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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, LAS VEGAS (172-NEW) (P)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

ASH RESNICK;  
 JOE LOUIS;  
 WILT CHAMBERLAIN  
 SPORTS BRIBERY  
 (OO: Philadelphia)

On 3/6/68, [REDACTED] Nevada Gaming Control Board, Carson City, Nevada, advised that his agency had received the following information from a Philadelphia source:

[REDACTED] and ASH RESNICK, who are described as Caesars Palace Casino executives, Las Vegas, along with JOE LOUIS, ex-heavyweight champion were in Philadelphia. These individuals were observed in Philadelphia in contact with WILT CHAMBERLAIN, the well known professional basketball player. This meeting occurred two or three weeks ago. Subsequent to this meeting, a very important game was played involving the Philadelphia team, and there was a considerable amount of gambling money paid on the game. CHAMBERLAIN is alleged to have twisted his knee in practice just prior to the game or the day before the game. This resulted in a very poor performance during the game. As a result of CHAMBERLAIN's poor performance a heavily one-sided score was made against Philadelphia. As a result of this score, much gambling money is alleged to have changed hands.

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[redacted] advised that it is his understanding that there is currently a witness who has direct knowledge of this activity in jail in the Philadelphia area. This person is turning State's evidence and has indicated he will testify in this particular matter.

It is noted that [redacted] telephonically contacted SA [redacted] in Las Vegas approximately two weeks ago, and had advised that he recently saw [redacted] RESNICK, and LOUIS in a west side bar in New York City. This occurred at approximately the time the new Madison Square Garden was being opened in New York.

Philadelphia is requested to attempt to verify that such a basketball game occurred where CHAMBERLAIN played while injured, resulting in a one-sided score. Philadelphia should contact sources in an attempt to determine if any information can be developed regarding Sports Bribery. It is pointed out that no open inquiry should be made regarding this matter without further information being developed and appropriate authority received.

New York is requested to contact [redacted] to verify the exact dates that [redacted] RESNICK, and LOUIS were in the New York area.

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

FROM : J. H. Gale

SUBJECT: WILT CHAMBERLAIN  
SPORTS BRIBERY

DATE: March 12, 1968

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An investigator for the Nevada Gaming Control Board has advised that according to information received by his agency from a Philadelphia source, Wilt "The Stilt" Chamberlain, star center for the Philadelphia "76ers" professional basketball team recently met in Philadelphia with ex-heavyweight champion Joe Louis, [redacted] and "Ash" Resnick. It is noted that the latter two are executives of Caesar's Palace, Las Vegas gambling casino. Subsequent to this meeting, a very important game was played involving the "76ers." Chamberlain turned in a poor performance in the game with the result that the "76ers" lost a heavily one-sided game. Allegedly, considerable gambling money changed hands as a result of the score of that game.

Inasmuch as "Ash" Resnick is a friend of such hoodlum and gambling notables as Meyer Lansky, Vincent "Jimmy Blue Eyes" Alo, and Charlie "The Blade" Tourine and has been involved in the past in fixing prize fights, our Philadelphia Office is conducting appropriate inquiries to determine if, in fact, a violation of the Sports Bribery Statute exists.

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For your information.

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Gale
- 1 - Mr. McAndrews
- 1 - Mr. Baker

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (172-92)

FROM : SAC, LAS VEGAS (172-10)

SUBJECT: [redacted]

DATE: 4/11/68

IRVING ASH RESNICK;  
JOE LEWIS;  
WILT CHAMBERLAIN;  
SPORTS BRIBERY  
OO: Philadelphia

Re Las Vegas letter to the Bureau, 3/6/68  
entitled as above and Philadelphia letter to the Bureau,  
2/23/68, entitled "IRVING RESNICK, aka AR."

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The Bureau and Philadelphia are requested to refer to referenced Philadelphia letter which sets out information furnished by GEORGE CASEDA, Sports Reporter for the "Philadelphia Sunday and Evening Bulletin." It would appear that CASEDA is probably the source of information furnished by [redacted] Investigator, Nevada Gaming Control Board, set out in Las Vegas communication. It is being suggested that this investigation be captioned as above in view of that fact that the original allegation was against all four subjects named in title. RESNICK, however, is the subject of an anti-racketeering investigation at Las Vegas, Las Vegas file 92-1842, Bufile 92-9303. Copies of investigation conducted by other offices can also be made a part of this file.

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For the information of Philadelphia, no open inquiry has been made at Las Vegas regarding the activities of Caesars Palace executives, namely [redacted] and RESNICK with CHAMBERLAIN and other members of the Philadelphia "76ers". During contact with [redacted] on 3/12/68, however, this source advised that during January, 1968, CHAMBERLAIN and another member of the [redacted] described as a [redacted]

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[redacted] spent considerable time with ASH RESNICK at Caesars Palace. She recalled

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that JOE LOUIS, former heavyweight champion, also spent time with these two individuals. Although LOUIS is not a Caesars Palace employee, he does spend considerable time there and he is a constant companion of RESNICK's. RESNICK is a casino manager at Caesars Palace and as pointed out in referenced Philadelphia letter has a reputation for being a "fixer" and reportedly is an associate of MEYER LANSKY, VINCENT AELO and CHARLES TOURINE. RESNICK has numerous contacts in the sporting world and whenever persons of national prominence are guests at the Caesars Palace Hotel he has the authority to "compliment" their bills.

While reviewing hotel registration records at Caesars Palace on 3/21/68 on an unrelated matter, Hotel [redacted] reviewed a list reflecting complimentary (free) guests at Caesars Palace during January, 1968. Although this list was not made available for review by SA [redacted] it was noted that the name WILT CHAMBERLAIN followed by the name [redacted] (probably Philadelphia 76er [redacted]) appeared on the complimentary list as guests of the hotel during January.

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Philadelphia is requested to attempt to verify a professional basketball game occurring wherein CHAMBERLAIN played while injured resulting in a one-sided score. Contact reliable sources in an attempt to determine if any information can be developed regarding a sports bribery on the part of the subjects.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 6/24/68

FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (172-12) (C)

SUBJECT:

ASH, RESNICK;  
JOE LOUIS;  
WILLY CHAMBERLAIN  
POSSIBLE SPORTS BRIBERY

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ON 2/12/68  Philadelphia Evening Bulletin reporter, telephonically advised the Philadelphia Office that GEORGE KISED A (previously reported as CASEDA) had information concerning RESNICK and CHAMBERLAIN which may be of interest to the Bureau.

KISED A advised on 2/14/68, that he is a sports writer of the Philadelphia Evening and Sunday Bulletin, and assigned to cover all the Philadelphia "76 ers" team play in the National Basketball Association (NBA). This assignment required KISED A to travel with the team on out of town games. He furnished the following:

In June 1968 while on a road trip to Los Angeles, the entire "76 er" team were weekend guests at Caesar's Palace, Las Vegas, as guest of IRVING "ASH" RESNICK, sports director and allegedly part owner of Caesar's Palace. RESNICK is a former professional basketball player and gambler having a number of arrests. He also allegedly is a close associate of VINCENT ALO, MEYER LANSKY and CHARLES TOURINE. The team's weekend at Caesar's Palace was arranged by CHAMBERLAIN and RESNICK.

KISED A further advised that on 2/9/68, the "76 ers" were at Madison Square Garden, New York, playing the New York "Knickerbockers". The "76 ers" were defeated by a large score and CHAMBERLAIN complained of a bad knee and indicated to the press that he would probably not be able to play against the St. Louis Hawks in Miami, Fla.,

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on 2/11/68. This alleged injury got much publicity on 2/10 and 11/68. On 2/11/68 in Miami, CHAMBERLAIN brought RESNICK and JOE LOUIS (former boxing champ and now an employee of Caesar's Palace) into the "76 er's" locker room there to the press box, where they were furnished accommodations at CHAMBERLAIN'S request. KISED A said that following the arrival of RESNICK in Miami, CHAMBERLAIN did not complain of his knee and in fact played the greatest game of the season and the "76 ers" won by more than 20 points in a game in which the "76 ers" were the under dog (due to CHAMBERLAIN'S alleged injury).

KISED A stated on 2/14/68 and again on 4/26/68 that he has absolutely no evidence of wrong-doing on the part of CHAMBERLAIN and/or RESNICK in regard to point spread or regulating the games, however, the turn of events does look suspicious.

Numerous Philadelphia sources of information were contacted with negative results concerning possible gambling activities of CHAMBERLAIN.

On 3/11/68 PCI [redacted] advised that he had once heard that WILT CHAMBERLAIN placed bets through an unknown girl with a local bookie [redacted]

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By letter dated 4/4/68, the New York Office advised that on 3/12/68 [redacted] said he heard that [redacted] ASH RESNICK and JOE LOUIS were in New York 2/10 to 12/68.

On 3/12/68 [redacted] advised that CHAMBERLAIN and a second member of the "76 ers" described as [redacted], spent considerable time with RESNICK at Caesar's Palace.

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Las Vegas letter to Director reflects RESNICK is subject of AR investigation by that office. In the absence of an allegation or any evidence of sports bribery, all information was furnished Las Vegas by letter dated 4/30/68, at which time the case was closed administratively.