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SUBJECT: FRANK "BUSTER" WORTMAN

FILE NUMBER: 92-2810 SECTION 4

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REPORTING OFFICE SPRINGFIELD	OFFICE OF ORIGIN SPRINGFIELD	DATE 8/28/59	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 5/27;8/25/59
TITLE OF CASE FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka.; EIMER SYLVESTER DOWLING, aka.; EDWARD WORTMAN, JR., aka.		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED]	TYPED BY [REDACTED]
		CHARACTER OF CASE ANTI-RACKETEERING <i>b7c</i>	

REFERENCE: Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 5/29/59 at Springfield.

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LEADS:

THE ST. LOUIS DIVISION

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*2. Will verify if the Plaza Amusement Company has exclusive vending machine contracts or agreements at Busch Stadium and the Kiel Auditorium and the St. Louis Municipal Airport.

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Title: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN;
ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING;
EDWARD WORTMAN, JR.

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

FRANK LEONARD "BUSTER" WORTMAN moved from Broadview Hotel, East St. Louis, Illinois, to palatial "moat" property estimated to cost \$250,000. Property located RFD, Collinsville, Illinois.

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activities of WORTMAN and associates continue in field of gambling, handbook and policy.

[REDACTED]

WORTMAN and DOWLING continue to operate Plaza Amusement Company and allied vending machine businesses from St. Louis, Missouri address. This appears as present principal legitimate business interest.

[REDACTED]

Nine WORTMAN associates convicted in recent months in United States District Court, East St. Louis, Illinois and St. Louis, Missouri for internal revenue, income tax and false statement.

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violations; all have been given prison sentences.

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4. Will maintain contact with sources and informants regarding the activities, operations and associates of the WORTMANs and DOWLING.

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THE BUFFALO DIVISION

AT BUFFALO, NEW YORK

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THE SPRINGFIELD DIVISION

AT EAST ST. LOUIS, ILLINOIS

1. Will continue to endeavor to verify the marriage of FRANK WORTMAN and SYLVIA SHREVE.

2. Will maintain contact with informants and sources who have information regarding the WORTMAN gang operation.

3. Will report the prosecutive action and Grand Jury action in United States District Court against members of the WORTMAN gang.

4. Will endeavor to develop contacts or informants in the area of the "meat" property where FRANK WORTMAN is now residing.

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INFORMANTS:

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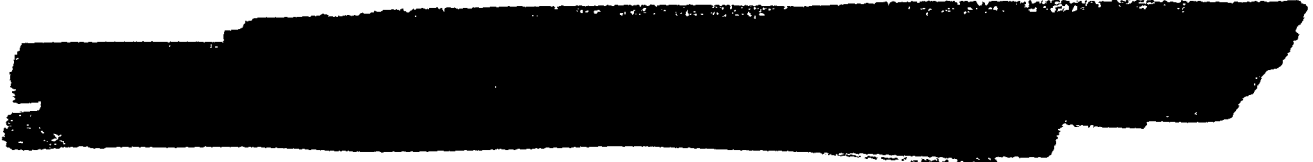
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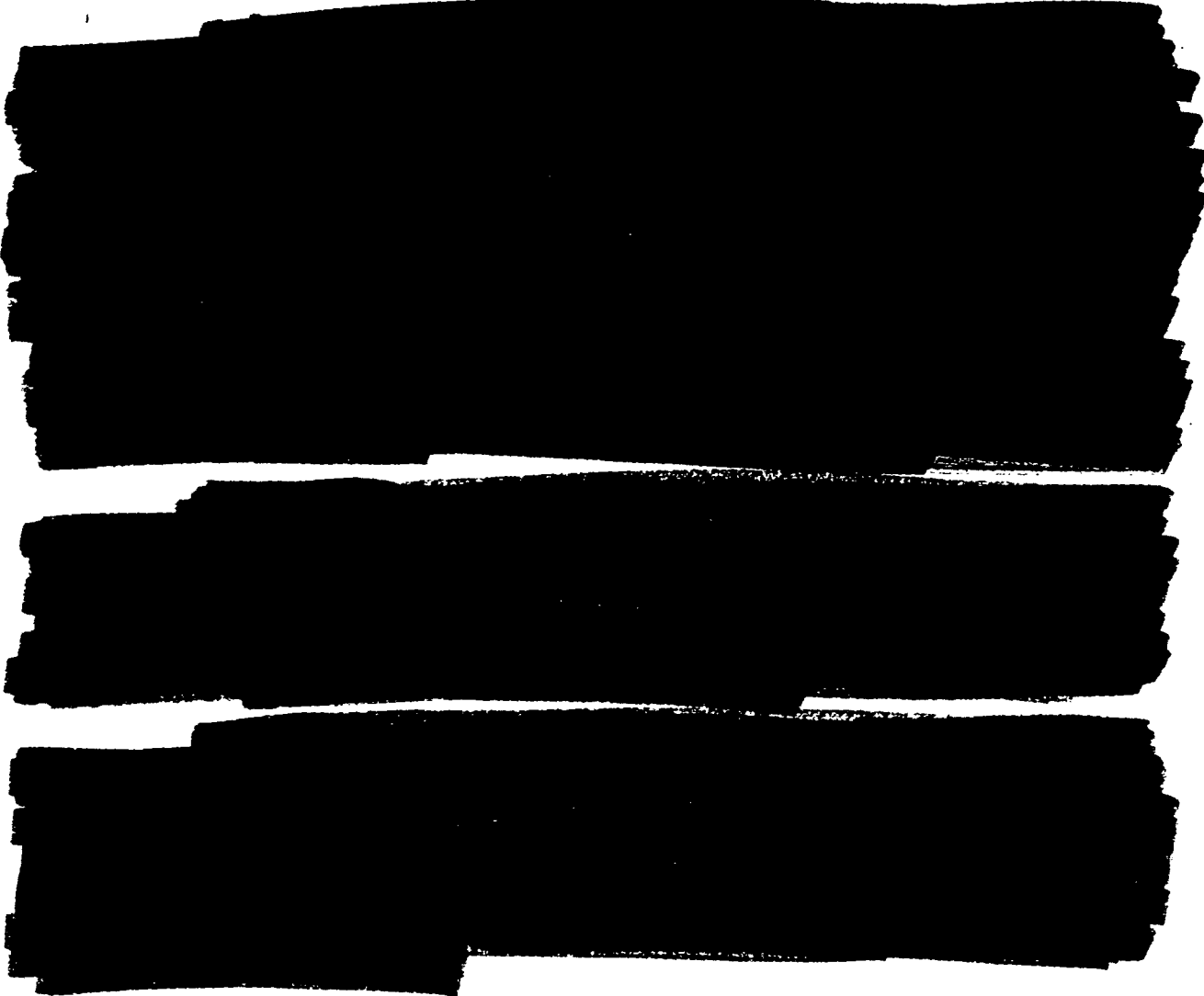
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DETAILS:

A. PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

Re: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN,
usually known as "Buster"

During the period of this investigation, it has been established that FRANK WORTMAN moved from the Broadview Hotel, East St. Louis, Illinois to the "moat" property near Collinsville, Illinois. The alleged wife of WORTMAN, ~~ISLETTA W. WORTMAN~~ was recently married, is living at this location with WORTMAN.



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It is pointed out that considerable newspaper publicity has resulted from the move of WORTMAN. One newspaper article said that, from the grapevine, it is understood WORTMAN had been inviting his associates to fish in the moat, which had been stocked, and that "fishing is good out there".

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The St. Louis Office has advised that records of the Marriage License Bureau, St. Louis City Hall, and St. Louis County Court House at Clayton, Missouri, reflect no marriage licenses issued to WORTMAN and SYLVIA. A similar check of the marriage records of St. Clair County at the County Clerk's Office, Belleville, Illinois, failed to reflect a marriage license issued to these two individuals.

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Re: EDWARD WORTMAN, JR.,
usually known as "TED"

EDWARD WORTMAN, JR. continues to spend practically all of his time in the operation of the Plaza Amusement Company and allied business setups at St. Louis, Missouri, and near Collinsville, Illinois with his wife.

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TED WORTMAN is presently driving a 1959, four door, Cadillac, bearing 1959 Illinois license 2644378, which automobile is registered to the Plaza Amusement Company, St. Louis, Missouri.

Re: EIMER SYLVESTER DOWLING,
usually known as "Dutch"

DOWLING continues to spend practically all of his time in the operation of Plaza Amusement Company and allied vending machine businesses in St. Louis and the East St. Louis area. He resides with his wife and family at his home near Collinsville, Illinois.

B. CRIMINAL RECORD

There is nothing further to report under this subheading.

C. ASSOCIATES

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The St. Louis Office, by communication dated June 23, 1959, advised that FRANK WORTMAN had attended the funeral of THOMAS CALLANAN in St. Louis recently; that THOMAS CALLANAN is a former St. Louis sheriff.

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A newspaper article of the Evening Journal, East St. Louis, Illinois, on July 7, 1959, carried comments from States Attorney JOHN J. HOBAN and Sheriff DAN RING of St. Clair County, regarding this bingo operation. RING made the comment, "I hear it is for charity. On that type of thing - I've already made a statement - I won't do anything about it." States Attorney HOBAN made the statement he had an investigator check the Southern Inn but found no activity.

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The following publicity regarding gambling operations in St. Clair County, the Evening Journal, East St. Louis, Illinois carried an editorial dated July 2, 1959, which is entitled "Same Old Story" and reads as follows:

"AND so, the gamblers make another bid for profit in St. Clair County.

"On top of disclosures of hoodlums doing a thriving business inside race tracks comes the exposure of a big bingo game at the old Shamrock Inn, just outside East St. Louis city limits. The operator hurriedly assures newspapermen that 'part' of the profits go to charity.

"The only 'charity' we have detected in this whole situation is the continued tolerance of such goings-on by St. Clair County law-enforcement officials.

"'Buster'--and we do mean Wortman--still rides high in these parts."

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Policy Operation

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED] on July 22, 1959.

On July 22, 1959, a spot check was made in Brooklyn, Illinois, and near the vicinity of the Old Elks Club in Brooklyn

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On July 23, 1959, another spot check was made in the same vicinity.

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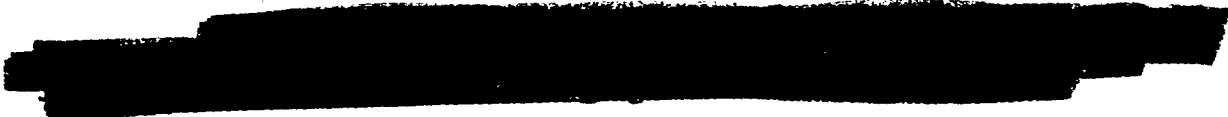
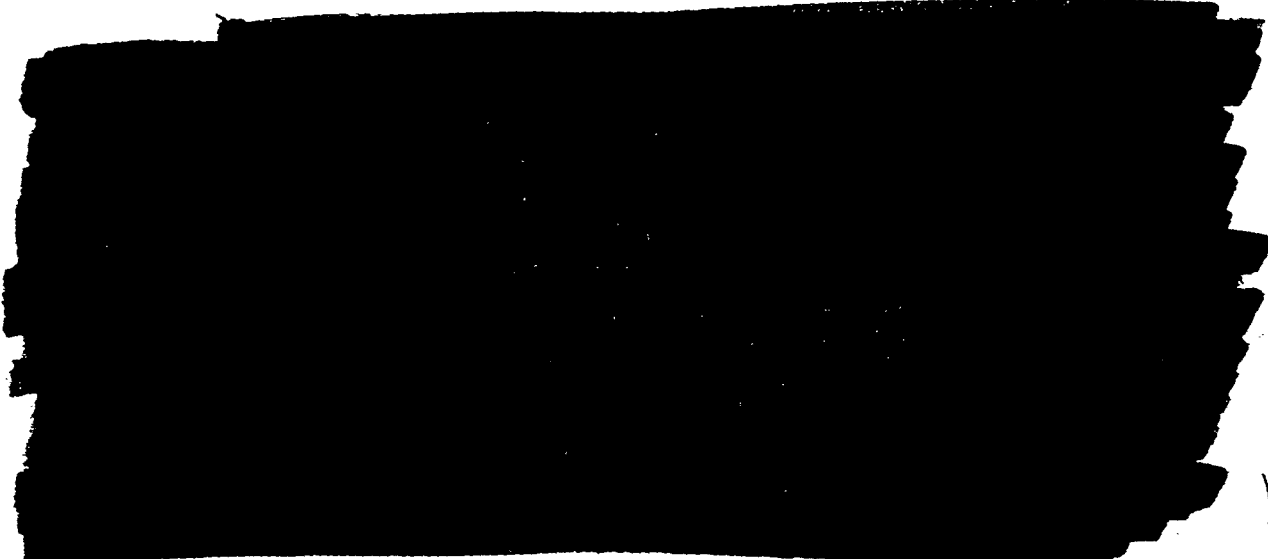
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E. LEGITIMATE ENTERPRISES

Vending and Coin Machine Operations

As has previously been set out, the WORTMANS and DOWLING operate the Plaza Amusement Company and allied vending machine businesses, namely, the Hines Vending Company, the W&R Cigarette Company, the Rite-Way Vending Company, and the E-W Loan Company. All these businesses are operated from the Plaza Amusement Company at 1912 Washington Street, St. Louis, Missouri.



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[REDACTED] The Springfield Office, in case titled [REDACTED]
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aka., - ANTI-RACKETEERING, conducted a recent investigation regarding the coin and vending machine operations by the above captioned individuals.

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It is noted that the St. Louis and East St. Louis press has carried extensive articles during the past months regarding the location of Plaza Amusement Company vending machines in various St. Louis city offices and establishments.

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The Evening Journal of East St. Louis, on August 13, 1959, carried an article that the St. Louis Police Department had been asked to investigate companies with vending machines in city buildings to determine whether the firms are controlled by WORTMAN; that this request was made by City Comptroller JOHN H. POELKER (a former FBI Agent). This article stated that eighteen of the fifty cigarette machines in the city buildings are owned by the W-R Cigarette Company.

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Chicago-St. Louis Express Company

JOHN J. BURKE and his wife were recently convicted in United States District Court, St. Louis, Missouri, for income tax evasion. BURKE was formerly president of the Chicago-St. Louis Express Company.

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Stephen Gorman Brick Laying Company

Information has been previously set out regarding the relationship and association between GORMAN of St. Louis, Missouri and the WORTMANS and DOWLING.

The St. Louis and East St. Louis press, during August 1959, has carried numerous articles regarding the awarding of subcontracts to the Stephen Gorman Brick Laying Company of St. Louis, in connection with the construction of multi-million dollar federal office and federal records center buildings in St. Louis, Missouri. The press has stated that Senator JOHN L. MC CLELLAN of Arkansas has ordered an investigation into the awarding of the contracts.

Taverns

There has been set out previously information indicating WORTMANS and DOWLING, through the Plaza Amusement Company, have gained control or have financially supported various taverns, concessions and similar establishments.

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By communication dated August 3, 1959, the St. Louis Office advised that information was developed that FRANK WORTMAN had purchased the "Chi Chi" Room, [REDACTED] however, that no change in the management was made. [REDACTED]

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It is noted that the Cleo Club operated by CRISOS is a well known hangout of hoodlums and members of the WORTMAN gang and that this was previously one of the gambling casino locations operated by the WORTMANS for years.

F. PLACES OF AMUSEMENT AND HANGOUTS

There is no change under this subheading.

The principal operations of FRANK WORTMAN continue to be at the Paddock Lounge, East St. Louis, Illinois.

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Other hangouts for various members of the WORTMAN gang and lesser members of the group include Bush's Steak House, the Playdium Club, both in downtown East St. Louis, and the Candlelight Tavern and the Cleo Club on Collinsville Road, near East St. Louis.

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H. PERSONAL HABITS

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I. COURT, GRAND JURY AND CRIMINAL COURT ACTIONS

As was previously set out, THOMAS D. CLANCY, JAMES A. PRINDABLE and DONALD KASTNER were convicted in United States District Court, East St. Louis, Illinois, May 15, 1959, for the North Sales Operation, a handbook establishment. The conviction was for internal revenue violations and furnishing false statements to internal revenue agents. These individuals all were given penitentiary sentences and they all have filed appeals. However, PRINDABLE has been the only one who elected to start serving his penitentiary sentence.

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On May 25, 1959, GORDON FOSTER, an alleged nephew of FRANK WORTMAN, ROBERT SHEER and THOMAS J. JACKSON were found guilty in United States District Court, East St. Louis, Illinois, for violation of internal revenue laws and furnishing false information to internal revenue agents. The above individuals previously operated the B&F Distributing Company, a mailing news wire service in East St. Louis. FOSTER and SHEER were sentenced, by Federal Judge WILLIAM G. JOURGENS, to five years in prison and fined \$5,000 each. JACKSON was sentenced to one year in prison and placed on probation for five years. FOSTER and SHEER were represented by St. Louis criminal attorney MORRIS SHANKER, and JACKSON was represented by THOMAS O'DONNELL of East St. Louis, Illinois. All of these individuals have filed appeals.

On July 10, 1959, GEORGE STOFFEY was found guilty in United States District Court, East St. Louis, Illinois, for violating wagering laws and making false statements to internal revenue agents. His indictment was an outgrowth of WORTMAN's investigation of the Internal Revenue Service and the Federal Grand Jury, Eastern District of Illinois over the past years. STOFFEY has also been sentenced to serve five years and pay a \$5,000 fine. STOFFEY was represented by East St. Louis attorney REX CARR. He has also filed an appeal.

On May 12, 1959, JOSEPH W. "JOE" JANKO, an associate of WORTMAN and employee, was convicted in United States District Court, St. Louis, Missouri, for income tax evasion. This was the second trial as the previous conviction had been set aside. On June 5, 1959, JANKO was sentenced to ten years in prison by United States District Judge RANDOLPH H. WEBER, St. Louis, Missouri.

Mr. JOHN J. BURKE and his wife ROSE were convicted in United States District Court, St. Louis, Missouri, for income

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Information has been set out previously regarding the Stephen Gorman Brick Laying Company and the apparent interest of the McClellan Senate Rackets Committee.



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REPORTING OFFICE SPRINGFIELD	OFFICE OF ORIGIN SPRINGFIELD	DATE 11-20-59	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 8-28; 11-17-59
TITLE OF CASE FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka; ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING, aka.; EDWARD WORTMAN, aka.		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED]	TYPED BY [REDACTED]
		CHARACTER OF CASE ANTI-RACKETEERING <i>b7c</i>	

REFERENCE:

Report of SA [REDACTED] 8-28-59, Springfield.

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LEADS:

Efforts should be made to obtain recent photographs of SAM MAGIN, FRANK WORTMAN, ELMER DOWLING, EDWARD O'HARE, and CLAUS TIETJE which appeared in the St. Louis Post Dispatch on September 30, 1959.

It is noted the St. Louis Office has requested recent photographs of these individuals along with [REDACTED]

ST. LOUIS DIVISION

1. [REDACTED]

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2. Will continue to maintain contacts with sources and informants regarding the activities, operations, and associates of the WORTMANS and subject DOWLING and particularly maintain contact with [REDACTED]

3. [REDACTED]

At Mexico, Missouri

Will conduct investigation as requested in Kansas City letter to Springfield, October 23, 1959.

KANSAS CITY DIVISION

Will report results of investigation as set forth in Kansas City letter to Springfield October 23, 1959.

SPRINGFIELD DIVISION

At East St. Louis, Illinois

1. [REDACTED]

2. [REDACTED]

3. Will continue to maintain contact with sources and informants who are familiar with activities of subjects.

4. Will maintain contact with the USA'S Office and the Internal Revenue Service regarding Federal Grand Jury action against the subjects.

5. Will determine results of pending prosecutive actions against various WORTMAN associates, including SAM MAGIN, GORDON FOSTER, and others.

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At Decatur, Illinois

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Report of:
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SA [REDACTED]
11-20-59

Office: Springfield

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Title:

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN;
ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING;
EDWARD WORTMAN, JR.

Character:

ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

[REDACTED]

Information regarding various WORTMAN associates set out, including recent death of LOUIS CASPER "RED" SMITH, an old St. Louis area hoodlum.

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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, aka
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Reference is made to information set forth in the report of SA [REDACTED] dated July 25, 1959, at Springfield, in this matter [REDACTED]

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By communication dated October 23, 1959, the Kansas City Office advised the following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

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B. CRIMINAL RECORD

There is nothing further to report under this subheading at this time.

C. ASSOCIATES

Re: LOUIS CASPER "RED" SMITH

On September 17, 1959, SMITH died of a heart attack at St. Louis, Missouri. SMITH is a former official of the Plaza Amusement Company and has been a known close associate of FRANK WORTMAN and other members of the WORTMAN gang. SMITH was recently released from the Federal Penitentiary. The St. Louis Office advised on November 5, 1959, that the funeral and burial arrangements were handled by the Cullinan Funeral Home.

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It is noted that the St. Louis and East St. Louis press carried extensive articles regarding the death of "RED" SMITH. (He was described as the last of the old St. Louis Egan Rats gang. The article stated he was 66 years of age and resided at 777 Winchester Drive, St. Louis County.

Re: [REDACTED]

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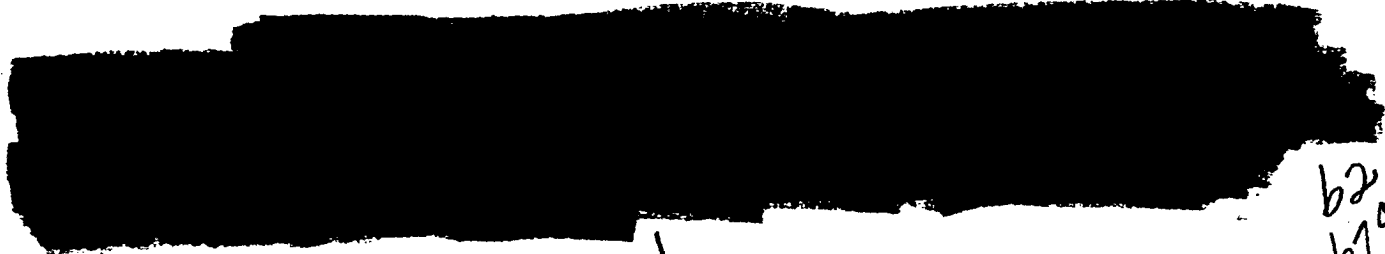
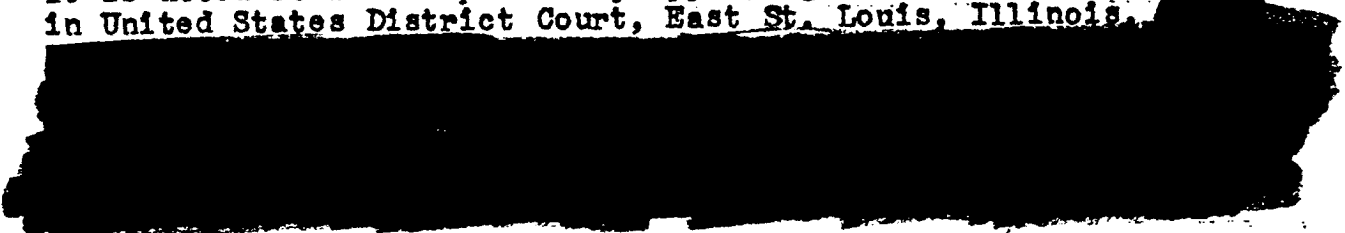
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Re: GORDON FOSTER

The newspapers of St. Clair County, Illinois, on August 27 and 28, 1959, carried articles reflected that GORDON FOSTER, alleged relative and close associate of the WORTMAN gang, was arrested by Deputy Sheriff WILLIAM ENGLAND at East St. Louis. It is noted FOSTER is presently appealing bond for his conviction in United States District Court, East St. Louis, Illinois.



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Re: Associates at San Diego, California

The San Diego Office had previously requested information reflecting any connection between known San Diego hoodlums and FRANK "BUSTER" WORTMAN. The individuals specifically inquired about were [REDACTED]

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By communication dated September 22, 1959, the San Diego Office was advised that [REDACTED]

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They were advised that there appeared to be no direct connection between these individuals and the WORTMAN gang at the present time, but that these individuals have in the past been associated with and in contact with various members of the WORTMAN gang who are still in the East St. Louis area.

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On September 21, 1959, the Evening Journal of East St. Louis carried a newspaper article to the effect that the State's Attorney JOHN J. HOBAN of St. Clair County, Illinois, claimed he received an opinion from the Illinois Attorney General that unlawful search warrants were used in the April 29, 1959, State Police Gambling raid of the Old Checker Inn, 4500 Old St. Clair Avenue, East St. Louis. HOBAN stated the letter from the Attorney General states "It is my opinion that the search warrant was issued without lawful authority and is subject to a motion to quash."

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Policy Operation

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Miscellaneous

The press of both St. Louis and East St. Louis have recently carried articles indicating that the "syndicate" from cities outside of the St. Louis area were interested in moving into St. Louis County and setting up operations. The principle newspaper stories were carried by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch written by TED

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LINK and indicated primarily the movement was believed to be from Kansas City hoodlums. The articles were not specific in any regard and denials were issued through the press by the law enforcement authorities of St. Louis and St. Louis County.

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E. LEGITIMATE ENTERPRISES
Vending and Coin Machine Operations

During September of 1959, the St. Louis press carried extensive newspaper articles regarding cigarette machines of the W-R Cigarette Company of St. Louis, Missouri, that were to be removed from various St. Louis city buildings. Articles indicated that twenty of these machines were to be removed and that JAMES B. HINES was the Secretary-Treasurer of the Rite-Way Cigarette Sales Company and that W-R was an alleged subsidiary of Rite-Way distributors. The articles further stated that Plaza Amusement Company owned seventy-five shares of Rite-Way and that "BUSTER" WORTMAN was a director of Plaza and EDWARD "TED" WORTMAN was President and ELMER "DUTCH" DOWLING was Secretary-Treasurer of the Company.

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The St. Louis Office furnished the following:

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On September 4, 1959, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported that JAMES B. HINES, Secretary-Treasurer of the Rite-way Sales Company, of which the W-R Cigarette Company is a subsidiary, in a telephone conversation with Comptroller JOHN H. POELKER volunteered to remove the company's twenty cigarette vending machines from city-owned property. The newspaper article quotes POELKER as saying that HINES promised to have the machines removed by the end of "next week." HINES gave as the reason for the decision the recent adverse publicity given the company.

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The Buffalo Office by communication dated October 14, 1959, furnished the following information:

The following investigation was conducted by SAS [redacted] and [redacted] at Buffalo, New York.

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F. Places of Amusement and Hangouts

As has been previously indicated in this report, the principle headquarters for FRANK WORTMAN and numerous of his associates includes to be the Paddock Lounge, 425 St. Louis Avenue, East St. Louis, Illinois.

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During the recent trial in United States District Court of SAM MAGIN, a close WORTMAN associate, daily meetings and conferences were observed by agents at the Paddock Lounge between MAGIN'S attorney, EMERSON BAETZ of Alton, Illinois, MAGIN, ELMER DOWLING, and FRANK WORTMAN.

G. Travel

There is nothing to report under this heading.

H. Personal Habits

There is nothing further to report under this heading at this time.

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During the course of MAGIN'S trial extensive publicity was given to the matter and extensive reporting of incomes "of WORTMAN and his associates from gambling activities" was publicized. This press reflected that from 1951 to 1953 FRANK WORTMAN reported an income of \$81,000 from an illegal gambling enterprises, including five dice games and one policy operation. WILLIAM J. STAILEY was the accountant for the various gambling operations and also for the Paddock Liquor Company. SAM MAGIN is presently on appeal bond and various motions have been filed in Federal Court and are awaiting disposition at this time in so far as the court's ruling is concerned regarding motion for acquittal or for a new trial. MAGIN is presently free under \$10,000 bond.

Re: FRANK WORTMAN, ELMER DOWLING, and
EDWARD "TED" WORTMAN

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2810) DATE: December 8, 1959

FROM : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-112)

SUBJECT: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka;
ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING, aka;
EDWARD WORTMAN, JR., aka;
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Re Louisville letter November 25, 1959.

SA *b7c* [redacted] Enclosed for Louisville is a copy of report of [redacted] dated November 20, 1959, in which a lead for the Louisville Office was inadvertently omitted. Louisville will note on page 4 of the enclosed report is the information furnished relative to a [redacted]

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2810)

DATE: December 18, 1959

FROM : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-290)

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SUBJECT: **[REDACTED]**
FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka;
EDWARD WORTMAN, Jr., aka
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FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka;
ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING, aka;
EDWARD WORTMAN, Jr., aka
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(Springfield File 92-112)

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Reference is made to the reports of SA **[REDACTED]** dated August 25, 1959, and September 22, 1959, in the first captioned investigation, and report of SA **[REDACTED]** dated November 20, 1959, in the second matter.

The following is being submitted for the Bureau's information:

During the course of a recent Federal Grand Jury

[REDACTED] that he plans to seek indictments against FRANK WORTMAN, ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING, EDWARD WORTMAN, Jr. and also possible conspiracy charges against **[REDACTED]** and possibly others including **[REDACTED]**

Mr. RAEMER stated the Department has given his office authority to present the matter and further that his office as well as the Department feel they have sufficient facts to obtain convictions against WORTMAN and other associates regarding **[REDACTED]**

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As set out on the administrative page of the report of SA [REDACTED] dated September 22, 1959, captioned

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It is contemplated that after the Internal Revenue and Income Tax case is presented, further contact will be had with RAEMER concerning prosecutive opinion of the Anti-Racketeering, ET AL matter.

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The Bureau will be kept advised of developments relative to the overall WORTMAN matter.

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Date: 12-24-59

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FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-111)
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WEEKLY SUMMARY
FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka
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None.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Reference report contains lead for Kansas City to report results of investigation as set forth in Kansas City letter to Springfield dated 10/23/59. This information is not reported in instant report inasmuch as it was reported in referenced report.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: January 12, 1960

FROM : SAC, Springfield (92-112)

SUBJECT: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka.;
ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING, aka.;
EDWARD WORTMAN, JR.
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For the information of the Bureau and the St. Louis Office the Federal Grand Jury, East St. Louis, Illinois, on January 11, 1960, returned indictments against captioned subjects and others for tax violations.

In the first count, FRANK WORTMAN was charged with evading taxes for the years 1953, 1954, and 1955. In the second count of this indictment, ELMER DOWLING was charged with evading taxes for the years 1953, 1954, and 1955. In the third count, FRANK WORTMAN, ELMER EDWARD WORTMAN, GEORGE FRANK, GREGORY MOORE, and SAM MAGIN were charged with conspiracy in connection with the tax violations.

In the second indictment of three counts, SAM MAGIN was charged with tax evasion for the years 1955, 1956, and 1957.

Warrants have been issued for all of the six named individuals, and bonds of \$30,000 each have been set for FRANK WORTMAN and ELMER DOWLING, and \$10,000 each for the other named individuals.

This matter is being followed and appropriate developments will be furnished to the Bureau and interested offices.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2810)

DATE: March 18, 1960

FROM : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-112)

SUBJECT: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka;
ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING, aka;
EDWARD WORTMAN, Jr., aka
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Attached herewith for the Bureau are six copies of report of SA [redacted] dated March 18, 1960 and six copies of index to be inserted into instant report. Also enclosed for St. Louis are two copies of report and two copies of index.

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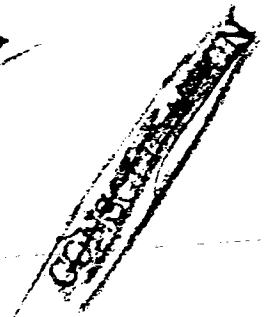
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Report of SA [REDACTED] dated November 20, 1959, at Springfield.


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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

As will be noted in the details of this report the three captioned top hoodlums as individuals do not appear to be active at the present time other than through the operation of the Plaza Amusement Company at St. Louis, Missouri, and in connection with the Paddock Lounge in East St. Louis, both of which are legitimate enterprises. Various associates, acquaintances and contacts of the WORTMANs and DOWLING appear to be active in various criminal activities and various legitimate enterprises.

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In view of indictments against the WORTMANS and DOWLING, and also in view of the various convictions and appeals of other members of the WORTMAN organization, this matter is being placed in a pending inactive status at this time. It is pointed out that the indictments and various convictions of WORTMANS and DOWLING and other associates resulted from income tax and internal revenue violations; motions filed by the WORTMANS and DOWLING at present have claimed prejudice against them because of extensive comments of the press. It would appear that possibly open and active investigation by the FBI at the present time may result in criticism and further claim by these individuals of prejudice, intimidation and pressure.

Through established informants the activities of these individuals will be followed and the Bureau will be advised of pertinent developments. The prosecutive action of these individuals will also be followed through regular contacts with the United States Attorney's Office at East St. Louis in connection with other matters.

INFORMANTS

Information contained in this report should not disseminated outside of the Bureau.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to:

Report of: SA [REDACTED] b7C

Office: SPRINGFIELD

Date: MAR 18 1960

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Title: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN;
ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING;
EDWARD WORTMAN, JR.,

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: The WORTMANs and DOWLING continue to reside in their large establishments in the Collinsville, Illinois, area; ELMER DOWLING and EDWARD WORTMAN continue as active members and operators of the Plaza Amusement Company, St. Louis, Missouri.

[REDACTED]

Jay's Coffee Shop, East St. Louis, Illinois allegedly operated by [REDACTED] is a new hangout for members of WORTMAN organization.

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SAM MAGIN, a close WORTMAN associate, sentenced USDC, East St. Louis, Illinois, on November 24, 1959, to three years in prison and fined \$2,000 in costs, as a result of perjury investigation, on two counts; MAGIN released on appeal bond. On 1/11/60, FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING, EDWARD WORTMAN, JR., SAM MAGIN, GEORGE "RED" MOORE and GEORGE FRANK all members of WORTMAN organization indicted Federal Grand Jury, EDI, East St. Louis for tax evasion and

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conspiracy; numerous motions filed and hearing on motions
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DETAILS:

A. PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACK GROUND

Re: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka
"Buster"

WORTMAN continues to reside with his present wife SYLVIA at the palatial Most property near Collinsville, Illinois. [REDACTED]

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The Chicago Office by letter dated February 10, 1960, from the St. Louis Office was advised that WORTMAN's residence as described above was near Collinsville, Illinois, and a general description of the Most property was furnished to the Chicago Office.

Re: EDWARD WORTMAN, JR. aka
"Ted"

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On December 31, 1959, the "Evening Journal" of East St. Louis, Illinois, carried an article reflecting that Mrs. LOUIS F. BENE, Age 77, the mother-in-law of EDWARD WORTMAN was found dead in bed at the home of TED WORTMAN where she had been visiting; that her home address is 526 West Hurst Street, St. Louis, Missouri; that she was

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the daughter of the late HERMAN W. BENE. The article sets out this woman left three daughters as survivors, Mrs. EDWARD (MARGARET) WORTMAN, Rfd. #1, Collinsville, Illinois; Mrs. VIRGINIA PFEIFFER and Mrs. ADELINE BIBY, both of St. Louis, Missouri; that two of Mrs. BENE's brothers, GEORGE and THEODORE WIELAND, died within the past two years.

Re: GEORGE SYLVESTER DOWLING, aka
"Dutch"

DOWLING continues to reside at his large home near Collinsville, Illinois, and occupies his time in the active management and running of the Plaza Amusement Company in St. Louis, Missouri.

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B. CRIMINAL RECORD

There is nothing further to report under this heading at this time.

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It is noted that during January, 1960, the "Evening Journal" of East St. Louis, Illinois, published numerous articles regarding the operations of the Checker Inn and commented that the State's Attorney JOHN J. HOBAN and Sheriff DAN RING of St. Clair County, Illinois, have made no effort to curb the gambling operation and when contacted by the press on one occasion Sheriff RING made the statement, "I've got more important things to do. I've told you all I am going to say".

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E. LEGITIMATE ENTERPRISES

Coin Machine Operations

As previously mentioned the Plaza Amusement Company of St. Louis continues to be one of the largest coin machine firms in the metropolitan St. Louis area and is actively managed by EDWARD WORTMAN, JR., and ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING; FRANK WORTMAN allegedly has a large holding in this company.

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Re: Jay's Coffee Shop,
1753 State Street
East St Louis, Illinois

As was previously set out captioned coffee shop or restaurant has recently become an active hangout of various members of the WORTMAN gang and this place is allged in the name of [REDACTED] a well known WORTMAN associate. b7C

Re: PADDOCK LOUNGE

The Paddock Lounge at East St. Louis, Illinois, continues to be the principal hangout and meeting place of the WORTMANs and DOWLING and members of their organization. b2 b7D

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G. TRAVEL

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I. COURT AND GRAND JURY ACTION

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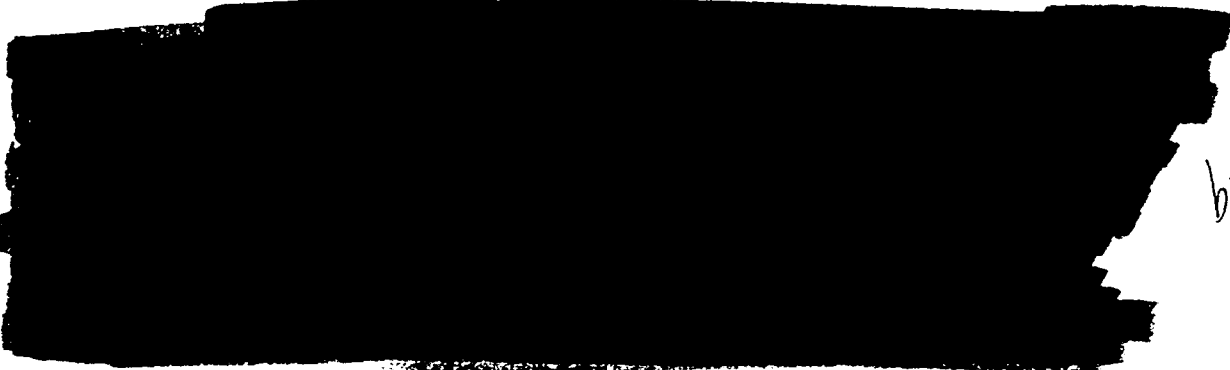
The "Belleville News Democrat" of Belleville, Illinois, on November 24, 1959, carried a news article

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stating that CLAUS E. TIETGE previously sentenced to six months in jail for contempt of court during the previous trial of SAM MAGIN in United States District Court in East St. Louis, Illinois, had been ordered released on \$10,000 bond on November 23, 1959, by United States Supreme Court. It is noted that TIETGE pleaded the Fifth Amendment 48 times during the above mentioned trial and drew the sentence from United States District Judge WILLIAM G. JUERGENS who refused to allow TIETGE released on bail; the above United States Supreme Court order was based on an appeal regarding whether TIETGE could be released on bond or not. It is noted that the contempt order is also under appeal.

RE: SAM MAGIN

On November 24, 1959, SAM MAGIN, a close associate of the WORTMANs and DOWLING was sentenced in United States District Court, at East St. Louis, Illinois, to three years in prison and fined \$2,000 in costs as a result of his conviction on two counts of perjury in United States District Court, East St. Louis, on October 2, 1959. MAGIN has appealed and has been released on appeal bond. It is noted the perjury conviction of MAGIN resulted from charges that MAGIN lied before a Federal Grand Jury when he denied any business connections with ELMER "DUTCH" DOWLING and also that he had no business connections with FRANK WORTMAN.



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RE: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, TED WORTMAN, JR.
ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING, SAM MAGIN, GREGORY "RED"
MOORE and GEORGE FRANK.

On January 11, 1960, the above mentioned individuals were indicted by the Federal Grand Jury, Eastern District of Illinois, at East St. Louis, Illinois, for a violation of income tax and various internal revenue laws. In one indictment on the first count which FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN was charged with tax evasion for the years 1953, 1954 and 1955, in the second count of this indictment ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING was charged with tax evasion for the same years; in the third count all six of the above named individuals were charged with conspiracy in connection with tax violations.

In a second indictment of three counts SAM MAGIN was indicted for tax evasion for the years 1955, 1956 and 1957. All of the above individuals have been released on bond. The bond for FRANK WORTMAN and ELMER DOWLING was set at \$30,000 each and the bond for the other four individuals was set at \$10,000 each.

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The attorney representing the individuals are as follows:

MORRIS SHENKER of St. Louis, Missouri, Attorney of Record for FRANK WORTMAN and ELMER DOWLING;

RAY FOREMAN a former Assistant United States Attorney of Danville, Illinois, is representing SAM MAGIN;

AUSTIN LEWIS, an attorney of Granite City and former State's Attorney of Madison County, Illinois, is representing GEORGE FRANK;

NORMAN LONDON, a criminal attorney and former associate of SHENKER of St. Louis, Missouri, is representing GREGORY "RED" MOORE and

SAUL COHN, an attorney of East St. Louis, Illinois, is representing EDWARD "TED" WORTMAN, JR.

The above mentioned indictments have received extensive coverage from the press not only in the St. Louis area but also nationwide. The press articles have reviewed the background and history of all of the individuals mentioned above.

It is noted that GEORGE FRANK has been an accountant and bookkeeper for various WORTMAN controlled enterprises for years and GREGORY "RED" MOORE was associated with the WORTMANs in gambling casinos in the St. Louis area for years prior to 1955 when gambling operations were closed down as a result of Illinois State Police raids.

The press during the above mentioned period also carried recent photographs of all of the above mentioned

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2810)

DATE: May 11, 1960

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FROM : SAC, SPRINGFIELD [REDACTED] (92-112)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] *b2 b7D*

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FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka;
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In this same connection, it is noted that [REDACTED] was observed by SA [REDACTED] of this office on April 27, 1960, in a 1959 black four-door Ford Galaxie at the present gambling operations of the WORTMAN gang located at the Checker Inn, 4500 St. Clair Avenue in East St. Louis.

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In this connection, it is noted in the past there has been considerable information developed by the St. Louis and Springfield Offices to the effect that the WORTMAN organization does have very close contact and apparently has some degree of influence in the operation of a number of labor unions in the St. Louis and Metropolitan areas.

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The Buffalo Office previously conducted investigation relative to the above circumstances at the request of the Springfield Office and by communication dated October 14, 1959, the Buffalo Office advised as follows:

The following investigation was conducted by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at Buffalo, New York:

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Leads

The St. Louis Office is requested to make contact through informants and logical sources regarding the cigarette vending machine operations at the abovementioned public places of amusement in St. Louis to determine if the WORTMAN and Italian groups do have exclusive operations at these places. If possible,

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determine what service or commissary agency has the contract for vending machines and the appropriate members of the service or commissary agency in the Metropolitan or St. Louis areas so that this person can be contacted.

St. Louis should also through informants report indications of the new position [REDACTED] appears to be taking in the WORTMAN gang.

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Will determine from [REDACTED] how he became acquainted with [REDACTED] and if he has any St. Louis background or St. Louis connections.

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TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: September 26, 1960

FROM :

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SUBJECT: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN
ANTI-RACKETEERING - TOP HOODLUM

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SAC Gibbons, Springfield Office, advised that subject, who presently has his office in the rear of a bar, is moving his office to his residence, which is known as "The Moat." He advised that the name of the place is most descriptive in that it is surrounded by a moat and on the residential grounds there are several vicious dogs.

Gibbons stated that he is giving consideration to securing additional coverage at the residence. He wanted to know what equipment the Bureau had, and was going to check with the FBI Laboratory. Depending upon the results of a discussion with the FBI Laboratory, Gibbons may submit a recommendation.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2810) ATTN: INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION
 FROM SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-112) [REDACTED]
 RE FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka
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Up to the present time WORTMAN has largely operated on the Illinois side of the Mississippi River at the Paddock Lounge in East St. Louis. SRA [REDACTED] has advised me there is every indication that WORTMAN is creating an office at his residence and apparently intends to conduct his operations from that point. This is indicated by the ordering of new office furniture which is being specially built for him in St. Louis. WORTMAN resides in an establishment called the "Moat". The residence is actually surrounded by water and he keeps dogs roaming the area between the water and the house as additional protection. With this situation, the chances of any Bureau personnel being able to readily obtain access to WORTMAN's residence are practically nil.

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The Bureau is requested to advise me concerning the following:

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2. [REDACTED]

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It is requested that these matters be considered as expeditiously as possible.

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To: SAC, Springfield (92-112)

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As soon as necessary information obtained, furnish the Bureau with Form FD-142 setting forth necessary data, including your recommendation concerning installation of this Misur. Include comments re trespass and security. Misur not to be installed until [REDACTED] authorized by Bureau.

NOTE: Wortman is a Top National Hoodlum of the SI Division and together with his associates dominates gambling and racket activities in Southern Illinois, in the East St. Louis area. SI advises there is every indication Wortman is creating an office at his residence and apparently intends to conduct his racketeering activities from that point. He resides in an establishment called the "Moat." His residence is surrounded by water and guarded by watch dogs. SI advises there is a likelihood that in setting up

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his office in his residence.

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The Laboratory has advised that this is not the type of installation which would be considered a telephone tap requiring authorization of the Attorney General, that the installation suggested would be both feasible and acceptable.

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REPORTING OFFICE Springfield	OFFICE OF ORIGIN Springfield	DATE 9/26/60	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 9/19, 23/60
TITLE OF CASE FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, Aka. "Buster" Wortman, "Bus"; ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING, Aka. "Dutch" Dowling; EDWARD WORTMAN, JR., Aka. "Ted" Wortman, Edward Dorsey, Charles Flood, Edward Wrighter, "Mutt"		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED]	TYPED BY [REDACTED]
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REFERENCES

Bureau airtel to Albany and All Offices 8/25/60, captioned, "CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM."

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LEADS

THE ST. LOUIS OFFICE

Will continue to develop information concerning WORTMAN and associates through [REDACTED] informants, and other logical sources.

THE SPRINGFIELD DIVISION

Will continue to develop information concerning WORTMAN and associates through [REDACTED] informants, and other logical sources.

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Report of: SA [REDACTED] b7c

Date: 9/26/60

Office: Springfield

Field Office File #: SI 92-112

Bureau File #: 92-2810

Title: **FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN;
ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING;
EDWARD WORTMAN, JR.**

Character: **ANTI-BACKETEERING**

Synopsis:

The WORTMANS - DOWLING and associates have been under extensive investigation for the past several years by Treasury Department agents, the Federal Grand Jury, EDI, [REDACTED] FRANK WORTMAN resides at a "moat" property located outside Collinsville, Ill. DOWLING resides 200 Hillcrest Drive, Collinsville, Ill., and EDWARD WORTMAN, JR., resides R.F.D., Caseyville, Ill., commonly known as Silver Creek Farm. Identification records set forth. WORTMAN and associates' principal criminal activities involve different phases of gambling. Their legitimate enterprises include coin machine operations, trucking companies, building and construction enterprises, taverns and nightclubs. Their principal meeting place has been the Paddock Lounge, E. St. Louis, Ill., but there are present indications that this will be moved to the "moat" property where FRANK WORTMAN resides. Background information and identity of principal associates reported. Descriptions set forth. THE WORTMANS AND DOWLING SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS IN VIEW OF PAST HISTORY AND IN VIEW OF FACT THEY ALLEGEDLY HAVE CARRIED WEAPONS IN THE PAST. b7D

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INFORMANTS

Identity of informants is as follows:

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

In view of the close association between the three subjects named in this case, one report is submitted to cover all three as has been the practice of Springfield in reporting their activities.

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As reported herein these investigations have culminated in indictments. Further, all reports of Internal Revenue and presumably results of Grand Jury proceedings were submitted to the Department for review prior to obtaining documents. Any attempt by Springfield to report any of this information in detail for dissemination to the Department would be repetitious as well as incomplete.

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DETAILS:

A. PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

Re: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka
"Buster"

WORTMAN resides with his present wife SYLVIA at a palatial Moat property near Collinsville, Illinois.

This property is aptly described since it is surrounded by water and can be reached only by crossing a small bridge.

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The marriage of WORTMAN and SYLVIA SHREEVE, aka SYLVIA SHAW, has not been verified. St. Louis, Missouri, as well as St. Clair and Madison Counties, Illinois, records have been checked negatively.

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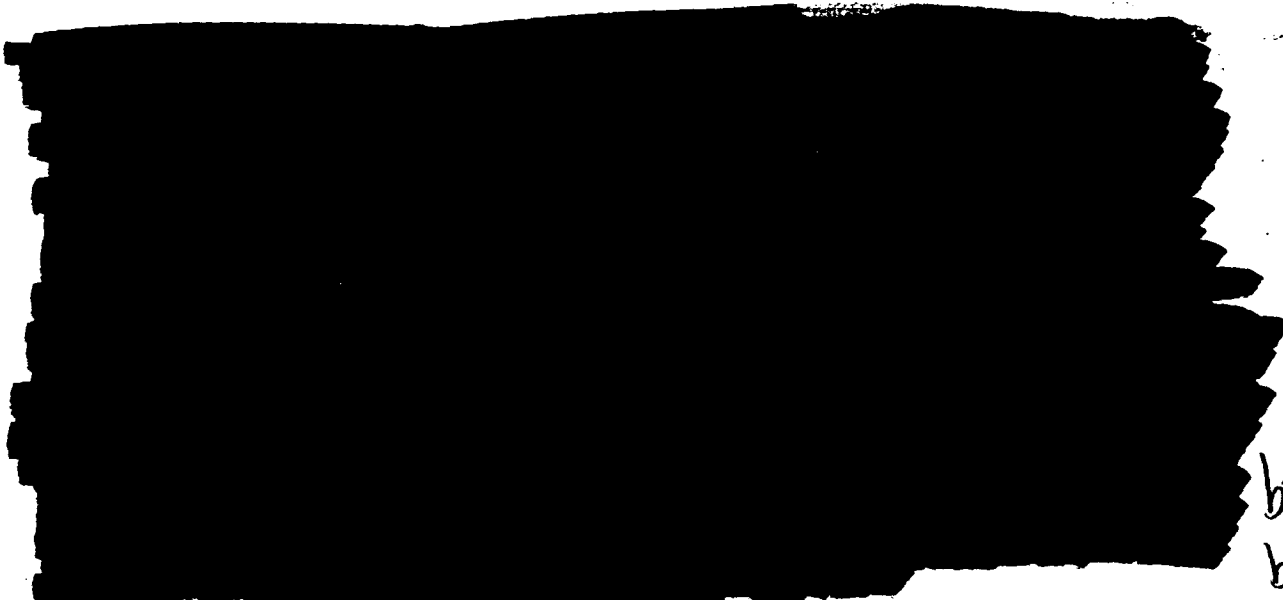
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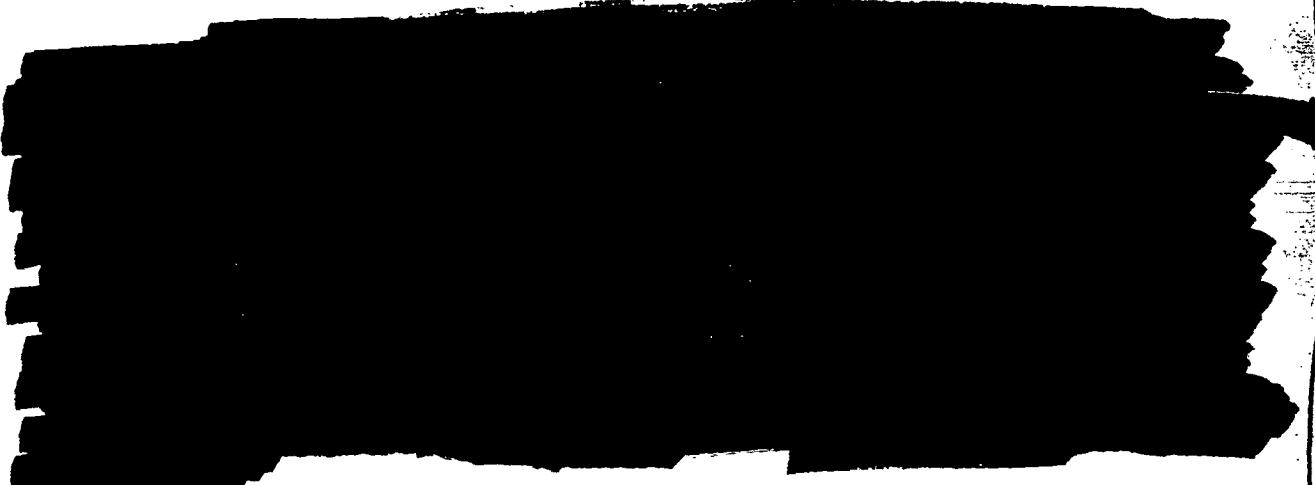
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Through observation, it has been established that a 1958 Ford automobile registered to [redacted] is at the "Moat" property on an almost daily basis. The driver of this vehicle is a Negro male and appears to be the caretaker at the "Moat" property. From observation, it has been determined that this individual does reside at [redacted]

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It has been established that FRANK WORTMAN moved from the Broadview Hotel, East St. Louis, Illinois, to the "Meat" property near Collinsville, Illinois, in about July, 1959.

It is pointed out that considerable newspaper publicity resulted from the move of WORTMAN. One newspaper article said that, from the grapevine, it is understood WORTMAN had been inviting his associates to fish in the meat, which had been stocked, and that "fishing is good out there".

FRANK WORTMAN's automobile is a 1959 Chrysler Imperial, four-door sedan, light gray in color bearing 1960 Illinois license 2603396.

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On November 6, 1958, [REDACTED] was unable to locate any record of the birth of FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN in St. Louis, Missouri, between 1895 and 1910.

On January 31, 1958, SA [REDACTED] reviewed the records [REDACTED] in an effort to verify subject's birth at East St. Louis, Illinois, on December 4, 1904, with negative results.

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On January 31, [REDACTED] advised SA [REDACTED] that birth records of St. Clair County dating back to the early 1900s are very incomplete because many persons did not file birth certificates as it was not required.

A review of the birth records in the [REDACTED] on April 22, 1958, reflects the following information regarding subject's children:

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On March 4, 1958, Mrs. DOROTHY WORTMAN was observed in front of the residence at 42 Summit Drive, Collinsville, Illinois, along with three small children.

Observation by SA [REDACTED] on March 3, 1958, at the address of 42 Summit Drive, Collinsville, Illinois, reflected that parked in the garage of this home was a 1958 four-door Pontiac sedan, with a blue bottom and green top, bearing 1958 Illinois license 2839-404; [REDACTED] b7c b7D

The St. Louis Office advised that SA [REDACTED] checked the records in the office of the Recorder of Deeds, Cape Girardeau, Missouri, on March 13, 1958, and determined that in Book 29, page 382, is recorded a marriage license #12489, issued to FRANK WORTMAN, age 36, of East St. Louis, Illinois, and DOROTHY DONALD, age 20, of East St. Louis, Illinois, which license was issued on October 31, 1943; a certificate of marriage was likewise filed for the individuals on November 5, 1943, reflecting that WORTMAN and DONALD were married by GUST SCHULTZ, Justice of the Peace, at Cape Girardeau, Missouri, on October 31, 1943. b7c

Information from the records of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, St. Clair County, Illinois, reflects divorce action by DOROTHY WORTMAN against FRANK WORTMAN. These records reflect a divorce decree was filed October 26, 1945. The records further show that on November 6, 1947, a motion was filed in the Circuit Court of St. Clair County by both parties to vacate and set aside the

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divorce decree and dismiss the suit. The records also show that as of November 6, 1947, the order of the court was issued to vacate and set aside this divorce decree of October 26, 1945.

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Subject's father, EDWARD WORTMAN, is deceased; he formerly resided at 724 Pershing Avenue, East St. Louis, Illinois,

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Re: EDWARD WORTMAN, Jr.
commonly known as "TED"

EDWARD WORTMAN, brother of BUSTER WORTMAN, has been a very close associate with BUSTER WORTMAN and ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING for years.

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On December 31, 1959, the "Evening Journal" of East St. Louis, Illinois, carried an article reflecting that Mrs. LOUIS F. BENE, age 77, the mother-in-law of EDWARD WORTMAN, was found dead in bed at the home of TED WORTMAN where she had been visiting; that her home address is 526 West Hurek Street, St. Louis, Missouri; that she was the daughter of the late HERMAN W. BENE. The article sets out this woman left three daughters as survivors: Mrs. EDWARD (MARGARET) WORTMAN, Rfd. 1, Collinsville, Illinois; Mrs. VIRGINIA PFEIFFER, and Mrs. ADELIN BIBEY, both of St. Louis, Missouri; that two of Mrs. BENE's brothers, GEORGE and THEODORE WIELAND, died within the past two years.

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Re: ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING
aka "DUTCH"

The Army Service Record on file at the Adjutant General's Office, Military Personnel Record Center, St. Louis, Missouri, reflects that DOWLING was born on December 30, 1906, at St. Louis, Missouri. His education was listed as eight years of grammar school; his civilian occupation as Recreation Manager and construction worker; and his military occupation as Anti-Aircraft noncommissioned officer. The records further indicate that subject had U.S. Army Serial Number 37-491-360 and indicated he was inducted into the U.S. Army on November 28, 1942, and entered on active duty on December 5, 1942, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. He was honorably discharged on October 4, 1945, as a Private First Class from Ft. Bliss, Texas, by reason of over age. He served one year, three months and five days in foreign service in the European theater and participated in the battles and campaigns of Normandy, North France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and central Europe. He was awarded good conduct medal in the European, African, and Middle East theaters with five bronze stars. His character and efficiency ratings range from unknown to excellent and there was no record of court martial or absent without leave.

His service record further reflected that his address was listed as 2704 Glasgow Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, in 1942, and 2825 Sulphur Street in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1945. His relatives were listed as [redacted] wife (separated and address unknown); MINNIE DOWLING, mother, 2825 Sulphur Street, St. Louis, Missouri, and [redacted] b7c

His local draft board was listed as No. 18 in St. Louis, Missouri, and his Social Security number as 498-09-3743.

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His father was listed as deceased.

DOWLING is presently residing with his wife, EUNICE, and three children, at 200 Hillcrest Drive, Collinsville, Illinois.

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SAs [redacted] and [redacted] observed that DOWLING resides in a large ranch style home on the edge of Collinsville, Illinois. It is noted that HAN MAGIN, a close associate of subject, resides at 153 Hillcrest Drive in Collinsville. It is further noted that the road leading to MAGIN's house is closed by a gate and the only exit or entrance to the home of subject is to go through the gate and a road by the side of MAGIN's house, which leads directly to the front of subject's house. Subject's house is located approximately 200 yards in back of MAGIN's house and there is only one entrance.

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DOWLING drives a 1959 tudor black Oldsmobile bearing
1960 Illinois license 2603480.

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B. CRIMINAL RECORD

Re: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN

The following is the identification record of FRANK WORTMAN dated March 11, 1960, under FBI Number 739 186:

<u>CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS</u>	<u>NAME & NUMBER</u>	<u>ARRESTED OR RECEIVED</u>	<u>CHARGE</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
PD St Louis Mo	Frank Wortman	1-17-26	Dyer Act - viol	
USM St. Louis Mo	Frank Wortman #---	12-21-33	aslt on Govt Off	reld, on bond 1-3-34
SO Belleville Ill	Frank Wortman #---	4-14-34	mutilating numbers on firearm	dism., reld. to Govt. Officers - case still pend will probabl be brought before GJ in Sept at E. St. Louis Ill or at Oct. term in this city (inf rec 9-1-34)
PD Springfield Ill	Frank Wortman #5936	6-23-34	aslt Fed Agent	10 yrs Leavenworth
USP Leaven- worth Kans	Frank Wortman #45268	7-7-34	resisting US Officer	10 yrs 3-6-41 cond rel
Commanding General Services of Supply US Army Wash DC	Frank Leonard Wortman #32-ORW	appli- cant for steam- fitter 3-30-42		

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME & NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD East St Louis Ill	Frank Wortman #--	12-30-42	inv	rel
SOS Army	Frank Wortman #107-DEH-3	steam-fitter 3-9-43		
PD St. Louis Mo	Frank Wortman #22901	3-8-44	invest	released 3-8-44
St Louis Ord Plant St Louis Mo	Frank Wortman #13899	appl 10-6-41		
USM St Louis Mo	Frank Wortman #14203	2-24-54	contempt of crt	4-6-54 rel subject to reappearance before Fed Grand Jury when notified
USM East St Louis Ill	Frank Leonard Wortman #E16951E	1-12-60	vio Int Rev Laws (Income Tax Evasion)	

The only known conviction for a felony on the part of WORTMAN is in connection with the assault on a Federal agent wherein WORTMAN was convicted on a trial in U.S. District Court, Springfield, Illinois, and was sentenced to serve ten years in the federal penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, on June 25, 1934.

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WORTMAN was arrested by the United States Marshal, St. Louis, Missouri, February 24, 1954, for contempt of court charge. According to the St. Louis and East St. Louis area press, WORTMAN was called before a Federal Grand Jury investigating labor racketeering in the St. Louis area and at the Grand Jury, WORTMAN refused to give the Grand Jury his address. As a result of this action, Judge MOORE ordered WORTMAN to jail and was held for contempt of court. According to the article, WORTMAN refused to give his address, stating that his personal life and business was under investigation by the Internal Revenue and that he would not answer the question because the answer might incriminate him. As a result of this, WORTMAN remained in jail until April 6, 1954. The press reported that while in jail, WORTMAN ordered special meals and paid for various meals and cigarettes and other luxuries for the prisoners in the city jail.

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[REDACTED] los made available a Photostat of the initial social interview with WORTMAN at the institution as well as six copies of his photograph, all of which were forwarded to the Springfield Office.

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Re: ELMER DOWLING

The following is the identification record of subject as obtained from FBI Identification Division by letter dated December 6, 1957, under FBI Number 1644966:

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME & NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD St Louis Mo	ELMER DOWLING #--	1-5-30	auto thief and robb.	
SO Clayton Mo	ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING #1878-D	6-3-38	inv. bombing & racketeering	rel. 6-3-38
SO Clayton Mo	ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING #1878-D	1-14-40	aslt. to kill (State Witness)	
SP Jefferson City Mo	ELMER DOWLING #53993	5-29-40	asslt. with attempt to kill	30 yrs - decision reversed & remanded 9-26-41
St. Louis Ord Plant, St Louis Mo	ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING #48073	applicant for oiler 12-11-41		
PD St Louis Mo	ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING #20324	5-27-46	inv.	rel 5-27-46
Army	ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING #37401360	11-28-42 Jefferson Bks Mo		

A newspaper article appearing in the St. Louis "Post Dispatch" in 1945, indicated that Sergeant ELMER DOWLING was arrested on May 20, 1945, in St. Louis, Missouri, by the St. Louis, Missouri Police Department. According to this article, DOWLING was described as a Sergeant, who had received a furlough from the Army the previous Friday after his liberation from a prison camp. He was arrested for careless driving, resisting arrest, driving

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while intoxicated, carrying concealed weapons, and passing three stop signs. DOWLING was in uniform at the time of his arrest and he was driving a late model Cadillac, with a license issued to FRANK "BUSTER" WORTMAN, East St. Louis gangster. According to this article, a loaded automatic pistol was found in a jacket in the back seat of the car when DOWLING was arrested.

On November 28, 1938, a complaint was filed before the United States Commissioner at St. Louis, Missouri, charging DOWLING with a violation with the Federal Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution Statute, in that DOWLING, in November, 1938, had fled from the State of Missouri to avoid prosecution for assault with a dangerous weapon. He was alleged to have assaulted LOUIS LEE BAKER on November 18, 1938. The latter was a Negro witness in the ISADORE LONDE bombing case in St. Louis, Missouri, wherein LONDE was facing trial for the bombing of the Howard's Cleaning Shop in St. Louis. DOWLING was arrested January 13, 1940, in St. Louis, and the same year was tried in Circuit Court, St. Louis County for assault with a dangerous weapon, at which time he was found guilty of assault with intent to kill with malicious afterthought and was sentenced to thirty years in the Missouri State Penitentiary. DOWLING appealed; was unable to make \$30,000 bond; and was incarcerated in the Missouri State Penitentiary.

On September 25, 1941, the Supreme Court of the State of Missouri, heard DOWLING's appeal and remanded the decision of the trial court, and he was removed to the St. Louis County Jail at Clayton, Missouri, to await a new trial.

On May 18, 1942, DOWLING was retried in St. Louis County, and the jury returned a verdict of not guilty on May 21, 1942, and DOWLING was discharged.

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C. ASSOCIATES

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING and EDWARD WORTMAN, JR. are considered the three principal members of the organization referred to as the Wortman Gang, Wortman and Associates or the Wortman Organization. These three individuals, over the years, have accumulated a large number of associates and contacts, covering not only the East St. Louis, Illinois and St. Louis, Missouri areas but also in other parts of the country. The associates and contacts of these three individuals vary from common thieves and exconvicts to alleged reputable businessmen and public officials. Many of the associates and contacts are individuals who have, at one time or another, been employed or on the payroll of the Wortman organization in various legal and illegal enterprises. Many of these individuals are exconvicts with lengthy criminal records and individuals who have served substantial prison sentences for serious offenses.

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Associates and Contacts Among Public Officials

ORVILLE HODGE, former Auditor of the State of Illinois, presently serving a sentence in Illinois State Penitentiary, Menard, Illinois, as a result of his conviction during the so-called "Hodge Scandals" in Illinois. The press, in the St. Louis metropolitan area during the scandals, gave extensive publicity to association between HODGE and FRANK WORTMAN, indicating WORTMAN had paid HODGE some \$200,000 as campaign contributions so that HODGE would arrange for WORTMAN to operate his gambling casinos in the Illinois east-side area. HODGE has steadfastly denied any such association but did acknowledge he was a personal friend of TOM BERRY, a WORTMAN associate. During the course of the HODGE investigation, it was brought out that EDWARD EPPING, convicted with HODGE, was associated with FRED MERSINGER in the operation of an accounting firm in East St. Louis.

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the East St. Louis Journal reported an incident when the police
raided a race wire service operated by the Wortman organization in
East St. Louis and subsequently the charge was dismissed on the
grounds the search warrant used by the police was faulty. BEEBE
at the time made a statement to the press that the evidence found
by the police did not mean anything because many persons used the
address where the raid occurred. The East St. Louis, Illinois
and St. Louis, Missouri press have, over the years, commented on
numerous occasions of the lax law enforcement by the East St. Louis
police insofar as the Wortman gang is concerned and the fact that
the police make no arrests or investigation regarding members of
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Contacts and Associates From Other Areas

Over the past years FRANK WORTMAN, ELMER DOWLING, and TED WORTMAN have known to have contact with and associated with the following individuals:

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D. CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES b7D

Over the past years the press of the metropolitan area of St. Louis, [redacted] and other sources, have furnished information that BUSTER WORTMAN is considered to be the biggest racketeer and hoodlum in the metropolitan St. Louis area. In this connection, it is pointed out that a Federal Grand Jury has been investigating WORTMAN and associates' activities in the Eastern District of Illinois, since September, 1956.

The press of metropolitan St. Louis area for years has carried detailed articles regarding WORTMAN and associates and has labeled him as the downstate Illinois lieutenant of the old CAPONE gang and has also labeled him a leader of the EGAN Gang, formerly operating in St. Louis.

In connection with WORTMAN's association with the old CAPONE gang, the press has frequently printed articles stating that a halfsister of WORTMAN, one RUTH VIRGINIA WORTMAN, was allegedly arrested in Kennett, Missouri, in 1947, and charged with driving a stolen car across the state line. Miss WORTMAN, a Chicago resident, told authorities in Kennett that she borrowed the car from RALPH CAPONE, a brother of AL CAPONE, to drive to the funeral of CARL SHELTON, who was murdered at Fairfield, Illinois, on October 28, and continued her trip to Missouri to visit friends. This woman allegedly explained that CARL SHELTON was her godfather. In further aligning WORTMAN with the CAPONE Gang, the press has frequently reported that after MONROE "BLACKIE" ARMES was killed in gangland style December 13, 1944, that WORTMAN then took over as downstate Illinois lieutenant of the CAPONE Gang. It is noted that ARMES was the one who was convicted with WORTMAN in Federal Court at Springfield in 1934. WORTMAN in press accounts is further linked with the CAPONE Gang as the result of the operation of the Trans-American News Publishing Company in St. Clair County in 1946. This organization allegedly attempted to muscle in on the Continental Press Service, which was operated by JAMES M. RAGEN, of St. Louis, and the Pioneer News Agency in St. Louis, headed by PAUL "BEV" BROWN and CLARENCE "GULLEY" OWENS. The press

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reports the Continental Press had a nationwide monopoly on horse race results at this time and the Pioneer Agency served the St. Louis area with results after obtaining them from Continental in Chicago. The Trans-American Agency also became known as the Reliable News Agency and in 1956, was incorporated with GORDON FOSTER as one of the incorporators. The press has pointed out that by 1943, the Reliable Agency had split the operators of Pioneer and apparently had a monopoly in the field. The press reports that in the late 1940s and 1950, this Pioneer-Reliable organization were doing a handbook business of a million dollars per year. It is noted that most of the above information was brought out during the course of the Kefauver Committee investigations in the St. Louis area in about 1950.

Other information from the metropolitan St. Louis area press [REDACTED] reflects that WORTMAN and associates also operated an extensive policy business in the metropolitan St. Louis area, which grossed millions of dollars of business each year; also in operation were a number of gambling casinos, particularly in St. Clair and Madison Counties, Illinois. b7D

At the present time, the WORTMAN and Associates organization is primarily concerned with four illegal types of operations - (1) policy, (2) gambling (dice, cards, etc.) (3) bookmaking and (4) bingo.

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The following publicity regarding gambling operations in St. Clair County, Illinois, the Evening Journal, East St. Louis, carried an editorial dated July 2, 1959, which is entitled, "Same Old Story" and reads as follows:

"AND so, the gamblers make another bid for profit in St. Clair County.

"On top of disclosures of hoodlums doing a thriving business inside race tracks comes the exposure of a big bingo game at the old Shamrock Inn, just outside East St. Louis city limits. The operator hurriedly assures newspapermen that 'part' of the profits go to charity.

"The only 'charity' we have detected in this whole situation is the continued tolerance of such goings-on by St. Clair County law-enforcement officials.

"'Buster'--and we do mean Wortman--still rides high in these parts."

It is noted that during January, 1960, the "Evening Journal" of East St. Louis, Illinois, published numerous articles regarding the operations of the Checker Inn and commented that the State's Attorney JOHN J. HOBAN and Sheriff DAN RING of St. Clair County, Illinois, have made no effort to curb the gambling operation and when contacted by the press on one occasion Sheriff RING made the statement, "I've got more important things to do. I've told you all I am going to say."

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In February, 1958, the policy operation was again located in Brooklyn, an all Negro community on the outskirts of East St. Louis which is officially known as Lovejoy, Illinois. The operators of the policy at this time consisted

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of [redacted] and [redacted] The operations have remained at Brooklyn since that time; the actual policy wheel has been moved about in Brooklyn at various locations that are rented for short periods of time. As of September, 1960, the policy operations are set up in a building known as the old Elks Club in Brooklyn; the wheel itself is in the back room of this building. There are normally two drawings each day, one being around 1 to 2 PM and another about 7 to 8 PM. All traffic into the rear of the Elks Club observed by agents consists of individuals bringing policy tickets to the wheel. At present managers and operators of the policy consist of [redacted], and [redacted]. These are all white males, who actually live in St. Louis, Missouri.

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The pickup men who actually bring the tickets to the wheel location are Negroes from the east side area of Illinois across the Mississippi River from St. Louis.

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It is noted that the press recently carried listings of gambling stamp holders in St. Clair County and recorded that ROY CONRAD and JAMES KAGE of Madison Street, Breeoklyn, Illinois, possess Federal gambling stamps.

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In this connection it is noted the most recent raid conducted by the State Police was on the Checker Inn, 4300 St. Clair Avenue, East St. Louis, in the Spring of 1960.

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Information concerning this club will be set out under Legitimate Enterprises.

The recent gambling casino operation as mentioned was the Ranch House on the outskirts of E. St. Louis, and after this was raided in March, 1957, by the State Police, operations allegedly began at the Long's Motel on the outskirts of E. St. Louis.

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For a period of time prior to operating gambling at the Checker Inn location, where it has been for about two years, the operations were set up in an old farm house near Collinsville, Illinois.

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On September 13, 1960, agents observed at the "moat" and immediate vicinity of the moat the following persons:

ELMER DOWLING
SAM MAGIN

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MELVIN BECKMAN
GEORGE "STORMY" HARVILL

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Handbook Operations

The press of East St. Louis, Illinois, reported the results of raids by the Internal Revenue Service on May 6, 1957, when handbooks were raided in the St. Clair County area. As a result of these raids, 13 men and 4 women were charged with bookmaking without purchasing a Federal tax stamp. Subsequent to this raid, the press reported that GORDON FOSTER and his close associate, ROBERT SHERR, also were arrested. FOSTER was arrested at a motel and bar operated by ROBERT SHERR at 6500 Bond Avenue, East St. Louis, Illinois.

It is noted this is the same location now operated by [REDACTED] b7c

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These men have now been convicted in U.S. District Court, E. St. Louis, as an outgrowth of the investigation.

This handbook operation was known as the B & F Distributing Company supervised by ELMER DOWLING and operated for a period of time by [REDACTED]

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The most recent large scale handbook operation, according to the St. Louis press, was recently broken up with a raid on the establishment of MEL MAHRER in St. Louis. MAHRER in the past has been associated with the WORTMAN organization and various gambling enterprises.

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Bingo Operations

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Publicity resulted in the East St. Louis newspapers of this bingo establishment, and comments from States Attorney JOHN J. HOBAN and Sheriff DAN RING of St. Clair County regarding this bingo operation were to the effect that they understood it was a charity operation and they planned to do nothing about it.

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From observation this bingo establishment still operates three nights a week with hundreds of persons attending each game. Special buses are used to transport people to and from the location.

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In connection with the coin machine business, the press of St. Louis and East St. Louis, in December 1957, have reported the alleged purchase of the W-B Cigarette Company of St. Louis, Missouri, by BUSTER WORTMAN and his brother, TED WORTMAN. The press reported that this cigarette company was previously operated by ROBERT BROWN of St. Louis, who was mysteriously slain in that city January 24, 1956. Subsequent to BROWN's slaying, the control of his company went to the hands of the

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City of St. Louis alderman, A. BARNEY MUELLER. MUELLER, according to the press, was reported to be a silent partner of BROWN in the cigarette business. The press reported that an estimated \$200,000 was placed on this particular transaction. The press has reported that there is apparently considerable friction between WORTMAN's purchase of the W-R Cigarette Company and the operation of other coin machine businesses in St. Louis, allegedly operated by gangsters JOHN VITALE, TONY GIARDANO, and ANTHONY LOPITARD.

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In 1958 Plaza Amusement Company began an expansion program in the cigarette vending field in both St. Louis and the eastside area in Illinois. Various old-time WORTMAN organization members were used to obtain locations and promote distribution of cigarette machines, including SAM MAGIN, ELMER DOWLING. [REDACTED] was used as the official contact man for many

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legitimate places of business. As a result of this expansion program, the press of St. Louis and East St. Louis publicized that the W & R, W-R and Rip-Way Company were actually WORTMAN controlled. As a result of this the Hines Vending Company was set up and machines were then promoted under this company name, particularly in the East St. Louis area. An example of expansion methods used by the WORTMAN organization occurred on February 4, 1958, in Brooklyn, on the outskirts of East St. Louis. Agents observed between the hours of 9:00 and 10:30 PM a truck loaded with cigarette machines went to each tavern and cafe in this town and unloaded a cigarette machine. The men on the truck,

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The Springfield Office in a case entitled [REDACTED]; FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, Aka; EDWARD WORTMAN, SR.; ANTI-RACKETEERING: ANTI TRUST" conducted investigation regarding the vending machine operations in the Randolph County area and St. Clair County area. The United States Attorney at East St. Louis, Illinois, Mr. CLIFFORD M. RAEMER, on August 17, 1960, advised in his opinion there is no possibility of prosecution in this case.

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FRANK WORTMAN for years has maintained an office at this lounge.

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Stephen Gorman Bricklaying Company,
St. Louis, Missouri;

Cascade Hills Development Company,
Columbia, Illinois;

G & B Realty Company, East St. Louis,
Illinois;

Gormco Construction Company, East St. Louis,
Illinois.



On April 22, 1958, STEPHEN PATRICK GORMAN, home address - 2823 S. Kingshighway, St. Louis, Missouri, business address - 4200 Clayton Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, appeared before the Federal Grand Jury and took the fifth amendment regarding 56 or 57 questions asked. United States Attorney RAEMER appeared before Federal Judge WILLIAM G. JUERGENS in United States District Court at East St. Louis, Illinois, on this same date, on an open hearing regarding the refusal of GORMAN to answer questions. The questions GORMAN refused to answer were stated by Mr. RAEMER in open court.

The questions asked of GORMAN related to his business association with WORTMANs, ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING, or other WORTMAN associates; the interest that WORTMAN and associates had in GORMAN's business; the reason that numerous WORTMAN associates and contacts were on the payroll of Gorman Bricklaying Company when apparently not performing any work and the financial interest that WORTMAN and associates had in GORMAN's business and what influence they exerted in the actual operation of this business. The individuals listed as being on GORMAN's payroll, both in St. Louis and East St. Louis, include the following individuals:

JAMES A. MICHAELS, SR., [REDACTED]

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ROBERT E. PHELPS, [REDACTED]

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JOHN M. MOLONEY, [REDACTED]

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FRANK BOMMARITO, [REDACTED]

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HERMAN A. KONRAD

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HORACE LOVE,

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JOSEPH WILLIAM JANKO or YANKO,

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SAM MAGIN,

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Among the questions that GORMAN refused to answer included who actually hired MAGIN, as well as the other persons mentioned and what qualifications they had for their bricklaying or other jobs. The total amount paid by GORMAN & Company to the WORTMAN associates amounted to approximately \$33,000.00, but that there is considerably more involved that as yet has not been verified.

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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.

The St. Louis and East St. Louis press, during August 1959, has carried numerous articles regarding the awarding of sub-contracts to the Stephen Gorman Bricklaying Company of St. Louis, in connection with the construction of multi-million dollar federal office and federal records center buildings in St. Louis, Missouri. The press has stated that Senator JOHN L. MC CLELLAN of Arkansas has ordered an investigation into the awarding of the contracts.

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"Moat" Property, Collinsville, Illinois

The "Boys Club" or Moat Property, near Collinsville, Illinois, has been given considerable publicity of the St. Louis and E. St. Louis press over the past years. This property, allegedly in the name of SAM MAGIN, was reported to be a "Boys Club". From personal observation of agents it has been established that this contains a two-story brick building, which is built on a small man-made island, surrounded by a stream of water. The construction of this property went on for more than a year and

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On July 11, 1958, agent determined the most property was originally known as the old LYDIA LEMEN place, and contains approximately 124 acres. It was sold by a man named SCHILLER to MAGIN and BUSTER WORTMAN for \$18,000. SCHILLER had held the property a short time and paid about \$12,000 for it.

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Agents ascertained that the records in the office of the Recorder of Madison County, reflect in Book 1602, on page 394, the record of a warranty deed filed June 1, 1955, wherein grantors WALTER A. SCHILLER and RUTH SCHILLER, his wife, conveyed to SAM MAGIN and ESTHER MAGIN, his wife, the following property:

West half ($W\frac{1}{2}$) of southeast quarter ($SE\frac{1}{4}$), northwest quarter ($NW\frac{1}{4}$) and southwest quarter ($SW\frac{1}{4}$) of the southwest quarter ($SW\frac{1}{4}$) excepting a tract conveyed by LYDIA LEMEN, a widow to ALEXANDER SEEGER and LENA SEEGER, husband and wife, by W/D August 20, 1925, recorded in Book 553, Page 279, and the north half ($N\frac{1}{2}$) of southwest quarter ($SW\frac{1}{4}$), all in Section 36, Township 3 north, range 8, west of the 3rd PM.

The complete description is being retained in the files of this office. Conveyance excepted easements previously granted by the prior owner to a coal company and also right-of-way lease.

In addition to the above described property granted to MAGIN there is recorded in the Office of Recorded of Deeds for Madison County in Book 1636, Page 376, filed September 28, 1955, a conveyance by warranty deed from MARGARET MYER PAUSCH, a widow, and not remarried, of the city of Collinsville, and FLORENCE DIPPING TURNER and CARROLL TURNER, her husband, of Missouri, a small parcel of land approximately one acre in the southwest corner of the tract described above. The legal description of this is also maintained in the file.

It should be noted that the actual consideration is not set out for the above conveyance; however, the first one mentioned bears USIR stamps totaling \$17.60 and the second conveyance bears \$3.85 worth of USIR stamps.

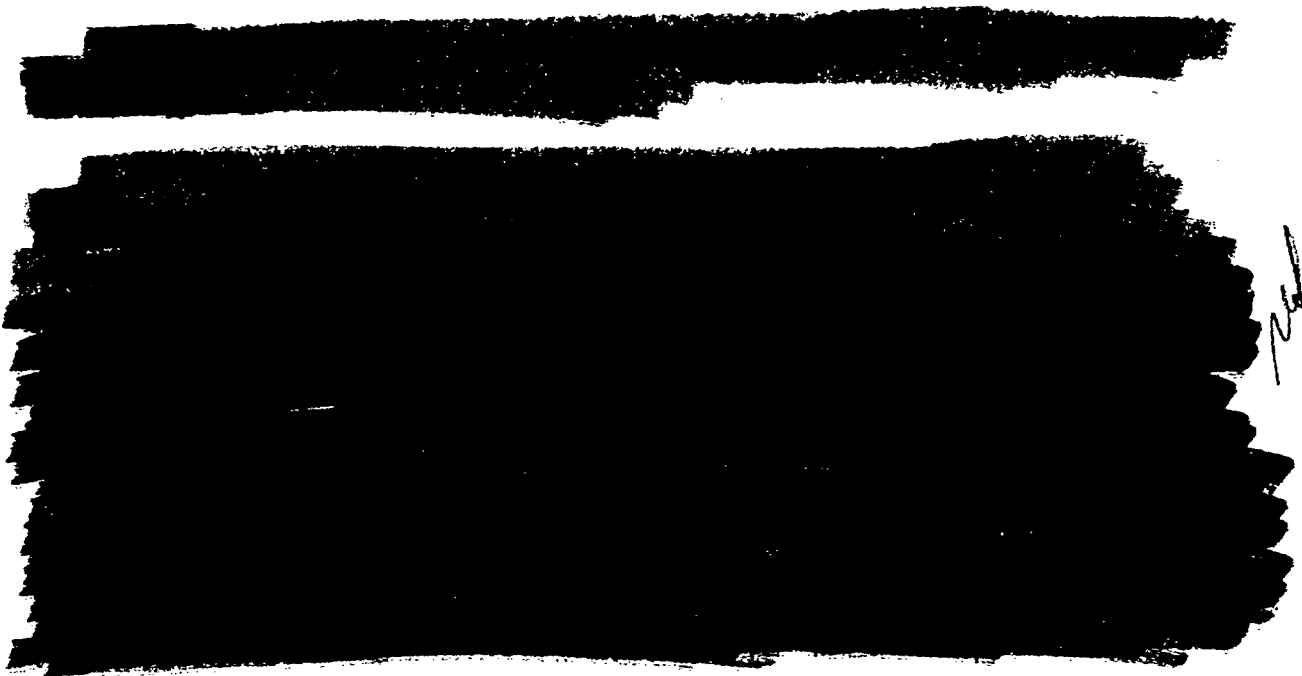
Both conveyances were acknowledged before Notary Public EDWARD G. HOLZWEG.

From the above description, it would appear that the tract of land contains something more than 120 acres.

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On October 3, 1958, a Special Agent 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 per cent 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 per cent per annum on the principal.

This instrument was acknowledged 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)



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The Prevue Club on Collinsville Road between East St. Louis and Collinsville, was a lavish gambling casino operated by WORTMAN and associates until it was closed by the State Police raids in 1955.



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On July 7, 1958, agents observed a truck of the Melman Fixture Company, St. Louis, Missouri, bearing Missouri Truck License 615 316. Three Negroes were loading furniture from the Prevue on this truck and the man from the above-mentioned Oldsmobile, was directing the operation. [redacted] was also present. Two other automobiles were at the location, a 1955 Plymouth, [redacted]

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[redacted] and a 1955 Oldsmobile, [redacted]

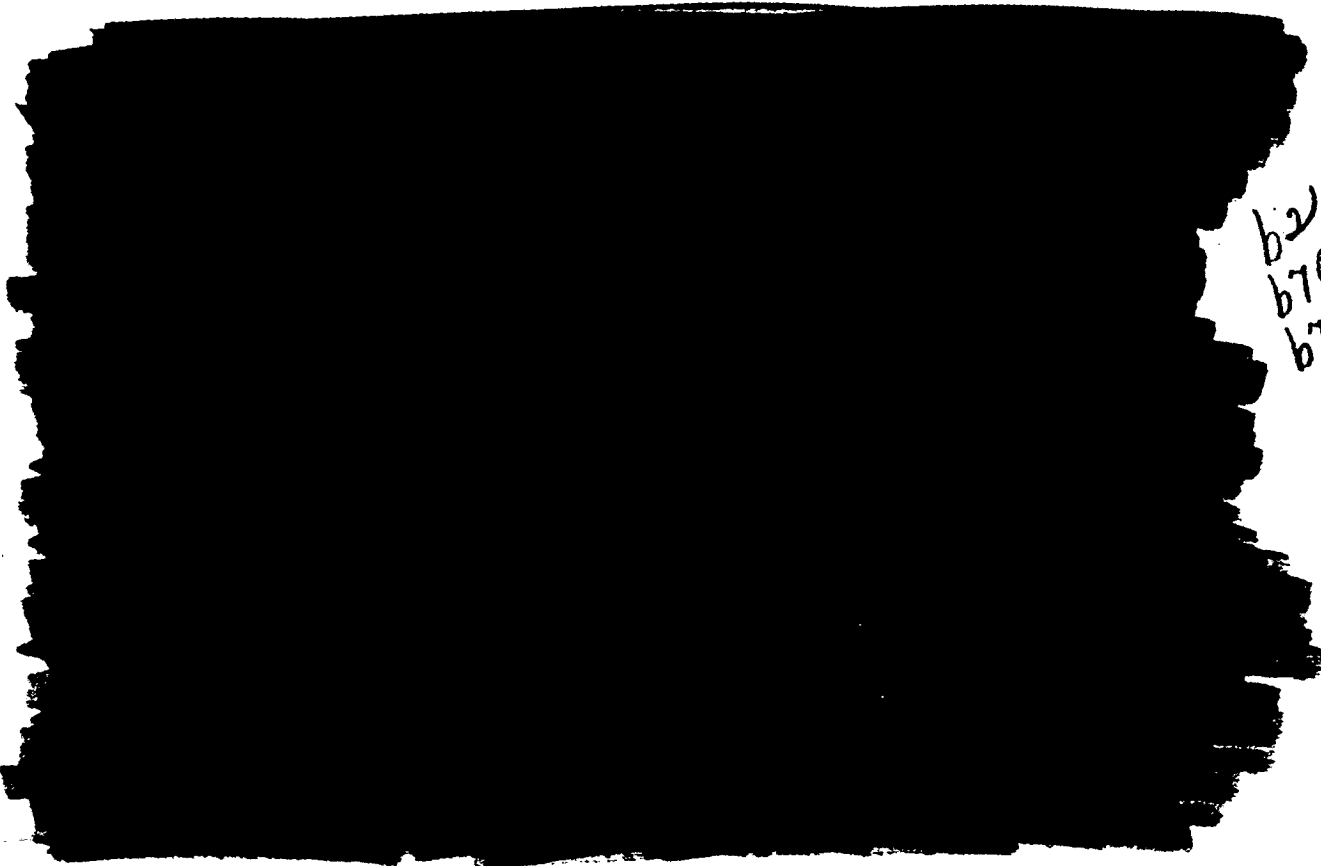
After the above-mentioned truck was loaded with what appeared to be kitchen equipment, [redacted] left the Prevue and was observed driving directly to the Paddock Lounge.

At the Paddock were located FRANK WORTMAN's and ELMER DOWLING's automobiles. Leaving the Paddock a matter of 30 minutes after [redacted] entered, was [redacted]

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On September 30, 1958, 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 May 31, 1957, 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 December 11, 1950, 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 September 5, 1958, 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 number 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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[REDACTED] It is noted from observation by agents that the Club Prevue is now operating as a general merchandise store. It is noted that agents observed during the transaction of the sale of this club that on several occasions, [REDACTED] automobile was at the club; also observed frequently were [REDACTED] automobiles and a truck registered to [REDACTED]

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Since the sale of the Prevue Club, this place has been operated as "GRANDPA" PIDGEON's Store and the advertising of the merchandise store relates that they carry more than 25,000 items.

Las Vegas, Nevada, Gambling Interests

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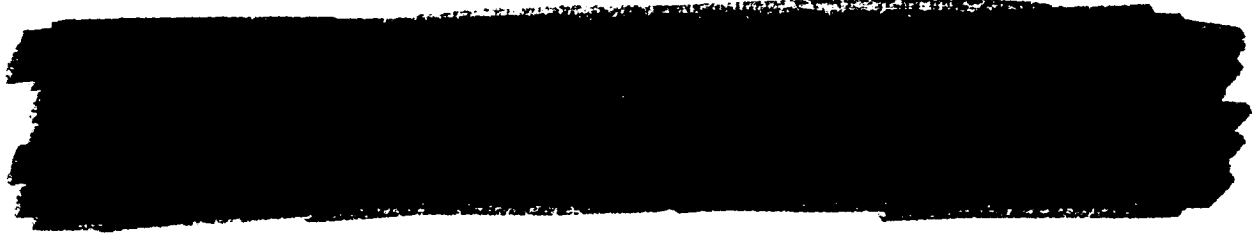
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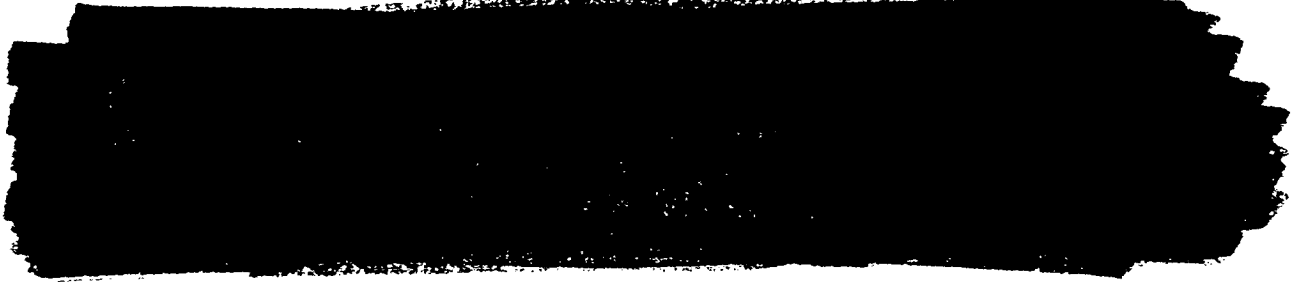


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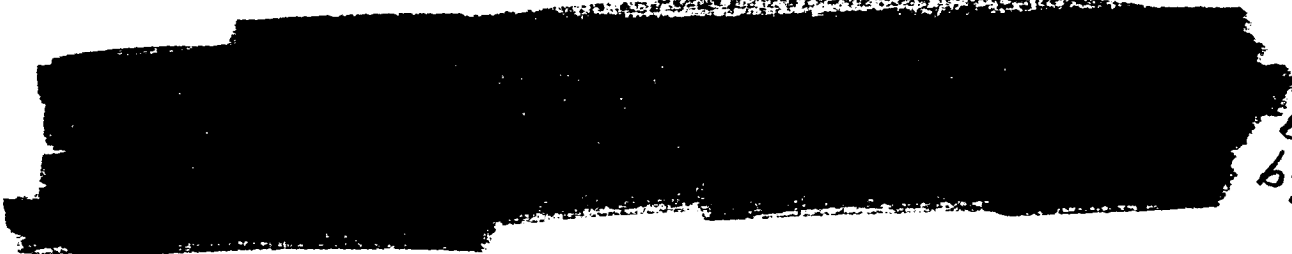


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F. PLACES OF AMUSEMENT AND HANGOUTS FREQUENTED

The principal hangout for WORTMAN and DOWLING is the Paddock Lounge on 429 St. Louis Avenue in East St. Louis. Most of the business transactions are apparently handled here and whenever any of the WORTMAN crowd want to see either of these men, they come to the Paddock or make arrangements through this club to see WORTMAN or DOWLING.



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Other hangouts for various members of the WORTMAN gang and lesser members of the group include Bush's Steak House, the Playdium Club, both in downtown East St. Louis, and the Candlelight Tavern and the Cleo Club on Collinsville Road, near East St. Louis.

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G. TRAVEL

Information developed indicates that the WORTMANs and DOWLING very seldom leave the St. Louis and East Side Metropolitan area. Their travel is usually confined to their own automobiles, descriptions of which are furnished under the caption Personal History.

TED WORTMAN and DOWLING spend a considerable amount of time in St. Louis in connection with the coin machine operations. FRANK WORTMAN is regularly seen in the vicinity of the Paddock, although his visits to and contacts with associates at this place have been more limited since he moved to the Moat property.

During 1957, FRANK WORTMAN allegedly made about a two-week vacation trip to California with his children. When he was subpoenaed to appear before the Senate Committee at Washington, D.C., July 3, 1958, FRANK WORTMAN together with SAM MAGIN and Attorney MORRIS SCHENKER flew to Washington on Trans-World Airlines.

Information was developed that FRANK WORTMAN took a vacation trip to Mackinac Island, Michigan, where he was supposed to stay until September 1, 1960. Information was developed, however, that he was to return on about August 25, 1960.

H. PERSONAL HABITS AND PECULIARITIES

Re: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN

Information has been developed from numerous sources that FRANK WORTMAN drinks heavily both during the day and the night. When WORTMAN is drunk, he is alleged to get very mean with most anyone who tries to cross his path.

It is noted that WORTMAN very seldom leaves the Metropolitan area of St. Louis and East Side, and since moving to the Moat property, spends much of his time at his residence. He is not known to visit any of his subordinates and generally has them come to see him.

WORTMAN allegedly recently stated that he was extremely cautious concerning any visitors or unusual activity around his property and that he intended to install one or possibly two autronic eyes at turns in the road approaching his property which would signal inside the house upon the approach of an automobile.

Also during a general conversation, the subject of narcotics was brought up, and WORTMAN made statements that he wants nothing to do with narcotics. WORTMAN is allegedly deeply devoted to his children, and this is possibly one of the factors indicated for extreme dislike of the narcotics racket.

A number of sources have indicated that WORTMAN has a definite intention to remove his business activities from the Paddock Lounge to the Moat property in view of the exclusiveness of this property. It has been stated that there is a room at the Moat approximately 12 feet by 20 feet which will be converted into an office and the the Melman Fixture Company and the Duro-Chrome Corporation in St. Louis, Missouri, are supposedly drawing up plans for the new office.

Re: ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING

DOWLING's activities are largely confined to the St. Louis and East Side area. He and his family seldom, if ever, have visitors at their residence other than a neighbor and associate, SAM MAGIN.

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DOWLING is a neat dresser and a moderate drinker.

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From DOWLING's activities, it appears that he is a hired lieutenant of FRANK WORTMAN and handles the overall liaison and contact with individuals on the second or lower level of the WORTMAN operation.

Re: EDWARD WORTMAN, Jr.

EDWARD WORTMAN apparently devotes most of his time to the Plaza Amusement Company and related enterprises in East St. Louis.

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ALL OF THE ABOVE INDIVIDUALS HAVE HISTORIES OF VIOLENCE AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS SINCE THEY HAVE ALLEGEDLY CARRIED FIREARMS IN THE PAST.

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I. COURT, GRAND JURY, AND CRIMINAL COURT ACTIONS

THOMAS D. CLANCY, JAMES A. PRINDABLE, and DONALD KASTNER were convicted in United States District Court in East St. Louis, Illinois, May 15, 1959, for internal revenue violations and for furnishing false statements to internal revenue agents in connection with the North Sales Operation, a handbook establishment.

PRINDABLE was sentenced to three years in prison; CLANCY to four years in prison and \$5,000 fine; and KASTNER to three years in prison and \$2,000 fine. Of the trio, only PRINDABLE elected to start serving his penitentiary sentence.

The United States Supreme Court granted a petition for a hearing in connection with these convictions during June, 1960, after United States Appellate Court upheld their conviction.

On May 25, 1959, GORDON FOSTER, [REDACTED], [REDACTED] ROBERT SHEER, and THOMAS J. JACKSON were found guilty in United States District Court, East St. Louis, Illinois, for violation of internal revenue laws and for furnishing false information to internal revenue agents. These individuals previously operated the B & F Distributing Company, a racing newswire service in East St. Louis. As a result of the conviction, FOSTER and SHEER were sentenced to five years in prison and fined \$5,000, while JACKSON was sentenced to one year in prison and placed on probation for five years. b7c

During June, 1960, the United States Circuit Court of Appeals reversed the conviction of these three persons and ordered a retrial. The reversal was based on the refusal of United States District Judge GEORGE H. MOORE to permit Defense Attorneys to inspect reports of internal revenue service agents.

Subsequent to the reversal, FOSTER, SHEER, and JACKSON were permitted to enter pleas of guilty in United States District Court, East St. Louis, Illinois, to a reduced charge of conspiracy to evade payment of gambling taxes which is a

misdemeanor rather than a felony for which they were originally tried. This action was taken to avoid another lengthy trial.

On July 10, 1959, GEORGE STOFFEY was found guilty in United States District Court, East St. Louis, Illinois, for violating wagering laws and making false statements to internal revenue agents. His indictment was an outgrowth of the investigation of WORTMAN by the internal revenue service and the Federal Grand Jury, Eastern District of Illinois. STOFFEY was sentenced to five years and a \$5,000 fine, and after conviction filed an appeal.

On May 12, 1959, JOSEPH W. "JOE" JANKO was convicted in United States District Court for income tax evasion. This was the second trial in this matter, the previous conviction having been set aside on appeal.

On June 5, 1959, JANKO was sentenced to ten years in prison.

During July, 1960, the ten-year prison sentence was reduced by the United States Court of Appeals in St. Louis to a term of four years. It is noted that JANKO has for years been a doorman and parking lot attendant at East St. Louis area gambling casinos controlled by WORTMAN.

Mr. JOHN J. BURKE and his wife ROSE were convicted in United States District Court, St. Louis, Missouri, for income tax evasion. On July 31, 1959, BURKE was sentenced to four years in prison and fined \$15,500. His wife was sentenced to two years and fined \$2,500. The indictment of the BURKES was a result of internal revenue service investigation in connection with WORTMAN. BURKE was the president of the Chicago-St. Louis Express Company, and the indictment charged evasion of \$26,000 in income taxes for the years 1951 through 1954.

During the BURKE trial, it was brought out in evidence that FRANK WORTMAN had furnished \$53,000 for the operation of the Chicago-St. Louis Express Company; that this money was given to GEORGE FRANK, an officer of the company.



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During the trial, BURKE denied knowing the WORTMANs or DOWLING but evidence indicated that DOWLING went to Washington, D. C. on the same plane with BURKE several years before and that his expenses and plane ticket were paid for by the Express Company.

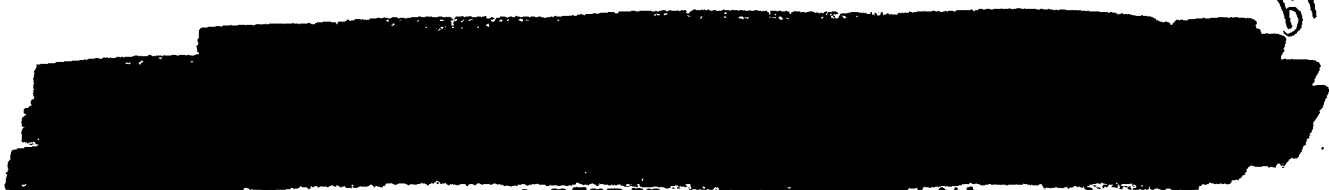
United States District Judge GEORGE MOORE who tried this case was very interested in the evidence and indicated that there would be possibly perjury action against some of the witnesses, including GEORGE FRANK who has been a well known WORTMAN auditor, bookkeeper, and tax consultant.

The evidence at the trial indicated that STEPHAN GORMAN of Gorman Brick-laying Company actually owned the Chicago-St. Louis Express Company in St. Louis, Missouri.

During June, 1960, the United States Circuit Court of Appeals reversed the conviction of Mr. and Mrs. BURKE on the grounds that Judge MOORE had erred by denying defense request for permission to inspect report of internal revenue service agents.

On October 1, 1959, SAM GEORGE MAGIN was found guilty by a jury in United States District Court, East St. Louis, Illinois, on two counts of an indictment charging him with three counts of perjury.

During the course of MAGIN's trial, FRANK WORTMAN, ELMER DOWLING, EDWARD J. HARE, and CLAUS E. TIETJE were called as witnesses for the prosecution and all took the fifth amendment.



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As a result of TIETJE taking the fifth amendment, he was cited for contempt of court by United States District Judge WILLIAM G. JUERGENS and received a six-month sentence on this charge.

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Subsequently, this conviction and sentence was reversed on appeal and TIETJE was ordered released.

During the course of MAGIN's trial, extensive publicity was given the matter, and information concerning WORTMAN and his associates' incomes from gambling activities was publicized. These newspaper articles reflected that from 1951 to 1953 FRANK WORTMAN reported an income of \$81,000 from an illegal gambling enterprise, including five dice games, and one policy operation.

SAM MAGIN was released on \$10,000 bond pending appeal of his conviction.

During June, 1960, United States Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago affirmed MAGIN's conviction.

In early September, 1960, MAGIN filed an appeal with the United States Supreme Court at Washington, D. C., which has not been acted on to date.

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On January 11, 1960, the Federal Grand Jury at East St. Louis returned an indictment naming FRANK WORTMAN, DOWLING, SAM MAGIN, GREGORY "RED" MOORE, GEORGE FRANK, and EDWARD "TED" WORTMAN. All six defendants were charged with violations of the internal revenue law.

All six defendants were released on substantial bonds. FRANK WORTMAN and DOWLING's bonds were set at \$30,000, MAGIN's at \$20,000, and the remainder at \$10,000 each.

The indictment of WORTMAN and his associates was followed by numerous motions on behalf of each of the defendants.

As a result of some of these motions, United States Federal Judge JUERGENS granted venue changes to SAM MAGIN and ELMER DOWLING, noting that they reside in Madison County located in the Southern District of Illinois and will, therefore, be tried in the Southern District rather than the Eastern District. Apparently FRANK WORTMAN and EDWARD WORTMAN will be the only two tried in East St. Louis since both reside in St. Clair County. The other two defendants, MOORE and FRANK, both reside in St. Louis, Missouri, and will be tried in the Southern District of Missouri. These venue changes came about under a rather recent Federal law providing that persons indicted under the mail fraud act for income tax evasion should be tried in their own district.

To date, no trial date has been set in connection with any of these trials and the court still has under consideration a number of motions made by defense counsel.

J. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTIONSRe: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN

The following is a physical description of
FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN:

Race	White
Sex	Male
DOB	March 4, 1904
POB	East St. Louis, Illinois
Height	5'7"
Weight	165 pounds
Hair	Brown, combed straight back, receding at hairline
Complexion	Ruddy
Eyes	Brown
Build	Medium
Dress	Usually neatly dressed
Characteristics	Heavy drinker
FBI Number	739 186
Residence	"Moat" property near Collinsville, Illinois
Business or Hangout Address	429 St. Louis Avenue, Paddock Club, East St. Louis, Illinois

Re: EDWARD WORTMAN, Jr.

Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5'9"
Weight	180 pounds
DOB	December 2, 1906
POB	East St. Louis, Illinois
Hair	Thin and Greying
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Medium
Characteristics	Stocky build and round face
Fingerprint Classification	L R OI 15 19 W O 12

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Re: ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING
aka "DUTCH" DOWLING

Ser	Male
Race	White
DOB	December 30, 1906
POB	St. Louis, Missouri
Height	5'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Weight	185 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Ruddy
Build	Medium
Education	Eighth grade
U.S. Army Serial Number	37401360
Military Service	From December 5, 1942, to October 4, 1945 - received honorable discharge
Social Security Number	498-09-3744
FBI Number	1644966
Relatives Mother	MINNIE DOWLING, last known address, 8 Summit Drive, Collinsville, Illinois



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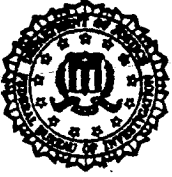
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Springfield, Illinois
September 26, 1960

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, Aka;
ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING, Aka;
EDWARD WORTMAN, JR., Aka.
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Reference is made to report of SA [REDACTED] b7C
[REDACTED] dated September 26, 1960.

All informants mentioned in the above report have
furnished reliable information in the past.

This is furnished for your information and
should not be disseminated to unauthorized persons or
agencies.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (92-2810)

DATE: 10-5-60

FROM : SAC, Springfield (92-112)

SUBJECT: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, Aka;
ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING, Aka;
EDWARD WORTMAN, JR., Aka
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Rerep of SA [redacted] dated 9-26-60 at Springfield.

Attached herewith are Index pages to be inserted in referenced report.

On page 12 of referenced report, it is requested that the first sentence of the last paragraph read as follows:

Information from the records of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, St. Clair County, Illinois, reflects divorce action by DOROTHY WORTMAN against FRANK WORTMAN.

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From: Director, FBI (92-3810)
FRANK LEONARD WORTHAN, aka.
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Re Buairtel, 10-4-60.

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[REDACTED] For your information, [REDACTED] is an SAC Contact in the Springfield Office and has promised his full cooperation in connection with this matter.

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It still appears fairly definite that WORTMAN is moving his office operations into "The Moat".

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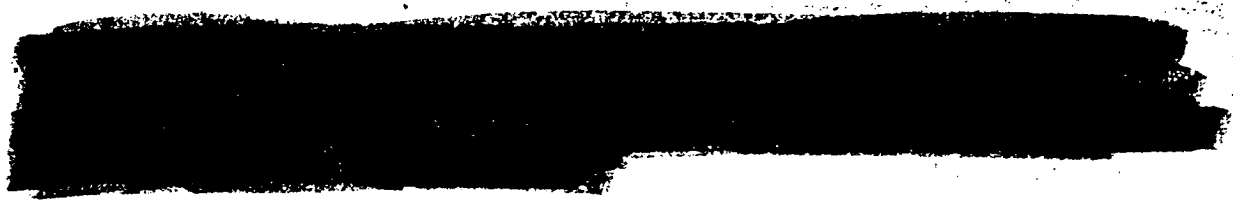
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RE: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka
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Re Springfield airtel 10/20/60.

A survey of the problems which might be encountered in the installation of [redacted] in subject's premises was completed on 11/3/60. The survey disclosed two primary obstacles to such an installation:

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In order that the Springfield Division can give further consideration to the feasibility of attempting a MISUR, the FBI Laboratory is requested to advise whether there is any possibility that a device similar to [redacted] could be adapted to [redacted]

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Please advise.

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From: Director, FBI

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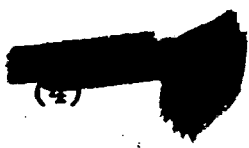
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**Enairtel by 12/16/60 advising of further
developments and current status of this matter.**

NOTE Springfield is exploring the possibility of
installing microphone coverage at the home of Top Hoodlum
Wortman inasmuch as he has indicated he is moving the
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1. Will identify through usual sources the following individuals allegedly in contact with various members of the WORTMAN organization and determine if these individuals have any connection with hoodlum activities in the Chicago area:

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The Chicago Office should continue to furnish Springfield with all pertinent information obtained from informants and other sources indicating operations and interests of the WORTMANs and other hoodlums in the East St. Louis and St. Louis area.

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9. Will continue to maintain contacts with all informants furnishing information regarding the WORTMAN organization.

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

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may be retained by St. Louis for their use and dissemination as desired. The others

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The Chicago Office, by communications dated October 27, 15 and 17, 1960, entitled ACTIVITIES OF TOP HOODLUMS IN THE CHICAGO AREA - ANTI-RACKETEERING, advised of

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contacts of FRANK WORTMAN in the Chicago area and further identified individuals with whom the WORTMAN organization has done and at present does business. Information was also furnished concerning political figures and political ramifications in the East St. Louis and St. Louis areas insofar as the operations of the hoodlums were concerned and, in particular, the WORTMAN organization.

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It is noted that, from information furnished by Chicago, it is apparent FRANK "BUSTER" WORTMAN is obviously close to certain Chicago top hoodlums and maintains contact with them to discuss matters of mutual or similar interest in both legitimate and illegitimate operations.

It is pointed out that close coordination is being maintained by agents of the Springfield Division in the East St. Louis area working top hoodlum matters with agents of the St. Louis Office handling similar investigations, because the WORTMAN organization operates over the entire metropolitan St. Louis area, including the Illinois side of the Mississippi River covered by Springfield, as well as the Missouri side of the River covered by St. Louis. Investigation establishes there is constant traffic movement, contacts and operations of the WORTMAN organization on a daily and continuing basis on both sides of the River.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Report of: SA [REDACTED]
Date: November 30, 1960

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Office: Springfield

Field Office File #: SI 92-112

Bureau File #: 92-2810

Title: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN;
ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING;
EDWARD WORTMAN, JR.

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

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Identity of additional activities of WORTMAN organization identified and set out.

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New legitimate interests described and identified. Trial date of WORTMANS, DOWLING and other associates on charges of conspiracy to violate income tax laws set for 2/20/61, USDC, East St. Louis. FRANK WORTMAN known to have been in Chicago in recent past. THE WORTMANS AND DOWLING SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS IN VIEW OF PAST HISTORY AND IN VIEW OF FACT THEY ALLEGEDLY HAVE CARRIED WEAPONS IN THE PAST.

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[redacted] of the Illinois State Penitentiary, Illinois, stated he would advise this office when Dismas House representatives make contact or show interest in inmates of that institution. [redacted] said, of course, he has no control over the paroling or releasing of prisoners. He said the Parole Board is made up of the following individuals:

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Another indication of the infiltration or possible actual control of the Dismas House project by the WORTMAN organization is indicated as a result of [redacted]

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On November 2, 1960, [redacted] advised that [redacted] was recently turned down on his efforts to obtain a parole but that [redacted] have been paroled and that both are recorded in the prison files as working for [redacted]. He further stated that recently representatives of the Dismas House have made contact with [redacted].

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On October 7, 1960, the Evening Journal of East St. Louis, Illinois carried a news article that FRANK WORTMAN was again in court regarding a petition of the State Circuit Court of St. Clair County for the right to transfer the trusteeship of his four children's estate from his ex-wife DOROTHY to his brother, EDWARD "TED" WORTMAN. The news article stated that Circuit Judge QUINTON SPIVEY, through Circuit Clerk FRANK L. "RED" BAUER, told newsmen that WORTMAN's appearance in the courthouse "didn't amount to anything and nothing had been filed."

On October 31, 1960, the Belleville, Illinois News Democrat contained a news article entitled "SPIVEY Rules for WORTMAN in Trust Dispute". This article states that Judge SPIVEY ordered WORTMAN's brother to have the trusteeship for his four children changed from his former wife to his brother EDWARD "TED" WORTMAN. The trust is valued at more than \$90,000 and that, after hearing the arguments, the Judge set aside the default decree of June 16, 1960 and that nothing would be accomplished by opening up the matter and allowing Mrs. JENKINS to plead. WORTMAN's children were recorded as SUSAN, age 16, WILLIAM, age 13, MADONNA, age 10 and EDWARD, age 6. According to WORTMAN's attorneys who filed the suit to change the trusteeship, it was done not because his wife had remarried but because she had moved from the state where the true assets are out of the jurisdiction of the court where the trust estate is located. The article further reflected DOROTHY WORTMAN JENKINS married ROBERT J. JENKINS, a tool engineer, August 12, 1960 and lives in St. Louis, Missouri. In an affidavit, Mrs. JENKINS stated that since July 1960 FRANK WORTMAN had refused to contribute to the support of three of the children who reside with her and that the fourth, WILLIAM, lived with FRANK WORTMAN.

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On November 2, 1960, Special Agent [REDACTED] reviewed the records of the Circuit Court of St. Clair County, verifying information as set out above. The records show that DOROTHY WORTMAN, on June 25, 1952, was made trustee for a trust filed by WORTMAN for his four children, giving full power concerning property and monies involved; she was to distribute the corpus of the trust twenty-one years after WORTMAN's death to his and her children aforementioned, each to have an equal share. A complaint wanting a writ of injunction from the court to restrain DOROTHY WORTMAN JENKINS from disposing of or spending any monies described in the trust was filed on July 27, 1960. The records further revealed that, on July 29, 1960, an agent of WORTMAN appeared at the residence of DOROTHY WORTMAN and demanded entrance, which she refused. Later on the same day, FRANK WORTMAN and the agent returned and threatened her. It was stated that FRANK WORTMAN was under the influence of alcohol at the time. An order was issued by the St. Clair Circuit Court on September 16, 1960, ordering an attorney, ROBERT RUTLEDGE, of East St. Louis as guardian to represent the children. According to the Circuit Court records, DOROTHY WORTMAN JENKINS now resides at 374A Louisiana Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri with her husband ROBERT. According to the Court records, attorneys for WORTMAN were R. B. HENDRICKS and his partner, ROBERT RUTLEDGE, of East St. Louis. Attorney for DOROTHY WORTMAN JENKINS was BURTON C. BERNARD of East St. Louis. In the complaint, WORTMAN charged that his ex-wife DOROTHY had abandoned the house at Collinsville taking the furniture and children with her and further charged she withdrew the trust funds from a Collinsville bank. The property on Summit Drive in Collinsville was valued at \$77,000 and adjoining property at \$15,750. The St. Clair Circuit Court file number concerning this matter is 60-1041A.

B. CRIMINAL RECORD AND CRIMINAL HISTORY

There is nothing further to report concerning the above at this time.

C. ASSOCIATES

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Re ~~MELVIN JOHN BECKMAN,~~
~~Aka John Dryden,~~
~~John Melvin Dryden,~~
~~Mel, "The Swede"~~



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According to the files of the Springfield Office, BECKMAN has FBI Number 4702429 and was convicted of burglary in St. Louis, Missouri in 1958 and sentenced to two years in the Missouri State Prison, being released in 1960. Immediately on release, he started working for the WORTMAN organization. When convicted in St. Louis, co-defendants with him were ~~MELVIN J. VENIENO~~ of St. Louis, a former organizer of the Teamster's Union, and KENNY ALLEN, a well known St. Louis and East St. Louis hoodlum. In 1942, BECKMAN was investigated by the St. Louis and Springfield Offices in connection with the theft and interstate transportation of a 1936 Ford automobile. He was subsequently prosecuted

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by local authorities in St. Louis and committed to the Bellefontaine Farm, a Missouri Reformatory penal institution, as he was a juvenile at the time. BECKMAN, in 1956, was employed at the Paddock Lounge, a WORTMAN organization nightclub and tavern, and worked at the old Terrace Lounge, another former WORTMAN establishment.

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BECKMAN is observed by agents frequenting the most property of FRANK WORTMAN, usually around noontime daily, and then he proceeds directly to the Checker Inn gambling establishment

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The telephone listing for the Checker Inn is presently Upton 5-1092, having been changed from Upton 5-7078, and the telephone is in the name of [REDACTED] b7C

On September 13, 1960, Special Agent [REDACTED] observed at the moat residence of WORTMAN a 1957 Plymouth, four door sedan. [REDACTED]

At the time, there were others at the moat property known to be members of the WORTMAN gambling organization, including MEL [REDACTED] BECKMAN, GEORGE "STORMY" HARVILL, [REDACTED] SAM MAGIN and LMER DOWLING. [REDACTED] b7C

Bingo Operation

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Agents have observed that the bingo games are played each Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday nights and that special busses are used to bring customers to the game. The old location at the old Southern Inn Nightclub could seat approximately 500 people. Observations determined that on October 1, 1960 the operations were moved to a large metal warehouse building at 6503 St. Clair Avenue and from observation by Special Agent [REDACTED] this place had seating arrangements for approximately 700 people. The building had been remodeled and heating equipment and furniture had been added to the location. A large sign appears on the cyclone fence around the building indicating it is the location of the VFW Post 6372. On the night of November 1, 1960, Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] observed approximately 500 people playing bingo, and four special busses were in the parking area.

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[REDACTED] advised his files contain no information regarding FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN or EDWARD T. WORTMAN.

[REDACTED] advised a search of her records failed to disclose any information concerning FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN or EDWARD T. WORTMAN.

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It was determined on November 8, 1960 that the [REDACTED] had no record for FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, EDWARD T. WORTMAN or [REDACTED]

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It was determined on November 9, 1960 that the [REDACTED] has no record of or for EDWARD T. WORTMAN or the Plaza Amusement Company.

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F. PLACES OF AMUSEMENT AND HANGOUTS

There is nothing further to add under this section; however, it is noted that, as previously set out in this report, FRANK WORTMAN now spends most of his time at his most residence, RFD, Collinsville, Illinois and has established an office at this location, where he has personal contact with various lieutenants and associates. The Paddock Lounge in East St. Louis still continues to be a meeting place and hangout of various members of the WORTMAN organization as agents observed known members of the gang moving in and out of the Paddock Lounge each day. The Paddock literally stays open 24 hours a day, and there is constant traffic in and out of this location.

G. TRAVEL

The Chicago Office advised on October 26, 1960 that FRANK WORTMAN was known to have been in Chicago on that date and, in the afternoon, left by GM&O Railroad to return to the St. Louis or East St. Louis area.

H. PERSONAL HABITS

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I. LEGAL ACTIONS

On November 6, 1960, the Sunday Journal of East St. Louis, Illinois contained a news article reflecting that the preliminaries insofar as the WORTMAN organization were concerned were ended and that they now faced federal court trials. According to this article, EDWARD "TED" WORTMAN, ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING, SAM GEORGE MAGIN, GREGORY "RED" MOORE and GEORGE FRANK, as well as FRANK "BUSTER" WORTMAN had all of their motions overruled seeking dismissal or nullification of indictments; further, that one defense motion sustained by the court provides that MOORE will be tried in St. Louis, Missouri wherein venue lies and that DOWLING will be tried in the Southern District of Illinois at Springfield.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. SI 92-112

Springfield, Illinois

November 30, 1960

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN;
ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING;
EDWARD WORTMAN, JR.
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Springfield Confidential Informants in the report
of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as
above have all furnished reliable information in the past

This is furnished for your information and should
not be disseminated to any unauthorized persons or agencies.

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Date 1/6/61

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Title FRANK LEONARD
WORTMAN, Aka; Etal

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Discontinue | <input type="checkbox"/> See me |
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Attached hereto are five copies of an index for the report of SA [redacted] dated 11/30/60, at Springfield.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2810)

DATE: 12-14-60

FROM : *df* SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-112)

SUBJECT: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN
Aka, et al
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Re: Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 11/30/60
at Springfield.

Review of above report reflects the following changes should be made in this report.

- (1) [REDACTED]
- (2) [REDACTED]
- (3) [REDACTED]

The appropriate changes are being noted in the copies of above mentioned report in the files of the Springfield Office.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 12-15-60

FROM : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (66-1368)

SUBJECT: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka
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Re Buairtels, 11-9-60 and 12-13-60.

This matter has received careful study and consideration and it is my considered opinion that no practical possibility exists at the present time to establish any type of misur in subject's residence.

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Until such time as such request for additional service is made by subject I do not see there is any practical possibility of considering this matter further.

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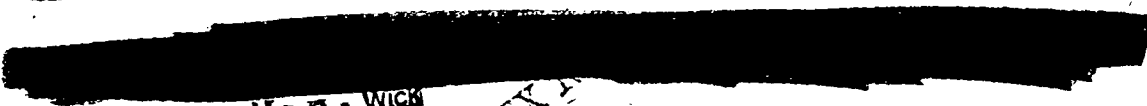
FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN,
aka "Buster" Wortman, "Bus"
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Special Agent in Charge

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WORTMAN is a top hoodlum of the East St. Louis, Illinois and St. Louis, Missouri, area and is known to have certain Union connections in the St. Louis area, however, there has not been to date any direct indication showing any personal relationship between WORTMAN and HOPEA.

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WORTMAN SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS
IN VIEW OF PAST HISTORY AND FACT HE HAS ALLEGEDLY CARRIED
WEAPONS IN THE PAST.

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TO: SACs, ST. LOUIS (92-191)
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WFO REC-30

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2810) - 68

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Re: LAirtel 1/10/61.

WFO and Detroit should hold in abeyance inquiries concerning Hoffa until after St. Louis furnishes additional information. It would appear that unless information not set forth in reairtel is available, which indicates some possible violation under our jurisdiction involving Hoffa, investigation requested by St. Louis regarding activities of Hoffa should not be conducted without clearance through the Department.

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actually relate to a possible violation, a letterhead memorandum under the caption "James Riddle Hoffa" should be submitted by St. Louis under the cover of airtel by return mail. Such material will be referred by the Bureau to the Department with a request for advice as to whether investigation is justified and no investigation of Hoffa is to be conducted unless advised by the Bureau.

St. Louis snairtel additional information clarifying this matter.

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- Mohr _____
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- Belmont _____
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- DeLoach _____
- Malone _____
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FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (92-191)
SUBJECT: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka
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Remyairtel 1/10/61 and Buairtel 1/13/61.

The purpose of the requested investigation was to determine intelligence data regarding WORTMAN. Attempts by other means will be made to verify the [REDACTED]

Detroit and Washington Field disregard requested investigation in my airtel dated 1/10/61.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka
"Buster",
ALLEGED INFLUENCE OVER LABOR
AND SUBCONTRACTORS AT THE NEW
U. S. FEDERAL PRISON CONSTRUCTION
AT CRAB ORCHARD WILDLIFE REFUGE,
RURAL ROUTE 2, CARTERVILLE, ILLINOIS
ANTI-RACKETEERING; FRAUD AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT

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Enclosed herewith are four (4) copies of letterhead memorandum reflecting [redacted]

[redacted] Enclosed memorandum submitted in view of the allegations.

Commencement of the actual construction of a new maximum security Federal prison on the Crab Orchard Wildlife Refuge, Rural Route 2, Carterville, Illinois, is contemplated during the next 30-90 days. According to local newspapers, bids have been received for the general contract which totals nearly \$8,000,000. Blount Brothers Construction Company of Alabama has reportedly submitted the low bid somewhat over \$7,000,000 for the general contract. According to newspaper accounts, it is estimated that nearly \$1,000,000 has already been spent in clearing, filling, and grading of the 600-acre prison tract on the Crab Orchard Wildlife Refuge.

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It should be noted by the Bureau that **FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN** is a top hoodlum of the Springfield Division.

In view of the fact no actual construction has commenced on the Crab Orchard Wildlife Refuge concerning the new Federal prison, there appears to be no violation at this time. United States Attorney has not been contacted and no investigation is being conducted, UACB.

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Special Agent in Charge



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Springfield, Illinois
January 18, 1961

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FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN

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FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka "BUSTER" is presently under indictment in United States District Court, Eastern District of Illinois, East St. Louis, Illinois, charged with Federal income tax evasion and conspiracy to evade Federal income taxes. WORTMAN is commonly referred to in the St. Louis, Missouri, and East St. Louis, Illinois press as the head of a criminal organization principally engaged in gambling known as WORTMAN and Associates. The press alleges that he is the major racketeer in the metropolitan St. Louis area which also covers the St. Clair County, Illinois area on the east side of the Mississippi River.

WORTMAN resides near Collinsville, Illinois.

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TO: XH

TO: REC-96 SAC, SPRINGFIELD
FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

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FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka "Buster"
ALLEGED INFLUENCE OVER LABOR AND
SUBCONTRACTORS AT THE NEW U. S. FEDERAL
PRISON CONSTRUCTION AT CRAB ORCHARD
WILDLIFE REFUGE, RURAL ROUTE 2, CARTERVILLE, ILLINOIS
ANTI-RACKETEERING; FRAUD AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT

Reurairtel 1/18/61, enclosing letterhead memorandum
of the same date.

The letterhead memorandum is not being disseminated.
Instead, it should be re-written and the material obtained
from the newspapers pertaining to the proposed construction and
contract should be set forth at the beginning of the memorandum.
No outside inquiries should be made; however, any information
available from established, reliable sources in this connection
should be set forth.

The last sentence on page 3 of the memorandum should
be deleted and replaced with the appropriate "Property of FBI"
statement.

Submit revised letterhead memorandum suitable for
dissemination by accompanying airtel to reach the Bureau by
1/24/61.

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