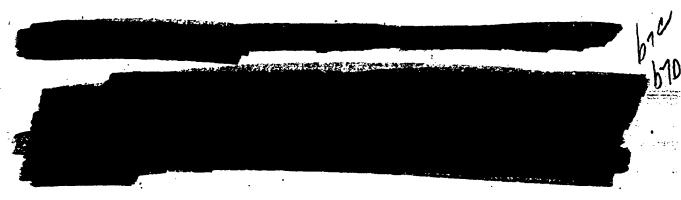
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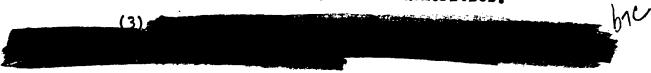


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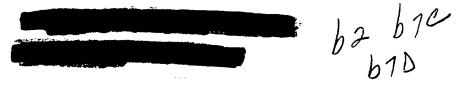
officials remurder investigation of JULIAN AVIIA. Will immediately advise any indication that WORTMAN or associates involved in the killing and assault on AVIIA. In the event any information developed through St. Louis Division sources which might assist in this investigation and tie WORTMAN organization into the killing, will consider appropriate dissemination to St. Louis authorities.



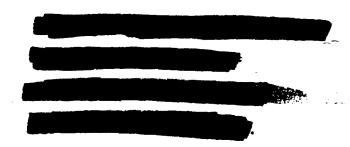
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Title: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN; ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING; EDWARD WORTMAN, JR.

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Synopsis:

Information re various associates and contacts set forth.

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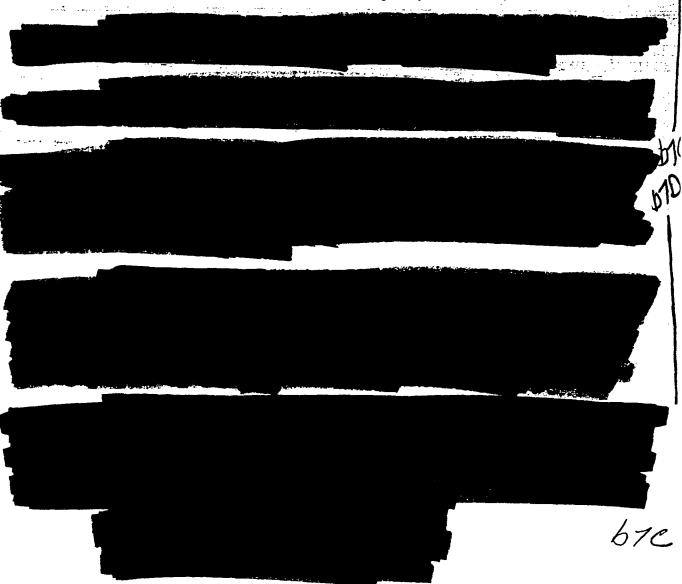
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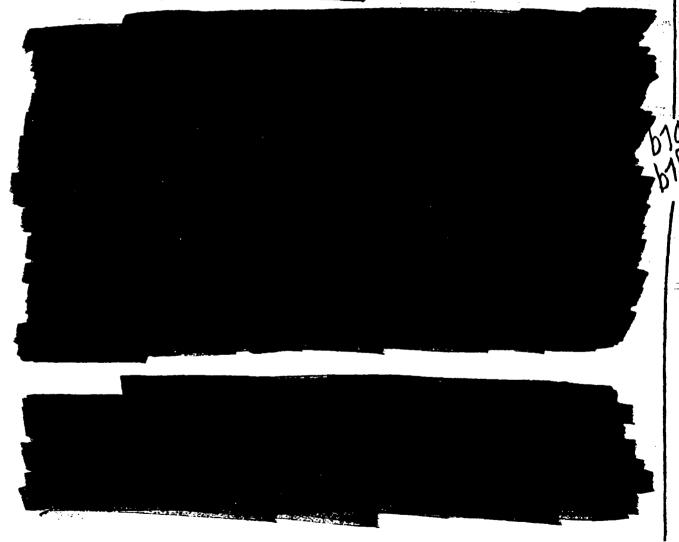
As has previously been reported, the 1959 Plymouth Station Wagon, bearing 1961 Tennessee license, observed as reading was observed at the residence of FRANK INONARD WORTHAN, RFD, Collinaville, Illinois on February 28, 1961.



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ACTIVITIES AT WORTMAN'S MOAT RESIDENCE

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Observation of the "moat" residence of FRANK L. WORTMAN began at 9:30 AM and the following ears were present:

Ford 2-door hardtop recognized as the property of the Negro handyman;
1957 blue and white Plymouth 2-door hardtop recognized as the property of SYLVIA WORTMAN;
1953 Chevrolet pickup truck recognized as the property of FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN.

In addition, a red Volkswagen, probably a 1961, bearing white on red license plates similar to 1961 Illinois plates, was parked near the old barn on the WORTMAN premises. There was no apparent activity at the building site on the premises.

At 10:38 AM, a woman resembling SYLVIA WORTMAN departed in the blue and white 1957 Plymouth in a northerly direction.

At 11:55 AM, the Volkswagen departed; however, the driver was not observed.

At 12:06 PM, a woman resembling SYLVIA WORTMAN returned to the residence driving the 1957 blue and white Plymouth and the Negro handyman came from the house and assisted her in carrying grocery bags into the house.

At 12:20 PM, a 1959 black Rambler stationwagon, resembling a vehicle operated by arrived at the residence. The driver resembled and the passenger was a white male, about 6' tall, bald on top, wearing a brown fingertip length jacket.

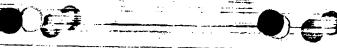
At 1:21 PM, the above two men departed in the black 1959 Rambler stationwagon.

At 2:16 PM, a 1961 blue Chevrolet 4-door, resembling the car operated by WORTMAN'S associates, arrived, occupied by one white man, about 5'11" in height, wearing a brown jacket and brown hat. This man walked right into the house without knocking.

At 2:22 PM, a 1960 blue Pontiae, two-door hardtop, with white-walled tires and rear wheel covers and a yellow on black license plate in the rear arrived. The driver, a white male, appeare to be in his early twenties about 5'5"; the passenger was taller,

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about 5'10" and about 30 years old. Both were wearing jeans and blue and white plaid shirts. They took two fishing rods and a tackle box from the automobile and walked towards the boat dock area.

At 3:04 PM, the 1961 blue Chevrolet and the same occupants departed in a southerly direction.

At 4:00 PM, observations were discontinued.

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At 10:15 AM a 1959 or 1960 white Oldsmobile, four door, bearing 1960 Missouri license was observed at the site of the former single operation of the WORTMAN Organization, 6503 St. Clair Avenue, East St. Louis, Illinois. The driver of this car, a white male, was observed unlocking the gate to the property.

It is noted that Missouri license

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Date April18,1961

Observation of FRANK L. WORTMAN's most residence was begun at 10:45 AM, at which time the following vehicles were observed parked hear the house:

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

1953 Chevrolet pickup truck recognized as FRANK WORTMAN's pickup truck.

At 12:42 PM a 1959 black Rambler Station Wagon. Amilar to the station wagon customarily operated by was observed to arrive at WORTMAN's most residence. The driver of this vehicle resembled and the passenger was observed to be a white male, 6', 40-50 years of age, bald on top, brown hair on sides and back of head, wearing a grey suit and carrying a package or brief case.

At 1:26 PM the above two men were observed to depart in the 1959 Rambler Station Wagon.

At 2:17 PM a 1961 blue Chevrolet, four door, was observed to arrive at WORTMAN's residence. As this car proceeded up WORTMAN's lane, an individual recognized as FRANK L. WORTMAN, came from the house and sat on a planter. When the car arrived at the house, the two occupants followed WORTMAN into the breeze way door. WORTMAN was wearing dark slacks and a brown sport shirt. The occupants of the car were white males, 35-45 years of age, approximately 5'9", stocky builds, each wearing dark suits and hats.

At 2:54 PM the 1961 Chevrolet was observed to depart with the same two occupants.

At 3:11 PM WORTMAN's Negro handyman was observed to depart in his 1958 Ford.

At 3:20 PM FRANK WORTMAN was observed sitting on the planter at the house, apparently eating something.

At 3:26 PM WORTMAN was observed to return to the house.

At 3:45 PM the Negro handyman was observed returning to the

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house in his 1958 Ford and it was noted that he was accompanied by a young boy recognized as WORTHAN's son.

Observation of WORTMAN's most residence was discontinued at 4:00 PM.

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April 25, 1961

Observation of FRANK L. WORTMAN's moat residence was begun at 11:30 AM at which time the following vehicles were observed:

1957 blue and white Plymouth, two door, recognized as SILVIA WORTHAN'S car.

1958 gray Imperial, recognized as FRANK L. WORTMAN's vehicle.

1956 white over light green Chrysler two-doors.

The above vehicles were parked at WORTMAN's residence. It was also observed that the following vehicles were parked at the construction site on WORTMAN's property:

1953 green Cheurolet pickup truck, recognized as FRANK WORTMAN's pickup truck.

1954 white over light blue Chevrolet.

At 11:31 AM, an individual recognized as SYLVIA WORTMAN was observed to drive the 1957 Plymouth to the vicinity of the building site and then return to the house at 11:34 AM.

At 11:52 AM, a green Chevrolet pickup truck was observed to drive from the building site to the residence, where five men got out of this truck and walked to the east side of WORTMAN's island.

At 11:54 AM, these men walked to the west side of the island and then at 11:59 AM, the five men walked to the house and entered.

At 12:24 PM, the five men were observed to come out of the house, enter the pickup truck, and return to the building site.

At 1:16 PM, an individual resembling FRANK WORTMAN was observed to come from the house and stand near SYLVIA's 1957

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Plymouth. An individual recognized as STLVIA WORTMAN was observed to come from the house and talk for several seconds to this man. STLVIA WORTMAN then returned to the house and the man drove the 1957 Plymouth to the vicinity of the construction site, where the car and occupant went out of sight. The car was not observed to leave the property.

At 1:45 PM, SYLVIA WORTMAN was observed to enter the Imperial and drive to the bridge and then back up to the original parking place. She then re-entered the house.

At 1:46 PM, an individual recognized as FRANK L. WORTMAN was observed to back across the bridge in SILVIA's 1957 Plymouth, which he parked in front of the door. WORTMAN entered the house.

At 2:00 PM, SILVIA WORTMAN was observed departing in the 1957 Plymouth.

At 2:37 PM, a 1959 black Ford Galaxie was observed to arrive at WORTMAN's property. This vehicle stopped briefly at the construction site where a man in a sweat shirt talked to the driver of the Galaxie who remained in the car. The Ford Galaxie then proceeded to the house, where the driver was observed to be a dark-skinned male, possibly Negro, age 50 to 60 years, dark hair, quite gray at temples, wearing heavy-rimmed glasses, tan sport shirt. This individual was approximately 5'9" to 5'10" and had a stout build. He entered the house by the breezeway door.

At 2:49 PM, a 1958 white over blue Chevrolet sedan with whitewalls was observed to drive up to WORTMAN's residence. The driver was a white male, approximately 5'8", dark hair, stout build, (large paunch) wearing a dark blue suit coat or jacket and a white open-neck shirt. This individual carried a small gray drawstring cloth or canvas bag into the house and then returned to the car and opened the trunk. He was observed to take what appeared to be a beer barrel from the trunk of the car and roll this towards the garage. He then took a tire from the trunk of the car and rolled it in the same direction. This man then returned to the house.

At 2:53 PM, a 1959 Galaxie departed with the same occupant. The car stopped at the construction site and the occupant got out of the car and spoke to the workers for several minutes before proceeding in the direction of Hollywood Heights.

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At 3,09 PM, the 1958 Chevrolet was observed to depart with the same occupants. This car proceeded in the direction of Hollywood Heights.

At 3:17 PM, the pickup truck arrived at the house. The occupant of the truck was not noted.

At 3:41 PM, SILVIA WORTHAN returned to the house in the 1957 Plymouth, accompanied by ayoung boy recognized as WORTHAN's son.

Observation of WORTNAN's moat residence was discontinued at 3:45 PV.



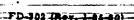


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On April 17, 1961, at approximately 2:03 PM a 1953 white over blue Oldsmobile bearing 1961 Illinois license was observed at the Phillips 66 station located on Highway #3. At the time it was observed there were four individuals getting into the car and it was noted that the driver was

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Oldsmobile.

Shortly thereafter this car was noted to be at Seventh and St. Louis Avenue in East St. Louis, Illinois. A check was made of the Paddock Lounge parking lot shortly thereafter to determine if the car had been parked there and at that time ELMER DOWLING and EDWARD WORTMAN were observed walking toward the parking lot in conversation with each other and each one was observed getting into their own automobile. WORTMAN gct into his 1961 off-white Cadillac bearing 1961 Illinois license 197234 and DOWLING gct into his white 1961 Thunderbird bearing 1961 Illinois license 197235.

DOWLING and WORTMAN were observed at approximately 3:14 PM.

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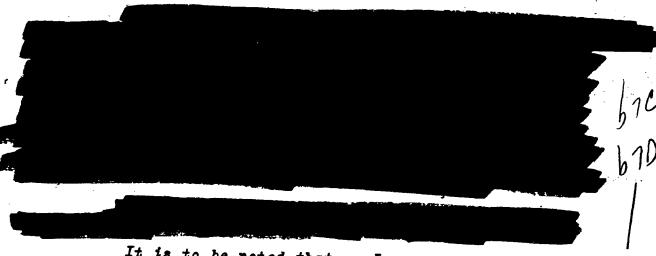
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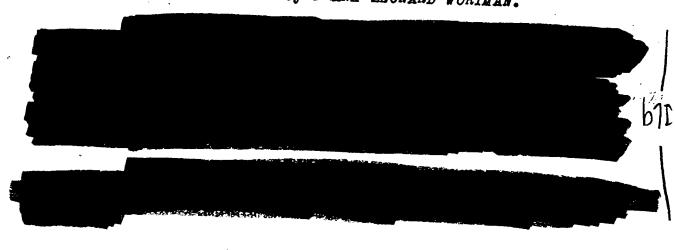
1. Miscellaneous.

The following information was furnished by St. Louis communication dated April 21, 1961:



It is to be noted that on January 21, 1961, the safe at the Plaza Amusement Company, 1912 Washington Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, was taken from that establishment in a burglary

The Plaza Amusement Company is noted to be operated by EDWARD WORTHAN brother of FRANK LEONARD WORTHAN.



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AVILA resides at 3311 North Winth Street, with his wife and three children.



JULIAN "TEX" AVILA was slain by an unknown assailant in his establishment on the night of April 20, 1961.

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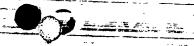
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The following businesses are primarily in Negro districts in East St. Louis and are considered as pick-up places for the policy operation of the WORTMAN organization and are described as "station houses":

Ringside Barbecue Restaurant 1400 Block Broadway East St. Louis, Illinois

Wagon Wheel Tavern
Madison County, Illinois, area
off of Route 67 prior to going into
Madison on Route 67.

Tee's Lounge 1209 South 19th Street East St. Louis, Illinois

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Ruby's Lounge 926 South 15th Street East St. Louis, Illinois

Pete's Cafe 200 block South Broadway East St. Louis, Illinois

Brown Bomber Tavern in an area known as Goose Hill at Third and Exchange, East St. Louis, Illinois.

Joe's Last Chance Tavern St. Clair Avenue East St. Louis, Illinois

34 Club 34 St. Clair Avenue East St. Louis, Illinois

Clair's Rendezvous 6th and Trendley East St. Louis, Illinois

A station house also located at 43rd and Piggott Streets, East St. Louis, exact address unknown.

Date April 21, 1961

Observation was made of the area in Levejey, Illineis, in the vicinity of 204 Rear Madison Street. Levejey, Illineis. A Negro male was observed to enter the rear door of this address at 1:08 p.m. This individual was observed to be carrying a small brown satchel-type bag and appeared to be approximately 35 to 40 years of age, 6:1" - 6:2", medium to slender build, and dark complexioned. At 1:12 p.m. a Negro female was observed to enter this same door. She was carrying a small brown satchel-type bag. She would appear to be approximately 30 years of age, 5:4" - 5:5", complexion medium to dark, medium build.

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Springfield, Illinois May 1, 1961

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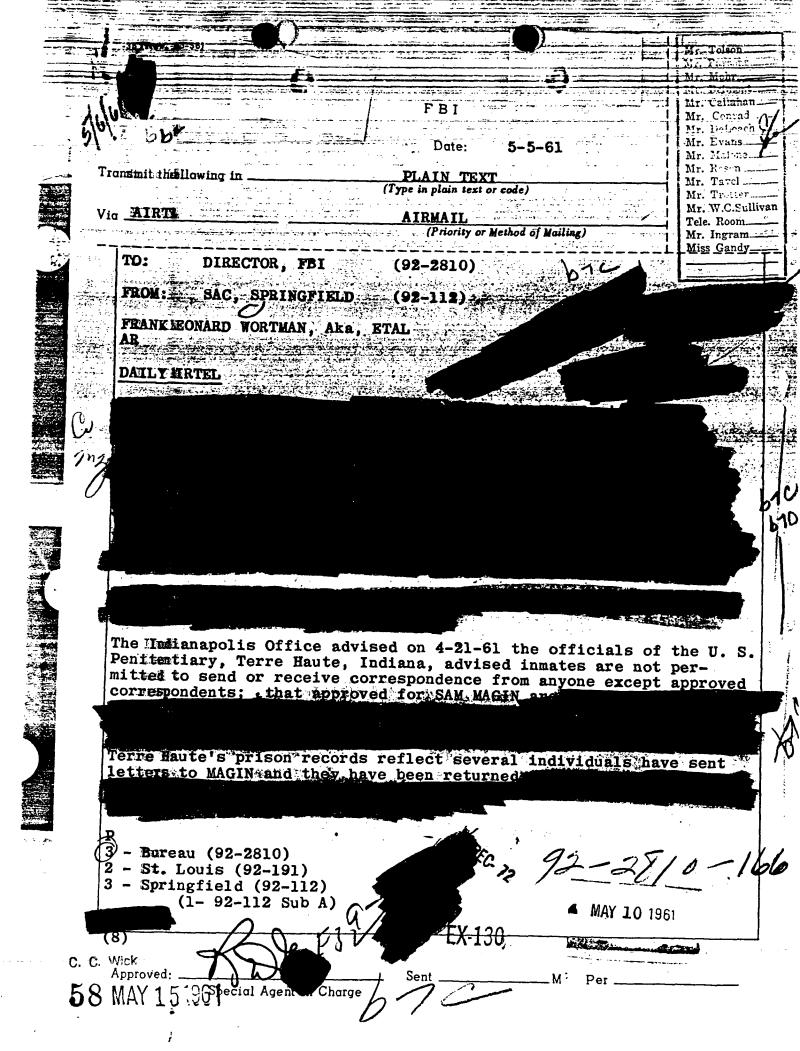
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nasmuch as investigation in this case has been limit to some extent in anticipation of coming trial, furnish observations and recommendations as to whether all-out intensive investigation should be resumed. Also advise concerning feasibility of installing special coverage.

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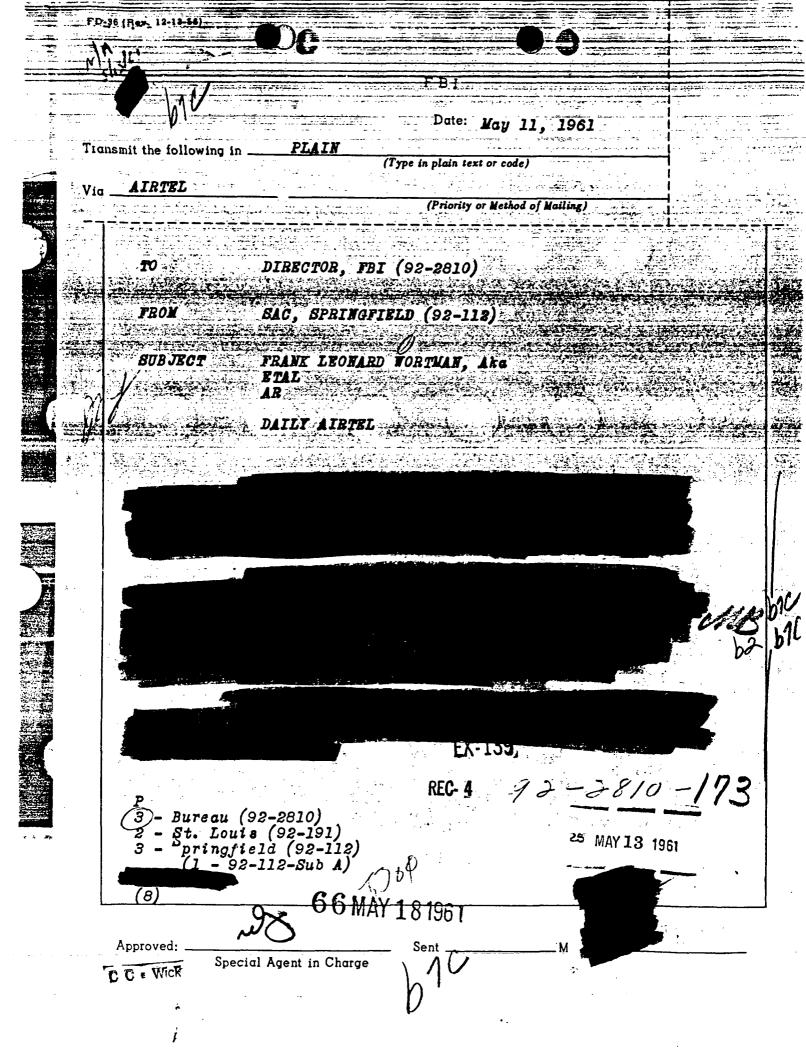
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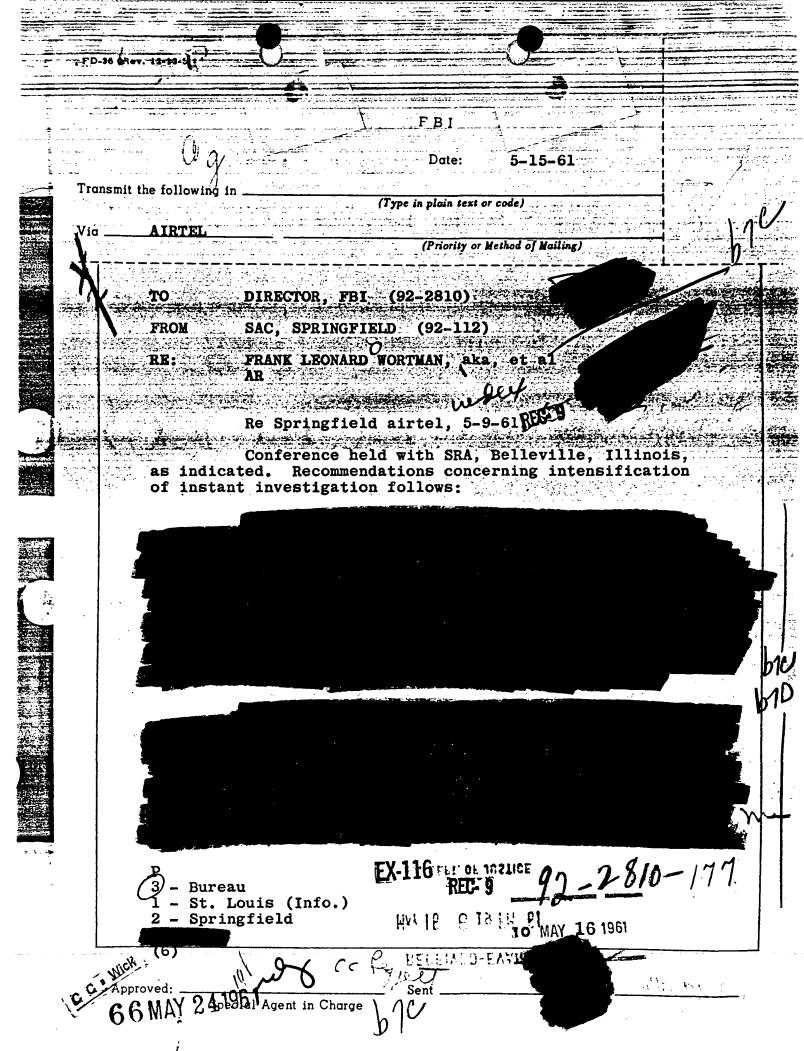


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1	associate of FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, was arrested by East St. Louis Police Department Officers 5/14/61, during a raid of
	a cara game at Ramon's Lounge, 313 North Ninth Street.
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A copy of the report of SA dated 5/15/61 should be immediately furnished to Special Assistant Attorney General John Schauer at East St. Louis and the Bureau promptly advised when this has been done.

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		requests their presence at the "Moat". In addition, it is felt
	in the	that a number of his contacts must be handled by phone. It is believed that information obtainable from a tesur would be
	** **********************************	highly significant with regard to his activities, plans and contacts as well as providing a source of information which would
		be reliable with regard to any plans he might have to leave the
	e n ere e	"Moat" on a trip or vacation for any period of time which could allow access for misur installation.
		It is pointed out that WORTMAN has a reputation for
		violence and strong-arm methods. He has surrounded himself
-		with associates who have backgrounds of criminal violence and who are undoubtedly presently engaged in criminal activities
7		during which they would not stop at any violent means to achieve their ends even including the killing of persons who might stand
		in their way. Some indication as to WORTMAN's and associates'
7		propensities for violence can be found in the following situation
		1. On January 21, 1961, the Plaza Amusement Company, St. Louis, Missouri, a WORTMAN enterprize. was
		burglarized and the safe taken. JULIAN "TEX" AVILA, were arrested by the St. Louis Police as
		subjects with regard to this burglary. The safe was recovered.
		JULIAN AVILA was contacted by St. Louis agents on .
		April 10, 1961, and refused to discuss how his leg was injured.
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While Springfield is not in possession of evidence to link the assault and murder of AVILA with WORTMAN, it is reasonable to presume that the assault of AVILA and his subsequent killing was the result of his involvement in the burglary of the Plaza Amusement Company.

Information concerning this matter is set forth in the report of SA dated May 1, 1961.



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Authority for the installation of a tesur on the telephone located at Wortman's residence "The Moat" not being granted at this time. Although there is some indication that wortman and his associates have background of criminal violence and strong-arm practices, it is not felt that this is sufficient to bring this situation within the requirement that there be a security aspect or a threat to life to justify the employment of a tesur.

You should be alert to developments and in the event conditions arise which would bring the Wortman case within the purviewous of the above considerations, you should promptly seembnit your request together with your recommendation.

With reference to the installation of a misur at the Wortman residence "The Moat" which was previously authorized by the Bureau, you should continue to be alert to circumstances which will present an opportunity for the necessary access to make this installation. Should such sonditions arise, you should promptly advise the Bureau at that time by appropriate communication and submit your recommendations.

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NOTE

Wortman lives at "The Moat" which is accessible only over a single causeway. He remains at "The Moat" for most of each day and transacts most of his racketeering activities, including the issuance of orders by telephone.

Although it appears that a considerable amount of pertinent information as to the activities of the Vortman group could be obtained through the use of a tesur on Vortman's home telephone, it does not appear that the facts are sufficient to justify such an installation at this time.

As to the establishing of a misur at the Wortman residence, Bureau authority was granted to Springfield to make such installation on 3/6/61. In this regard Springfield pointed out that in order to establish this misur uninterrupted access to "The Moat" residence for a period of at least two days is necessary. Wortman is extremely security conscious concerning his residence at "The Moat." To date, no opportunity has been available to Springfield to secure access to "The Moat" for the necessary period. It is noted that Wortman customarily vacations each summer in Michigan and Springfield advises that opportunity for installation may arise at the time of his annual visit there.

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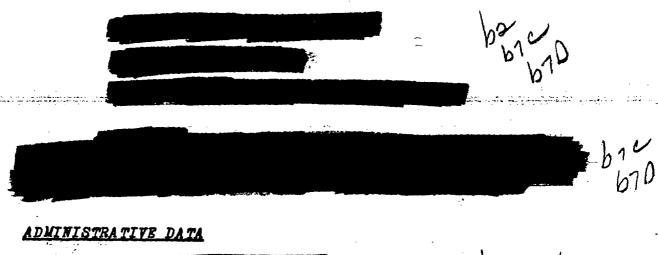
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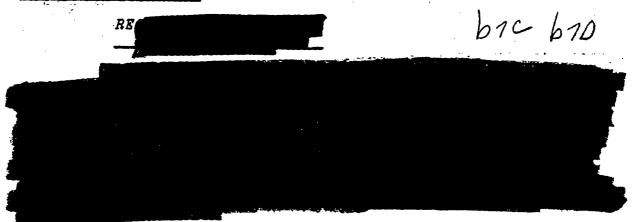


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Inquiry among Sinclair Bulk Dealers in the Belleville and Collinsville area determined that the Sinclair Fuel Oil Distributor covering the area in which the WORTMAN Moat Residence is located would be the Quik Heet Division of the Sinclair Refining Company, located at 6401 Collinsville Road, between East St. Louis, Illinois, and Collinsville, Illinois.

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Observation was maintained at the FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN residence southeast of Collinsville, Illinois, April 128, 1961. by SAS At 10:01 AM the following cars were present at the house:

1958 green and white Ford, two door hardtop, recognized as the Negro handyman's car;

1957 blue and white Plymouth, two door hardtop, recognized as the car of SYLVIA;

1958 or 1959 white Dodge, two door hardtop, registration and owner unknown.

At the building site, a short distance southeast of the residence, it was observed that four or more men were working on a concrete block structure which appears to be about one story high, and a 1953 green Chevrolet pickup, believed to be the property of WORTMAN, and a 1955 light gray over dark gray Oldsmobile two door hardtop, registration not observed, were parked in this area.

At 12:09 AM, a 1960 white over red Oldsmobile, two door hardtep arrived at the residence, which car resembled that of METVIN BECKMAN. The driver of this car resembled BECKMAN and he was accompanied by one passenger, a white male who appeared to be in his 50's, of large build, and balding. Both of these individuals walked directly into the house.

At 12:46 PM the Negro male drove the 1958 green and white Ford toward the building site and returned to the residence at 12:55 PM.

'At 1:00 PM the 1960 white over red Oldsmobile two door departed with the same two individuals.

At 1:46 Pm the 1958 or 1959 white Dodge, two door hardtop, departed the residence; however, the occupants were not observed.

At 2:03 PM the 1957 Plymouth, blue and white, belonging to SYLVIA departed the residence and the occupants were not observed.

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On 5-1-61, a 1961 blue Chevrolet four-door bearing 1961

Illinois license was observed by SA parked on the parking lot in the rear of the Paddock Lounge in East St. Louis, Illinois.

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RE: SAN MAGIN

By communication dated 4/21/61 the Indianapolis Office advised the following investigation was conducted by SAGOR on 4/21/61:

On April 21, 1961
United States Penitentiary, Terre Haute, Indiana, informed inmates are not permitted to send or receive correspondence from anyone except approved correspondents. The approved correspondents of inmate SAV GEORGE VAGIN

if any anonymous or unsigned mail was received for the inmate, without a return address, it would immediately be destroyed. He stated the following have sent letters to the inmate and these letters were returned to the sender:

He advised of the above letters, all were returned with the exception of the one from which apparently was destroyed. He admitted inmates work in the mail room, and it is possible they might advise the inmate of letters received which were destroyed or returned.

MAGIN's file reflects he was committed to the U.S. Penitentiary, Terre Haute, Indians, on February 6, 1961 to serve

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a term of three years for False Testimony before a Federal Grand Jury. It further reflects the inmate perjured himself before a Grand Jury to the effect that he testified he had never been in a business deal, partnership, or an associate in any association, partnership, or corporation with FRANK "BUSTER" WORTMAN or with ELMER "DUTCH" DOWLING, when in truth and in fact he had been in gambling ventures known as the Cash Sales Company, Club Ville, Empire Club, 7800 Club, R & R Club, and Junction T Club, wherein all three, MAGIN, DOWLING, and WORTMAN, were engaged in the business of operating gambling ventures.

The file on SAN GEORGE MAGIN contained no other information of value in this matter.





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May 1, 1961

<u>On April 21, 1961, SAs</u> observed, from an observation point at Hollywood Heights Road and Highway 159, in St. Clair County, located near Collinsville, Illinois, at 3:16 PM a 1958 turquoise and white Chevrolet, white sidewall tires, bearing 1961 The driver of this automobile appeared Missouri license to be about 40 to 45 years old, a white male, having dark hair, On closer observation, it was noted this individual was It should also be noted that this license number

is registered to

On same day, at 3:04 PM, from same observation place a 1959 black two-door Ford, bearing 1961 Wissourt license was observed coming from Hollywood Heights Road and traveling in a westerly direction. The driver of this automobile was a white male, who appeared to be stocky, wearing glasses, face appeared to be rather heavy in the jaws, and appeared to be about 55 to 60 years old. This individual appeared to be

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4-21-61 of St. Clair County, Illinois File # SI 92-112 SAS Date dictated ____4=27=61 by

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Date May 10, 1961

Observation was made of the area in and around 205 Madison Street, Brooklyn (Lovejoy), Illinois. No activity was observed that would indicate that any policy operation was being run from this location.

On 5/3/61 at Brooklyn (Lovejoy), Ill. File # SI 92-112

by SA Date dictated 5/4/61

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Date | May 11, 1861

Observation was made of the address of 205
Nadison Street in Brooklyn (Lovejoy), Illinois.

was not observed nor was any automobile observed that was believed to belong the continuous of his accordates. No policy runners were observed to enter the address of 205 Nadison Street, Brooklyn.

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Observation was made of the address of 205 Madison Street in Brooklyn, Illinois. This observation did not indicate that on that day a policy drawing or operation was being held at 205 Madison Street.

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Date May 5, 1961

On the PM of April 25, 1961, SA observed the Oasis Club, 2890 Black Lane, RFD, Collinsville, Illinois, and observed a large sign posted in front of this establishment, stating "Closed Temporarily for Repairs". There could be observed at the rear door of this establishment a white male looking out through a small window in the rear of this establishment. Approximately one-half block east of the Oasis Club was observed an aluminum trailer on the southeast corner of Bernice and Shower Streets. Parked behind this trailer was a 1953 two-door Ford, cream top and light green bottom, bearing 1961 Illinois license which is registered to

This is the known residence of GEORGE "STORMI" HARVILL and HARVILL has been observed frequently in the past driving this vehicle. Also parked by this trailer was a 1961 blue 4-door Chevrolet bearing 1961 Illinois license which is registered to

Chevrolet is the same vehicle that has frequently and regularly been observed in the past at the Checker Inn at 4500 old St. Clair Avenue, East St. Louis, Illinois, and in the immediate past has been observed regularly at the Moat residence of FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN. Also observed parked by this trailer. was a 1958 blue Oldsmobile, bearing 1961 Illinois license which is registered to

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On 4-25-61 at RFD, Collinsville, Ill. File # SI 92-11?

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<u>3. BINGO OPERATIONS</u>

on April 28, 1961,

were observed sitting in the parking lot
at the of 6503 St. Clair Avenue, East St. Louis, Illinois,
in 1961 Pontiac automobile. It was noted that
automobile was parked directly behind
car, and they appeared to be talking to each other. No other
cars were observed in the parking lot at that address.

It should be noted that the address of 6503 St. Clair Avenue was the location of a bingo game purportedly operated by these two individuals, according to the "Evening Journal" newspaper of East St. Louis, Illinois

On April 28, 1961, the Evening Journal, East St. Louis, Illinois, carried a news article entitled "Games OK, But No Buses, Ban on Bingo Is Modified". In this article, it is stated that St. Clair County Sheriff DAN RING and State's Attorney JOHN M. KARNS, Jr., had agreed on a policy-acmbling operation of bingo and it bans all action in which players are transported to sites where cash prizes are offered. The article then points out that on February 27, 1961, the bingo operation at St. Clair County sponsored by the Washington Park Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #6372 was linked with FRANK "BUSTER" WORTMAN associates and that the game was conducted in the Post Home in Canteen Township. article states that RING and KARNS had on April 28, 1981, agreed that they are not opposed to games being played for quilts, cakes, or such prizes, provided such games are operated by local people and outside players are not imported by bus and otherforms of transportation. Further, that both these authorities agreed that an illegal "flavor" is added with buses transport patrons from one city to another to participate in cash games. It is stated that KARNS said the latest opinion on the games will allow churches, civic organizations and other non-profit organizations to have games at their festivals, but at the same time will not allow commercialized operations.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Springfield, Illinois May 15, 1961

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

Reference is made to the report of SA dated May 15, 1961, at Springfield.

reliable information in the past. Other informants mentioned in this report have not furnished sufficient by information for reliability to be ascertained.

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SAC, Springfield (66-1368)

FROM: Director, FBI (92-2810)-

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka. ANTI-RACKETEERING

Provided complete security assured, authority granted to proceed immediately with installation of misur at Paddock Lounge, East St. Louis, 711.

C. C. Sandida Advise Bureau as soon as installation completed and furnish symbol number assigned to it.

All leads arising from this coverage when established should receive immediate and continuous attention. Information developed through the source should be brought to the Bureau's attention in daily summaries being submitted concerning Wortman.

This authorization is effective for a period of 30 days after activation of source. If a further continuance is warranted you should submit an appropriate FD-143 together with your. recommendation five days prior to the expiration of the authorized period. MAILED 19

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COMM-FBI

Frank Leonard Wortman, currently under investigation by Springfield as a target for early prosecution, dominates racketeering in the East St. Louis, Ill., and St. Louis, Mo., areas. He lives on an island residence known as "The Moat" near East St. Louis and issues orders to his henchmen who congregate at the Paddock Lounge in East St. Louis. N'S'SELL' GL MRIME

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Springfield was authorized 2/28/61 to proceed with installation of a misur in the space above the Paddock Lounge as a means of developing information as to the activities of the Fortman gang.

On 3/29/61 Springfield was instructed to discontinue further efforts to install a sign at the radiocal compating wiew of the fact that Wortman and several associates were scheduled for trial in Federal District Court, East St. Louis, 111, beginning 5/15/61 on charges of violating the Federal income tax laws

District Court, East St. Louis; 111, peginning D/15/51, on charges of violating the Federal income tax laws.

Due to the illness of one of the defendants this trial has been deferred until October, 1961. In view of this Springfield, in recommends that it be authorized to go forward with the misur intallation at the Paddock Lounge in order to determine the productivity of the source in developing information on the Wortman group. A state of the authority is granted and the productivity of the source warrants it, additional steps can be taken by Springfield to intensify its cover activities

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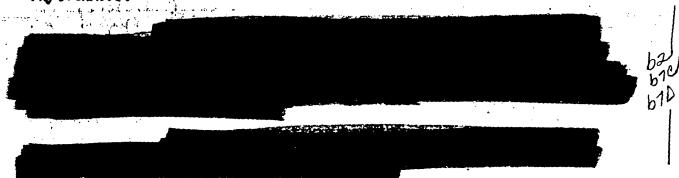
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Re: GEORGE "STORMY" HARVILL

According to the "selleville, Illinois, News-Democrat" dated May 15, 1961, HARVILL was charged on 5-14-61 with carrying a concealed weapon after police arrested him ina gambling raid. The newspaper indicated that officers reported they saw HARVILL drop a fully loaded automatic pistol to the floor in the back room of RAMON's Lounge, 313 North 9th Street. Police were allegedly acting on a tip that a card game was in progress. The proprietor, PHILLIP J. MOODI, was charged with gambling and with operating a tavern in violation of the Sunday closing regulations. It is to be noted that the above lounge is located in East St. Louis, Illinois. HARVILL was relased on \$500 bond, May 15, 1961.

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C. ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES

1. Gambling





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Date __ May 15, 1961

Observation was made of the Oasis Club, located on Black Lane, nearCollinsville Road, Illincis. The following automobiles were observed parked at the rear of the Oasis Club:

A 1960 Plymouth stationwagon, cream in color, bearing 1961 Illinois license was occupied by two white males. This automobile left at 1:56 PM.

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Also observed parked near a trailer was a 1950 Pontiac bearing 1961 Illinois license

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Date __ Kay 15, 1951

Observation was made of the address of 205 Madison Avenue in Brooklyn, Illinois. At 1:25 PM, a man was observed to open the door which is located near the rear of the building and on the northeast side. This is the door that allegedly opens to the policy activities in this building. The individual opening the door was observed to be a Negro male, age 55-60, height 5'7"-8", build medium to slim, he stood in the doorway for a moment and appeared to be talking to another Negro male standing in the yard and immediately thereafter closed the door. The Negro male standing in the yard would be approximately 30, height 5'8"-9", 160-65, build medium, complexion very dark. Automobiles parked in the immediate vicinity of 205 Madison Street were hearing license numbers as follows:

1961 Illinois on 1953 Chaurolet

1961 Illinois on 1951 Ford, purple in color.

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Observations were made as to these automobilesat 1:37 PM. At 1:39 PM, a 1961 light blue Ford in which three white males were riding was observed parked near the address of 205 Madison in Brooklyn. This automobile was bearing 1961 Illinois license

At 1:41 PM, a blue and white 1953 Oldsmobile bearing 1961 Illinois licenses base observed to be parked in the Phillips 66 Service Seation which is located on Route 3 near 205 Madison Avenue. This is the automobile which has previously been observed in the possession of

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On 5-11-61 at Brooklyn (Lovejoy), Ill. File # SI 92-112

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Date May 23, 1961

Observation was made of the address of 205
Madison Street in Brooklyn, Illinois. No runners were observed to enter the usual location of the policy operation at this address and no lookout was observed on this date. It was noted that a 1953 Oldsmobile, blue and white in color and bearing 1961 Illinois license was parked at the Phillip 66 Service Station on Route #3, just across this highway from 205 Madison Street in Brooklyn. Previous investigation has determined that this car is registered to

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Date	5/24/61	

Observation was made at the address of 204 rear Madison Avenue, Brooklyn, Illinois, and the surrounding area. The following automobiles and license plates were observed parked in the vicinity of this address:

A 1960 Pontiac bearing 1961 Illinois License

A 1960 Chevrolet bearing 1961 Illinois License
This automobile has been previously
observed in this vicinity and it has been determined
that the license is issued to

Also observed in a parking lot across Highway 3 from 204 Madison Avenue was a blue and white 1954 Plymouth bearing 1961 Missouri License It has been determined that this license is issued to

At the Phillips 66 Service Station located across Highway 3 from the policy operation a 1953 Oldsmobile blue and white in color was observed to be parked in the filling station. This automobile has previously been observed being driven by

At 2840 Physican bas observed driving this vehicle at the intersection of 8th Street and St. Clair Avenue, E. St. Louis, Illinois. He was at that time accompanied by three white males (not further identified).

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4. Bookmaking

The East St. Louis Evening Journal for 5-18-61 set forth an article indicating that a new trial on the previous gambling convictions of three alleged bookmakers had been set for 7-10-61 in Federal Court in East St. Louis.

The item noted that THOMAS CLANCY, DONALD KASTNER, and JAMES PRINDABLE had been sentenced and fined in Federal Court at East St. Louis in 1959 on charges of avoiding gambling taxes in the operation of the Old North Sales Company, handbook in East St. Louis. CLANCY had been sentenced to 4 years and fined \$5,000; KASTNER to 3 years and fined \$2,000, and PRINDABLE sentenced to 3 years beginning that term in August, 1959, and being paroledin January, 1961. The United States Supreme Court ordered a new trial concerning the three late in February, 1961.





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On May 24, 1961 a physical surveillance was maintained inside the Paddock Lounge, located at 5th and St. Louis Avenue in East St. Louis, Illinois. ELMER DOWLING, GRORGE "STORMY" HARVILL were both observed in the Paddock. Conversing with two white males whose identities were unknown. These individuals were described as No.1 -

Race:
Sex:
Age:
Height:
Weight:
Build:
Complexion:
Hair:

White
Male
55
5'3 - 5'4"
165 - 175 pounds
Stocky
Very dark
Black

No. 2.

Races
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Weights
Builds
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Complexion:

White
Male
43 - 45
5'8" - 5'9"
175 - 185 lbs.
Heavy
Dark brown
Medium dark

The individual who greeted and seated the customers entering the Paddook appeared to be identical with Another individual who conversed with was described as follows:

Name:
Race:
Sex:
Height:
Weight:
Build:
Complexion:

White
Male
5'9" - 5'10"
195 lbs.
Stocky & muscular
Fair

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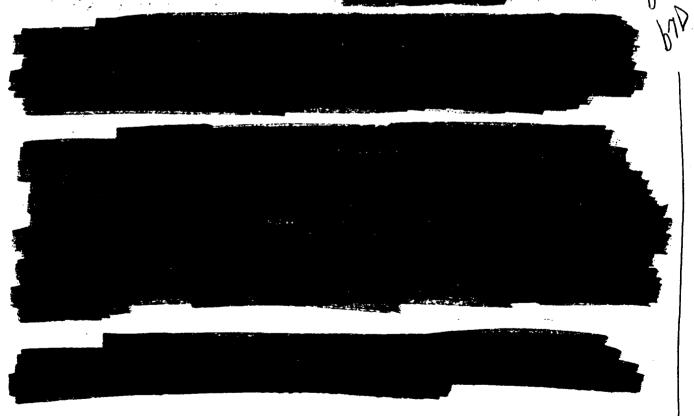
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E. MISCELLANEOUS

The Indianapolis Office advised that 1961 Indiana license is issued to for a 1961 Fora, four-door sedan.

It is noted that the above vehicle was observed at the Paddock Lounge on 4-11-61.

The Little Rock Office advised that the following investigation was conducted by SA



On 5-1-61, the newspaper morgue of the "Jonesboro Evening Sun" Jonesboro, Arkansas, was checked for an account of CLIDE SHREEVE's death. An article was located in the "Jonesboro Evening Sun" dated 11-9-60 which revealed CLIDE SHREEVE, age 68, 301 McClure Street, Jonesboro, Arkansas, died on Tuesday night at 8:35 PM in the St Bernard Hospital of injuries which police said were sustained when he was struck by a car in the 700 block of Huntington at 5:55, Tuesday afternoon. The car was driven by BOICE BONDEN of 1024 West Monroe, Jonesboro.

SHREEVE'S survisors as listed by the newspaper were his wife, Mrs. EDITH SHREEVE of St. Louis, Mo.; four daughters, Mrs. RAINOND CLEM, Blytheville, Arkansas; Mrs. FRANK WORTMAN, Collinsville, Illinois; Mrs. PRESTON, Minnesota, and Mrs. E. M. TALBOT, Memphis Tennessee; a son, CLIDE A. SHREEVE, Fort Hood, Texas; two brothers, EVERETTE SHREVE, Jonesboro, Arkansas, and VICTOR SHREEVE of West Helena, Arkansas; a sister, Mrs. ED STREITZ, Wichita, Kansas, and 11 grandchildren.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

Springfield, Illinois
Way 29, 1961

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka; ELMER SILVESTER DOWLING, aka; EDWARD WORTMAN, aka; AR

Reference is made to report of SA dated 5-29-61.

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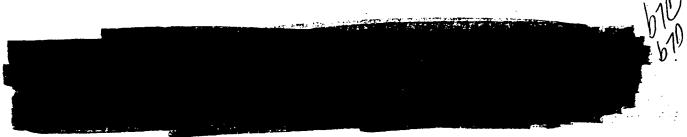
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It is noted that the telephone call from WORTHAN's present address would not be of an interstate nature if made to the

The Bureau is requested to authorize the placing of a recording device on the telephone at the residence and is requested to suggest equipment that, from past experience, has been used successfully in matters of this type.

If the Bureau should authorize the installation of this recording device, they are requested to ship to the Belleville RA, Springfield Division, if available, equipment that would be necessary in this installation.

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To: SAC, Springfield (92-112) JUNE EX- 105 From: Director, FBI (92-2810)-/93

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Re your memo 6/2/61.

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NOTE: Wortman is a top hoodlum of the East St. Louis, Illinois, area, who has been selected as a target for prosecution. He is currently under indictment in an income tax case scheduled for trial in October, 1961.

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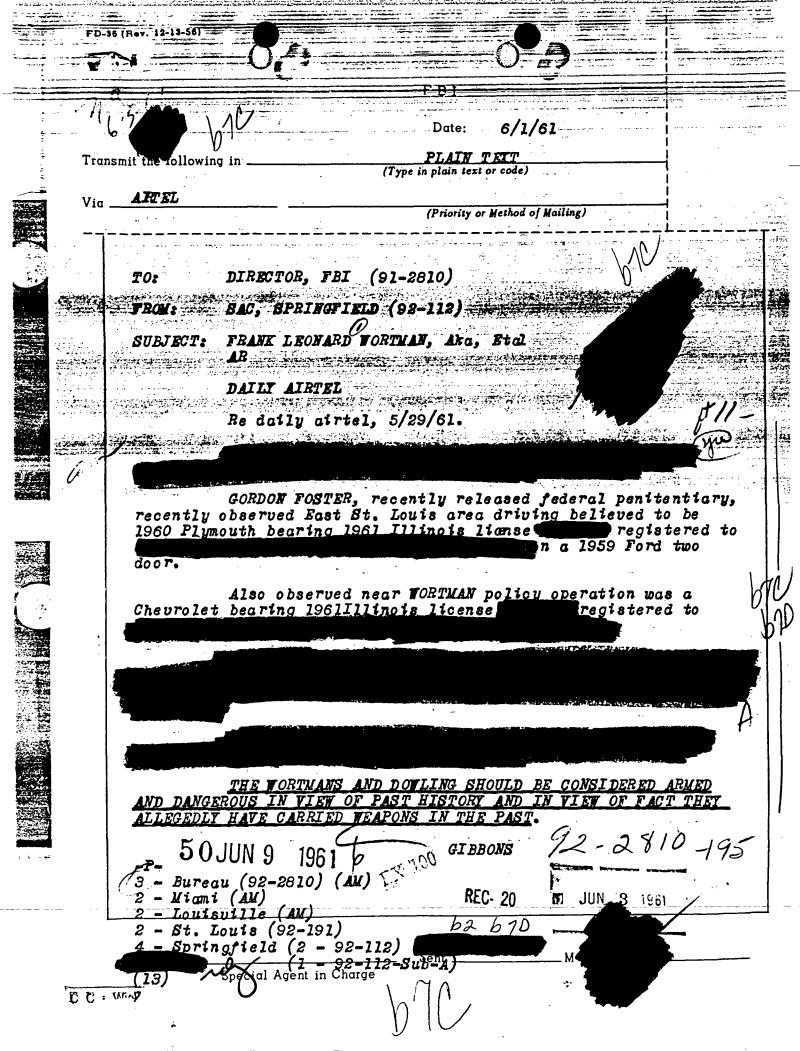


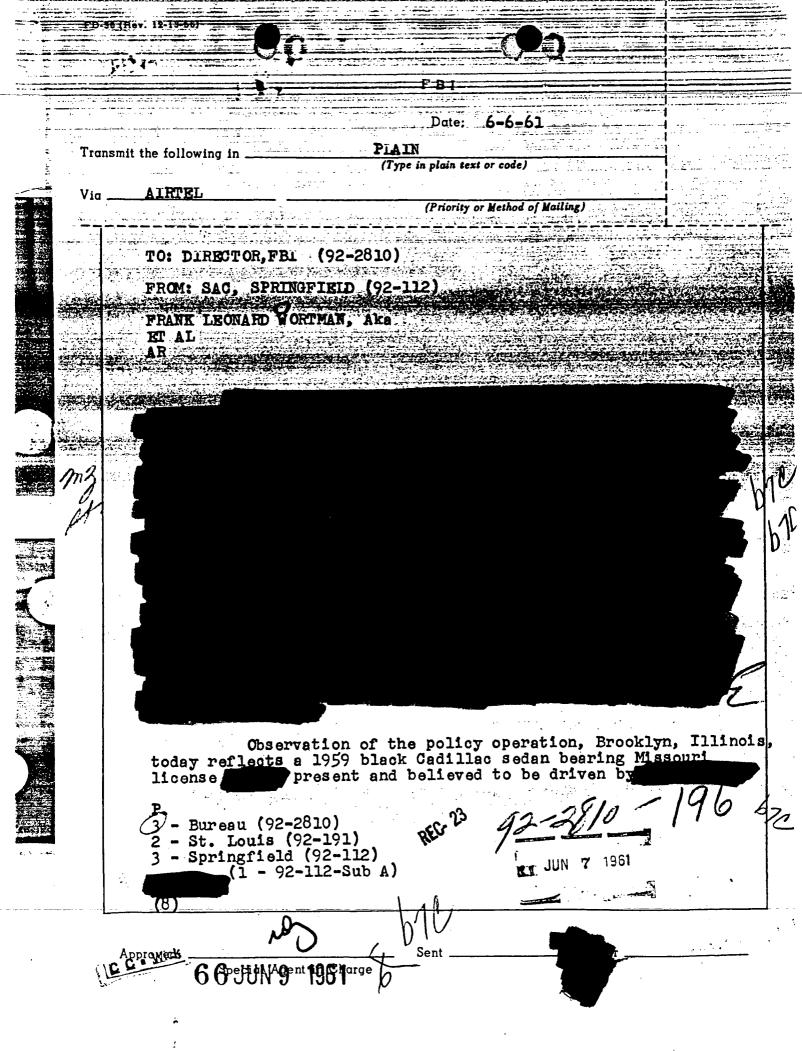
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A 1953 Ford convertible bearing 1961 Missouri License has been observed around the Paddock Lounge and tavern in East St. Louis, Ill., in the past several days and was issued out of Portageville, No.

Also observed around the Paddock Lounge and tavern 6/6/61 was 1960 Cadillac bearing 1961 Missouri License Above license not readily available through St.

Memphis advises no record located of WORTMAN's marriage to STLVIA SHREVE at DeSoto, Niss., and Vital Statistics Bureau records being checked Jackson, Niss., for record of marriage.

ELMER DOWLING observed at Paddock Lounge 6 PM, 6/8/61 talking to person believed to be

Policy racket in operation today Brooklyn, Ill., and observed in area.

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ST. LOUIS

AT PORTAGEVILLE. MO.

Will determine registration of 1961 Missouri License and possible connection with hoodlums and racketeers, East St. Louis.

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Will determine registration of Missouri License for same reason as above.

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1961 West Virginia License displayed on 1951 blue and white Oldsmobile, and 1961 Michigan License displayed on 1960 white Cadillac observed at the Paddeck Lounge early morning of June 7, 1961.

Re: Bureau airtel 6/2/61 regarding dissemination report SA 5/29/61

Department Attorney JOHN SHAUER has returned to Washington, D.C., but expects to be back in East St. Louis, intermittently and dissemination will be made on his return.

LEADS: PITTSBURGH DIVISION

Will determine registration of above West Virginia license and determine if this person has any known hoodlum or racketeering connections.

DETROIT DIVISION

. Will conduct same investigation regarding above Michigan license.

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(ACCOUNTING AND FRAUD SECTION)

There are enclosed for St. Louis two copies of a selfexplanatory memorandum dated 6/5/61, from Herbert J. Miller, Jr.,
Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, requesting investigation in captioned matter. One copy of this memorandum is
enclosed for the information of Springfield.

The Criminal Division memorandum refers to the investigation captioned "FRANK LEONARD WORTHAN, aka.; ET AL.; AR." office of origin Springfield, Bufile 92-2810, BIfile 92-112, SLfile 92-191. Specific mention is made to page 82 of the report of SAC

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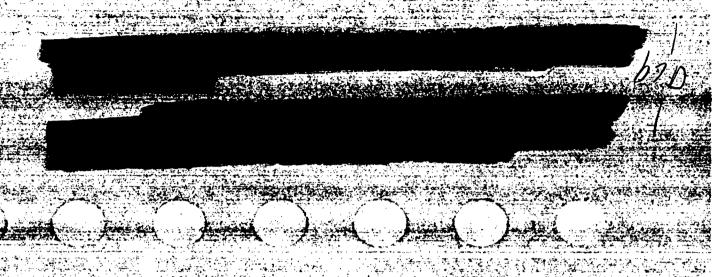
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YELLOW DUPLICATE JUN 9 - 1961 MAILED AIRTEL TO SACS, ST. LOUIS SPRINGFIELD

RE: JAMES RIDDLE HOFFA
PARK PLAZA MOTEL, St. Louis, Missouri



AIRTEL TO:

This case should be assigned to mature and experienced Special Agents for immediate and TOP PRIORITY attention to insure completion of all investigation and the submission of a report at the earliest possible date. Three copies of each report should be designated for the Bureau.

Your office should furnish Bureau by airtel within a week a summary of results of investigation, as well as nature of outstanding investigation. In event circumstances beyond your administrative control prevent completion of investigation and submission of final report and an early date, the Bureau should be advised by airtel. Bureau should be advised immediately by teletype of any pertinent development on the day it occurs. Leads for investigation by other offices should be set forth by expeditious means (telephone or teletype if necessary) and auxiliary offices should be instructed to follow above procedures as to submission of reports as well as keeping Bureau currently informed in this matter.

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It is to be noted that the current marriage of WORTMAN to SILVIA SHREVE has never been verified through actual marriage records. As set forth in the interview with it is alleged that they may have been married in Wississippi. Leads were set out by girtel in an effort

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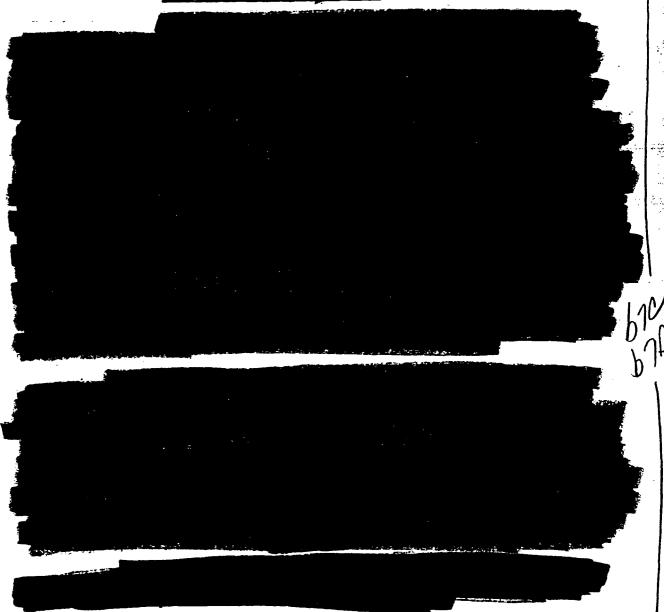
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Re: GEORGE "STORMY" HARVILL



The Evening Journal of East St. Louis, Illinois on May 29, 1961 carried an article reporting the conviction of HARVILL, described as a henchman of FRANK "BUSTER" WORTMAN.

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The article further pointed out that HARVILL and two others were indicted in 1959 on a charge of murdering BOBBI GENE CARR in 1955; that the other two are LOUIS SHOULDERS, JR. and THOMAS FISS, and the trial is still pending in Madison County Circuit Court. The article pointed out that CARR's body was found in his car on a coal mine parking lot near Litchfield, Illinois, and he had been shot and stabbed. This news article further pointed out that the much arrested HARVILL recently was reported as a dealer at a WORTMAN gang dice casino in Canteen Township, St. Clair County, Illinois.





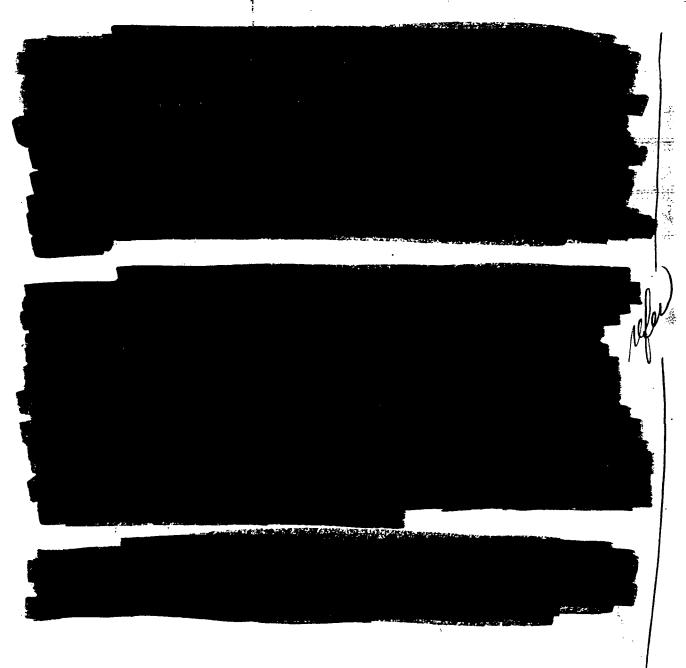


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Observation was made of the address, 204 Rear Madison Avenue in Brooklyn, Illinois. It was determined that a number of cars were parked in the vicinity and that two Negro males were sitting on the steps at the rear of this building and appeared to be acting in a look-out capacity. From observation, they were described as follows:

No. 18

Age:
Height:
Weight:
Build:
Complexion:

30 to 35 5'8" to 5'10" 175 to 180 pounds Stocky Dark

No. 2:

Age: Height: Weight: Build: Complexion: About 30
5'B"
160 to 165 pounds
Stocky
Very dark

A Ford automobile bearing 1961 license was observed parked in the street in front of 204 Madison Avenue. It has been determined that these licenses are issued to

At the Phillips 66 Service Station located across Highway 3 from 204 Madison Avenue, a 1953 blue and white Oldsmobile was observed. This Oldsmobile was parked inside the Phillips 66 Service Station. A license number was not obtained, however, from observation this automobile appears to be identical to 1953 blue and white Oldsmobile that has previously been observed at this location and has previously been driven by

Also observed at the Phillips 66 Station was a 1960 white Chevrolet, four door sedan, with 1961 Illinois It has previously been determined that these

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This automobile had previously

been observed parked in front of the address of 204 Madison

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Observation was made of the address of 204 Madison Avenue, Brooklyn, Illinois, and the surrounding area. The following license numbers were obtained from automobiles parked in the immediate area of this addresss

1961 Illinois License
1961 Illinois License
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Also observed parked in the rack of the Phillips 66 Station located on Route 3, Brooklyn, Illinois, was a 1953 blue and white Oldsmobile bearing 1961 Illinois License This is the same automobile that the same previously been observed driving.

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Date 6/2/63

Observation was made of the address of 204 Madison Avenue in Brooklyn, Illinois, and the adjacent areas to this address. At 1803 PM a 1960 white Chevrolet was observed to enter the Phillips 66 Service Station, which is across Route 3, in Brooklyn, from the above Madison Avenue address. The automobile was bearing License which has been determined to be registered to

Three Negro females were riding in this automobile with the Negro male driver. After the automobile was parked at the Phillips 66 Station, two of the Negro females were observed to get out and walk up the nearby alley and enter the rear door of 205 Madison Avenue in Brooklyn. The third female crossed the highway and walked up Madison Avenue, and her activities could not be any longer observed. These two females were described as follows:

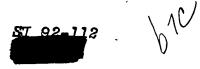
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Age
About 36
Height
5'4 - 5'5"
Weight
150 - 160 lbs.
Build
Heavy
Complexion
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Race Negro Sex Female Height5'7-5'8" Weight 160 - 170 lbs. Build Heavy Complexion Medium - dark Hair Black. Other Carrying a brown bag.

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At 1806 PM a green Chevrolet sedan, about a 1956 model with a sunviser was observed to stop at the Phillips 66 Station. This automobile was driven by a male Negro, with one female Negro as a passenger. She was observed to leave the automobile at which time it turned around the left. The Negro female thereafter walked up the alley from the Phillips 66 Service Station to the rear door of 204 Madison Avenue and entered this building. She was described as follows?

Age 26 to 28
Height 5'4 - 5'5"
Build Medium
Complexion Dark

Also observed in the alley to the rear of 204 Madison Avenue and in the yard alongside of this building was a male Negro who appeared to be acting as a lookout and directing the people into the building. He was described as follows:

Race Negro
Sex Male
Age 30 - 32
Height 5'10"
Weight 195 to 200 lbs.
Butld Heavy
Other identifying

data
Complexion
Dress

Has a full, round face
Dark
Wearing light tan jacket,
dark pants, and a yellow hat
with a red feather.

EDERAL BUREAU OF INVELIGATION

Date June 6, 1961

Observation was made of the address of 204 (rear) Madison Avenue in Brooklyn, Illinois. A number of cars were noted parked in the immediate vicinity of this address. They were as follows:

1953 Chevrolet Coupe bearing 1961 Illinois license . This car has previously been observed in the area of the policy operation and is registered to

A 1950 Chevrolet bearing 1961 Illinois license issued to

was observed. This automobile has previously been observed on other occasions in the vicinity of the policy operation.

occasions parked either at this filling station or in the vicinity of 204 Madison in Brooklyn.

An additional automobile bearing 1961 Illinois
license is sued to was observed
parked on Madison Avenue near the policy operation.

Also observed at the Phillip 66 Service Station was a 1953 blue and white Oldsmobile bearing 1961 Illinois licenses. It has previously been determined that this automobile is registered to one has been previously observed driving this automobile at Brooklyn, Illinois.

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Observation was made of the address of 204 rear Madison Avenue in Brooklyn, Illinois. It was determined that a number of cars were parked in the vicinity, and the license numbers on some of these automobiles were determined to be as follows:

1961 Illinois on 1950 Cheurolet sedan, previously determined to be registered to

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1961 Illinois previously determined to be issued to

In addition two automobiles were parked across Route 3 from 204 Madison Avenue. These autos were parked in the lot of the Phillips 66 Service, one being a 1960 white Oldsmobile convertible, bearing 1961 Illinois License It has previously been determined that this license is issued to Also observed in the lot was a 1961 black Cadillac sedan, bearing Missouri License It was determined that this license is issued to

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Forest Hill, St. Louis, Missouri. Two white males were observed standing by the above Cadillac conversing. From observation it appeared that one of these individuals was and the others These individuals entered the Codillac They returned and and drove to various streets in Brooklyn. parked the Cadillac at the Phillips 66 Service Station and the individual believed identical to ias seen to walk across Route 3 and down the alley toward the audress of 204 Madison Anamie (rear). The individual believed identical to was seen standing on the corner of Madison Avenue and Route 3 in Brooklyn conversing with three Negro males. Th above activities started at 12:48 PM.





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SA made a call to the information operator for the Belleville, Illinois telephone exchange and determined that the public phone number for His residence was listed as

Observation of this address reflected that the name appeared on the mail box and there was a 1960 white Oldsmobile convertible parked in the driveway bearing 1961 Illinois license that It has been determined that this license is issued to

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D. Legitimate Enterprises

A news article appearing in the Evening Journal, East St. Louis, Illinois, on May 21, 1961, reflected that on the early morning of May 21, 1961, the East St. Louis, Illinois Police made a spot check of various taverns and night clubs in the East St. Louis area to determine if there were violations of the City Closing Ordinance governing night clubs and taverns. This article stated that it was determined that the Paddock Lounge, 429 St. Louis Avenue, East St. Louis, Illinois, was one of the establishments that was operating on the morning of May 21, 1961, in violation of the City Closing Ordinance. According to this article, the ordinance in East St. Louis provides that an establishment having a night club license shall be closed at 5:00 AM daily and establishment having a tavern license shall be closed at 2:00 AM. The Paddock Lounge has held a night club license in East St. Louis for years. This news article further described the Paddock Lounge as being the hangout and he adquarters of FRANK LEONARD **BUSTER** WORTWAN and his associates.





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On May 31, 1961, at 3:00 p.m., ELVER DOWLING was observed leaving the Paddock Lounge, East St. Louis, Illinois accompanied by another white male, believed identical to These two individuals got into a 1961 Thunderbird vearing 1961 Illinois license 197-235, parked in the Paddock Lounge parking lot. DOWLING was driving this vehicle, and he proceeded to 426 South 15th Street, East St. Louis, Illinois, where he and the other individual entered Thomas! Barbeoue at the above address, and, after several minutes, these two individuals came out of this establishment and drove away in the Thunderbird and proceeded to the Sportsman's Cafe, 1332 Broadway, U where they left the Thunderbird and entered this establishment and were observed seated at a table. Within several minutes, DOWLING and individual believed to be the came out of this cafe and were accompanied by two Negro maies, at which time they entered a 1956 Oldsmobile two door, bearing 1961 Illinois license at which time the four of them drove to the Sportsman's Lounge at 1420 Broadway, where the two Negro males and the two white males entered this establishment.

After being at the Sportsman's Lounge for approximately twelve minutes, DOWLING and individual believed to be left accompanied by one Negro male. DOWLING and the other white male then entered the 1961 Thunderbird parked across from 1332 East Broadway, East St. Louis, Illinois, with DOWLING driving. They proceeded directly to the Paddock Lounge, where DOWLING and the other white male left the Thunderbird parked in the Paddock Lounge parking area and entered the Paddock.

On <u>5/31/81</u> at <u>East St. Louis</u>, <u>Illinois</u> File # <u>SI 92-112</u>

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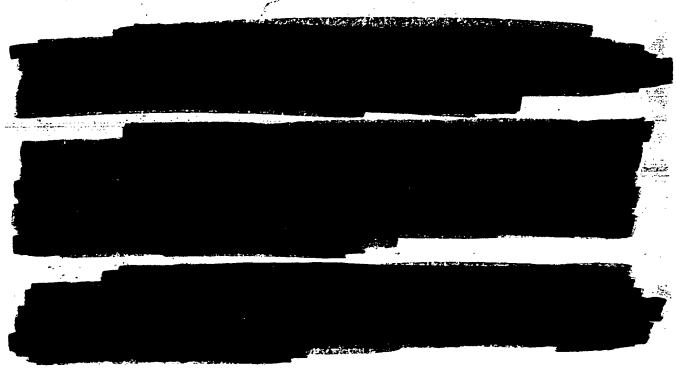
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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent dated June 12, 1961.

Other informants set forth herein have not been contacted sufficiently to determine their reliability.