

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION

SUBJECT: FRANK "BUSTER" WORTMAN

FILE NUMBER: 63-32 SECTION 1

Director, FBI

9-29-53

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SAC, St. Louis (33-933)

RE: (TOP HOOKER SPYING)

Re SAC letter No. 33-58, requesting a list of these individuals being designated by the St. Louis Office as top hookers.

Frank (Buster) Wortman, FBI # 739186

An analysis of the indices and files of this office has been made and the following individuals are being designated. The reason for this designation is being set out below each name. As requested, comprehensive summary instructions will be prepared on each of these individuals and submitted to the Bureau. It is anticipated that there will be other individuals added to this list in the future, and that some of the names on this current list will be deleted as they become inactive.

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FRANK (BUSTER) WORTMAN, FBI No. 710185

WORTMAN has been reported by St. Louis newspaper as the syndicate representative in the St. Louis and southern Illinois areas. He makes his home in East St. Louis, Illinois, but does have business connections in the St. Louis area. The Springfield Office will be furnished with copies of information on this individual and requested to maintain a file on him also. WORTMAN associates reportedly with members of the old Ryan-Colbeck gang and the current labor anti-racketeering investigation in this office indicates that WORTMAN may have had an interest in these activities as well.

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**ELMER SYLVESTER (RED) DOWLING,
FBI NO. 20234**

DOWLING has a number of arrests for violence and is an associate of well known hoodlums in the St. Louis area such as WORTMAN, [REDACTED] etc. He allegedly is a former member of the Ryan-Colbeck gang and has been in the juke box industry and gambling activities with WORTMAN and others in recent years. He is presently building a new home in East St. Louis, Illinois.

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TO : Director, FBI
FROM : SAC, Springfield (94-81A)
SUBJECT: GIIP
(TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE)

DATE: 11-2

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- Mr. Mohr _____
- Mr. Trotter _____
- Mr. Winterrowd _____
- Mr. Holloman _____
- Miss Gandy _____

Re: Remylet, September 25, 1953 submitting the name of FRANK WORTMAN with alias, "Buster", as a top hoodlum in the Springfield Division.

Following is a summary of the information available in the files concerning this individual and also background information obtained from the files of the U. S. Probation Office at East St. Louis, Illinois.

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The following information on the background of FRANK "BUSTER" WORTMAN was obtained from the files of the U. S. Probation Office, East St. Louis, Illinois:

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RE: ILLIP (TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE)

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The following information is summarized from references in the Springfield Office files:

The memorandum of SA [REDACTED] to SAC dated January 13, 1943 entitled "UNKNOWN SUBJECT; Farmers State Bank of Illiopolis, BANK ROBBERY"

[REDACTED]

The Paddock Club tavern is located at 5th Street and St. Louis Avenue; [REDACTED]

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RE: GIIF (TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE)

In October, 1946 it was reported by persons contacted by agents in the GIIF Survey that FRANK WORTMAN, FRANK COTTON EPPELSHEIMER and [REDACTED] all members of the old St. Louis, Missouri, EGAN Gang, [REDACTED]

The CAPGA Case (code word for Reactivation of the CAPONE Gang) contains the information that EPPELSHEIMER [REDACTED] and WORTMAN are down-state Illinois connections of the old CAPONE Gang and their association with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Investigation conducted in connection with the CAPGA Case indicates the CAPONE Gang, through its down-state connections, namely FRANK "BUSTER" WORTMAN, et al, have attempted to locate a building in or near East St. Louis, Illinois, from which to operate a racing news service.

It was also reported in the GIIF Survey report there was persistent rumors in circulation to the effect that the Shelton Gang was making plans to assassinate FRANK WORTMAN. In 1942 WORTMAN, MONROE ARMES, wa, Blackie, and [REDACTED] all former members of the Shelton Gang, aligned themselves with the EGAN Gang. In 1943 they were reported as having had a falling out over extending the operations of the EGAN Gang into Southern Illinois. ARMES shot and seriously wounded [REDACTED] who thereafter returned to the Shelton Gang. Subsequently ARMES was shot and killed. The Shelton Gang takes credit for this killing.

The Paddock Tavern has been constantly listed in GIIF reports as a notorious type and place of amusement and a meeting place for hoodlums and the rougher element.

In 1946 it was reported that the CAPONE Gang of Chicago represented by [REDACTED] FRANK COTTON EPPELSHEIMER, and FRANK WORTMAN, called on [REDACTED], and made [REDACTED] their first direct attempt to cut in for the Chicago interests in that area. WORTMAN was reported to have told [REDACTED] to not pay [REDACTED] inasmuch as they were no longer associated with them.

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RE: ILLF (TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE)

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In August, 1948 the East St. Louis Journal carried a story regarding the arrangements for the funeral of the late FRANK COTTON EPPELSHEIMER, true name FRANCIS XAVIER O'MARA, and that EPPELSHEIMER had been hiding out at the home of FRANK WORTMAN when he became ill and was taken to the hospital by WORTMAN.

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RE: GILF (TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE)

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RE: GLIF (TOP COLUMN COVERAGE)

It has been reliably reported and observed by Bureau Agents that gambling has operated in the Red Rooster almost without interruption for the past several months. Agents who have been in the place have learned and observed that

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RE: GIFF (TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE)

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Within the past two years WORTMAN has built a new expensive home at 2 Summit Avenue, Collinsville, Illinois, in the Morris Homes Addition which location is actually located in St. Clair County and which home has been reliably reported as having cost over \$100,000.

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Director, FBI

RE: GIIP (TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE)



It has been ascertained that FRANK WORTMAN has an unpublished telephone number at his home in Collinsville, Illinois, this number being Collinsville 2273.

Following is the identification record of FRANK WORTMAN under FBI #739186, as furnished by the Bureau on September 9, 1946:

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD, St. Louis, Mo.	FRANK WORTMAN #22901	1-17-26	Dyer Act - viol.	
USM, St. Louis, Mo.	FRANK WORTMAN #--	12-21-33	aslt. on Govt. Off.	reld. on bor. 1-3-34
SO, Belleville, Ill.	FRANK WORTMAN #--	4-14-34	mutilating numbers on firearm	dism., reld. Govt. Officer case still pending, will probably be brought before G.J. 1 Sept. at E. S. Louis, Ill. o at Oct. term: this city (in rec. 9-1-34)
PD, Springfield, Ill.	FRANK WORTMAN #5936	6-23-34	aslt. Fed. Agent	10 yrs. Leavenworth
USP, Leavenworth Kans.	FRANK WORTMAN #45268	7-7-34	resisting U.S. Officer	10 yrs. 3-6-41 cond. rel.

Director, FBI

RE: G.I.I.F (TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE)

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Commanding General Services of Supply U. S. Army Wash., D.C.	FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, #32-ORW	applicant for steamfitter 3-30-42		
PD, E. St. Louis Ill.	FRANK WORTMAN #--	12-30-42	inv.	rel.
SOS, War Dept.	FRANK WORTMAN #107-DEH-3	steamfitter 3-9-43		
PD, St. Louis, Mo.	FRANK WORTMAN #22901	3-8-44	Invest.	

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March 12, 1954

Assistant Attorney General
Warren Olney III

Director, FBI

FRANK "BUSTER" WORTMAN
CONTUMPT OF ST. LOUIS
FEDERAL GRAND JURY

On February 10, 1954, our St. Louis Division advised this Bureau that the United States Attorney's Office at St. Louis, Missouri, had issued thirty-one subpoenas to St. Louis hoodlums to appear before the Federal Grand Jury on February 15, 1954. The Federal Grand Jury at St. Louis, Missouri, is looking into the racketeering situation in that city.

On February 24, 1954, Frank "Buster" Wortman appeared before the Federal Grand Jury at St. Louis. When asked, he gave his name, but refused to furnish his home address. Wortman was then taken before the Federal District Judge, George H. Moore, and was ordered to furnish this information to the Federal Grand Jury. Wortman refused, whereupon Judge Moore cited him for contempt and directed that he be placed in custody of the United States Marshal. Wortman was taken to the St. Louis City Jail where he was incarcerated.

On February 27, 1954, United States Circuit Court of Appeals, for the Eighth Circuit, St. Louis, Missouri, denied a motion made on behalf of Wortman for a stay of execution for the contempt violation, and denied his application for bail pending appeal.

On March 3, 1954, ^{Attorneys for Frank} Frank "Buster" Wortman filed a motion in the United States District Court before Federal Judge Moore seeking to vacate Judge Moore's order previously citing Wortman for contempt of the Grand Jury. Judge Moore set a hearing on the motion for March 9, 1954.

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On March 8, 1954, subpoenas were received by Special Agent [REDACTED] and former Special Agent [REDACTED] directing their appearance in the United States District Court, St. Louis, Missouri, at 10:00 a.m. on March 9, 1954. These subpoenas were issued on behalf of the defense of Frank "Buster" Wortman.

The hearing on the motion filed on behalf of Wortman scheduled for 10:00 a.m., March 9, 1954, was held over until 10:00 a.m., March 10, 1954.

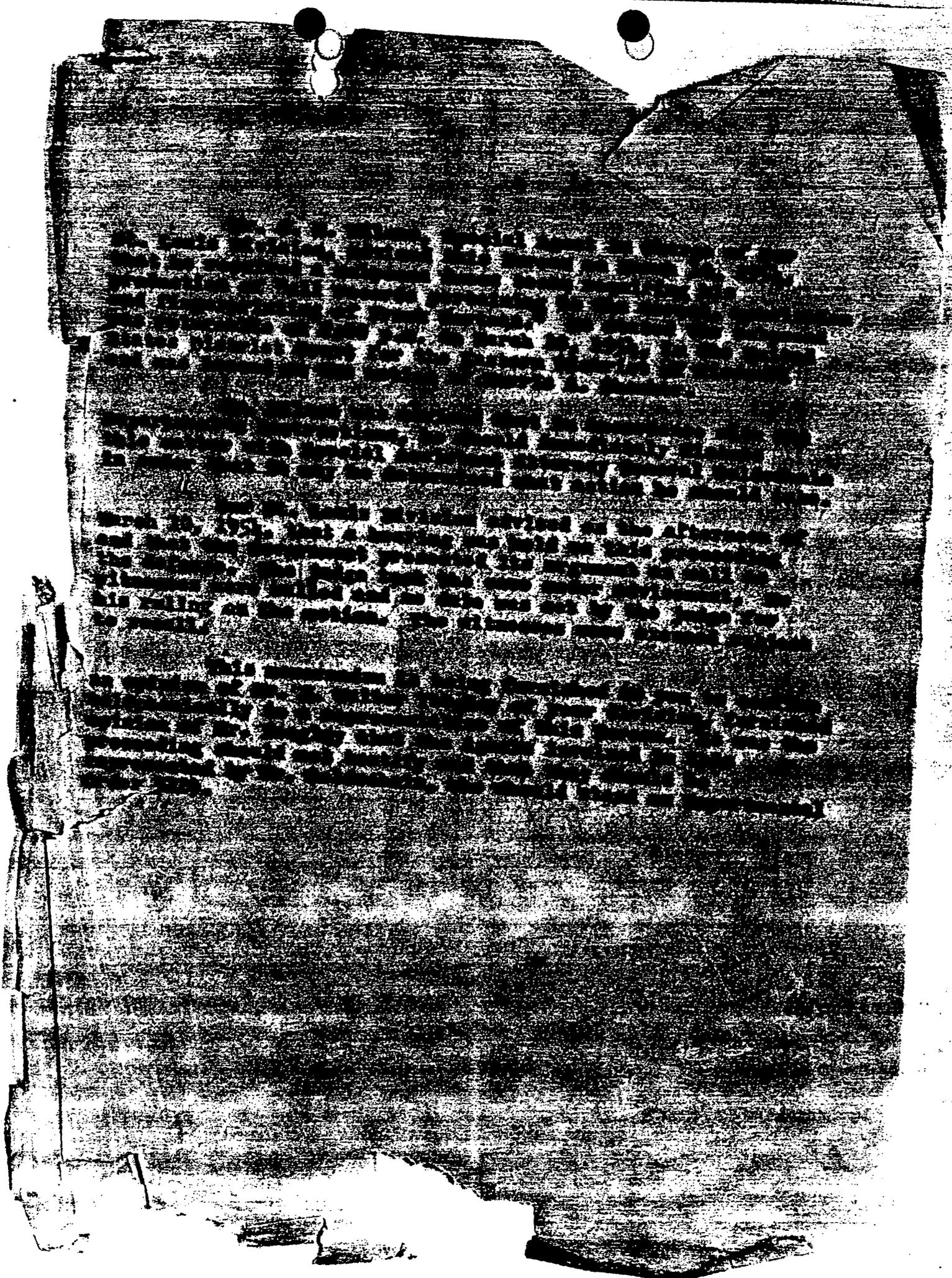
On March 10, 1954, former Special Agent [REDACTED] received a subpoena to appear in the Federal District Court at St. Louis, Missouri, on March 10, 1954, concerning the hearing of Wortman. The subpoena was issued on behalf of Wortman by Morris A. Schenker, Wortman's attorney. b7c

On March 10, 1954, our St. Louis Division advised that Special Agent [REDACTED] received a second subpoena to appear at 11:00 a.m. in Federal District Court at St. Louis, Missouri, and produce "all records or memoranda of your interview with [REDACTED]"

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A copy of this report was duly furnished to the Department.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: April 2, 1954

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (94-81A)

SUBJECT: GIIF
(TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE)

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Re SAC Letter 53-58 and mylets dated September 25 and November 25, 1953. *62-100008-22*
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In accordance with instructions set out in referenced SAC letter it should be pointed out to the Bureau that FRANK "BUSTER" WORTMAN, a top hoodlum of the Springfield Office, is presently in the City Jail at St. Louis, Missouri, where he was placed by Federal Judge MOORE following his being cited for being in contempt of court. The St. Louis Office has furnished details of this to the Bureau, and no other information is available at this Office concerning this matter.

There is no additional information in this file relative to WORTMAN'S activities

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charging him with assault on a Federal prohibition agent, theft of Government property, and participation in release of a Federal prisoner. This newspaper account reflected that five prohibition agents identified WORTMAN as the man who struck and knocked down one of them in an attack near Collinsville, Illinois on September 25, 1932. WORTMAN's bond was fixed at \$25,000 by the United States Commissioner at Springfield, Illinois, where the original warrant was issued.

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II. CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES, ASSOCIATES, LEGITIMATE
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On March 3, 1951, CHARLES B. LUBBES testified before the Senate Crime Committee concerning the vast bootlegging business in the dry states, conducted from Southern Illinois. This witness said that WORTMAN was a business associate of HYMIE HUBBEN who sent truckloads of whiskey to dry states from Cairo, Illinois and that he met WORTMAN many times at the East St. Louis Office of the Valley Distributing Company, which was owned by SOY AUSLANDER.

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Before the Senate Crime Committee, WILLIAM PAUL BROWN, President and principal stockholder of the defunct Pioneer News Service stated that he had been general manager of the Plaza Amusement Company, and that others interested in the Company were FRANK "BUSTER" WORTMAN; his brother, TED WORTMAN; EDMUND DOWLING; GREGORY MOORE, gambler and former Chief Deputy Sheriff in St. Louis.

An article appearing in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch on July 31, 1950, reflected that FRANK BUSTER WORTMAN, East Side gangster, and described by newspapers as front man for the Chicago Capone syndicate, had been served with a subpoena to appear before the Kefauver Committee.

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An article appearing in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch in 1950, on July 21st, reported that Senator Kefauver stated that there had been important evidence of the Chicago controlled syndicate brought out in the hearings which would require further investigation. Senator Kefauver was reported to have said, "Frankly, no evidence was developed to show that FRANK WORTMAN had any ownership in Pioneer". The article further related that WORTMAN could not be found for service of a subpoena prior to the Committee's hearing on July 18, but that he was subsequently subpoenaed for a later date. Senator Kefauver described the reliable news service of Fairmount City as an outlet for Pioneer News Service, itself an outlet for Continental News Service in Chicago.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch in an article dated July 22, 1952, reported that Empire Club in Madison County, Illinois was again open for business, and that JOHN P. CONNOR, former operator of the Hyde Park gambling casino at Venice, Illinois was in charge of the Club, and that FRANK "BUSTER" WORTMAN, notorious East Side gangster, was among the backer of this game.

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FRANK WORTMAN was described as the "power behind the scene" which controls the Unions in St. Louis because of the fear that has been instilled by the Capone Syndicate.

During the course of investigation in the Grenap Case, extensive coverage has been kept on the Plaza Amusement Company. The Plaza Amusement Company banks at the Mercantile Commerce National Bank, 3612 Washington Avenue in St. Louis, Missouri.

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As a result of the Federal Grand Jury which was investigating labor racketeering in the St. Louis Area, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch ran a photograph of the home of FRANK WORTMAN, which is located at No2 Summit Drive on the western outskirts of Collinsville, Illinois.

An article appearing in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat on February 25, 1954, gave an account of the testimony of FRANK WORTMAN before the Federal Grand Jury in St. Louis, Missouri. During the course of this investigation, WORTMAN refused to give the Grand Jury his address. As a result of this action on the part of WORTMAN, Judge

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MOORE ordered WORTMAN jailed, in the St. Louis City Jail.

An article in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch dated February 25, 1954, reflected that FRANK "BUSTER" WORTMAN, who was described as an East Side gang boss, refused to tell the Federal Grand Jury where he lived, and as a result was held in contempt of court by United States District Judge GEORGE H. MOORE. According to this article, WORTMAN refused to give his address, stating that his personal life and business life was under investigation by the Internal Revenue. WORTMAN further stated that he would not answer the question, because the answer might incriminate him.

An article appearing in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat dated February 28, 1954, reflected that the United States Court of Appeals turned down an appeal made by FRANK WORTMAN for a state of execution on a contempt charge pending the outcome of the case.

An article appearing in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat dated April 7, 1954, reflected that FRANK WORTMAN was released on bail only after he had promised to counsel to tell the Federal Grand Jury where he lived.

III. CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION OF
FRANK WORTMAN

<u>CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS</u>	<u>NAME AND NUMBER</u>	<u>ARRESTED OR RECEIVED</u>	<u>CHARGE</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
PD, SLMO	FRANK WORTMAN #22901	1-17-26	Dyer Act - viol.	
USM, SLMO	FRANK WORTMAN #	12-21-33	aslt. on Govt. Off.	relsd. on bond 1-3-34
SO, Belleville, Illinois	FRANK WORTMAN #	4-14-34	mutilating numbers on firearm	dism., relsd, to Govt. Officers - case still pending, will probably be brought before G.J. in Sept. at East St. Louis, Ill. or at Oct. term in this city (inf. rec. 9-1-34).

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<u>CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS</u>	<u>NAME AND NUMBER</u>	<u>ARRESTED OR RECEIVED</u>	<u>CHARGE</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
PD, Springfield, Illinois	FRANK WORTMAN #5936	6-23-34	aslt. Fed. Agent	*10 yrs. Leavenworth
JSP, Leavenworth Kans.	FRANK WORTMAN #45268	7-7-34	resisting U.S. Officer	10 yrs. 3-6-41 cond. rel.
Commanding General Services of Supply U. S. Army, Wash. DC	FRANK EDWARD WORTMAN #32-000		applicant for steamfitter 3-30-42	
PD East St. Louis, Ill.	FRANK WORTMAN #	12-30-42	inv.	rel.
SOS, WAR Dept.	FRANK WORTMAN #107-DEH-3		steam- fitter 3-9-43	
PD, St. Louis, Mo.	FRANK WORTMAN #22901	3-8-44	Invest.	
USM St. Louis, Mo.	FRANK WORTMAN #14203	2-24-54	contempt of crt.	

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, ST. LOUIS (33-93E-11)
SUBJECT: POP HOODLUM COVERAGE
GIIF
ST. LOUIS DIVISION

DATE: 5/6/54

RE: FRANK WORTMAN
FBI #739186

Buster Wortman

Remylet 4/15/54.

There is being forwarded to the Bureau as an enclosure one copy of the photograph of FRANK WORTMAN, which was inadvertently omitted from referenced letter.



FRANK WORTMAN photograph ^{MO.}

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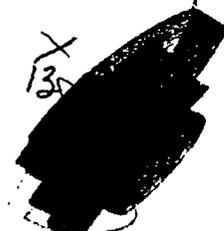
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, ST. LOUIS (33-93E5)

DATE: 10/6/54

SUBJECT: TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE INTELLIGENCE FILE
ST. LOUIS DIVISION

RE: FRANK LEONARD "BUSTER" WORTMAN
FBI #739186

Remylet 4/15/54.

There follows a summary of information which has come to the attention of the St. Louis Division concerning FRANK WORTMAN subsequent to the submission of relt.

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Information was set out in the previous summary regarding WORTMAN's appearance before the Federal Grand Jury and his subsequent sentence for refusing to tell the Grand Jury his residence address.

The February 25, 1954 issue of INDEXED St. Louis Post Dispatch carried a picture of WORTMAN's home located at No. 2 Summit Drive on the western outskirts of Collinsville, Illinois. The article said that the cost of

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WORTMAN's home, which had been built two years previous, has been estimated at from fifty thousand to \$100,000.00. In an article appearing in the February 25, 1954 issue of the Globe Democrat, WORTMAN refused to give his address on the ground that it might incriminate him. The article indicated that SIDNEY GLAZER, one of WORTMAN's attorneys, told United States District Judge GEORGE H. MOORE that if WORTMAN was under investigation by the Fraud Section of the Internal Revenue Bureau for possible income tax evasion it would be a reasonable ground for not answering questions. He said if a man has a home worth \$20,000.00 and he reports an income of only several thousand dollars a year, his connection with the house might incriminate him. The article quoted Judge MOORE as saying, "I don't see how an answer giving a man's address could incriminate him."

The July 2, 1954 issue of the St. Louis Post Dispatch contained an article which indicated that FRANK "BUSTER" WORTMAN, whose refusal to tell the Federal Grand Jury his address resulted in spending forty-one days in jail, faced more trouble over his Collinsville home with the filing the previous day of a suit for \$8,585.00 against him for unpaid brick work.

The article said that the first lieutenant of the East St. Louis hoodlum, ELMER "DUTCH" DOWLING, likewise ran into trouble on his house in Collinsville when a similar suit for \$10,343.00 was filed against him in Madison County Circuit Court. He stated that both suits were filed by the STEPHEN GORMAN BRICKLAYING COMPANY of St. Louis.

The article said that the previous spring, Agents of the Internal Revenue Bureau became interested in how WORTMAN acquired his home at No. 2 Summit Drive when the estimated cost was more than \$50,000.00. It was further stated that Agents inquiring into the costs found that the GORMAN firm had not bothered to bill WORTMAN or his lieutenant. The article said that the suit against WORTMAN alleges that the money was due for brick work, labor and materials on the Collinsville home. The indebtedness was said to have been incurred between September 12, 1951 and November 6, 1952. The article indicated that officials of the GORMAN firm, which maintains offices at 4200 Clayton Avenue, declined to discuss the suits which were filed by DON MC GLYNN, East St. Louis attorney.

The August 22, 1954 issue of the St. Louis Post Dispatch contained an article entitled "Revival of Gang Wars Foreseen" by THEODORE C. LINK. This article concerned hoodlum and syndicate activities in Chicago and other cities and stated that in recent weeks there have been unmistakable signs of restless stirring and maneuvering for power, with bigger and more lucrative operations perhaps in the offing. The article said that the sudden removal of CHARLES "CHERRY NOSE" GIOE undoubtedly was an inevitable outcropping of that deep-seated disturbance.

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GIOE, it was stated, was a hoodlum of long standing, operating near the top level in the CAPONE crime syndicate, and in a grim choosing up of sides lately he has been counted in opposition to TONY ACCARDO, who took the reins long ago with the passing of "SCAR FACE" AL CAPONE. The article stated that the death of GIOE could have been a clear warning that the ACCARDO forces there prepared to deal directly with any serious challenge to their top-dog position now that a resurgence and expansion of activity was in the air. It was said that GIOE was aligned with PAUL "THE WAITER" RICCA, who has been reported to have aspirations for the number one position.

The article stated that FRANK "BUSTER" WORTMAN, of East St. Louis, chief representative of the syndicate in this area is regarded as an ACCARDO man in harmonious relations with Italian and Sicilian elements in Chicago but opposed to them in his own immediate domain. It continued that the split in the Chicago organization has been on since last spring or perhaps longer, and that there have been strenuous but futile efforts to resolve it without loss of life. Also, that WORTMAN and his principal lieutenant, ELMER "DUTCH" DOWLING, joined in a high-level conference in Chicago in June in an attempt to settle the portentous quarrel, the Post Dispatch was told. The article mentioned WORTMAN's spending forty-one days in jail and said that rumors of uneasy jockeying among the gangsters were in line with reports that WORTMAN was not too unhappy over being out of reach for a while.

The article said that the luckless peace conference which WORTMAN attended was followed by another in July, which was attended by the notorious JOHNNY TORRIO, a former Chicago crime boss who moved on to New York in the roll of mediator for ten days. The article said that at that time it was said by a person who had studied the developing situation that "if Accardo and Ricca choose up sides it will make the St. Valentine's day massacre look like a tea party".



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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 10-11-54

FROM : SAC, Springfield (94-81A)

SUBJECT: GIIP
TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE
FRANK "BUSTER" WORTMAN

Re SAC Letter 53-58 and mylet, 4-2-54.

In accordance with instructions set out in referenced SAC Letter, the following information concerning WORTMAN is set out.

Since submission of the last letter, the file contains no pertinent information relative to any additional activity on the part of WORTMAN other than

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TO : *b7c* DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: April 6, 1955

FROM *Pell* SAC, SPRINGFIELD (94-81-A)

SUBJECT: G.I.F.
TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE
FRANK "BUSTER" WORTMAN

Re SAC Letter 53-58.

Since submission of mylet dated October 11, 1954, the following information has been included in the file of WORTMAN.

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No information has been developed to prove WORTMAN has such a connection, and in so far as can be determined, he continues to make his headquarters in the East St. Louis, Illinois area.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: April 8, 1955

FROM : SAC, ST. LOUIS (33-93E5)

SUBJECT: FRANK LEONARD "BUSTER" WORTMAN
FBI #739186
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE INTELLIGENCE FILE
(TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE)
ST. LOUIS DIVISION

Re St. Louis letter dated October 6, 1954.

There follows a supplemental summary regarding the activities of FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN.

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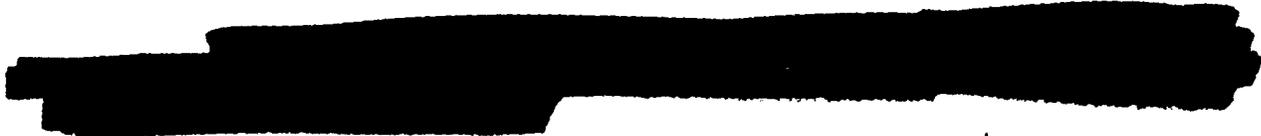
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The February 10, 1955 issue of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat contained an article which stated that on February 9, 1955 the Illinois State Police raided the Club 22, also known as the Villa Venice, reported gambling casino at Second Street, Venice, Illinois, just in time to snatch the evidence out of the fire. The article stated that inside, the officers found forty-seven persons, some seated at a bar, others playing pool and billiards, and still others playing cards. The officers hurried to the furnace and pulled out two green and black dice table covers, and in boxes under the coal in the furnace stoker were located several thousand poker chips bearing the legend "Club 88" the name of a one time East St. Louis gambling casino.

The article said that the Police released all persons with the exception of ~~ROY DAVIS~~, who was said to hold the lease on the club. One man who gave his name as ~~JOHNNY GORDAN~~ was identified by the Police as ~~GORDAN FOSTER~~, a nephew of ~~FRANK "BUSTER" WORTMAN~~, alleged rackets boss of Southern Illinois.

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TO Director, FBI

DATE: 4-22-55

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FROM SAC, Springfield (94-81A)

SUBJECT: FRANK LEONARD "BUSTER"
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Re St. Louis letter to Director dated 4-8-55.

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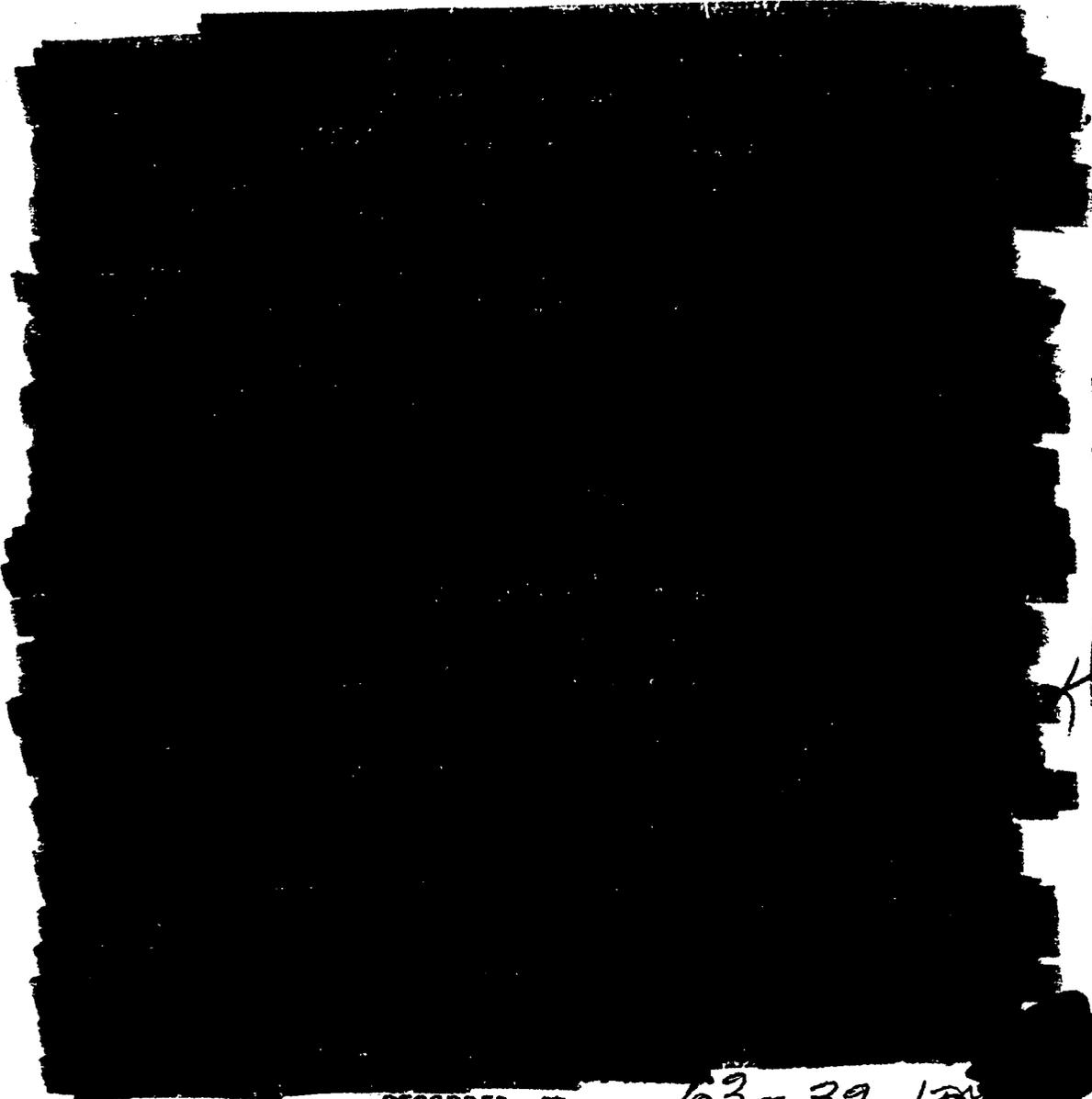
TO: *b7c* DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 10/5/55

FROM: *Ward* SAC, SPRINGFIELD (94-81A)

SUBJECT: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, Was., "Buster",
"Bus"
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The following is being submitted for the information of the Bureau and the St. Louis Office.



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Within recent days the Springfield Office has had occasion to conduct investigation concerning two Lieutenants of BUSTER WORTMAN. This investigation grew out of the following set of circumstances:



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For the information of the Bureau, no specific allegations have been received by the Springfield Office indicating any possible violations on the part of WORTMAN or his gang which would come within the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau. His activities and those of members of his gang are being followed by the Springfield Office and the Bureau will be kept advised.

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The St. Louis Office will also furnish the Bureau and Springfield any current information concerning WORTMAN or members of his gang which has not been previously reported in view of the current interest of the Department in this hoodlum.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, ST. LOUIS (33-93E-5)

DATE: October 12, 1955

SUBJECT: TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE INTELLIGENCE FILE
ST. LOUIS DIVISION

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RE: FRANK LEONARD "BUSTER" WORTMAN, FBI #739-186.

Reylet, October 6, 1954.

Following is set forth supplemented information received concerning WORTMAN:

By letter of April 22, 1955, the Springfield Division advised the Director and St. Louis:

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The indices of the St. Louis Division contain no reference to either [REDACTED]

The St. Louis Post Dispatch, St. Louis, Missouri, on May 6, 1955, contained an article that RICHARD T. CARTER, States Attorney, St. Clair County (Illinois), stated on this date he was investigating the issuance of a liquor license for the Red Rooster Tavern. The Red Rooster Tavern is located on the St. Clair-Madison County line, in the 8800 block of Collinsville Road, which has been notorious for gambling. The liquor license had been obtained on April 30, 1955, by GORDON FOSTER, a nephew of FRANK "BUSTER" WORTMAN described as a "Capone Gang lieutenant". MU.

The article concluded that ALVIS ENGE, the chairman of the license committee, stated he had checked the Sheriff's Office, learned there had been no recent law violation at the Red Rooster, and had no reason to refuse approval. In the past, the Red Rooster has used a Madison County license.

Appearing in the St. Louis Post Dispatch on May 25, 1955, was an editorial captioned "Eyes on VITALE and WORTMAN". The editorial set forth "The gangsters are making wary passes at each other over control of the gambling activities in this area. Admittedly the situation is a bit tense, but the police of St. Louis, the County, and the East Side know exactly whom to watch—JOHN J. VITALE and FRANK "BUSTER" WORTMAN, rival gangsters."

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It continued that a photograph of WORTMAN in the police files "is mighty well thumbed". VITALE had just been questioned by police about the mysterious disappearance of two former associates of WORTMAN and the finding of their bullet-riddled automobiles. VITALE said he knew nothing and that he had been away from St. Louis for 15 months.

The St. Louis Globe Democrat of May 24, 1955, contained an article concerning the finding of bullet-riddled Cadillacs owned by BIRNEY T. "CHICK" HAVEY, JR., and KENNETH MUELLER, who disappeared the previous week leaving their bullet-riddled Cadillacs behind. It set forth that JOHN J. VITALE had been questioned concerning these automobiles and the whereabouts of HAVEY and MUELLER. MO.

The article concluded that the questioning of VITALE had failed to shed any light on a report that he had become associated with HAVEY and MUELLER in East St. Louis book making operations. HAVEY and MUELLER were formerly associated with FRANK WORTMAN, notorious East St. Louis gambler, but broke with him several months ago. VITALE told the officers on May 23, 1955, that he knew WORTMAN, that there were no hard feelings between them and never had been.

The St. Louis Post Dispatch of May 23, 1955, set forth that JOHN J. VITALE had been arrested in the investigation of a reported underworld fight over gambling activities which had led to attempts on the lives of HAVEY, JR., and MUELLER, former associates of WORTMAN.

According to the article, VITALE is said to have backed efforts of HAVEY, MUELLER, and J. FRED KOENIG, former St. Louis politician, to set up on the East Side a racing results service, in competition with the gambling dynasy of WORTMAN, notorious gangster. (J. FRED KOENIG was murdered in the Spring, 1955, by unknown persons.)

According to the newspaper, Chief Deputy Sheriff WILLIAM SMITH, of St. Louis County, said VITALE had been picked up for questioning on KOENIG's whereabouts and for information concerning the racing news service on the East Side. The service was started a few months ago shortly after HAVEY was fired by WORTMAN as manager of his Terrace Lounge, an East Side night club. After HAVEY was fired by WORTMAN because of his rough handling

of unruly customers, he took MUELLER, a doorman at the club, with him. The two rented an apartment upstairs over KOENIG. This apartment was then used as a base of racing results service which challenged the domination of WORTMAN over horse racing and baseball betting in the St. Louis area. According to the newspaper article, the competition afforded by HAVEY, MUELLER, and KOENIG to the WORTMAN group reportedly resulted in shots being fired into the automobiles of HAVEY and MUELLER. MUELLER was wounded two or three times.

An article appearing in the St. Louis Post Dispatch of April 24, 1955, reported that sentencing of LOUIS "RED" SMITH, a one-time member of the Old Egan's Rats Gang who was convicted of income tax evasion on April 23, 1955, had been scheduled for May 12, 1955. SMITH had been convicted of evading payment of taxes in 1947. Testimony had been introduced by the defense that loans had been received by SMITH from JOHN P. CONNER, former operator of the old Hyde Park Club, and ~~FRANK "TRUSTER" WORTMAN~~, East Side gang leader. M.D.

SMITH, WORTMAN, and CONNER were reported to be top men in the organization of the Plaza Amusement Company, a firm dealing in distribution of juke boxes and vending machines in the late 1940's that reportedly soon dominated the juke box business in the St. Louis area by use of "muscle".

The St. Louis Globe Democrat of April 20, 1955, set forth that testimony had been introduced in the defense of SMITH that he had borrowed \$12,000 from FRANK WORTMAN, considered "Czar of the Capone betting syndicate of this area".

EDWARD WORTMAN, President of Plaza Amusement Company, testified his brother, FRANK, had loaned SMITH about \$12,000 in approximately 1947.

Concerning the shooting of ROLLA "BLACKIE" DEAN, notorious hoodlum and bomber who was killed on December 4, 1954, by his wife, the December 5, 1954, issue of the St. Louis Globe Democrat set forth this shooting took place at the Paddock Tavern, East St. Louis, Illinois. This tavern was operated by TED WORTMAN, brother of FRANK WORTMAN.

The St. Louis Post Dispatch of May 5, 1955, set forth that an establishment operating above the Terrace Lounge, East St. Louis, Illinois, and thought by police to be a clearing house of racing information for the

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St. Louis area handbooks, was raided on May 4, 1955. Seven telephones and a quantity of betting paraphenalia were seized and two men were placed under arrest. The Terrace Lounge is a tavern and restaurant owned by FRANK WORTMAN.

The St. Louis Post Dispatch of May 8, 1955, contained an article stated that the control of the baseball betting business in the St. Louis area had been taken over by FRANK "BUSTER" WORTMAN and ELMER "DUTCH" DOWLING, East Side gangsters, as reportedly told to the Post Dispatch on May 7, 1955. It was estimated that the total amount bet in St. Louis County and St. Louis, Missouri, and the East Side in Illinois each week amounted to about \$500,000 giving a return to the operators of \$50,000.

The article set forth that the WORTMAN-DOWLING gang took control of the baseball betting through intimidations of operators of gambling establishments. The gang suggested that operators in St. Louis, Missouri, should move to East St. Louis, Illinois. It proposed to take a 20% cut of the profits. This proposal did not appeal to the approximately 50 bookies to whom it was made. This stubbornness reportedly angered the East Side hoodlums who then announced, "Stay here, but our cut will now be 50%."

At approximately the time that the automobiles of MUELLER and HAVEY were found, the automobile of Police Commissioner RUSSEL T. BEEBE of the East Side was bombed by unknown persons.

The May 18, 1955, issue of the St. Louis Post Dispatch contained an article indicating that MUELLER and HAVEY had disappeared. It stated that the WORTMAN group suspected MUELLER and HAVEY of bombing Commissioner BEEBE's machine in order to cast suspicion on WORTMAN, whose big scale gambling operations already had a bad start.

The St. Louis Post Dispatch of May 22, 1955, had an article that two East St. Louis policemen had arrested WORTMAN on May 21, 1955, and questioned him regarding the whereabouts of MUELLER and HAVEY. WORTMAN reportedly stated he was then at his home, Number 2 Summit Drive, Collinsville, Illinois, at the time of the shooting and he had no theories as to the reason of the shooting.

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The article continued that HAVEY and MUELLER operated the Playdium, an East St. Louis night club, together with J. FRANK KOENIG. In 1952 HAVEY, KOENIG and KOENIG's wife were convicted of re-using whiskey bottles in the Playdium. Soon thereafter they sold the club at 349 Collinsville Avenue. WORTMAN then invited HAVEY to take a share in the management of the Terrace Lounge at 127 Collinsville Road. HAVEY reportedly paid \$15,000 for his interest in this night club. Subsequently WORTMAN fired HAVEY, at which time MUELLER left with HAVEY as mentioned above. WORTMAN reportedly refused to return the \$15,000 to HAVEY which he had received in the club. HAVEY, MUELLER, and KOENIG then entered the horse racing betting business in competition with WORTMAN. Bitterness between the two groups increased and police have been informed in recent weeks that WORTMAN and HAVEY had openly threatened each other.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: November 10, 1955

FROM : SAC, ST. LOUIS (33-93E-5)

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SUBJECT: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, Was. "Buster", "Bus"
TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE

Re Springfield letter to Director dated October 5, 1955.

Enclosed herewith for the completion of the Bureau's files are two autostat copies of St. Louis letter to Springfield dated October 13, 1955, concerning the above captioned subject.

Enclosed for the Springfield Division are two autostat copies of St. Louis Letter to Director dated October 12, 1955, concerning WORTMAN.

Subsequent to the date of correspondence previously mentioned, the following information has been received by this office regarding WORTMAN.

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SAC, ST. LOUIS (33-93E)

FRANK LEONARD WORMAN,
Wa. "Buster"
TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE

Re Springfield letter to the Director dated 10/5/55
captioned as above.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: March 30, 1956

FROM : SAC, ST. LOUIS (33-93E5)

SUBJECT: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, FBI No. 739 186
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE INTELLIGENCE FILE
(TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE)
ST. LOUIS DIVISION

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There follows a supplemental summary regarding the activities of FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN.

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WORTMAN has been the subject of a large amount of publicity in the St. Louis newspapers during the past several months. These articles concerned WORTMAN's operation of the Terrace Lounge and the Red Rooster, and the purported violence growing out of a struggle for control of handbooks, racing news information, and gambling in the St. Louis area.

An article appearing in the August 12, 1955, issue of the St. Louis Post Dispatch stated that operations of a gambling syndicate headed by BUSTER WORTMAN had been transferred from the Club Preview, 8001 Collinsville Road, Madison County, Illinois, to another casino near the Cahokia Downs Race Track on the eastern outskirts of East St. Louis, Illinois, in St. Clair County. Gambling at the Club Preview was suspended about two weeks previous when the racing season ended at the Fairmount Park Race Track.

The September 21, 1955, issue of the St. Louis Post Dispatch contained an article which stated that Mayor ALVIN G. FIELDS, East St. Louis, Illinois, was considering a suggestion made by Police Commissioner RUSSELL T. BEEBE that the Terrace Lounge, 127 Collinsville Avenue, owned by BUSTER WORTMAN be declared a nuisance.

On June 24, 1955, PETER PONDOFF, a bartender, fired seven bullets into the front door of the Terrace Lounge. An article appearing in the September 23, 1955, issue of the St. Louis Post Dispatch stated that an investigation was being conducted into a severe beating PONDOFF was supposed to have received recently. PONDOFF, according to the article, said he fired the shots after he had been struck on the head by a relative of JAMES MICHAELS, former cuckoo gangster from St. Louis.

An article appearing in the November 2, 1955, issue of the St. Louis Post Dispatch stated that WORTMAN's Club Preview located on U.S. Highway 40 near Fairmount Park Race Track in Madison County, was raided the

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previous night by Illinois State Police who smashed their way in with an ax, took the names of 53 well-dressed customers, and arrested one individual, ROBERT DUNNE, who identified himself as the Manager. The Club's liquor license was issued to JACK LANGER. The gambling wing of the Club was called the Club Corona and was formerly known as the Mounds Club. WORTMAN was present during the raid but was in the night club portion of the Club Preview. State Police, according to the article, were not accompanied by local authorities which was under the jurisdiction of Sheriff KENNETH OGLE.

The fact that officers from the Madison County Sheriff's Office were not present during the raid resulted in a large amount of publicity regarding a clash between the Illinois State Police and Sheriff OGLE. In an article appearing in the November 3, 1955, issue of the St. Louis Globe Democrat, Superintendent PHIL BROWN of the Illinois State Police, said that he personally ordered the raid after he had sent two gambling complaints about the club to OGLE the last in May and nothing had been done about the gambling.

The November 4, 1955, issue of the St. Louis Post Dispatch contained an article which stated that informations were filed against ROBERT DUNNE, JACK LANGER, and the Corona Club, Inc., in connection with gambling at WORTMAN's Club Preview.

The November 8, 1955, issue of the St. Louis Post Dispatch contained an article which stated that WORTMAN's Red Rooster Tavern, 8800 Collinsville Road, was bombed on that date and police were checking reports that the bomb was exploded by members of a group of young hoodlums who have been in open rebellion against WORTMAN's tight control of St. Louis area rackets. The tavern's license is issued by St. Clair County to GORDON FOSTER, nephew of WORTMAN, and the establishment operates as the "Red Rooster Recreation Club". The November 23, 1955, issue of the St. Louis Globe Democrat contained an article which stated that the liquor license of the Red Rooster was revoked the previous day by the St. Clair County Excise Commission.

The December 7, 1955, issue of the St. Louis Post Dispatch contained an article which stated that a man-made island surrounded by a ditch about 40 feet deep was under construction on land in the Bethel Church area near Collinsville which is owned by an associate of FRANK BUSTER WORTMAN. According to the article, WORTMAN was in the area looking

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over the tract before it was purchased and has been back several times to observe the progress of construction. [REDACTED] b7c

The December 30, 1955, issue of the St. Louis Globe Democrat contained an article which stated that GORDON FOSTER, nephew of WORTMAN, was ordered December 29, 1955, to stand trial on a bookmaking charge.

The January 25, 1956, issue of the St. Louis Post Dispatch contained an article which stated that Illinois State Police would investigate reports that gambling was again flourishing at the Club Preview.

The January 26, 1956, issue of the St. Louis Globe Democrat contained an article which stated that ROBERT DUNNE, Club Preview Manager, was found guilty of possession of gambling devices and fined \$500.00. State's Attorney nolle prossed a charge against JACK LANGER and against the Club Corona, Inc.

Associates

As has been set out herein before, the associates of WORTMAN include [REDACTED] ELMER DUTCH DOWLING, [REDACTED] b7c

Legitimate and Illegitimate Business

WORTMAN's connection and his reported interest has previously been set out in connection with the Terrace Lounge, the Red Rooster, the Club Preview, the Paddock, and the Plaza Amusement Company.

Hang-Outs and Places of Amusement Frequented

Other than the above-listed four taverns in which WORTMAN is reported to have an interest, BUSTER WORTMAN has on occasion, been seen at the Sorrento's Restaurant and Cocktail Lounge, 341 DeBaliviere, St. Louis, Missouri. This information has been reported herein before.

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A current Identification Record of FRANK WORTMAN, FBI No. 739 186, does not reflect any arrests subsequent to February 24, 1954. His Identification Record has previously been set out.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: April 2, 1956

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SAC, SPRINGFIELD (94-81A)

SUBJECT:

FRANK LEONARD "BUSTER" WORTMAN
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE INTELLIGENCE FILE
(TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE)

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN

Captioned subject who has FBI Number 739-186 still is active in the St. Louis-East St. Louis area. At the present time no information is available as to his exact address.

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WORTMAN's estranged wife, DOROTHY, and his children are reported as still living in the palatial home built recently in the Morris Hills subdivision of Collinsville, Illinois by WORTMAN. b7D

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WORTMAN has been reported as having bought immunity from prosecution by local authorities in St. Clair and Madison Counties in Illinois by his "payoffs" and political contributions to local politicians and law enforcement officials in these counties.

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this newspaper has been advocating editorially that Madison and St. Clair Counties should rid themselves of WORTMAN and all his gang. This crusade by this paper has been getting progressively more vigorous during the past year. The paper is being aided currently in this campaign by local politicians and office holders, including law enforcement agencies in the area who try to "smear" their political opponents in this election year by press releases as to apathy on the part of certain police departments or the Sheriff's Office. An example of this was recent press releases by the St. Clair County Judge WILLIAM FLEMING in which he was reported as saying

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juvenile delinquency in East St. Louis, Illinois is so bad it has reached "epedemic proportions". The newspaper in turn blames the current wave of lawlessness and juvenile delinquency in the East St. Louis area on the continued apathetic attitude of local law enforcement agencies in their toleration of WORTMAN and his gang.

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FRANK LEONARD "BUSTER" WORTMAN
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Reur Memorandum 4/2/56.

Furnish the Bureau the identity of the individual or source furnishing each specific item of information set forth in re memorandum concerning the captioned individual.

In all future summaries submitted in connection with this program specifically identify the source furnishing each item of information.

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TO : Director, FBI
FROM : SAC, Springfield (94-81A)
SUBJECT: FRANK LEONARD "BUSTER" WORTMAN
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DATE: 6/22/56

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The sources of the information in referenced Springfield letter are as follows:

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Salt Lake City also advised that information had been received in Las Vegas that WORTMAN was to furnish part of the bank roll for the new Hotel Fremont, presently under construction, which is supposed to open June 11 or 15, 1956. Also that a number of persons have large financial interests in this new hotel, some of them being from Detroit and one individual from Omaha and one from Milwaukee.

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Assistant Attorney General
Warren Olney III

August 10, 1956

Director, FBI

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FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, with alias
Frank "Buster" Wortman
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Reference is made to your memorandum dated August 3, 1956, your file 123-24-0, concerning captioned matter.

Pursuant to your request, our files are being reviewed, and you will be furnished with information with respect thereto.

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NOTE: By memorandum 8-3-56, received Investigative Division 8-7-56, Olney transmitted 2 copies of a 5-page memorandum from Virginia J. Wolfe, Chief, Organized Crime and Racketeering Section, addressed to Olney with respect to Frank Wortman and his associates. The memorandum from Wolfe to Olney contained the names of 29 individuals with various aliases who appear to be associated with Wortman. Olney requested Bureau to furnish the Criminal Division with information concerning the association, activities and other known associates together with criminal records of the individuals referred to in the memorandum from Wolfe to Olney. This matter was the subject of a separate memorandum Rice to Rosen 8-9-56 pointing out that we would handle this request from Olney in the ordinary course of business taking into consideration the other important matters which are on the desk and will be arising during the handling of this project. The matter will be given continuous attention.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen *RW*

DATE: 8-9-56

FROM : Mr. Price *HP*

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SUBJECT: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, wa.
Frank "Buster" Wortman
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By memo dated 8-3-56, received Investigative Division 8-7-56, AAG Olney transmitted 2 copies of a 5-page memo from Virgil J. Wolfe, Chief, Organized Crime and Racketeering Section, addressed to Olney with respect to captioned individual and his associates.

Olney requested the Bureau to furnish the Criminal Division with information we have concerning the association, activities and other known associates together with criminal records of the individuals referred to in the memo from Wolfe to Olney. The memo from Wolfe to Olney, a copy of which is enclosed, is a 5-page memo which contains 29 names with various aliases who would appear to be associated with Wortman. Many of these individuals are of the hoodlum element and Wortman is a top hoodlum. It should be noted that Olney did not specify why he wanted this information.

We had the indices checked on Wortman and the various other individuals, and the Records Section listed approximately 50 pages of references on these individuals which do not include approximately 500 references which may be identical with some of these individuals and which will have to be reviewed.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that this matter be handled in the ordinary course of business taking into consideration the other important matters which are on the desk and will be arising during the handling of this project. The matter will be given continuous attention. No additional personnel are being assigned to this project. Separate memorandum is being sent to Olney acknowledging receipt of his memorandum.
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 8/14/56

~~WFF~~ : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (94-81A)

SUBJECT: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN
Wa. "Buster"
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE INTELLIGENCE FILE
(TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE)

Captioned subject, FBI No. 739 186, is identical with the subject of the case entitled "FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, Was. Buster, Buss. Victim; Assaulting a Federal Officer, SI 89-17" which the Bureau was sent a teletype July 9, 1956, by the Springfield Office concerning a reported assault by WORTMAN on victim [redacted] in the Paddock Tavern, East St. Louis, Illinois.

"East St. Louis Journal" July 10, 1956, reported that WORTMAN testified before a Federal Grand Jury at Springfield, Illinois, that date in connection with the investigation of Madison County, Illinois, gambling. United States Attorney JOHN B. STODDART, JR. of Springfield was quoted as declining comment on whether one of the reasons WORTMAN had been subpoenaed before the Federal Grand Jury was in connection with the assault incident.

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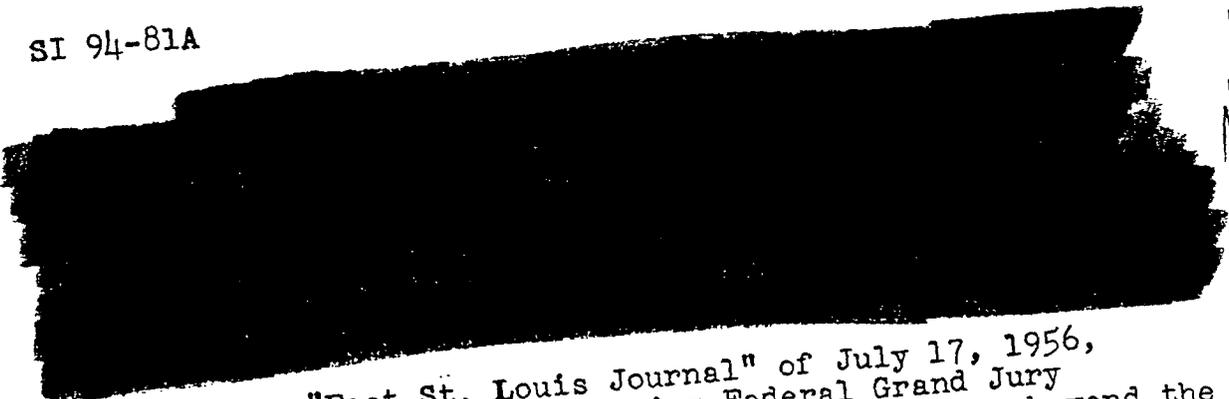
The "East St. Louis Journal" of July 17, 1956, quoted Assistant United States Attorney JACK C. MORRIS as saying the Federal Grand Jury at Danville, Illinois, would hear between thirty and forty witnesses including employees and customers of the Paddock Tavern. This news article also said there are indications that the Federal Grand Jury probe would extend beyond the slugging of the Internal Revenue Agent and that the records of at least one East St. Louis, Illinois, firm had been subpoenaed indicating an income tax probe.

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The "East St. Louis Journal" of July 17, 1956, carried a special story concerning Federal Grand Jury investigation of WORTMAN activities as mushrooming beyond the assault case and quoted Assistant United States Attorney MORRIS as saying that DAVID CRIVELLO, Manager of the Broadview Hotel, East St. Louis, Illinois, had been subpoenaed before the Federal Grand Jury to appear July 20, 1956, with certain hotel records. CRIVELLO was quoted by this article as saying that the Grand Jury wanted information concerning a suite of rooms at the Broadview Hotel allegedly "used" by WORTMAN, which suite was rented to SAM MAGIN, former manager of the Paddock Tavern, which was reported in this article as controlled by WORTMAN. This same article stated that the following persons had been subpoenaed also to appear before the Federal Grand Jury:

EDWARD C. RYAN,
116 East Walton Place,
Chicago, Illinois;

EUGENE G. TEBEAU,
5897 Rhodes Avenue,
St. Louis, Missouri.

The "East St. Louis Journal" on July 22, 1956, gave a special story by CHARLES L. STEWART indicating the Federal Grand Jury inquiry which started with a two day investigation of WORTMAN's activities at Danville, Illinois, on July 19 and 20, would be resumed by the Federal Grand Jury at East St. Louis, Illinois, during the month of August, quoted AUSASMORRIS and MAAG as saying the WORTMAN case would be handled by another Grand Jury at East St. Louis.

The article named as witnesses having appeared before the Federal Grand Jury at Danville, in addition to those mentioned above:

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WILLIAM MC VEIGH
Broadview Hotel Bell Man;

Mrs. SAM MAGAN, Wife of
Former Manager of hotel;

Mrs. HELEN WARD,
1409 St. Louis Avenue,
East St. Louis, Illinois;
(listed as Vice-president and
Director of the Terrace, 127
Collinsville Avenue, East St. Louis,
and sister of the late Mrs. CATHERINE
MAULE, former Paddock organization
bookkeeper and secretary-treasurer of
Terrace at the time of her death in
June of 1955;)

LEO EEHNER, Head Bartender,
Paddock Club;

Mrs. ADA MC CORMICK,
7911 Broadview Avenue,
East St. Louis, Illinois,
Waitress at the Paddock;

FRETZ ALEISON,
4526 Beacon Place,
St. Louis, Missouri,
Head waiter at the Paddock;

HERMAN CLEIN
3208 Olive Street,
St. Louis, Missouri,
A waiter;

Mrs. MARY STRONG,
703 Lillian Street,
Collinsville, Illinois,
Kitchen cashier;

LOUIS MITCHELL,
Collinsville, Illinois,
A porter;

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LESTER GOLLIDAY,
902 Trendley Avenue,
East St. Louis, Illinois,
Dishwasher;

MC KINLEY EVANS,
A chief;

The "East St. Louis Journal" of July 31, 1956, carried a news article indicating WORTMAN had been served with another subpoena thus joining a list of approximately thirty witnesses which includes his brother EDWARD WORTMAN, Wa. Ted Wortman; Chief aide ELMER "Dutch" DOWLING; and SAM MAGIN to appear before the Federal Grand Jury at East St. Louis during the first part of August, 1956. The article also indicated that the Federal Grand Jury at East St. Louis was to continue the probe of the slugging of the Internal Revenue Agent and is to investigate all phases of WORTMAN's activities. The article quoted AUSA MORRIS as saying the transcripts of testimonies of witnesses at Danville, will be read to the new Federal Grand Jury or key witnesses will be subpoenaed again if necessary.

The "Belleville News-Democrat" newspaper Belleville, Illinois, on July 25, 1956, quoted United States Attorney C. M. RAEMER of East St. Louis, Illinois, as stating he had recalled the Federal Grand Jury to meet August 10, 1956, to investigate FRANK "Buster" WORTMAN's business activities in St. Clair and Madison Counties. The article also quoted RAEMER as saying the new inquiry would take up not only the slugging of the Internal Revenue Agent but other aspects of WORTMAN's operations including his tieup with gambling.

The "East St. Louis Journal" of July 22, 1956, in the column "On The Home Front by Tom Duffy" stated that the Federal Government seems well on its way, at last, to an all out investigation of gangster FRANK "Buster" WORTMAN and his associates.



SI 94-81A

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For the information of the Bureau, the Springfield Office has excellent relations with the Office of the United States Attorney in Springfield and in East St. Louis, Illinois, and as soon as the opportunity presents itself, it is contemplated those offices will furnish voluntarily the information concerning the progress of the Federal Grand Jury inquiry to date. Inasmuch as this Bureau is not conducting any investigation of WORTMAN in connection with this Federal Grand Jury inquiry, no direct inquiries will be made by the Springfield Office in the absence of any allegation of violation within the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau.

SI 94-81A

For the information of the Bureau, all of the newspapers in the greater St. Louis area including those on the Illinois side of the Metropolitan area are following the Federal Grand Jury's probe of WORTMAN and his activities very closely



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In conclusion, the St. Louis Office is requested to furnish Springfield any pertinent information coming to the attention of that office in connection with this inquiry and anything which pertains to ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING, Wa. Dutch, FBI No. 1644 966. Copies should be designated for Springfield file 94-81B which is the Top Hoodlum File on DOWLING.

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The Bureau will be kept advised of developments in connection with this matter as well as any further developments in the assaulting of a Federal Officer case SI 89-17 the title of which is set out in the beginning of this letter.

Assistant Attorney General
Warren Olney III

August 21

Director, FBI

**FRANK LEONARD WOLFMAN, with alias,
Frank "Buster" Kortman
INFORMATION CONCERNING**

Reference is made to your memorandum dated August 3, 1956, your file 123-24-0, concerning captioned matter.

Pursuant to your request, there are enclosed identification records on individuals whose names appear to be similar with the names mentioned in your memorandum of August 3, 1956. The Bureau does not know whether the enclosed records are identical with the individuals mentioned in your memorandum.

Based upon the information furnished in referenced memorandum, this Bureau could not locate any identification records which could be identified with the following individuals:

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Our files are being checked with respect to the various individuals mentioned in referenced memorandum and you will be advised with respect thereto.

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- Boardman _____
- Belmont _____
- Mason _____
- Mohr _____
- Parsons _____
- Rosen _____
- Tamm _____
- Nease _____
- Winterrowd _____
- Tele. Room _____
- Holloman _____
- Gandy _____

NOTE: By memorandum 8/3/56, received Investigative Division 87736, Olney transmitted two copies of a five-page memorandum from the chief of the Organized Crime and Racketeering Section of the FBI, Division addressed to Olney with respect to captioned individual and his associates. Olney requested the Bureau to furnish him with information we have concerning the association, activities and other known associates together with criminal records of the individual referred to in the memorandum from Wolfe (chief of Organized Crime and Racketeering Section) to Olney. In The memorandum from Wolfe to Olney

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contained 28 names with various aliases and many of these individuals are of the top hoodlum variety. We are checking our files with respect to the names mentioned in Wolfe's memorandum and by separate memorandum information will be furnished to Olney with respect thereto. Since we have the identification records available, we are sending them to Olney at this time.

The identification records on the following individuals are being transmitted:

1. [REDACTED]
2. [REDACTED]
3. [REDACTED]
4. [REDACTED]
5. Elmer Sylvester Dowling, FBI #1644966
6. [REDACTED]
7. Frank Francis Eppelsheimer, FBI #481767
8. [REDACTED]
9. [REDACTED]
10. [REDACTED]
11. Frank Hackett, FBI #42921
12. [REDACTED]
13. [REDACTED]
14. [REDACTED]
15. [REDACTED]
16. [REDACTED]
17. [REDACTED]
18. [REDACTED]
19. [REDACTED]
20. [REDACTED]
21. [REDACTED]
22. [REDACTED]
23. [REDACTED]
24. Frank Leonard Wortman, FBI #739186

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We have previously acknowledged Mr. Olney's memorandum of 8/3/56, pointing out that this matter was receiving attention and he would be advised. A file check with respect to the names submitted by Olney is being handled in due course of business taking into consideration other important matters on the desk.

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September 11, 1956

Assistant Attorney General
Warren Olney III

Director, FBI

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, with alias
Frank "Buster" Wortman
INFORMATION CONCERNING

63-32

Reference is made to our memorandum dated August 22, 1956, your file 123-24-0, concerning captioned matter.

There are enclosed memoranda which contain information from this Bureau's files with respect to the names of twelve of the individuals concerning whom you requested information. The information contained in the enclosed memoranda is based upon a check of the names which you furnished. This Bureau does not know whether the individuals mentioned in the enclosed memoranda are identical with the names which you furnished.

Our files indicate that Frank Hachethal, with aliases, FBI Number 42921 and Frank Eppelsheimer, FBI Number 481767, are deceased. For this reason, memoranda are not being submitted with respect to these two individuals. Identification records were furnished to you by memorandum dated August 22, 1956.

Our files are being reviewed concerning the other names furnished by you and you will be advised with respect thereto.

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NOTE: Olney previously submitted a memorandum concerning the names of 28 individuals and requested that the Criminal Division be furnished with all information in the Bureau files. By memorandum 8/22/56 we furnished Olney with 24 identification records on these individuals. We could not identify any records with 4 of the individuals. We also advised Olney that a check was being made with respect to our files and that he would be advised accordingly. The file check has been handled in due course of business, taking into consideration other important matters on the desk. We have 12 other names which we are presently in the process of checking on, and memoranda will be submitted to the Criminal Division when we have finished reviewing our files.

- Tolson _____
- Boardman _____
- Nichols _____
- Belmont _____
- Harbo _____
- Mohr _____
- Parsons _____
- Rosen _____
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- Holloman _____
- Gandy _____

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Mr. Boardman	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mason	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Parsons	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tamm	✓
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Mr. Winterrowd	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Holloman	_____
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DIRECTOR, FBI U R G E N T

GRAND JURY INQUIRY, E. ST. LOUIS, ILL., FRANK BUSTER WORTMAN.

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GEN. INVESTIGATIVE INTELLIGENCE FILE. USA-S OFFICE, EDI, E.

ST. LOUIS, HAS REQUESTED BACKGROUND INFO ON CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS

TO BE CALLED BEFORE GRAND JURY AND HAS REQUESTED BUREAU TO

FORWARD IDENT. RECORDS ON FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS-

[REDACTED]

FRANK WORTMAN,
FBI NO. SEVEN THREE NINE ONE EIGHT SIX - [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

EDWARD DOWLING, FBI NO. ONE SIX
FOUR FOUR NINE SIX SIX - [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BARTMANN, DOB OCT. [REDACTED]

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Mr. Tamm

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OFFICE WHICH CAN BE IDENTIFIED WITH THESE INDIVIDUALS WHICH
INFO WILL NOT REVEAL ANY INFORMANTS AND NO GEN. INTELLIGENCE
INFO WILL BE FURNISHED.

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AND SUPERVISOR
INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

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September 5, 1956

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AIRMAIL

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FROM JUNE DUNN,
S. W. LANE, JR.,
STATE DEPT. TOWER

Reurlet September 4, 1956.

Identification records of following individuals enclosed in accordance with your request:

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Frank Fortson [REDACTED]

** Edward Bowling 1 644 226

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[REDACTED] (1)

1 [REDACTED] 24 5712 Bureau (Street)
cc Urlet to Edward Bowling

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Assistant Attorney General
Warren Olney III

September 14, 1956

Director, FBI

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9/11/56

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN,
with alias Frank "Buster" Wortman
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Reference is made to our memorandum dated
September 4, 1956, your file 123-24-0, concerning captioned
matter.

There are enclosed memoranda which contain
information from this Bureau's files with respect to the
names of five of the individuals concerning whom you
requested information. The information contained in the
enclosed memoranda is based upon a check of the names which
you furnished. This Bureau does not know whether the
individuals mentioned in the enclosed memoranda are
identical with the names which you furnished.

It should also be noted that the information
contained in the enclosed memoranda has not been verified
or corroborated through investigation by this Bureau
except where noted.

Our files are being reviewed concerning the
other names furnished by you and you will be advised with
respect thereto.

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NOTE: Olney submitted a memorandum
requesting a name check on a group of
individuals of the hoodlum element. There
were 28 names in all from the East St. Louis,
Illinois, and St. Louis, Missouri, areas. On 8/10/56, we
acknowledged Olney's memorandum stating we were checking our
files with respect to these names. By memorandum 8/22/56, we
furnished to Olney a list of records and advised him that we
could not locate any records with respect to 11 individuals. By
memorandum 9/4/56, we furnished Olney with memoranda on 12 of
the names he had furnished and we further advised that 2 of the
individuals were deceased and that for this reason memoranda were
not being submitted with respect to these 2 individuals. Including
the 5 memoranda that are enclosed this makes a total of 19 names
which have been checked thus far. A memorandum was previously
submitted with respect to this project pointing out that there
were voluminous references on these individuals in view of their
unsavory background and that this project would be handled in due
course of business.

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- Nichols _____
- Boardman _____
- Belmont _____
- Mason _____
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MEMORANDUM

Re: ~~ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING~~, With Aliases
Elmer "Dutch" Dowling,
~~Elmer Dowling~~, "Dutch"

The name of the above-captioned individual was checked in the files of this Bureau and the following information was noted:

Elmer Sylvester Dowling was the subject of a fugitive investigation by this Bureau 1938 to 1940. A warrant was issued for his arrest at St. Louis, Missouri, charging him with unlawful flight to avoid prosecution for the crime of assault with a deadly weapon. He was apprehended on January 13, 1940. After his apprehension, the United States Attorney at St. Louis declined prosecution since there was no evidence he had fled the State of Missouri. The September 25, 1941, edition of the "St. Louis Post Dispatch" reported that the State Supreme Court set aside the case of Elmer Dowling, an associate of gangsters and a former officer of the Bartenders Union in St. Louis. Dowling had been sentenced to thirty years in the Missouri Penitentiary for assault with intent to kill. He had served sixteen months of his sentence when on May 18, 1942, at St. Louis, Missouri, he was retried and found not guilty and discharged from the penitentiary. (88-669)

Elmer Dowling was in custody of the St. Louis, Missouri Police Department on a charge of suspected gambling on February 12, 1943, and at that time did not have on his person his selective service classification card. An authorized complaint was filed before United States Commissioner John A. Burke, St. Louis, Missouri, on February 13, 1943, charging Dowling with failure to have on his person a classification card of his local selective service board. On February 18, 1943, United States Commissioner John A. Burke of St. Louis, Missouri, dismissed this complaint when Dowling displayed his selective service classification card.

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- Tolson _____
- Nichols _____
- Boardman _____
- Belmont _____
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The May 1, 1947, edition of the "Daily American Republic," a newspaper published in Poplar Bluff, Missouri, published photographs of the Egan and Capone Gangs. Among these was a photograph of Elmer Sylvester Dowling. The article mentioned that members of the above gangs were attempting to muscle in on the jukebox industry by imposing a \$5 a month take on the machines and on the operators. This article mentioned that Captain O. L. Wallace of the Missouri State Highway Patrol at Poplar Bluff, Missouri, had instructed troopers to pick up and bring to jail any of the individuals whose photographs were shown who were found in South East Missouri, because of these alleged activities.

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(62-75147-42-26) (62-33-2) (62-33-6)

Prior to and subsequent to Governor Forest Smith taking office in the state of Missouri, on January 10, 1949, there were numerous articles appearing in St. Louis newspapers alleging that gambling syndicates were going to be wide open in the City of St. Louis and in the State of Missouri, when Governor Smith took office. The July 24, 1949, edition of the "St. Louis Post Dispatch" carried an article which reported that gambling "territory" had already been established in anticipation of the opening of gambling activities through the continued efforts of big-time gamblers and their political associates. It was reported that St. Louis was divided into four sections and that one section had been allocated to Frank "Buster" Wortman and Elmer Dowling, members of the Capone Syndicate. (63-33-2)

The April 12, 1950, edition of the "St. Louis Post Dispatch" St. Louis, Missouri, reported that St. Louis and East St. Louis gangsters had held a conference at the

Hyde Park Club, Venice, Illinois, at which time the assassination of Charles Binnagio was ordered because of his failure to open the State of Missouri for gambling. The article mentioned that uppermost in the minds of the hoodlums gathered at this meeting was the \$50,000 in cash which had been delivered to Jefferson City, Missouri for use in Governor Smith's political campaign.

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The June 23, 1955, edition of the "St. Louis Post Dispatch" reported that Elmer "Dutch" Dowling on June 23, 1955, surrendered voluntarily at the office of the St. Clair County, Illinois Sheriff in connection with the murder of J. Fred Keenig. Dowling denied knowing Keenig and denied having interest in any gambling activities. (62-75147-42-85)

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A published report of hearings before the Special Committee to Investigate Organized Crime in Interstate Commerce, United States Senate, Eighty-First Congress, Second Session, contains information regarding Elmer Dowling on the following

pages of Part 4: page 14; and Part 4A, pages 37, 39, 71, 73, 168, 652, 676, 737, 739, 740, 741, 746 and 821.

The information contained herein has not been verified by investigation by this Bureau except where noted.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
 FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
 WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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J. Edgar Hoover
 Director

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The following FBI record, NUMBER **1644956**, is furnished FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
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[REDACTED]				
C, Glasgow, Mo.	Elmer Sylvester Dowling, #1878-D	1/14/40	aslt. to kill (State witness)	<i>Deletions this Page Pursuant to Archival Authority 66-19087-179 10-26-90</i>
SP Jefferson City, Mo.	Elmer Dowling #53993	5-29-40	aslt. with attempt to kill	30 yrs. decision reversed and remanded 9-26-41
St. Louis Ord. Plant St. Louis, Mo.	Elmer Sylvester Dowling, #48073	applicant for Oiler 12-11-41		
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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.**

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J. Edgar Hoover
Director

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The following FBI record, NUMBER

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	As Elmer J. Dowling, arr. by	PD. St. Louis, Mo.		#20324
	as follows:			
*	3-3-24, CC., 2 yrs.		but par. from bench.	
*	7-24-27, parking		w/o lights, paid costs.	
*	11-11-27 parking		w/o lights, rel.	
*	11-11-27 susp. trans.		liquor, rel.	
*	11-21-27 susp. worthless		check, rel.	
*	11-22-27 worthless		checks, rel.	
*	12-26-27 susp. affray,		rel.	
*	12-26-27 susp. liquor		trans., rel.	
*	1-11-28 Bone Dry Law,		rel.	
*	1-23-28 Bone Dry Law,		rel.	
*	2-23-28 Bone Dry Law,		rel.	
*	3-8-28 Bone Dry Law,		rel.	
*	3-15-28 no city license,		paid costs.	
*	4-4-28 Bone Dry Law,		rel.	
*	5-26-28 gambling,		rel.	
*	6-20-28 gambling,		rel.	
*	7-11-28 gambling,		rel.	
*	2-8-29 susp. robb. and		Bone Dry Law, rel.	
*	9-6-31 careens driving,		rel.	
*	4-30-37 no driver's		license, rel.	
*	5-9-37 5 traffic		violations, \$5. and costs.	
*	5-15-37 inv., rel.			
*	6-2-38 inv., rel.			
*	6-24-38 susp. bombing,		rel.	
*	6-25-38 inv., rel.			
*	7-20-38 inv., rel.			
*	7-24-38 dist. the peace,		disq. for want of pros.	
*	9-16-38, 20 traffic		violations, in default fine of \$300	
*	on each viol., lic. susp. 6		mos. and sent. to C.I. 30	
*	30 days.			
*	#20324, 9-20-38 inv., rel.		PD. St. Louis, Mo.	

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.**

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Director.

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The following FBI record, NUMBER

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	<p>WANTED: As Elmer Sylvester Dowling for assault with intent to kill state witness. Notify SO, Clayton, Mo. per inf. rec. telephonically 11-23-38.</p> <p>STILL WANTED: As Elmer Sylvester Dowling, shooting of state witness. Notify SO Clayton, Mo., per inf. rec. therefrom 11-26-38. In custody per prt. #1878-E, SO, Clayton, Mo.</p> <p>WANTED: As Elmer Dowling for att. murder of witness in bombing case. Notify PD, St. Louis, Mo., per inf. rec. therefrom 12-3-38.</p> <p>STILL WANTED: As Elmer J. Dowling for assault w/i to kill (att. murder of witness in bombing case). Notify PD, St. Louis, Mo., per inf. rec. therefrom 1-20-39. In custody per prt. #1878-D, SO, Clayton, Mo.</p> <p>NO LONGER WANTED: As Elmer Dowling, alias "Dutch", arrested 1-13-40 at St. Louis, Mo., per inf. rec. PD, St. Louis, Mo 1-29-40</p>			

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J. Edgar Hoover
 Director.

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	<p>WANTED BY BUREAU: As Elmer J. Dowling, for UFAP (asslt. w/i kill). Notify BFD, St. Louis, Mo., per inf. rec. their wire dated 11-28-38. In custody per print #1878-D, SO, Clayton, Mo. NO LONGER WANTED BY BUREAU: As Elmer Sylvester Dowling, w.as., Fug. Index #8838, subj. located at St. Louis, Mo., 1-13-40, per Bu. memo dated 1-18-40, Bu. file #88-669.</p> <p>WANTED BY BUREAU: As Elmer Sylvester Dowling, with aliases, for UFAP (asslt. with D.W.) Notify Director, per I.O. #1584, 12-6-38. In custody per print #1878-D, SO, Clayton, Mo. NO LONGER WANTED BY BUREAU: As Elmer Sylvester Dowling, w.as., Fug. Index #8838, subj. located at St. Louis, Mo. 1-13-40, per Bu. memo dated 1-18-40, Bu. file #88-669.</p> <p>WANTED BY BUREAU: As Elmer Sylvester Dowling, with aliases: Elmer J. Dowling, "Dutch", "El", Fug. Index #8838, Bu. file #88-669, O.O., St. Louis, Mo., per inf. rec. 12-23-38. In custody per print #1878-D, SO, Clayton, Mo. NO LONGER WANTED BY BUREAU: As Elmer Sylvester Dowling, w.as., Fug. Index #8838, subj. located at St. Louis, Mo., 1-13-40, per Bu. memo dated 1-18-40, Bu. file #88-669.</p>			

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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J. Edgar Hoover
Director.

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
<p>This case is entered in the Latent Fingerprint Files of this Bureau under #S 1165.</p>				

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	<p>Description:</p> <p>Race: white Sex: male Height: 6'1" Weight: 193 lbs Hair: light chestnut Eyes: grey Complexion: fair Build: slender Scars and marks: cut scar above left brow; cut scar pt of chin Birth: 11-10-04, St. Louis, Mo. Citizenship: American Residence: in 1946, 2825 Sulphur Ave., St. Louis, Mo. Company: in 1941, Fruin-Colnon Contracting Co. Fruco Construction Co. The Massman Construction Co. (as on prt #48073) Occupation: in 1940, Business Man</p> <p>Aliases: "Dutch"; "El"</p> <p>'In view of the fact that no fingerprints or identifying number, such as FBI number or police record number, accompanied your request, this Bureau cannot guarantee in any manner that this record is identical with the individual in whom you are interested.'</p>			

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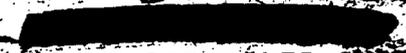
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FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, WA. BUSTER  GIFF.
 RE SPRINGFIELD LETTER DATED AUGUST 14 LAST CAPTIONED QUOTE FRANK
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION

SUBJECT: FRANK "BUSTER" WORTMAN

FILE NUMBER: 63-32 SECTION 2

Assistant Attorney General
Warren Olney III
Director, FBI

October 8, 1956

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FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, with alias
Frank "Easter" Wortman
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Reference is made to our memorandum dated
September 14, 1956, your file 123-24-0, concerning
captioned matter.

There are enclosed memoranda which contain
information from this Bureau's files with respect to the
names of the remaining individuals concerning whom you
requested information. The information contained in
the enclosed memoranda is based upon a check of the
names which you furnished. This Bureau does not know
whether the individuals mentioned in the enclosed
memoranda are identical with the names which you furnished.

It should also be noted that the information
contained in the enclosed memoranda has not been verified
or corroborated through investigation by this Bureau
except where noted.

By memorandum dated August 22, 1956, we
furnished you identification records on 24 individuals.
Among the 24 identification records which were furnished
to you was an identification record on an individual by



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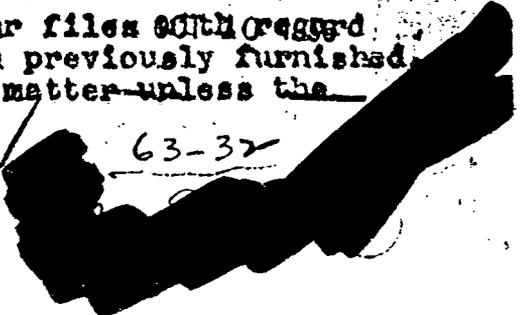
NOV 7 1956 This copy is for check of our files with regard
to the names of the individuals which you previously furnished.
No further action will be taken on this matter unless the
Department so directs.

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NOTE: This is the matter which concerned Olney furnishing a list of hoodlums and racketeers (28) and requesting all information in the Bureau files concerning these individuals. Olney did not advise the Bureau the reason why he wanted the information but it appears that some of these individuals have been called before Federal Grand Juries in the Missouri-Illinois areas and others may be called regarding racketeering and income tax matters. Our project concerning this matter has now been completed and information has been furnished to Olney with respect to all of the individuals whose names he furnished along with identification records concerning the individuals ~~the individuals~~ whom we could possibly identify with the names furnished.

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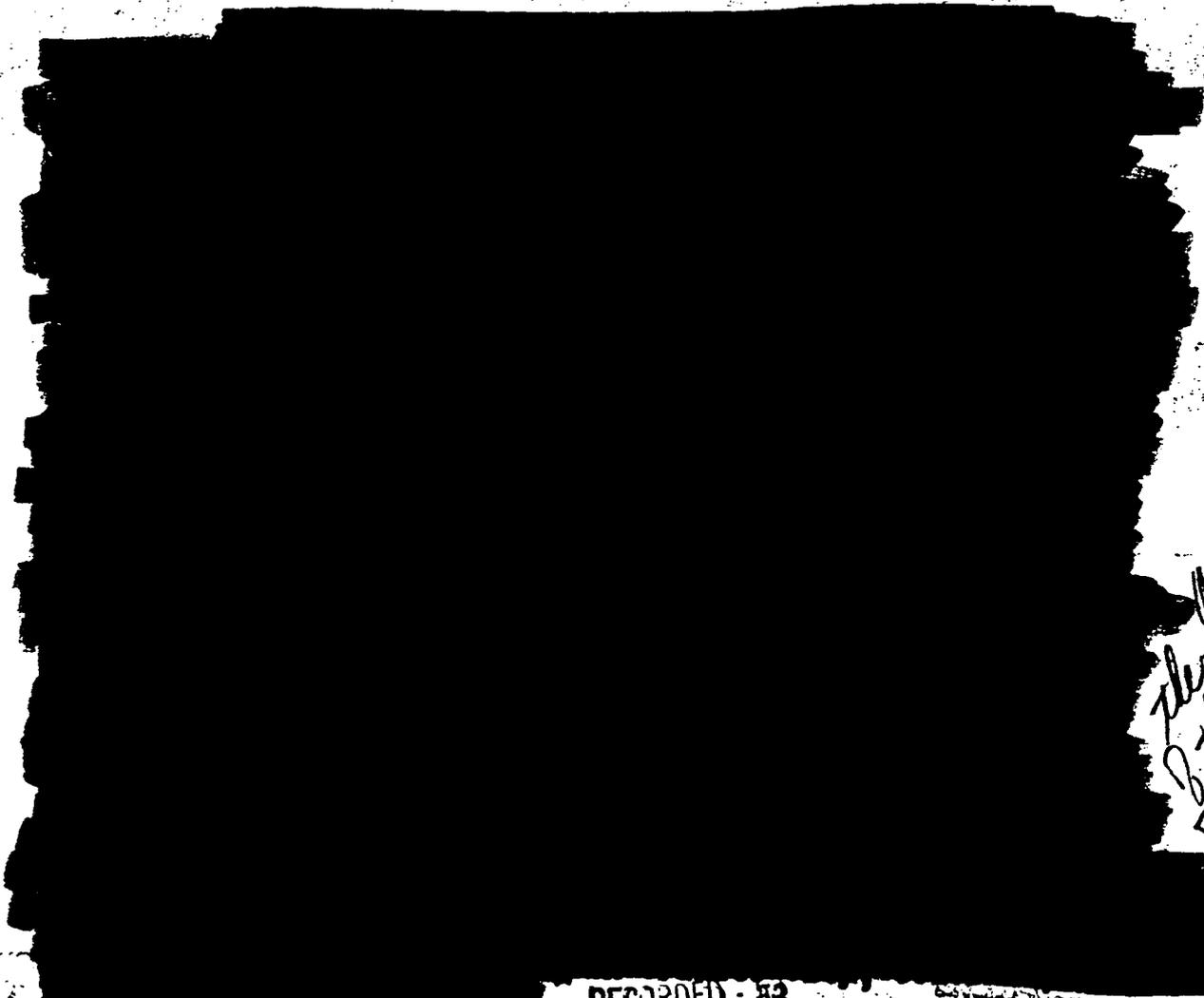
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MEMORANDUM

Summary

RE: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN,
with alias FRANK "BUSTER" WORTMAN



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In August, 1948, the "East St. Louis Journal" carried a story regarding the arrangements for the funeral of the late Frank Cotton Eppelsheimer, to the effect that Eppelsheimer had been hiding out at the home of Frank Wortman, at which time he became ill and he was taken to the hospital by Wortman.

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By memorandum dated March 12, 1954, this Bureau furnished a memorandum to Assistant Attorney General Warren Olney III, Criminal Division, Department of Justice, captioned "Frank 'Buster' Wortman, Contempt of St. Louis Federal Grand Jury." (63-32-2)

In April, 1954, our Springfield Office advised that Frank Wortman was in the city jail at St. Louis, Missouri, where he had been placed by Federal Judge Moore, following a citation for contempt of court. (63-32-4)

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An article appeared in the "St. Louis Post Dispatch," July 31, 1950, which reflected that Wortman, an East Side gangster described by the newspaper as a front man for the Chicago Capone Syndicate, had been served with a subpoena to appear before the Kefauver Committee. (63-32-5)

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The "St. Louis Post Dispatch," in an article dated July 22, 1952, reported that the Empire Club, in Madison County, Illinois, was reopened for business and that Frank "Buster" Wortman, a notorious East Side gangster, was among the backers of this gang.

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The July 2, 1954, issue of the "St. Louis Post Dispatch" contained an article which indicated that Frank "Buster" Wortman whose refusal to tell the Federal Grand Jury his address resulted in his spending 41 days in jail faced more trouble over his Collinsville home with the filing the previous day of a suit for \$8,585 against him for unpaid brick work.

The article revealed that the previous spring Agents of the Internal Revenue Bureau became interested in how Wortman acquired his home.

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The August 22, 1954, issue of the "St. Louis Post Dispatch" contained an article entitled "Revival of Gang Wars Foreseen" by Theodore C. Link. This article concerned

hoodlum and syndicate activities in Chicago and other cities and it revealed that in recent weeks there had been unmistakable signs of restless stirring and maneuvering for power with bigger and more lucrative operations perhaps in the offing. The article said that the sudden removal of Charles "Cherry Nose" Gioe undoubtedly was an inevitable outgrowth of that deep-seated disturbance. It was stated Gioe was a hoodlum of long standing operating near the top level in the Capone Crime Syndicate and in a grim choosing of sides he had been counted in opposition to Tony Accardo who took the reins long ago with the passing of Al Capone. The article stated that the death of Gioe could have been a clear warning that the Accardo forces were prepared to deal directly with any serious challenge to their "top dog" position now that a resurgence and expansion of activity was in the air. It was said that Gioe was aligned with Paul "The Waiter" Ricca, who had been reported to have aspirations for the number one position.

The article related that Frank "Buster" Wortman of East St. Louis, Illinois, chief representative of the syndicate in this area, was regarded as an Accardo man in harmonious relations with Italian and Sicilian elements in Chicago, but he was opposed to them in his own immediate domain. The article continued that the split in the Chicago organization had been going on for some time and that there had been strenuous but futile efforts to resolve it without loss of life. It was also indicated that Wortman and his principal lieutenant Elmer "Dutch" Dowling joined in a high-level conference in Chicago in an attempt to settle the portentous quarrel according to the "St. Louis Post Dispatch." The article mentioned Wortman's spending 41 days in jail and it revealed that rumors of uneasy jockeying among the gansters were in line with reports that Wortman was not too unhappy about being out of reach for awhile.

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The "St. Louis Post Dispatch" dated June 23, 1955, revealed that an order for the arrest of Frank "Buster" Wortman, an East St. Louis gangster, was issued by the East St. Louis Police Department with respect to its investigation of the murder of J. Fred Koenig, a black market liquor operator and former St. Louis politician who had operated a racing news service in East St. Louis, Illinois. (63-32-A)



"The St. Louis Post Dispatch," St. Louis, Missouri, on May 6, 1955, contained an article that Richard I. Carter, State's Attorney, St. Clair County, Illinois, stated that he was investigating the issuance of a liquor license for the Red Rooster Tavern. The Red Rooster Tavern is located on the St. Clair-Madison County line in the 8800 block of Collinsville Road which has been notorious for gambling. The article indicated that the liquor license had been obtained on April 30, 1955, by Gordon Foster, a nephew of Frank "Buster" Wortman described as a "Capone Gang Lieutenant." The article concluded that the chairman of the license committee stated he had checked the Sheriff's office and related there had been no recent violation of law at the Red Rooster and he had no reason to refuse approval. (63-32-13)

"The St. Louis Post Dispatch" on May 25, 1955, contained an editorial to the effect that the gangsters are making wary passes at each other over control of the gambling activities in the local area. The article stated that the situation was a bit tense but the police of St. Louis, the County, and the East Side know exactly whom to watch; namely, John J. Vitale and Frank "Buster" Wortman, rival gangsters. (63-32-13)

"The St. Louis Post Dispatch" on May 23, 1955, revealed that John J. Vitale had been arrested in the investigation of a reported underworld fight over the gambling activities which had led to attempts on the lives of Birney T. "Chick" Havey, Jr., and Kenneth Mueller, former associates of Wortman. According to the article, Vitale was said to have backed efforts of Havey, Mueller and J. Fred Koenig, a former St. Louis politician, to set up on the East Side a racing service in competition with the gambling dynasty of Wortman, a notorious gangster. J. Fred Koenig was murdered in the Spring of 1955 by unknown persons. (63-32-13)

An article appeared in the "St. Louis Post Dispatch" on April 24, 1955, which reported that the sentencing of Louis "Red" Smith, one-time member of the old Egan Rats Gang, who was convicted of income tax evasion on April 23, 1955, had been scheduled for May 12, 1955. Smith had been convicted of evading payment of taxes. Testimony had been introduced by the defense that loans had been received from Frank "Buster" Wortman, an East Side gang leader. Smith and Wortman were reported to be top men in the organization of the Plaza Amusement Company, a firm dealing in the distribution of juke boxes and vending machines in the late 1940's that dominated the juke box business in the St. Louis area by use of "muscle." (63-32-13)

"The St. Louis Globe Democrat" on April 20, 1955, set forth that testimony had been introduced in the defense of Smith that he had borrowed \$12,000 from Frank Wortman who was considered "Czar of the Capone Betting Syndicate of this area." (63-32-13)

"The St. Louis Post Dispatch" of May 5, 1955, set forth information that an establishment operating above the Terrace Lounge, East St. Louis, Illinois, and thought by police to be a clearing house for racing information for the St. Louis area handbooks was raided on May 4, 1955. Seven telephones and a quantity of betting paraphernalia were seized and two men were placed under arrest. The Terrace Lounge is a tavern and restaurant owned by Frank Wortman.

"The St. Louis Post Dispatch" dated May 8, 1955, contained an article stating that the control of the baseball betting business in the St. Louis area had been taken over by Frank "Buster" Wortman and Elmer Dowling, East Side gangsters. It was estimated that the total amount bet in St. Louis County and St. Louis, Missouri, and the East Side in Illinois each week amounted to approximately \$500,000, which gave a return to the operators of \$50,000.

An article was published in the "East St. Louis Journal" on October 11, 1944, reflecting that State's Attorney Louis P. Zerweck was contemplating requesting our Springfield Office to assist in locating certain suspects in a murder at the Club Royal Night Club located on Highway 13, Belleville, Illinois, inasmuch as the suspects had presumably failed to notify their local Selective Service Boards of their change of address.

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The "St. Louis Globe Democrat" dated August 21, 1946, reported that remnants of the Capone Gang were preparing to take over the distribution of racing news on the East Side of St. Louis from the "Ragen Outfit." The newspaper named Frank "Buster" Wortman as one of the "front men." (62-81093-42-10)

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The "St. Louis Post Dispatch" of September 10, 1946, reported that the Capone Gang demanded a cut of racing news profit in the St. Louis, Missouri, area. The article reflected that the Capone Gang of Chicago represented by two Egan gangsters and a notorious East Side hoodlum had made demands to be cut in on the racing news profit in the St. Louis area. Frank "Buster" Wortman was named by the newspaper. (62-81093-42-24)

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The St. Louis Post Dispatch" on April 30, 1950, carried an article entitled "Hard Times Hit East Side Bookies Due to Squeeze by Capone Gang." The article indicated that Frank "Buster" Wortman and his Capone associates who offered wire service at \$30 a week per telephone when they were breaking into the racing wire business have been "putting on the squeeze" to such an extent that handbooks are no longer profitable for the operators. According to the article, Wortman's strict monopoly in the field of racing information service through control of the Pioneer News Service leaves gamblers with no alternative if they wish to go into business. The gamblers had to pay up to \$150 a week per telephone and in addition had to "cut" a representative of the syndicate in for as much as 40 per cent of the daily take. (62-75147-42-52 page 44)

The United States Senate 3rd interim report of the Special Committee to Investigate Organized Crime in Interstate Commerce pursuant to Senate Resolution 202 (81st Congress) entitled "Resolution to Investigate Gambling and Racketeering Activities" 1951, mentions "Buster" Wortman. (62-91933-692 page 46)

The name of Frank "Buster" Wortman appeared on numerous pages of Parts 2, 4, 4-A and 5 of the published reports of the Special Committee to Investigate Organized Crime in Interstate Commerce, United States Senate, 1950-1951. This committee has often been referred to as the Kefauver Committee. (62-91933-615)

The name of "Buster" Wortman appears on page 3 of the report of Special Agent [redacted] at St. Louis, Missouri, September 8, 1948, entitled "Unknown Subjects; Missouri Primary Election, August 6, 1946; Theft of Ballots - Election Laws." A copy of this report was furnished to the Department of Justice. (56-639-1230) b7c

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The name of Frank Wortman is mentioned on page 7 of the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] at Kansas City dated September 8, 1952, in the case entitled "Unknown Subjects; Theft of Ballots, August 6, 1946, Primary Election, Kansas City, Missouri; Election Laws." A copy of this report was furnished to the Department of Justice. (56-639-1568)

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A memorandum dated June 18, 1952, was furnished by this Bureau to Assistant Attorney General James M. McInerney, Criminal Division, Department of Justice, captioned "Payments to Officials of Local Number One, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers - AFL to Obtain Employment at Scott Air Force Base, St. Louis, Missouri." Frank Wortman is mentioned in this memorandum. (100-177006-6)

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The name of Frank "Buster" Wortman appears on pages 59, 100 and 150 of the report entitled "The Juke Box Racket" published by Virgil W. Peterson, operating director, Chicago Crime Commission, Chicago, Illinois, September, 1954. (62-99197-9-26)

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On August 8, 1948, an article appeared in the "St. Louis Globe Democrat" which indicated that Frank "Buster" Wortman was one of the three men who had been called to Chicago, Illinois, to serve as executioners in behalf of the Capone Criminal Syndicate. (62-75147-42-40 page 13)

The name of Frank "Buster" Wortman appears on pages 1 and 4 of the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] at Springfield, Illinois, dated October 7, 1952, in the case entitled "Unknown Subjects; Theft of Ballots, August 6, 1946, Primary Election, Kansas City, Missouri; Election Laws." A copy of this report was furnished to the Department of Justice. (56-639-1580)

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The "St. Louis Globe Democrat" of March 15, 1955, reflected that St. Louis City Jail Warden E. E. Hensley and the Deputy Warden had been placed on leave of absence without pay. The article revealed that the dismissal of Hensley and the Deputy Warden followed the disclosure by the "St. Louis Globe Democrat" that special favors had been received by Frank "Buster" Wortman, a notorious gangster, and certain convicted labor racketeers. (63-30-5)

Frank Wortman, with alias, "Buster" was the subject of an Anti-Racketeering case in 1954. Copies of the reports of Special Agents [redacted] at Springfield, dated March 22, 1954, [redacted] at Springfield, dated May 13, 1954, and [redacted] at Springfield, dated July 22, 1954, were furnished to the Department of Justice. (92-1084) b7c

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The June 23, 1955, issue of the "St. Louis Globe Democrat" contained an article which stated that J. Fred Koenig, former St. Louis politician and convicted "black marketeer," was found murdered June 22, 1955, in East St. Louis, Illinois. His body was found in the trunk of his Cadillac parked in the 2900 Block of College Avenue, East St. Louis, Illinois. One theory of the slaying was that Koenig had been trying to cut into the race betting field dominated by Frank "Buster" Wortman, East St. Louis racketeer boss and notorious hoodlum. The July 3, 1955, issue of the "St. Louis Post Dispatch"

indicated that Frank Wortman had surrendered to St. Clair authorities July 2, 1955, and he was questioned extensively regarding the murder of Koenig. Wortman claimed that he was at a drive-in theater with his children on the night Koenig was murdered. Wortman also denied that he had any connection with gambling in the St. Louis area and he told his interrogators that he was employed as a salesman for the Plaza Amusement Company, St. Louis, Missouri. (62-75147-42-86 pages 81, 84)

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Frank Wortman was a suspect in the robbery of the First National Bank, Rantoul, Illinois, which occurred on June 19, 1934. He was interviewed and he denied any participation in said robbery. No positive identification of Frank Wortman was made by bank employees. (91-8)

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In view of the above information, on May 1, 1947, Troop E of the State Highway Patrol, Poplar Bluff, Missouri, in the "Daily American Republic," a local newspaper, published the photographs of several members of the Egan and Capone Gangs. Among the photographs published was a photograph of Frank "Buster" Wortman. Also in the newspaper on this date was an order by Captain O. L. Wallis to all the troopers in his command to pick up and place in jail any of the above-named individuals found in Southeast Missouri. (62-75147-42-26 pages 11, 12)

The "St. Louis Post Dispatch" of April 20, 1955, set forth information to the effect that George Frank, a certified public accountant for the Plaza Amusement Company, testified that Louis Smith had a \$16,600 interest in the firm operated by hoodlums. According to the article, Frank testified that stock in the firm was held by six persons. One of the men named by Frank was Frank "Buster" Wortman, a Capone Syndicate representative on the East Side. (63-34-6)

The name of Frank Wortman appears on page 4 of the report of Special Agent [redacted] at St. Louis, Missouri, dated April 8, 1946, in the case entitled "Unknown Subjects; Lake State Bank, Richland, Indiana, October 17, 1945; Bank Robbery, (Burglary)." A copy of this report was furnished to the Department of Justice. (91-4181-28) b7c

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The July 19, 1956, edition of the "St. Louis Post Dispatch" St. Louis, Missouri, reported that Orville E. Hodge has had business dealings with Thomas Berry. This article mentioned that Hodge, Berry and Frank Wortman were reported to have been owners of the Esquire Apartment Hotel at Fort Lauderdale Florida. The same article mentioned that Berry and other Illinois gamblers were reported to have advanced Hodge \$30,000 when a behind-the-scenes boon for Hodge for Governor was in the making. The article contained a report that Frank Wortman and Berry were reported to have invested in a gambling casino at Las Vegas, Nevada. However, when the Nevada Gambling Commission began an investigation, Berry and Wortman were reported to have sold out to San Francisco investors. (29-40048-A-7-19-56)

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The "St. Louis Globe Democrat," St. Louis, Missouri, on August 5, 1956, contained an article entitled "Jury May Ask Hodge to Tell Wortman Ties." The article revealed that Orville E. Hodge was expected to be called before a Federal Grand Jury at East St. Louis to tell about his dealings with racket czar, Frank "Buster" Wortman. (63-32)

The "Belleville Daily Advocate," Belleville, Illinois, on August 7, 1956, contained an article captioned "Wortman Probe is Launched By Federal Jurors." The article indicated a Federal Grand Jury probe into the activities of Wortman opened at East, St. Louis, Illinois, on August 7, 1956. The article further indicated that United States Attorney Clifford M. Raemer was handling the matter. (63-32)

In 1933, Frank Wortman was one of several subjects of a theft from interstate shipment case at St. Louis, Missouri.

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The "East St. Louis Journal" of July 17, 1956, quoted Assistant United States Attorney Jack C. Morris as saying the Federal Grand Jury at Danville, Illinois, would hear between 30 and 40 witnesses including employees and customers of the Paddock Tavern. This news article related that there were indications that the Federal Grand Jury probe would extend beyond the "slugging" of an Internal Revenue Agent and that the records of at least one East St. Louis, Illinois, firm had been subpoenaed indicating an income tax

probe

The "East St. Louis Journal" of July 17, 1956, carried a special story concerning the Federal Grand Jury investigation of Wortman's activities as mushrooming beyond the assault case and it quoted Assistant United States Attorney Morris as saying that David Crivello, manager of the Broadview Hotel, East St. Louis, Illinois, had been subpoenaed before the Federal Grand Jury to appear July 20, 1956, with certain hotel records. Crivello was quoted in this article as saying that the Federal Grand Jury wanted information concerning a suite of rooms at the Broadview Hotel allegedly used by Frank Wortman. The suite was rented to Sam Magin, former manager of the Paddock Tavern which was reported in this article as being controlled by Frank Wortman.

The "East St. Louis Journal" of July 22, 1956, carried a special story by Charles L. Stewart indicating that the Federal Grand Jury inquiry which started with a two-day investigation of Frank Wortman's activities at Danville, Illinois, on July 19 and 20, 1956, would be resumed by the Federal Grand Jury at East St. Louis, Illinois, during the month of August. The article quoted Assistant United States Attorneys Morris and Maag as saying that the Frank Wortman case would be handled by another Federal Grand Jury at East St. Louis.

The "Belleville News - Democrat" newspaper, Belleville Illinois, on July 25, 1956, quoted United States Attorney C. M. Raemer of East St. Louis, Illinois, as stating that he had recalled the Federal Grand Jury to meet August 10, 1956, to investigate Frank "Buster" Wortman's business activities in St. Clair and Madison Counties. The article also quoted Raemer as saying that the new inquiry would take up not only the "slugging" of an Internal Revenue Agent but other aspects of Wortman's operations including his tie-up with gambling.

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The information contained hereinbefore has not been verified through investigation by this Bureau except where noted.

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 FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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 Director

The following FBI record, NUMBER 739 185, is furnished FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
FD St Louis Mo	Frank Wortman #22901 ✓	1-17-26	Dyer Act - viol	
USM St Louis Mo	Frank Wartman #--- ✓	12-21-33	aslt on Govt Off	relsd, on bond 1-3-34
SO Belleville Ill	Frank Wortman #--- ✓	4-14-34	mutilating numbers on firearm	dism., relsd. t Govt. Officers - case still pend will probably be brought before CJ in Sept at East St Louis, Ill. or at Oct. term in this city (inf rec 9-1-34)
PD Springfield, Ill	Frank Wortman #5936 ✓	3-23-34	aslt Fed Agent	*10 yrs Leavenworth
USP Leavenworth Kans	Frank Wortman #45253 ✓	7-7-34	resisting US Officer	10 yrs 3-3-41 cond rel
Commanding General Services of Supply US Army Wash DC	Frank Leonard Wortman #32-ORW ✓	3-30-42	applicant for steamfitter	
PD East St Louis Ill	Frank Wortman #--- ✓	12-30-42	Inv	rel
SOS Army	Frank Wortman #107-DEH-3 ✓	3-9-43	steam-fitter	
PD St Louis Mo	Frank Wortman #22901 ✓	3-3-44	invest	released 3-3-44
USM St Louis Mo	Frank Wortman #14203 ✓	2-24-54	contempt of cct	4-6-54 rel subject to reappearance before Federal Grand Jury when notified

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	Description: Race: white Sex: male Height: 5-9 Weight: 170 Hair: brown Eyes: brown Complexion: dark Build: medium Birth: 12-4-04 East St Louis Ill Scars and marks: faint carved scar 1/2" 3rd joint left 3rd finger front. 2 small cir scars 2" above left wrist front and out: faint ver scar 1 1/2" 2nd and 3rd joint right 3rd finger front. Paint ver scar 1" base right hand front. Citizenship: American Residence: 1715 St Louis Ave., East St Louis Ill in 1944 Company: Kupferle-Hicks Mtg. Co., Sub-contractor for H. B. Deal & Co. 5703 Southwest Ave. St Louis Mo			
	*In view of the fact that no fingerprints or identifying number, such as FBI number or other record number, accompanied your request, this Bureau cannot guarantee in any manner that this record is identical with the individual in whom you are interested.			

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Supervisor: [REDACTED] Room 5718

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R# 41 Date 8-8 Searcher [REDACTED]

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I 100-42303	3	you have
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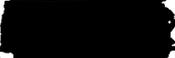
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: September 28, 1956

FROM : SAC, ST. LOUIS

SUBJECT: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, FBI No. 739186
General Investigative Intelligence File
(Top Hoodlum Coverage)
St. Louis Division

There follows a supplemental summary regarding the activities of FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN.

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WORTMAN, during the past several months, has been the subject of a large amount of publicity in St. Louis newspapers. Most of the publicity concerns the appearance of witnesses before the Federal Grand Jury at East St. Louis. This Grand Jury has been investigating the activities of WORTMAN as regards his source of income and various other activities. This Grand Jury, according to the articles, began this particular phase of the investigation on August 7, 1956, held four sessions and was last recessed on September 14, 1956. The articles show the following individuals

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 have been subpoenaed in connection with the WORTMAN inquiry: DAVID F. CRIVELLO - Broadview Hotel employee where WORTMAN has a suite; WILLIAM McVEIGH, Broadview Hotel employee; SAM MAGIN, former manager Paddock Bar; ELMER DUTCH DOWLING, long-time hoodlum associate of WORTMAN; EDWARD TED WORTMAN, brother and business associate of WORTMAN; JOHN P. CONNOR, East Side gambler; JACK LANGER, operator of the Club Prevue; THOMAS BERRY, former Belleville gambler and Illinois Slot Machine King, close friend of ORVILLE E. HODGE; GORDON FOSTER, nephew of WORTMAN and manager of the Red Rooster Tavern; GEORGE (BARNEY BARTS) AUBRIGHT, former president of the Plaza Amusement Company; EDWARD J. (BALDY) O'HARA, associate of WORTMAN and a former president of Terrace, Inc., the corporation which operated the Terrace Inn, a Wortman Night Club, and former bodyguard of WORTMAN; JOHN J. MOONEY, steamfitter, and president of Terrace, Inc.; PETER BIANOULAKIS, wa. Pete Dunne, former manager of the gaming room at Club Prevue; EUGENE JOHN TEBEAU, manager of the Paddock Bar; Mrs. HELEN WARD, sister of Mrs. KATHERINE MAULE, deceased, who was the bookkeeper for the Paddock and Terrace; HARRY A. STERN, friend of WORTMAN family and former gambler; PHILIP MOODY, manager of the Terrace; BART DAVIT, hoodlum and ex-convict, neighbor of WORTMAN and a partner in WORTMAN's gambling enterprises, who was convicted of the 1932 murder of PAUL FLUECK, Maplewood, Missouri grocer; D. C. WATSON, gambler who was connected with the old Eagle Park Lottery, a former policy game operation; FELIX T. McDONALD, gambling associate of WORTMAN and ex-convict who in 1935 received a 60-year sentence for the ransom kidnapping of Dr. ISAAC D. KELLY, JR.; CLAUS "BUD" TIETJE, accountant who was questioned about the Harlem Club, an East Side numbers game; GEORGE ARQUILLA, Las Vegas, majority owner of the California Club, a gambling casino; HARRY TABAK, partner of ARQUILLA; H. T. WORTHINGTON, partner of ARQUILLA; CHARLES KING, Las Vegas accountant.

An article appearing in the April 29, 1956 issue of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch set forth that construction work on a mysterious man-made island, surrounded by a moat, had been resumed in the Bethel Church area near Collinsville, Illinois, under the watchful eye of WORTMAN. The land for the project was purchased by MAGIN who said he was building a boys' club. Residents of the area were fearful that WORTMAN may be building a gambling casino or a well-guarded home, according to the article.

The July 10, 1956 issue of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch contained an article which stated that WORTMAN testified for one hour, twenty-five minutes on that date before a Federal Grand Jury at Springfield, Illinois, which is conducting an investigation to determine if Madison County gamblers have been failing to report their incomes. The Government specifically is seeking to determine whether WORTMAN and other gamblers operating on the East Side have been paying a \$50 a year occupational tax and the 10% tax on gross income. The investigation was started April 6, 1956 after United States District Judge CHARLES G. BRIGGLE sharply criticized Madison County authorities for lack of law enforcement. According to the article United States Attorney JOHN B. STODDARD, JR., Southern District of Illinois, said WORTMAN was questioned about a report that an Internal Revenue Agent, investigating his income, was slugged in the Paddock Tavern, 429 St. Louis Avenue, East St. Louis, Illinois, July 2, 1956. STODDARD described WORTMAN as "the biggest hoodlum of the St. Louis area who has been flouting the law for sometime".

An article in the St. Louis Globe Democrat on July 11, 1956 said the Treasury Agent reportedly recognized WORTMAN as the man who slugged him. The Agent was at the Tavern on a cabaret tax investigation.

An article in the July 14, 1956 issue of the St. Louis Globe Democrat contained an article which said that some forty witnesses had been called before a Federal Grand Jury at Danville, Illinois to testify about the alleged slugging of an Internal Revenue Service Agent by WORTMAN. The witnesses, all employees or patrons of the Paddock, had been served, and most of them were scheduled to appear July 19 and 20, 1956. According to United States Attorney JACK MORRIS, East St. Louis, Illinois, the investigation probably would be moved to East St. Louis.

The July 17, 1956 issue of the St. Louis Globe Democrat contained an article which stated that on July 16, 1956 seven Agents of the Federal Alcohol Tax Unit visited the Paddock and remained about two hours, checking licenses and records and measuring the alcoholic content of bottles behind the bar.

The July 19, 1956 issue of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch contained an article which said that ORVILLE ENOCH HODGE, former Illinois State Auditor, was part-owner of the Esquire Apartment Hotel at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and THOMAS BERRY and WORTMAN were reported to have had a financial interest in the place at one time. It was stated that WORTMAN was considering a number of gambling ventures on Florida's East Coast and in Havana, Cuba.

Most of these plans were discarded after the Kefauver Senate Committee, which investigated organized crime in the United States, threw a spotlight on the situation and Florida authorities cracked down on gambling and vices. WORTMAN reportedly still has an interest in a gambling casino in Havana.

The article said that GEORGE P. COUTRAKEN, State's Attorney, Sangamon County, Illinois, was interested in the report that \$30,000 was advanced to HODGE by BERRY and other gamblers and gangsters in Central and Southern Illinois last year at a time when a behind-the-scenes boom for HODGE for Governor was in the making. Prior to the \$30,000 loan, HODGE, WORTMAN, BERRY, and ELMER DOWLING were said to have invested in a gambling casino at Las Vegas, Nevada, however, the article said that Agents of the Nevada Gambling Commission attempted to prove that they were financially interested, however, straw parties were listed as the investors.

An article in the St. Louis Globe Democrat, dated July 25, 1956, made mention of WORTMAN's demand for the return of \$100,000 to \$150,000 he had contributed to the ORVILLE E. HODGE 1952 Election Campaign, mentioned hereinbefore.

An article appearing in the July 29, 1956 issue of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported that WORTMAN had told Federal authorities he maintains control of various enterprises, including night clubs, by keeping the proprietors in heavy debt to him. The article said that authorities had learned from WORTMAN that the "straw" proprietor of the Paddock Bar owes him \$50,000 under a "gentlemen's agreement" but WORTMAN's name is not on contract or on the deed.

An article appearing in the July 31, 1956 issue of the St. Louis Globe Democrat reported that Special Assistant Attorney General EARL A. JINKINSON was in charge of a Special Grand Jury at Danville, Illinois, checking into possible collusive practices by Illinois State contractors. One aspect of the Government's investigation of highway construction in Illinois is whether there has been an invasion by gangster elements. The article said WORTMAN reportedly is one of those under scrutiny in the probe.

An article in the August 4, 1956 issue of the St. Louis Globe Democrat said that subpoenas would be issued for WORTMAN, DOWLING, BERRY and MAGIN to appear before the Sangamon County Grand Jury investigating the ORVILLE HODGE State Warrants scandal.

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An article in the August 12, 1956 issue of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch said DOWLING and WORTMAN had appeared before that Jury August 10, 1956, but both refused to make statements other than giving their names and addresses on constitutional grounds of possible self-incrimination.

An article in the August 5, 1956 issue of the Globe Democrat said telephone numbers of WORTMAN and two close associates, DOWLING and MAGIN, were found in HODGE's private files. It was stated that listed under "BUS", a nickname for WORTMAN, was the number Bridge 1295. Collinsville 1915R, issued to DOWLING, was listed as were two listings for MAGIN, Collinsville 1043R which was changed to Collinsville 2518. In addition there were seven numbers for THOMAS J. BERRY, contact man for WORTMAN and former Belleville slot machine operator.

An article in the August 6, 1956 issue of the Globe Democrat said the Grand Jury at East St. Louis would go into the activities of at least twelve or thirteen enterprises reputedly dominated by WORTMAN. It was said the Grand Jury would probe - one, the operations of the Paddock, the Terrace Lounge, and the Club Prevue; two, the dealings of the Plaza Amusement Company, a Wortman Enterprise; and, three, the purpose of two WORTMAN associates, MAGIN and DOWLING, on the Board of Directors of the G & B Real Estate Company, which is developing a large-scale subdivision at Columbia, Illinois.

An article in the August 7, 1956 issue of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch said that one of the purposes of the inquiry was to determine if there have been violations of the Federal Anti-Racketeering Laws.

The August 11, 1956 issue of the St. Louis Globe Democrat contained an article which said that MAGIN had been pressured out of the G & B Real Estate Company because of the unfavorable publicity he had been receiving during the Federal Grand Jury investigation of WORTMAN. He reportedly sold out for \$6,000, according to the Company Attorney ADOLPH SCHWARTZ.

The August 28, 1956 issue of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch contained an article which stated that WORTMAN, DOWLING and MAGIN had appeared before the Sangamon County Grand Jury the previous day in connection with any business dealings WORTMAN may have had with HODGE. They refused to tell the Grand Jury whether they knew HODGE, ever gave

him a campaign contribution, received money from him, or made campaign contributions with the understanding that they would get gambling protection. The article quoted WORTMAN as stating that HODGE "doesn't owe me any money now", however, he refused to say whether HODGE was indebted to him in the past.

The August 28, 1956 issue of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch said the Grand Jury at East St. Louis had been unable to find a bank account for WORTMAN. It was further said that the Government was applying the "Net Worth" formula in its effort to determine whether WORTMAN has met his income tax obligations.

The September 15, 1956 issue of the St. Louis Globe Democrat contained an article which said that the Federal Grand Jury at East St. Louis had recessed September 14, 1956 for an "indefinite" period. It was stated that some fifty witnesses to date had been heard.

ASSOCIATES

The names of no associates have come to the attention of the St. Louis Division other than those mentioned above under the section on Criminal Activities. Because of the large number of names, they are not being repeated in this section.

LEGITIMATE AND ILLEGITIMATE BUSINESS

No additional business establishments in which WORTMAN may have an interest have come to the attention of the St. Louis Division other than those which have previously been reported under the Top Hoodlum Program.

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Assistant Attorney General
Warren Olney III

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Reference is made to your memorandum dated October 9, 1956, your file 123-24-141, concerning captioned matter.

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We recently furnished Mr. Olney with memoranda pursuant to his request containing information in the Bureau files, along with identification records on Frank "Buster" Wortman and 27 other individuals with whom he has had associations.

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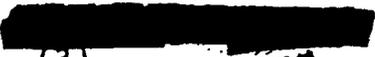
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Inasmuch as all the information which has come to the attention of the Springfield Division during the past several months is contained in the summary submitted on FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, no separate summary is being submitted on DOWLING. However, two copies of the summary on WORTMAN are enclosed with this letter.

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FRANK LEONARD "BUSTER" WORTMAN
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The following is a summary regarding the activities of captioned hoodlum who has FBI Number 739 186.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY

Because of the current Federal Grand Jury inquiry under way at East St. Louis, Illinois, concerning the activities and business connections and interests of WORTMAN, there is being quoted in part hereafter the newspaper article published in the "East St. Louis Journal", East St. Louis, Illinois, August 19, 1956, written by Staff writer RUBEN YELVINGTON which is in part an article covering and bringing up to date the history and activities of this hoodlum.

This article states that back in April, 1934, WORTMAN and his brother, EDWARD WORTMAN, were arrested and charged with participating in a Belleville, Illinois, burglary. FRANK WORTMAN was using an alias of RICHARD FORD and EDWARD WORTMAN was using an alias of TED FLOOR.

FRANK WORTMAN on September 25, 1933, accompanied by the late hoodlum MONROE "BLACKIE" ARMES, assaulted Federal agents during a raid in a whisky still near Collinsville, Illinois, and for this crime WORTMAN received a ten-year sentence in the Federal penitentiary. FRANK WORTMAN was paroled March 6, 1941.

A third man who had been charged with him in March of 1934, one HARLEY GRIZZELL, was later machine-gunned with another gangster, NORMAN FARR, just north of Caseyville, Illinois.

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This article goes on to state that after FRANK WORTMAN was paroled in 1941, he began in New York Empire with remnants of the old SHELTON gang and he soon became associated with the old CAPONE gangsters in Chicago. The above mentioned ARMES was the Southern Illinois lieutenant of the CAPONE element, until his death in 1944, which left FRANK WORTMAN.

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The article also states that some hint of the WORTMAN associations was made public in 1947 when RUTH VIRGINIA WORTMAN, then 22, half-sister of FRANK WORTMAN, was arrested in Kennett, Missouri, and charged with driving a stolen car across the state line. Miss WORTMAN, a Chicago resident then, told the sheriff's deputies at Kennett that she borrowed the car from RALPH CAPONE, brother of the late "Scarface" AL CAPONE, to drive to the funeral of CARL SHELTON, who had been murdered at Fairfield, Illinois, on October 28 of that year. She said after the funeral she had driven to Missouri to visit friends and explained that CARL SHELTON was her godfather.

WORTMAN in about 1945 associated himself with ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING (FBI Number 1644 966), a St. Louis hoodlum who is now living at Collinsville, Illinois. DOWLING, a World War II sergeant in the United States Army, was a prisoner of war. During a sixty-day furlough after his liberation, he was arrested in St. Louis on a traffic charge in May of 1945 and found in possession of a .45 caliber pistol. The license plates on the car he was driving were issued to FRANK WORTMAN.

When the Kefauver Senate Crime Investigating Subcommittee questioned Cook County, Illinois, States Attorney JOHN BOYLE in a closed-door session in 1950, they learned this public official had been an attorney for the Trans-American News Publishing Company organized in Fairmont City by CAPONE interests in 1946. BOYLE told the committee he did "corporate work" for the firm from October 8, 1946, to June 9, 1947, receiving a \$2500 fee.

The Trans-American Publishing Company was set up to muscle in on the Continental Press Service, controlled by gangster JAMES M. RAGEN, since murdered, and the Pioneer News Agency of St. Louis, then headed by PAUL "BEV" BROWN and CLARENCE "GULLEY" OWENS.

The Continental Press at that time had a nationwide monopoly on horse race results. The Pioneer Company served the St. Louis Metropolitan Company with race news service after obtaining it from Continental. The Reliable News Agency which operated in Fairmont City, Illinois, adjacent to East St. Louis, Illinois, was incorporated in 1946. The incorporation papers filed in Belleville, Illinois, listed GEORGE RICH, GORDON FOSTER, and FRANK QUINN as incorporators.

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The article states the Reliable Agency and the Trans-American News Agency were apparently the same operation and by 1947, the Reliable and the Wortman-Capone team had split the long-time partnership of BROWN and OWEN, the operators of Pioneer. BROWN went on the Reliable payroll and Reliable started taking over the Pioneer customers.

Meanwhile, in Missouri the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company had discontinued service to the Pioneer Company, thereby, aiding the Reliable Company.

About 1947 the Plaza Amusement Company was incorporated in St. Louis, Missouri, and became the largest distributor in the area of pinball machines, juke boxes, and other coin-operated devices. In March of 1948 the Plaza Company was registered to do business in Illinois with its Illinois office listed as 429 St. Louis Avenue, the address of the Paddock Tavern, a WORTMAN owned establishment, and the authorized agent was EDWARD "TED" WORTMAN, brother of FRANK. Officers of this company were listed as BARNEY BARTS, president; ANN BARRET, vice president; and ELMER DOWLING, secretary.

This article states that GEORGE FRANK, St. Louis accountant, told the Kefauver Senate Crime Investigation Committee on February 24, 1951, that he was employed by FRANK and TED WORTMAN to be an accountant for four firms; Plaza Amusement Company, C&W Loan Company in St. Louis, Reliable News Agency in Fairmont City, and the Pioneers News Agency in St. Louis, Missouri.

He told the committee that FRANK WORTMAN owned 337 of the 1125 shares of stock in the Plaza firm. The shares had a par value of \$100; TED WORTMAN owned 225 shares; LOUIS "RED" SMITH owned 225 shares; and ELMER DOWLING held 336 shares.

Earlier GREGORY "RED" MOORE had shares in the company through his wife and other former share holders were FRANK O'HARA, also known as COTTON EPPELSHEIMER, and BARNEY BARTS, but that these shares in 1951 had been sold back to the Plaza firm, according to FRANK.

MOORE, East St. Louis Police Character and former St. Louis County, Missouri, Deputy Sheriff, was a partner in the notorious Hyde Park Casino in Venice, Illinois, which was closed after an Illinois State Police raid in 1951.

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The article stated that among the employees of the Plaza Amusement Company between 1947 and 1951 was ADAM WONDOLOWSKI, who in 1955 was licensed by the City of East St. Louis, Illinois, to distribute pinball machines in that city under the name of Shamrock Service Company, 712 Summit Avenue, East St. Louis, Illinois.

The article goes on to state that the Plaza Amusement Company, after its organization in 1947, took over the Midwest Novelty Company, the Le-May Novelty Company, C. J. Westbrook Company, and equipment from the John LaBan Wire Music Company the the Murphy Distributing Company, according to GEORGE FRANK. It was not brought out, according to this article, what methods were used to induce these firms to sell to the WORTMAN outfit.

GEORGE FRANK also said, according to this article, that the C & W Loan Company was operated by EDWARD "TED" WORTMAN to make loans to customers of the Plaza Company so they could purchase equipment.

The article states that WORTMAN put PAUL "BEV" BROWN's son, WILLIAM BROWN, to work as the manager of the Plaza Amusement Company and BROWN was still writing checks on this company as late as August 1949, but by that time he had purchased control of the Pioneer News and the Pioneer had bought out Reliable.

BROWN denied there were any gangster connections with Pioneer despite the testimony of FRANK. Some idea of the size of Pioneer is gathered from BROWN's testimony before the Kefauver Committee in Washington in July of 1950 when he said he borrowed \$30,000 from his mother to invest in this company and recouped \$15,000 of this amount during the first nine months in addition to his salary of \$500 a month as President. The Vice-president of Pioneer was WILLIAM MOLASKY, a major shareholder in Western Union Company.

The article goes on to relate how the CAPONE element tried to grasp control of the Continental after RAGEN's murder.

The article states that the Senate Committee learned that the Continental Company's business to book-makers was estimated to be between three and five "billion" dollars annually. It also states that the Pioneer Company received from its customers an average of \$75 a week,

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back in those years for news service, the largest amount of \$350 per week was received from one J. GARROLL, presumably identical with the JAMES GARROLL who told the Senate Committee that his M&G operation in East St. Louis, Illinois, handled \$20 million dollars worth of bets in 1949, which outfit was operated by MICHAEL GRADY and JOHN MOONEY.

The article also states that in 1950, former Illinois Attorney General IVAN ELLIOTT said the Pioneer Company had serviced twenty-eight handbooks in Illinois. The two largest being the Hyde Park Casino and the former 200 Club both of Madison County, Illinois, and that the Hyde Park Club grossed over \$6,000,000 in 1947 and the 200 Club was grossing \$1,500,000 per year.

The article goes on to state that WILLIAM BROWN referred to above who headed the Pioneer News Company after leaving WORTMAN's Plaza Amusement Company is the same WILLIAM BROWN who was arrested in East St. Louis, Illinois, by local police May 4, 1955, in rooms above the WORTMAN owned and controlled Terrace Lounge on Collinsville Avenue in East St. Louis, Illinois, where BROWN and another man in a small room were distributing racing results with a battery of seven telephones. The charges against these men, according to this article, were dismissed subsequently by East St. Louis Police Magistrate HARRY CASSIN on the grounds that the search warrant used by the East St. Louis Police was faulty. At the time of this raid in May of 1955, the officers found a slip of paper, according to this article, which had on it the following, "First Call Red Rooster." The article described the Red Rooster as a long-time gambling establishment located on Collinsville Road between East St. Louis, Illinois, and Collinsville, Illinois, which had a license in the name of GORDON FOSTER. The telephone number of the Red Rooster turned up in some St. Louis, Missouri, gambling raids. Police in this raid also found a telephone bill addressed to GORDON FOSTER in care of the Terrace.

The article states that East St. Louis, Illinois, Police Commissioner RUSSELL BEEBE said the evidence did not mean anything because many persons used the Terrace as an address who were not in any way connected with the night club.

The article goes on to state that this history, though ancient, was part of the story of WORTMAN's rise to power and prominence and goes on to relate part of a story told to the Kefauver Committee in San Francisco in March of 1951 by a Cherokee Indian named CHARLES LUBBES.

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The article states LUBBES admitted being a liquor runner from Cairo, Illinois, into dry states and named his employer as HYMAN RUBIN, whom LUBBES described as a "pal" of FRANK "BUSTER" WORTMAN. LUBBES is reported in the article as saying that when he was unable to get supplies he needed at Cairo, he obtained them from the Valley Distributing Company of East St. Louis, Illinois, and said he had met FRANK WORTMAN at the Valley firm many times and also stated that WORTMAN was a silent partner in several Cairo, Illinois, liquor firms.

The article goes on to state that other companies connected with the gambling business, which apparently were associated with the WORTMAN enterprises, were the Melba Company of Fairmont City, Illinois, a mail-order betting firm closely associated with Reliable Company, which company went out of business when its "take" dropped to \$500 a day.

The article also named the Eagle Park Lottery, later called the Harlem Association, which was involved in a Government tax case in which case the twelve men listed as partners were:

SAM MAGIN, 150 Hillcrest Drive, Collinsville, Illinois, Manager of the WORTMAN controlled Paddock Tavern and neighbor of ELMER DOWLING;

EUGENE HAYES, Real Estate Dealer, Democratic politician and former official of the East Side Levee and Sanitary District of East St. Louis, Illinois, and also former charman of the St. Clair County, Illinois, Board of Revenue;

CLARENCE CANGE, Proprietor of a tavern at 2600 State Street, East St. Louis, Illinois, where slot machines were confiscated recently, who is a friend of St. Clair County Chief Deputy Sheriff CLIFFORD FLOOD;

VINCENT "VIC" DOYLE, Belleville, Illinois, Former proprietor in the 1940s of one of the largest and most notorious gambling casino in southern Illinois, located at East St. Louis, Illinois;

~~THOMAS BERRY~~, formerly of Belleville, Illinois, former slot machine distributor and more recently former manager of the California Club gambling casino at Las Vegas, Nevada;

~~JULIUS FISCHMANN~~ and ~~WILLIAM "BOW-WOW" McQUILLAN~~ widely known St. Louis area gamblers;

~~CLAUS E. "BUD" PIETJE~~, 10 Hilltop Place, East St. Louis, Illinois, accountant and former member of St. Clair County Board of Supervisors and an influential politician, who was caught in the June 4, 1954, Illinois State Police raid of the lottery or numbers racket headquarters at the old Eagle Park;

~~D. C. WATSON~~, Lovejoy "Brooklyn", Illinois, proprietor of the Harlem Club in that city;

~~FRED HACKETHAL~~ and ~~CLIFF PHAYER~~, both now deceased.

The article states in explaining WORTMAN's influence that the Kefauver Senate Committee in 1950 while questioning J. K. ~~"PAT" NOONAN~~ of Jefferson City, Missouri, a confidant of the Governor of Missouri, ~~FORREST SMITH~~, regarding a reported gift of \$100,000 to SMITH's campaign fund by East St. Louis gamblers, got an admission from NOONAN that he had had conversations with WORTMAN and ~~GREGORY "RED" MOORE~~, but declined to say whether he had collected contributions from them.

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With the exception of those names mentioned previously in this letter, no specific information has been obtained from Mr. MAAG relative to information developed by the Federal Grand Jury at East St. Louis concerning other associates of FRANK WORTMAN.

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Also it should be noted that Mr. MAAG advised agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] that no information has been developed by the Federal Grand Jury inquiry at East St. Louis, Illinois to date indicating any alleged connection WORTMAN has with this company.

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With respect to the pending case being investigated by the Internal Revenue Service wherein FRANK WORTMAN is alleged to have assaulted an Internal Revenue Agent in the Paddock Tavern the first part of July, 1956, the following information was obtained:

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Copies of this summary are being furnished the St. Louis and Chicago Offices because of the wide-spread interest of the press in those areas in recent months concerning the activities of WORTMAN.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: 11/2/56

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (94-81A)

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SUBJECT: FRANK LEONARD "BUSTER" WORTMAN
GIIF (TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE)

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Re Springfield letter to Bureau, dated 10/22/56, above entitled matter.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: March 29, 1957

FROM : SAC, ST. LOUIS (33-93E5)

SUBJECT: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN
FBI No. 739186
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE INTELLIGENCE FILE
(TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE)
ST. LOUIS DIVISION

There follows a supplemental summary regarding the activities of FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN.

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An article appearing in the St. Louis Post Dispatch dated November 25, 1956, reflects that Governor Elect (Missouri) JAMES T. BLAIR, JR. informed the Post Dispatch that gamblers and hoodlums would not be permitted to operate in St. Louis and that he would "make that clear in unequivocal terms to those he appointed to the new Board of Police Commissioners." The article continued that "The question of open gambling in St. Louis arose after the Post Dispatch was informed that friends of racketeers, machine politicians and some of the WORTMAN crowd - associates of FRANK "BUSTER" WORTMAN, East Side gambling and gang boss - would put pressure on BLAIR to appoint a police board which would wink at gambling."



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In this connection it will be noted that this office and the Chicago Office conducted investigation concerning above-mentioned theft in the case captioned "Unknown Subjects; Breaking of Seals on Trailer of Chicago-St. Louis Express Company, 9/5/55 - TFIS", St. Louis file 15-4266.

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During the past six months, WORTMAN has been the subject of a certain amount of newspaper publicity in the St. Louis Area. Most of this publicity has concerned the investigation being conducted by the Federal Grand Jury at East St. Louis, Illinois.

In an article appearing in the September 12, 1956, issue of the St. Louis Post Dispatch, it is stated that WORTMAN has been linked with two Chicago Trucking firms, the details of which were not available. It was stated that Grand Jury witnesses on September 10 and 11 included truck company officers.

The article stated that subpoenas had been served on two witnesses reputedly connected with the Old Eagle Park Lottery, later known as the Harlem Association. These subpoenas were for D. C. WATSON and CLAUD "BUD" TIETJE. The article said that BART DAVIT, former St. Louis County hoodlum and convict, was a witness September 12, 1956. He was described as a neighbor of WORTMAN and a partner in gambling enterprises. He was paroled from the Missouri State Penitentiary in 1949 after serving thirteen years of a life sentence for the holdup murder of a Maplewood grocer.

An article in the September 13, 1956, issue of the St. Louis Post Dispatch said that the inquiry was expected to recess September 14 which will give authorities a chance to search for BARNEY BARTS and TOM BARRY, missing witnesses. It was stated that FELIX T. MC DONALD was a witness September 12, 1956. MC DONALD received a sixty-year sentence in 1935 in Missouri for the ransom kidnapping of Dr. ISAAC D. KELLEY, JR.

The October 12, 1956 issue of the St. Louis Post Dispatch contained an article which stated that the suicide of IRL B. ROSENBLUM, an attorney who lost large sums of money gambling, came two days after henchmen of WORTMAN demanded

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\$12,000 he owned in gambling debts at the Club Prevue. The article said that ROSENBLUM reportedly lost \$400,000 at the dice tables on the East Side, in Las Vegas, and on horse races. Part of this money reportedly came from the \$236,553 estate of GEORGE B. FLEISCHMAN.

The article also stated that the gamblers upon hearing of ROSENBLUM's death, became nervous and moved their gambling operations from the East Side to a little frame house on a lake in Jefferson County, Missouri, near Imperial. It was stated that the operation was being run by JOHN SPECULATOR CONNER, long time WORTMAN gambling manager.

The November 3, 1956, issue of the St. Louis Globe Democrat contained an article which stated that according to GLENN J. KENNISON, Manager of the Palladium Lounge, 349 Collinsville Avenue, East St. Louis, Illinois, he has been negotiating for the purchase of the Terrace Lounge. PHILLIP MOODY, Terrace Manager, denied that the Lounge was up for sale or that negotiations were under way.

During this period, GREGORY E. "RED" MOORE, was the subject of newspaper publicity as a result of having been served a subpoena to appear at the WORTMAN inquiry. These articles which appeared in newspapers from November 9 through November 30, 1956, set forth that MOORE, one of the operators of the Old Hyde Park Gambling Casino at Venice, Illinois, refused to answer some questions put to him in his first appearance before the Federal Grand Jury at East St. Louis, Illinois. He appeared before U. S. District Judge WILLIAM G. JUERGENS and was directed to answer eight of thirteen questions put to him by the Federal Grand Jury. He originally had attempted to get the subpoena quashed contending that he personally was being investigated and any information he gave the Grand Jury might be used against him.

The November 2, 1956, issue of the St. Louis Post Dispatch stated that the Grand Jury inquiry into WORTMAN would be resumed November 26, 1956.

The December 2, 1956, issue of the St. Louis Post Dispatch stated that gambling equipment valued at \$10,000, most of which was seized by Illinois State Police at the Club Prevue in a raid in November, 1955, was destroyed December 1, 1956, at the Madison County Jail, Edwardsville, Illinois.

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The December 7, 1956 issue of the St. Louis Post Dispatch contained an article which stated that SAM MAGIN, an associate of WORTMAN, surrendered December 7, 1956, on a four count indictment charging him with perjury before the Federal Grand Jury and making a false statement to Internal Revenue Agents. His address was given as 150 Hillcrest Drive, Collinsville, Illinois. His bond was set at \$10,000. The article stated that the indictment alleges MAGIN was associated with WORTMAN and ELMER "DUTCH" DOWLING in the operation of the Cash Sales Company, policy game, in Brooklyn, Illinois in 1951, the Empire Club on Collinsville Road, east of East St. Louis, Illinois in 1951, the 7800 Club at 7800 Collinsville Road in 1952, the RR Club which operated in the Red Rooster Club in Fairmount City in 1952, 1953 and 1954, and the Junction T Club near Venice, Illinois in 1955.

The article went on to state that the Grand Jury recessed December 6, 1956, and that witness MARY PORTELL, a friend of BARNEY BARTS, was sent to jail for refusing to answer a question put to her by the Grand Jury. She refused to tell the Grand Jury where she lived prior to moving to an address in Collinsville, Illinois.

The December 8, 1956 issue of the St. Louis Globe Democrat contained an article which stated that SAM GEORGE MAGIN faced possible deportation inasmuch as he was born in Greece and has never been naturalized. It was stated he would be subject to deportation if convicted on the false statement charge. The false statement count in the indictment charges that MAGIN falsely told two Internal Revenue Service Intelligence Agents September 6, 1956, that he was born in Chicago, January 28, 1907.

The January 27, 1957, issue of the St. Louis Post Dispatch stated that the Grand Jury in East St. Louis would reconvene January 28, 1957 after a month's recess.

The January 27, 1957, issue of the St. Louis Post Dispatch contained another article which stated that the rambling building surrounded by a deep moat which neighbors suspect will be a gambling casino or a headquarters for WORTMAN's gang, was nearing completion and the cost of the project was estimated at \$250,000 by a veteran building contractor. MAGIN insisted that he was the owner of the building and intends to build a boy's club there according to the article.

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The March 9, 1957 issue of the St. Louis Post Dispatch contained an article which stated that the Ranch House on the East Side was raided by Illinois State Police and dice tables, chips and other gambling evidence was confiscated. When the establishment, located at 6600 Missouri Avenue, Centreville Township, was broken into, 38 men and one woman were around two pool tables being used for dice games. The State Police, according to the article, said they had information that the gambling operations of WORTMAN had moved to the Ranch House following a raid on his Madison County Casino, Club Prevue, by State Officers. Six thousand poker chips seized bore the initial "CP". Twenty-six of the thirty-nine persons at the Ranch House gave St. Louis addresses. State's Attorney JOHN J. HOBAN said gambling informations would be filed against five men and these were identified as NEAL ELLIOTT, living in the 400 block of St. Louis Road, Collinsville, ABRAHAM KAUFFMAN, 300 block of North 16th Street, East St. Louis, Illinois, GLENN COWGILL, 1600 block of North 36th Street, East St. Louis, FRED KREIDER, 200 block of St. Louis Road, Collinsville, Illinois and HARRY MARKS, 600 block of Chestnut Street. Police said ELLIOTT operated the game and the others were croupiers. 122

The March 14, 1957 issue of the St. Louis Post Dispatch contained an article datelined at Fairfield, Illinois which said that the WORTMAN gang was moving into that area, Wayne County, territory of the old Shelton Gang. According to the article, operators of private clubs, such as the Elks, Eagle and Veterans Club were approached by CHARLES "BLACK CHARLIE" HARRIS, WORTMAN lieutenant, with propositions to install new punch board, slot machines and pinball machines that pay off in whisky, all supplied by the WORTMAN Gang. HARRIS was accompanied by a man introduced as Mr. GORDAN who was later identified as GORDAN FOSTER, nephew of WORTMAN. The WORTMAN group, according to the article, bought out the juke business, slot machine and pinball machine business of EARL WALKER, Herrin, Illinois, distributor of such devices to the private clubs. WALKER had suffered a heart attack. 122

The March 17, 1957, issue of the St. Louis Post Dispatch contained an article which stated that reports had been received that the furniture was being moved from the Club Prevue and the Red Rooster Tavern to the moat surrounded building in the Bethel School Area. State's Attorney RICHARD MUDGE, JR. said he had received a report that the boundary

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between Madison and St. Clair Counties runs through the 124 acre track on which the building is located. MUDGE said he would have a survey made to determine whether or not the building is in Madison County.

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LEGITIMATE AND ILLEGITIMATE BUSINESS

No additional business establishments in which WORTMAN may have an interest have come to the attention of the St. Louis Division other than those which have previously been reported under the Top Hoodlum Program.

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No additional information has been received regarding this section.

IDENTIFICATION RECORD

On March 20, 1957, IC [REDACTED] checked the records of the [REDACTED] and was unable to locate any record of WORTMAN during the period covered by this summary.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
FROM : SAC, Springfield (94-81 A)

4-10-57

FRANK LEONARD "BUSTER" WORTMAN
FBI #739186
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE INTELLIGENCE FILE
(TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE)
SPRINGFIELD DIVISION

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The following is a summary of the information coming to the attention of Springfield Office concerning captioned hoodlum since the date of the last letter from Springfield to the Bureau, October 22, 1956:

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The Federal Grand Jury held some sessions in November and December, and again the latter part of January, but has not met recently to continue its probe.

During the December session the Federal Grand Jury at East St. Louis, Illinois, returned an indictment against

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a WORTMAN associate, one SAM MAGIN, charging MAGIN with perjury before the Federal Grand Jury and also furnishing false statements to Internal Revenue Service. MAGIN is free under bond and is represented by former Assistant United States Attorney RAY M. FOREMAN of Danville, Illinois.

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This policy game operation has been operating intermittently in the East St. Louis area for years and has been reported on numerous occasions previously as a WORTMAN controlled enterprise.

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The East St. Louis Press has carried numerous articles in the East St. Louis Journal during the latter part of 1956 and thus far in 1957, indicating that the gambling casino operated in the old Ranch House Tavern building at 6600 Missouri Avenue, East St. Louis, Illinois, has operated almost continuously until a successful raid on the place by the Illinois State Police headed by Captain ELZA BRANTLEY on March 8, 1957. The Illinois State Police had raided the place previously on January 25, 1957, and at that time found no evidence of gambling. The area newspapers, including East St. Louis Journal and the papers in Belleville, Illinois, carried articles concerning a "raid" headed by St. Clair County, Illinois, State's Attorney

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JOHN J. HOBAN and St. Clair County, Illinois, Sheriff LEONARD
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The East St. Louis Journal on January 2, 1957, reported results of inquiry by that newspaper into the operations of the Ranch House. This article stated that gambling operation operated with Shill Car Service from St. Louis and from the Paddock Tavern, a WORTMAN controlled establishment at 429 St. Louis Avenue, East St. Louis, Illinois. It also reported that automobiles of patrons gambling at the establishment are not parked near the Ranch House, but are parked in a parking lot to the rear of the Cedar Inn Tavern which is located

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Since the reported purchase of the King's Motel and Tavern which is located only a few yards from the Ranch House Tavern, bureau agents have observed [REDACTED] at this establishment. Bureau agents also observed that soon after the report [REDACTED] had purchased this place, some new wiring was installed extending from the main tavern building across the driveway to an out building adjacent thereto and also adjacent to motel cabins in the rear. This wiring appeared to be about eight or nine separate wires twisted together and it appears to be of small gage, but is not the type of wires currently used by the Bell Telephone System in their telephone installations.

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Nothing has been done thus far toward any prosecutive action arising out of the alleged slugging of an Internal Revenue Service agent by WORTMAN in the Paddock Tavern and night club in July of 1956.

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No information is available at this time as to the exact residence of WORTMAN. He is reported to be still estranged from his wife, DOROTHY, and is not living at his home in Morris Hills, Collinsville, Illinois. No information is available at this time as to the present residence of his girl friend,

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Bureau agents have observed that the new building ostensibly being build by SAI MAGIN on the edge of St. Clair

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County near Collinsville, Illinois, which has been referred to in the press as being build by MAGIN for his teenage boy and friends as a "boys' club" and appears to be near completion.

On January 27, 1957, Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] personally looked at the establishment which is located on a man-made island surrounded by what appears to be a moat. Agents noted that the building is completed as far as exterior construction, but considerable work is apparently being done on the inside. Building consists of a brick construction and the main building is two stories high, while adjoining the two-story structure is a three-car garage extending off one direction and a one-story portion of the building extending off in the other direction. The one-story portion of the building appears to be a wing which contains numerous bedrooms and living quarters. Agents observed it appears the building has a full basement under the two-story portion of the structure, which apparently is a rather deep basement. The ground level of the two story structure appears to be living quarters, with a large living room and a large fireplace. The second floor of the structure could not be observed by agents. b7c

Local newspaper publications have estimated the cost of this structure as about \$250,000.00.

On this date agents observed an International truck parked in the driveway which truck had the names "JOE and MOE" printed on the side of the vehicle, [REDACTED]

Agents also observed inside of the building were various boxes of electric equipment with the name "FROST Electric Company", also were some boxes bearing the name Missouri Peerless Company, Flyer Avenue. It should be noted the St. Louis telephone directory lists a FROST Electric Supply Company at 2840 Locust Street, St. Louis, Missouri. The directory lists no Missouri Peerless Company. b7c b7D

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Agents also observed a new road has been build from the main county black-topped highway extending back to this building and a bridge has been build across the ditch which leads up to the main building. It was observed that the bridge will be the only access to this building.

Local newspaper stories have published articles recently indicating that the present Madison County, Illinois, State's Attorney DICK MUDGE has said that he will not permit any gambling activities in that county and plans to have the county engineer survey the land to make certain whether this establishment is located in Madison County or is outside the bountries of Madison and in St. Clair County.

The Belleville News Democrat on March 21, 1957, published an article to the effect that the Alton Brick Company of Alton, Illinois, has filed with the Recorder of Deeds at Edwardsville, Illinois, the county seat of Madison County, Illinois, a \$4394.24 mechanic's lien against "hoodlum FRANK 'BUSTER' WORTMAN's meat surrounded clubhouse, south of Collinsville".

"The lien lists the owners of the property as SAM MAGIN, long-time associate of WORTMAN, his wife, Mrs. ESTHER MAGIN, and SAM DUNN, an agent for the MAGINS.

"The lien was filed in January and it is reported that about half of the claim has been paid since that time. The Alton Brick Company said it delivered brick for the clubhouse in October, but did not get its money.

"Other records in the recorder's Office at Edwardsville show that a \$11,000 mortgage, secured by a five-year note, was filed against the property on June 1, 1955. The MAGINS paid \$16,000 for the 120-acre track, according to revenue stamps.

"WALTER and RUTH SCHILLER of Collinsville sold 119 acres to the MAGINS in June, 1955, and in September of that year Mr. and Mrs. CARROLL TURNER of St. Louis sold a one-acre tract to the MAGINS. The SCHILLER parcel is located in Madison County and the TURNER property in St. Clair County.

"Mrs. TURNER said the transaction was handled by a real estate dealer and that she understood the purchaser wanted the one-acre tract for a roadway.

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"Entrance to the island is in St. Clair County, but the rest of the tracts lies in Madison County. Reports are persistent that WORTMAN plans to use the building for gambling, but MAGIN says he is building the structure as a clubhouse for his teen-aged son and the son's friends. "



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SAC, Springfield (94-81 A)

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FRANK LEONARD "BUSTER" WORTMAN
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 7-11-57

FROM : SAC, ST. LOUIS (33-93E5)

SUBJECT: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN
FBI #739186
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE INTELLIGENCE FILE
(TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE)
ST. LOUIS DIVISION

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It is noted in the above-entitled case that this hoodlum is currently under investigation by the Federal Grand Jury in East St. Louis, Illinois. He has resided in the East St. Louis, Illinois area and most of his activities and business connections have been centered in that area.

All pertinent information which has come to the attention of the St. Louis Division has previously been furnished the Springfield Division, which office also carries WORTMAN as a top hoodlum.

Since WORTMAN's activities have mostly been centered in Springfield territory and in view of the instructions contained in SAC Letter 57-39 regarding all of the activities of an individual set forth in one memorandum, UACB WORTMAN will no longer be considered a top hoodlum of the St. Louis Division, but subsequent information will be furnished to the Springfield Office for inclusion in their summaries.

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FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN
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Background and Personal History

Because of a Federal Grand Jury inquiry at East St. Louis, Illinois, concerning the activities and business contacts and interests of WORTMAN, there is being set forth hereafter in part a newspaper article published in the East St. Louis Journal, East St. Louis, Illinois, August 19, 1956, relative to the history and activities of WORTMAN.

This article states that back in April, 1934, WORTMAN and his brother, EDWARD WORTMAN, were arrested and charged with participating in a Belleville, Illinois, burglary. FRANK WORTMAN was using an alias of RICHARD FORD and EDWARD WORTMAN was using an alias of TED FLOOD.

FRANK WORTMAN on September 25, 1933, accompanied by the late hoodlum MONROE "BLACKIE" ARMES, assaulted Federal agents during a raid on a whisky still near Collinsville, Illinois, and for this crime WORTMAN received a ten year sentence in the Federal penitentiary. FRANK WORTMAN was paroled March 6, 1941.

A third man who had been charged with him in March of 1934, one HARLEY GRIZZELL, was later machine-gunned with another gangster, NORMAN FARR, just north of Caseyville, Illinois.

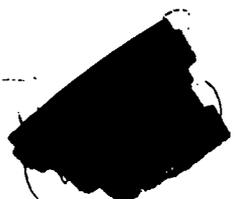
This article goes on to state that after FRANK WORTMAN was paroled in 1941, he began to form an empire with remnants of the old SHELTON gang and he soon became associated with the old CAPONE gangsters in Chicago. The above-mentioned ARMES was the southern Illinois lieutenant of the CAPONE element, until his death in 1944, which left FRANK WORTMAN.

The article also states that some hint of the WORTMAN associations was made public in 1947 when RUTH VIRGINIA WORTMAN, then 22, half-sister of FRANK WORTMAN, was arrested in Kennett, Missouri, and charged with driving a stolen car across the state line. Miss WORTMAN, a Chicago

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resident then, told the sheriff's deputies at Kennett that she borrowed the car from RALPH CAPONE, brother of the late "SCARFACE" AL CAPONE, to drive to the funeral of CARL SHELTON, who had been murdered at Fairfield, Illinois, on October 28 of that year. She said after the funeral she had driven to Missouri to visit friends and explained that CARL SHELTON was her godfather.

WORTMAN in about 1945 associated himself with ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING (FBI #1644-966), a St. Louis hoodlum who is now living at Collinsville, Illinois. DOWLING, a World War II sergeant in the United States Army, was a prisoner of war. During a sixty day furlough after his liberation, he was arrested in St. Louis on a traffic charge in May of 1945 and found in possession of a .45 caliber pistol. The license plates on the car he was driving were issued to FRANK WORTMAN.

When the Kefauver Senate Crime Investigating Subcommittee questioned Cook County, Illinois, States Attorney JOHN BOYLE in a closed door session in 1950, they learned this public official had been an attorney for the Trans-American News Publishing Company organized in Fairmont City by CAPONE interests in 1946. BOYLE told the committee he did "corporate work" for the firm from October 8, 1946, to June 9, 1947, receiving a \$2,500.00 fee.

The Trans-American Publishing Company was set up to muscle in on the Continental Press Service, controlled by gangster JAMES M. RAGEN, since murdered, and the Pioneer News Agency of St. Louis, then headed by PAUL "BEV" BROWN and CLARENCE "GULLEY" OWENS.

The Continental Press at that time had a nationwide monopoly on horse race results. The Pioneer Company served the St. Louis Metropolitan Company with race news service after obtaining it from Continental. The Reliable News Agency which operated in Fairmont City, Illinois, adjacent to East St. Louis, Illinois, was incorporated in 1946. The incorporation papers filed in Belleville, Illinois, listed GEORGE RICH, GORDON FOSTER, and FRANK QUINN as incorporators. [REDACTED]

The article states the Reliable Agency and the Trans-American News Agency were apparently the same operation and by 1947, the Reliable and the WORTMAN-CAPONE team had split the long-time partnership of BROWN and OWEN, the operators of Pioneer. BROWN went on the Reliable payroll and Reliable started taking over the Pioneer customers.

Meanwhile, in Missouri the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company had discontinued service to the Pioneer Company, thereby aiding the Reliable Company.

About 1947, the Plaza Amusement Company was incorporated in St. Louis, Missouri, and became the largest distributor in the area of pinball machines, juke boxes, and other coin operated devices. In March of 1948, the Plaza company was registered to do business in Illinois with its Illinois office listed as 429 St. Louis Avenue, the address of the Paddock Tavern, a WORTMAN owned establishment, and the authorized agent was EDWARD "TED" WORTMAN, brother of FRANK. Officers of this company were listed as BARNEY BARTS, president, ANN BARRET, vice president, and ELMER DOWLING, secretary.

This article states that GEORGE FRANK, St. Louis accountant, told the Kefauver Senate Crime Investigation Committee on February 24, 1951, that he was employed by FRANK and TED WORTMAN to be an accountant for four firms, Plaza Amusement Company, C & W Loan Company in St. Louis, Reliable News Agency in Fairmont City, and the Pioneers News Agency in St. Louis, Missouri.

He told the committee that FRANK WORTMAN owned 337 of the 1,125 shares of stock in the Plaza firm. The shares had a par value of \$100.00; TED WORTMAN owned 225 shares, LOUIS "RED" SMITH owned 225 shares, and ELMER DOWLING held 336 shares.

Earlier GREGORY "RED" MOORE had shares in the company through his wife and other former shareholders were FRANK O'HARA, also known as COTTON EPPELSHEIMER, and BARNEY BARTS, but that these shares in 1951 had been sold back to the Plaza firm, according to FRANK.

MOORE, East St. Louis police character and former St. Louis County, Missouri, Deputy Sheriff, was a partner in the notorious Hyde Park Casino in Venice, Illinois, which was closed after an Illinois State Police raid in 1951.

The article stated that among the employees of the Plaza Amusement Company between 1947 and 1951 was ADAM WONDOLOWSKI, who in 1955 was licensed by the City of East St. Louis, Illinois, to distribute pinball machines in that city under the name of Shamrock Service Company, 712 Summit Avenue, East St. Louis, Illinois.

The article goes on to state that the Plaza Amusement Company, after its organization in 1947, took over the Midwest Novelty Company, the Le-May Novelty Company, C. J. Westbrook Company, and equipment from the John LaBan Wire Music Company and the Murphy Distributing Company, according to GEORGE FRANK. It was not brought out, according to this article, what methods were used to induce these firms to sell to the WORTMAN outfit.

GEORGE FRANK also said, according to this article, that the C & W Loan Company was operated by EDWARD "TED" WORTMAN to make loans to customers of the Plaza Company so they could purchase equipment.

The article states that WORTMAN put PAUL "BEV" BROWN's son, WILLIAM BROWN, to work as the manager of the Plaza Amusement Company and BROWN was still writing checks on this company as late as August, 1949, but by that time he had purchased control of the Pioneer News and the Pioneer had bought out Reliable.

BROWN denied there were any gangster connections with Pioneer despite the testimony of FRANK. Some idea of the size of Pioneer is gathered from BROWN's testimony before the Kefauver Committee in Washington in July of 1950 when he said he borrowed \$30,000.00 from his mother to invest in this company and recouped \$15,000.00 of this amount during the first nine months in addition to his salary of \$500.00 a month as President. The Vice-President of Pioneer was WILLIAM MOLASKY, a major shareholder in Western Union Company.

The article goes on to relate how the CAPONE element tried to grasp control of the Continental after RAGEN's murder.

The article states that the Senate Committee learned that the Continental Company's business to book-makers was estimated to be between three and five "billion" dollars annually. It also states that the Pioneer Company received from its customers on an average \$75.00 a week

back in those years for news service. The largest amount of \$350.00 per week was received from one J. CARROLL, presumably identical with the JAMES CARROLL who told the Senate Committee that his M & G operation in East St. Louis, Illinois, handled 20 million dollars of bets in 1949, which outfit was operated by MICHAEL GRADY and JOHN MOONEY.

The article also states that in 1950 former Illinois Attorney General IVAN ELLIOTT said the Pioneer Company had serviced 28 handbooks in Illinois, the two largest being the Hyde Park Casino and the former 200 Club, both of Madison County, Illinois, and that the Hyde Park Club grossed over \$6,000,000.00 in 1947 and the 200 Club was grossing \$1,500,000.00 per year.

The article goes on to state that WILLIAM BROWN, referred to above, who headed the Pioneer News Company after leaving WORTMAN's Plaza Amusement Company, is the same WILLIAM BROWN who was arrested in East St. Louis, Illinois, by local police on May 4, 1955, in rooms above the WORTMAN owned and controlled Terrace Lounge on Collinsville Avenue in East St. Louis, Illinois, where BROWN and another man in a small room were distributing racing results with a battery of seven telephones. The charges against these men, according to this article, were dismissed subsequently by East St. Louis Police Magistrate HARRY CASSIN on the grounds that the search warrant used by the East St. Louis Police was faulty. At the time of this raid in May of 1955, the officers found a slip of paper, according to this article, which had on it the following: "First Call Red Rooster." The article described the Red Rooster as a long-time gambling establishment located on Collinsville Road between East St. Louis, Illinois, and Collinsville, Illinois, which had a license in the name of GORDON FOSTER. The telephone number of the Red Rooster turned up in some St. Louis, Missouri, gambling raids. Police in this raid also found a telephone bill addressed to GORDON FOSTER in care of the Terrace.

The article states that East St. Louis, Illinois, Police Commissioner RUSSELL BEEBE said the evidence did not mean anything because many persons used the Terrace as an address who were not in any way connected with the night club.

The article goes on to state that this history, though ancient, was part of the story of WORTMAN's rise to power and prominence and goes on to relate part of a story

told to the Kefauver Committee in San Francisco in March of 1951 by a Cherokee Indian named CHARLES LUBBES.

The article states LUBBES admitted being a liquor runner from Cairo, Illinois, into dry states and named his employer as HYMAN RUBIN, whom LUBBES described as a "pal" of FRANK "BUSTER" WORTMAN. LUBBES is reported in the article as saying that when he was unable to get supplies he needed at Cairo, he obtained them from the Valley Distributing Company of East St. Louis, Illinois, and said he had met FRANK WORTMAN at the Valley firm many times and also stated that WORTMAN was a silent partner in several Cairo, Illinois, liquor firms.

The article goes on to state that other companies connected with the gambling business, which apparently were associated with the WORTMAN enterprises, were the Melba Company of Fairmont City, Illinois, a mail order betting firm closely associated with Reliable Company, which company went out of business when its "take" dropped to \$500.00 a day.

The article states in explaining WORTMAN's influence that the Kefauver Senate Committee in 1950 while questioning J. K. "PAT" NOONAN of Jefferson City, Missouri, a confidant of the Governor of Missouri, FORREST SMITH, regarding a reported gift of \$100,000.00 to SMITH's campaign fund by East St. Louis gamblers, got an admission from NOONAN that he had had conversations with WORTMAN and GREGORY "RED" MOORE, but declined to say whether he had collected contributions from them.

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An article appeared in the St. Louis Post Dispatch on August 12, 1955, which stated that operations of a gambling syndicate headed by BUSTER WORTMAN had been transferred from the Club Preview in Madison County, Illinois, to another casino near the Cahokia Downs Race Track on the eastern outskirts of East St. Louis, Illinois, in St. Clair County.

On December 7, 1955, an issue of the St. Louis Post Dispatch contained an article which stated that a man-made island surrounded by a ditch approximately 40 feet deep was under construction on land in the Bethel Church area near Collinsville, Illinois, which land is owned by an associate of FRANK BUSTER WORTMAN. According to the article, WORTMAN was in the area looking over the tract before it was purchased and had been back several times to observe the progress of construction. SAM MAGIN, close associate of WORTMAN, reportedly had recently purchased the property. MAGIN at this time was manager of the restaurant at WORTMAN's Paddock Tavern in East St. Louis, Illinois.

The Illinois State Journal at Springfield, Illinois, on Wednesday, August 1, 1956, carried an article dateline at East St. Louis, Illinois, that WORTMAN, "reputed rackets boss in this area, and several associates have been subpoenaed to appear next week before a Federal Grand Jury for an inquiry into his business activities."

The Illinois State Journal on Friday, July 28, 1956, carried an article, dateline at St. Louis, Missouri, (I.N.S.) and attributed to the St. Louis Post Dispatch, stated that Federal authorities planned to question SAM MAGIN as manager of WORTMAN's East St. Louis, Illinois, tavern, the Paddock, about the man-made island and buildings being constructed under WORTMAN's direction near Collinsville, Illinois. According to MAGIN, the island and buildings were his own personal project and WORTMAN had nothing to do with them. The article continued that there had been wide spread speculation that the island slated to be surrounded by water through a 40 foot moat, was planned as a gambling casino and an elaborate gang hangout. The article continued that the island construction job began late in the year of 1955 was proceeding steadily, and walls were beginning to rise from substantial foundations and footings for several buildings. The Post Dispatch, according to the article, said, "Visitors are not welcome at the project, where WORTMAN keeps a close watch."

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The July 10, 1956, issue of the St. Louis Post Dispatch contained an article which stated that WORTMAN testified for one hour, twenty-five minutes on that date before a Federal Grand Jury at Springfield, Illinois, which is conducting an investigation to determine if Madison County gamblers have been failing to report their incomes. The Government specifically is seeking to determine whether WORTMAN and other gamblers operating on the East Side have been paying a \$50.00 a year occupational tax and the 10% tax on gross income. The investigation was started April 6, 1956, after United States District Judge CHARLES G. BRIGGLE sharply criticized Madison County authorities for lack of law enforcement. According to the article, United States Attorney JOHN B. STODDART JR., Southern District of Illinois, said WORTMAN was questioned about a report that an Internal Revenue Agent, investigating his income, was slugged in the Paddock Tavern, 429 St. Louis Avenue, East St. Louis, Illinois, July 2, 1956. STODDART described WORTMAN as "the biggest hoodlum of the St. Louis area who has been flouting the law for sometime."

An article in the St. Louis Globe Democrat on July 11, 1956, said the Treasury Agent reportedly recognized WORTMAN as the man who slugged him. The Agent was at the tavern on a cabaret tax investigation.

Legitimate and Illegitimate Businesses

WORTMAN allegedly has interests in the Red Rooster Tavern, Club Preview, Paddock Tavern, The Ranch House Tavern, all in the East St. Louis, Illinois, area, the Plaza Amusement Company, St. Louis, Missouri, and the Chicago - St. Louis Express Freight Lines, St. Louis, Missouri.

Associates

Although WORTMAN has numerous associations with all hoodlums in the St. Louis and East St. Louis, Illinois, area, as well as elsewhere, his close associates are ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING, alias Dutch, former St. Louis hoodlum who now resides at Collinsville, Illinois, and who is described as WORTMAN's lieutenant;

Hangouts and Places of Amusement

WORTMAN reportedly hangs out at the Paddock Tavern, the Ranch House Tavern in the East St. Louis, Illinois, area, and the Plaza Amusement Company, St. Louis, Missouri.

Identification Record

The following identification record was received from the FBI Identification Division dated September 5, 1956, for WORTMAN under FBI #739186:

<u>Contributor of Fingerprints</u>	<u>Name and Number</u>	<u>Arrested or Received</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
PD St Louis Mo	Frank Wortman #22901	1-17-26	Dyer Act - viol	
USM St Louis Mo	Frank Wortman #--	12-21-33	aslt on Govt Off	reisd, on bond 1-3-34
SO Belleville Ill	Frank Wortman #--	4-14-34	mutilating numbers on firearm	dism., reisd. to Govt. Officers - case still pend will probably be brought before GJ in Sept at East St Louis, Ill or at Oct. term in this city (info rec 9-1-34)
PD Springfield Ill	Frank Wortman #5936	6-23-34	aslt Fed Agent	*10 yrs Leavenworth

<u>Contributor of Fingerprints</u>	<u>Name and Number</u>	<u>Arrested or Received</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
USP Leavenworth Kans	Frank Wortman #45268	7-7-34	resisting US Officer	10 yrs 3-6-41 cond rel
Commanding General Services of Supply US Army Wash DC	Frank Leonard Wortman #32-ORW		appli- cant for steamfitter 3-30-42	
PD East St Louis Ill	Frank Wortman #--	12-30-42	inv	rel
SOS Army	Frank Wortman #107-DEH-3		steam- fitter 3-9-43	
PD St Louis Mo	Frank Wortman #22901	3-8-44	invest	released 3-8-44
USM St Louis Mo	Frank Wortman #14203	2-24-54	contempt of crt	4-6-54 rel subject to reappearance before Federal Grand Jury when notified



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The East St. Louis, Illinois Journal, on September 19, 1957 published an article reflecting that one phase of work of the Internal Revenue Service concerning WORTMAN'S affairs is that of mailing letters to all types of business firms having any dealing with WORTMAN and other individuals reportedly associating with WORTMAN. These firms have been requested to check their records to determine whether WORTMAN or the others have counts with the firms, or whether they have had any transactions with the firms since January 1, 1951.

The number of letters mailed was unavailable; however, the mailing is apparently on a coast-to-coast basis since the investigation in the extensive probe of WORTMAN'S affairs has been national in scope.

Persons named on the list attached to the Internal Revenue Service letters are:

FRANK BUSTER WORTMAN
and DOROTHY WORTMAN
2 - Summit Drive
Collinsville, Illinois

ELMER "DUTCH" DOWLING
and EUNICE DOWLING
2 - Hillcrest Drive
Collinsville, Illinois

SAM and ESTHER MAGIN
150 Hillcrest Drive
Collinsville, Illinois

BERNARD J. PADGETT
and HELENE PADGETT
6915 West A Street
Belleville, Illinois

EDWARD J. HARE, alias EDWARD J. O'HARA
alias EDWARD J. O'HARE
and ANNETTE HARE
518 Gray Blvd.
East St. Louis, Illinois
and Circle Drive, Caseyville, Ill.

GORDON L. and VIVIAN FOSTER
1409 St. Louis Avenue
East St. Louis, Illinois

GREGORY E "RED" and MARGARET L. MOORE
2 - Valley View Place
Ladue, Missouri.

LEGITIMATE and ILLEGITIMATE BUSINESSES

There has been no change in the reported interest WORTMAN has in in legitimate and illegitimate businesses already furnished.

ASSOCIATES

In addition to persons previously noted as associates of WORTMAN, the following individuals are reportedly associated with WORTMAN in his legitimate and illegitimate businesses:

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HANGOUTS and PLACES OF AMUSEMENT

WORTMAN reportedly formerly had a suite of rooms rented at the Broadview Hotel, but he has since moved and given up the suite and is now living with his wife in Collinsville, Illinois.

IDENTIFICATION RECORD

There are no known additions to the identification record of WORTMAN during the period covered by this summary.

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WORTMAN arraigned in U. S. District Court January 19, 1960, on the indictment charging him with evasion of income tax and conspiracy to evade income taxes. He entered a plea of not guilty and is continued on \$30,000 bond.

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