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OFFICE MEMORANDUM -- UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI DATE: NOV 24 1958

FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (92-191)

TITLE: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, Was.; 92-2810
ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING, Was.;
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Enclosed herewith are six copies of the report of SA [redacted] dated NOV 24 1958 at St. Louis, Missouri.

REFERENCES

St. Louis letter and report of SA [redacted] dated 7/7/58; Springfield letter to Bureau dated 7/23/58; Springfield letter and report of SA [redacted] dated 7/25/58; St. Louis letter to Springfield dated 8/7/58; St. Louis letter to Springfield dated 10/1/58; St. Louis letter to Denver dated 10/22/58.

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SPRINGFIELD DIVISION

AT EAST ST. LOUIS, ILLINOIS

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2810) DATE: 12-2-58

FROM : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-112)

SUBJECT: [redacted] FRANK LEONARD "BUSTER" WORTMAN, aka
ANTI-RACKETEERING

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In this same connection, WORTMAN, along with one of his principal associates, SAM MAGIN, is reportedly to appear at hearings of the Senate Labor Rackets Committee on or about December 3, 1958, Washington, D. C.

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TITLE OF CASE
FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka "Buster" Wortman, "Bus"; ELMER SILVESTER DOWLING, aka "Dutch"; [redacted]

REPORT MADE BY
SA [redacted]

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SALT LAKE CITY DIVISION

AT LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

Will maintain contact with informants and logical sources re the activities of known WORTMAN associates in Las Vegas, including [redacted]. Will specifically endeavor to determine if [redacted] is a front man for WORTMAN'S interests in the Club he has an interest and the same insofar as the [redacted] operation at the Westerner Club.

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ST. LOUIS DIVISION

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

1. Will maintain contact with informants and logical sources regarding the activities of the WORTMANS and DOWLING and their associates and particularly, the tie-ups between these individuals and other St. Louis top hoodlums.

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3. Will endeavor to identify the shill car being used for the gambling operation described as a 1950-53 black Cadillac, which is probably operating from the 6th & Broadway area.

4. Will determine to whom a 1957 Ford, tutone, Missouri license S-44-852 has been leased by the Feld Auto Leasing Service. This car is reportedly a shill car for the gambling operations also.

SPRINGFIELD DIVISION

AT BELLEVILLE RA AREA

1. Will maintain contact with informants and logical sources re activity of the WORTMANS and DOWLING.

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3. [redacted]

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6. Will obtain a photograph of the home of ELMER DOWLING. (It is noted a good photo can only be obtained when there are no leaves on the trees.)

7. Will check logical telephone calls of subjects at E. St. Louis and Collinsville.

8. [redacted]

9. Will contact [redacted] at Brooklyn, re the policy operations.

10. Will identify the holder of 1958 Illinois license #83 b1c b7D

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The investigative period of this report covers the period of July to November, 1958, because SA [redacted] to whom this case is assigned, was preparing a report 10-13-58, when he was sent on special assignment to Peoria, Illinois, in connection with the case entitled, "UNKNOWN SUBJECT; Bombing of Jewish Temple Anshai Emeth, Peoria, Illinois, 10-14-58 - MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING", and thereafter was assigned to the bomb conferences.

FD-165s have been submitted pertaining to FRANK WORTMAN, ELMER DOWLING, and [redacted] per Bureau instructions.

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Copy to:

Report of: SA [redacted]
Date: 12-9-58

Office: Springfield

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Title: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN;
ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING;
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Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: FRANK WORTMAN, FBI #739182, ELMER DOWLING, FBI #1644966, and [redacted] are principal individuals in the WORTMAN-DOWLING gang. [redacted] Additional criminal record and criminal history of the WORTMANS set out. Information re associates of the WORTMANS and DOWLING set out, [redacted]. Present criminal activities of the WORTMANS and DOWLING set out, [redacted]. Information re coin machine operations of WORTMANS and DOWLING at the Fairmount Racetrack set out. [redacted] personal habits set out. [redacted] SUBJECTS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS IN VIEW OF PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS AND BECAUSE THEY HAVE ALLEGEDLY CARRIED WEAPONS IN THE PAST.

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DETAILS:

A. PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

Re: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, commonly known as "BUSTER"

The personal history and background of this individual has been previously set out; he still resides at the Broadview Hotel, Suite 609, East St. Louis, Illinois. FRANK WORTMAN'S place of business and his usual hangout for contacts of associates is at the Paddock Lounge, 5th & St. Louis Avenue, East St. Louis, Illinois.

Re: ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING, commonly known as "DUTCH"

DOWLING still resides with his family at 200 Hillcrest Drive, Collinsville, Illinois; he spends most of his time at the office of the Plaza Amusement Company in St. Louis, Missouri, in which business he is an officer and assists in the actual management thereof. Background of DOWLING has been previously set out.

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The press of East St. Louis, Illinois, and St. Louis, Missouri, [redacted] urnished information that JOHN J. MOONEY, an associate of the WORTMANS and DOWLING died at East b2

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St. Louis, on 7-21-58. MOONEY was 51 years old and was formerly president of the Old Terrace Lounge on Collinsville Avenue, East St. Louis, Illinois, which was a WORTMAN controlled operation and former handbook location.

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D. CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

Policy Operations

On 7-31-58, SAs [redacted] and [redacted] observed that the following WORTMAN and DOWLING associates were operating in a two-story building at 615 Washington Street in Brooklyn, Illinois, an all colored sub-division of East St. Louis, Illinois. The individuals observed at these premises were [redacted]. From observation on 7-31-58 and subsequent dates, it was determined that these individuals all drive to Brooklyn in their respective automobiles and then park them at various locations and then walk to the building at 615 Washington Street. b7c

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The above-mentioned location at 615 Washington Street in Brooklyn has a concrete block foundation with a garage on the ground floor. The second floor appears to have possibly three or four rooms and light colored window shades are usually drawn

and there is both a side and rear stairway. From observation there does not appear to be any activity going in and leaving the premises except for the above-mentioned individuals. In this connection it is noted that the local press has carried articles that a total of 15 permits to 17 persons list addresses of 316 Madison Avenue in Brooklyn as holders of federal gambling stamps. This address is an old unoccupied building.

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It is also noted that on 7-29-58, SA [redacted] observed that [redacted] b7C

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Casino Gambling Operations

The report of SA [redacted] dated 7-25-58 under this section reflects that the WORTMAN gang was operating at an old farmhouse near Collinsville, Illinois. b7C

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Hand Book Operations

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E. LEGITIMATE ENTERPRISES

Prevue Club

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] b7c

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On 9-30-58, the records of the Recorder's Office, Madison County, Edwardsville, Illinois, were reviewed regarding the Prevue Club property. The complete legal description of this property has been obtained and is a part of this file; however, it is not being set out in detail in this report. Book 1783, page 132 in the above Recorder's office reflects transfer of title of this property on 5-31-57, on which date the Illinois State Trust Company (First National Bank) of East St. Louis, as trustee under provisions of said deed to the trust company pursuant to trust agreement dated 12-11-50, trust company #2667, conveyed to ALBERT WALTER of the City of St. Louis for $1 and other considerations the Club Prevue, which is described in the deed as a tract of land described by metes and bounds. In Book 1880, page 151, there is recorded a warranty deed filed 9-5-58, conveying the Club Prevue property from ALBERT WALTERS and CORRINE WALTERS, his wife, of St. Louis, Missouri, for $1 and other good and valuable considerations to JOHN W. HOLLEY of St. Louis, Missouri, the Prevue property. This deed is instrument #143-2411 and was acknowledged before Notary Public BURNETT SCHWARTZ of St. Louis. The record shows that $123.75 worth of internal revenue stamps had been affixed. This would reflect a sales price of $112,375.00.

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By communication dated 8-7-58, the St. Louis office furnished the following information:

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Meat Property

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On 10-3-58, SA [redacted] ascertained in the office of the Madison County Recorder, Edwardsville, Illinois, that the office file in that office in Book 1816, Page 496, on November of 1957, records a mortgage by ESTER MAGIN and SAM MAGIN, her husband, in Madison County, to the Bahamas Investment Limited, Nassau, Bahamas, to secure payment, a promissory note was executed by ESTER MAGIN and SAM MAGIN, her husband, to the order of the Bahamas Investment Limited in the amount of $50,000 with interest at six percent per annum, the amount to be paid in monthly installments of $800.00. The first installment was due on November 30, 1957, and a like amount on the same date of each subsequent month, thereafter for 36 months. The balance of the principal and interest is to be paid on the 30th day of November, 1960, said payments to be applied on the sum of the note due on the entire principal and the remainder in reduction of the principal with interest after maturity at the rate of seven percent per annum on the principal.

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This instrument was acknowledge before a Notary Public, EDWARD G. HOLZWEG, on November 7, 1957, and was signed in the office of the Madison County Recorder on that date. The record reflected the mortgage covering the property reflects a description of which is identical to the description of the meat property as previously reported. (On record)

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Agents have made spot checks of the meat property and there has never been observed any unusual activity or automobiles at the location. It appears that workmen are putting the final interior decorating touches on the property and it is dark and unoccupied at night.

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Las Vegas Gambling Interests

By communication dated 10-2-58, the Salt Lake City Office advised that [redacted]

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By communication dated 8-5-58, Salt Lake City advised that through contact with informants they had received no additional information regarding the activities of the WORTMANS or their associates at Las Vegas except as follows:

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Cleo Club or Red Rooster

With reference to the Red Rooster, property on Collinsville Road, which was formerly operated by the WORTMAN gang as a gambling establishment and was reported to have been owned by GORDON FOSTER, SA [redacted] ascertained in the office of the Madison County Recorder, Book 1867, Page 259, there is recorded a warranty deed No. 6177, executed by GORDON FOSTER and his wife, VIVIAN FOSTER to GEORGE and PAULINE CRISOS, on 6-30-58, filed in the Recorder's Office, July 10,1958. The warranty deed granted to the grantees one and one-half percent and the other one-half percent to one half percent to one ARISTOTLE GATZOULIS of the following described property: b7C

Lot one in block one in Monks Mound subdivision, according to the Platt Book recorded in the Recorder's Office, Madison County in Platt Book 14, Page 26.

This instrument was acknowledged before WILLIAM J. VEECH, a Notary Public.

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In connection with the registered property, it should also be noted that there is on file in the Office of the St. Clair County Recorder at Belleville, Illinois, which SA[redacted] found in Book 1513, Page 211, the record of a warranty deed filed in that Recorder's Office, August 15, 1957, showing that GORDON FOSTER and VIVIAN FOSTER, his wife, of Madison County, for $1.00 and other valuable considerations by warranty deed conveyed to GEORGE CRISOS and ARISTOTLE GATZOULIS the following described real estate, which is the Red Rooster property in St. Clair County. It should be noted that the St. Clair County line is in the middle of this building.

Lots No. 6 and No. 7 in block No. 11 of Monks Mound Subdivision of part of the SE quarter of Section 36, township 3, 3N Range 9W, Madison County and N½ of NE quarter of Section 1 township 2, N range 9W; St. Clair County, recorded in the Recorder's Office of St. Clair County in the Book of Platts entered on Page 55.

It should be noted that FOSTER and his wife obtained title originally from the former owner, WILLIAM LACCE and JOSEPHINE LACCE, his wife, of Collinsville, Illinois, July 5, 1951, which transfer is recorded in Book 1229, Page 485, Office of the St. Clair County Recorder, Belleville, Illinois.

It should be noted that there is also recorded in the Recorder's Office at Belleville, the record of the title to the residence in which FOSTER lives, indicating he obtained title to this property January 28, 1949, which is described as block 291, in the third addition to Morris Hills, Collinsville, Illinois. It is recorded in Book 11, Page 446.

<u>Stephen German Enterprises</u>

The St. Louis area press on 10-3-58 carried a news article that ROBERT PHELPS, an associate of FRANK WORTMAN was a co-founder and stockholder of the Stephen German Bricklaying Company. According to the article, GORMAN is contesting a claim by the Internal Revenue Service for $63,000 in additional taxes and penalties on his 1954 income. Internal Revenue claims that

GORMAN failed to report $77,000 he received in dividends from the firm. According to the press, GORMAN told the Tax Court in Washington, D.C., that the German Bricklaying Company was founded by himself, a St. Louis contractor, HORACE DEAL, and ROBERT PHELPS, and that each held 250 shares of stock with a par value of $100; further that DEAL'S share was issued to L. J. CARMODY, who was DEAL'S nominee. GORMAN testified he later purchased both PHELPS' and DEAL'S stock. It is noted that PHELPS is among 11 WORTMAN associates who appeared on the payrolls of several large projects on which GORMAN held the brick contracts.

Fairmount Racetrack & Coin Machine Operations

During the racing season in the summer and fall of 1958, there was extensive publicity regarding cigarette machines of W-R Cigarette Company that had been placed at the Fairmount Park Racetrack. State Representative PAUL SIMON of Troy, Illinois, made extensive newspaper releases regarding WORTMAN controlled cigarette machines being placed at the track. After the extensive publicity, the machines of the W-R, or Riteway Cigarette Sales, or Hines Cigarette Company, were removed from the track. It is noted all the above are part of the Plaza Amusement Company operations.

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Investigation conducted by SA [redacted] at Vandalia and Fayette County, Illinois, failed to indicate that the WORTMANS were moving into the Fayette County area insofar as their coin machines were concerned. [redacted] b7c b7D

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Inquiry by SA [redacted] at the motels and hotels in the Vandalia area on 8-1-58, failed to develop information that the WORTMANS had recently visited or stayed overnight at Vandalia. b7c

F. PLACES OF AMUSEMENT AND HANGOUTS FREQUENTED

There is no change under this heading.

The WORTMANS and DOWLING continue to make their principal hangout and place to discuss business as the Paddock Lounge in East St. Louis or the Broadview Hotel also in E. St. Louis.

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H. PERSONAL HABITS

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On 7-21-58, SA [redacted] observed WORTMAN'S car parked at a meter at the Broadview Hotel between the hours of 2:35 to 4:40 PM, during which time a city traffic officer passed his car three times and looked at the car closely, but never placed a parking ticket on it even though it was on a red meter during this whole time. At 3:50 PM, the traffic officer did give a parking ticket to a Plymouth on a red meter immediately next to FRANK WORTMAN'S Chrysler.

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I. COURT GRAND JURY AND SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS

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The St. Louis and E. St. Louis area press on 7-16-58, carried extensive articles regarding the conviction of CECIL H. BEAHRINGER, operator of Casey's Tavern, 2122 Illinois Avenue, E. St.Louis, when he entered a plea of guilty in U. S. District Court on 7-15-58, for perjury. The indictment resulted from the FRANK WORTMAN investigation as BEAHRINGER was indicted in May, 1957, after a series of raids by Internal Revenue agents on handbook operations in E. St. Louis. BEAHRINGER was charged with having told the Grand Jury falsely he had not taken handbook bets. BEAHRINGER was sentenced to two years in prison on 8-5-58.

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On 8-26-58, JOE JANKO, a known WORTMAN associate, was indicted by the Federal Grand Jury at St. Louis, Missouri, for income tax evasion. This indictment grew out of the WORTMAN Grand Jury investigation.

Motions have been filed by the Attorney of SAM MAGIN, one RAY M. FOREMAN of Danville, Illinois, in U. S. District Court at E. St. Louis, seeking the transfer of MAGIN'S pending perjury trial from E. St. Louis to Danville. The motion cited adverse newspaper publicity as being prejudicial to MAGIN. Judge JUERGENS, U. S. District Judge, E. St. Louis, has overruled the motion.

By communication dated 11-25-58, the St. Louis office advised that FRANK WORTMAN and SAM MAGIN were scheduled to appear at hearings of the Senate Labor Rackets Committee in Washington, D. C., on or about 12-3-58.

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Synopsis:

Efforts to locate indicated friends and associates of WORTMAN set forth. [redacted]

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B. CRIMINAL RECORD

The St. Louis Post Dispatch on December 19, 1958, carried an article showing FRANK (BUSTER) WORTMAN, on December 17, 1958, had been ejected from a store at 438 Missouri Avenue, East St. Louis, Illinois, after he had started an argument with the proprietor. The article states that two patrolmen who answered the call from the proprietor recognized WORTMAN who apparently had been drinking. They ordered him to leave the store and no police report of the incident was made.

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On December 8, 1958, ELMER (DUTCH) DOWLING was observed in Michael's Lounge, 4215 Hampton, St. Louis, Missouri, at approximately 1:00 p.m. A 1958 Oldsmobile bearing Illinois license 2453371 was noted parked outside. DOWLING in this automobile departed Michael's Lounge at approximately 1:45 p.m. and drove directly to the Plaza Amusement Company, 1912 Washington Boulevard.

E. LEGITIMATE ENTERPRISES

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F. PLACES OF AMUSEMENT AND HANGOUTS FREQUENTED

No information has been made available during the period covered by this report showing the places of amusement and/or hangouts visited by subjects in the St. Louis area.

G. TRAVEL

No information has come to the attention of the St. Louis Office during the period covered by this report showing the travel of subjects out of the St. Louis Metropolitan area.

H. PERSONAL HABITS AND PECULIARITIES

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Title FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, Aka; ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING, Aka; [redacted]
ANTI-RACKETEERING

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Re report of SA [redacted] dated 3/27/59 at Springfield.

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SPRINGFIELD	SPRINGFIELD	3/27/59	12/5/58; 3/24/59

TITLE OF CASE

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka;
ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING, aka;
[redacted]

REPORT MADE BY: SA [redacted]

TYPED BY: [redacted]

CHARACTER OF CASE

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SYNOPSIS

REFERENCE

Report of SA [redacted] dated December 9, 1959, at Springfield.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to:

Report of: SA [redacted] Office: SPRINGFIELD

Date: March 26, 1959

File Number: SI 92-112 BUFILE 92-2810 b7C

Title: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN;
ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING;
[redacted]

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Additional personal history and background set out, including photograph obtained of DOWLING's residence. Information regarding WORTMAN's associates set out [redacted] Continuing criminal activities of subjects in the policy games and handbook operations set out. Policy operations continue in Brooklyn, Illinois, [redacted] Subjects legitimate enterprises continued primarily in the coin machine business. Prevue Club no longer in operation and the Meet property remains dormant. [redacted] WORTMAN and associates continued to have the Paddock Lounge in East St. Louis as their meeting place. [redacted] FRANK WORTMAN continues to live at the Broadview Hotel and spends considerable time with [redacted] St. Louis and East St. Louis press presently carrying daily articles regarding the WORTMAN gang and the failure of the Federal Government to prosecute these individuals. SUBJECTS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS IN VIEW OF PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS AND BECAUSE THEY HAVE ALLEGEDLY CARRIED WEAPONS IN THE PAST.

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At Fort Lauderdale, Florida

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ST. LOUIS DIVISION

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Will maintain contact with informants in regard to information relative to the activities of the subjects and their associates.

Will furnish information requested in Springfield letter to St. Louis dated February 25, 1959.

SALT LAKE CITY DIVISION

At Las Vegas, Nevada

Will report any information of value regarding subjects activities on contact with informants.

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SPRINGFIELD DIVISION

At Springfield, Illinois

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At Belleville RA

Will maintain contact with informants and sources regarding the activities of subjects.

Will contact United States Attorney C. M. RAEMER on his return from Washington regarding prosecutive action in this matter on the possible income tax violations.

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DETAILS:

A. PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

On March 13, 1959, SA [redacted] observed FRANK WORTMAN's automobile at the Paddock Lounge, East St. Louis, Illinois; this is a 1959 Chrysler Imperial, four-door sedan, light gray in color bearing 1959 Illinois License 2644377.

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On March 23, 1959, SA [redacted] obtained photographs of the residence of ELMER SLYVESTER DOWLING. It is noted that photographs have previously been obtained of the residence of FRANK WORTMAN and [redacted]

D. CRIMINAL RECORD

There is no information to report regarding this section.

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D. CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

POLICY OPERATIONS

As has previously been reported the policy operations of the NORTMAN gang has been centered in Brooklyn, Illinois, an all Negro incorporated area on the outskirts of East St. Louis, Illinois. [redacted]

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HANDBOOK OPERATIONS

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E. LEGITIMATE ENTERPRISES

PREVUE CLUB

This place is no longer in operation as previously mentioned but is now operating as a general merchandise store [redacted]

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The Young-Bundy- Mixon Enterprises have apparently been dissolved in regard to information that has previously been set out.

The Meat Property located on the outskirts of Collinsville, Illinois, continues to remain in a dormant condition during the course of this investigation. Agents have on numerous occasions observed this location but

there is no indication of any action at the Mont Property or is there any indication of anyone actually living on the premises.

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COIN MACHINE OPERATIONS

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I. PLACES OF AMUSEMENT AND HANGOUTS FREQUENTED

FRANK WORTMAN continues to spend most of his time in and around the Paddock Lounge and the Brookview Hotel. The Paddock Lounge continues to be the principal hangout and meeting place of the WORTMAN gang.

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G. TRAVEL

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On December 17, 1958, the St. Louis and East St. Louis newspapers carried extensive news articles regarding an incident occurring in East St. Louis when FRANK WORTMAN around 7:00 AM in a drunken condition threatened to put an East St. Louis cigar store operator out of business. The press reports that the East St. Louis police found WORTMAN arguing with the store owner and took him to the hotel. Also according to the press, the Police Commissioner RUSSELL BEEBE of East St. Louis and the acting Chief of Police VIRGIL BALTIZAR of the Police Department made statements to the press that an inquiry would be made but no report was made on the incident because an arrest was not made and the police were changing ~~chiefs~~ shifts when the incident happened. The police issued statements to the press that they were trying to locate WORTMAN after the incident to question him but he apparently had left town. There has been no indication since that time that the East St. Louis Police made any effort to locate or interview WORTMAN regarding the incident.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 4/9/59

FROM : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (91-112)

SUBJECT: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka;
ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING, aka;
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ANTI-RACKETEERING

Re report of SA [redacted] dated 3/27/59 at Springfield.

The following corrections should be made in the report:

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4. Page20, last sentence should read ".... continues to be the principal hangout etc."

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2810)
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DATE: 5-14-59

FROM: [redacted] SAC, Springfield (92-112)
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SUBJECT: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, Aka;
ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING, Aka;
[redacted]
ANTI-RACKETEERING

For the Bureau's information, beginning on May 11, 1959, a series of trials were started in U. S. District Court in East St. Louis, Illinois. These trials all have to do with various associates of the WORTMAN gang, who have previously been indicted by the Federal Grand Jury for the Eastern District of Illinois, as a result of the extensive Grand Jury investigation as well as the extensive investigation of the Internal Revenue Service in the East St. Louis area. All of the individuals to be mentioned have previously been commented on in the course of the investigation of FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING, and [redacted] - ANTI-RACKETEERING.

Beginning on Monday, May 11, 1959, the following three individuals went to trial:

THOMAS D. CLANCY,
JAMES A. PRINDABLE
DONALD KASTNER

All three of these individuals were indicted in five counts in the Eastern District of Illinois. Counts 1, 2, and 3 are for violation of Title 18, Section 1001, in connection with false statements given to Internal Revenue Agents. Count 4 is for violation of Title 26, Section 7201, regarding attempts to evade certain taxes. Count 5 is for violation of Title 18, Section 371, which is a conspiracy violation to violate Internal Revenue laws. The above three mentioned individuals were over the years, involved in handbook operations in connection with the

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North Sales Company operation, which was an extensive handbook business, allegedly controlled and operated by WORTMAN and his associates. Attorneys representing the above-mentioned three individuals are PAUL WALLER and JOHN O'CONNELL, both of East St. Louis, Illinois.

Also scheduled for trial on Monday, May 11, 1959, but which trial will be held after the above-mentioned case, are for the indictments in the Eastern District of Illinois, against ROBERT SHEER, GORDON FOSTER, and THOMAS JACKSON. These three individuals are indicted also as a result of the WORTMAN grand juries, in nine counts, which are as follows:

Counts 1 through 4 are for violation of Title 18, Section 1001 in connection with false statements given to Internal Revenue Agents;
Count 5 is for violation of Section 7201, Title 26, in the connection with the evasion of certain taxes;
Count 6 is for violation of Title 26, Section 7206, also for tax evasion;
Count 7 is for violation of Title 18, Section 1001;
Count 8 is for violation of Title 18, Section 1001;
Count 9 is for violation of Title 18, Section 371, which is a conspiracy violation in connection with the Internal Revenue laws.

ROBERT SHEER and GORDON FOSTER are represented by MORRIS SHENKER, a well known criminal lawyer of St. Louis, Missouri, and the lawyer, who in the past, has been reported the be the "brains" behind WORTMAN and his gang. JACKSON is represented by THOMAS O'DONNELL of East St. Louis, Illinois.

ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING has been subpoenaed as a witness in connection with these trials as well as numerous other witnesses.

SHEER and FOSTER, in the past, operated extensive bookmaking operations, allegedly controlled by the WORTMAN gang. GORDON FOSTER, it is noted, is allegedly the nephew of FRANK LEONARD WORTMA[illegible]
b1c [redacted] THOMAS JACKSON is reportedly a rather minor member of the WORTMAN operation and was involved in handling of some of the bets in connection with SHEER and FOSTER'S bookmaking operations.

On May 18, 1959, SAM GEORGE MAGIN, a very close associate of FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, is scheduled for trial in the Eastern District of Illinois, at East St. Louis, Illinois. MAGIN is indicted

originally in four counts, which charged him with perjury in all four counts. Count 4 of the indictment was subsequently dismissed back several months ago. This 4th count in the indictment charged that MAGIN falsely stated he was a citizen of the United States, wherein actually he was born in Greece. The attorney to represent MAGIN is RAY M. FOREMAN, a former Assistant United States Attorney of the Eastern District of Illinois, from Danville, Illinois. ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING and FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN have both been subpoenaed as witnesses in the MAGIN trial.

Also scheduled for trial on May 18, 1959, in East St. Louis, is GEORGE STOFFEY, of E. St. Louis, who is indicted in three counts, these being: -

Count 1 for violation of Title 26, Section 7201;
Count 2 for violation of Title 26, Section 7203;
(above for evasion of tax violations)
Count 3 for violation of Title 18, Section 1001, for making false statements to the Internal Revenue agents.

STOFFEY, in the past, has been involved in the bookmaking operations of the WORTMAN gang. STOFFEY'S attorney is REX CARR, E. St. Louis, Ill.

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The above is being furnished for information purposes and close liaison is being maintained with the U. S. Attorney's office in E. St. Louis, Illinois, for pertinent information of value.

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TITLE OF CASE

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka;
ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING, aka;
[redacted]

REPORT MADE BY: SA [redacted]

TYPED BY: [redacted]

CHARACTER OF CASE

ANTI-RACKETEERING

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REFERENCE

Report of SA [redacted] dated March 27, 1959, at Springfield.

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LEADS

ST. LOUIS DIVISION

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

(1) Will check the marriage records of St. Louis and St. Louis County in an effort to verify if FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN was recently married [redacted].

(2) [redacted], endeavor to verify if she is married to WORTMAN and if he is living there or spending considerable time at this location.

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(5) Will maintain contact with informants and sources regarding the activities of the WORTMAN gang.

(6) Will verify if the Plaza Amusement Company has exclusive contract at the Cardinal Baseball Park and Kiel Auditorium on vending machines, particularly cigarette machines.

SPRINGFIELD DIVISION

AT EAST ST. LOUIS, ILLINOIS AND VICINITY

(1) Will check marriage records of St. Clair and Madison County to verify WORTMAN's marriage to [redacted]

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(3) [redacted]

(4) Will reports results of investigation regarding [redacted] who allegedly forged a check and signed it BUSTER "WORKMAN".

(5) Will report the results of prosecution in United States District Court regarding GORDON FOSTER, ROBERT SHEER, and THOMAS JACKSON who are presently on trial on tax evasion and false statement indictment counts.

(6) Will maintain contact with United States Attorney in view of the fact he contemplates Federal Grand Jury action in the near future wherein it is anticipated that FRANK WORTMAN and numerous of his associates will be indicted for tax evasion and conspiracy.

(7) Will determine if the Plaza Amusement Company has exclusive franchise on cigarette vending machines at the Kahokia Race Track.

(8) Will conduct same investigation when the Fairmount Race Track opens in July of 1959.

(9) Will maintain contact with sources and informants regarding the activities of FRANK WORTMAN, ELMER DOWLING, [redacted] and their close associates. Will particularly endeavor to verify if FRANK WORTMAN was recently married and the time and place.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to:

Report of: SA [redacted] Office: Springfield

Date: MAY 2 9 1959

File Number: SI 92-112 Bufile 92-2810 b7C

Title: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN;
ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING;
[redacted]

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

Information obtained that FRANK WORTMAN was recently married to [redacted]. FRANK WORTMAN interviewed by agents and denies knowing [redacted] and denies having any knowledge of [redacted] activities. [redacted] JAMES PRINDABLE, THOMAS CLANCEY, DONALD KASTNER, former handbook operators under the name of North Sales Incorporated convicted before jury trial, USDC, East St. Louis, May 15, 1959.

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(Synopsis continued)

North Sales, Inc. reportedly a WORTMAN controlled operation. GORDON FOSTER, ROBERT SHEER and THOMAS JACKSON presently on trial before jury, USDC, East St. Louis, regarding tax evasion and false statement indictment counts resulted from Internal Revenue Service investigation of the B & F Distributing Company. B & F Distributing Company was a former race news wire service allegedly controlled by the WORTMANS [redacted]. SUBJECTS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS IN VIEW OF PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS AND BECAUSE THEY HAVE ALLEGEDLY CARRIED WEAPONS IN THE PAST.

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DETAILS:

A. PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

Re: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN
usually known as "BUSTER"

WORTMAN continues to reside in his suite of rooms at the Broadview Hotel at East St. Louis, Illinois, and spends most of his time at the Paddock Lounge on Fifth and St. Louis Avenues, East St. Louis, Illinois.

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On April 2, 1959, WORTMAN was interviewed by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] at the Paddock Lounge in East St. Louis. This interview took place as a result of the following circumstances: b7C

On March 7, 1959, an individual using the name [redacted] cashed a check in the amount of $25.00 payable to [redacted] drawn on the First National Bank of Madison, Illinois, b7C

signed BUSTER "WORKMAN". The St. Louis Office has furnished information regarding this check, and the investigation is being conducted in the matter entitled [redacted] b7c

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In the interview with WORTMAN on April 2, 1959, he claimed he was unable to identify the person who had signed his name on a check; that he knew nothing about this person, and had never heard this individual mentioned and had never been contacted regarding this person.

WORTMAN claimed he knew nothing about anyone writing checks in his name and claimed that if such a thing would have happened he would have heard about it. WORTMAN when asked if he, WORTMAN, had signed a check for [redacted] replied "I did not sign any check of any kind for anyone". WORTMAN went on to say that he had no bank account in his name. Investigation is continuing in an effort to locate [redacted] b7c

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At the time of the interview with WORTMAN, he answered specific questions only and volunteered no information.

Re: ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING
Usually known as "DUTCH"

DOWLING continues to reside at Collinsville, Illinois, and continues to spend most of his time in the promotion of business for the Plaza Amusement Company in the Metropolitan St. Louis and East St. Louis area.

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D. CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

Policy Operations

During most of the period covered by this report the policy operations continued in the Brooklyn area in the outskirts of East St. Louis, Illinois. Agents [redacted] and [redacted] regularly observed activities of [redacted] in Brooklyn and further that they have changed their place of location to a building known as the "Old Elks Club" in the business area of Brooklyn. b7C

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Gambling Operations

During the period of this investigation, the WORTMAN gang continued to operate their gambling setup at the building known as the "Old Checker Inn" on St. Clair Avenue on the outskirts of East St. Louis.

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[redacted] It is noted that from newspaper articles the Sheriff of St. Clair County would continue raids on this establishment but on each occasion there would be no gambling in operation. One article of the "Evening Journal" of East St. Louis dated April 2, 1959, made comment concerning the the Sheriff's raid and headed the article "NOBODY HOME AGAIN".

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It is noted that the identity of the persons arrested have been recorded in the Springfield Office and are not being referred to at this time.

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It is noted that the press of St. Clair County has carried numerous articles regarding these raids and position of States Attorney HOBAN. They have generally criticized HOBAN about his comments and his actions.

Handbook Operations

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Re: Stephen Gorman
Bricklaying Company of
St. Louis, Missouri

[redacted] The St. Louis Post-Dispatch on March 26, 1959, carried an article to the effect that the Gorman Bricklaying Company had been approved as a subcontractor in connection with this housing project by the St. Louis Housing authorities. This firm was reportedly approved for the $6,636,000 project. The Post-Dispatch reported that the association between GORMAN and the WORTMAN organization had been furnished to the Public Housing Administration at Fort Worth, Texas, which office has jurisdiction over public housing in Missouri and seven other states.

F. PLACES OF AMUSEMENT AND HANGOUTS

The principal places of amusement and hangouts for WORTMAN and his associates continue to be at the Paddock Lounge in East St. Louis as well as the Broadview Hotel.

FRANK WORTMAN makes most of his contacts and conducts most of his business from these two locations.

G. TRAVEL

There is no information to report under this subheading.

H. PERSONAL HABITS

There is no information to report under this subheading other than the fact that FRANK WORTMAN as well as ELMER DOWLING are allegedly drinking very heavily as previously mentioned and also that FRANK WORTMAN was reportedly recently married.

I. COURT, GRAND JURY and LEGAL ACTIONS

Beginning on May 11, 1959, various trials were set in United States District Court, East St. Louis, Illinois, for various associates, contacts, and operators of the WORTMAN GANG.

During the action on May 11, 1959, the following individuals were tried and found guilty:

THOMAS D. CLANCEY

JAMES A. PRINDABLE

DONALD KASTNER

These individuals were charged in indictments previously returned with three counts of violation Title 18, Section 1001, in connection with false statements given to Internal Revenue Agents; one count for violation of Title 26, Section 7201, and one count for violation of the Conspiracy Statute. These individuals were involved in the operation of the old handbook business known as the North Sales Company.

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The jury returned a verdict of guilty against all three of these individuals on May 15, 1959, and sentencing has been postponed for a later date. Attorney representing these individuals were PAUL WALLER and JOHN O'CONNELL of East St. Louis, Illinois. During the course of this trial, the method of handbook bets was disclosed and extensive local newspaper publicity was afforded the trial and the testimony given by the witnesses. This case resulted originally from a raid conducted by the Internal Revenue Service in 1957 on handbook operations in the East St. Louis, Illinois area.

Beginning on May 18, 1959, the trial regarding GORDON FOSTER, ROBERT SHEER, and THOMAS JACKSON was started in United States District Court in East St. Louis, Illinois.

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SHEER and FOSTER are represented by MORRIS SHENKER, a well known St. Louis criminal lawyer, and JACKSON is represented by THOMAS O'DONNELL of East St. Louis.

These individuals are charged and an indictment previously returned contained six counts of violation of Title 18, Section 1001; two counts for violation of Title 26, Section 7201 and 7206, and one count for violation of Title 18, Section 371 for Conspiracy.

This trial has also been afforded newspaper publicity in the Metropolitan St. Louis area. This matter was originated as a result of Internal Revenue Agents' raids made on the B & F Distributing Company in East St. Louis which was a racing wire news service covering Missouri as well as Illinois.

This trial was still being conducted before the jury in United States District Court, East St. Louis, Illinois, as of May 25, 1959.

Also scheduled for trial is SAM GEORGE MAGIN under indictment in the Eastern District of Illinois for three counts of perjury. This trial is scheduled for court beginning on June 29, 1959.

MAGIN is represented by RAYMOND M. FOREMAN, a former Assistant United States Attorney from Danville, Illinois.

GEORGE STOFFEY of East St. Louis, Illinois, is under indictment on two counts for violation of Title 26, Sections 7201 and 7203 and one count for violation of Title 18, Section 1001. STOFFEY is a former handbook operator, and his trial is scheduled for July 6, 1959.

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J. MISCELLANEOUS

By communication dated May 15, 1959, the Salt Lake City Office advised that they had no additional information regarding possible activities of the WORTMANs or DOWLING in Las Vegas, Nevada.

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It is being noted that on July 6, 1959, GEORGE STOFFEY, a former bookmaker and part of the WORTMAN operation is scheduled to go on trial in United States District Court at East St. Louis, Illinois on indictments previously returned against him, as a result of Internal Revenue investigation.

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Reporting Office	Office of Origin	Date	Investigative Period
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TITLE OF CASE

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FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, AKA
"Buster" Wortman

Report made by: SA [redacted]

Typed by: [redacted]

CHARACTER OF CASE

ANTITRUST

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ENCLOSURE TO BUREAU: 1 copy of letter to USA, EDI.

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA: An information copy of this report has been designated for the St. Louis office. [redacted] and in the event investigation is ordered by the Antitrust Division, St. Louis will undoubtedly be requested to conduct a portion of this investigation.

Copies of this report are also designated for Bufile 92-2810 and SI File 92-112, which is the Top Hoodlum file concerning FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN.

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WORTMAN, of course, is the subject of wide notoriety and newspaper publicity in the E. St. Louis, Illinois and St. Louis, Missouri area.

Recent convictions of seven of WORTMAN'S associates in Federal court based on gambling tax stamp violations has led to laudatory comments in the press concerning the Federal prosecution, while the same articles criticize local authorities for a "head in the sand attitude" in denying that any gambling was being carried on in the area.

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There is no indication that Mr. RAEMER has in any way referred this matter to the Department under the provisions of Departmental Circular 1374 dated 1/27/23.

Copies of this report are, therefore, being designated for USA, EDI, and a letter has been addressed to him, explaining that an Antitrust investigation by this Bureau must be predicated upon a request from the Assistant Attorney General in Charge of the Antitrust Division and calling to his attention the provisions of Departmental Circular 1374. A copy of this letter is being made an enclosure to this report.

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For the Bureau's further information [redacted]

As the Bureau is aware, cooperation between that Department and this office is practically nonexistent and they are contacted only when necessary and in the most disinterest manner. The E. St. Louis Police Department has been under recent criticism by both the press and a recent grand jury concerning their lack of investigative ability, their lack of preparation of proper investigative reports in police matters, and also concerning the low moral of the department.

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With regard to FRANK "BUSTER" WORTMAN, he is the subject of notorious and widespread newspaper publicity in the St. Louis, Missouri, East St. Louis, Illinois and St. Clair County, Illinois area. According to information appearing in the press, WORTMAN and a number of his associates are credited with the control of gambling and racketeering activities in the East St. Louis and St. Clair County, Illinois area.

The following is the Identification Record for WORTMAN under FBI No. 739 186:

Contributor of Fingerprints	Name and Number	Arrested or Received	Charge	Disposition
PD St Louis Mo	Frank Wortman #22901	1-17-26	Dyer Act wiol	
USM St Louis Mo	Frank Wortman #—	12-21-33	Asslt on Govt off	reled, on bond 1-3-34
SO Belleville Ill	Frank Wortman #--	4-14-34	mutilating numbers on firearm	dism., reled. to Govt off case still pe will probly be brought before GJ Sep at E St Louis Ill at Oct term i this city (in rec 9-1-34)
PD Springfield Ill	Frank Wortman #5936	6-23-34	Asslt Fed Agent	10 yrs Leavenworth
USP Leavenworth Kans	Frank Wortman #45268	7-7-34	Resisting US off	10 yrs 3-6-41 cond rel
Commanding Genrl Services of Supply US Army Wash DC	Frank Leonard Wortman #32-OKW	appli for steam-fitter 3-30-42		
PD E St Louis Ill	Frank Wortman #—	12-30-42	Inv	Rel
SOS Army	Frank Wortman #107-DEH-3	steamfitter 3-9-43		
PD St Louis Mo	Frank Wortman #22901	3-8-44	Inv	Rel 3-8-44
USM St Louis Mo	Frank Wortman #14203	2-24-54	Contempt of crt	4-6-54 rel sub to reappearanc before FGJ whe notified