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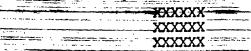
OFFICE M E M O R A N D U M -- UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO: NOV 2 4 1958 DIRECTOR, FBI DATE: FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (92-191) FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, Was.; TITLE: ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING Was.; Enclosed herewith are six copies of the report of dated NOV 24 1958 at St. Louis, Missouri. REFERENCES St. Louis letter and report of SA dated 7/7/58; Springfield letter to Bureau dated 7/23/58; springfield letter and report of SA lated 7/25/58; St. Louis letter to Springfield dated 8/7/58; St. Jouis letter to Springfield dated 10/1/58; St. Louis letter to Denver dated 10/22/58. ADMINISTRATIVE DATA 6 - Bureau (Enc. 108) RE (2 - 92-28) 2 - 92-2809 2 - Indianapolis (Enc. - 2) 2 - Little Rock (Enc. - 2) - Louisville (Enc. - 2) - Springfield (Enc. - 4) 2 - 92-112) - 92-113) -92-227)4 - St. Louis NOV 28 1958 - 92-191) 92-192) 92-416) (ZU) 67 DEC 1 0 1958 100-4260

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DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2810)

DATE: 12-2-58

FROM

SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-112)

SUBJECT:

FRANK LEONARD "BUSTER" WORTMAN, ake

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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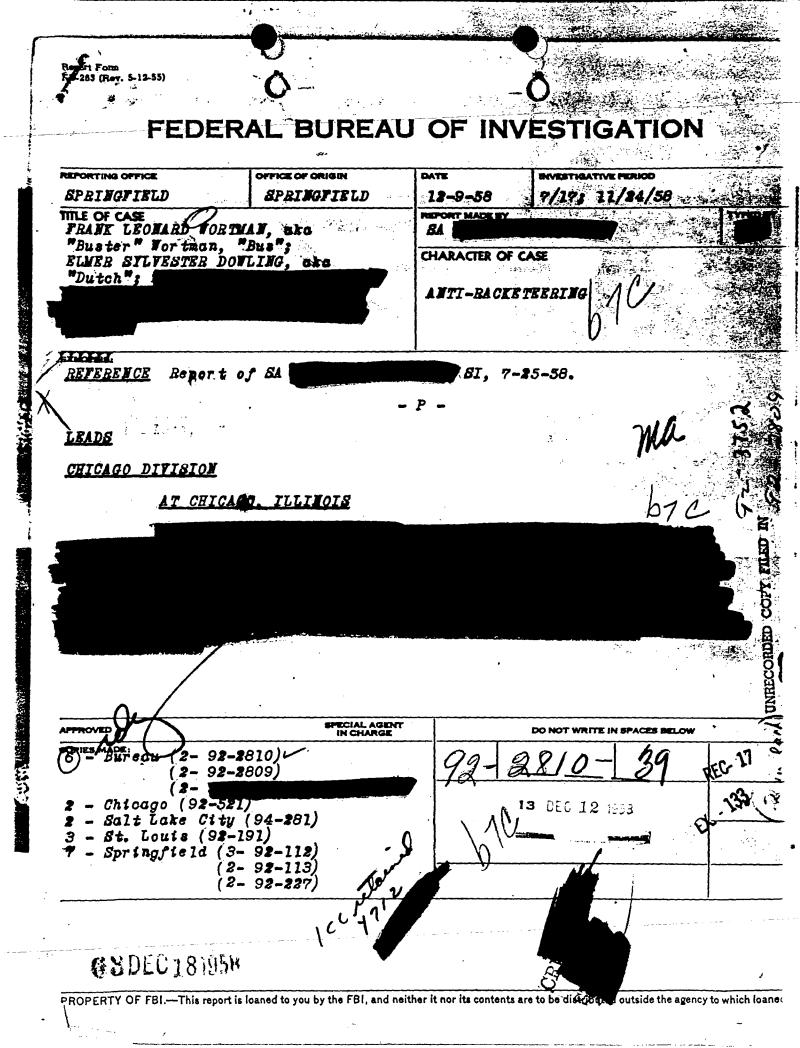
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interests in the Club he has an interest and the same insofar as

the peration at the Westerner Club.

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AT ST. LOUIS. MISSOURI

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

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- 3. Will endeavor to identify the shill ear 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 lisense 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

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AT BELLEVILLE RA AREA

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

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G. 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 3. St. Louis and Collinsville.

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9. Will contact the policy operations.

10. Will identify the helder of 1958 Illinois license #83

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The investigative period of this report covers the period of July to November, 1958, because SA 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, "UNINOWN 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 per Bureau instructions.

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Report of:

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Title:

FRANK LEONARD WORTHAN: ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING:

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FRANK WORTHAN, FBI #739182, BLUER DOWLING, FBI #1644966, and Synopsis: are principal individuals in the

WORTMAN-DOWLING gang.

Additional original record and original history of the WORTHANS Information re associates of the WORTHAMS and DOWLING set out,

VORTUANS and DOVLING act out.

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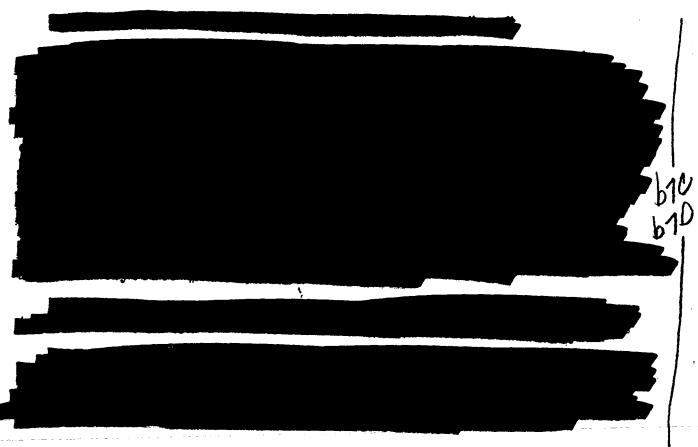
A. PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

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 STLVESTER 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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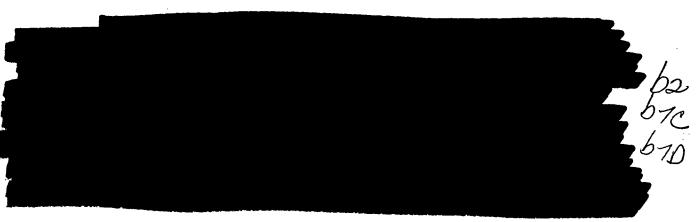
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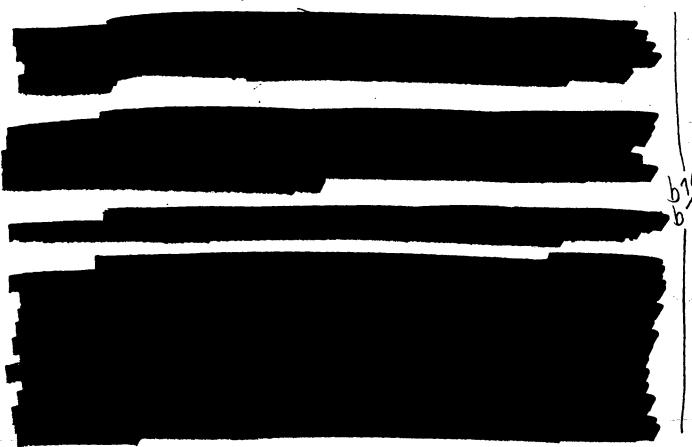


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St. Louis, on 7-21-58. MOONEY was 51 years old and was formerly president of the Old Terrace Lounge on Collinaville Avenue, East St. Louis, Illinois, which was a WORTMAN controlled operation and former handbook location.

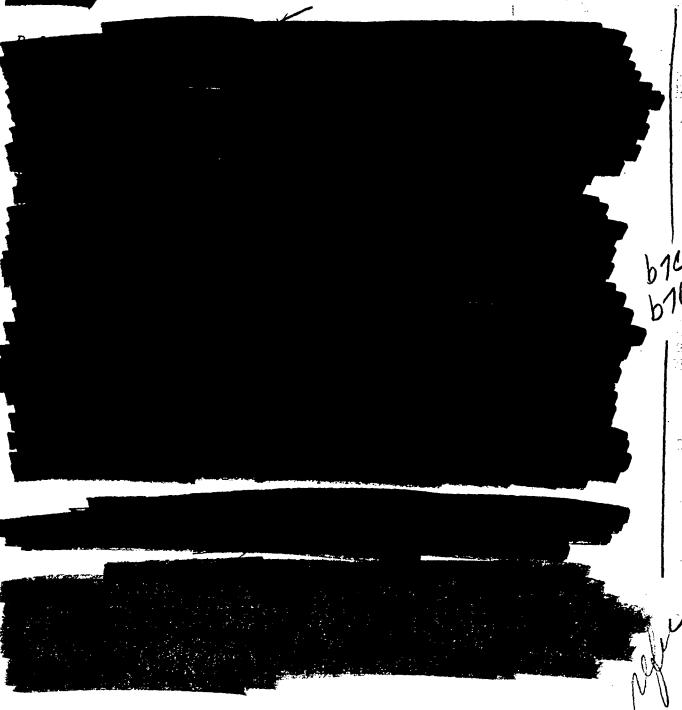


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D. CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

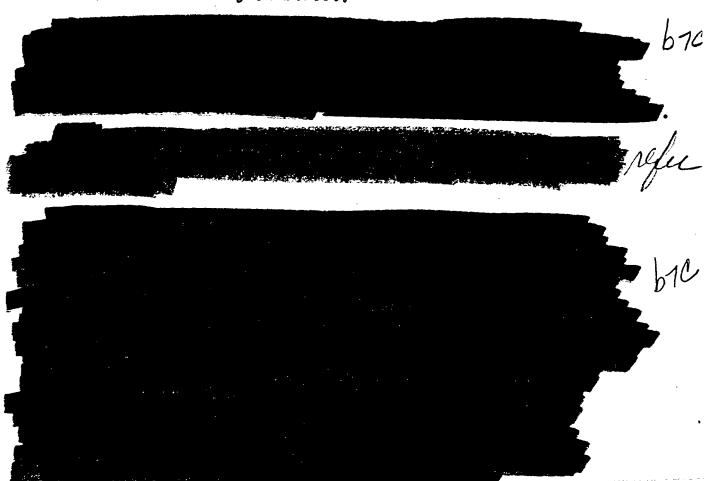
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that the fellowing WORTMAN and DOWLING associates were operating in a two-stery building at 615 Washington Street in Brooklyn, Illinois, an all colored sub-division of East St. Louis, Illinois.

The individuals observed at these premises were

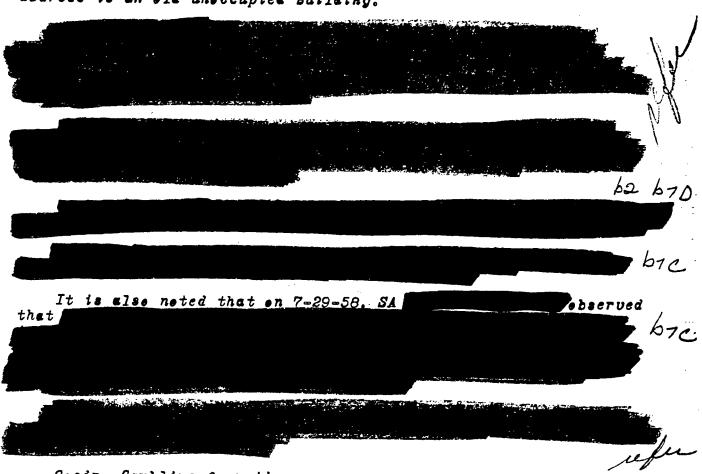
7-31-58 and subsequent dates, it was determined that these individuals all drive to Brooklyn in their respective automobiles and then park them at various locations and then walk to the building at 615 Washington Street.



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

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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.



Casino Gambling Operations

The report of SA section reflects that the WORTWAN gang was operating at an old farmhouse near Collinsville, Illinois.

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let in the rear of the 41 Club in St. Louis, Missouri, and observed this same car bearing the same license.

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E. <u>LEGITIMATE ENTERPRISES</u>

Prevue Club

The following investigation was conducted by SA

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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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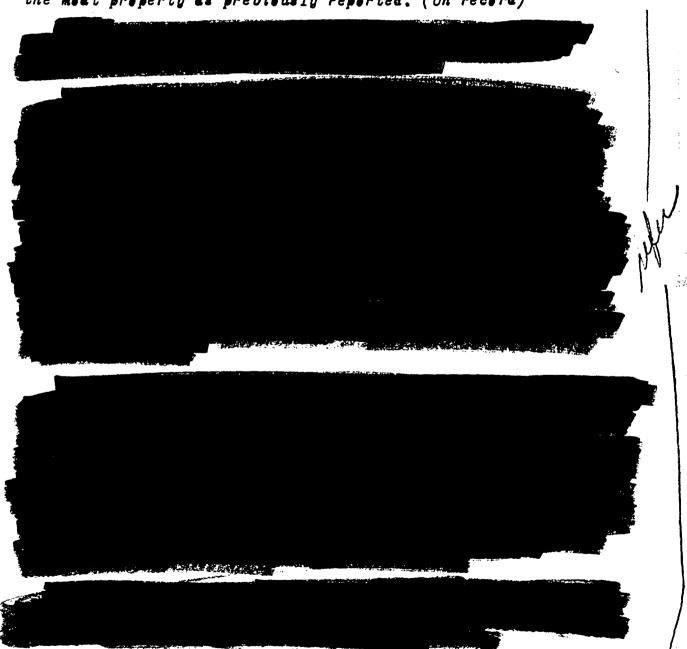
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on 10-3-58, SA

ascertained in the effice of the Madison County Recorder, Edwardsville, Illinois, that the effice file in that effice 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 most property as previously reported. (On record)



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

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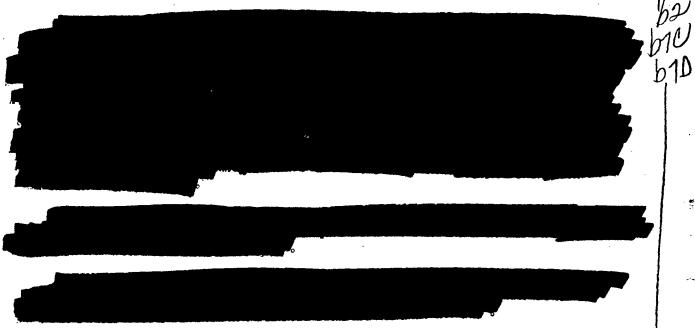
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Las Vegas Gambling Interests

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



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:



Clee 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 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 half percent gatZOULIS of the following described property:

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

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

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 found in Book 1513, Page 211, the record of a warranty deed filed in that Recorder of 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.

Lets 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 No of NE quarter of Section 1 township 2, N range 9W; St. Clair County, recorded in the Recorder 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 Collinaville, 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 of 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, Collinaville, Illinois. It is recorded in Book 11, Page 446.

Stephen German Enterprises

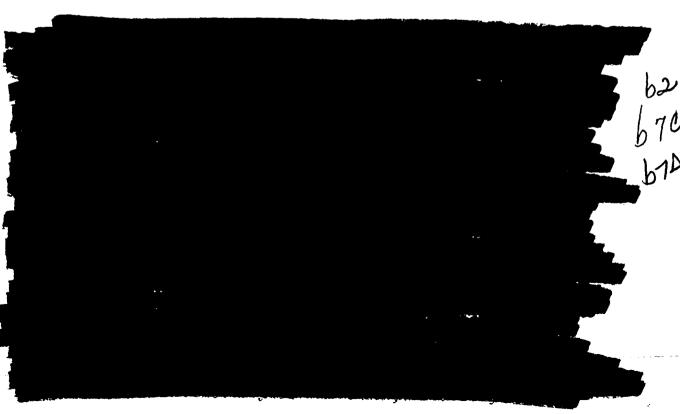
The St. Louis area press on 10=3=58 carried a news article that ROBERT PHELPS, an associate of FRANK WORTMAN was a comfounder and stockholder of the Stephen Gorman Bricklaying Company. According to the article, GORMAN is contesting a claim by the Internal Revenue Service for \$63,000 in additional taxes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

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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 Gorman 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.

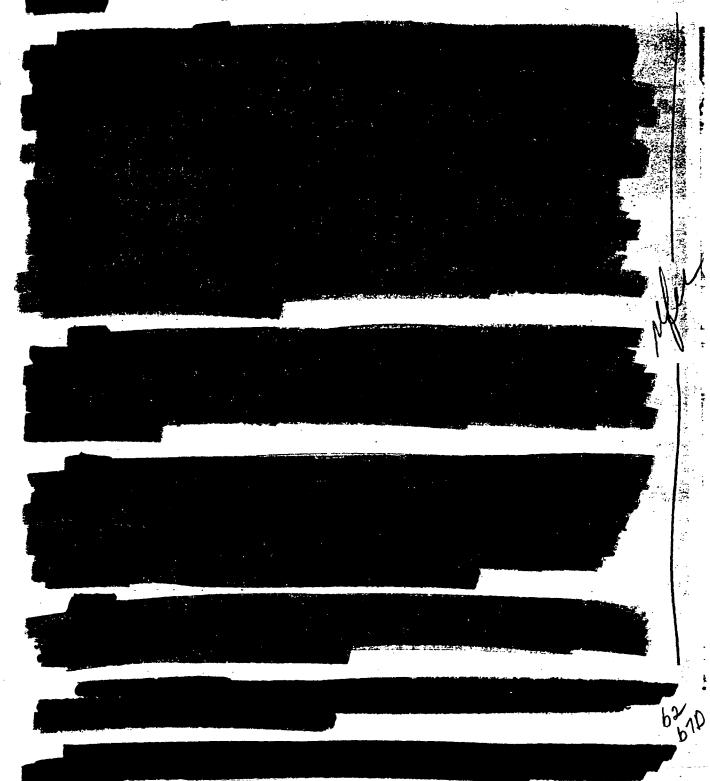
Fairmount Racetrack & Coin Machine Operations

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 Himes 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

Investigation conducted by SA Vendelie and Fayette County, Illinois, failed to indicate that the NORTHANS were moving into the Fayette County area insofar as their coin machines were concerned.

Inquiry by SA the motels and hotels in the Vandalia area on 8-1-50, failed to develop information that the VORTNANS had recently visited or stayed overnight at Vandalia.

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P. PLACES OF ANUSENEET AND HANGOUTS PREQUESTED

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The WORTMANS and DOWLING continue to make their principal hangout and place to discuss business as the Paddock Louise in Bast St. Louis or the Broadutes Hotel also in B. St. Louis.





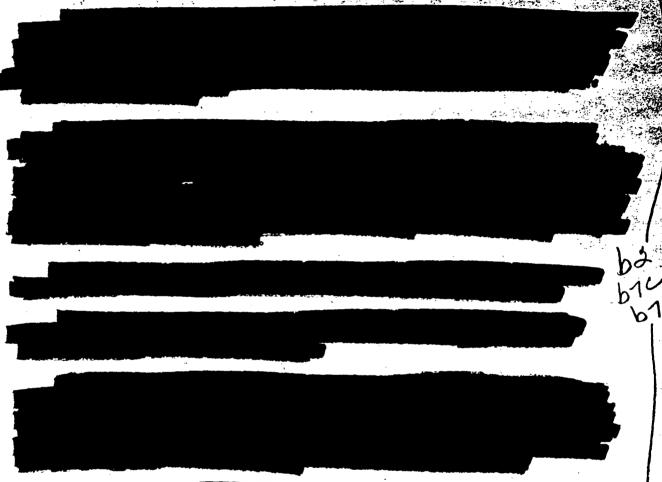
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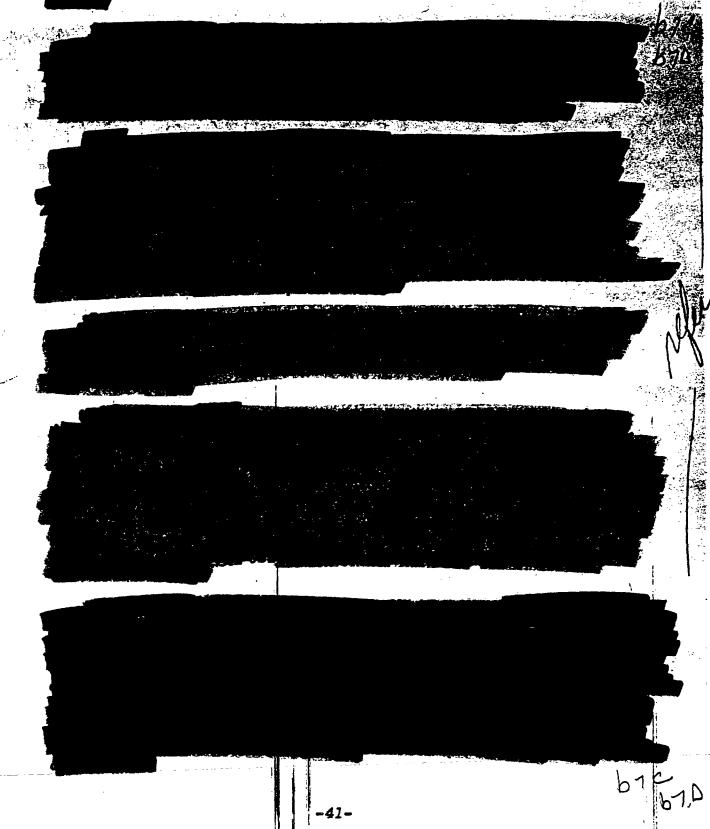
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at a meter at the Broadview Hotel between the hours of 2:35 to
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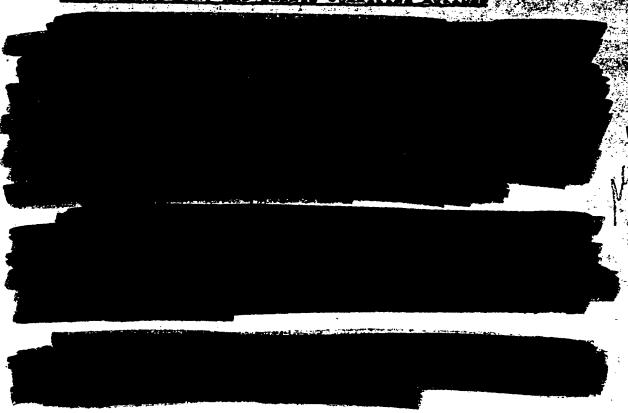
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I. COURT GRAND JURY AND SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS



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 7-15-50, 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, Jos JANKO, a known VORTMAN associate, was indicted by the Federal Grand Jury at St. Louis, Missouri, for income tax evesion. This indictment grow out of the VORTMAN Grand Jury investigation.

Motions have been filed by the Attorney of SAN MAGIN, one RAY M. FOREMAN of Danville, Illinote, in U. S. District Court at E. St. Louis, seeking the transfer of MAGIN'S pending per jury trial from E. St. Louis to Danville. The motion eited adverse newspaper publicity as being prejudicial to MAGIN.
Judge JUINGINS, U. S. District Judge, E. St. Louis, has overruled the motion.

By communication dated 11-35-58, the St. Louis office advised that FRANK WORTMAN and SAN MAGIN were scheduled to appear at hearings of the Senate Labor Rackets Committee in Washington, D. C., on or about 12-8-58.



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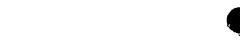
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Synopsis:

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

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DETAILS: AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

A. PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND



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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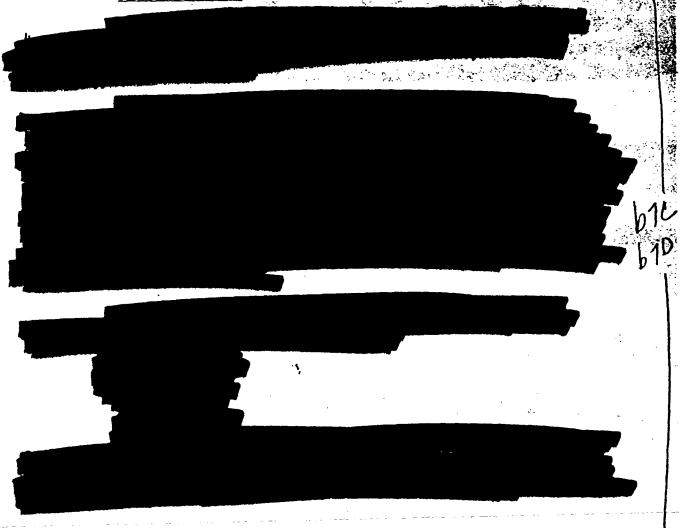
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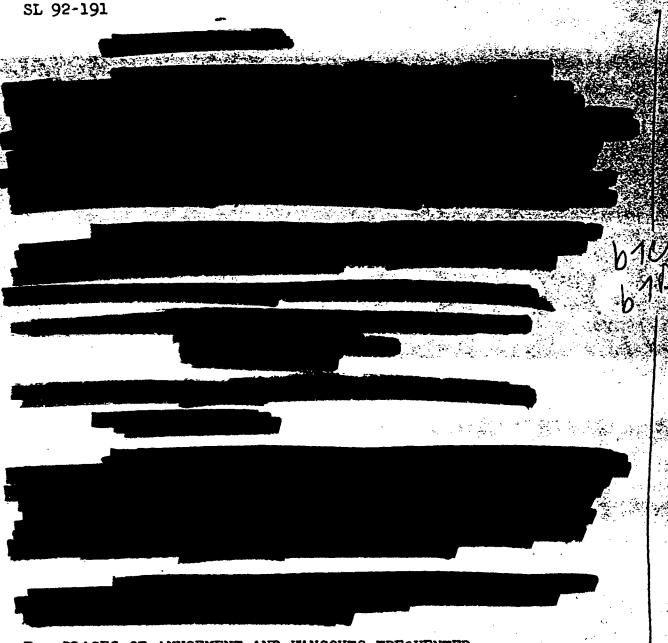
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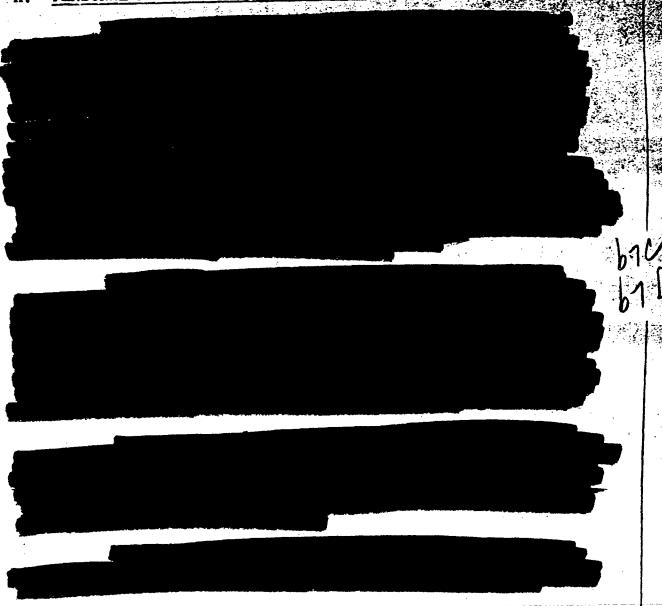
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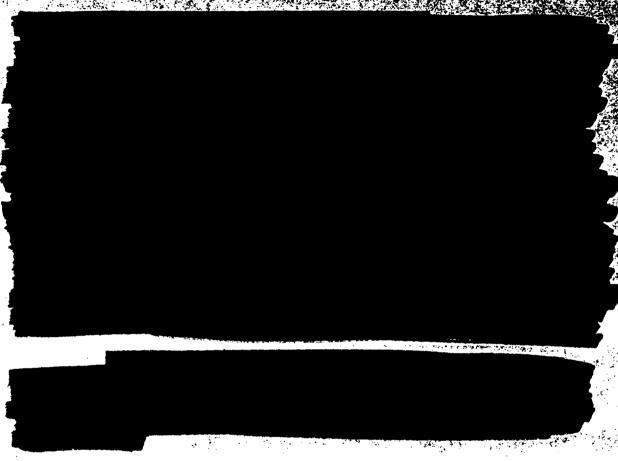
O. TRAVEL

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Additional personal history and background set out, including photograph obtained of DOVLING's residence. Information regarding WORTMAN's associates set out

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Subjects

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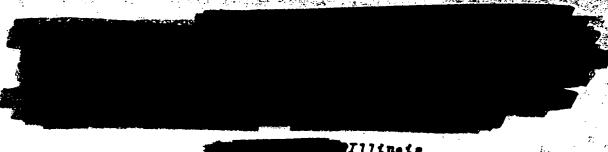
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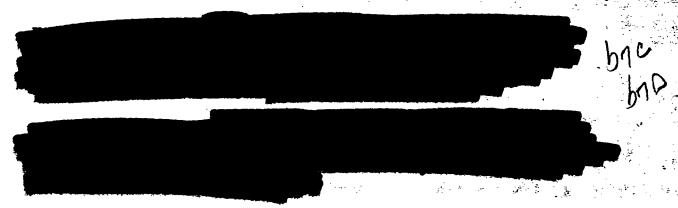


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On March 23, 1959, SA entered of the residence of ELMER SLIVESTER DOWLING. It is noted that photographs have previously been obtained of the residence of FRANK WORTMAN and

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E. CRIMINAL RECORD

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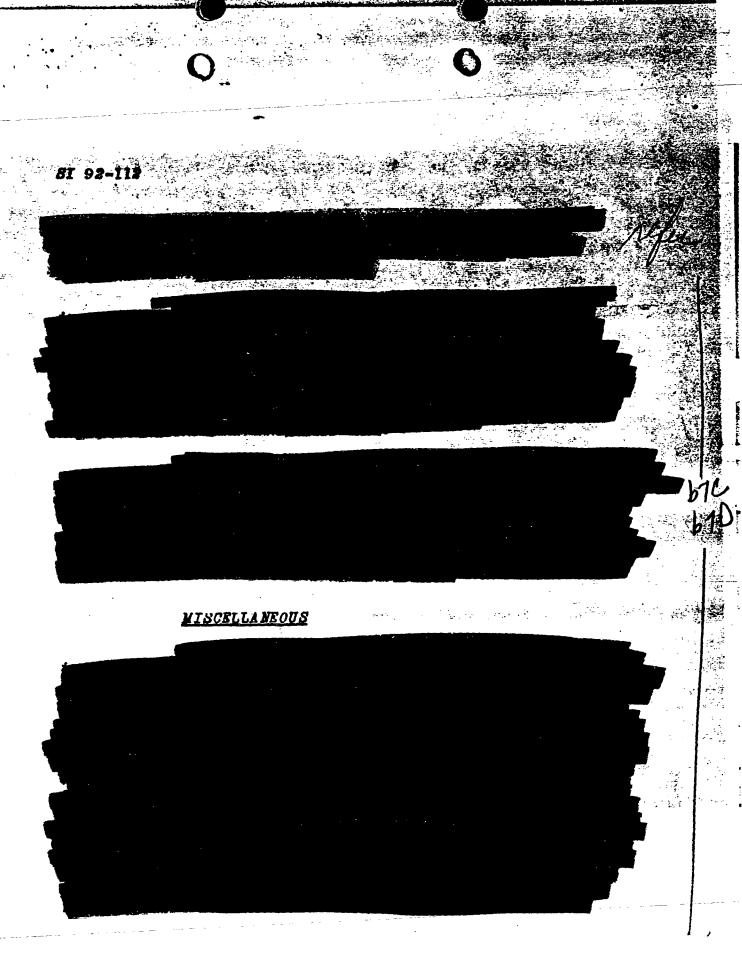
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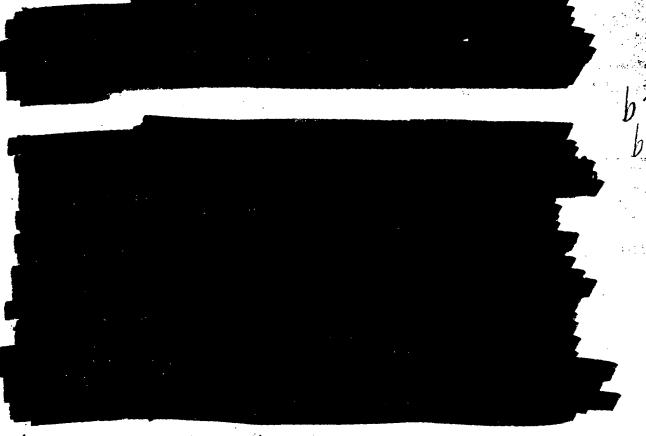


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E. LEGITIMATE ENTERPRISES

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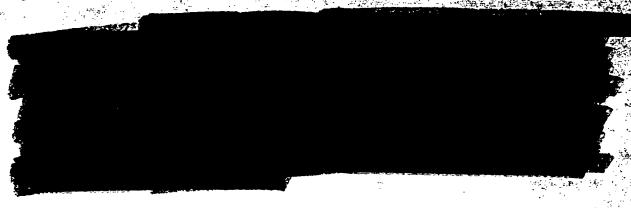


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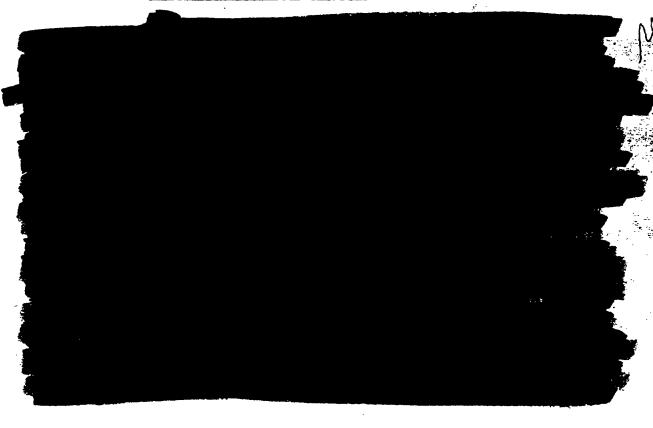
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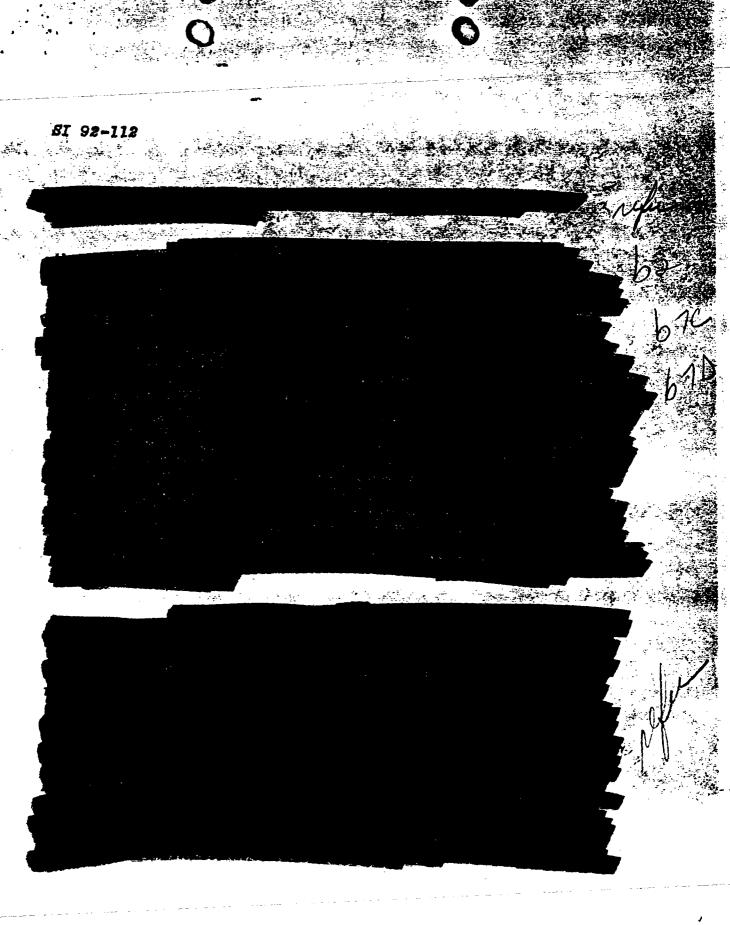
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there is no indication of any action at the Mout Property or is there any indication of anyone actually living on the premises.



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I. PLACES OF AMUSEMBIT AND HANGOUTS PREQUENTED

FRANK WORTHAN continues to spend most of the time in and around the Paddock Lounge and the Broadview Hotel. The Paddock Lounge continues to be the principal handout and meeting place of the WORTHAN gang.

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Additional information egarding this will be set out under the next sub-heading.

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Louis newspapers carried extensive news articles regarding
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around 7:00 AM in a drunken condition threatened to put an
East St. Louis eigar 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 folice 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 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
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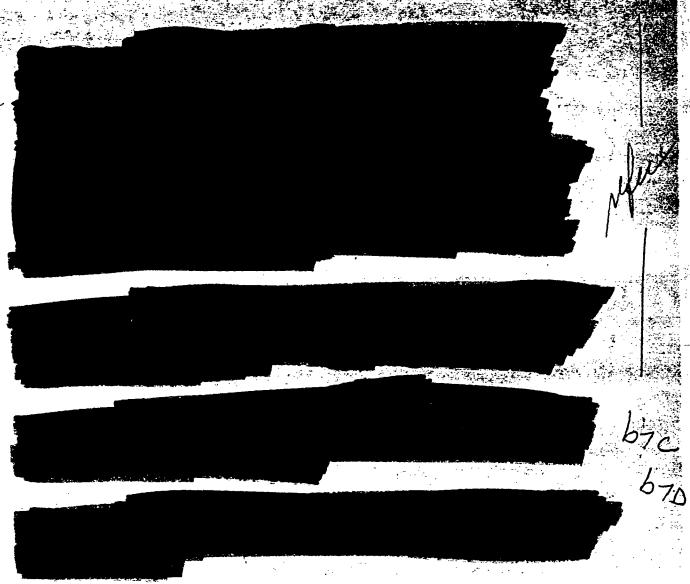
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SUBJECT:

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, Aka; SYLVESTER DOWLING. Aka;

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 WORTHAM, ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING, and - AMTI-RACKETEERING.

Beginning on Wonday, Way 11, 1959, the following three individuals went to trial:

> THOMAS D. CLANCY. JAMES A. PRINDABLE DOMALD KASTMER

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's 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 subpoenced 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 LEOMARD WORTMAN
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 LEOMARD WORTHAM, is scheduled for trial in the Eastern District of Illinois, at East St. Louis, Illinois. WAGIN is indicted

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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 N. FOREMAN, a former Assistant United States Attorney of the Eastern District of Illinois, from Danville, Illinois. ELMER SILVESTER DOWLING and FRANK LEOMARD WORTMAN have both been subpoenced as witnesses in the MAGIN trial.

Also scheduled for trial on Way 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.



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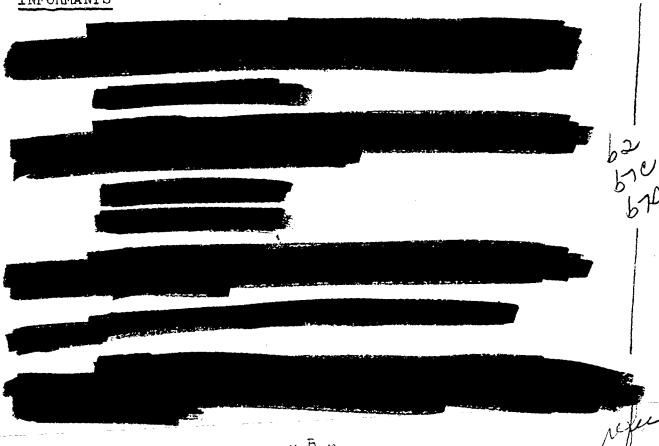
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- (5) Will report the results of prosecution in United States District Court regarding GORDON FOSTER, ROBERT SHEER, and THOMAS JACKSON who are presently on trial on tax evasion and false statement indictment counts.

- (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 comfuct same investigation when the Fairmount Race Track opens in July of 1959.
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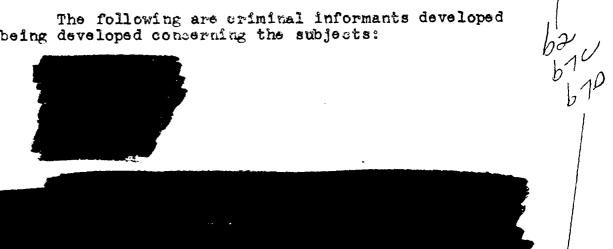
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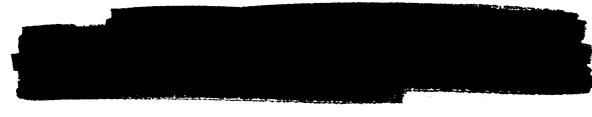
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Title:

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN;

ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING;

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Synopsis:

Information obtained that FRANK WORTMAN was recently married to

knowing and denies having any knowledge of activities.

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.

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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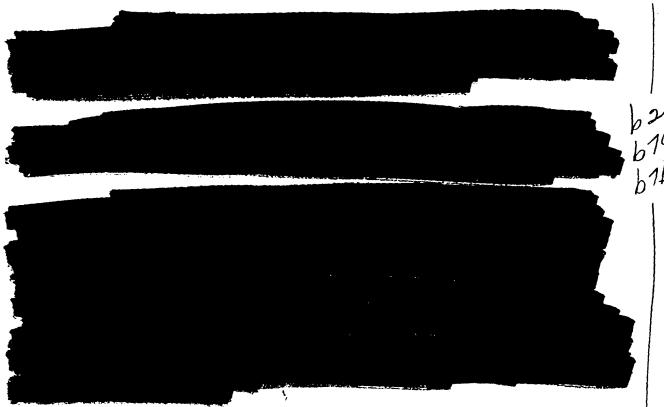
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DETAILS:

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.



On April 2, 1959. WORTMAN was interviewed by SAs and and at the Paddock Lounge by Continuous took place as a result of the following circumstances:

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

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



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 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

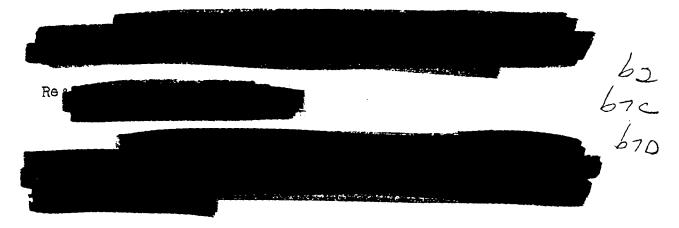
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At the time of the interview with WORTMAN, he answered specific questions only and volunteered no information.

Re: EIMER 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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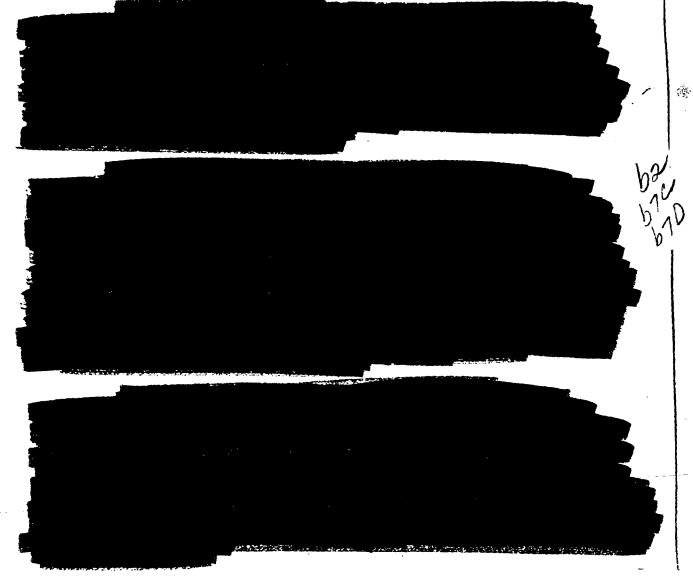
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D. CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

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 and regularly observed activities of 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.



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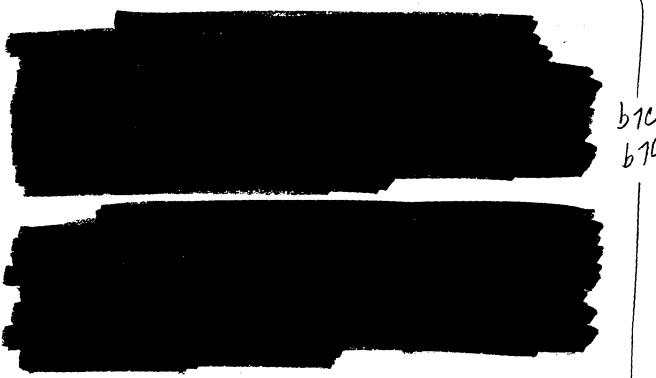
Gambling Operations

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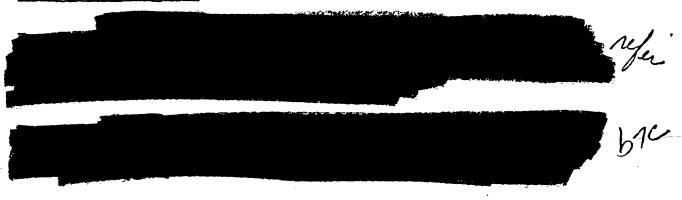
It is noted that from newspaper articles the Sheriff of St. Clair County would continue raids on this establishment but on each occasion there would be no gambling in operation. One article of the Evening Journal of East St. Louis dated April 2, 1959, made comment concerning the the Sheriff's raid and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

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.



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

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. PIACES 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.

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.

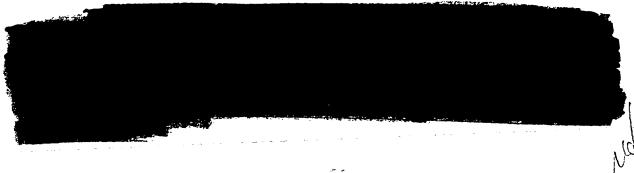
This trial has also been afforded newspaper publicity in the Metropolitan St. Louis area. This matter was originated as a result of Internal Revenue Agents' raids made on the B & F Distributing Company in East St. Louis which was a racing wire news service covering Missouri as well as Illinois.

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.

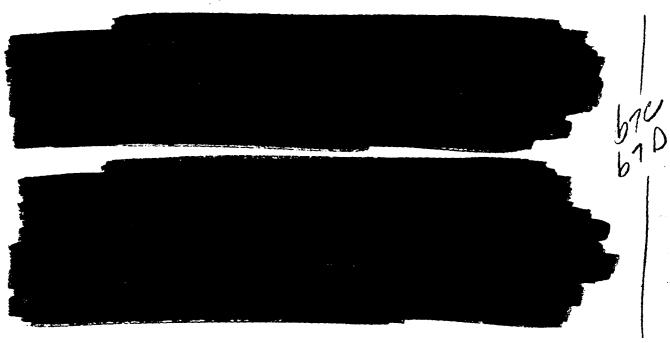
GEORGE STOFFEY of East St. Louis, Illinois, is under indictment on two counts for violation of Title 26, Sections 7201 and 7203 and one count for violation of Title 18, Section 1001. STOFFEY is a former handbook operator, and his trial is scheduled for July 6, 1959.



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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.

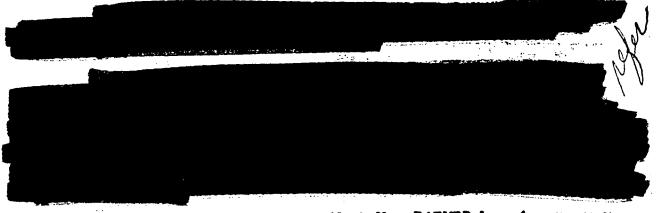
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Resent convictions of seven of WORTHAN'S associate in Federal court based on gambling tax stamp violations has led to laudatory connects in the press concerning the Jederal prosecution, while the same articles eriticize local authorities for a "head in the sand attitude" in denying that any gambling was being carried on in the area.

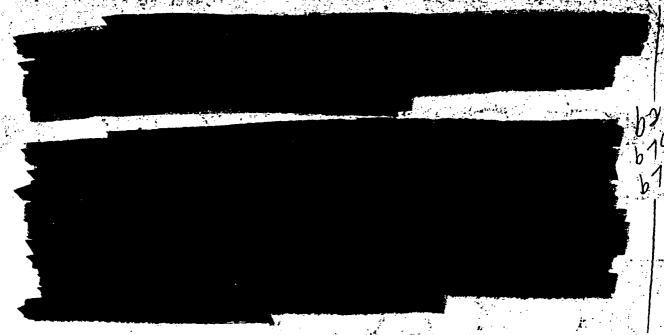


There is no indication that Mr. RANKER has in any way referred this matter to the Department under the provisions of Departmental Circular 1974 dated 1/27/29.

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 mquest 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.

For the Eureau's further information

As the Bureau is aware, cooperation between that Department and this office is practically nonexistent and they are contacted only when Accessary and in the most everyod manner. The E. St. Louis Police Department has been know rectus articles by both the press and a recent grand fury concerning their last of intestigative ability, their last of preparation of prepar investigative reports in jetter matters, and also concerning the low morel of the departments.



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