

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date March 6, 1961

On March 3, 1961, observation of the entrance to the lane of the residence of FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN disclosed the following cars going in and out:

At 9:30 A.M. the following cars were present at the residence:

A 1957 blue and white Plymouth two-door, 1961  
Illinois license LP2970;  
A 1953 light green Ford two-door;  
A 1947 green Chevrolet pickup, 1961  
Illinois license [REDACTED]

At 9:37 A.M. the 1947 green Chevrolet pickup, Illinois license [REDACTED] departed. This vehicle returned at 10:16 A.M.

At 10:25 A.M. the 1957 Plymouth two-door, 1961 Illinois license LP2970, occupied by SYLVIA, came out the lane, turned East, passed the observation point, turned around about 100 yards to the East and returned to the residence at 10:29 A.M. b7c

At 10:46 A.M. a 1961 black Cadillac four-door occupied by two men arrived, bearing Missouri license [REDACTED]

At 10:58 A.M. the light green 1953 Ford, occupied by one person, departed.

At 11:01 A.M. a 1957 white over red Ford four-door hardtop arrived with one occupant, bearing Illinois 1961 license [REDACTED]

At 11:05 A.M. the black 1961 Cadillac, Missouri license [REDACTED] departed.

At 11:30 A.M. the 1957 white over red four-door hardtop Ford, occupied by two young men, and bearing 1961

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Illinois license [REDACTED] departed.

At 11:35 A.M. the 1957 Plymouth, Illinois 1961 license LP2970, occupied by SYLVIA, drove east from the lane, passed the observation point, and returned at 12:42 P.M. and entered the lane.

At 1:05 P.M. a 1961 black Cadillac, occupied by two men and bearing Missouri [REDACTED] arrived. b7C

At 1:26 P.M. a 1961 blue Chevrolet four-door occupied by three men and bearing 1961 Illinois license [REDACTED] arrived.

At 1:32 P.M. the 1961 black Cadillac, occupied by two men and bearing 1961 Missouri license [REDACTED] departed.

At 1:53 P.M. the 1961 blue Chevrolet, 1961 Illinois license [REDACTED] occupied by three men, was observed on the Hollywood Heights Road leaving the residence.

At 2:28 P.M. the 1957 Plymouth occupied by one woman, 1961 Illinois license LP2970 departed. This car returned at 2:35 P.M. and departed again at 2:58 P.M. occupied by one woman and returned at 3:37 P.M. occupied by a woman and a teen-age boy. The car traveled past the lane east to the first farmhouse, turned around and stopped about 100 yards east of the observation point and then returned to the residence at 3:40 P.M.

At 4:07 P.M. the 1958 gray Imperial, which had apparently been in the garage and not previously visible, departed, occupied by two individuals, one of whom was the teen-age boy. This car returned at 4:30 P.M. and departed again at 4:43 P.M. occupied by a woman and the teen-age boy. The woman did not appear to be identical with SYLVIA.

The observations were discontinued at 5:30 P.M.

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B. CRIMINAL RECORD

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G. ASSOCIATES

Date March 10, 1961

On February 27, 1961, at approximately 6:00 o'clock PM ELMER SLYVESTER DOWLING was observed to drive out of his drive in his 1961 Thunderbird, 1961 Illinois License 197235, and was observed to proceed towards downtown Collinsville on Route 40. He went down Maple, St. Clair, LaSalle and Clinton Streets and then turned towards downtown Collinsville, on Route 159. He was observed to stop for the stop sign at the intersection of Route 159, and Main Street and then was observed to cross Main street and parked in the first parking spot on the right, near the corner of Main Street. He parked directly behind a white Thunderbird, 1961 Illinois License [REDACTED] DOWLING was observed to get out of his car and talk briefly to the occupant of the other Thunderbird. These two individuals were joined in the street by one or possibly two other men and they all talked briefly and then two men went to a car parked on the opposite side of the street near the alley. This car may have been red and white in color and may have been a stationwagon, possibly a Dodge. The license number of this vehicle was observed to be 1961 Illinois [REDACTED] This car was observed to drive off towards Main Street. The Thunderbird was observed to drive off in the opposite direction. It was noted that DOWLING's car was left unoccupied and DOWLING was not observed at this time. b7c

It was further noted that the person driving off the other Thunderbird generally resembled DOWLING and wore similar clothing, hat dark overcoat and business suit or sport coat.

Approximately five minutes after the other two cars drove off, an unseen individual entered DOWLING's car and drove off proceeding through the alley in the middle of the block. This car was next observed arriving at DOWLING's residence at approximately 6:20 PM. The occupant of this car was not observed.

At approximately 8:25 PM it was noted that a dark colored, 1958 or 1959 Mercury drove up to DOWLING's residence and parked in the driveway. The occupant of this car was not observed.

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It is noted that 1961 Illinois license [REDACTED] is issued to [REDACTED] on a 1961 Ford two-door hardtop.

[REDACTED]

It is noted that 1961 Illinois license [REDACTED] is issued to [REDACTED] on a 1958 Dodge stationwagon.

[REDACTED]

It should be noted that ELMER DOWLING'S 1961 Thunderbird was observed to park in the 100 block of N. Morrison on 2-27-61, at which time the above two cars were also observed. *b7c b7D*

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



Date March 10, 1961

On March 2, 1961, **ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING** was observed to park his 1961 Thunderbird, 1961 Illinois License 197235 on the parking lot of the Paddock, East St. Louis, Illinois, at 8:24 AM. At 8:30 AM a young white male, black curly hair, dressed in sport clothes and a jacket drove DOWLING's car to Broadhead Ford and apparently waited for the car to be repaired. At 10:16 AM it was noted that this individual returned the Thunderbird to the Paddock Parking lot.

At 11:34 AM DOWLING was observed to head towards Collinsville, Illinois, on Route 40 in his 1961 Thunderbird. His car was next observed at 12:04 PM at WORTMAN's Moat, parked next to a 1961 Cadillac, four-door, white in color, 1961 Illinois License [REDACTED] and the green Ford belonging [REDACTED] b7c

At 2:35 PM, March 2, 1961, DOWLING was observed to drive from WORTMAN's moat in his 1961 Thunderbird and was observed to head in the direction of downtown Collinsville, Illinois.

At 2:47 PM, DOWLING's car was observed parked in front of St. Peter and St. Paul School, Collinsville, Illinois, with DOWLING sitting behind the wheel apparently waiting for someone.

At 3:00 PM, a young girl, approximately 10 to 12 years of age, and a blond haired woman, age 25 - 35, entered DOWLING's car and DOWLING was observed to drive to Main Street in downtown Collinsville where he parked near Center Street and apparently went shopping along Main Street.

At 3:26 PM, DOWLING, the woman and the girl were observed to enter DOWLING's car and proceed towards DOWLING's residence. DOWLING was observed to drop his two passengers in the vicinity of Caseyville Road and Route 40, exact location not observed.

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DOWLING then proceeded up Collinsville Road and returned to the Paddock, East St. Louis, Illinois, arriving there at 3:53 PM. He was observed to talk briefly to an individual driving a 1961 white Cadillac, Missouri License [REDACTED] which vehicle is registered to [REDACTED] b7c  
DOWLING was then seen entering the Paddock.

At 5:51 PM, DOWLING was observed to leave the Paddock and enter his car and drive to downtown Collinsville, Illinois, where he parked on Main Street in the block in which the Fairmont Hotel is located. DOWLING left his car but his exact destination was not noted.

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On February 28, 1961, and on March 1, 2 and 3, 1961, **ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING** was observed to leave his residence, 200 Hillcrest, Collinsville, Illinois, and drive directly to the Paddock in his 1961 white Thunderbird, 1961 Illinois License 197235. He left his home on the above dates at 8:00 AM; 8:00 AM; 8:06 AM; and 8:04 AM respectively.

On February 28, 1961, and March 1, 1961, **DOWLING** was not observed to leave the Paddock during the day. On February 28, 1961, **DOWLING** was observed to leave the Paddock at 5:45 PM and was observed to drive directly to his residence in Collinsville, Illinois.

On March 1, 1961, he was observed to leave the Paddock at 5:32 PM and it was noted that he drove directly to his home in Collinsville, Illinois.

On 2/28/61; 3/1, 2/3/61 at Collinsville, Ill. File # SI 92-112  
SI 92-113  
by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 3/6/61

Date March 10, 1961

On March 3, 1961, ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING at 10:12 AM was observed leaving the Paddock, East St. Louis, Illinois, and was seen to enter a 1961 four-door black Cadillac, Missouri License [REDACTED] which license is issued to [REDACTED] b7c

This car was observed to head out Collinsville Road in the direction of Collinsville, Illinois.

This vehicle was next observed at 10:51 AM at WORTMAN's Motel in Collinsville, Illinois.

At 1:32 PM, the above Cadillac was observed in the vicinity of Routes 159 and 50 and it was observed to travel from there directly to the Paddock, East St. Louis, where DOWLING and the other individual were observed to enter the Paddock at approximately 1:54 PM.

On this same date, at 5:12 PM, DOWLING was observed to enter his 1961 Thunderbird and drive directly to his residence in Collinsville, Illinois.

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SA [REDACTED] by [REDACTED] Date dictated 3/6/61  
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At 5:47 PM March 3, 1961, a 1955 white over dark blue Mercury, two-door hardtop, 1961 Illinois License [REDACTED] was observed to drive up to the residence of ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING. The driver of this vehicle took something from the trunk of the car and took it into the house. The other individual in the car remained in the car. The driver returned in two or three minutes and the car proceeded towards Collinsville, Illinois, on Route 40. It was noted that the two individuals in the car were white males, no further description obtained.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA

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By communication dated March 8, 1961, the  
Louisville Division advised as follows:

The following investigation was conducted by SA  
[REDACTED]

The lease index books for Todd, Hopkins, and  
Muhlenberg Counties, Kentucky, were checked at the respective  
County Courthouses on February 1, 1961, January 31, 1961, and  
January 30, 1961, respectively under both lessees and lessors  
against the last names of WORTMAN, DOWLING, [REDACTED] and  
[REDACTED]. The names of WORTMAN, DOWLING, [REDACTED] did not  
appear in any of these index books.

The following leases were found which involved an  
individual or individuals with the last name of [REDACTED] as  
a lessor or lessee. There was no way to determine if any of  
these leases are identical with the [REDACTED]

Todd County

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Springfield, Illinois

March 20, 1961

In Reply, Please Refer to

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

Reference is made to report of Special Agent  
[REDACTED] dated March 20, 1961, at Springfield. b7c

All informants mentioned in the above-referenced report, with the exception of [REDACTED] have furnished reliable information in the past. [REDACTED] has not been contacted sufficiently to determine his reliability; however, he is in a position to furnish reliable information. b2 b7D

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State's Attorney JOHN MARSHAL KARNs, JR., St. Clair County, Belle-  
ville, Illinois, issued press release yesterday modifying his ban  
on bingo operations and states bingo by charitable organizations  
will be permitted.

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Spot visur, moat residence, April 8 and 9, 1961, observed no unusual or extensive activities. 1960 white Oldsmobile, four door, 1962 Missouri license BA 7200, at moat residence both days. Ownership being determined.

GEORGE "STORMY" HARVILL observed at Paddock Lounge 4/10/61, as well as car of ELMER DOWLING. It was also observed that the car of MELVIN BECKMAN in Paddock parking lot 4/10/61, apparently in same position as on April 7, 8, and 9, 1961.

THE WORTHMANs AND DOWLING SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS IN VIEW OF PAST HISTORY AND IN VIEW OF FACT THAT THEY ALLEGEDLY HAVE CARRIED WEAPONS IN THE PAST.

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 RE: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka  
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Re telephone call from Assistant Director C. A. EVANS, 3-27-61.

Attached for the Bureau and St. Louis are copies of amended pages 4, 6, 9, 12, 16, and 18, for report of SA [REDACTED] March 20, 1961. Amended pages submitted are at request of Assistant Director EVANS to eliminate certain administrative data. Appropriate form errors scored. *b7c*

Bulet, March 23, 1961, referring to report of SA [REDACTED] March 3, 1961, refers to information set forth in cover pages obtained from [REDACTED]. Similar situation exists with respect to data set forth from same informant in report of SA [REDACTED] March 20, 1961. Pursuant to Bureau instructions, all possible information obtained from [REDACTED] will be set forth in body of next report submitted. *b2 b7c b7D*

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*Sixty Ford four-door, 1961 Indiana license EF3709, observed at  
Paddock Lounge, E. St. Louis, 4-11-61.*

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Indianapolis determine registration on above Ford and determine if owner has any known racketeering or hoodlum connections.

St. Louis determine owner of above-mentioned Comet and interview for possible informant development.

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Observation activity most residence today reflects crew of men working at new unknown building site; white Thunderbird believed driven by ELMER DOWLING at moat 12:14 P.M. to 1:25 P.M.. 1958 black Ford believed driven by [REDACTED] arrived at moat 2:37 P.M. and left 3:13 P.M. believe occupied by [REDACTED] and FRANK WORTMAN; this Ford returned at 4:05 P.M., believe occupied by third individual possibly WORTMAN'S young son.

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Nineteen fifty-nine white Oldsmobile bearing 1961 Missouri license [redacted] registered to [redacted] observed at bingo building, 6503 St. Clair Ave., 10:15 AM today.

Nineteen fifty-nine black Rambler stationwagon resembling car of [redacted] with driver resembling [redacted] at Moat residence 12:42 PM to 1:26 PM with one passenger. *b7c*

Two men, identities unknown, at Moat residence 2:17 to 2:54 PM in 1961 blue Chevrolet four-door resembling the car usually operated by WORTMAN associates.

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN observed outside residence on two occasions today.

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Vehicles registered to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] observed at 6503 St. Clair Ave., 4-13-61. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] formerly operated the bingo game at this location. b7c

Individual believed to be [REDACTED] observed at WORTMAN's Moat residence 12:20 PM to 1:21 PM, 4-13-61, accompanied by unidentified man. Unidentified man driving the 1961 blue Chevrolet customarily operated by WORTMAN's associates at Moat 2:16 PM to 3:04 PM, 4-13-61. This vehicle at WORTMAN's Paddock Lounge earlier in day. b7c

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Date: April 17, 1961

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

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

Information relative to [REDACTED]  
and activities at most residence of FRANK WORTMAN set out.  
Information regarding various associates set out. Status  
of current gambling operations of WORTMAN organization reported.  
Information regarding the legitimate enterprises of the WORTMAN  
organization set out including details of coin and vending  
machine operations [REDACTED]

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B. ACTIVITIES AT WORTMAN'S MOAT RESIDENCE

Date March 31, 1961

On March 29, 1961, observation of the most residence of FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN was commenced at 9:15 AM by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and the following vehicles were observed to be present at the residence: b7c

1947 green Chevrolet pick-up;

1961 blue Chevrolet four door;

1958 green and cream Ford two door hardtop;

1958 black Oldsmobile convertible.

At the building site southeast of the most residence a 1947 to 1949 light blue or light green Chevrolet dump truck was observed.

During the period of observation the following activities were observed:

At 10:22 AM a Negro male departed the residence in the green 1947 Chevrolet pick-up.

At 10:23 AM a man at the building site loaded a yellow tractor, equipped with a back hoe and loader, on an orange telt-bed trailer attached to the above mentioned Chevrolet dump truck.

At 10:24 AM a 1961 black Cadillac four door bearing yellow on black license on rear and resembling the car of [REDACTED] arrived at the residence. [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] These two men rang the bell and were admitted to the house.

At 10:30 AM the 1947 to 1949 light green Chevrolet dump truck with the name A. C. Excavating on cab door towing the trailer loaded with a Case tractor, equipped with back hoe and loader, departed the building site and went in a northerly direction.

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At 10:45 AM the Negro male returned to the residence in the green pick-up truck and carried a carton into the house. At 10:58 AM he again departed in the pick-up truck.

At 11:19 AM the two men who arrived in the 1961 black Cadillac departed.

At 11:34 AM a 1959 black Ford Galaxie with a yellow on black license arrived at the residence and a lone male passenger entered the house. At 11:37 AM this individual departed in the black Ford and carried from the house to the car what appeared to be a white paper bag about 1½' by 1½'.

At 11:46 AM the 1958 black Oldsmobile convertible departed the residence occupied by one man described as 5'8" to 5'9", 170 to 180 pounds, wearing a yellow hat and green jacket. The Oldsmobile had a yellow on black license plate on the rear and the car resembles that belonging to "STORMY" HARVILL and the driver resembles HARVILL.

At 11:51 AM a 1951 or 1952 light gray Plymouth two door with a sun visor over the windshield and a red and white license plate arrived at the building site occupied by one man.

At 12:02 PM a 1960 Oldsmobile two door hardtop, white over red with a white on red license plate, occupied by one man about 6'1", medium build, arrived at the residence and the man entered the house. This car resembled that owned by M. J. BECKMAN and the driver resembled BECKMAN.

At 12:03 PM the 1958 black Oldsmobile convertible, occupied by the same man, returned. This appeared to be "STORMY" HARVILL. The man took what appeared to be a tackle box and fishing rod from the trunk, set them on the driveway near the red and white Oldsmobile, and entered the house. He was still wearing a yellow hat and green jacket.

At 12:43 PM the man who arrived in the white over red Oldsmobile and resembles BECKMAN came to the white over red Oldsmobile and put what appeared to be a phonograph record in the trunk and took out of the trunk what appeared to be hunting clothing and brown rubber lace boots and went into a garage or rear wing of the house.

At 12:45 PM the man who resembles HARVILL, wearing yellow hat and green jacket, came out of the house and stood

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by the rear end of the white over red Oldsmobile, apparently reading a newspaper, and then occupied himself in the trunk of the red Oldsmobile and with his fishing tackle.

At 12:51 PM a 1959 black Ford Galaxie two door arrived bearing yellow on black rear license only and occupied by one man who was white, about 5'10" to 6' and paunchy, who spoke to the man in the yellow hat and green jacket, and then entered the house at the breeze-way door. At 12:56 PM this man, who arrived in the black Ford, came out of the house, conversed with the individuals in the driveway; namely, the man in the yellow hat and green jacket resembling HARVILL, and the man who had taken the hunting clothing from the red and white Oldsmobile who had just returned dressed in the khaki hunting coat and pants and brown boots and then departed in his black Ford at 1:00 PM. The other two men took their fishing rods and tackle boxes and walked to the east side of the island.

At 1:15 PM the Negro returned in the green Chevrolet pick-up truck and entered the house. He came out at 1:38 PM, burned the trash, and returned to the house and at 1:41 PM left the house, got into the 1958 cream and green Ford with white on red license plates, and departed.

At 2:00 PM a truck was observed apparently unloading building material at the building site.

At 2:15 PM a gray-green 1949 to 1950 Chevrolet four door bearing what appeared to be 1961 Illinois license AA2947 arrived at the building site. This car departed at 2:50 PM and at 3:00 PM returned preceding a large red Ready-Mix concrete truck bearing a yellow on black license plate.

At 3:13 PM a 1960 Ford dump truck with red cab bearing white on red license plates left the building site.

At 3:38 PM a white man who resembled FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN walked from the rear of the residence approximately 30 to 40 yards southeast of the house, stood there for about one minute, and returned to the house.

At 3:39 PM the two men who had appeared to have been fishing and who resemble HARVILL and BECKMAN returned from the southeasterly direction and entered the house.

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At 3:45 PM the man wearing the khaki hunting clothes came out of the house, walked around to the north side of the house, and the man who resembles FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN came to the door and at the same time a woman in a brown print dress came out of the house and walked about in the yard. At this same time the man in the yellow hat and green jacket who resembles HARVILL came out and they all talked for a few minutes until one of this group, the exact identity not being observable, entered the blue 1961 Chevrolet four door and departed the residence at a high rate of speed in a southerly direction.

At 4:12 PM a black 1961 Comet four door with white side wall tires and with a yellow on black license plate on the rear arrived at the residence. The driver was a white male, 5'6" to 5'8", in his late twenties, with black hair which was high in the front, accompanied by one passenger, a white male who appeared to be in his forties, about 6' tall and of heavy build.

At 4:12 PM and immediately following the Comet the 1961 blue Chevrolet four door arrived, the driver being dressed in a yellow hat and green jacket and resembling HARVILL, accompanied by one passenger, a teenage boy carrying school books. The whole group entered the house.

The observations were discontinued at 4:30 PM.



## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 3, 1961

At 10:00 AM observation of FRANK L. WORTMAN's most residence was begun and it was observed that the following vehicles were present:

1958 Ford, green and cream, Tudor hardtop, recognized as the vehicle belonging to WORTMAN's Negro yard man;

1958 grey Imperial Chrysler, four-door, recognized as FRANK WORTMAN's automobile;

1947 green Chevrolet pickup truck, recognized as the pickup truck belonging to FRANK WORTMAN.

The following activities were observed on March 30, 1961:

At 10:30 AM the Negro yard man was observed to depart from the residence in the Chevrolet pickup truck and was seen to drive across the bridge and then into the western portion of WORTMAN's property.

At 10:34 AM a 1961 Cadillac four-door, resembling the car of [REDACTED] was observed to arrive at the residence. It was noted that the driver of this vehicle resembled [REDACTED] and it was also observed that he was accompanied by a white male, who was a little taller than the driver. These two individuals rang the bell of the residence and were admitted to the house. b7c

It was observed that at 11:21 AM the Negro yard man returned to the house, after parking the pickup truck on the drive.

At 11:30 AM it was observed that the 1961 Cadillac departed, carrying two white males, who were apparently the same two individuals who had arrived in this vehicle.

At 12:14 PM it was noted that a 1960 Oldsmobile Tudor hardtop, white over red in color, with white wall tires, arrived at the residence. It was noted that this vehicle resembled the Oldsmobile registered to MELVIN BECKMAN. It was observed that there

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were two white males in this vehicle, each wearing a business suit and each approximately 6' in height and well built. They were seen to enter WORTMAN's residence without knocking or ringing.

At 12:32 PM the Negro yard man was observed to depart in the 1958 Ford, recognized as his vehicle.

At 12:36 PM it was observed that two white males, each 5'10 to 6' in height, wearing dark suits, came out of the house and departed in the 1958 Chrysler Imperial, heading south.

It was observed that at 1:06 PM a red, late model Dodge pickup truck with a black bed loaded with building tools, arrived at WORTMAN's property, towing an orange colored mortar mixer. This vehicle had a grey or silver name on the door; however, the name was unreadable. It was also observed that this vehicle had a white on red license plate. The pickup truck was observed to drive to the construction site on WORTMAN's property, where the mortar mixer was detached. At 1:22 PM the pickup truck departed, leaving the mixer.

It was observed that at 1:23 PM a 1953 faded light grey Plymouth Tudor, 1961 Illinois license plates, dent on left side, just back of door, arrived at WORTMAN's residence. The driver went to the door, rang the bell and talked to a woman in a green dress, apparently a maid. This individual then drove the car around the south end of the lake to the west side where the driver and his two passengers, all teenagers, got fishing tackle from a trunk and proceeded toward the lake.

It was observed that at 1:33 PM the 1960 white over red Oldsmobile departed. This vehicle was driven by a white male, who had come from WORTMAN's house. He was approximately 6', was bald in front and wore a blue suit and an open necked white shirt or sport shirt. The car headed south.

At 2:55 PM a 1955 cream over grey Buick Tudor hardtop drove to the point near the lake where the 1953 Plymouth was parked. The occupant, a white male, wearing a yellow hat and green jacket, walked toward the lake. This vehicle was observed to have Illinois license [REDACTED] b7c

At 3:00 PM a 1960 blue Pontiac, Tudor hardtop, with red fenderskirts, drove to the same location near the lake. The

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occupant of this car was not visible at the time; however, later one man was observed in this car.

At 3:22 PM WORTMAN's 1958 Chrysler Imperial was observed to return to the residence. It was noted that the driver of the car resembled FRANK L. WORTMAN. The passenger was a white male, 5'8", dark hair, bald in front, stocky build, wearing horn rimmed glasses.

At 3:23 PM a 1960 white over red Oldsmobile Tudor was observed to return to the residence. It was noted that the driver of this car resembled MELVIN BECKMAN and it was also noted that the passenger was FRANK WORTMAN's son.

At 3:24 PM it was observed that the driver of the white over red Oldsmobile obtained something from the trunk of this car and with the passenger from the Imperial, walked towards the boat dock. It was also observed at this time that a white male, wearing jeans and a green shirt, age approximately 40 - 50, 5'10", bald, came out of WORTMAN's residence and an individual resembling FRANK WORTMAN, after going in the house, came out without a hat. The individual resembling WORTMAN sat on a planter drinking a bottle of beer. It was observed that the individual resembling BECKMAN returned from the boat dock area and talked with the individual wearing the green shirt and the individual resembling FRANK WORTMAN. It was observed that the individual resembling WORTMAN appeared to be reading and signing papers. It was also observed that the individual resembling BECKMAN put these papers in his vest pocket and then all of these individuals stood about on the drive talking.

It was observed that at 3:34 PM WORTMAN's son began driving around the property in the pickup truck.

At 3:35 PM the individual resembling BECKMAN and the individual in the green shirt departed in the 1960 white over red Oldsmobile. When this vehicle departed, the individual resembling FRANK WORTMAN was observed to return to the house.

At 3:49 PM the pickup truck was observed returning to the house.

No additional activities were noted and observation of WORTMAN's residence was discontinued at 4:30 PM.

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Date April 4, 1961

At 9:10 AM, observation of FRANK L. WORTMAN's Moat residence was begun; however, because of rain, it was not possible to identify cars or their occupants.

At 11:25 AM, the following cars were observed parked at WORTMAN's Moat residence:

A 1961 white Thunderbird, bearing a white on red license plate. It was observed that this car resembled the 1961 Thunderbird driven by ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING.

A 1958 Imperial recognized as FRANK L. WORTMAN's car.

A 1961 black Cadillac four-door, no license plate on front. It was noted that this vehicle was similar to the car driven by [REDACTED] b7C

A 1947 Chevrolet pickup truck recognized as FRANK L. WORTMAN's pickup truck.

At 12:30 PM, an individual resembling ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING entered the white Thunderbird and departed. It was observed at this time that the Thunderbird had 1961 Illinois license 197235. It is noted that this is the license number of the car driven by ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING.

At 12:38 PM, a 1953 faded gray Plymouth with a dent on the left side behind the door was observed to arrive at WORTMAN's property. It was noted that this vehicle had 1961 Illinois license plates, probably beginning with the letters CL, followed by four numerals. The occupants of this car were observed to be three teenagers who went fishing in the Moat without going to the residence to obtain permission.

At 12:56 PM, it was observed that a Dodge panel delivery truck, possibly a 1959 model, arrived at WORTMAN's Moat residence. This vehicle was orange and green and had the lettering "Vita Cee Juice Company" on the sides and back. This vehicle appeared to have a Missouri license plate. The individuals in this truck are described as follows:

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The driver was approximately forty years of age, 5'10"-11", stocky build, wearing green work clothes. The passenger was approximately 25 years of age, 5' 6", weighed approximately 135 pounds, build slender, wearing a white shirt, gray slacks, a red tie and a blue cardigan sweater. It was noted that these two individuals rang the bell and waited. A man resembling FRANK L. WORTMAN came to the door and talked to these two individuals for approximately one minute and then returned to the house. The two individuals departed in the panel delivery truck at 1:02 PM.

At 1:10 PM, the 1961 black Cadillac was observed to depart. It was noted that the driver resembled [REDACTED] and the passenger resembled FRANK L. WORTMAN. As the car was leaving the property, it met the 1957 blue and white Plymouth recognized as SYLVIA WORTMAN's car near the construction site. The two vehicles stopped and the passenger of the Cadillac got out and talked to the occupant of the Plymouth for several minutes. Each car then proceeded on, the Plymouth towards the house and the Cadillac off the property. At the residence, the driver of the Plymouth was recognized as SYLVIA WORTMAN. She and the maid carried a number of grocery bags into the house. b7c

At 1:23 PM, a 1957 light blue Ford two-door hardtop arrived at WORTMAN's home residence. The driver was a white male in his forties, height 5' 8", stocky build, wearing a brown coat. The passenger in this vehicle was a white male in his forties, height 5' 6", build stocky, hair dark, wearing a gray coat. These two individuals went into WORTMAN's residence without knocking. It was noted that their car appeared to have 1961 Illinois [REDACTED] b7c

At 1:31 PM, it was observed that the two men who arrived in the blue Ford entered WORTMAN's 1958 gray Imperial and backed this vehicle towards the bridge and then drove forward and backwards a few times and then left the property in a southerly direction.

At 1:47 PM, SYLVIA WORTMAN was observed to depart in her 1957 Plymouth, 1961 Illinois license LP2970.

No further activities were observed and observation of WORTMAN's residence was discontinued at 3:05 PM.

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Date April 5, 1961

At 9:03 AM observation of FRANK L. WORTMAN's most residence was begun. It was observed at that time that the following cars were present at the residence:

1958 grey Imperial, recognized as FRANK WORTMAN's car;

1958 green and white Ford, recognized as the car of WORTMAN's Negro yard man;

A green Chevrolet pickup truck, recognized as FRANK WORTMAN's pickup truck;

1961 blue Chevrolet four-door, recognized as the vehicle customarily operated by members of WORTMAN's organization.

At 10:43 AM it was observed that the Negro yard man placed a number of coke cases and other soft drink cases in the back of the Chevrolet pickup truck and departed in the direction of Hollywood Heights.

At 11:25 AM a small boy, probably about 9 or 10 years of age, came out of the house and began playing with a toy glider.

At 11:28 AM a larger boy, probably about 14 or 15 years of age, came out of the house and the two boys took the 1961 blue Chevrolet and drove out into WORTMAN's lane.

It was observed that at 11:29 AM a 1961 black Cadillac four-door arrived at WORTMAN's residence. It was noted that this vehicle appeared to be the same as the car driven by [REDACTED] and it was further noted that the driver appeared to be [REDACTED] There was one passenger in this vehicle, a taller man. b7c

At 11:30 AM a 1961 white Pontiac four-door hardtop, bearing a yellow on black license plate, arrived at WORTMAN's residence. This car contained two men, both approximately 5'8" and stocky in build. One of these individuals appeared to

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have grey or white hair. All four men, the two from the Cadillac and the two from the Pontiac, were observed to enter WORTMAN's residence together.

At 11:43 AM the two boys parked the 1961 Chevrolet near the house. The larger boy entered the house and the smaller boy continued to play in the driveway.

At 11:52 AM a young woman wearing slacks and a blue coat came out of the house and began playing ball with the small boy. The larger boy was also out of the house, playing with what appeared to be a rifle.

It was observed that at 11:55 AM the Negro yard man returned to the house in the green pickup truck and backed up to the door and unloaded the material and took them into the house.

At 11:58 AM an individual resembling SYLVIA WORTMAN appeared in the doorway and handed a bundle resembling a light blue or green pillow case filled with clothes, to the larger boy who placed the bundle in the Imperial.

At 12:05 PM the woman resembling SYLVIA WORTMAN departed in the Imperial, taking the young girl in the blue coat. The car headed towards Collinsville, Illinois. At this time the two boys returned to the house.

At 12:21 PM it was observed that the Negro yard man departed in his 1958 Ford with a white male passenger. It was not observed where the passenger came from. It was noted at this time that the two boys came from the house and accompanied the yard man and the unidentified male. The car headed in an easterly direction.

At 12:45 PM the yard man's 1958 Ford returned to the most residence from the west. The passengers were observed as the two boys and a white male, wearing a business suit, hat, and tan topcoat. He was recognized at this time as the individual who was the passenger in the 1961 white Pontiac which had arrived at 11:30 PM. This individual entered the house by the breezeway door.

At 12:49 PM a 1960 white over red Oldsmobile Tudor hardtop, similar in appearance to the vehicle driven by MEL BECKMAN, arrived carrying two white males, each approximately

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5'8" to 5'9" and stocky in build. One was wearing a blue suit and open necked white shirt and the other was wearing dark slacks and a dark sports coat and hat. Each of these individuals were approximately 35 - 45 years of age.

At 12:50 PM two men came from the house and joined the two men from the Oldsmobile and the four of them looked at a fishing rod taken from the trunk of the Oldsmobile. The four stood around on the drive and were soon joined by two other white males who came from the house. The six individuals stood on the drive and talked and were soon joined by a 7th individual who had come from the house. This person was observed to strongly resemble FRANK L. WORTMAN. He was wearing slacks and a blue shirt. It was noted that four of the others were wearing sport coats or suit coats, one was wearing a brown jacket and the sixth individual was wearing a tan topcoat. All 7 individuals stood and talked on the drive until approximately 1:00 PM. It was observed that at 12:55 PM four young boys arrived on bikes.

At 1:01 PM two of the men departed in the white 1961 Pontiac. It was observed that the passenger in this car was the individual wearing the tan topcoat.

At 1:04 PM two men departed in the 1961 black Cadillac. It was noted that one of these individuals resembled [REDACTED] and it was noted that the other individual was a white male, age 45 - 55, was considerably taller than the other six persons who had been talking on the drive. He was bald in the front and on top and appeared to be grey at the temples. He was wearing a brown or rust colored short coat. b7c

At 1:07 PM the individual resembling FRANK WORTMAN returned to the house.

At 1:08 PM the Oldsmobile departed, carrying the same two individuals who had arrived in this car.

It was observed that at 1:10 PM the young boys who had arrived on bikes, had gone to the barn area with the two boys who had been playing near the residence earlier in the day.

It was observed that at 1:11 PM the Negro yard man departed in the Chevrolet pickup truck.



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At 1:15 PM an unidentified woman was observed to depart in the 1961 blue Chevrolet.

At 1:17 PM the Negro yard man was observed returning to the residence in the Chevrolet pickup. He began sweeping or raking in front of the house.

At 1:22 PM a maid, in a white dress, came out of the house with wastebaskets, which she emptied into a barrel southeast of the house. She returned to the house.

At 1:33 PM the 1958 Imperial returned to the house. It was observed that the driver resembled SYLVIA WORTMAN and it was also noted that this car contained a passenger, a young woman or girl in blue coat and jeans.

It was observed that at 2:01 PM the individual resembling FRANK WORTMAN came from the house and supervised the Negro yard man work. This individual was still wearing the dark slacks and blue shirt. He was seen to walk across the bridge with the small boy and had down the lane.

At 2:14 PM the 1960 white over red Oldsmobile Tudor hardtop returned to the WORTMAN residence carrying the same two occupants as before, along with a third individual. This car picked up the individual resembling WORTMAN and the small boy on the lane and all returned to the house in the car. The man in the blue suit and white open necked shirt remained outside and the other men entered the house. It was observed that the individual in the blue suit and white open necked shirt had dark hair, was stockily built and was slightly heavy in the stomach. This individual placed a ladder against the side of the house and held the ladder while the small boy retrieved a ball from the roof. He then remained on the drive and played catch with the ball. It was observed that the third person in the 1960 white over red Oldsmobile was a white male, middle aged, approximately 5'8", very heavy build, completely bald except for a ring of hair around his head. He was wearing a light tan fingertip length jacket.

At 2:30 PM the man who had been playing ball with the small boy entered the house.

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At 2:47 PM the 1961 Chevrolet returned to the house. It was observed at this time that the woman driver resembled SYLVIA WORTMAN.

At 2:51 PM the 1960 Oldsmobile departed carrying the same three occupants.

At 3:12 PM a light blue or grey 1959 Plymouth Tudor hardtop, 1961 Illinois license which was unreadable, arrived at the house. A woman came out of the house and entered the car, which had two occupants, and the car then departed.

At 3:13 PM the four boys on bikes left the premises.

It was observed that at 3:40 PM a 1961 white Thunderbird, 1961 Illinois license 197325, which vehicle is used by ELMER DOWELING, arrived at WORTMAN's residence. It was observed that the driver of this car was ELMER DOWELING.

Observation was discontinued at 3: 45 PM.

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Observation of FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN's most residence was begun at 9:06 AM, April 4, 1961, and the following cars were present:

1958 green and white Ford two-door hardtop, recognized as belonging to the handyman;

A 1958 gray Imperial four-door, recognized as the car customarily operated by FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN;

An older green Chevrolet pickup truck, recognized as the property of FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN;

A 1961 blue Chevrolet four-door, customarily operated by members of the WORTMAN family or organization.

During the day, the Negro handyman was observed driving the Chevrolet pickup about the property, digging sod, and placing it in the yard. A woman, believed to be the maid, wearing a blue dress, was observed at the residence.

At 11:00 AM, a 1958 or 1959 black Rambler station wagon arrived bearing a white on maroon license plate on the rear resembling a 1961 Missouri license, the beginning letters appearing to be CK, the numbers being unreadable. The driver resembled [REDACTED] and was accompanied by one passenger, a white male, in his forties, about 6' tall, stocky, and balding. These two individuals were met at the garage area by a stocky man wearing jeans, a blue shirt, and yellow hat resembling GEORGE "STORMY" HARVILL, and all three walked toward the boat dock area. b7c

At 11:09 AM, the two men who arrived in the Rambler went into the house and were met by an individual who resembled FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN.

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At 11:20 AM, a 1959 black Ford Galaxie, two-door, arrived being driven by one white male, about 5'11", medium build. This individual remained in the area and was in and out of the house several times and discussed the yard work with the Negro handyman until 12:27 PM when he departed.

The two individuals who arrived in the black Rambler Station Wagon departed at 11:39 AM.

During the entire day, the individual in the yellow hat resembling GEORGE "STORMY" HARVILL was in and around the residence and spent some time apparently fishing with an individual who arrived at 11:45 AM driving a 1960 white over red Oldsmobile hardtop which resembles the car driven by MELVIN BECKMAN, the driver also resembling BECKMAN. The man resembling BECKMAN obtained outdoor clothing from the trunk of his car at 12:40 PM and spent the balance of the day apparently fishing and was still so engaged when the observation was discontinued at 4:10 PM.

At 1:55 PM, the 1958 gray Imperial departed being driven by an individual resembling SYLVIA WORTMAN, wife of FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, who was accompanied by a girl or young lady believed to be a daughter of FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN.

At 2:40 PM, this car approached the residence area from the North behind a white 1961 Chevrolet four-door. The Imperial did not turn off to the WORTMAN residence but continued South overtaking the white Chevrolet and then immediately turned around and returned to the residence.

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Observation of FRANK L. WORTMAN's most residence was begun at 10:30 AM at which time the following cars were present:

A 1958 Imperial, four-door, gray in color, recognized as FRANK WORTMAN's car;

A 1958 green and white Ford two-door hardtop, recognized as the car belonging to the Negro yard man;

A 1961 blue Chevrolet four-door, recognized as the vehicle customarily operated by members of the WORTMAN organization;

The green Chevrolet pickup truck, recognized as FRANK WORTMAN's pickup truck.

At 11:10 AM, a 1959 Ford Galaxie, black, two-door, was observed to arrive at WORTMAN's residence. The car was driven by a white male, 5'10", medium build, wearing a charcoal suit and hat.

At 11:26 AM, the 1959 black Galaxie departed driven by the same individual and carrying an unidentified man and a small boy. The car headed towards Collinsville, Illinois.

At 12:11 PM, a 1958 or 1959 Rambler Station Wagon was observed to arrive at WORTMAN's residence. This car was black in color, with a wood grain colored, spear-shaped design on the side. It had white-wall tires and a luggage rack and it was observed to have a license plate on the rear only. It was observed that the occupant of this car, a white male, resembled [REDACTED] b7C

At 12:58 PM, a woman resembling SYLVIA WORTMAN departed in the 1958 Imperial. The Imperial met the 1959 Ford Galaxie on a lane and the occupants of the two cars talked briefly, then each car proceeded on, the Galaxie to the house and the Imperial towards the road. It was

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observed that the Galaxie was driven by the man who had previously arrived in this car and it was noted that he was accompanied by the Negro yard man and a young boy, approximately eight to ten years of age.

At 1:04 PM, the 1959 Galaxie departed, being driven by the same individual.

At 1:05 PM, the Negro yard man and the small boy were observed to enter the Rambler Station Wagon and to drive to the end of the lane and then drive back to the house.

At 1:50 PM, the individual resembling [REDACTED] came out of WORTMAN's residence accompanied by an individual resembling FRANK L. WORTMAN. They entered the black Rambler and departed, heading towards Hollywood Heights. b7C

At 1:51 PM, the Negro yard man and the small boy departed in the 1961 blue Chevrolet, heading East.

At 2:35 PM, a 1960 white over red Oldsmobile hardtop, similar to the car driven by MEL BECKMAN, arrived at WORTMAN's residence. The occupant of this car, who resembled BECKMAN, was admitted to the house by an unseen individual. The individual resembling BECKMAN was wearing a business suit at the time he entered the house.

At 2:45 PM, the individual resembling BECKMAN appeared in the yard wearing fishing clothes. He was observed to obtain fishing gear from the trunk of the Oldsmobile.

At 2:50 PM, a 1952 cream over light blue Ford arrived at WORTMAN's moat residence. The driver of this car resembled GEORGE "STORMY" HARVILL, and he was wearing work clothes. He was observed to take an outboard motor from the Ford and carry this behind the garage. The other person in the Ford, a white male, approximately 30 years of age, approximately 5'7" to 5'9", slender build, Italian in appearance, wearing gray suit, entered the house.

At 2:54 PM, the individuals resembling BECKMAN and HARVILL were observed to go towards the moat, apparently to go fishing. The other individual went into the house.

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At 2:58 PM, the Imperial was observed to return to the house. It was noted that the driver resembled SYLVIA WORTMAN. The driver carried a grocery bag into the house and the man who had just entered the house came out to the Imperial and carried a box into the house.

At 3:11 PM, the Imperial departed, driven by a young woman wearing a blue coat. This woman had a narrow face and did not resemble SYLVIA WORTMAN.

At 3:28 PM, the Negro yard man and the small boy returned to WORTMAN's residence in the 1961 blue Chevrolet. The license number of this car was observed to be 1961 Illinois EB 8393.

At 3:34 PM, the 1958 gray Imperial returned to the residence. Occupant was not observed.

Observation of WORTMAN's residence was terminated at 3:45 PM.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 10, 1961

At 9:30 a.m. observation of FRANK L. WORTMAN's most residence was begun and the following vehicles were observed parked at the house:

1958 grey Imperial four-door, recognized as FRANK L. WORTMAN's car

1958 green and white Ford, recognized as the car of WORTMAN's Negro handyman

1961 blue Chevrolet four-door, recognized as the vehicle operated by members of WORTMAN's organization

Green Chevrolet pick-up truck, recognized as FRANK L. WORTMAN's pick-up truck

At 11 a.m. the following vehicles were observed to drive from the direction of Collinsville, Illinois, to the construction site on WORTMAN's property:

1956 blue Cadillac two-door hardtop

1956 white over blue Plymouth two-door

1957 white over yellow Chevrolet

A red pick-up truck

All of the above vehicles were observed to have white on red license plates.

At 11:24 a.m. the 1956 blue Cadillac was observed to depart in the direction of Collinsville, Illinois.

At 11:33 a.m. the 1958 Imperial, driven by a woman resembling SYLVIA WORTMAN, departed in the direction of Hollywood Heights, Illinois.

At 12:14 p.m. a 1961 white Thunderbird, resembling

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the Thunderbird operated by ELMER DOWLING, was observed to arrive at WORTMAN's most residence and the occupant, a white male, was observed to enter the house.

At 1:09 p.m. the red pick-up truck was observed driving from the construction site to WORTMAN's house. The occupant, a Negro male, rang the bell and the door was answered by WORTMAN's Negro handyman. The two of them apparently filled a can with water and placed this can in the truck which then returned to the construction site. The handyman went back into WORTMAN's house.

At 1:19 p.m. WORTMAN's Negro handyman was observed to depart in his 1958 Ford, heading in the direction of Collinsville, Illinois.

At 1:25 p.m. the 1961 white Thunderbird was observed to depart in the direction of Collinsville, Illinois. It was noted that the driver of this vehicle resembled ELMER DOWLING.

At 1:46 p.m. WORTMAN's Negro handyman returned to WORTMAN's residence in his 1958 Ford. He was observed to enter the house carrying a number of dry cleaning bags.

At 2:30 p.m. the Negro handyman was observed departing in the 1961 blue Chevrolet.

At 2:31 p.m. the individual resembling SYLVIA WORTMAN was observed returning to the residence in the 1958 Imperial.

At 2:35 p.m. the Negro handyman was observed returning to the residence in the 1961 blue Chevrolet. It appeared that he had not left WORTMAN's property.

At 2:36 p.m. the red pick-up truck was observed returning to the construction site. The name on the door of the pick-up truck appeared to be [REDACTED] b7c

At 2:37 p.m. a 1958 black Ford four-door with a three-inch gold strip on the rear door and fender, bearing a white on maroon license on the rear and was observed to arrive at WORTMAN's residence. The occupant of this car, a white male, 5'7"-5'8", with lots of black, curly hair, wearing a dark top coat, entered the house.

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At 3:13 p.m. a 1958 black Ford departed, being driven by the same driver. It was noted there was one passenger in the car at this time and it was further observed that the passenger resembled FRANK WORTMAN. Prior to the departure of this car, it was noted that an individual resembling SYLVIA WORTMAN came out of the house and talked to the two occupants for several minutes.

At 4:05 p.m. a 1958 black Ford was observed to return with the same two men and a third passenger, possibly WORTMAN's boy returning from school. At this time, the license on the 1958 Ford was observed to be 1961 Missouri [REDACTED]. It is noted that this license is registered to [REDACTED].

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No additional activities were noted in the vicinity of WORTMAN's most residence and observation of the residence was discontinued at 4:10 p.m.

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On April 7, 1961, ELMER DOWLING was observed entering his automobile at 1:30 p.m. at the Paddock parking lot in East St. Louis, Illinois. He proceeded from the Paddock Lounge in East St. Louis to his residence in Collinsville, Illinois, arriving at 1:46 p.m.

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by Special Agent [REDACTED] *b7c*

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 12, 1961

At 4:00 PM, April 9, 1961, the following vehicles were observed parked at FRANK L. WORTMAN's moat residence:

1957 Plymouth, recognized as SYLVIA WORTMAN's vehicle

Green pickup truck, recognized as FRANK WORTMAN's pickup truck

1952 or 1953 cream over light blue Ford, recognized as the car operated by GEORGE "STORMY" HARVILL

1960 Oldsmobile four-door, white in color.

At 5:25 PM, it was observed that two women came from the residence and entered the 1957 Plymouth and the 1960 Oldsmobile. The driver of the Plymouth was recognized as SYLVIA WORTMAN, and it was observed that she drove the Plymouth from the residence down Hollywood Heights Road, followed by the other woman driving the 1960 Oldsmobile. It was observed at this time that the Oldsmobile had Missouri license [REDACTED] b7c It is noted that this license is issued to [REDACTED] on a 1960 Oldsmobile.

No additional activities were noted, and observation of WORTMAN's moat residence was discontinued at 5:30 PM.

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The following is registration of motor vehicles observed at residence of FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN in the past, on which identifying information may not have been set out.

1947 green Chevrolet pickup truck bearing 1961 Illinois license B 171100, observed at residence of FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, RFD, Collinsville, Illinois, on February 28, March 1, 2 and 3, 1961, is registered to FRANK WORTMAN, 429 St. Louis Avenue, East St. Louis, Illinois. (Address of Paddeck Lounge).

1961 black four door Cadillac sedan, bearing Missouri license [REDACTED]

As previously advised, [REDACTED] in the past, has been active in the operation of the policy at Lovejoy, known as Breoklyn, Illinois, on the outskirts of East St. Louis. b7c

A 1955 dark blue and white Oldsmobile bearing 1961 Illinois license [REDACTED] was observed at WORTMAN's residence, March 2, 1961, when it entered and left the residence in a short period of time. [REDACTED] b7c b7D

A 1961 white Thunderbird, two-door, bearing 1961 Illinois license 197-235 was observed at WORTMAN's residence, March 2, 1961. This vehicle is registered to Plaza Amusement Company, 429 St. Louis Avenue, East St. Louis, Illinois. ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING has been observed entering and leaving his residence in this vehicle.

On March 2, 1961, a 1961 white Cadillac, four-door sedan, bearing 1961 Illinois license 197 234, was observed at WORTMAN's residence. This vehicle is registered to

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the Plaza Amusement Company, Route #1, Caseyville, Illinois, and EDWARD WORTMAN, JR., usually known as TED WORTMAN, a brother of FRANK WORTMAN, has been observed driving this vehicle.

A 1955 light green Ford two-door, bearing 1961 Illinois license [REDACTED] was observed at WORTMAN's residence March 2, 1961. [REDACTED]

On March 3, 1961, there was observed entering WORTMAN's residence, a 1957 white over red Ford four-door hardtop, bearing 1961 Illinois license [REDACTED]

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A 1961 black four-door Comet with white-wall tires bearing the new Missouri license plate has been observed at the residence of FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN on occasions during the week of April 3, 1961. This same vehicle has been observed by SA [REDACTED] on regular occasions during week of April 3, 1961, at the parking lot behind the Paddock Lounge at East St. Louis, Illinois.

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On April 5, 1961, the operator of this black Comet was observed in the company with GEORGE "STORMY" HARVILL and [REDACTED] leaving the Paddock Lounge and thereafter going to a tavern operated by [REDACTED]  
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D. CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

The Monday, April 10, 1961 issue of the Belleville News Democrat, Belleville, Illinois, carried a page one story stating that States Attorney JOHN MARSHALL KARNS, JR., had on April 10, 1961, modified his ban on bingo to permit charitable organizations to conduct these games as a means of raising revenue. The article further stated that KARNS stated the bingo ban still applied in which there are cash prizes and in which "imported outsiders" are used as operators or players. KARNS was quoted in the news release as stating "I see nothing wrong with bingo for quilts, cakes, or such prizes, providing they are operated by local people and outside players are not imported by busses and other forms of transportation". The article further stated the new ruling replacing an order of February 27, 1961, in which States Attorney KARNS and Sheriff DANIEL F. RING barred all forms of bingo. KARNS was further quoted as stating this new order "will allow churches, civic groups, and other non-profit organizations to have bingo at their festivals. It will not permit the commercialized operations to open."

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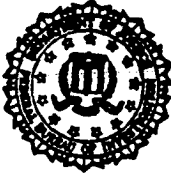
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Springfield, Illinois

April 17, 1961

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

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Reference is made to report of Special Agent  
[redacted] dated and captioned as above.

All informants mentioned therein have furnished reliable information in the past. It is noted that [redacted] has, in the past, furnished information which has been confirmed but has also furnished information which was not susceptible to confirmation. b2 b7D

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 RE: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka  
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Pursuant to Bureau instructions, intensified investigation of captioned top hoodlum was instituted by the Springfield Division. As the Bureau has been aware, FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN and four of his principal lieutenants, namely, EDWARD WORTMAN, JR., ELMER S. DOWLING, GEORGE FRANKS, and GREGORY E. MOORE, are under indictment for violation of the Federal income tax laws and conspiracy to violate the income tax laws. Trial is scheduled to commence May 15, 1961, USDC, EDI, East St. Louis, Illinois.

Bulet, 4-7-61, entitled, "BELLEVILLE RESIDENT AGENCY, SPRINGFIELD DIVISION" raises the question as to what, if any, active investigation can be conducted after these individuals go on trial. I feel definitely there must be a curtailment of our intensified investigation after trial date and that certain investigative activity should cease even before trial date in order that we will not be in the position of possibly providing defense attorneys with any basis to allege harrassment of the individuals on trial. I believe that certain intensification should cease 30 days in advance of the trial or on 4-15-61.

Specifically, I am of the opinion that no direct investigation should be conducted of any of the individuals under indictment after April 15, 1961.

The WORTMAN organization, however, includes a large number of individuals. At least 100 individuals could be loosely described as having some part in his organization.

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Reurairtel 4/10/61 in which you expressed the feeling there must be a curtailment of intensive investigation of the subject after his trial on income tax charges begins May 15, 1961. You have further indicated that in your opinion certain investigative activities should cease during the 30-day period prior to the trial in order that you would not be in the position of possibly providing defense attorneys with any basis to allege harassment of Wortman and his associates during the trial. You have requested the Bureau to furnish observations concerning this matter.

It would appear that a curtailment of activities in advance of the trial is indicated. Inasmuch as you have the on-the-scene facts, you should evaluate the situation and be guided in your investigation by existing circumstances. In the event a particular problem is presented, which would appear to have a bearing on the forthcoming trial, the facts should be discussed with the Departmental attorneys who are handling this matter to obtain their views whether specific investigation should be undertaken. You should promptly advise the Bureau of any such situations which arise.

You should personally follow this situation very carefully and keep the Bureau fully and promptly advised of all significant developments.

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SA [REDACTED] being dated 4-17-61. b7CBureau is requested to advise when dissemination of above  
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REFERENCE

Report of SA [REDACTED] dated March 20, 1961, at Springfield.

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ST. LOUIS DIVISION

Will continue efforts to develop information re WORTMAN and associates through PCIs, CIs, and sources presently available and will make every effort to develop additional informant coverage aiming to high-level coverage of the WORTMAN organization.

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It is noted that additional leads have previously been set out for St. Louis by daily airtel.

SPRINGFIELD DIVISION

It is noted that the leads in the Springfield Division are being assigned and handled on a current basis. Emphasis is being placed on the development of informants and sources, and present investigation is directed toward the identification of such individuals, ~~no~~ subsequent reliability and background will be determined, and contacts made ~~were~~ where considered desirable for this purpose.

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Reference is made to Bureau letter to Springfield dated March 23, 1961, referring to information furnished by [REDACTED] and suggesting that portions of the information furnished by this informant be reported in order that it could be appropriately disseminated. As the Bureau is aware, subsequent to above Bureau letter, it was determined that this informant had been in touch with Internal Revenue Service, had furnished them information in the past, and that through Internal Revenue Service his identity was known to the Department. In view of this development, the Bureau has instructed that this informant be deleted as an informant of the St. Louis Office, that he no longer be contacted, although any information furnished by him should be accepted.

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It is to be noted that the period of this report extends considerably past the last period of referenced report. This is caused by the fact that Springfield was instructed to report information previously not placed in the details of a report which was obtained from former [REDACTED]

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April 3, 1961

Office: Springfield

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Title:

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

Character:

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Synopsis:

Activities at most residence of FRANK WORTMAN set forth.

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Other activity re WORTMAN and associates 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.

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B. ACTIVITIES AT WORTMAN'S MOAT RESIDENCE



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Date March 29, 1961

On March 22, 1961, observation of activities in the vicinity of the residence of FRANK L. WORTMAN was begun at 11:15 AM, and the following activities were noted:

At 11:20 AM, an individual, recognized as SYLVIA WORTMAN, departed in her 1957 Plymouth, 1961 Illinois license LP 2970.

It was observed that at 11:37 AM a dark-green Ford Station Wagon, which had been parked at the WORTMAN residence, departed.

At 1:24 PM, an individual, recognized as SYLVIA WORTMAN, returned to the WORTMAN residence in the 1957 Plymouth previously observed.

At 2:03 PM, it was noted that a white over green 1956 Chrysler, two-door hardtop, towing a boat on a trailer arrived at the moat residence. It was observed that the driver detached the trailer and removed the boat.

At 2:11 PM, SYLVIA WORTMAN was observed to depart in the 1957 Plymouth.

At 2:13 PM, the 1956 Chrysler with three male occupants drove to WORTMAN's barn, and the three occupants went into the barn. It was observed that at 2:17 PM, the 1956 Chrysler departed with at least two occupants and headed south.

At 2:19 PM, a light green over dark green over light green 1956 Chevrolet was observed to arrive at WORTMAN's moat residence. It was noted that this car had no license plate on the front and had a red decal in the center of the rear window. This vehicle was observed to depart at 2:24 PM.

No further activities were noted, and observation of WORTMAN's moat residence was discontinued at 4:30 PM.

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Date March 29, 1961

Observation of FRANK L. WORTMAN's moat residence was begun at 9:30 AM at which time it was observed that the following cars were present:

A 1961 black Comet, four-door sedan

A 1947 green Chevrolet pickup truck, recognized as WORTMAN's pickup truck

The following activities were noted on March 23, 1961:

At 9:45 AM, a 1961 blue Chevrolet four-door arrived at the residence.

At 9:57 AM, a 1960 light blue Plymouth taxicab, Number 43, no name observed on cab, arrived at the residence, and a woman got out. Observation indicated that this woman might possibly have been the maid. It was observed that another woman came out of the house to apparently pay the cab driver, and the cab then departed in the direction of Collinsville, Illinois.

At 10:57 AM, a black 1958 Oldsmobile convertible arrived at the moat residence. It was observed that the license plate was Missouri Y 94650 or Y 94680. It is noted that 1961 Missouri license Y 94650 is registered to GEORGE (STORMY) HARVILL, on a 1958 Oldsmobile convertible. The occupant of the 1958 Oldsmobile convertible was observed to put on rubber boots and a coat and then take a fishing rod and tackle box from the trunk of the car. It appeared that this individual went to fish in the moat to the west of the house.

At 11:07 AM, a 1961 black Cadillac four-door, similar to the 1961 Cadillac owned by [REDACTED] arrived at WORTMAN's moat property. An individual observed to be [REDACTED] and two other white males were in the car. One of these individuals was wearing business clothes, top coat, b7c

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and hat, and appeared possibly identical with ELMER DOWLING. The other individual was considerably shorter than this person, was observed to be approximately age 50, and stocky to fat in build. He was wearing a light-weight jacket.

At 11:50 AM, the same three individuals departed in the Cadillac.

At 12:41 PM, the 1961 Comet with one male occupant departed. It was observed that there was no license plate on the front of this vehicle.

At 12:42 PM, the 1961 blue Chevrolet four-door with two male occupants departed.

At 1:50 PM, the 1958 Oldsmobile with one occupant departed.

At 2:09 PM, it was observed that a 1952 green Chrysler four-door, 1961 Illinois license [REDACTED] arrived at the residence and the occupant, a young man, waved to the house and then went to the boat dock and obtained a coil of wire or tubing which was put in the trunk of the Chrysler at 2:15 PM. b7c

At 2:42 PM, it was observed that the 1957 Plymouth, recognized as belonging to SYLVIA WORTMAN, arrived at the residence driven by a male who parked the car in the garage and entered the house.

At 2:46 PM, it was observed that a 1958 black Oldsmobile occupied by one man arrived at the residence. The occupant was observed to walk to the boat dock area and then was observed to enter the house.

At 2:53 PM, it was observed that the man who had returned with SYLVIA WORTMAN in her 1957 Plymouth departed in the 1958 Oldsmobile with the individual who had previously been seen driving the Oldsmobile.

At 2:58 PM, SYLVIA WORTMAN was observed to depart in the 1957 Plymouth, and at 3:40 PM, SYLVIA WORTMAN

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was observed to return with an individual recognized as WORTMAN's son. They rang the bell and were admitted to the residence by the maid.

No additional activities were observed, and observation was terminated at 5:42 PM.

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Date March 29, 1961

Observation of FRANK L. WORTMAN's moat residence was begun at 9:16 AM at which time it was noted that a 1947 Chevrolet pickup truck was present. This vehicle was recognized as the pickup truck belonging to WORTMAN.

At 9:50 AM, it was observed that an individual, recognized as SYLVIA WORTMAN, and a woman, who was apparently the maid, arrived at the residence in the 1957 Plymouth, recognized as the vehicle owned by SYLVIA WORTMAN.

At 10:32 AM, it was observed that a black 1961 Cadillac, similar to the vehicle owned by [REDACTED] arrived at the moat residence. An individual, recognized as [REDACTED] was in this vehicle accompanied by a white male approximately 50 years of age, 6', large build, wearing blue suit and gray sport-shirt. It was observed that this was the same individual who had been with [REDACTED] at the moat residence on March 23, 1961, and it was further observed that this individual bore resemblance to ELMER DOWLING and could possibly have been DOWLING. b7c

At 10:48 AM, it was observed that SYLVIA WORTMAN departed in the 1957 Plymouth.

At 11:10 AM, the 1961 black Cadillac departed carrying the same two occupants.

It was noted that at 12:13 PM, SYLVIA WORTMAN arrived at the moat residence in the 1957 Plymouth.

At 2:17 PM, a 1957 blue Ford two-door, bearing no front license plate, was seen to arrive at the residence. Two men, one in white coveralls and one in a gray shirt and green pants, went into the garage. SYLVIA WORTMAN and one of the men were observed to come out of the garage. It was observed that one of the men drove a vehicle, recognized as FRANK WORTMAN's Chrysler Imperial, from the garage, and the two men then drove this vehicle to the corner of the nearby [REDACTED] farm and then returned to WORTMAN's garage in b7c

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WORTMAN's Imperial and raised the hood of the car. At 2:37 PM, the two men departed again in the Imperial, heading in the direction of Belleville, Illinois.

At 2:23 PM, while the above events were taking place, it was also observed that a 1959 gray over green Chevrolet, four-door hardtop, arrived at WORTMAN's residence and parked south of the bridge near the moat. The occupant, a man, opened the trunk of the car and then apparently went to fish in the moat.

At 2:50 PM, a green Chevrolet pickup truck arrived at WORTMAN's moat residence. This vehicle was driven by a white male who appeared elderly and had white or gray hair. It was noted that this individual had a portly build.

It was observed that at 3:01 PM, SYLVIA WORTMAN departed in the 1957 Plymouth. At 3:35 PM, SYLVIA WORTMAN and an individual, recognized as WORTMAN's son, returned to the residence in the 1957 Plymouth.

At 3:37 PM, it was noted that the 1959 Chevrolet four-door hardtop, driven by the individual who was apparently fishing, departed in the direction of Collinsville, Illinois.

At 3:52 PM, the individual, recognized as WORTMAN's son, came out of the house and drove the pickup truck to the barn area, then back to the house, and then out to the road.

At 3:56 PM, a 1960 blue Pontiac, two-door hardtop, arrived at the moat, and the occupant, a man, obtained a fishing rod from the trunk of the car and went to fish.

At 4:00 PM, WORTMAN's son was observed to park the pickup truck at the house.

No further activities were noted in the vicinity of WORTMAN's residence, and observation of the residence was discontinued at 5:26 PM.

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Date March 29, 1961

At 1:30 PM, on March 25, 1961, observation of the residence of FRANK L. WORTMAN was begun, and it was noted that the following vehicles were present at the house:

A 1957 Plymouth, recognized as the vehicle owned by SYLVIA WORTMAN.

A 1960 white over red Oldsmobile two-door hardtop.

A 1947 Chevrolet pickup truck owned by FRANK WORTMAN.

It was observed that [REDACTED] driving an old-model truck, was loading straw at the old barn on WORTMAN's property. b7c

At 1:50 PM, a woman was observed to depart in the 1957 Plymouth.

It was noted that at 2:10 PM, [REDACTED] driving the old-model truck, [REDACTED] b7c

At 2:15 PM, it was observed that a boy and a woman, who bore resemblance to SYLVIA WORTMAN and could possibly have been SYLVIA WORTMAN, were walking around near the residence, and the boy was observed fishing.

It was noted that at 2:55 PM, the 1960 white over red Oldsmobile departed carrying two male occupants.

At 3:03 PM, it was observed that the 1958 gray Imperial, recognized as the vehicle owned by FRANK WORTMAN, arrived at the moat. A man, who bore resemblance to FRANK WORTMAN, and a woman, wearing an orange coat, entered the residence at the breeze-way door.

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At 3:16 PM, two teen-age girls were observed to come out of the garage. One girl was wearing shorts and the other an orange coat and jeans. They went out to the Imperial and then entered the house via the front door. At 3:20 PM, the two girls came out of the house and began washing the Imperial. One of the girls was observed to take off the orange coat and climb on the trunk of the Imperial. It was noted that a man was sitting on a planter near the foot of the door observing the car-washing activities. It was noted that this individual bore resemblance to FRANK WORTMAN. He returned to the house at 3:22 PM.

No additional activities were observed at WORTMAN's most residence, and observation was discontinued at 4:00 PM.



## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date March 29, 1961

On March 26, 1961, observation of FRANK L. WORTMAN's most residence was begun at 12:56 PM at which time it was observed that the following vehicles were present:

A 1958 Ford, recognized as the vehicle owned by WORTMAN's colored yard man.

A 1957 white Plymouth.

A 1947 Chevrolet pickup truck, recognized as the pickup truck owned by FRANK WORTMAN.

A 1958 Chevrolet sedan, dark green in color. This vehicle had white-wall tires, Illinois license plates, and a long, slanted aerial on the rear of each fender.

A 1953 or 1954 gray over white Plymouth sedan. This vehicle was parked near the lake while the others were parked at the house.

At 2:55 PM, it was observed that the 1958 Chevrolet and the 1953 or 1954 Plymouth departed. It was observed at this time that the Plymouth had Illinois license plates. The occupant was not observed. It was also noted that the Chevrolet was occupied by two men and two young boys who had apparently been fishing.

It was observed that at 3:30 PM, a white male, age 50 to 60, walked from the lake to the 1957 Plymouth, put fishing tackle in the trunk of the Plymouth, and departed. It was noted that this car was a four-door and had Illinois license plates with six numbers, the first number probably being four.

At 3:32 PM, the colored yard man was observed on the driveway of the house. He went to the garage and then returned to the house.

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At 3:34 PM, a green 1953 or 1954 Plymouth arrived at WORTMAN's moat residence. It was observed that the occupant, a white male, apparently went fishing.

No additional activities were observed at WORTMAN's moat residence, and observation of the residence was discontinued at 4:35 PM.

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Date March 29, 1961

At 10:30 AM, observation of the residence of FRANK L. WORTMAN was begun, and the following vehicles were observed parked at his moat residence:

A 1961 white Thunderbird, which was noted to be similar to the 1961 white Thunderbird registered to ELMER DOWLING.

A 1958 green and white Ford, which was recognized as the vehicle of WORTMAN's Negro yard man.

A 1947 Chevrolet pickup truck, which was recognized as WORTMAN's pickup truck.

At 11:10 AM, it was noted that a 1961 white Plymouth four-door drove in from the west and drove to the area of the old barn on WORTMAN's property. It was noted there were two men in the car, and it was further noted that this car had 1961 Illinois license plates. The first three numbers were observed to be [REDACTED] and the last three numbers were thought to possibly be [REDACTED]. The occupant of this vehicle did not get out of the car and departed to the west at 11:12 AM. b7c

At 11:45 AM, two men were observed to come from WORTMAN's residence and enter the 1961 white Thunderbird and depart in the direction of Hollywood Heights.

At 12:30 PM, a 1955 green Ford four-door Station Wagon was observed arrived at WORTMAN's residence. This car was occupied by one man wearing a rust-colored sweater, khaki pants, and a gray hat. It was noted that the rear license plate on the 1955 green Ford was fastened to the bumper to the left of center. This vehicle was parked in front of WORTMAN's garage and the occupant went to the front door and apparently rang the bell. It was observed that someone looked out the breeze-way window as a maid in a white dress, and admitted the man to the house. It was then noted

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that a man in pajamas and bathrobe looked out the breeze-way window apparently to determine if the visitor had been let in the other door.

At 12:34 PM, a 1961 blue Chevrolet four-door arrived at the residence and a Negro man entered the house without ringing.

At 12:36 PM, the 1955 green Ford Station Wagon and driver departed towards Collinsville, Illinois.

At 1:07 PM, it was noted that a 1959 black Plymouth four-door bearing Missouri license plate arrived at WORTMAN's residence, and two white males wearing sport shirts and hats entered the house. At 1:25 PM, this Plymouth was observed to depart with the same two occupants.

At 1:42 PM, a Negro male was observed carrying several cartons of trash to a trash container in the yard and then return to the house.

It was observed that at 1:50 PM, the same Negro male came out of the house carrying a large paper bag and entered the 1958 Ford and departed.

It was observed that at 2:00 PM, a 1958 Chevrolet two-door, white over light blue, having white sidewalls, and bearing Missouri license [REDACTED] arrived at WORTMAN's residence, and a middle-aged man wearing a gray suit and darker hat rang the bell and was admitted by the maid. [REDACTED] b7c

At 2:45 PM, a 1955 Chevrolet four-door, charcoal over salmon in color, was seen to arrive at WORTMAN's residence. This vehicle bore Missouri license [REDACTED] and was occupied by two men and two women. The driver resembled GORDON FOSTER, and the woman resembled SYLVIA WORTMAN. An older gray-haired couple was in the back seat. These four individuals were admitted by the maid. [REDACTED] b7c

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It was observed that at 2:50 PM, the individual driving the 1958 white over blue Chevrolet departed and headed south.

It was noted that at 3:35 PM, a woman in a white dress, possibly the maid, came out the front door and then returned to the house.

It was observed that at 3:45 PM, the four persons who arrived in the 1955 charcoal over salmon Chevrolet departed. It was noted that at this time a man in a bathrobe and pajamas came out of the house with them, waved, and returned to the house via the breeze-way door.

No additional activities were noted in the vicinity of the residence of FRANK L. WORTMAN, and observation of his residence was discontinued at 4:21 PM.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date March 29, 1961

At 9:15 AM, observation in the vicinity of the most residence of FRANK L. WORTMAN was begun, and it was noted that at this time the following vehicles were present on his property:

A 1958 Ford, recognized as the vehicle registered to WORTMAN's Negro yard man.

A 1961 blue Chevrolet four-door Bel-Air.

A 1951 or 1952 light gray Plymouth parked at the construction site near the corner of the lane on WORTMAN's property. The other vehicles were parked near the house.

It was observed that at 10:18 AM, the 1961 black Cadillac four-door with white sidewalls arrived at WORTMAN's residence. It was noted that the driver, a white male, age approximately 50, about 5'6", resembled [REDACTED] b7c. It was noted that there were two passengers in this vehicle, one a middle-aged white male, 5'8" to 5'9", and another white male much taller. They entered the house without knocking or ringing.

It was observed that at 10:46 AM, a 1947 Chevrolet pickup truck, recognized as WORTMAN's pickup truck, arrived being driven by WORTMAN's Negro yard man. The pickup truck was observed to stop briefly at the barn and then proceed to the house where it was parked.

At 10:50 AM, it was observed that a blue Cadillac, approximately a 1957 model, bearing Illinois license plates, arrived and parked at the construction site on WORTMAN's property.

It was noted that at 11:00 AM, a 1959 black Ford Galaxie two-door, bearing Missouri license plate, arrived at WORTMAN's residence. The occupant, a white, middle-

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aged male, approximately 6', paunchy build, wearing jacket, white shirt, and hat, was admitted to the house by the maid.

It was noted that at 11:06 AM, the 1947 Chevrolet pickup truck returned to the residence and the Negro yard man was observed to enter the house.

At 11:14 AM, it was noted that the three men who arrived in the 1961 black Cadillac departed in this vehicle. At the same time, the man who arrived in the 1961 black Ford departed in the Ford. It was observed that a man without a coat came from the house with these four individuals and re-entered the house after they left. It was noted that this individual resembled FRANK L. WORTMAN.

At 11:15 AM, it was noted that the individual, recognized as the Negro yard man, drove the 1947 Chevrolet pickup truck to a point near the end of WORTMAN's lane where he became mired in the mud. He was observed to raise the hood of the truck and then close the hood and set out on foot for WORTMAN's residence.

It was observed that at 11:26 AM, the blue Cadillac, believed to be approximately a 1957 model, now noted to be a two-door hardtop, carrying one occupant departed from the construction site and proceeded north.

It was noted that at 11:32 AM, the Negro yard man arrived at the house on foot, went to the breeze-way and came out with two objects, appearing to be bags, which he took behind the garage. He then went to the 1958 green and white Ford, recognized as his vehicle, opened the trunk, and then drove this vehicle to where the pickup truck was mired. He was then observed apparently pouring gas from a can into the pickup truck.

It was observed at 11:41 AM that the light gray 1951 or 1952 Plymouth two-door, bearing 1961 Illinois license and equipped with a sunvisor, departed from the construction site and headed north with one occupant.

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It was observed that at 11:45 AM, the Negro yard man opened the hood of the pickup truck and removed the air cleaner.

At 12:03 PM, the light gray 1951 or 1952 Plymouth was observed to return to the construction site. At this time it was also noted that the pickup truck started, and the Negro male departed in this vehicle.

At 1:02 PM, a red concrete ready-mix truck was seen to arrive at the construction site.

It was noted that at 1:05 PM, the 1947 Chevrolet pickup truck returned to the residence, and the Negro yard man was observed entering the house.

It was noted that at 1:08 PM, a woman in a white dress came from the house and carried trash to a barrel southeast of the house. She then re-entered the house.

It was observed that at 1:33 PM, the red ready-mix concrete truck departed from the construction site, heading north. It was observed that this was an International truck and it appeared to have a black with yellow numeral license plate on the front bumper. It was noted that there was a gray or silver name or design on the cab door; however, it was unreadable.

It was observed that at 1:40 PM, the Negro yard man, who had walked to his 1958 green and white Ford parked near the construction site, departed north in this vehicle.

It was noted that at 2:06 PM, a ready-mix concrete truck, of the same description as the red International truck previously observed, arrived at the construction site.

At 2:10 PM, another ready-mix concrete truck was observed to arrive at the construction site. It was noted that this vehicle had a red cab and light gray mixer.



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At 2:57 PM, the all-red ready-mix truck was observed to depart.

No further activity was noted in the vicinity of WORTMAN's residence, and observation of the residence was discontinued at 3:30 PM.

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P. W. FINGER  
3448 Morganford Road  
St. Louis 16, Missouri

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HILBERT FOURNIE  
313 West Monroe Street  
Belleville, Illinois

Lathing and plastering

Jones and McKnight  
615 Old Fairfield Road,  
Mt. Vernon, Illinois

Re-enforcing steel

Lindsey and Sullivan  
Plumbing and Heating  
206 Ferry Street  
Metropolis, Illinois

Plumbing and heating

Odum Concrete  
303 North Russell,  
Marion, Illinois

Concrete finishing

Viking Fire Protection  
233 A South Grand,  
St. Louis, Missouri

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7849 Delmar Boulevard,  
St. Louis, Missouri

Security Products  
2225 DeKalb Street,  
St. Louis, Missouri

Massachusetts Electrical  
12402 Juniper Road,  
Dallas, Texas

Winger Construction Co.  
Box 637, Ottumwa, Iowa

Consolidated Engineering  
1430 Kingsland Avenue,  
St. Louis, Missouri

General Elevator Engineering  
Company  
1210 South 8th,  
St. Louis, Missouri

Southern Sash of  
Montgomery Inc.  
Box 446  
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American Metal Works in  
care of Radcliffe  
Industry  
8992 Manchester Road,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

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The March 13, 1961 issue of the Daily Racing form carried an article datelined Lexington, Kentucky reflecting that one LESLIE COMBS, II, operator of the Spendthrift Farm, was building a barn for sixteen stallions and further that COMBS had purchased a portion of the Glen Helen farm from TED WORTMAN and that COMBS was renovating the portion of this farm he had purchased in order to handle race horses by the fall of 1961.



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Springfield, Illinois

April 3, 1961

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ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING, aka;  
EDWARD WORTMAN, Jr., aka  
ANTI-RACKETEERING

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Reference is made to report of Special Agent  
[REDACTED] dated and captioned as above.

All informants mentioned therein have furnished reliable information in the past. It is noted that [REDACTED] has, in the past, furnished information which has been confirmed but has also furnished information which was not susceptible to confirmation. b2 b7D

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SUBJECT: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN,  
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DAILY AIRTEL

The policy operation is again being conducted at the old establishment at Brooklyn, Illinois; observed runners to enter building on 4/19/61 and 4/20/61.

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 Aka, ETAL  
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## DAILY AIRTEL

Numerous cars observed parked near location of  
 policy operation Brooklyn, Ill., indicating policy may have  
 resumed operation; however, no cars recognized as those of  
 WORTMAN associates.

Information set out in Daily Airtel 4/14/61 and  
 4/17/61 relative to observing of FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, 4/14/61,  
 and EDWARD "TED" WORTMAN and ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING on 4/17/61  
 furnished to Department Attorney JOHN J. SCHAUER at East St.  
 Louis, 4/18/61.

Information set out in Daily Airtel 4/13/61 regarding  
 the contemplated bingo operations and information in Daily  
 Airtel 4/17/61 regarding policy operations disseminated to

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1959 cream over blue four-door Chevrolet, 1960  
Missouri license [REDACTED] regularly observed at Paddock  
Lounge parking lot. Connection of [REDACTED] to WORTMAN  
organization unknown. b7C

St. Louis requested to identify [REDACTED] Determine  
Occupation and WORTMAN connection and interview regarding  
association and connection.

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TO: SAC, Springfield

FROM: Director, FBI

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, et al.  
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Promptly furnish copy of report of SA [REDACTED]  
4/17/61 to Department attorneys handling Wortman case. Before  
dissemination, on page 13, first paragraph, next to last line,  
change "FNU" to "one."

NOTE Three Department attorneys are in the Springfield  
territory for the purpose of handling the forthcoming trial of  
Wortman scheduled to begin May 15, 1961, on income tax charges.  
At request of these attorneys, Bureau reports concerning Wortman,  
after being reviewed at the Bureau, are being furnished to Department  
attorneys by Springfield Office.

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# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 4-11-61

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FROM : SAC, Springfield

SUBJECT: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, Aka;  
ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING, Aka;  
EDWARD WORTMAN, JR., Aka  
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Rerep of SA [REDACTED] Springfield, 4-3-61.

Attached herewith are Index pages 78, 79, 80, and 81 for insertion in referenced report.

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DAILY AIRTEL

On this date JOHN J. SCHAUER, Deputy Attorney, East St. Louis, advised of observing individual believed to be FRANK WORTMAN at most residence 4/21/61. Copy report SA [REDACTED] b7c  
[REDACTED] Dated 4/3/61 furnished to Mr. SCHAUER 4/21/61. b7D

Indianapolis has been requested to contact Terre Haute U. S. Prison Officials regarding alleged letters.

St. Louis Office also has advised no relative of WORTMAN named [REDACTED] has been identified at [REDACTED] b7c

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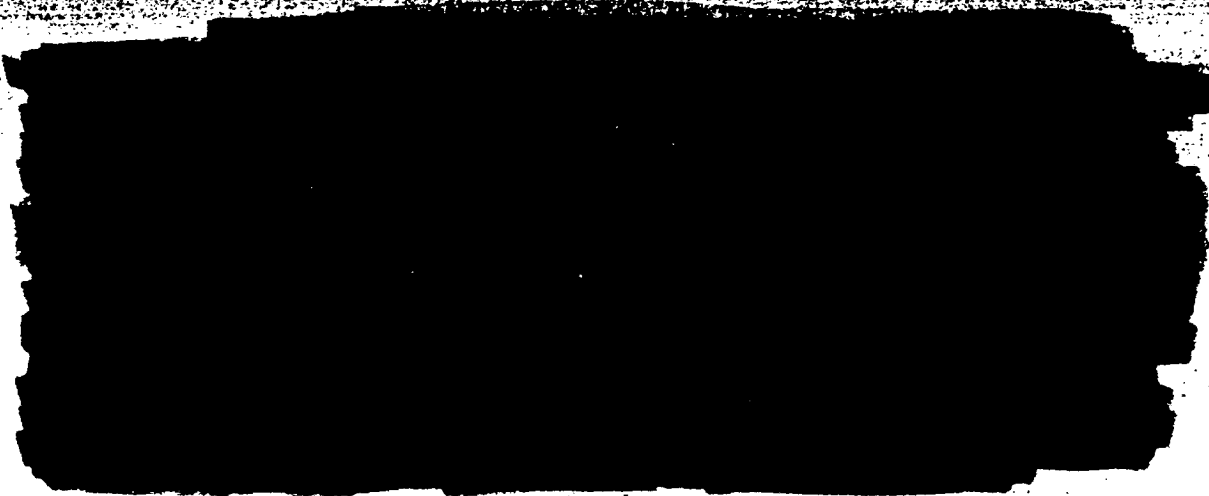
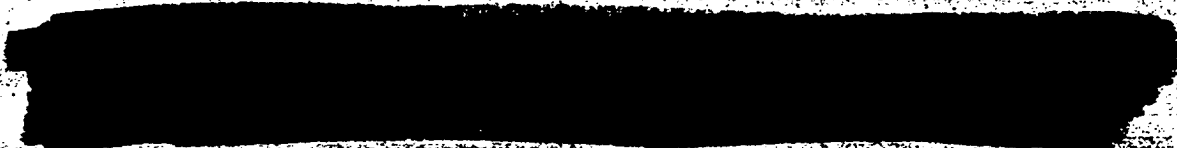
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FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-112)

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DAILY AIRTEL

KENNETH CHRISTOPHER MUELLER, Union National Bank,  
East St. Louis, Illinois, 1/2/61, bank burglary, sentenced  
to 8 years, U. S. District Court, East St. Louis today; RALPH

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LEO MC CARTHY, WSTA sentenced to 3 years USDC, East St. Louis today; both are known fringe associates of WORTMAN Organization and are in contact with various WORTMAN associates regularly, and in the past. Both indicated possible appeals.

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FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-112)

SUBJECT: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, Aka  
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DAILY AIRTEL

Re Daily Airtel 4/18/61, Page 2

State trial, Madison County, regarding murder of BOBBY CARR continued until 4/24/61. It is noted GEORGE "STORMY" HARVILL and LOUIS SHOULDERS, JR., and two other persons are the defense.

WORTMAN associate, and observed together today in front of tavern East St. Louis.

and observed today entering old policy operation, location Brooklyn, Illinois, along with one other white male and immediately thereafter 13 Negroes observed entering same location on a signal of one of these Negroes.

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DAILY AIRTEL

Department Attorney, JOHN J. SCHAUER was advised today that Springfield files contain no information regarding handwriting of FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN other than signatures and handwriting from [REDACTED] b7C  
FOIA.

A motion has been made to discontinue the trial concerning the income tax case due to illness of one of the defendants, GEORGE FRANK, and a ruling will be made on this Friday AM.

The Bureau will be advised of the results of this ruling.

[REDACTED] white Pontiac automobile was observed at 11:55 A.M. this date at the old bingo operation located at 6503 St. Clair Avenue, East St. Louis. b7C  
ILL.

Concerning the BOBBY GENE CARR trunk murder case in which GEORGE STORMY HAYVILL is under indictment along with CHARLES JEFFERSON HOLLIS and LEWIS SHOULDERS, JR. has been continued indefinitely after a motion was denied for severance and also a motion to ~~dismiss~~ indictment. b7C  
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It should also be noted that former State's Attorney  
JOHN J. HOBAN now represents the three defendants in this case.

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DAILY AIRTEL

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[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] observed sitting in the parking lot of the old bingo operation, 650 St. Clair Avenue, East St. Louis, Illinois, today, in [REDACTED]

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