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The news media of the East St. Louis, Illinois area carried information that a shooting had occurred at a tavern in Cairo, Illinois on the night of April 13, or early morning of April 14, 1966. One individual was killed in the shooting and the owner of the establishment was allegedly injured seriously. The individual who was killed was identified as DAVID CAUGHLIN, age 37, of Cairo, Illinois, who was shot when he went to the aid of the owner of the tavern CHARLES THOMPSON. According to the news THOMPSON, approximately 50 years of age, operated the Hub Lounge in Cairo.







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On May 10, 1966, the Alexander County Grand Jury, Cairo, Illinois, indicted PAUL BAYKOWSKI and VINCENT GENDRON on murder charges. JOHN ANSELMO and JAMES STEPHENS were charged with aiding and abetting in connection with above murder charges. These charges resulted from a shooting occurring on April 13, 1966, at the Hub Lounge in Cairo, Illinois, when a customer was shot and killed. This customer was DAVID CAUGHLIN, a Cairo hoodlum. CHARLES THOMPSON, owner and operator of the Hub Lounge, was shot three times but survived. A trial continuance has been obtained in connection with the above indictments until October, 1966. The defendants are endeavoring to obtain a change of venue.

IV. ACTIVITY AT PADDOCK LOUNGE

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 13, 1966

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At approximately 11:30 P.M., May 5, 1966, and (were at the Apollo Lounge in East St. Louis, Illinois, and observed in this tavern. was believed wanted by the East St. Louis Police. SA telephonically contacted and inquired if was wanted by that stated he would have to make a check and Department. find out. was advised by SA that the Apollo Lounge.

After leaving the Apollo, the above Agents went to the Paddock Lounge in East St. Louis located at Fifth and St. Louis Avenue, arriving there at approximately 12:15 to 12:30 A.M., May 6, 1966. On entering the Paddock Lounge, Agents observed seated in a booth at the tavern, part of the lounge. was observed in conversation with

Agents arrived at the Paddock Lounge, a telephone rang and the bartender called to the telephone. After taking the call, approached the booth where Agents were seated. At this point stated the call was from the police Department inquiring if was wanted by that Department. Said he did not know of any wanted concerning

Others observed in the Paddock Lounge were and one or two customers and the bartender.

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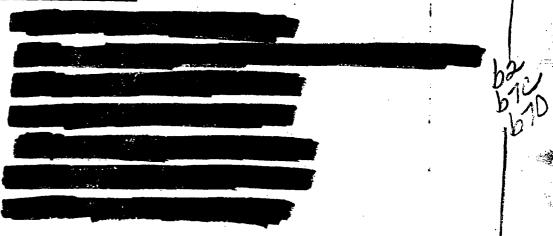
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forth.

Night Chief Deputy Sheriff WILLIAM B. ENGLAND of East St. Louis, Illinois, found guilty of income tax evasion 6/27/66. ENGLAND reportedly closely associated with WORTMANS. RICHARD DAVID ROBINSON, PAUL EDWARD ROBINSON, and AMOS LANE BRIDGES, known WORTMAN associates, indicted by Federal Grand Jury, East St. Louis, Illinois, on 9/19/66 for WSTA violation. The WORTMANS and their associates should be considered ARMED AND DANGEROUS in view of past history and in view of the fact that they have allegedly carried weapons in the past.

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The convictions were reversed and the cases remanded for retrial in April, 1965, by the U.S. Court of Appeals because of an erroneous instruction to the jury.

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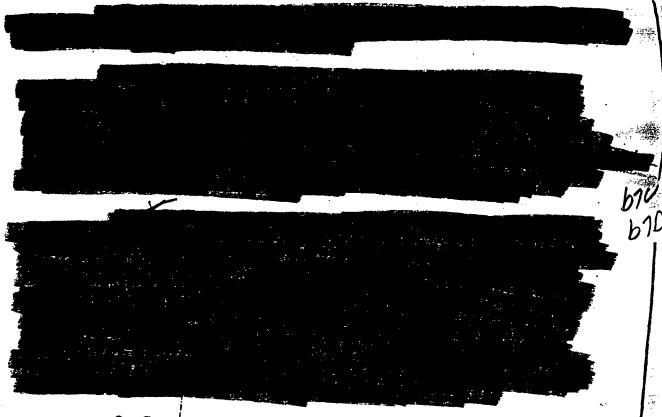
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On September 13, 1966, the facts concerning the activities of the following WORTMAN associates, RICHARD DAVID ROBINSON, PAUL EDWARD ROBINSON and AMOS LANE BRIDGES, were presented to the Federal Grand Jury sitting in East St. Louis, Illinois. All of the above are known pimps in the East St. Louis area.

On September 19, 1966, a true bill was returned by this grand jury charging these individuals with a violation of the White Slave Traffic Act and conspiracy to violate this Act. BRIDGES is presently out on bond in the State of Florida following his conviction for violation of the White Slave Traffic Act and the two ROBINSONs were surrendered by their attorney to the U.S. Marshal at East St. Louis, Illinois, on Friday, September 23, 1966. Arraignment for this matter has been set in U.S. District Court, East St. Louis, for October 11, 1966.

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No indication that any group congregated at the Paddock Lounge other than those previously identified. Trial of RICHARD DAVID ROBINSON, PAUL EDWARD ROBINSON, and AMOS LANE BRIDGES set for January 9, 1967, was continued to March 27, 1967. JAMES KAGE, former associate, indicted for postal violation St. Louis, Missouri.

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PERSONAL ACTIVITY OF THE WORTMANS





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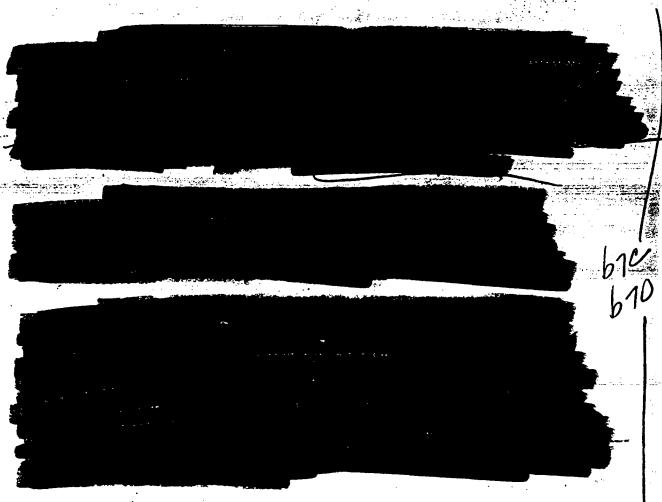
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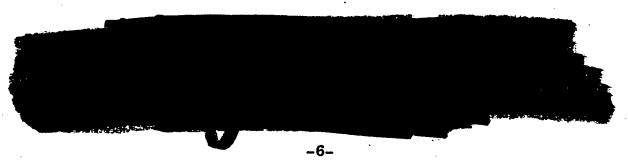


II.

ACTIVITY OF ASSOCIATES



Information was received from the St. Louis Division relative to a building utilized by WORTMAN as a gambling room and, according to this information, this room is located in a house or club near the McKinley Bridge in East St. Louis, believed to bear the number 711. According to this information, this operation has been going on for at least three years.







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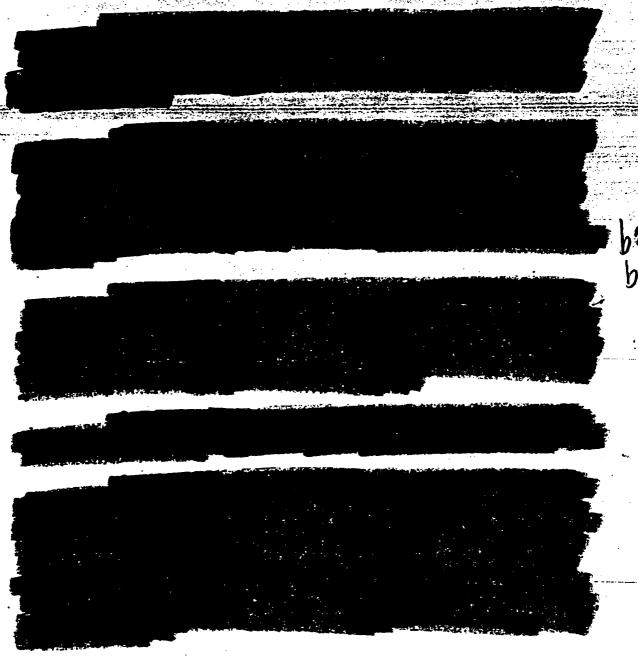
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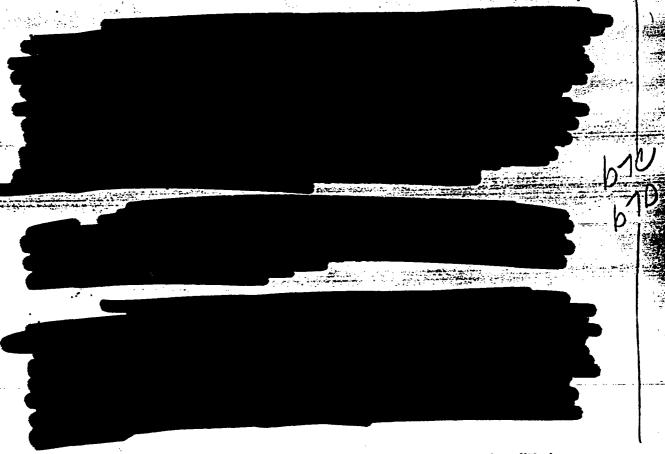
At 1:15 a.m., on November 20, 1966, an anonymous male telephoned the St. Louis Office and stated he had just been in Martino's Lounge, East St. Louis, Illinois, at which time he had talked with TED WORTMAN. He stated he was not from around this part of the country but that he is usually in Chicago, Illinois. He said he knew the WORTMANS from previous meetings in the Chicago area and stated during this brief conversation with TED WORTMAN that TED told him that "FRANK" had MELVIN BECKMAN and "DUTCH" DOWLING killed and that "we got it made now, Frank and me." This anonymous individual also said he was going to Los Angeles, California, on either November 20 or 21, 1966, and that he just wanted to relate this information.



On October 26, 1966, the St. Louis Division furnished the following information:







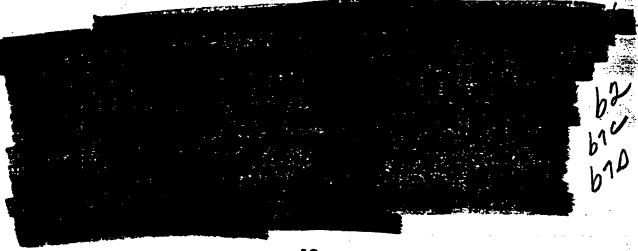
According to an article appearing in the "Metro East Journal," East St. Louis, Illinois, information was set forth that the empire of WORTMAN is falling apart through mounting tax difficulties. According to this article, GORDON FOSTER, a WORTMAN relative, had his home seized for delinquent taxes amounting to \$31,873.02. FOSTER's residence is located at 317 Hillside Drive in Collinsville, Illinois.

In this same article it was reported that ARTHUR J. BERNE, operator of the Paddock Lounge, is subject to being subpoenaed by the Illinois Liquor Control Commission as this Commission is concerned about \$6,269.34 which is allegedly owed to the state for sales tax.

This amount covers

the period from November, 1955 through May, 1957, when allegedly worked with ROBERT SHEER, a former WORTMAN associate in a Centreville Township handbook operation.

In another article in this same paper on December 2, 1966, it was reported that JAMES J. KAGE, who has in the past been a top WORTMAN lieutenant in the operation of the policy racket, was indicted along with three St. Louis area men on charges of possession of stolen Government property and conspiracy. The others involved in the Federal indictment are THEODORE EWING. age 45, of 8407 Winzenberg, St. Louis; BEN FEINSTEIN, age 51, of 1036 Rockman Place, St. Louis County; and VIRGIL LEE JACKSON, age 26, of 10505 Chevy Chase Drive, St. Louis County. KAGE's address was listed as 2220 A Nebraska Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri. The indictment stemmed from a raid on September 20, 1966, when the four men were arrested at which time they had in their possession 893 blank money orders previously identified as stolen in burglaries from Wright City, Defiance, and Augusta, Missouri, Post Offices. Also seized was a money order machine, a money order validating stamp and a set of money order limitation stamps.





As previously reported the ROBINSONs and BRIDGES were indicted by the Federal Grand Jury in East St. Louis, Illinois, and their trial was set for January 9, 1967, however, one of the witnesses involved in this case failed to appear and the trial was rescheduled for March 27, 1967.

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III.

ACTIVITY AT THE PADDOCK LOUNGE



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From spot checks and from information received from sources who frequent the Paddock Lounge there does not appear to be any great activity at this lounge nor is there a great congregation of WORTMAN associates in the Paddock Lounge.

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Information that a small handbook is being operated by ABE KAUFMAN has been furnished to local authorities in East St. Louis, Illinois. Also observed at the Paddock Lounge is JOHN MC CARTHY, a former pimp, who has in the past associated with members of the WORTMAN organization, is employed at the lounge as a bartender.



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