FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE LAS VEGAS	LAS VEGAS	DATE 11/29/63	9/25/63	e period - 11/26/63	
TITLE OF CASE IRVING RESNICK, aka Ash/Resnick		SA CHARACTER OF		b6 b7C	je
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REFERENCES:

Eureau letter to Las Vegas dated 7/24/63 captioned "THE THUNDERBIRD HOTEL, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, AR";

Las Vegas letter to Dallas dated 9/25/63, (interoffice);

Dallas letter to Las Vegas dated 10/9/63.

ENCLOSURES: BUREAU (2)

Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and one copy of a letter characterizing informants utilized in this report.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of:

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Office: Las Vegas, Nevada

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Field Office File No.:

LV 92-113

Bureau File No.:

Title:

Date:

IRVING RESNICK

Character:

ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

RESNICK, a white, male, American, born 3/6/16, Brooklyn, New York, is employed as Director of Sports, Thunderbird Hotel, and resides 1429 Coyuga Parkway, both Las Vegas, Nevada. RESNICK was at one time a professional or semiprofessional basketball player in the New York City area. Additional background information set forth. Sources state RESNICK is shylocking and may carry funds from Las Vegas to New York City.

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DETAILS:

This investigation is predicated upon information received from LV T-6 on October 7, 1963 that the source heard that ASH RESNICK of the Thunderbird Hotel was a member of a syndicate making quarterly trips to New York City.

AT LAS VEGAS, NEVADA:

PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

BIRTH DATA:

Records of the Clark County Sheriff's Office, when reviewed by Special Agent on February 12, 1962, reflected that IRVING RESNICK, commonly known as ASH RESNICK, was born March 16, 1916 at Brooklyn, New York.

EMPLOYMENT:

LV T-1 advised on November S, 1963 that ASH RESNICK is employed by the Thunderbird Hotel as a Director of Sports. Informant stated to his knowledge RESNICK has not been gone from the city of Las Vegas more than two times this year. Informant said that he recalls on the July 4 holiday that RESNICK was in Los Angeles, California.

FORMER EMPLOYMENTS:

Records of the Clark County Sheriff's Office, when
checked by Special Agent on February 12
1962, reflect that RESNICK on December 20, 1960 made an
application for a work permit to work at the Dunes Hotel,
Las Vegas, in the game of baccarat. RESNICK listed previous
employments with the Milton Berk, Inc., Newark, New Jersey,
and as a professional basketball player with the New York
Celtics, 1938 to 1948.
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There was a notation in these records that RESNICK
had been employed at the Riviera Hotel. Las Vegas, in July, 19

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On June 19, 1982, Berk Mont Company, telephonically advised Esected Agent that IRVING RESNICK owns 25 per cent of this company. He stated RESNICK has nothing to say or do with the operations or policies of the company. He said this company formerly operated on 525 11th Avenue, New York City, but was now located at 222 Frelinghuysen, Newark, New Jersey.

LV T-2 advised on May 15, 1962 that ASH RESNICK lost his New York meat business due to his excessive gambling.

RESIDENCE LV T-1 advised on November 8, 1963 that ASH RESNICK resides with his wife and daughter at 1429 Coyuga Parkway.

FORMER RESIDENCES:

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	New York City, advised
Special Agent	on August 5, 1959 that ASH
RESNICK and his wife resided in	Apartment 16 B. A two-year
lease was filed on September 1,	1957 by RESNICK at which time
he listed his employment as Pres	ident of the Milton Berk Inc.

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said this was a wholesale meat company. described RESNICK as about 45 years of age, 5' 10" to 5' 11",
220 pounds, and heavy set.
Records of the Clark County Sheriff's Office as checked by Special Agent, on February 12, 1962, reflected that on April 22, 1956, RESNICK resided at Apartment 73 of the Bali Hai Apartments, Las Vegas, and on December 20, 1960, RESNICK resided at 443 Desert Inn Road, Las Vegas.
The above records reflected RESNICK had resided in New York City at the Mayflower Hotel and at 350 West 57th Street, no dates shown.
MARITAL STATUS AND IMMEDIATE RELATIVES:
Records of the Clark County Sheriff's Office, on February 12, 1962 when checked by Special Agent reflected that on December 20, 1960 when RESNICK applied for work permit he listed his wife's name as
LV T-1 advised on November 8, 1963 that RESNICK's wife's name is and that they have an eight or nine year old
LV T-3 advised on November 4, 1963 that ASH RESNICK's present wife's name is and that she is a who worked at the Tropicana Hotel. Some time after marrying ASH RESNICK, went back to work at the Sahara Hotel. At this time she is not working.
LV T-2 advised on May 15, 1962 that RMSHICK has been married twice.
EDUCATION:
The records of the New York University, School of Education, as furnished by to Investigative Clerk, reflect the following on the subject:
IRVING RESNICK, 4921 12th Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, date of birth, March 6, 1916 at Brooklyn, New York, entered New York University, School of Education, in September, 1937. His previous education was New Utrecht High School, Brooklyn, New York. RESNICK was dropped in January, 1940 for poor scholarship.

Athletic officer. New York
University, advised Special Agent on November 9, 1962, that records at that Athletic Office show that IRVING RESNICK, 4921 12th Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, earned a freshman football letter in 1987 and varsity basketball letters through 1939. said that nothing further was in his records concerning subject. furnished the address of , retired, New York University basketball coach, who coached subject at New York University. also stated that was on vacation and would not return to New York until December 7, 1962.
Agent that he recalls subject playing basketball under him at New York University. also recalled that subject did not complete his education at New York University. said that after leaving New York University, he never heard of subject playing professional or semi-professional basketball with any team in New York. said that subject never played with the Original Celtics or Kate Smith's Celtics but may have played with some pick-up team exploiting the Celtics' name.
On November 1, 1962, JOSEPH LAPCHICK, Coach, St. Johns University, Queens, New York, and former member of the Original Celtics, advised Special Agent that he recalls subject as a basketball player at New York University and later as a professional with some of the players from the Original Celtics. LAPCHICK explained that in 1936 he left the Original Celtics who were then breaking up from old age. DAVEY BANKS, deceased, one of the Original Celtics, brought IRV "Ash" RESNICK into the group in 1938 or 1939 and RESNICK played several games with a team trading on the name Original Celtics. LAPCHICK described DAVEY BANKS as a "race track type guy". LAPCHICK stated he knew of no existing records of the Original Celtics but would make efforts to learn something more about the subject. On December 5, 1962, LAPCHICK advised he knew nothing more about subject other than hearing that subject is presently in Las Vegas, Nevada.
New York, advised Special Agent on December 5, 1962 that he recalls subject playing basketball at New York University. said that subject never played with the Original Celtics or Kate Smith's Celtics but did play professional

and semi-professional ball with teams from New York City. explained that this activity was prior to the organized professional leagues and was more in the nature of "town teams". He explained that someone like DAVEY BANKS would arrange a game with a team in Jersey City or Philadelphia and BANKS would pick up good players known to him and play the game under the name Celtics. could furnish nothing further on the subject.
New York Athletic
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subject but could furnish no additional pertinent invorbation about him.
CRIMINAL:
The records of the Thoroughbred Racing Protective Bureau reflected the following information as obtained by Special Agent on December 17, 1962:
April 20, 1946 - subject arrested at Jamaica Race Track; May 6, 1946 - subject ejected from Clubhouse for making book, warned not to return to Belmont Race Track; July 5, 1946 - subject arrested at Empire Race Track; October 26, 1946 - subject arrested at Jamaica Race Track February 28, 1947 - Belmont records an undesirable listing and warning not to return; March 15, 1957 - subject ejected from Gulfstream as recognized bookmaker.
It is noted that Empire, Belmont, and Jamaica are or were race tracks in the New York City area. Gulfstream is a race track in the Miami, Florida area.
The records of the New York City Police Department when checked by Investigative Clerk, on December 17, 1962 reflected was arrested for bookmaking on July 5, 1966 and fined \$50.00 or ten days. On October 26, 1946 was arrested for bookmaking and on December 27, 1946 received a sentence of three months in the work house, sentence suspended and fined \$100.00.

It is noted that the above arrests were by the 103rd Street New York City Police Department, which squad covered Jamaica Race Track. On November 27, 1962 Intelligence Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Brooklyn, New York advised Special Agent that he could not locate any record for the subject. On November 27, 1962 Intelligence Unit, Internal Revenue Service, New York City advised Special Agent that he could locate no record for subject. Records of the Clark County Sheriff's Office when reviewed by Special Agent February 12, 1962, that ASH RESNICK was arrested on April 22, 1956 by officers of the Clark County Sheriff's Office on the charge of Vagrancy at the El Rancho Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada. RESNICK was arrested because he was an associate of "known hoodlum", CHARLIE TORRINE, also known as Charlie white, and further that RESNICK was not known to have worked while in the Las Vegas, Nevada area. A notation appeared in this file that the Shariff's Office had received complaints that RESNICK was running a sports book "out of his pocket". At the time of his arrest, April 22, 1956, RESNICK had \$1,456.00 on his person and he claimed to be an athletic trainer. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Boston Celtics

LV T-2 advised on May 15, 1962 that he heard ASH RESNICK was an all-American football player as well as a nationally recognized basketball player out of New York University, New York City.

advised Special Agent -

Professional Basketball Team, Boston Garden, Boston, Massachusetts

Boston Celtics is not the successor of the old New York Celtics and that RESNICK is unknown to the Boston Celtics organization.

on April 6, 1962 that the

Name Born

Race Sex Nationality Height Weight Build Eyes Hair Appearance

Photograph available.

IRVING RESNICK, aka Ash Resnick

3/6/16

Brooklyn, New York

White Male American

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235 pounds

Heavy Brown

Brown, greying Round shouldered and large nose

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Information copies are submitted to these offices as additional investigation may be requested of New York, and Dallas has been alerted for any additional information regarding subject from

THE LAS VEGAS DIVISION

AT LAS VEGAS, NEVADA:

Will continue to investigate the activities of subject.

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Will obtain additional photographs of subject and furnish copies to the Eureau, Dallas, and New York.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Investigation in this case predates the earliest dates of the period as indicated in the report as this report primarily be contains information which has been compiled by this division.

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where necessary.

It is noted that Dallas has been alerted to furnish any additional information.

Subject was observed by SA on 11/21/63.

INFORMANTS:	
LV T-1	contacted by SA
	contacted by SA
LV T-3	contacted by SA

LV T-4 is Madison Square Garden, New York City (requested);	b2
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION Las Vegas, Nevada November 29, 1963

Title

IRVING RESNICK, also known as

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference Report of Special Agent dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION Las Vegas, Nevada November 29, 1963

IRVING RESNICK also known as Ash Resnick

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent dated and captioned as above at Las Vegas,

The following is a characterization of the informants utilized in referenced report:

LV T-1, because of his position of employment, is acquainted with the personnel at the Thunderbird Hotel and casino, Las Vegas, Nevada.

LV T-2 and LV T-3, because of their association with the gambling element in the Las Vegas, Nevada area, are able to furnish information pertaining to certain elements in the gambling field.

LV T-4, insufficient contact has been made with source.

LV T-5 is acquainted with certain gamblers in the Miami, Florida area.

LV T-6 is acquainted with gamblers in the Dallas, Texas and Las Vegas, Nevada area.

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REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD	
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IRVING RESNICK, aka		REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY	
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REFERENCE:

Las Vegas report dated 11/29/63, by SA

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ENCLOSURES: TO BUREAU (3)

One (1) negative and two (2) copies of a photograph of subject.

TO DALLAS AND NEW YORK

Two (2) copies each of a photograph of subject.

LEADS:

THE DALLAS AND NEW YORK DIVISIONS (INFORMATION)

Information copies are submitted to these offices as prior investigation has been conducted on subject by them.

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THE LAS VEGAS DIVISION

AT LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

Will remain alert through established and other sources to the activities of subject.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

All logical investigation has been conducted. As no violation has been developed, this case is being placed in a pending inactive status. A current report will be submitted in six months.

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UNIVED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Report of:

Date:

1/31/64

Office: Las Vegas, Nevada

Field Office File #:

92-113

Bureau File #: 92-5085

Title:

IRVING RESNICK

Character:

ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

RESNICK was interviewed on 1/3/64. RESNICK stated he knew of no individuals violating any laws. RESNICK refused to comment on questions concerning his interest in the casino at the Thunderbird Hotel.

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DETAILS:

AT LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

IRVING RESNICK, Thunderbird Hotel, was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent. RESNICK was also advised that he did not have to furnish any information and that any information he did furnish could be used against him in a court of law. RESNICK was also advised that he had a right to an attorney.

RESNICK said he did not understand the formality of this interview but that he would certainly help the FBI in any way possible. He stated he has always respected the FBI and he asked if he could be of assistance.

RESNICH was told he was being contacted because of certain allegations the FBI had received concerning him.

RESNICK was asked if he made trips from Las Vegas, Nevada, to the East and New York City in connection with the operation of the Thunderbird Hotel.

RESNICK stated he certainly did not understand the line of questioning he was being asked and that he felt he should not answer this type of question until he understood just what the agent was asking of him.

RESNICK was advised that he was most certainly aware that the FBI was vitally interested in hoodlum interest in the Las Vegas area.

RESNICK stated he was acquainted with many individuals in the gambling field. He said perhaps some of these individuals were persons the FBI considered to be hoodlums, but that to his knowledge, he knew of no individuals violating any laws.

RESNICK advised that the agent had to understand that Las Vegas is full of former gamblers from various parts of the country. He said that in time to come the management of casinos will be operated by individuals brought up within the ranks of the present employees of casinos. He said that at this time, most casino managements are individuals with prior gambling backgrounds from other parts of the country.

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RESNICK stated he had very little background in gambling. He said he is employed by the Thunderbird as the Director of Sports.

RESNICK said he was not connected with the casino operations of the Thunderbird Motel. He said for this reason he could not discuss any operation of the casino.

RESNICK was asked if he represented any undisclosed interest in the casino or had any knowledge concerning the skimming of casino funds.

RESNICK stated he had no comment to make concerning these questions and that he would not continue the discussion with the agent.

The interview was terminated at this time.

From observation, RESNICK is described as follows:

Name IRVING RESNICK, also known as Ash Resnick.

Race White Sex Male Age 45 G

Weight 235 pounds

Build Heavy

Hair Dark gray, curley Features Prominent nose

above interview from approximately 50 feet.



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D. C.

Date:

March 28, 1967

John Edgar Hoover, Director

E-439 HQ

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то**FBI**, Houston (92-556)

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Examination requested by: FBI, Houston

Reference:

Letter 3/16/67

Examination requested:

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Remarks:

Relet requested the FBI Laboratory to transcribe the Soundscriber records identified in the attached report as Ql and Q2 and furnish copies of the transcriptions to Houston and Las Vegas.

For your guidance, the Laboratory does not make transcriptions where they can be made in the field by personnel familiar with the case. The copies of Ql and Q2 being furnished Houston and Las Vegas are full-track recordings made at 3 3/4 inches per second and are suitable for playback on equipment available in both offices. Suggest Las Vegas, as origin, review tape copies and advise Houston as to any necessity for transcription.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D. C.

FBI, Houston (92-556)

Re: ASH RESNICK

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Date: FBI File No.

March 28, 1967 92-5085 Lab. No.

E-439 HQ

Specimens received

3/17/67

- Ql Plastic recording disc approximately 6 inches in diameter, recorded on both sides
- Q2 Plastic recording disc approximately 6 inches in diameter, recorded on one side

Result of examination:

Ql contained approximately ten minutes of recording on each side of the disc, the first two minutes of the recording on side one being substantially blank.

Q2 contained approximately fourteen minutes of recording on one side of the disc and no recording on the other side. Ql and Q2 were played back on a Soundscriber machine and two magnetic tape recording copies were made of all recorded material on QI and Q2. The tape recordings were made on a full-track recorder at 3 3/4 inches per second. The magnetic tape recordings are identified as Copy A of Ql, Sides 1 and 2, Copy B of Ql, Sides 1 and 2, Copy A of Q2, and Copy B of Q2.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Examination requested by: SAC, Houston (92-556) (Letter 3/16/67)

Examination requested:

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Date received: 3/17/67

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10 MAY 1962 EDITION GSA FPMR (41 CFR) 101-11.6 UNITED STATES GO RNMENT emorandum DIRECTOR, FBI DATE: 3/16/67 ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY SAC, HOUSTON (92-556) (P) ASH SUBJECT: AR 00: Las Vegas interview of 2/6/67, he furnished information pertaining and elsewhere. He with RESNICK, some personal and phone contacts to collect including markers <u>On one occasion</u> from RESNICK this he switched or nd made a He subsequently turned the record over to his attorney authorized to release the record to the FBI for confidential use in possible investigation of RESNICK. Attorney | located two Sound Scriber records in a cover envelope showing the date of 12/7/64 and the time of 2:00 and 4:30. Sound Scriber Company has apparently gone out of business. Accordingly the records are being enclosed to the Laboratory for transcription of the conversations on the two records. The records and transcription should be preserved for possible evidence. Copy of the transcription should be forwarded to Houston and Las Vegas and the original records can be be returned to Houston. CC - RE 2 - Bureau (Encs. 2) E(RM) 2 - Las Vegas (92-1842) 2 - Houston 12 MAR 2 AAG/bnk (6) 2 3/28/07

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advised he is furnishing the above in that CHAMBERLAIN's association with RESNICK does not look good for the game and could eventually become suspicious in that WILT can completely control a ball game by rebounds alone.

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Miami, New York and Las Vegas will furnish Phila-delphia identification and background data concerning RESNICK.