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AT INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

1. Will report information in Indianapolis files concerning JOHN FORMOSA, alleged front for GIANCANA in the M & J Motel, Gary, Indiana, a place of prostitution.

2. Will report any information indicating tie-up of GIANCANA with ANTHONY PINELLI, Gary and Los Angeles hoodlum, as testimony before the Senate Select Committee indicated.

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SALT LAKE CITY DIVISION

AT LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

- 1. Will attempt to ascertain incoming and outgoing telephone numbers received or called by subject under the name of S. FLOOD at the Desert Inn Hotel in March, 1959.
- 2. Will advise the Chicago Office if the names PETER, ED, CHARLIE and JANICE as a group have any particular significance.

CHICAGO DIVISION

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Will continue to follow and report the activities of subject.

CLEVELAND, DETROIT, AND SPRINGFIELD DIVISIONS - INFORMATION

Information copies are being submitted for Detroit, Cleveland and Springfield in view of the situation reported concerning the Trans American Surety Company.

INFORMANTS:

In addition to the informants utilized in this report, the following informants are currently in a position to furnish information regarding the subject:

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MISCELLANEOUS

Attempt to Corner Bail Bond Business

On June 17, 1959, Chicago T-2 was interviewed at the Criminal Court Building, 2600 South California, by SAs WILLIAM F. ROEMER, Jr., and PAUL B. FRANKFURT.

Chicago T-2 stated he did not know SAM GIANCANA personally and would not know him if he saw him. He states he does know him by reputation. He did not know who had given his name to GIANCANA, but thought an explanation for it might be that at about 10:00 a.m. last Monday, June 15, 1959, he was stopped in the hall of the Criminal Court Building by MIKE BRODKIN, attorney. BRODKIN stated he understood that he was not getting along too well with surety companies he writes bonds with. He said there was a company coming into town which is out of Indianapolis and that "MOONEY" was interested in it and MOONEY had given him his name. He said BRODKIN had mentioned the name of the bonding company he was interested in and said it sounded like United Bonding Company or a name similar to it. The

informant related that he knew who "MOONEY" was and who BRODKIN represents, and further that he, himself, is on a friendly business basis with PAT CERONE, IRV WEINER, and ED MORRIS, who are some of the leading bondsmen in the city and he is aware that PAT CERONE and IRV WEINER have connections with the outfit. He thought because of his association with these people his name might have been recommended as a person to bring in to represent the colored interests on the South Side. Chicago T-2 said he told BRODKIN that he was getting along all right with his present companies, but that he was always open to a good proposition.

He said after his initial conversation with BRODKIN, he called FRANK WRIGHT, President, United Bonding Company, 830 East 38th Street, Indianapolis, which company he represents and with whom he is a close friend. He said WRIGHT told him that he had heard of the company which BRODKIN had mentioned to him and said that the outfit was behind this company in Indianapolis where a man named HADLEY was operating it, and that the company was no good. He further stated that a hoodlum in Cleveland also has the agency for this company there, but he did not know his name.

Chicago T-2 stated he has given this matter considerable thought and that knowing that the outfit controls certain judges and that there are powerful people behind this operation, he did not feel that he could flatly turn down the invitation to join up with this new company, especially when he knew who was behind it. He said that he had talked to BRODKIN yesterday and had told him that he wanted to stay in business and did not want any "moth" to grow on him and that he was leaving it up to him to include him in the new company if he thought it was a good thing to do. He felt, therefore, that within the next month or so he very well could be writing bonds for a company that is apparently being backed by the outfit.

Chicago T-2 further remarked that since the bail bond scandal broke, a new association of bondsmen has been formed with the purpose of forming certain policies to be followed in the future in an effort to eliminate chicanery on part of bondsmen

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as well as city officials. Officers in this association are IRV WEINER, President, ED MORRIS, Secretary, and TONY HORTON as Treasurer.

Chicago T-2 believes that since the outfit is behind this new company they are attempting to freeze out a majority of the other bondsmen and take over the bonding business in other larger cities as well. He said that if IRV WEINER, PAT CERONE, ED MORRIS, and TONY HORTON were to associate themselves with the new company, they could sew up ninety per cent of the bonding business in Chicago. He further stated that if they had a majority of the bonding business in five of the larger cities they would be able to take \$15,000 per week out of the business.

Chicago T-2 further inquired as to the present status of ED and GEORGE JONES, former policy wheel operators on the South Side, who are now in Mexico City, Mexico. He said he wondered about their present connections with the outfit as he understands when anyone from the syndicate goes to Mexico he finds out that generally they have visited with ED JONES before they return. He further stated that the son of an Italian hoodlum, whose name he cannot recall, had spent some time with ED JONES in Mexico. He also advised he had learned that JONES has been to Switzerland on frequent occasions, but does not know for what reason. He commented that he is also on friendly terms with ED JONES and knows his wife, and they have been out together socially, and he speculated that if GIANCANA had been to Mexico he possibly could have been in contact with JONES, and JONES could have given his name to GIANCANA and possibly have recommended him in this bail bond venture.

Chicago T-3 advised SAs RALPH R. HILL, Jr., and PAUL B. FRANKFURT on June 23, 1959, that a new bonding company is being formed in Indianapolis, Indiana, named the United Public Insurance Company, headed by (FNU) SCHLOSS. The General Manager is JIM (0.J.) HELBURN or HILBURN. Their address is 108 East Washington Street, Indianapolis. Until recently, this company has engaged almost exclusively in automobile insurance, but about a month or two ago, the company applied to the United States Treasury Department for a Federal Qualification to write bonds in Federal Courts. The United Public Company was formed

INFORMANTS

Chicago T-1

SANDY SMITH, "Chicago Tribune" reporter, Column 2, contacted by SA RALPH R. HILL, Jr.

Chicago T-2

TONY HORTON, PCI, Contacted by SA PAUL B. FRANKFURT, June 17, 1959.

Chicago T-3

FRANK E. WRIGHT, President, United Bonding Insurance Company, Indianapolis (Requested). Contacted by SAs HILL and FRANKFURT, June 23, 1959.

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