the Spring of 1944 and also with JAMES LICAVALI of Cleveland, Ohio. b7C

[redacted] Youngstown branch of the Cleveland Mayfield Road Gang as [redacted] b7C
[redacted] in Warren, Ohio. As a further indication of the tie-up between [redacted] and the old "Purple Mob", [redacted] Cleveland, Ohio, advised that he had questioned [redacted] at Cleveland, Ohio about 1932 and that at that time [redacted] was driving an automobile registered in the name of JENNIE LICAVALI of Toledo, Ohio.

Examination was made of the telephone calls made by [redacted] b7C
[redacted] in the Pick-Ohio Hotel, and also from the telephone at the residence of [redacted] 225 Euclid Boulevard, and from his headquarters at the Savoy Club, 208 West Front Street, Youngstown, Ohio. It was noted that calls had been made to known racketeers in other Ohio cities and also to persons in Sharon, Elwood City, and New Kensington and

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

This Case

Originated at: NEW YORK, N. Y.

N.Y. File No. 60-15 ml

Report Made at:	Date when Made:	Period for Which Made:	Report Made by:
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY	7-5-38	6-11, 15, 20, 23, 27, 28; 7-1-38	A. DICKSTEIN
Title:			Character of Case:
EXPRESSING INVESTIGATION; [REDACTED] es - FUGITIVE;			ANTITRUST

I. O. #1458; et al.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[REDACTED] stated that payments of \$5, \$7.11 to each Subject were made from October, 1936 to June 15, 1937 and payments stopped upon reading of their fugitive status. [REDACTED] identifies photograph of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was present on every occasion when [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] U. S. Internal Revenue Department, Newark, N. J. identifies [REDACTED] photograph as individual using name of [REDACTED] whose relative [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] located, but denies connections with Subject. His criminal record set forth. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] admit their acquaintance with Subject [REDACTED] through [REDACTED] and money paid to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] were of a gift nature. Both deny connections with Subject. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and claims he never met Subject. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] not identical with [REDACTED] Informant "X", Newark, N. J., furnished information that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] here Subject made numerous trips to relieve his kidney ailment. Gang associates of [REDACTED] in Newark, N. J. encouraged by short sentence accorded [REDACTED]

Approved: A. P. Kitchin, Special Agt. in Chg.

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conversation was had regarding California and the mob, which remarks were analyzed by the informant as definitely pointing to the hide-out of [REDACTED] as being in the vicinity of California. However, this was not substantiated by any definite information. b7c

To bear this information out, as set out above on July 1, 1938, Informant "X" was again contacted and he stated that he had received information on the night of June 30, 1938 to the effect that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] would proceed to Los Angeles, California for a short stay. Information was also received by informant that [REDACTED] as planning to leave for Los Angeles for a vacation in the very near future. The Los Angeles Field Division will be advised by letter when [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] New Jersey for Los Angeles. In view of the information furnished by informants to the effect that [REDACTED] may be in the vicinity of California, and the fact that [REDACTED] plan to appear in Los Angeles, California in the near future, there may be a likely possibility that a contact may be made with Subject [REDACTED]. However, periodic contacts will be maintained by Informant "X" with his informant so that the Newark Division may be in a position to know exactly when [REDACTED] is planning to leave for the coast. b7c D

Information was also received from the informant to the effect that there was a private airport located outside of Clark Township, New Jersey. It should be noted that Clark Township is the place which is operated by a syndicate headed by "LEFTY" CLARK, who is a former member of the Purple Gang, Detroit, Michigan, and that Clark Township is the most notorious gambling section in the East, mainly the State of New Jersey. Informant advised that he had heard there is a possibility that Subjects, or other notorious characters who are under investigation, might be using this airport as their taking off point. A lead is being set out to conduct appropriate investigation to locate this alleged airport. b7c

In view of the fact that it is anticipated [REDACTED] planning to proceed to California for a lengthy stay,

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