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TITLE OF CASE RUSSELL DOUGLAS MATTHEWS, aka R. D. Matthews		Report made by IVAN D. LEE	Typed By: SS
		CHARACTER OF CASE ITAR - GAMBLING	

Synopsis:

REFERENCE:

Dallas letter to Bureau, 4/8/63;
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Dallas letter to St. Louis and Little Rock, 6/25/63 (IO);

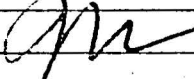
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LEADS:

LITTLE ROCK AND ST. LOUIS - INFORMATION:

One copy of this report is being furnished to the Little Rock Division in that information developed indicates subject travels to Hot Springs, Arkansas, and apparently is acquainted with several of the gamblers in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

One copy is furnished to the St. Louis Division inasmuch as referenced airtel included a lead for that Division to identify a subscriber to a telephone number and furnish the

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CC. AAG Criminal Division,
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results to the Dallas Division and the Little Rock Division.

NEW ORLEANS DIVISION

Will identify the following individuals through a check of the credit and criminal records and establish sources in their respective areas. Will furnish this information to the Dallas Division along with any available photograph from the law enforcement agency for possible future use in identifying the subject's contacts in Dallas, Texas.

AT BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI

D. J. VENUS, III, telephone #ID-4-4268

AT LAUREL, MISSISSIPPI

JIM BLACKWELL, aka Blackie, telephone #4251702

AT SHREVEPORT, LA.

GEORGE BOX, telephone #423-9427

AT NEW ORLEANS, LA.

1. SAMMY PAXTON, telephone #523-0147
2. FRED BROUSSARD, Bolton Ford Company

OKLAHOMA CITY DIVISION

AT OKLAHOMA CITY

1. Will cause a check to be made of the Toll records charged to telephones available to GEORGE EDWARD BARNES and furnish the same to the Dallas Division for a possible evaluation in an effort to determine BARNES and the subject's involvement in the proposed gambling club in Tarrant County, Texas.

2. Will ascertain through informants, if BARNES possibly furnishing money to MATTHEWS for the establishment of a gambling club near Ft. Worth, Texas.

DALLAS DIVISION

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AT DALLAS, TEXAS

1. Will follow the subject's activities through established sources, spot surveillances, in an effort to ascertain if he is in violation of the Federal ITAR Statute.

2. Will obtain toll calls charged to the subject's phone at his residence, 4817 Reiger Street, for a period of the last three months.

AT FT. WORTH, TEXAS

Will identify subscriber to telephone #BU-1-1699, and thereafter conduct credit, criminal, and source investigation for background information and ascertain if this individual could possibly be involved in the alleged opening of a gambling Club near Ft. Worth, Texas.

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

It is noted that the extensive period covers the investigation period in this investigation, however, some of the information was reported prior to the Dallas Division opening a case under the ITAR Statute. It is noted that several of the telephone numbers set forth in leads to various offices was obtained from a highly confidential source of the Criminal Intelligence Section, Dallas PD, who requested that this information be not disseminated outside of the FBI. In conducting the investigation, no reference should be made to the source, or should the investigation indicate that this information came from a highly confidential source.

Mr. R. A. BURROW, Chief Special Agent, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Dallas, Texas, was contacted by SA IVAN D. LEE on 5/10/63.

The following is a summary of pertinent information received from informants and confidential sources of the Dallas Division in connection with this matter.

The sources have requested that their identity remain confidential.

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On 4/3/63, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that the subject had been in Hot Springs, Arkansas about the middle of March, 1963. He also advised on this date that MATTHEWS had left Dallas, Texas on the morning of 4/3/63 en route to Hot Springs, Arkansas via Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, where he was to pick up Oklahoma City gambler, GEORGE EDWARD BARNES. Informant stated that BARNES and MATTHEWS were to meet some unknown individual in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

On 4/7/63, informant stated that MATTHEWS had returned to Dallas and residing with his daughter, PEGGY ANN MATTHEWS, who is employed at the Texas State Bank and Trust Company in the Credit Department. [REDACTED]

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On 5/3/63, [REDACTED] Criminal Intelligence Section, Dallas, PD, stated that information had been developed that MATTHEWS had recently contacted one GEORGE BOX, Shreveport, Louisiana, telephone number 423-9427 concerning a possible "two day score". He had also contacted a JIM BLACKWELL of Laurel, Mississippi, telephone #425-1702. According to [REDACTED] MATTHEWS was spending a considerable amount of time attempting to raise enough money to obtain the release, on bond, of his friend, GEORGE FUQUA, who was recently incarcerated at the Kansas State Penitentiary.

Pol. Intell

[REDACTED] stated that according to their source, MATTHEWS has been in contact with JOHN ELI STONE, a known Dallas bookmaker and gambler, TOMMY POTTS, a known Ft. Worth gambler, SOFIE GEBRON, a Dallas bookmaker, and GEORGE EDWARD BARNES, a known gambler from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. According to [REDACTED] they were going to open a gambling club located somewhere on the west side of the Ft. Worth City limits. According to source, the sheriff of Tarrant County had agreed to let them operate on the West side of the County as there is too much "Federal heat" created by the operation of a gambling joint operated on the East side of Tarrant County.

Pol. Intell

[REDACTED] stated that source has been in contact with CLARK BOYD HAMILTON, a known Dallas highjacker and hoodlum.

Pol. Intell

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On 5/31/63, [REDACTED] stated that the source had received information that Hot Springs, Arkansas gamblers, JACK GUNTER and HUBERT DANE HARRIS, were in Dallas, Texas on 5/30/63 and were urgently attempting to contact the subject. Source subsequently learned that MATTHEWS did not want to have any contact with GUNER at this time. *Pol. Intell*

[REDACTED] stated that according to their source, MATTHEWS was in contact with the following individuals located outside of Dallas, Texas: *Pol. Intell*

SAMMY PAXTON, New Orleans, La., telephone #5230147

JIM BLACKWELL, Laurel, Miss.
425-1702

GEORGE BOX, Spot Club, Shreveport, La.
telephone #423-9427

BASIL BRITTON NEWTON, Las Vegas, Nevada,
telephone #385-9748.

GEORGE EDWARD BARNES, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
telephone #WI 6-4353

D. J. VENUE, III., Biloxi, Mississippi,
ID 4-2668

[REDACTED] stated that most of the above contacts were of a hoodlum type conversation which indicated to their source that all the individuals were aware of MATTHEWS background and were possibly involved with the criminal element themselves. *Pol. Intell*

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