

OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

To: Director, FBI

Date: 2/18/61

From: SAC, Salt Lake City (92-264)

Subject: ASH RESNICK
ANTI-RACKETEERING

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Due to the opening of the Las Vegas Office, the following changes in the above case have been made:

A. Location of File

- () Entire file sent to Las Vegas herewith.
- () File sent to Las Vegas, except one copy of the following serials.
- () File retained in Salt Lake City but one copy of following serials sent to Las Vegas.

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REPORTING OFFICE LAS VEGAS	OFFICE OF ORIGIN LAS VEGAS	DATE 11/29/63	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 9/25/63 - 11/26/63
TITLE OF CASE IRVING RESNICK, aka Ash Resnick		REPORT MADE BY SA 	b6 b7C
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REFERENCES:

Bureau 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.

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ENCLOSURES: BUREAU (2)

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

APPROVED <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW	
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA [REDACTED]

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Office: Las Vegas, Nevada

Date: 11/29/63

Field Office File No.: LV 92-113

Bureau File No.:

Title: 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 semi-professional 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 BACKGROUNDBIRTH DATA:

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

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EMPLOYMENT:

LV T-1 advised on November 8, 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 [redacted] 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.

There was a notation in these records that RESNICK had been employed at the Riviera Hotel, Las Vegas, in July, 1955

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On June 19, 1962, [redacted] Milton Berk Meat Company, telephonically advised Special Agent [redacted] 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:

[redacted] New York City, advised Special Agent [redacted] 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 President of the Milton Berk Inc.

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[redacted] said this was a wholesale meat company. [redacted] 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 [redacted], 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 [redacted] reflected that on December 20, 1960 when RESNICK applied for work permit he listed his wife's name as [redacted]

LV T-1 advised on November 8, 1963 that RESNICK's wife's name is [redacted] and that they have an eight or nine year old [redacted]

LV T-3 advised on November 4, 1963 that ASH RESNICK's present wife's name is [redacted] and that she is a [redacted] who worked at the Tropicana Hotel. [redacted] some time after marrying ASH RESNICK, went back to work [redacted] at the Sahara Hotel. At this time she is not working.

LV T-2 advised on May 15, 1962 that RESNICK has been married twice.

EDUCATION:

The records of the New York University, School of Education, as furnished by [redacted] to Investigative Clerk, [redacted] 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.

[redacted] Athletic officer, New York University, advised Special Agent [redacted] 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 1937 and varsity basketball letters through 1939. [redacted] said that nothing further was in his records concerning subject. [redacted] furnished the address of [redacted], retired, New York University basketball coach, who coached subject at New York University. [redacted] also stated that [redacted] was on vacation and would not return to New York until December 7, 1962.

On December 17, 1962, [redacted] advised Special Agent [redacted] that he recalls subject playing basketball under him at New York University. [redacted] also recalled that subject did not complete his education at New York University. [redacted] said that after leaving New York University, he never heard of subject playing professional or semi-professional basketball with any team in New York. [redacted] 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.

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On November 1, 1962, JOSEPH LAPCHICK, Coach, St. Johns University, Queens, New York, and former member of the Original Celtics, advised Special Agent [redacted] 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.

[redacted] Manhattan College, Bronx, New York, advised Special Agent [redacted] on December 5, 1962 that he recalls subject playing basketball at New York University. [redacted] 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. [redacted] 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. [redacted] could furnish nothing further on the subject.

[redacted] New York Athletic Club. [redacted] recalls subject but could furnish no additional pertinent information about him.

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The records of the Thoroughbred Racing Protective Bureau reflected the following information as obtained by Special Agent [redacted] 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 23, 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, [redacted] on December 17, 1962 reflected [redacted] was arrested for bookmaking on July 5, 1946 and fined \$50.00 or ten days. On October 26, 1946 [redacted] 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.

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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 [redacted] Intelligence Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Brooklyn, New York advised Special Agent [redacted] that he could not locate any record for the subject.

On November 27, 1962 [redacted] Intelligence Unit, Internal Revenue Service, New York City advised Special Agent [redacted] that he could locate no record for subject.

Records of the Clark County Sheriff's Office when reviewed by Special Agent [redacted] 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 Sheriff'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:

[redacted] Boston Celtics Professional Basketball Team, Boston Garden, Boston, Massachusetts advised Special Agent [redacted] on April 6, 1962 that the Boston Celtics is not the successor of the old New York Celtics and that RESNICK is unknown to the Boston Celtics organization.

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.

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Name	IRVING RESNICK, aka Ash Resnick
Born	3/6/16
	Brooklyn, New York
Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Height	6'
Weight	235 pounds
Build	Heavy
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Brown, greying
Appearance	Round shouldered and large nose
Photograph available.	

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LEADS:

THE DALLAS AND NEW YORK DIVISIONS: (INFORMATION)

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 [redacted]

THE LAS VEGAS DIVISION

AT LAS VEGAS, NEVADA:

Will continue to investigate the activities of subject.

Will obtain additional photographs of subject and furnish copies to the Bureau, 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 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 [redacted] on 11/21/63.

INFORMANTS:

[redacted] LV T-1 [redacted] contacted by SA [redacted]

[redacted] LV T-2 [redacted] contacted by SA [redacted]

LV T-3 [redacted] contacted by SA [redacted]

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LV T-4 is [redacted]
Madison Square Garden, New York City (requested);

[redacted] LV T-5 [redacted] contacted by SA [redacted]

[redacted] LV T-6 [redacted] contacted by SAs [redacted]
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Las Vegas, Nevada
November 29, 1963

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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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Las Vegas, Nevada
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IRVING RESNICK _____
also known as
Ash Resnick

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

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 Las Vegas	OFFICE OF ORIGIN Las Vegas	DATE 1/31/64	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 1/3/64
TITLE OF CASE IRVING BESNICK, aka		REPORT MADE BY SA 	TYPED BY alf
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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.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of:

[Redacted]

Office: Las Vegas, Nevada

Date:

1/31/64

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

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January 15, 1964

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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.

RESNICK 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.

On 1/3/64 at Las Vegas, Nevada File # LV 92-113
by SAs [redacted] alf ^{b6} ^{b7C} Date dictated 1/9/64

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 Hotel. 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
Height	6'
Weight	235 pounds
Build	Heavy
Hair	Dark gray, curly
Features	Prominent nose

It is noted that SA [redacted] observed the above interview from approximately 50 feet.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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To: **FBI, Houston (92-556)**

Date:

March 28, 1967

Re **ASH RESNICK
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(OO: LV)**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **92-5085 - 4**
Lab. No. **E-103**
E-439 HQ

Examination requested by: **FBI, Houston**

Reference: **Letter 3/16/67**

Examination requested: **Engineering**

Remarks:

Relet requested the FBI Laboratory to transcribe the Soundsciber records identified in the attached report as Q1 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 Q1 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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WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: **FBI, Houston (92-556)**
Re: **ASH RESNICK
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Date: **March 28, 1967**
FBI File No. **92-5085**
Lab. No. **E-439 HQ**

Specimens received **3/17/67**

Q1 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:

Q1 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. Q1 and Q2 were played back on a Soundscriber machine and two magnetic tape recording copies were made of all recorded material on Q1 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 Q1, Sides 1 and 2, Copy B of Q1, Sides 1 and 2, Copy A of Q2, and Copy B of Q2.

Q1, Q2, Copy A of Q1, and Copy A of Q2 are being forwarded your office under separate cover via registered mail. Copy B of Q1 and Copy B of Q2 are being forwarded to FBI, Las Vegas, under separate cover via registered mail.

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