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REFERENCES

Report of SA REGIS L. KENNEDY, 9/24/63, at New Orleans.
New York letter to New Orleans, 1/8/64.
Newark letter to New Orleans, 1/16/64.

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ENCLOSURES

TO BUREAU

Two copies of a letterhead memorandum characterizing informant.

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Elmdale, Chicago, Illinois, who was identified as the wife of HAROLD HADESMAN, FBI #1691158, a jewel thief and a burglar.

INFORMANT

T-32 is ESTELLE KASS, a PCI of the Miami Office.

ADMINISTRATIVE

A careful review of the investigation conducted in this case has failed to develop positive information that subject, SAM DI PIAZZA, was the individual that was making long distance telephone calls from the Fontainebleau Motel for gambling purposes. It is noted that during the time these calls were made from the Fontainebleau Motel this motel was frequented by GILBERT LEE BECKLEY and his nine associates who were on trial in the U. S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana, on an Internal Revenue violation. It is noted that it has been possible to establish the identity and location of a number of individuals who have been or are suspected of being a gambling figure in their respective communities. The various offices who have conducted investigation have been able to open investigation on these individuals or use the information in their investigation.

In view of the fact that it is not possible to establish that DI PIAZZA was the individual making these calls, this case is being closed and the material developed will be used for future intelligence purposes.

For information, HERMAN CARLISLE is a PCI in the Birmingham Office and is carried under BH 282-PC.

CARLISLE has been fairly cooperative in furnishing information to the Birmingham Office concerning gambling activities, but he appears reluctant at times to discuss certain individuals.

Investigation has been conducted concerning JAMES VERDO KILGORE, by the Birmingham Office during the year, 1963, under the character of ITWI, but this case is currently closed. Investigation failed to reflect that KILGORE has made any toll calls outside the State of Alabama.

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gambling game but used house money to entice other players or suckers to bet.

The same report reflects that LAFFERTY said he went to St. Louis with FINLEY on April 15, 1958 and stayed there until April 18, 1958, which was the date of the robbery of FERGUSON.

The Arkansas Gazette, a Little Rock newspaper dated July 12, 1957, contained a list of wagering stamps issued in Arkansas. This list included FINLEY.

AVK. In Little Rock file 162-1, Serial 1, entitled "CYRUS JULIAN ~~LYTLE~~, aka, IGA - WIRE SERVICE", as of April 3, 1961, informant advised the Nola Printing Company, operated by JOSEPH ALBERT ~~PORETTO~~, New Orleans, Louisiana, was the source of wire service to the Little Rock area. The service was supposedly furnished by long distance telephone to ~~BARNEY BARNETT~~ at Little Rock, who then relayed same to local bookies, one of which was believed to be FINLEY.

The same file reflects that LAFFERTY stated LYTLE furnished this service to FINLEY.

A list of Federal wagering stamps issued in Little Rock District for fiscal year ending July 30, 1962 included FINLEY.

On January 26, 1962, a PCI file was opened pertaining to FINLEY, since he was no longer operating as a bookmaker and not in contact with former associates.

A description of FINLEY contained in this file is as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	January 31, 1915
Place of Birth	North Little Rock, Arkansas

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Residence	North Little Rock, Arkansas
Height	5'5"
Weight	165 pounds
Build	Heavy
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Ruddy
Remarks	Diabetic, taking insulin twice a day.

Little Rock file 92-124, pertaining to Top Hoodlum Program, reflects that on August 15, 1958, file was opened pertaining to FINLEY. This file indicates that FINLEY uses no "scratch" information but bases his odds on the racing form and pays a limit of \$32 to win, \$14 to show and \$8 to place on a \$2 bet. These odds are very high, as of January 30, 1963, but were brought about by competitors in that betting was very slow since Federal Legislation had been enacted. There was no indication of a Federal violation on the part of FINLEY, who operated as a bookie during the racing meet at Oaklawn Track, Hot Springs, Arkansas.

On May 7, 1963, FINLEY advised an informant he was ceasing his bookmaking operations and did not plan to secure anymore racing forms.

On August 23, 1963, informant advised that within the last few days, Little Rock bookmaker BOB BRYANT had stated that FINLEY had currently engaged in the bookmaking business in the area of the Pulaski-Saline County line on U. S. Highway 67, southwest of Little Rock, Arkansas, and specifically operated at the Red Gate Liquor Store, Lola's Restaurant, and at an unknown place in Benton, Arkansas.

RAYMOND KYZER advised informant that FINLEY's bookkeeper, NELL, and longtime girlfriend, had recently left FINLEY and was married to some wino. KYZER commented to informant that FINLEY had almost lost his mind as a result of NELL's marriage.

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