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HARVILL:

"He said [REDACTED] pretty close to [REDACTED]"

"He knew [REDACTED] long before I ever knew him."

HARVILL:

"I understand."

"That (obs.) brought him over to [REDACTED] I didn't know the (obs.). [REDACTED] came in one night with him. Said here's a good burglar, here's a good safe man. I said yeah."

HARVILL:

"This guy has changed."

"I never seen a guy change like him."

HARVILL:

"Money, he just can't hold money, he don't know how to act with money."

BECKMAN:

"Is he a very good thief, [REDACTED]"

"No, no, he's a pretty good man. He can open a safe. He knows what a safe is all about. He can open a safe. What I mean, he's a funny guy. Now he'll go along, if he gets caught in a corner he'll panic. Two times he panicked on me. He run out of a place one time and left me in there. I run after that (obs.) and we came back." He was against carrying the safes out. He never wanted to carry the safes out of the (obs.) place. I said, if you can carry it, why leave it here, (obs.) around here a couple of hours, get the (obs.) out of here."

[REDACTED] in; said State man checking license numbers and he asked the Trooper if that was his orders and he said yes. [REDACTED] said, "I think that would be harassing me and ruin a man's business." The Trooper told him he would have to talk to the Captain. [REDACTED] said, "I never heard of you coming around every hour on the hour taking license numbers and harassing a man's business. I'll have to see my lawyer."

[REDACTED] brought him over one night, he was driving a cab. I don't know how [REDACTED] knew him. He wanted me to go on a score with him. I was sitting there with [REDACTED] We just made a little score. We was sitting at the booth, cutting up the money. I said I don't want to go on a hit with [REDACTED] I said no I don't want to go. That was the first time I ever met [REDACTED] He came over a couple of times. Then I needed a guy

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"For a score one time. He was supposed to know something about being a thief, and I asked him if he wanted to go and he said yes. (Obs.) he was all right, he was hungry and starving."

HARVILL:

"He shot up. He thinks he's a big (obs.) man." b7C

"(Obs.) money is made to be spent, there's no doubt about it. A (obs.) score he made about 17 G's and the (obs.) was busted in three months. I never seen the (obs.) throw any money around. If he did, it was when I wasn't around. But that (obs.) borrowed 300 off me three months later. He said I'm busted, I bought this car, I bought the house and this and that. He said I'm busted. I told him, why you buying this (obs.) car for, finance it. Like money in the bank, he says. I said you're doing wrong. See I didn't see him for about a month. Then I seen him with that big car. I said (obs.) you're out of your mind. He said this is the best car I ever had. So I'm sitting in the Paddock one day and [REDACTED] sitting there talking to me and said, what do you think of your (obs.)" b7C

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HARVILL:

"The crazy (obs.) , he's nuts."

"Then he buys a house. He ain't got a job, buys a new car and a house. You figure that one out. Don't even have the unemployment check."

Talk about State Police and discuss getting a lawyer and hit them with a federal injunction because of harrassment tactics. b7C

HARVILL mentioned he knew [REDACTED] That he (HARVILL) was making six or seven hundred a week and had no business stealing. Further, that he didn't know how to steal and still doesn't.

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"I think that [REDACTED] taught him, he learned from [REDACTED]"

HARVILL:

"Yeah, they were always together. They were making 4 or 5 joints a night, just learning, just knocking safes over trying to learn, that's how they learned. [REDACTED] the one that learned how pretty good. You know when he was living over there in the housing project (obs.) he would do anything for you, keep his mouth shut and behave himself. Never got in nobody's hair. That (obs.) changed over night. Got a taste of that big money and that was it. Never (obs.) around with broads much." [REDACTED] b7C

"He changed all at one time."

HARVILL:

"(Obs.) he was likeable. (Obs.) everybody liked him. (Obs.), you liked him, [REDACTED] liked him. Since he made a little extra money, that has been his downfall."

"See he was starving and begged me to get him a job I got a hold of [REDACTED] and he got him a job at the [REDACTED] A good job. A week went by and [REDACTED] called and asked where [REDACTED] was. I said, why - and he said he hasn't been to work in a week. I called [REDACTED] she said he was down in Arkansas fishing." [REDACTED] b7C

BECKMAN:

"That's where he (obs.) [REDACTED]"

HARVILL:

"He had everybody propositioned on that deal. He snuck in and got that himself."

"Why that (obs.) [REDACTED] A guy came to me with a little score over here on State Street - a long time ago. So I said [REDACTED] you live over here. Go check the thing out and we'll go make it. I told [REDACTED] and he comes over to the 316 Club and says you got my money. I said, what are [REDACTED] b7C

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"you talking about. He said somebody made that score, they got 21 or \$2,200 out of the joint. I said - no, you kidding me. He said no it was in the paper, I saw it. I was living in the Broadview Hotel, to take the heat off me. He swore on his kids, his mother and father he didn't make it. Here he gets hold of [REDACTED] and they go make it. (Obs.) that one got me. He had a little beef and needed a little money. No much STORM, enough to pay the bondsman. He said, 'I got a key for a place we can get two big air conditions in.' I said, 'I know a guy who will buy them.' I said get the key, he had a truck. (Obs.) there was no problem, disconnect them and haul them out. He said OK, as so as I get the key we'll go make it. (Obs.) [REDACTED] will tell you, [REDACTED] walked into the Broadview Hotel one day. I was sitting there eating and [REDACTED] says, say [REDACTED] you know where I can sell an air conditioner. I said (Obs.) I'm going to have a couple of them myself to sell pretty soon. I got a guy looking for one. I said, 'What kind you got.' He said, [REDACTED] we took the truck, went out to the place and got the air conditioners. We sold one of them to a guy out here on the highway, one of those (obs.) joints. We got the other one over at your house. I said 'What?' He said Yeah [REDACTED] woke me up one morning and said come on let's go get those air conditions in Collinsville. I said that (obs.) . He took the (obs.) air conditioners and sold them. He told me that he didn't think I would want to go on the score because there wasn't enough money in it."

3:35 AM - All leave room.

At about 11:18 AM, 3-3-62 [REDACTED] and another individual believed to be either [REDACTED] or HARVILL, were talking about the State Police checking the various joints and the fact they had been to [REDACTED] place the past couple of nights and also had been around the Pines Lounge, checking license numbers every hour. This goes on for a period of time and mentions that the FBI apparently are the ones who are giving the information to the State Police about places that are open and operating. b7C

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At about 11:56 AM, 3-3-62, STORMY HARVILL and [REDACTED] and a woman are discussing business and the [REDACTED] HARVILL indicates he would prefer to keep the tavern open if at all possible.

11:59 PM, 3-3-62, [REDACTED] and another individual believed to be STORMY HARVILL are talking together. b1C

[REDACTED] "I ain't going to get any (obs.) license. There going to (obs.) with us anyway they can. If we are going to stay here we might as well make all we can. Tell that Dago the poker game is down. He is going to have to knock \$75 of that rent."

Girl called: [REDACTED] you are wanted."

HARVILL talking to unknown man and talking about pawning watch. Could get \$25 in a pawn shop. Cost \$175 retail, it is a Lord Elgin watch.

GEORGE HARVILL and unknown man talking:

Harvill said he got a phone call from [REDACTED]

HARVILL:

"(Obs.) that guy's crazy. If you are going to fool with something, fool with something big. Right? You know what that can get him."

Unknown man:

"Yeah, 5-10 through every state, he can come out with 30 years. I know better than do something like that." b1C

HARVILL"

"What, [REDACTED] a few cases of whiskey. Man, if it was a big score or something it would be different. You know what I mean? A truck load or some (obs.) like that. You can't get any more for that than the other. If you carry one case, you get just as much as if you carry a whole truck load." Man leaves and says, "I'll bring those two books in tomorrow night."

[REDACTED] "Yeah, OK, we are pretty busy."

[REDACTED]

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Two men, probably [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] enter:

**HARVILL:**

"I got to talk to him last night about two o'clock, I told BECKMAN . . ." (There is also comment re clothing the men were wearing; also mention of solid gold Lord Elgin watch.)  
 "You know who they are? You know what kind of watch BECKMAN wore. What make, [redacted]"

"Yeah, I don't know what kind it was."

**HARVILL:**

"What make?"

"I know it was an old band on it."

unknown man:

"Gold band? Was it sorta broken like that. It's practically a new watch, it's a Gruen." (This man said something to the effect that it sure looks like BECKMAN.)

(It is noted that ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING and MEL BECKMAN were found killed on the side of a country road on the outskirts of Belleville, St. Clair County, Illinois, at about 10:10 PM, 3-3-62. [REDACTED] were apparently at the scene of slaying sometime around 11:00 PM and thereafter were dispatched to East St. Louis allegedly to obtain identifying witnesses as the identity of the two men had not been established at that time and was not definitely established until after 1:00 AM, 3-4-62. Agents arrived at the scene of the slaying at about 12:15 AM, 3-4-62, but identifying witnesses still had not arrived; however, agents observed the two individuals were in all probability DOWLING and BECKMAN.)

Unknown man: "It seemed like it.

HARVILL: "BECKMAN."

Unknown man: "Yeah"

HARVILL: "No , no, no, no, You know where to call."

"Yeah."

HARVILL: "Go call, don't say nothing."

"Don't worry I won't."

All men depart, 12:10 AM, 3-4-62.

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At about 5:05 PM, 3-4-62, [REDACTED]  
talking on the telephone:

"Keep open another month to see what happens. Told guy wasn't going to get a license. Wait and see. Not going to put out 7 or 8 hundred dollars for next few days then they come in and run us out. Get \$200 deposit and would get back. Later on get the card game going again. He didn't say too much, said to stay open, think break even. I'll try. Make \$75 a day, \$150 Saturday and Sunday." (End of phone conversation.)

[REDACTED] discussing a recent talk with FRANK WORTMAN [REDACTED] about the Pines.) b7c

During the evening of 3-4-62, there was general discussion concerning the killings and one of the individuals, believed to be [REDACTED] was talking about how tired he was and the fact that he wanted to go home and planned to leave shortly.

12:05 AM, 3-5-62 [REDACTED] and another unknown man talking, might be [REDACTED]

"Really got 'em, whoever did done hell of a job, we don't know who did it. MEL, my partner here. One guy did it. Somebody they knew and trusted. Lying on the road, one man each side. Nobody knows who it was. Met him, talking business, stopped out there on that road. He just reached up like this, out of the back seat, hit ELMER and killed him instantly. MEL must have tried to go for him. Hit MEL like this, here, here, and here. He went over the back seat after him, I guess, but he got him. Must of reached over, turned off ignition, stopped the car, dragged one out on one side and one on other side. Drove the car off. Must of drove it back to his car. Found it over near some bowling alley in Belleville. Back seat full of blood, that the reason this guy tried to get him after he killed ELMER. Neither one expected it, that's the way it had to be."

Unknown Man;

"If they put a guy like that in the back seat they had to know him anyway. I'll bet Buster is really feuding." (WORTMAN)

[REDACTED] "Oh, like a wild man. Like a (obs.) mad bull." b7c

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Unknown man:

"You guys get any heat over here on it?"

[REDACTED] "I been here all the day. They have arrested 100 guys between here and St. Louis. Everybody, all Vitale's guys, all MICHAEL's, [REDACTED] we got 4 or 5 guys over there too you know -- [REDACTED] Them guys all made it too. We had about 25 [REDACTED] there this morning. [REDACTED] and them guys running the joints. We don't think it's anyone trying to muscle in. I got my suspicion, these guys had some deal going with some business man. Some guy they were shaking and this guy just blowed them to pieces." b7C

Unknown man:

"BUSTER would know more about it than anybody."

[REDACTED] "Took him out, guy was scared to death of him. This is my theory, you know. Took him out on the road and he just blew their heads off. That's my theory. That's the only thing I can think of. I ran this thing through my mind. Both killed with the same gun. I figure it had to be one guy."

Unknown man:

"You better watch yourself."

[REDACTED] "Oh, I don't know, as long as you don't know for sure. You have to be careful. They have cut my business in half."

Unknown man:

"Lay low couple of weeks and play it cool. Find out who it is or what."

Unknown man left and someone said "See you later, [REDACTED] b7C

About 1:12 AM. 3-5-62. telephone conversation between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] "What you going to do? I'm going to lay down on the bed and rest a couple hours. Why, sure, I don't want to get my brains blowed out. Is that all right with you. They're mine ain't they. I doubt it. No this (obs.) went down the drain. Huh. This (obs.) might as well fold up. I talked to Buster today and tried to tell him the place was dead and he wants me to try it another month. I told him all I'm going to do is wind up owing that gal that money I borrowed. I'm going to save what I got and blow it this month. Well,



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"I ain't going to make it, [REDACTED] Got to have \$100 a day to run the place. \$700 a week, just ain't going to do it the way it is now. Making profit before. Yeh, but they got money, I ain't got any. You get a salary don't you? Just ain't going to let me make a living; square people can't make money cause people won't go to those (obs.) joints and guy that can make money with a joint they won't let make it because they think he is a (obs.) bum or hoodlum or some (obs.) thing. Wouldn't let him make an honest living if he could. So what you going to do. He went home. He got mad at me. What did he get mad at me for? Is he mad at me? (Obs.) him. I got mad at him, it's not my fault. I treat him all right. He is my friend, but I don't think he should do me that way. I got to be here, somebody has got to be here."

b7C  
On the afternoon of 3-8-62, HARVILL and [REDACTED] discussed their problems about keeping their place open and the fact that they had to pay their bills and had no money and did not know what they would do or how they would pay the bills. This continued to be a general conversation most of the day. The funeral of BECKMAN and DOWLING was also discussed.

On the evening of March 8, 1962:

HARVILL:

"When he came in I knew he needed the money. (Obs.) I needed the money too. He said I got a brand new set sitting in my (obs.) house. Said I'll take 'em. I knew he needed them so he says, I got a s for them. I said who. He said [REDACTED] He said (obs.) give me my 40 back and I'll take the clubs. I said what's the matter with you. I can sell them to him. He asked me about it just the other day. He said I just as soon lose the (obs.) house."

Unknown man:

"He never will get over that will he." (Think talking about [REDACTED])

HARVILL:

"If he was smart he would run right out to that club house and get his furniture back."

Later on 3-8-62:

[REDACTED] "I'll be a dirty (obs.) if he goes to the penitentiary. Yes, that's about 4 guys that we bum with in the pen one day."

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Unknown man: "They keep knocking them off one by one."

[REDACTED] "Either put them in the joint or kill them"

[REDACTED] "You can make a deal. I can take that time in Missouri "

[REDACTED] "You know what they just told me. That's just what they had on him, three other holds when he came in for that five years. He made them, the judge called the State's Attorney, and make a deal, otherwise they would have three holds on him when he came out."

HARVILL:

"Yeah, but they was only going to give him a year and they gave him five."

[REDACTED] "Yeah, but otherwise they had three other ones holding him. Made the deal right in front of the judge and State's Attorney, saying everything would be dropped."

[REDACTED] "Yeah, but if they don't put it in writing , (obs.) they don't have to keep their word."

[REDACTED] "Just like he told them, they have three holds and wait for that US Marshall, when let him out, wait right there for him."

HARVILL:

"They was supposed to give [REDACTED] a year. That's what the deal was."

[REDACTED] "He got five, had three other state holds on him. If I go then when I get out, they got a hold then I can get out on bond. She can sell the house and pay the bondsman. They won't snatch me. I'll be on bond. They have to set a date. If I wasn't on probation right now I'd tell them to go (obs.) themselves, I got it made."

[REDACTED] "If I can stay on the streets, I'll fix that up there. Both places. If I can't (obs.) I'll have to go to. But if I can work and keep that old lady working and if there's a payoff everytime. If there's a payoff I can go right up there."

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On the PM, 3-8-62.

HARVILL on telephone:

"I said the guy wants his license, he said who is the guy. I told him. He said you tell [REDACTED] ask if we can use the license for 2 or 3 weeks or something like that. He said tell after things quiet down a little. That's what he told me. He said does he know you. I'm with you, [REDACTED]"

(End of conversation.)

On the PM, 3-8-62.

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] talking about business at the tavern. b7C

[REDACTED] called me on the phone from here and said, do you want to come up or do you want me to come and get you. (obs.) you come and get me. I ain't coming in on my own. They had [REDACTED] in the car when they got here."

HARVILL:

"They did."

[REDACTED] "They got him out of here. The (obs.) first time I've known [REDACTED] in my life and five minutes I'm in jail with him."

HARVILL:

"I thought you and him were out doing something and got caught."

[REDACTED] "I asked [REDACTED] what's up and he told me. Who in the (obs.) would want to hurt ELMER. I ain't heard of nobody asking that man for anything they didn't get." b7C

HARVILL:

"That's right."

[REDACTED] "Nobody, I ain't never known of anyone going to him for help that he didn't help or if he couldn't he tried at least. Twenty years they have been together." (WORTMAN and DOWLING)

HARVILL:

"(Obs.) tears in his eyes when he found out." (Talking about BUSTER.)

[REDACTED] "I'll bet they have never had an argument in their life."

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HARVILL:

"Happened about mile from my house. On same road [REDACTED] takes her kids to school. Same (obs.) road. I don't understand it. What the (obs.) they were doing over there. They looked for me for three (obs.) days two or three days."

[REDACTED] said call STORMY, tell him I want to see him. I said, I'll call him, you tell him yourself. I ain't getting in a more (obs.) (obs.). I'll call him and tell him you're looking for him. He said call [REDACTED] I called [REDACTED] and said [REDACTED] wants to talk to you. I ain't getting involved. I told [REDACTED] (Obs.) you I ain't calling nobody and tell them to come up."

HARVILL:

"Looks like [REDACTED] is putting you in the middle. That's what it really looks like."

[REDACTED] "Over that [REDACTED] deal."

HARVILL:

(Speaking of [REDACTED] "Like he said to me, I know [REDACTED] was doing all that stuff, I told him to cut that (obs.) out."

[REDACTED] "He's a lying (obs.). That's like [REDACTED] that night, called and said they had snitched these guys."

HARVILL:

"He said, I wasn't getting any of that money." (Meaning [REDACTED] wasn't getting any.) [REDACTED] was doing it and I wasn't getting any of that (obs.) money."

[REDACTED] "There ain't a (obs.) in town that can say that they ever gave me a nickel for [REDACTED] through [REDACTED] or any other (obs.) way, except for that one deal. There ain't a (obs.) I ever took five cents from."

HARVILL:

[REDACTED] told me, well, I like [REDACTED] he done me a favor once."

[REDACTED] "Yeah, for his kid. That stripper over there. [REDACTED] was going to hurt her and all that (obs.) I went over and talked to him and squared it. I told him let her go to work and you'll get your money. Give her a chance to go to work. Let her come in and get her wardrobe and let her go on about her business and she will pay you."

(End of conversation.)

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[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] talking about how the tavern looked and how nice the back room was.

[REDACTED] "The reason I told them to tell [REDACTED] I'm not here. I told [REDACTED] you talk to him and explain that I ain't got the money, you know."

Talking about unknown going to court 3-9-62 and cost \$250 to take [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] gets in trouble and he thinks nobody else has troubles." b7C

[REDACTED] "I was talking to [REDACTED] about it and (obs.) damn it, I'd like to help him out, if I can. You know, but we told him when he went down there, you know, not to go down there, it was hot. Me and [REDACTED] just hit that SOB three days before he went down."

[REDACTED] "Yeah, I know."

[REDACTED] "It was in the papers. We hit it, he goes down there anyway. Oh, I'll agree with you we were in with him over there at Madison County, then he got busted on a different beef altogether. Then they caught him for this one. I wouldn't mind it so bad if they had busted him on this beef and this beef only, we would of got no squawk coming. I know [REDACTED] thinks me and [REDACTED] should go out and get some money, it ain't that easy to come by 400 bills in one night. He thinks he'll go tomorrow for sure."

[REDACTED] "You can't remember who paid?"

[REDACTED] "I've got so much (obs.) on my mind, I don't remember nothing."

[REDACTED] "They've got that in the Journal, where they were taking down all the license numbers. The Missouri State Patrol. b7C

[REDACTED] "Did you see my picture on television?"

[REDACTED] "No, did they have it on there?"

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"Yeah, pall bearer for MEL - motion cameras."

"They took a whole bunch of pictures of me and STORMY and the guys in front of ELMER's. They can't use all those pictures. They just use the ones they want on television."

"They'll have that on tonight."

"BUSTER and TED was pall bearers for both guys, the front pall bearers, they had the older guys for ELMER and the younger guys for MEL."

[REDACTED] was for DUTCH."

"Yeah, [REDACTED] was one of them."

"He's the one that lost \$2,200, wasn't it?"

"They made that up. He said, 'Hey give me back some of that money I lost over there'. I said I wish I had some of it, I could pay some of my bills."

"He's never been in there. I don't remember no one by that name."

"He's an old guy, about like BUS, in 50's, gray headed [REDACTED]"

"Him and Buster are real good buddies. They did some timetogether. There are three outfits in this area, VITALE's bunch, MICHAEL's bunch and WORTMAN. But they're friends. There ain't no (obs.) between them. In fact, they were all at the funeral."

They then talk about newspapers and stories of funerals and killings.

"They called up [REDACTED] and said 'we'll try to get you guys off'. [REDACTED] said 'you're talking that way on the phone. They'll have me in for questioning as sure as (obs.)'"

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"This is a hot (obs.) town."

"You'll probably have to wait quite a while before you can get your game going again."

"Oh, yeah."

"They'll have the (obs.) heat on you. They'll be out there in parked cars. That one night I was in here I did get scared. Those (obs.) pulled up out there, first night we were in after the deal happened. They were checking license numbers. I had a car load of hot stuff. I had it in the trunk. When they pulled out of here, I told [REDACTED] 'No doubt about it, I'm going'. I took off. I took it to the place where we put it." b7C

"There's a lot of heat in East St. Louis on everything. They're closing down everything. They shot them mudballs at that union place over on State. They shot two of them."

"Especially when you're (obs.) up like we are, you never know when those (obs.) are going to come in."

"I know, I ran a tavern down in Livingston, Ill. Do you know where that is, [REDACTED] Livingston? I run one down there for my uncle for about a year. That's a (obs.) job. I hated it. It wasn't too bad for me. I had my old lady working in it with me." b7C

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Unknown man:

"9:30, that (obs.) will not go to court with you unless you get the money. I got both of them, the boy, too, [REDACTED] They want \$225 to go to court with me. I either take them to court with me or I go to jail. Ain't got much choice when it gets down like that. I got to get the old lady, she gets out of the hospital tomorrow."

(End of conversation)

[REDACTED] talking to man on the phone, believed to be [REDACTED]

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3-9-62, 10:31, PM, two unknown men talking and mention [REDACTED] associates. Sounds as though furniture moving. Believe this to be HARVILL and [REDACTED]. They discuss a .32 and .38 caliber pistols and a discussion about records of the tavern with the [REDACTED] and the fact that [REDACTED] was paid off \$75. There was also a discussion of apparent gambling losses and mentioned "I'll have to keep somebody happy." "What did they ask -- about the poker game and such things as that." "That's what [REDACTED] told me this morning, said all they're trying to do is pin the murder on you and me." b7C

There is further discussion between [REDACTED] and HARVILL concerning the article appearing in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch paper, on that day, regarding the murder of BECKMAN and DOWLING. [REDACTED] was saying that they were trying to "pin the murder on him" (meaning HARVILL). "And that all it would do is cost them a lot of money." HARVILL said, "I don't know what time she left the house."

[REDACTED] "Try to get something for witnesses. I didn't know what to say . . anything unless I talked to you. I didn't want to say nothing unless you said, you known, until I talked to you. I said that and it made him mad. I had to say it, I didn't have to, but they were going to give me some (obs.) over it and maybe take me in. They gave me some (obs.) today."

HARVILL:

"Who?"

[REDACTED]  
HARVILL:

"About what?"

[REDACTED] "About where I was at and (obs.) like that. I said I ain't answering no more of that (obs.) (obs.) . I thought they were going to take me in and they said, we got to know where you guys were at. I said, I know where the (obs.) I was at. Got witnesses to prove it. I want them to quite (obs.) with me. We got problems, that (obs.) [REDACTED] looked at me like that. That (obs.) guy. That was the end of it. They never said no (obs.) more to me." b7C

(HARVILL disappeared night of killings and was not located until 3-5-62; he apparently had been at the WORTMAN Moat residence.)



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HARVILL:

"Did MEL or any of them say anything to you about buying a bowling alley." (Think name [REDACTED] mentioned. Very low tone discussion about someone buying a bowling alley.)

HARVILL:

"I know I heard something about a (obs.) bowling alley. About them buying or talking about buying a bowling alley." b7C

[REDACTED]  
"I never heard nothing."

HARVILL:

"I did, I'm sure I heard something. I don't remember the FBI calling those (obs.) cause that happened. These (obs.) cause that's what they might figure."

[REDACTED]  
"They're sure going to try and pin it on you, STORMY,, those (obs.) papers. Did you read the papers, the way they are, naturally they're going to have little something on you. Looks to me like that's what they're after. Aint no (Obs.) (obs.) cause you a bunch of trouble over it. I wouldn't swear to it but the way they talked when [REDACTED] was there. They wanted to get out from under it. They ain't no way to pin it on those other guys. They got to have evidence to prove it. As far as getting you on it, they can't. But they can cause you a lot of trouble, you know, cost you money and all that (obs.) Bondsman and lawyers, laying in that (obs.) jail. I told [REDACTED] Oh, you (obs.) , I said tell those (obs.) guys, ain't it bad enough a guy loses one of his best friends. He got to start to say that (obs.) that the man did it. I said that man was our friend. (Obs.) we were friends. What the (obs.) is wrong with you. (Obs.) we bum together every (obs.) day. We were friends, close friends. We would like to know who done this as much as you do. I got mad at him. (Obs.) me and STORMY would like to know who done this just as bad as you do. He said, yeah, that's why I want to find him before you do. I said, well I don't mean that. I don't mean that we're going to do anything, but we'd like to know who did it." b7C

Talk about the article in the St. Louis Post Dispatch and say that SANDERS and HARVILL are moving and claim that the article indicates that it is their gang and that HARVILL is the leader and SANDERS his lieutenant and that the article said JOE COSTELLO was a player in the poker game at the Pines and also some political guy. HARVILL said [REDACTED] never was in there, but the political guy was and they wonder if it was him that caused

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all the heat. Further that the paper said WORTMAN was sick. Both agreed that WORTMAN was not sick. [REDACTED] said he had talked to [REDACTED] told him that there was no way for him to get a license.

HARVILL said that he had talked to WORTMAN and was told by him that they got all the heat because of all the cars park at the Pines, that WORTMAN got mad and he explained to WORTMAN that business was bad and they couldn't make any money.

The two of them talk about [REDACTED] being in the Pines and after them [REDACTED] came in and spent an hour and a half and then two other deputies came in. Talk about how bad business is. b7C

[REDACTED] "(Obs.) that deputy ain't doing us no good, to give him his \$200 plus the (obs.) rent, we're going to blow \$1,000."

Talk about losing money in the Pines and that they have no money to stay open.

HARVILL:

"Did you talk to the man about it."

[REDACTED] "Yeah, but he's scared to let go of it. I don't know what the (obs.) the man is going to tell me. If he tells me to continue to stay open after the money runs out, I can't." Then continue to complain about having no money.

[REDACTED] "(Obs.) tell him --- BUS we're broke."

Talk about explaining to WORTMAN that they didn't have any money to start with, don't have any now and can't operate, that they would like to stay open, but can't make any money, they're losing money. b7C

[REDACTED] "Whatever that man up there says is all right with me. Only thing to do is go up there and tell him."

Continue to complain about business. Talk about [REDACTED] buying the place.

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PM, 3-10-62.

[REDACTED] and two men believed to be [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] said that he had been talking to the man (WORTMAN) and the man wanted him to keep the place open three more weeks. Believed to have been talking about the Paddock. b7C

"(Obs.) deposits, that's what hurts you. Dirty SOB, there you are, \$93,000 all at once."

"You going to borrow it."

"I don't know where BUSS is going to get it. Here's the funiest thing in the world. You go up there and tell that man and he says, 'Keep running it.' You can't do it. Not taking in any (obs.) money. He said, just keep that (obs.) place open. Well, you can't explain nothing. Finally, he just sat down. [REDACTED] he said, how much money you got. I told him. He said, keep this going. Manage someway to keep this open two or three more weeks. I said, I'll do my damndest. Boy, I'll tell you I don't know where the (obs.) money is gone. He said try to keep that SOB open for a while." (Believe may refer to fact Paddock Lounge is in bad financial condition.)

10:20 PM, 3-11-62

HARVILL:

MEL and DUTCH were to meet him. This guy on the phone said, 'Let's make it convenient for both of us.' That's the night before it happened. MEL sat in here and told these other two buys, you know we got to get this man to talk to us. He was going to put his own machines in out there."

Man believed  
to be [REDACTED]

"Will he know?"

"Everything (might be everybody) fits him."

HARVILL:

"Hasn't MEL and ELMER been shaking him down for a long time anyway. Don't they know that BECKMAN did it."

"Now he's the kind of [REDACTED] (obs.) who'd panic, caught without a gun, he wouldn't do nothing. But if they had whipped up that dark road and he had an

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idea they were trying to pressure him, put a little steam on him, make him agree to their terms, mother (obs.) just liable to of been deathly scared and panicked and started mowing them right there."

HARVILL:

"I got my suspicions about him."

[REDACTED] "(Obs.) it just fits together. Only thing it lacks is confirmation. I got this, he don't know me too well. I can go over there with glasses and go in another car and take him out someplace and give him a (obs.) thrashing. Say we know that you met the man, now let's hear the (obs.) story, like to hear how you got by with it."

HARVILL:

"There ain't no (obs.) way to tell."

[REDACTED] "Heh, I believe he's trying. If this (obs.) does it, then he's trying to get somebody else to do his (one word can't make out) work. He might have the idea, if we do anything like that, he'll go and hit some poor (obs.)"

HARVILL:

"You think he's smart."

(This is apparently WORTMAN gang thoughts on killing person they are talking about is believed [REDACTED])

HARVILL:

"No, that's bad timing."

[REDACTED] "Elmer, I can understand the way he talks to you."

HARVILL:

"I'll tell you this much, true and true, we'll be honest, you shouldn't of did that."

[REDACTED] "I got to confess, it was [REDACTED] Then they all laugh. "You think he is smart."

HARVILL:

"MEL, I'd hoped he'd shoot him back."

[REDACTED] "He had a .38 gun."

HARVILL:

"Berette, what an automatic. Did he have an automatic?"

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"I got to shoot Berette, (obs.) sitting here in the car and let him have it."

HARVILL:

"Say, it won't will it? These won't but the automatic will." b7C

"I got my ammunition and box of shells, I'll sell them to you."

Then discussion continues about pistols and ammunition, talk about powder burns on the skin and alcohol can take it off. Talk about guns and shooting guns and where they can do some target practicing.

12:38 AM, 3-12-62

HARVILL:

"Well, I got out, I got that .38 of you know, what you call it, so BUSS says, he got a bit excite that's mine you know. That is mine I said, no [REDACTED] gave that to MEL. He says look over in that (obs.) drawer. I looked over there and he had two more like that. That;s all makes, he was telling MEL. This here;s a .380 and he had a .32 up there

"What's a .32?"

HARVILL:

"This here's a .380 and he had a .32 up there."

"A .380, is one of them a .380."

HARVILL:

"Between a .32 and a .38, a little bigger bullet" b7C

"I had one."

HARVILL:

"Yeah, and he said you didn't use it."

HARVILL:

[REDACTED] went up there and said, STORMY got that gun, [REDACTED] gave him that. See that (obs.) it don't mean nothing, but he went up there anyway, said BUS that's my (obs.) gun. That's how I knew it was his! I said to those (obs.) well here's what I did. [REDACTED] gave me MEL's gun, like this, BUSS he said, that's my (obs.) gun, that's the first thing he said. Yours, what do you mean yours, she give it tome."

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[REDACTED] "I thought you got two of them."

HARVILL:

"I did, I got that big one. This mother (obs.) here tried to claim this (obs.) gun. the one that switched me off the (obs.) [REDACTED]"

[REDACTED] "What did he say today about that other talk with BUSS?"

Man believed to be [REDACTED]

"He said you can keep them for a while." b7C

HARVILL:

"What did he say, how did he say it. Well, [REDACTED] gave me this gun, what did he say?"

[REDACTED] "Said I got the mate to it."

HARVILL:

"He said, that's my (obs.) gun. What did he have a .32 like this wasn't it? What was the other one?"

[REDACTED] "There were two of them just like this, up there."

HARVILL:

"You know that one ain't loaded. What is it. 380 and one.32."

[REDACTED] ".32 ain't loaded."

HARVILL:

"That the one that ain't loaded."

[REDACTED] "He's got a .32 like mine and then he got's a big (obs.) magnum like this one."

HARVILL:

"Did you see the magnum?"

[REDACTED] "That's what I want."

[REDACTED] "Boy, that (obs.) .38 why that (obs.) that big boy you could hit a (obs.). You got to bug in on the head, the hardest (obs.) shot." b7C

[REDACTED] "Yeah, I can shoot one."

HARVILL:

"You can."

[REDACTED] ".357 magnum is tougher to shoot than a .45."

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HARVILL:

"You know that .45 there, me and [REDACTED] and MEL was up there and so [REDACTED] shot and that (obs.) jumped up in the trees someplace. We were out by a barn someplace and MEL took the .45 and had a can with it. Boy, he could really shoot that (obs.) gun. (Target practice at Moat.)" b7C

[REDACTED] "MEL was the best in anything he tried."

HARVILL talking about police having MEL's key to the Pines and said "I don't know where to look for a bug. I been looking around here, but I can't find it. They can put something over this wall, I guess. I went outside and couldn't see nothing or hear any talking." (HARVILL knows authorities found keys to Pines in BECKMAN's pockets after killing and feels sure the place is "bugged".)

6:20 PM, 3-12-62

HARVILL talking on the phone, apparently to FRANK WORTMAN. Talk about a man driving a car with California license being picked up and HARVILL wanting to know what to do about it. WORTMAN apparently told him not to get involved. During phone call someone named [REDACTED] came into the room, believed to have been [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] "The guy's no friend of anybody's, they all know him." (Talks to [REDACTED]) b7C

Then conversation between HARVILL [REDACTED] and man apparently [REDACTED]. They discuss man being held in the County Jail as result of a pickup order by [REDACTED] because [REDACTED] thought the man driving this Buick with California license was following him. This man had also been sitting across the street from the Pines in this same car. HARVILL apparently checked this man out with WORTMAN, then HARVILL told [REDACTED] the guy's name was [REDACTED] and no one had anything to do with him for years. [REDACTED] says "That's the guy." and says, "I'll use it accordingly." Then he thanks [REDACTED] and says, "I'll see you later." and leaves. [REDACTED]

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12:10 PM, 3-12-62

[REDACTED] talking to WORTMAN on the phone about how bad the business is at the tavern and that he will keep it open as long as he can and that he don't want to foul WORTMAN up and will try and keep it open; that he would call WORTMAN; further that WORTMAN wanted him to sign a lease for the Pines, but he didn't want to; that he needed \$500 to stay open.

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] talking about [REDACTED] owing [REDACTED] \$400 poker money.

[REDACTED] talked to HARVILL on the phone, complaining needs money to keep the tavern open.

[REDACTED] talked to WORTMAN on phone and told him he might come by tomorrow, but would see him Thursday for sure. b7C

1:10 AM, 3-14-62

[REDACTED] talking and [REDACTED] said he wished he could sell his club house and said that [REDACTED] was going to stay out 4 or 5 weeks at a time. She said that she would pay [REDACTED] bondsman off and that [REDACTED] was to sell the house and move somewhere so she could have money to live on; that [REDACTED] wants to go to work a couple of days a week. They talk about getting her a job at the Twist Club through [REDACTED]

Then they talk about the best thing to do is open up a tavern in another place and that their only friends are pimps, burglars and thieves and if they did open up a place the FBI would put heat on the place. Discuss that the only way to do it is to get enough money that you can buy a neighborhood-type tavern.

[REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] was to save her money while he's away and when he gets out they could go and buy a place. b7C

[REDACTED] said that his wife, [REDACTED] told him that she could go back to work and make enough money so they could go somewhere and buy a bar.

[REDACTED] mentioned that the town should have 10 to 15 thousand people and that Poplar Bluff, Missouri, was a good little town and he would like to look around down there.



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[REDACTED] said that they are done around this part of the country and [REDACTED] agreed.

[REDACTED] "Everything we touch melts. Gets so (obs.) hot it melts."

[REDACTED] "All you're trying to do is run a legitimate business, all you had was a little poker game, there must be a thousand of them in this country." b1

[REDACTED] "Because you're [REDACTED] they see you're making a buck. They ain't but one person in the world that would do that, that's the (obs.) FBI."

[REDACTED] "FBI figures there's a guy going legitimate, think to all will end up owning a joint, they figure like that. I know the (obs.) FBI is doing all this (obs.)" They go on and blame the FBI and State Police for all their troubles, that FBI started it all and will keep on them.

[REDACTED] ain't against gambling, against legalized gambling, but as far as you having a poker game he ain't against that. He's not against prostitution. If the FBI would leave them alone, the whores could open up in this county. [REDACTED] ain't going to bother them."

[REDACTED] wanted [REDACTED] to come over to his house for a goingaway party in that they had one for [REDACTED] when he went to prison on WSTA recently.

During the time that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were talking together, [REDACTED] also received a phone call apparently from "BUSS" (FRANK WORTMAN) in which they further discussed the problems of keeping the place open and the fact that they didn't see how it could be done because of the financial problems involved, but that he would try to keep it open as long as he possibly could. During the same period of time another call came in which apparently was from STORMY HARVILL, at which time [REDACTED] talked to him a short time about their financial problems and the fact that he had just talked to WORTMAN concerning this. During this time [REDACTED] outlined the fact that they needed \$200 for rent, \$100 for various taxes, \$50 for Dram Shop insurance, and at least \$100 or more for various utility bills in order to keep b1

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the "joint" open for a reasonable period of time.

3:12 PM, 3-14-62

[REDACTED] on the telephone talking to his wife and gave her telephone number EX7-7727.

On the early morning of 3-14-62, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] had another discussion at which time [REDACTED] indicated he liked to sell his clubhouse and further the fact that he was planning to put [REDACTED] back to work on the coming Sunday and she was supposed to go to work at Springfield, Illinois. He went on to talk about [REDACTED] and the fact she preferred to work three or four weeks out of town and then stay home for a week or so. Further that [REDACTED] was going to pay off [REDACTED] bondsman. [REDACTED] also went on to talk about the fact that he wanted his wife to go to work iff she could as a waitress someplace while [REDACTED] was in prison and felt that [REDACTED] who are going to open a joint in East St. Louis could possibly use her to work for them part-time as a waitress. [REDACTED] comment during this time was "We're done around here."

8:34 PM, 3-14-62

[REDACTED] and unknown man talking about poker game and discuss getting a game going in another place, apparently East St. Louis and the names [REDACTED] are mentioned; that [REDACTED] and HARVILL could send or drive customers from the Pines to the game and for that they would get twenty-five percent. Talk about getting [REDACTED] to help run the game and mention that [REDACTED] would always play. Said that they would try something this weekend. (Location not determined.)

10:01 PM, 3-15-62

[REDACTED] on telephone and said he would meet someone at Jimmie's Gay Inn in 10 minutes.

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[REDACTED] talking on phone to HARVILL and was trying to sell the Pines. He needed \$300 in order to pay some taxes on the place. He had been in touch with [REDACTED] and that [REDACTED] was to meet him concerning disposition of the stock in the tavern. [REDACTED] was to meet [REDACTED] at 1:00 PM, 3-16-62, and [REDACTED] failed to show up and that if [REDACTED] did not show up by Sunday, 3-18-62, that he was going to get a truck and move all of the stock to his garage. [REDACTED] was trying to meet with [REDACTED] in order that someone else could take over the Pines, but was unable to meet with him. Needs at least \$500 for immediate bills. [REDACTED] interested in place but no final decision made.

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On 3-17 and 3-18-62, there was miscellaneous comment regarding business and the fact it was very poor and arrangements would have to be made to close the place.

As of 3-19-62, HARVILL and [REDACTED] sold their stock and inventory to [REDACTED] for \$400 and [REDACTED] is apparently negotiating at the present time to obtain a license so he can open this establishment as a tavern and possibly a strip joint. [REDACTED] allegedly has now purchased this property in its entirety and is interested in making a deal with [REDACTED] for [REDACTED] to lease or rent it.

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Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 3/19/62 at Springfield.

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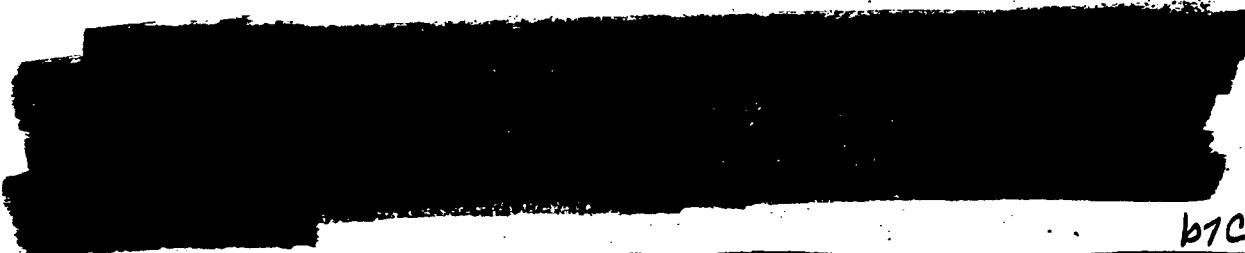
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of ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING and MELVIN BECKMAN along with related investigation. Other phases of the investigation will be in the next report.



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Since the killing of ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING and MELVIN BECKMAN, U.S. District Judge WILLIAM G. JUERGENS and U.S. Attorney CARL FEICKERT, East St. Louis, Illinois, have been made aware of pertinent developmen



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Synopsis:

On 2/26/62 FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING, and GREGORY "RED" MOORE were found guilty of conspiracy to evade income taxes of WORTMAN in one count in jury trial, USDC, E. St. Louis. No verdict reached by jury on 3 counts of tax evasion by FRANK WORTMAN or on conspiracy to evade by EDWARD WORTMAN. SAM MAGIN found not guilty of conspiracy. Those convicted were continued on bond, and notice of appeals and motions filed by defense attorneys with hearing on motions set for 4/25/62 USDC, E. St. Louis. On night 3/3/62 ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING and MELVIN BECKMAN, aka, Mel, a close hoodl associate of the WORTMAN organization were found shot to death on a county road near Belleville, St. Clair County, Ill.

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I. RESULTS OF WORTMAN ETAL TRIAL AND SLAYING OF ELMER  
SYLVESTER DOWLING AND MELVIN BECKMAN

On February 26, 1962, the jury in the trial of FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, EDWARD T. WORTMAN, ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING, GREGORY E. MOORE and SAM MAGIN returned their verdicts after deliberating for a period of 36 hours. The verdicts on the four-count indictment which contained three charges of tax evasion on the part of FRANK WORTMAN and conspiracy charges on the part of all five of the defendants, was as follows:

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING and GREGORY E. MOORE were found guilty by the jury concerning count four, the conspiracy count, of the indictment. The jury was unable to reach a verdict concerning the substantive tax evasion counts of the indictment regarding FRANK WORTMAN, they were unable to reach a verdict concerning EDWARD WORTMAN who was charged only with conspiracy, they returned a verdict of not guilty concerning SAM MAGIN who was charged only with count four, the conspiracy count.

Presiding Judge U. S. District Judge WILLIAM G. JUERGENS granted the defense attorneys twenty days in which to file motions and all of the convicted defendants were continued on bond.

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On March 19, 1962. Defensive Attorneys for FRANK WORTMAN, EDWARD WORTMAN, and GREGORY MOORE, filed motions for judgement of acquittal in U. S. District Court in East St. Louis, Illinois. Twenty-three reasons, including deliberations by the jury, were cited in the motion, and including that the verdict was a compromise decision, and did not represent the true convictions of the jurors; another motion cited that the stronger members of the jury coerced the weaker members to reach a verdict. The motions were signed by MORRIS SHENKER of St. Louis, Missouri, Attorney for FRANK WORTMAN, NORMAN LONDON of St. Louis, Attorney for GREGORY MOORE and SAUL COHN of East St. Louis, Attorney for TED WORTMAN.

Hearings on the above mentioned motions have been set for April 23, 1962 in U. S. District Court, East St. Louis, Illinois.

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According to ██████████ during the early morning hours of March 3, 1962, "STORMY" HARVILL, MEL BECKMAN and ██████████ were along with ██████████ were together at the Pines Lounge and discussed at length their plans to "hit" ██████████. These individuals were very apprehensive of ██████████ because they felt that since ██████████

that he would possibly "talk" on his acquaintances, including the above. According to the informant, ██████████ obviously knew of many of the criminal activities of the above mentioned individuals as well as others of the WORTMAN Organization. The aforementioned individuals made extensive plans regarding how they would kill ██████████ and also during the discussions made numerous comments about previous killings they had been involved in or had detailed knowledge thereof and also talked about numerous "scores" they had been on with each other and with other associates in the past. b7C

During the meeting, BECKMAN made the comment that he knew something had to happen to the strip joint operators in East St. Louis, apparently referring to individuals including ██████████. BECKMAN clearly indicated he was in favor of using a shotgun in handling any killings and that the place to "hit" an individual was in the neck area because a shotgun would bring down an individual whereas a pistol may only go through the individual's body or temporarily stop him. During the observations on the killings, BECKMAN indicated he was going to check with ELMER DOWLING and FRANK WORTMAN the same morning on how the matter should be handled to avoid embarrassment to these individuals or cause them further problems since they had recently been convicted on tax evasion. b7C

According to the informant, while it was still dark on the early morning of March 3, 1962, BECKMAN and ██████████ went out to ██████████ home in an effort to see if he was still out someplace but found that he, as well as his close associate, ██████████ were at home and there were lights burning all around the house. After this, further plans were discussed about setting up the killing of ██████████ the night of March 3, 1962, because this would be a Saturday night and ██████████ would undoubtedly be out drinking or visiting taverns and night clubs around East St. Louis. b7C

BECKMAN, HARVILL, ██████████, according to informant, talked over at length pressures being brought on them

by the FBI and the State Police, and further indicated they had discussed this situation with [REDACTED] and indicated that [REDACTED] had suggested to unknown local authorities that the Paddock be raided and checked also and HARVILL indicated that as many undesirables hang out at the Paddock as anywhere else, including "BUSTER" WORTMAN and [REDACTED] b7c

It is pointed out that in BECKMAN's plans on killings, particularly of [REDACTED] and others he was involved in in the past, it was BECKMAN's firm conviction that a shotgun should be used and the thing to do was to "hit" a guy and then let the individual's body lay where he was shot. In this connection it is pointed out that JOHN STENGELE, coin machine operator in East St. Louis, was killed in this fashion in East St. Louis on October 24, 1961. In connection with the plans to kill [REDACTED] there was some indication the Oasis Club operated by [REDACTED] would be a logical place to do the killing, but [REDACTED] was well liked by BECKMAN, et al, and apparently was on very friendly terms with FRANK WORTMAN. Further, WORTMAN and [REDACTED] had done favors for each other in the past. One of the prime concerns of the individuals in killing [REDACTED] was the fact that [REDACTED] obviously informs his wife, [REDACTED] every place he goes and whom he is going to contact or be with. As a result of this, the individuals felt they would have to be sure that [REDACTED] did not know [REDACTED] was going out with any of them ([REDACTED] HARVILL or BECKMAN). b7c

In the course of the comments made, [REDACTED] talked about [REDACTED] ability as a burglary and safe man, and according to informant, said [REDACTED] was a pretty good burglar and a good safe man, but did not use good sense when he made a good score, because he would show that he had money. [REDACTED] specifically pointed out one instance where he and [REDACTED] were on a \$17,000 score some time in the past and a few days thereafter [REDACTED] bought a brand new automobile and made a substantial payment on a new house. From information informant furnished, this appeared to be the burglary of the Community Federal Savings and Loan Association in St. Louis, Missouri, in January, 1960. b7c

According to informant, it was early in the morning of March 3, 1961, when these individuals finished their conversation, possibly 3:30 or 4:00 AM.

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At approximately 12:15 AM March 4, 1962, SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] arrived at the above mentioned scene and from observation it appeared that the two individuals who were slain were ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING and MELVIN JOHN BECKMAN, commonly known as "MEL".

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In the latter part of February, 1962, [redacted] advised that MEL BECKMAN, [redacted] and GEORGE "STORMY" HARVILL, were operating the Pines Lounge, 914 North 37th Street, East St. Louis, as a tavern and were regularly operating a poker game in the back room with comparably high stakes. The game frequently would run around the clock and on weekends operated continuously for 36-48 hours. This informant advised [redacted] were two of the tellers and BECKMAN, HARVILL and [redacted] took 8-10 hour shifts a piece as managers and overseers of the operation. According to this informant the Pines Lounge became a regular meeting place of various younger members of the WORTMAN Gang and also a hangout for well known St. Louis and East St. Louis police characters, pimps, hoodlums thieves and burglars. During this period, informant advised [redacted]

[redacted] frequented the Pines and discussed their problems regarding their operations. Informant advised that frequently BECKMAN, HARVILL, [redacted] and others went into discussions of new Federal legislation regarding gambling and racketeering and these individuals were of the opinion the new law had some "teeth" in them and would curtail their racketeering operations. b7c

Informant advised that on the evening of March 1, 1962, [redacted] made a visit to the Pines Lounge and was refused admission to the gambling room of the club after talking with [redacted]. This source advised [redacted] had apparently been tipped off [redacted] was enroute to the Pines and this tip-off apparently came through a [redacted] whom [redacted] had talked to in St. Clair County just prior to coming to the Pines.

As a result of [redacted] visit, [redacted] and others moved the gambling equipment out of the room in the event [redacted] returned with a search warrant. [redacted] was very incensed over [redacted] visit and felt [redacted] was putting too much pressure on the Pines and [redacted] indicated he would "like to kill that man", (meaning [redacted]).

According to the informant, after [redacted] visit to the Pines, he talked the matter over with [redacted]. After [redacted] had the discussion with these deputies, they proceeded directly to the Pines and told [redacted] and BECKMAN about their discussion with [redacted] and indicated that they did not want to cause BECKMAN or [redacted]

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or [REDACTED] for the operators of the Pines any trouble. According to the informant, deputies claimed they wanted to do what was right and advised BECKMAN and HARVILL to let [REDACTED] check the place a couple of times so that he could be satisfied.

According to the informant, as a result of this interest in the Pines by [REDACTED] it became obvious to HARVILL and [REDACTED] and BECKMAN that they were not going to be able to operate the Pines other than as a legitimate business and that if they could not operate gambling, the place would never be able to operate financially.

According to the informant, these individuals blamed all of their troubles, insofar as the pressure of the State Police, on the FBI agents, claiming the FBI was behind the whole thing, that they were putting [REDACTED] up to the pressure being brought on them.

According to the informant [REDACTED] was closely associated with BECKMAN, HARVILL and [REDACTED] and visited with them and talked over the problems of operating the place. According to this informant, [REDACTED] was paid \$500 per month to allow these individuals to operate their gambling.

According to the informant, after DOWLING and BECKMAN were killed, [REDACTED] and "STORMY" HARVILL realized they would not be able to keep the Pines Lounge open and they began plans to close the place and as of March 15, closed it down because of poor business and because local St. Clair County authorities would not give them a liquor license to operate.

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[REDACTED] b2 b7D advised there is no question that FRANK WORTMAN is apparently the final authority on any plans of action on the part of members of the WORTMAN outfit, that underlings in the WORTMAN organization apparently always check or clear with WORTMAN before making any plans or taking any particular action; that ELMER DOWLING also was in this position prior to his killing. Informant said TED WORTMAN apparently takes no real active part in the handling of the WORTMAN hoodlums.

[REDACTED] Informant said FRANK WORTMAN is apparently in bad financial condition and money he allegedly has had in the past has disappeared and recently WORTMAN had to lay out an amount of approximately \$93,000. Informant said there is some indication the Paddock Lounge in East St. Louis is in serious financial condition and it may be necessary to close this place. Informant further said FRANK WORTMAN wanted HARVILL and [REDACTED] to continue operation of the Pines Lounge but conditions were such that there was no business, and [REDACTED] and HARVILL had no money so it had to be closed. b7c

Informant said sometime after the killing of BECKMAN and DOWLING, [REDACTED] arranged for the arrest of one [REDACTED] according to [REDACTED] was allegedly following [REDACTED] and also, according to informant, had been watching the Pines Lounge from across the street on several nights. [REDACTED] according to informant, discussed this situation with [REDACTED] and HARVILL after [REDACTED] was in jail; [REDACTED] thereafter discussed [REDACTED] with FRANK WORTMAN and was told by WORTMAN the background of [REDACTED] but that [REDACTED] was not part of the outfit at present. [REDACTED] in turn told [REDACTED] this and based of this information [REDACTED] had [REDACTED] released from jail.

Informant said obviously MEL BECKMAN and ELMER DOWLING had been closely associated in the past and these two individuals had been "shaking down" many persons in the past and apparently would shake down not only hoodlums but business people if they could get something on the particular individual.

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Informant said [REDACTED] is  
apparently one of the principal legal advisors to the younger  
WORTMAN gang members; also that in the past they have discussed  
matters with [REDACTED]

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I.II.

Date April 16, 1962

On April 9, 1962, SAS [REDACTED] at 10:25 AM observed several automobiles parked at the Moat residence of FRANK WORTMAN, including the automobile known to normally be driven by [REDACTED], a 1959 black four-door Plymouth, the automobile usually driven by GEORGE "STORMY" HARVILL, a 1962 black Starfire Oldsmobile, a black four door 1961 Studebaker sedan normally driven by [REDACTED]. Also observed was a 1962 dark blue Lincoln four-door sedan and a 1962 white small Buick convertible with a black top bearing 1962 Illinois license [REDACTED]. License registrations for the State of Illinois for 1962 reflect the above 1962 license on the Buick are issued to [REDACTED] who is known to be the yardman at WORTMAN's Moat.

At 12:00 noon, April 9, 1962, [REDACTED] and GORDON FOSTER were observed at the Paddock Lounge, East St. Louis, talking with a [REDACTED].

Also observed having lunch at the Paddock at this time was [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was observed in conversation with FOSTER during this period. b7c

At approximately 12:40 AM, April 9, 1962, [REDACTED] and FOSTER were observed leaving the Paddock Lounge and going to the poolhall immediately north of the Paddock Lounge.

At approximately 2:35 PM, April 9, 1962, GEORGE "STORMY" HARVILL and [REDACTED] were observed entering the Paddock Lounge and leaving it a few minutes thereafter and entering the poolhall as previously mentioned just north of the Paddock Lounge. After approximately ten minutes these two individuals came out of the poolhall and departed from the Paddock Lounge in HARVILL's 1962 Oldsmobile.

At approximately 1:30 PM, April 9, 1962, the 1961 black Studebaker normally driven by [REDACTED] was observed in the parking lot of the Paddock Lounge and [REDACTED] was observed at approximately 1:25 PM, April 9, 1962, entering the 9th Street Cafe on North 9th Street in East St. Louis at which time he asked an unknown waitress if [REDACTED] was present. This cafe

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is operated by [REDACTED]

Also observed at the Paddock Lounge parking lot at 1:30 PM, April 9, 1962, was the 1956 Chrysler normally driven by JOE JANKO.

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Date April 17, 1962

At 12:35 p.m., April 13, 1962, the following individuals were observed seated together and talking at the Paddock Lounge, East St. Louis, Illinois:

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
GORDON FOSTER  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] was observed entering the Paddock Lounge at about 12:45 p.m. accompanied by a girl referred to as [REDACTED] stopped at the group of men mentioned above and talked with them a short time before leaving the Paddock Lounge.

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II. INVESTIGATION AT SCENE OF KILLING OF DOWLING AND  
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III. INTERVIEWS OF WORTMAN  
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According to [redacted] and "STORMY" HARVILL were at the Pines Lounge in East St. Louis when two individuals came in, believed to be [redacted].

The two deputies advised HARVILL and [redacted] had just been a double killing and one of the individuals found was believed to be MEL BECKMAN. According to the informant, thereafter the four individuals left the Pines Lounge at about 12:05 or 12:10 AM, March 4, 1962. b7c

According to the informant, for several days thereafter they were regular meetings at the Pines Lounge of HARVILL, [redacted] and other of their associates wherein they talked about killing of DOWLING and BECKMAN, but at no time did they indicate they actually knew who had done these killings. The informant advised FRANK WORTMAN was very upset over these killings and was like a wild man and a mad bull. According to this informant, it was brought out that a lot of the hoodlums, police characters were arrested both in St. Louis and East St. Louis totaling more than 100 "guys". The people arrested were members of the 3 outfits in the St. Louis-East St. Louis area, namely [redacted] and WORTMAN's men. The informant said these were the three organizations or outfits in the area. HARVILL, [redacted] and [redacted] on March 11, 1962, in the presence of the informant, mentioned that DOWLING and BECKMAN were supposed to meet an unknown individual on the night of March 3, 1962, and had talked with the individual they were to meet on the telephone, wherein it was agreed that the meeting was to be someplace convenient for both of them. They further mentioned that MEL BECKMAN and ELMER DOWLING had been "shaking down" this individual they were to meet and the person had planned to put his own (vending) machines in. The individuals agreed that as a result of this meeting the individual became scared and when pressure was put on him he probably pulled out a gun and shot both BECKMAN and DOWLING. Thereafter, there was a discussion about "hitting" this person but they felt that they had to be sure about what they were doing before this was done. (The individual they obviously were talking about was [redacted]) b7c

On March 12, 1962, HARVILL and [redacted] and the brother of "STORMY" HARVILL, [redacted] were talking in the presence of informant about various guns they had used and possessed and also of the number of guns in the possession of "BUSTER" (WORTMAN).

According to informant, as a result of all the problems over the killing of BECKMAN and DOWLING and the pressure of the State Police and FBI in the East St. Louis and St. Clair County

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area it appeared that all of them would probably have to find somewhere else to set up business and commented that they were "dead" in the East St. Louis area. [REDACTED] also made the same observations but they made no definite plans on where they would go or what they would do. They commented about prostitution activities in the area and again blamed the FBI and State Police for keeping prostitution down even though the Sheriff's Office did not strongly object to houses operating.

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IV. INVESTIGATION RE SUSPECT [REDACTED]

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VI. INVESTIGATION RE NAPKINS IN DOWLING'S POCKET  
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VIII. MISCELLANEOUS INTERVIEWS AND INVESTIGATION



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