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TITLE OF CASE "CHANGED"	REPORT MADE BY SA 	TYPED BY dbb
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CHARACTER OF CASE
ITAR - GAMBLING AND PROSTITUTION

**J. D. RICHARDSON;
CURT HEWITT, aka
Curtis Hewitt,
Mr. Philpot;
TRUMAN EDWARD SANFORD, aka**

**Truman Sandford,
Buddy Sanford,
Buddy Sanders,
Truman E. Sanford,
T. E. Sanford,
Buddy Sandford;
JUDSON LEE DRANE, aka
Lee Drane
"Blackie" Drane;
WREFORD ELAIN FREEMAN, aka
Wreford E. Freeman,
Reef Freeman;
LEE JOSEPH BROUSSARD, aka
Lee Eroussard,
L. J. Broussard,
"Red" Broussard,
Lee J. Broussard,**

aka

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CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		
							PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO

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[REDACTED]

FRANK DE LAUGHTER, Deputy,
Concordia Parish Sheriff's Office, aka
Frank E. DeLaughter;

[REDACTED] aka

[REDACTED] aka

[REDACTED] aka

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] aka,

NOAH CROSS, Sheriff, Concordia
Parish Sheriff's Office, aka
Noah W. Cross;

[REDACTED] aka,
aka,

[REDACTED]

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Title of Case (continued):

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[redacted]

JAMES RONNIE FREEMAN, aka
Ronnie Freeman,
James R. Freeman,
Ronnie;

[redacted] aka

[redacted] dba
Marville Lounge, aka
Morville Lounge, Riverside
Bar of Vidalia (Deer Park), Louisiana

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Title marked "changed" to reflect the following new subjects:

[Redacted]

JAMES RONNIE FREEMAN:

[Redacted]

and the following additional aliases for previously listed subjects:

[Redacted]

FRANK DE LAUGHTER - Frank E. DeLaughter

NOAH CROSS - Noah W. Cross

REFERENCES:

- Report of SA [Redacted] at New Orleans, 12/30/66.
- Report of SA [Redacted] at Jackson, 5/16/67.
- Report of SA [Redacted] at Omaha, 5/5/67.
- Report of SA [Redacted] at Jackson, 4/17/67.
- Report of SA [Redacted] at Albuquerque, 4/12/67.
- Report of SA [Redacted] at Savannah, 3/30/67.
- Report of SA [Redacted] at Little Rock, 3/16/67.
- Report of SA [Redacted] at Dallas, 1/24/67.
- Report of SA [Redacted] at Jackson, 1/26/67.

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LEADS:

It is requested that all offices expeditiously furnish results of outstanding leads particularly those concerning telephone contacts between subjects, interviews in connection with interstate checks handled by the subjects, and interstate money orders purchased by the subjects.

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LEADS (continued)

BIRMINGHAM DIVISION

AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

Will conduct credit and criminal investigation of [redacted] aka.

DALLAS DIVISION

AT DALLAS, TEXAS

Will conduct investigation to determine if [redacted] under any of his aliases, particularly that of [redacted] was affiliated with Quality Motors, residing [redacted] Road and determine if any of the male subjects, particularly [redacted] and [redacted] or any of the female subjects, particularly [redacted] or [redacted] were involved with him in prostitution activities.

In view of the additional information concerning [redacted] contained in this report will interview [redacted] concerning his connection with HEWITT, [redacted] and [redacted] and with [redacted] who is believed to have been the female with [redacted] when his car was stopped in Vidalia, La., in December, 1966.

AT FORT WORTH, TEXAS

If appropriate will conduct same lead concerning [redacted] aka [redacted] as set out above for Dallas at Dallas.

Will Credit and criminal check [redacted]

AT TYLER, TEXAS

Will identify and interview [redacted] who is described by [redacted] in this report, and interview him concerning his visits to Reef's Cafe and Camp, his knowledge of gambling and prostitution there by REEF FREEMAN and other

subjects discussed by ROBBIE FREEMAN, have him identify any of the customers there or at the Marville Lounge, and obtain from him the original of any checks he may have issued to the subjects for prostitution services or gambling losses at Reef's Cafe and Camp or at the Marville Lounge, or any of the clubs operated by JUDSON LEE DRANE.

JACKSON DIVISION

AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

Will credit and criminal check the subscribers of the phone numbers listed in referenced report of SA [redacted] [redacted] dated 5/16/67, except for those in Natchez, Miss., and interview at this time only those parties contacted by the Shipley Donut Shop or Hales Gulf Service Station, concerning the nature of their connection with the parties having access to those telephones, which include J. D. RICHARDSON, [redacted]

[redacted] and [redacted] at the Shipley Donut Shop and CURT HEWITT, [redacted]

[redacted] and [redacted] at Hales Gulf Service.

It should be noted that many of these people are believed to be customers who have issued checks for prostitution service and should be interviewed accordingly and the originals of such checks obtained from them.

AT MEADVILLE, MISSISSIPPI

Will credit and criminal check [redacted] and attempt to determine the location of the house of prostitution in that area at which he allegedly was operating using girls from Baton Rouge, La., area, in early 1967, and determine where he and his wife were living in Meadville and conduct investigation to confirm his association there with CURT HEWITT and other subjects involved with the Marville Lounge.

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AT SMITHVILLE, MISSISSIPPI

Will interview [redacted] concerning his background, associates and activities.

AT NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI

Will credit and criminal check [redacted] and conduct neighborhood inquiries in the vicinity of his address in Natchez, [redacted] in order to determine his activities, associates and relatives and his connection with CURT HEWITT and [redacted] in the Natchez area. Will interview appropriate associates in order to fully develop this same information.

AT FORT ADAMS and WOODVILLE, MISSISSIPPI

Will credit and criminal check [redacted] and contact sources in both locations to develop his background and will contact Selective Service at both locations to determine if he is delinquent and to determine his true present draft status.

JACKSONVILLE DIVISION

AT JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

Will credit and criminal check [redacted] aka.

LITTLE ROCK DIVISION

AT EL DORADO, ARKANSAS

Same lead as for Jacksonville.

MOBILE DIVISION

AT MOBILE, ALABAMA

Same lead as for Jacksonville.

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NEW ORLEANS DIVISION

AT ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA

Will continue investigation to determine how CURT HEWITT obtained Louisiana Dealer Plate C-580 from Star Automotive Service, to use on his 1961 Thunderbird.

AT ANGOLA, LOUISIANA

Will obtain from the penitentiary records the background of [redacted] and the details concerning his conviction and sentence.

Will advise case agent when this is done so that case agent may reinterview [redacted]

AT BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

Will continue efforts to locate and interview [redacted] concerning her prostitution activities with [redacted]

Will locate and interview [redacted] concerning same.

Will obtain the information in the hands of Major [redacted] Louisiana State Police, concerning the vehicle fleet owned by HEWITT and allegedly properly licensed at this time.

Will determine if there is a record of a used car or new car dealer license in the name of CURT HEWITT, J. D. RICHARDSON or R & H Automobile Sales and obtain photostatic copy of application for same.

AT BOGALUSA, LOUISIANA

Will locate and interview [redacted] concerning his connection with the Marville Lounge.

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AT COLUMBIA, LOUISIANA

Will locate [redacted] identified in the interview of [redacted] contained in this report, and determine her affiliation with the Marville Lounge.

AT DENHAM SPRINGS, LOUISIANA

Will determine from BOB JONES Chevrolet the details concerning a 1963 or 1964 Chevrolet convertible purchased by [redacted] or CURT HEWITT in late 1966, or early 1967.

AT FERRIDAY, LOUISIANA

Will determine what business HEWITT had with Purvis Motors.

Determine who ordered installation for and paid the bills for service on meters number 13437 and 13985 at George's Boat Landing.

Will locate the insurance company who insured REEF FREEMAN's bars that burned and explore a possible interstate fraud on FREEMAN's part.

Locate and interview a colored male named [redacted] whose house was allegedly burned by REEF FREEMAN, who believed at that time that [redacted] would furnish information to law enforcement officers about FREEMAN's activities.

AT FROGMARE, LOUISIANA

Will interview [redacted] concerning her knowledge of illegal activities by REEF FREEMAN.

AT LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA

Will locate and interview [redacted] concerning his activities at the Marville Lounge [redacted]

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Will locate and reinterview [redacted] concerning his activities in connection with CURT HEWITT and REEF FREEMAN, particularly his knowledge of pimping activities by RONNIE FREEMAN.

AT LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA

Same lead as set out above for Lafayette concerning location and interview of [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted] Will locate and interview [redacted] and [redacted] concerning their activities at the Marville Lounge, particularly confirmation concerning the activities of [redacted]

AT MONTEREY, LOUISIANA

Will interview [redacted] and [redacted] concerning their knowledge of gambling and prostitution run by REEF FREEMAN.

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

Will show photographs of the [redacted] brothers to LCN sources to determine if any of them are connected with New Orleans LCN members.

Will credit and criminal check [redacted]

Will credit and criminal check [redacted] and contact his employer for 1965-66, which was [redacted] for background information concerning him.

AT OAK GROVE, LOUISIANA

Will locate and interview the blonde female, described by [redacted] in this report, who allegedly was dating RONNIE FREEMAN. Interview should concern her knowledge of gambling and prostitution and pimping activities at the Marville Lounge or Reef's Cafe and Camp, particularly those involving RONNIE FREEMAN.

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AT SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

Will obtain details concerning [redacted] use of American Express Money Orders to purchase tickets to Arkansas for travel by [redacted]

Will continue efforts to locate and interview [redacted]

and [redacted]

[redacted] CR [redacted]

AT VIDALIA, LOUISIANA

Locate and interview [redacted] arrested with [redacted] at St. Landry Parish.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Investigative period of this report overlaps that of previous report because investigation received too late to be included in referenced report of New Orleans.

Submission of report delayed because agent involved in other expedite matters and in order to review sufficient subpoenaed records in order to establish a pattern of interstate activity on the part of the subjects that would confirm the activities previously described by witnesses and sources.

For the information of all offices, the Grand Jury proceedings at Lake Charles, La., on 3/14/67, was [redacted]

Tentative plans have been made to schedule a Grand Jury proceeding [redacted]

[redacted] It is considered essential that all leads be handled expeditiously so that a [redacted]

In this regard, it is anticipated prosecutive

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summaries will be requested by the Department of Justice for each individual subject, and it will be essential to receive the results of investigation in a timely manner in order to comply with any such request.

To facilitate presentation of case to Grand Jury and preparation of contemplated prosecutive summaries, it is requested that all offices conducting investigation furnish results of same in report form, sending New Orleans additional copy for United States Attorney, Shreveport, Louisiana, and that all investigation conducted, including record checks, be set out on FD-302.

Because of the length of the report only one (1) copy is being furnished to those offices having only limited investigation to conduct, but because of the anticipated investigation by those offices not having leads to cover in this case at the present time and because of the fact that the subjects of this investigation operate regularly in their areas, offices not requested to carry out positive leads at this time are receiving copies of this report.

For the information of all offices, the Marville Lounge is now closed and CURT HEWITT, [redacted] and another prostitute believed to be [redacted] moved initially from Concordia Parish to Jay's Lounge near LeBeau, La., where HEWITT placed the girls as prostitutes, but approximately four weeks ago HEWITT made agreement with [redacted] well known pimp residing in Rapides Parish, La., to operate a new house of prostitution for [redacted] called Pine Courts Motel. This place is located on Route 167 in Evangaline Parish, La., just outside of Meeker, Louisiana.

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The investigative period is more than thirty days prior to date of report because investigative period does not reflect dates of preparation of report after that time.

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AT SULPHUR, LOUISIANA

The records of [redacted]
Sulphur, Louisiana, were made available by [redacted]
[redacted] advised that [redacted]

[redacted]

He advised that [redacted]

[redacted]

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The following investigation was conducted by SA

At Ferriday, Louisiana.

On December 30, 1966, agent, following the previous interview of ISAAC COWAN, JR. inquired if COWAN was willing to furnish more details regarding the connection between Sheriff CROSS and CURT HEWITT as furnished by him on December 8, 1966. COWAN advised he must have been "mistaken" about the information he furnished on December 8, 1966, had seen Sheriff CROSS about the matter following that interview, and wished to make it clear to the agent that he intended to deny furnishing any such information, even if called upon to testify in court under oath. He was reminded that his previous testimony had been recorded in report form, but he persisted in his denial.

Shortly afterwards, as agent approached the King Hotel, he observed a Concordia Parish Deputy automobile containing all of the Deputies slowly pass his car, and when agent had entered the King Hotel Lounge to conduct inquiries, Deputy COWAN entered the Lounge a few minutes later.

COWAN approached agent and advised that "the Man," by whom he went on to explain he meant Sheriff CROSS, was outside and wanted to talk to the agent. Agent declined, and COWAN left.

Approximately five minutes later, COWAN re-entered the Lounge and again approached agent, at which time he insisted agent "go outside" and see "the Sheriff." He then advised that CROSS wanted to talk to the agent "right now" about "the stories" the agent "was spreading" about Sheriff CROSS. Agent again declined, advising COWAN that agent was not "spreading stories" about anyone but was conducting a criminal investigation, and that COWAN from previous statements seemed to be aware of certain "stories" himself. COWAN left the Lounge, and no members of the Sheriff's Department were observed further that date.

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On [redacted] 1965, SA [redacted] contacted [redacted] PCI (Protect .), he advised that [redacted] prostitutes at Jim's Lounge and that there are presently 12 girls working there, which is capacity for the lounge.

He said that the "Silver Slipper", owned by [redacted] is a "Come-on" for Jim's Lounge and that the telephone in Jim's Lounge is extension 16 of 432-6642 which is listed under Southern Motel and Lounge, instead of the "Silver Slipper."

On [redacted] 1966, PCI [redacted] gave the following information to SA [redacted]

PCI advised he recalls an individual he believes is named [redacted] who was involved in some prostitution activities several years ago. He said he thought this activity was taking place over Seal's Drug Store and another individual named [redacted] was sent to prison for it. He said he has not seen [redacted] in 2 or 3 years, however, remembers him as a tall, [redacted] man who was always well dressed. PCI stated he had seen [redacted] at Red's Barber Shop on 4th Street, [redacted]

On [redacted] 1966, PCI, [redacted] (PROTECT IDENTITY) advised SA [redacted] of the following information:

On [redacted], 1966, a white male, about 5'6" tall, 165-170 pounds, [redacted] hair, aged in his 40's, driving a 1962 black or dark blue [redacted] bearing 1966-67 Louisiana license [redacted] was seen in the King Hotel, Ferriday, Louisiana, with two white females who appeared to be prostitutes. One of these was about [redacted] years old, with [redacted] hair and the other was about [redacted]

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[] years of age with [] hair. After leaving the King Hotel all three departed south towards Jonesville, Louisiana.

Source advised that [] this same white male, name unknown, was seen frequently in the company of RONNIE FREEMAN at which time both were driving a Cadillac. RONNIE FREEMAN has a reputation of being a pimp but has not been active in the Ferriday area for the past two or three months.

On [], 1966, [] advised SA [] that [] wife of CURT HEWITT is presently residing with []

[] and is driving a late model black Cadillac with Louisiana license.

On [] 1966, [] advised SA [] that [] works at the [] and had purchased a truck for CURT HEWITT sometime during the summer and also brought a car from Mississippi to Sulphur, Louisiana, for HEWITT, but stated that this was a friendly gesture on [] part because HEWITT had given [] an excellent deal on the truck. [] is well known as an associate of HEWITT and has a good reputation in the community.

On [] 1966, [] advised SA [] of the following information:

[]
[] He was contacted about one week ago by a white man from Alexandria, Louisiana, who told him that he had a small fleet of two cabs in Alexandria which were driven by Negroes, and that these Negroes were ruining his cars. He asked [] if he could bring his cabs to the Natchez-Vidalia area, and [] agreed.

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[redacted] have a working agreement with CURT HEWITT, who runs the Marville Lounge house of prostitution, south of Vidalia, Louisiana, that has been very profitable to his business. [redacted] claims that the prostitutes will telephone HEWITT, telling him they are available and want to work at the Marville Lounge, and ask him to send them money for their plane or bus tickets. HEWITT then will get directions as to where to send the money and will give [redacted] the money needed for the girl plus the cost of sending a cab to Natchez. [redacted] will then give the travel money to one of his drivers, who will drive to the Western Union office in Natchez and wire the girl the money.

In addition to this, [redacted] claims he makes plenty of money from transporting the girls from the airport in Natchez or the bus depots in the area to the Marville Lounge and by transporting customers to the Marville Lounge from Natchez and Vidalia areas.

On December 5, 1966, [redacted] one of the cab drivers for [redacted] picked up two prostitutes at Natchez-Adams County Airport during the day. They had arrived on a commercial flight. They told him to take them to the Marville Lounge, but one of them first asked to stop at Halliburton Oil Company work site on the levee at Natchez because she wanted to talk to some men there whom she knew. [redacted] parked the cab there, and the girl spoke to one of the men at the cab for several minutes. [redacted] then drove the two girls to the Marville Lounge. He was paid \$15 for the trip, and the girls gave him a \$4 tip. The girls told [redacted] they would contact him later, probably to take them away from the Marville Lounge.

[redacted] claims that business is so good between the Marville Lounge and Natchez that he raised the fare from \$4 to \$5 and gets 14 to 15 such trips a day for his drivers. [redacted] claims many of

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the customers hire his cabs to take girls to different places in Natchez for all night dates, too.

[redacted] cab drivers are [redacted] and [redacted] all of Natchez, and [redacted] of Vidalia.

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On December 21, 1966, PCI [redacted] (PT) told SA [redacted] that BLACKIE DRANE has been doing almost no business at the Avalon Club or Blackie's Lounge, which is now called the White Way, for more than two months and is believed to be living off the profits of his pinball machine business.

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DRANE and J. D. RICHARDSON are reported to have an elaborate hunting lodge in Deer Park, Louisiana, which is reached by passing the Marville Lounge. DRANE is deeply tied in with RICHARDSON. At the present, FRANK DE LAUGHTER and DRANE are still "on the outs." DE LAUGHTER made it a practice to hunt on the Marville Ranch, also called the Ashland Hunting Club, which is owned by [redacted] in Natchez. [redacted] is the president of and major shareholder in the Ashland Hunting Club as well as owning the Marville Ranch. [redacted] told DE LAUGHTER, according to source's information, a few weeks ago, that DE LAUGHTER could not hunt on that property any more and DE LAUGHTER was reported to have sent three men to the property the following week to shoot game, and these men were reported to have been caught and sent to Natchez for trial.

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For the information of all offices, efforts by the Jackson Division to identify these men sent to the Ashland Hunting Club by DE LAUGHTER were unsuccessful because the records of such hunting violation arrests were incomplete and the number of arrests was so numerous.

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On December 29 and 30, 1966, PCI [redacted]
[redacted] (PROTECT IDENTITY) furnished SA [redacted]
with the following information:

In the latter part of November, 1966, [redacted]
[redacted] decided to begin to have gambling games in
the [redacted] Ferriday, Louisiana, [redacted]
and had [redacted] run the games.
[redacted] manager of the bar, told [redacted] not to
start any games without clearing them through Sheriff
CROSS, and [redacted] sent [redacted] to see sheriff
CROSS about this matter. CROSS told [redacted] "that
your boys have not been very good to me in the
past," but when [redacted] agreed to turn over 10% of
the gambling winnings to CROSS, CROSS agreed to let
the gambling operation open again.

The first big gambling game took place
at the Bonaza Club and Deputy Sheriff [redacted]
Concordia Parish Sheriff's Office was present at
the club, and the house winnings were about \$700.
[redacted] tried to talk the operators out of paying
CROSS the \$70 percentage stating that CROSS would
"Never know", however, the money was paid.

The following informants were contacted
on January 4, 1967, by SA [redacted] at
Albany, Georgia, and advised they are not acquainted
with [redacted] or [redacted]

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[redacted] PCI [redacted]
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[redacted] (PI), [redacted]
[redacted] at [redacted] and
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[redacted] advised SA [redacted] on [redacted]
1967, [redacted] is not acquainted with anyone known as
[redacted] or [redacted]

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The following investigation was conducted
December 6, 1966, by SA [redacted]

AT VIDALIA, LOUISIANA

[redacted] (Protect
Identity). [redacted] advised that
[redacted] is a house with at least three
apartments that is supposed to be owned by J. D. RICHARDSON.
She advised [redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] is [redacted]
and [redacted] is [redacted]
[redacted] recently was seen [redacted] in the Shipley
Donut Shop in Vidalia, and [redacted] have been seen
there frequently [redacted]

[redacted] who is [redacted]
[redacted] has a third apartment at [redacted]
[redacted] but no phone there.

The above three groups of people are the only
ones known to reside at that location.

[redacted] is [redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] She has
learned that RICHARDSON and [redacted] have applied for
licenses so that [redacted] could build an electrical supply
or electrical contracting shop on the back of Shipley
Donut Shop. She advised she believes [redacted] is living
at RICHARDSON's farmhouse in the Deer Park or one of
the camps in that area.

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AT FERRIDAY, LOUISIANA

On December 8, 1966, [redacted] (Protect identity).

[redacted] advised SA [redacted]

[redacted] in confidence of the following:

A few days ago, Deputy RAYMOND KEATHLEY, Concordia Parish Sheriff's Office, advised him that he had overheard BILL OGDEN and IKE COWAN, both Concordia Parish Deputies, laughing in the back office at the Concordia Parish Sheriff's Office. They were laughing about why the Louisiana State Police had not taken any firm steps against the Marville Lounge, and from their conversation KEATHLEY learned this was because NOAH CROSS had sent IKE COWAN and BILL OGDEN to the Marville Lounge one night to take compromising photographs of [redacted]

[redacted] KEATHLEY was not able to determine from the conversation how CROSS knew [redacted] was there or whether or not anyone had lured [redacted] there.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA [redacted]

On January 4, 1967, and on other occasions, attempts were made to contact [redacted] at [redacted] without success. [redacted] is believed to use this address as a home address, however, it is extremely difficult to locate any activity or any individuals who will admit knowing [redacted]

On February 24, 1967, PCI [redacted] advised that [redacted] was recently seen in Bossier City and is currently at Sak's Whisk-A-Go-Go on the Strip. [redacted] was working out of the Pine Motel and Lounge at Kilgore, Texas, and she is [redacted] indicated to [redacted] that she was recently working at Jay's Lounge near Baton Rouge prior to travelling to Kilgore, Texas. Protect [redacted] identity.

[redacted], has been contacted and indicates that [redacted] also known as [redacted] was last known to be pimping at the Hillside Club on Highway 49 North of Jackson, Mississippi, and that [redacted] is the one that works [redacted] frequently advised that he would have [redacted] alias [redacted] contact the FBI and present herself for an interview; however, this promise has not been fulfilled.

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On January 6, 1967, it was determined that 1966-1967 Louisiana license 140A555 was listed to BAROUCO, Inc., 6952 Airline Highway, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, for a 1966 Oldsmobile Toronado. The application was signed by [redacted] President. This inquiry was made in connection with New Orleans case [redacted] concerning [redacted] suspected pimp operating in Concordia Parish and associating with an older man driving a new automobile with the above license plate.

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On March 20, 1967, [redacted]
(Protect Identity) [redacted]
[redacted] advised that [redacted] had a minor interest in [redacted] a hunting lease in Ferriday, Louisiana, area where he goes to hunt during the season. She stated he would probably contact a pimp or someone else to get a prostitute for him and that he has done this in the past although he himself would not be engaged in prostitution.

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On January 9, 1967, [redacted] PCI
(PROTECT IDENTITY) advised SA [redacted]
[redacted] a well
known pimp, and that his first wife is called [redacted]
who is living with or married to a man named [redacted]
[redacted] who is [redacted]
[redacted]

PCI [redacted] on January 18, 1967,
advised SA [redacted] that she had heard that
[redacted] who [redacted] in
[redacted] had posted bond for [redacted] on
December 30, 1966, in Arcadia-Bienville Parish,
Louisiana. This bond was \$1,000 on charges of [redacted]
[redacted] She believed that [redacted]
was related to [redacted] active in
gambling and vice in Concordia Parish.

On January 17, 1967, [redacted] advised
SA [redacted] that the Marville Lounge was
padlocked last week and the Shipley Do-nut Shop
in Vidalia has changed hands. However, [redacted]
[redacted] has stated that the operators of
the Marville Lounge intend to reopen soon using a
new name and bring in a new group of prostitutes.
[redacted] is the full name of the man who operates
[redacted]

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AT FERRIDAY, LOUISIANA

The following investigation was conducted on January 26, 1967, by SA [redacted]

[redacted] (Protect identity), [redacted] advised that while he and [redacted] were [redacted] this date, [redacted] insisted on leaving the scene, and while he, [redacted] was [redacted] to make a call to [redacted] he heard [redacted] [redacted] was talking to FRANK DE LAUGHTER at the King Hotel, [redacted] [redacted] He advised that [redacted] has about \$25.00 left each month from his pay check after paying his basic expenses, and that he seems to have plenty of money to spend at all times. In addition, he is frequently associating himself with DE LAUGHTER. Recently, a series of burglaries has begun again in the Lake St. John area, and he believes that [redacted] may be helping DE LAUGHTER with these burglaries.

He has received word that REEF FREEMAN definitely had two or three girls working as prostitutes out of the cafe and camp at Horseshoe Lake, but that a few weeks ago, someone put a gun in his stomach, and told him to stop such action. He believes that the party that threatened FREEMAN was one of the Marville Lounge group. As a result, it is believed that [redacted] is now fronting for FREEMAN as the new manager of the Club St. John, on Lake St. John, and that [redacted] has applied for the license to run that club.

Anyone applying for a license must put his name in the paper and state his intentions, and no one would let FREEMAN do this. It is, therefore, believed that [redacted] is fronting for FREEMAN, and has been engaged in cleaning up the club, and getting it ready for business during the past week.

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From his sources, which include [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] he has learned that CURT HEWITT has set up his trailers and cars at FRANK DE LAUGHTER's lot, which DE LAUGHTER sold to HEWITT last year, at George's Boat Camp road. These agents also told him that about a week or two before the Marville Lounge was padlocked, they were looking for hunting violators, and came across a green jeep in a field near the Marville Lounge. They checked at the Marville Lounge from a distance, and noticed that people were watching them out of all the doors and windows. The previous year, these agents had received word that the men at the Marville Lounge were hunting deer illegally holding barbecues to feed the prostitutes, and as a result raided the Marville for deer meat. They found a few small quantities of the deer meat, which was frozen, but this was not enough to be a basis for arrest.

RONNIE FREEMAN continues to stay in the Ferriday area, and has a girl friend working days at Brocata's Restaurant. She is about 22 years old with dish-water blond hair. He has no information indicating that FREEMAN has been hustling her in the area or has been hustling anyone else in the area.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA [REDACTED]

On February 3, 1967, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] advised SA [REDACTED]
that he does not know anyone by the name of [REDACTED] and
there is no address of Route 1, Box 91, New Iberia, Loui-
siana. He stated that his son, [REDACTED] is a
[REDACTED] and he resides in Lafayette, Louisiana.

On February 13, 1967, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Lafayette, Louisiana,
advised SA [REDACTED] that last summer he worked
some in Natchez, Mississippi, and Vidalia, Louisiana, but
he never [REDACTED] in any type of pros-
titution or gambling activities, nor is CURT HEWITT known
to him. [REDACTED] said he is not familiar with the
Marville Lounge in Vidalia.

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ADMINISTRATIVE: INFORMANTS

The following investigation was conducted on February 17, 1967, by SA [REDACTED]

AT FERRIDAY, LOUISIANA

[REDACTED] (PROTECT IDENTITY) [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] has [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] at [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] definitely was tipping off FRANK DE LAUGHTER about the activities of the FBI in Ferriday and the activities of people DE LAUGHTER believed were friendly to the FBI. [REDACTED] is reported to have burned the Bonanza Club for DE LAUGHTER. No specific rumor concerning the motive for the burning, however, has been made.

The deal to tear down the building at Kentucky and First Streets was made between [REDACTED] and FRANK DE LAUGHTER after [REDACTED] had failed to fulfill his part of the project. DE LAUGHTER himself made the deal with CURT HEWITT to take over the project but he, [REDACTED] knows of no one who could verify this.

CURT HEWITT has been using Negroes, including one or two who live on J. D. RICHARDSON's land in Deer Park, to drive the prostitutes from place to place.

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On February 17, 1967, [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that [redacted] is reported to have set fire to the Bonanza Lounge, Ferriday, Louisiana, about Christmas 1966, for Deputy Sheriff FRANK DELAUGHTER. This information has found its way around the community and [redacted]

[redacted] The motive for the burning is not known, but FRANK DELAUGHTER was seen driving around the club and parked on a side road near it just before and just after the fire started; and two other witnesses allegedly saw [redacted] being let off at the club or picked up from the club at about that same time by DELAUGHTER. None of the witnesses will talk because they are frightened.

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On March 1, 1967, PCI [redacted] (Protect Identity) advised SA [redacted] that Concordia Parish is just about closed down as far as gambling and prostitution are concerned, for BLACKIE DRANE has moved behind the scenes in the operation of ~~The~~ Whiteway and The Little Club, although he continues to operate Commercial Coin Company.

For about the past two weeks, SHIPLEY Doughnut Shop has been closed and the man who took it over from J. D. RICHARDSON pulled out of it at that time. The dice games and most of the card games have been pulled out of the Bonanza Club, and [redacted] has begun to operate the Club St. John, where he uses vending machines from BLACKIE's DRANE Company.

On [redacted] 1967, [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that [redacted] is a former yellow cab driver and previously [redacted] in [redacted]. He had argument with [redacted] and quit. [redacted] has stated that CURT HEWITT has a financial interest in JOE D's Pizza in Natchez.

On February 13, 1967, [redacted] [redacted] Hammond, Louisiana, who is an admitted gambler in Tangipahoa Parish, primarily around Hammond and Independence, Louisiana, advised SA [redacted] that he has heard no information of value regarding the subjects in this case and knew of no organized prostitution or gambling in the parish.

[redacted] Carlo's Bar, Independence, Louisiana, advised SA [redacted] on February 24, 1967, that he has no knowledge of anyone any where using a cab message or transportation system in connection with prostitution.

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[redacted] advised SA [redacted] on February 18, 1967, March 1, 1967, and March 6, 1967, that he has no personal knowledge concerning use of a yellow cab system in Natchez, Mississippi, to facilitate the Marville Lounge operation, although he advised that it is customary in such operations to use cabs.

[redacted] advised SA [redacted] on February 15, 1967, February 17, 1967, and March 6, 1967, that he has no personal knowledge nor has he heard of the yellow cab system used to facilitate the Marville Lounge operation.

[redacted] PCI (Protect Identity) on February 20, 1967, and March 6, 1967, advised SA [redacted] that [redacted] has no information regarding the Marville Lounge or the use of a cab system to facilitate its operation.

[redacted] on March 1, 1967, and March 6, 1967, advised SA [redacted] that he has no personal knowledge of the use of the yellow cab or any other cabs to facilitate the Marville Lounge operation. He advised, however, this is normal procedure in such operations although normally only a few trusted cab drivers are used and the cab system and the manager may not be involved.

[redacted] advised SA [redacted] on February 13, 1967, that [redacted] is attempting to get [redacted] to hustle for him. [redacted] was recently divorced from [redacted] presently lives at [redacted] and is employed at the [redacted] in [redacted]. She formerly worked at the [redacted] and [redacted]. [redacted] is known to the informant as a pimp, and he has girls hustling for him at Natchez, Ferriday, and Vidalia.

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[redacted] advised SA [redacted] on March 2, 1967, that five or six weeks ago FRANK DELAUGHTER asked [redacted] to join his United Klans of America Unit and asked [redacted] to talk to Chief of Police [redacted] of Vidalia, Louisiana, to find out why [redacted] was "closing down all the white folk in town and letting the niggers run wild." [redacted] did not speak to [redacted] about this matter.

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[redacted] furnished the following information on the dates indicated below:

On [redacted] 1967, to SA [redacted] he advised that in early April, 1966, [redacted] who was [redacted] for the Ferriday Unit, UKA at that time, was reported to have rented the room at [redacted] Motel next to the room being occupied at that time by two FBI Agents conducting investigation in Concordia Parish area. [redacted] a Klansman employed by [redacted] in Ferriday, was not friendly with [redacted] nor known to be a member of the UKA at that time, but [redacted] was seen regularly parked at the room [redacted] rented at [redacted] Motel. There is another [redacted] who looks like [redacted] but is heavier and is also employed by [redacted] in Ferriday. This [redacted] does not belong to the OKKKK as does [redacted]

FRANK DELAUGHTER, who is a member of the UKA and operator of the chicken house in Clayton, Louisiana, has a large quantity of illegal white perch he caught in the river near Lake Concordia. He is to sell them to his customers at a free fish fry he is giving March 10, 1967, at the Chicken House.

In the late summer of 1966, Klansmen in Ferriday were discussing that the crosses burned earlier that were at the Marville Lounge were supposed to have been burned by a group of men from Brookhaven, Mississippi. These men were supposed to be friends of the husband of a blond girl who was working at the Marville Lounge as a prostitute. Their chief protest was supposed to be [redacted]

It should be noted that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Office in Ferriday was advised of the information concerning the illegal fish, but at the time the reliable investigative agents were not available and would not be available in time to conduct a raid on the Chicken House.

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On March 21, 1967, to SA [redacted]
source advised that the person employed by the
[redacted] in Ferriday, who was probably
involved in checking on FBI Agents at the [redacted]
Motel, was [redacted] not [redacted] [redacted] is
known to be secretly on the payroll of Sheriff
NOAH CROSS and lives on [redacted] Road in Ferriday.

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On March 22, 1967, [redacted] (Protect Identity) [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that [redacted] records for the first six months of 1966 for the telephone at Hales Gulf Service Station in Natchez have been destroyed.

AT WINNFIELD, LOUISIANA

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

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A check was made with the local telephone office in an effort to determine the subscriber for the telephone number JA 8-8208. It was determined that the prefix JA 8 is covered by the Sikes, Louisiana, area, but there are no telephone listings in the Sikes area with the last four digits 8208. The listings in the Sikes area begin with 8400.

A check was made for the subscriber of telephone number JA 8-8508, but there was no listing in the Sikes telephone book for that number.

AT ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

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On March 21, 1967, [redacted] (Protect Identity) [redacted] advised there is no such number as JA 8-8208.

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By letter of March 30, 1967, the New Orleans
Division requested [redacted] (Protect Identity).

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[redacted] to retain all available toll
records for phone number [redacted] listed to [redacted]
[redacted], Louisiana.

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AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

On March 27, 1967, [redacted] (protect identity),

[redacted] advised SA [redacted] that phone [redacted] was an unlisted number listed to [redacted] Concordia Trailer Park, Natchez, Mississippi. [redacted] further advised this number was disconnected in April, 1966, and no [redacted] or [redacted] are available for this number.

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On April 2, 1967, [redacted]
(Protect Identity) advised SA [redacted]
of the following information:

He has no knowledge of any individuals in the State of Mississippi who own a "piece" of the Marville Lounge. To informant's knowledge it was originally owned totally by J. D. RICHARDSON who at some date in 1964 sold a percentage of it to CURT HEWITT with the stipulation that CURT HEWITT take over the operation of it at same date thereafter.

He estimated the Marville Lounge to be a million dollar operation because for approximately two years before it was closed it operated an average of 8 to 12 girls on a regular basis and expected each individual who entered the place to spend an average of \$75 to \$100 and that business was extremely heavy during the winter hunting season of 1964-1965 and 1965-1966.

He has never heard of [redacted] having a bagman in Concordia Parish, but stated that for the past four years the bagman has been FRANK DELAUGHTER or acting in his behalf either IKE COWAN or BILL OGDEN, who are also deputies.

He knows of no connection between [redacted] and [redacted] and does not believe [redacted] has an interest in any illegal activity in Concordia Parish.

J. D. RICHARDSON, until a few months ago, had an interest in a Gulf Service Station and an adjacent used car lot on the Natchez bypass; an interest in a pizza parlor on Liberty Road at Natchez until approximately December, 1966, when he sold this to two brothers [redacted] and [redacted] whom he understands has resold the pizza place in March, 1967.

He knows of no business interests in Mississippi or Louisiana in which BLACKIE DRANE has been associated with J. D. RICHARDSON or CURT HEWITT.

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BLACKIE DRANE currently operates approximately 18 pinball machines and jukeboxes in Concordia Parish and has no other source of income.

On January 1, 1967, ED FULLER purchased the stock of BLACKIE's Lounge for \$1,500 and changed the name to The Whiteway. FULLER has an agreement with DRANE who still owns the building whereby the two of them are determining monthly rent at such time as ED FULLER gets the place out of the red.

The husband of a relative of BLACKIE DRANE who is currently in the Armed Forces overseas purchased the Avalon Club from BLACKIE DRANE in late 1966 and changed the name to "The Little Club."

[redacted] also known as [redacted] is a flunky for BLACKIE DRANE and lives in a room in the back of The Little Club, operates a pool table operated by BLACKIE in The Little Club and helps BLACKIE collect from his other pinball and jukeboxes in Concordia Parish. [redacted]

[redacted] whom he describes as a UKA member.

[redacted]

BLACKIE DRANE pays \$600 a month in alimony in addition to supporting his current wife and family and for the past two months has been forced to work at the Lum Brothers Auction Barn herding cattle three days a week in order to meet his financial obligations.

The operators of the Bonanza Club in Ferriday are currently paying off Sheriff NOAH CROSS and the parish police jury men so they can operate gambling and prostitution on a "wide open basis." Deputies IKE COWAN and BILL OGDEN spend part of each night at the Bonanza Club to insure that the proper pay off is made.

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[redacted] of Natchez, Mississippi has pinball machines in the chicken house owned and operated by FRANK DELAUGHTER at Clayton, Louisiana, and in several other spots in Concordia Parish.

[redacted] another resident of Natchez, Mississippi, has numerous pinball machines in Concordia Parish.

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According to rumors Deputy Sheriff FRANK DELAUGHTER in November, 1966, had [redacted] who is the [redacted] of J. D. RICHARDSON. [redacted] who is a part-time employee at [redacted] and [redacted] who has a part interest in the [redacted] in Natchez, shoot the 16 year old son of ED FULLER with a 22 rifle because many customers were going to BLACKIE's place instead of CARIO's Barbecue, which is owned and operated by MILDRED DELAUGHTER, FRANK's sister. [redacted] owned a [redacted] [redacted] which was described as the getaway vehicle and that vehicle disappeared permanently the night of the shooting.

For the information of the Bureau, Jackson and other offices receiving this report, [redacted] [redacted] whose identity should be protected at this time.

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It should also be noted that shortly before the interview with SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] contacted [redacted] concerning certain information he had previously furnished concerning [redacted] who apparently was operating a stolen interstate motor vehicle at the time agents attempted to interview him in April, 1966. [redacted] although having previously furnished very detailed information concerning [redacted] at this interview was unable to furnish any information about [redacted] and implied that he believed the agents were attempting to seek his help as a possible witness before a Grand Jury which he believed was convening to seek indictments against the subjects in this case.

He advised that [redacted] and would not testify in court to anything, but the agents would receive a great deal of help in their investigation of gambling and prostitution in the Concordia Parish area very soon without having to arrest anyone.

He stated that some of this help would include information as to who owned 10 or 15 per cent of the Marville Lounge and was a resident of Mississippi. He further advised the agents would learn about the connection between "the big man in real estate in New Orleans" and gambling and prostitution in Concordia Parish.

Both the New Orleans and Jackson Divisions are fully aware of [redacted] attitudes and his information is being protected insofar as some of the information furnished has been accurate and helpful in the investigation of this case.

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[redacted] on April 4, 1967, advised
SA [redacted] of the following information:

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On April 3, 1967, Sheriff NOAH CROSS and his Deputy FRANK DELAUGHTER were drinking at the Bonanza Lounge and at the same time CHARLES HUFFMAN was present. FRANK DELAUGHTER on order from the sheriff beat up HUFFMAN.

HUFFMAN was a witness to a beating given to an unknown victim by FRANK DELAUGHTER in the Ferriday Jail about a year ago. It is rumored that FRANK DELAUGHTER had given this victim \$2,000 to leave town after the victim recovered from the beating. The victim never appeared to press charges against FRANK DELAUGHTER and his whereabouts is unknown. HUFFMAN runs a used car lot in Ferriday.

DON STRINGER and [redacted] overheard the sheriff order FRANK DELAUGHTER to beat up HUFFMAN and both men witnessed the beating.

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On [redacted] 1967, [redacted] (Protect Identity) [redacted] advised SA [redacted] of the El Paso Division of the following information:

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In about October, 1965, [redacted] had attended a Klan meeting at Clayton, Louisiana, which concerned the trial of the Exalted Cyclops of the Ferriday-Clayton OKKKK Units at that time. RED GLOVER presided wearing the red robe of the executioner and [redacted] was the assistant State Investigator at the trial.

The reason for the trial was that a young Klan member by the name of [redacted] who had just joined the Klan, had been discovered carrying information about the Klan activity to Deputy FRANK DELAUGHTER.

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[redacted] had been expelled but the Exalted Cyclops at that time had protested and brought [redacted] back into the Klan. The other Klansmen believed the Exalted Cyclops probably was an informant, which was the reason for the trial. The Exalted Cyclops was placed on 90 days probation and [redacted] was kept out of the Klan. Regarding [redacted] [redacted] advised that [redacted] is loyal to

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RED GLOVER, who does not like FRANK DELAUGHTER, and since he has never seen [redacted] with FRANK DELAUGHTER, believes [redacted] probably does not associate with DELAUGHTER and that [redacted] is not "a big enough man" to know NOAH CROSS. He advised he also had not seen [redacted] with BILL OGDEN or IKE COWAN. He advised that [redacted] frequents the Bonanza Club, BLACKIE's Lounge, and the Avalon, King Hotel Lounge, and that his running mate is [redacted] (Last Name Unknown), a young white male with blond hair, [redacted] who is identical with [redacted] described above.

He believed that [redacted] was expelled from the Ku Klux Klan and that [redacted] sister's husband is a city policeman. [redacted] was expelled from the Klan because he had told BLACKIE DRANE what happened in the Ku Klux Klan meetings, and DRANE reported this to Sheriff NOAH CROSS.

[redacted] hauled lumber for [redacted] until [redacted] had trouble with his wife and lost his business. Subsequently [redacted] was arrested for robbing a store, and [redacted] went to work for BLACKIE DRANE as a collection man in jukeboxes and pinball machines and was then advanced to serviceman. From that he went to work "hustling skills" at the Avalon, Silver Dollar, Club Lake St. John, and perhaps at REEF FREEMAN's place.

In September or October, 1965, FRANK DELAUGHTER, BLACKIE DRANE and ED FULLER picked up an old man about fifty-five or sixty years of age, named CLIFF DAVIS, for stealing a motor from a pinball machine.

DELAUGHTER, DRANE and FULLER picked DAVIS up at the rooming house over the pool hall and brought him in an automobile to the King Hotel, where BLACKIE DRANE got out of the vehicle, went into the hotel and got [redacted]. The group then drove to HUFFMAN's Used Car Lot, and CHARLES HUFFMAN joined the group. [redacted] was behind the King Hotel working on his truck, and the group drove to an alley at the hotel and started hitting the old man. CHARLES HUFFMAN went to the lounge for a

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beer and after ED FULLER beat the old man for a while DELAUGHTER said, "Let's take him down to the jail."

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name of [redacted] may have
witnessed the proceedings. [redacted] stated [redacted]
[redacted] observed the group beating the
old man and a cattle prod was taken and the prongs pushed
into the neck of the old man and twisted.

The Klan discussed this beating and were
enraged by it.

Although indictments were brought locally
against some of the persons involved in the beatings
CHARLES HUFFMAN talked to BILL OGDEN and IKE COWAN and
word got back to Sheriff NOAH CROSS who sent BLACKIE
DRANE and FRANK DELAUGHTER to Jackson, Mississippi,
where DAVIS was and brought DAVIS back and placed him
in the hotel where he stayed for three days and then
disappeared.

[redacted] stated he has heard that DAVIS got
\$600 to leave town and has also heard that DAVIS is
buried under the levee, but he, [redacted] has no personal
knowledge concerning DAVIS' present whereabouts or what
became of him.

[redacted] recommended that CHARLES HUFFMAN,
HUFFMAN's wife, and DON STRINGER might furnish
information concerning these activities.

He advised that FRANK DELAUGHTER, [redacted]
[redacted] and a third unknown individual were reported
to have tried to damage a home owned by a Negro named
[redacted] in Ferriday, however, the home did not burn since
the fire was put out and the front of the home was just
smoked up. He recommended that [redacted] might
talk to the FBI if he could be contacted away from
FRANK DELAUGHTER.

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He advised that when he last knew RONNIE FREEMAN, FREEMAN was driving a blood red 1965 Chevrolet super sports and carries an extra set of license plates for this vehicle, but both license plates were in the name of RONNIE FREEMAN.

He advised it was his understanding that FREEMAN makes trips to NOAH CROSS at Laredo, Texas, and then when he comes back carries marijuana and heroin and crosses at Orange, Texas, and goes to Lake Charles, Louisiana, and from there to the Marville Lounge and possibly REEF's place in Monterey, Louisiana. He reportedly makes these trips once a month. He also understands FREEMAN is a pimp for girls at the White House in Laurel, Mississippi, and at Biloxi, Mississippi, and at REEF's place.

[redacted] brought two girls from [redacted] Oklahoma, [redacted] to be prostitutes. These two prostitutes were turned out by RONNIE FREEMAN and may be at REEF's place now or possibly [redacted] is in Biloxi, Mississippi now. He recommended that [redacted] [redacted] would be willing to talk to the FBI concerning this case.

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He advised he understands that NOAH CROSS receives a payment of \$500 a week which is contributed by J. D. RICHARDSON, BLACKIE DRANE and CURT HEWITT. J.D. RICHARDSON is the payoff man because [redacted] was at [redacted] and actually saw RICHARDSON come in and place five 100 dollar bills before Sheriff NOAH CROSS stating, "Get a new hat boss."

Additionally in 1965 [redacted] a man from Monroe, Louisiana, operated the club at Lake St. John and put in BLACKIE DRANE's machines because Sheriff CROSS told him "you'll last forever" indicating that BLACKIE DRANE's machines guarantee him protection. Some time later a jukebox broke on a busy Saturday night and [redacted] and another person put it out in the hall. Apparently

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the word got to NOAH CROSS because CROSS closed the club and padlocked it. It was his understanding that the owner of the club received 35 per cent of the profit and CROSS and DRANE got the rest.

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[redacted] on April 17, 1967, advised SA [redacted]
of the following information:

On about April 3, 1967, Sheriff NOAH CROSS and his deputy, FRANK DELAUGHTER, were drinking at the Bonanza Lounge at the same time that CHARLES HUFFMAN was present. FRANK DELAUGHTER, on orders from the sheriff, beat up HUFFMAN.

HUFFMAN was a witness to a beating given to an unknown victim by FRANK DELAUGHTER in the Ferriday Jail about one year ago and it is rumored that FRANK DELAUGHTER had given the victim about \$2000 to leave town after the victim recovered from the beating. The victim never appeared to press charges against FRANK DELAUGHTER and his whereabouts are unknown. DON STRINGER and [redacted] overheard Sheriff CROSS order FRANK DELAUGHTER to beat up HUFFMAN and both of these men witnessed the beating.

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On [redacted] 1967, [redacted] (Protect Identity) [redacted] advised that the members of the community are angry with Sheriff NOAH CROSS and his Deputies because of the illegal activities of FRANK DE LAUGHTER which have come to light recently. Another irritant that makes CROSS's defeat seem likely in the next election, which was moved up a week or two in November, 1967, concerns the recent purchase by a group of Baton Rouge attorneys of all of the land around Lake Concordia. For many years, a large number of families have squatted on these lands and have no title to the property. A court order was issued to expell them from the land, and most of the work in enforcing this order was carried out by Deputies BILL OGDEN and IKE COWAN. Even the residents of that area who understood that this was a cort order that CROSS could not fail to conform with, were angered by the manner in which the Deputies treated them. Others believe CROSS could have prevented these expulsions from taking place.

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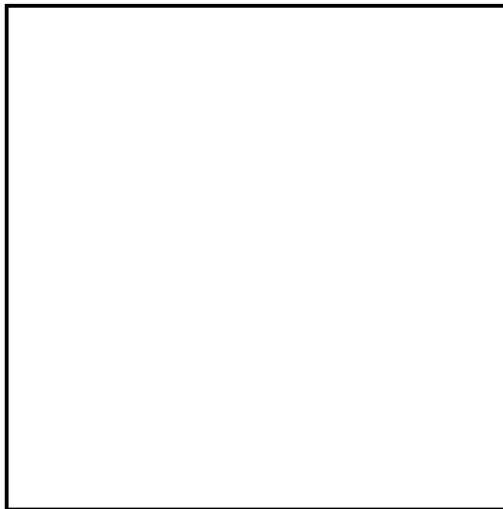
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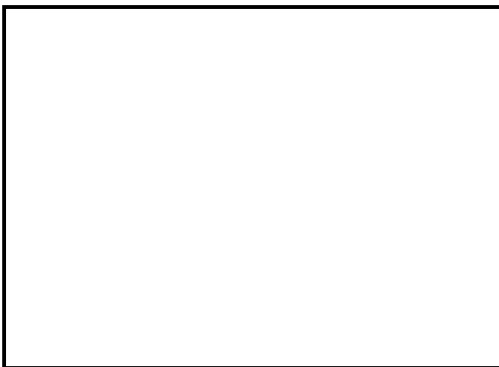
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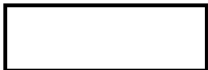
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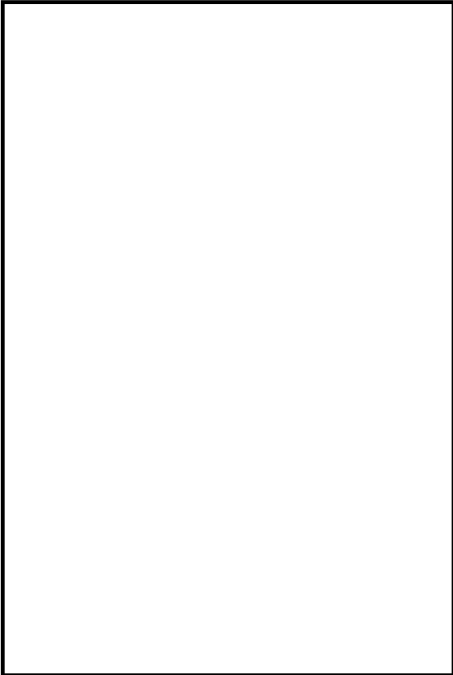

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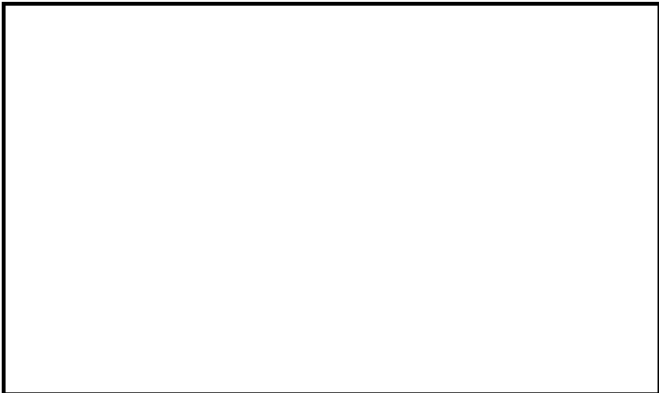
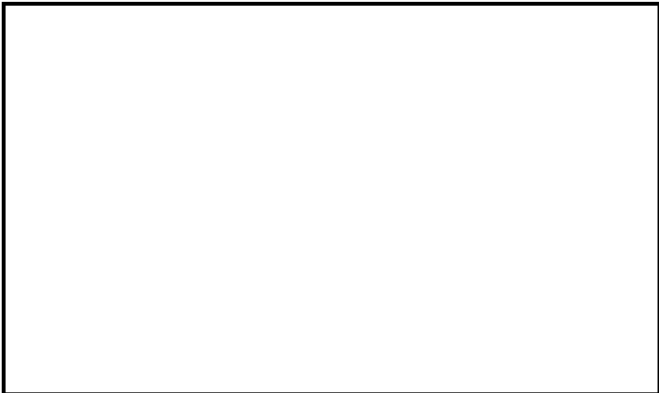
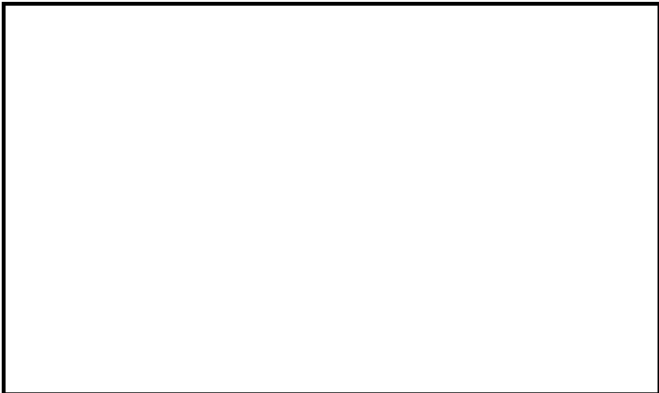
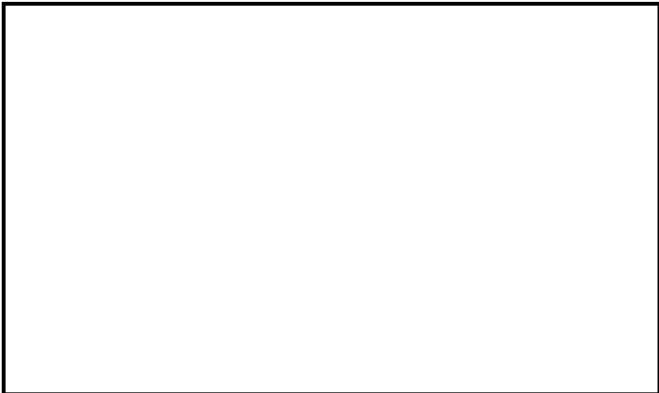
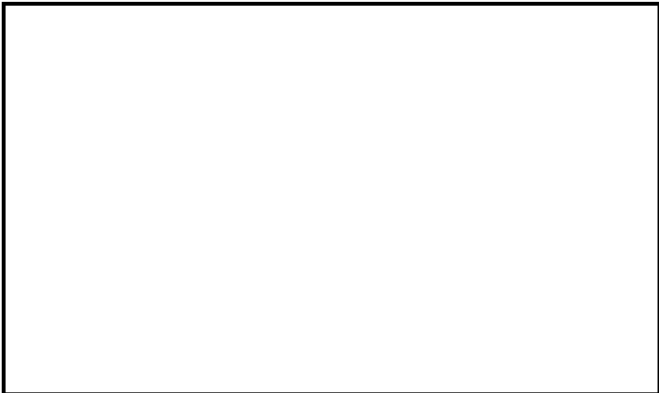


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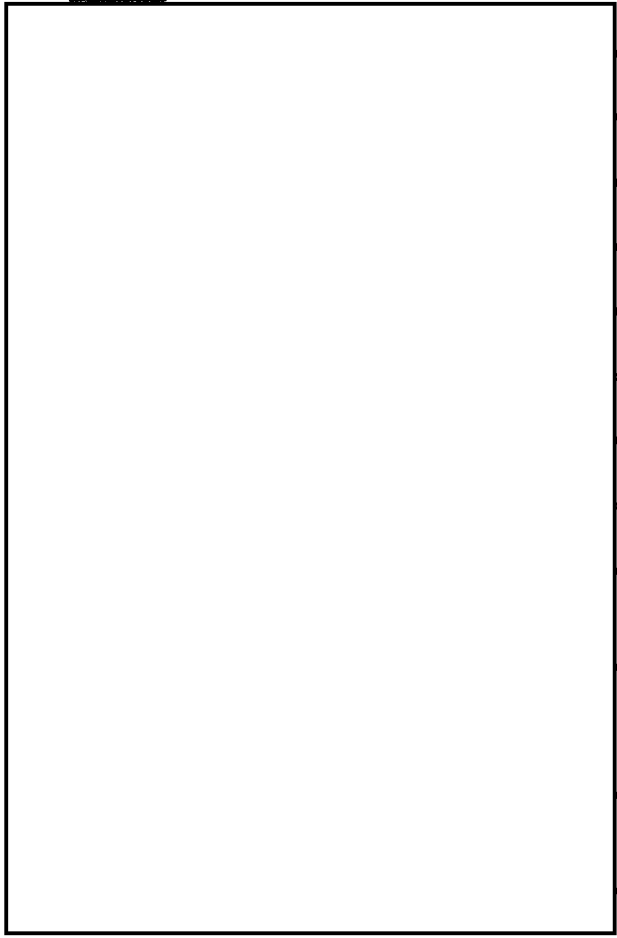
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Report of: SA [redacted]
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Title: J. D. RICHARDSON;
CURT HEWITT;
TRUMAN EDWARD SANFORD;
JUDSON LEE DRANE;
WREFORD ELAIN FREEMAN;
LEE JOSEPH BROUSSARD;

[redacted]

FRANK DE LAUGHTER;

[redacted]

NOAH CROSS;

[redacted]

JAMES RONNIE FREEMAN;

[redacted]

doing business as
Marville Lounge

Character: INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION IN AID OF RACKETEERING -
GAMBLING AND PROSTITUTION

Synopsis: J. D. RICHARDSON arranged with [redacted] to lease
D. X. Service Station, Vidalia, La., in January, 1966,
then tried to get used car lot set up there and put
CURT HEWITT in the station as a sub-lesor. In
January, 1967, J. D. RICHARDSON leased the Shipley
Donut Shop to [redacted] of Natchez, Miss., and a

Synopsis (continued):

civil preliminary injunction was signed to padlock the Marville Lounge. [redacted] moved into Hillcrest Trailer Park, Natchez, under alias of [redacted] and lived there in [redacted] trailer she had occupied at [redacted]

[redacted] In June, 1966, CURT HEWITT had purchased a trailer in Alexandria, La., for \$3,400 cash down for his wife, who resided briefly in Alexandria and then arranged for this and two trailers owned by HEWITT in Natchez to be transported to Sulphur, La. Trailer leased to [redacted] at Hale's Gulf Service Station was purchased from its owner, [redacted] of Natchez by CURT HEWITT, who put trailer in [redacted] name.

"BLACKIE" BROUSSARD, J. D. RICHARDSON, REEF FREEMAN and his son, JAMES RONNIE FREEMAN, connected with the Marville Lounge while gambling and prostitution conducted there two years ago. RONNIE FREEMAN interviewed, denied being a pimp, but admitted REEF FREEMAN had slot machines at the Marville Lounge and had hired CURT HEWITT about two months before REEF lost Marville Lounge to HEWITT. [redacted]

[redacted] identified REEF and RONNIE as operators of Marville Lounge for prostitution in mid-1964, and RONNIE FREEMAN and CURT HEWITT as pimps there at that time. "BLACKIE" DRANE supplied slot machines and house dealers for FREEMAN at Horseshoe Lake, La., and DRANE and NOAH CROSS frequently warned REEF FREEMAN that Federal agents were in the area so that he could conceal his equipment. [redacted]

[redacted] maintains two sets of account books on REEF's enterprises, one for legal operations, the other for illegal. In March, 1965, HEWITT and REEF FREEMAN split up, the Marville Lounge closed briefly, and was then reopened by HEWITT, at which time RONNIE FREEMAN came to work for HEWITT as a pimp, and

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later HEWITT and RONNIE FREEMAN placed prostitutes at Horseshoe Lake for REEF FREEMAN. ISAAC COWAN, JR., Concordia Parish Deputy, advised NOAH CROSS, BILL OGDEN, FRANK DE LAUGHTER and he all visited the Marville Lounge, and all were aware of CURT HEWITT's connection with the service station in Natchez, where he was sent by NOAH CROSS following the July, 1966, state police raid on the Marville Lounge, in order to tell HEWITT to "lay low until the heat's off."

CURT HEWITT and [redacted] observed at demolition site of building owned by [redacted] and HEWITT advised that he had contracts to tear down the building. Vehicles used for this work, materials from this work and vehicles seen at George's Boat Landing, were observed on the land just outside Ferriday, reportedly owned by FRANK DE LAUGHTER. HEWITT arrested in Vidalia and bonded out at once by FRANK DE LAUGHTER. JUNIOR HARP, another Concordia Parish Deputy, made threatening phone call to Chief of Police, BUD SPINKS, Vidalia City Police. In summer, 1966, [redacted], looked over a Chevrolet with FRANK DE LAUGHTER at Hales Gulf Service and shortly afterwards this car was [redacted] to her at Blackie's Lounge, where she confirmed with the owner, CURT HEWITT, the price of the vehicle, and she has been operating this vehicle for more than six months without making payments on it or getting license plates or a title for it. Other criminal activities involving FRANK DE LAUGHTER described below.

[redacted] prostitute [redacted] at [redacted] identified [redacted] as madame for CURT HEWITT. [redacted] as madame for J. D., [redacted] and [redacted] as bartenders, and described attempt by [redacted] to turn her out for J. D. and also described buy-outs and a payment by check for prostitution service. In

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December, 1966, through January, 1967. [redacted]

[redacted] and his wife lived at [redacted]

[redacted] He [redacted]

was visited frequently by other subjects, and threatened to get FRANK DE LAUGHTER to halt prostitution starting out of the Bonanza Lounge in Ferriday a few days before a fire started at the Bonanza Lounge. [redacted] worked at Hales Gulf Service, continues to be employed by HEWITT in maintaining his automobile fleet and in moving trailers, including [redacted] which he moved from Hagel's Trailer Court in January, 1967, to George's Boat Landing. [redacted] associated with

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[redacted] and [redacted] LEE J.

BROUSSARD and [redacted] continue to work at Jay's Lounge. [redacted] Manager of

Southland Service Station, Vidalia, La., telephone # 336-9925 and operator of Yellow Cab of Natchez, telephone # 442-7323, described arrangement he had with CURT HEWITT to use his cabs to deliver messages to "CURT" or "The Marville" from January, 1966, which was when he secured Yellow Cab Business from [redacted] the party with whom HEWITT had made original arrangements about this messenger service. Criminal record of [redacted] set out along with information from Yellow Cab employees, which includes transportation of a girl and numerous messages to the Marville and an observation of Sheriff NOAH CROSS at the Marville Lounge. [redacted]

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were furnished to Federal Grand Jury, Lake Charles, La., on [redacted]

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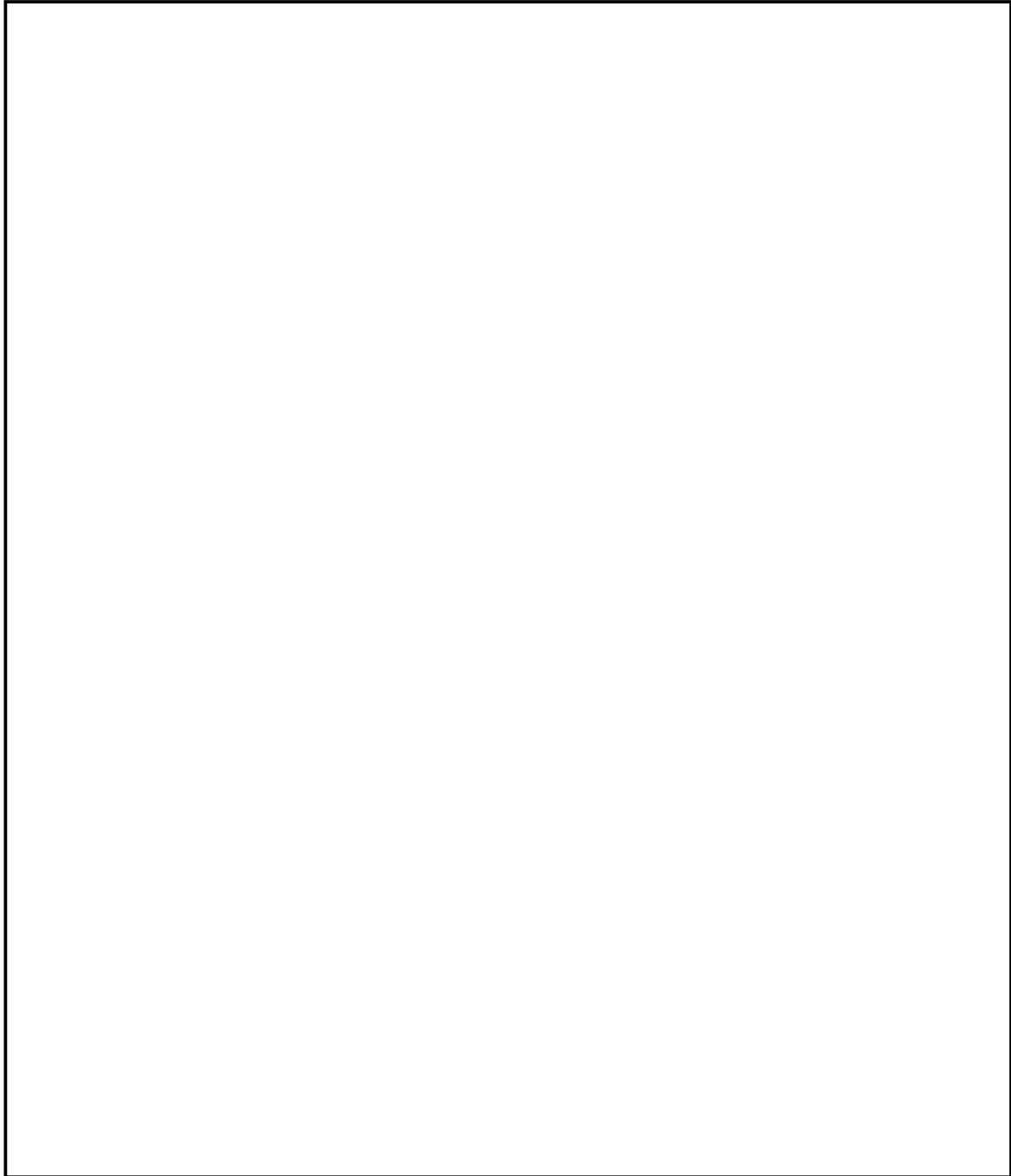
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Numerous sources
have reported that all of the male subjects and
the associates of the female subjects usually have
in their possession a wide variety of firearms and
agents have observed firearms in the possession of
many of the male subject. For this reason all of
the subjects of this investigation should be considered
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[redacted] was interviewed at Dale Insurance Agency, 405 Texas. He advised he and [redacted] are partners in this business. He was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and of the nature of the interview. He furnished the following information:

His agency has the insurance on J. D. RICHARDSON's house at 413 Cypress, Vidalia, Louisiana, previously owned by [redacted] of Natchez, Mississippi. The company listed as having the mortgage on the property is First Federal Savings and Loan Company, Vidalia, Louisiana.

This is the only insurance his company holds on any property or cars of J. D. RICHARDSON or CURT HEWITT, but he has determined from MURRAY-NICHOLS Insurance Agency of Vidalia that that agency had the insurance for Shipley Donut Shop until about one month ago.

He viewed a photograph of CURT HEWITT and advised he recognized him as a man who came to his agency about early 1965 to ask for prices for car lot insurance, to include garage liability and coverage on a contemplated twenty-four hour tow service. This man, whom he believed used the name HEWITT at the time, had told him he was going to set up this business at the site of the burned Dairy Queen on Carter Street, at which place Shipley Donut Shop was put up shortly after HEWITT's visit. HEWITT filled out a complete accident history, which included a DWI at Crowley, Louisiana, and he told HEWITT with that history he would have to put him with an assigned risk carrier. HEWITT said that he would "discuss the rates with my partner," whom he never identified by name.

He advised he had searched his files but apparently had destroyed the papers concerning HEWITT's insurance estimate and history of accident.

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[redacted] was interviewed at the D X Service Station, Vidalia, Louisiana. The identity of the interviewing agent was known to him, and the interviewing agent advised him of the purpose of the interview. [redacted] furnished the following information:

He has spent most of his adult life in the service station business and has known J. D. RICHARDSON for approximately 25 years. He is the present operator of the D X Service Station in Vidalia, Louisiana. In January, 1966, he visited the Shipley Donut Shop and spoke frequently to J. D. RICHARDSON. J. D. RICHARDSON told him that he would back him in a service station and by coincidence, a few days later, WALTER SMITH, who presently is deceased, telephoned him and advised that the D X Service Station lease in Vidalia had expired and that the service station would be available for a new operator if he were interested. WALTER SMITH was one of the representatives of Calloway Oil Company, Vidalia, which is the owner of the D X Service Station and which is located directly behind the service station.

He contacted J. D. RICHARDSON, explained matters to him, and went with J. D. to the Calloway Oil Company, where he told the representatives there that he would back [redacted] in the D X Service Station. He advised that he and J. D. RICHARDSON had a verbal agreement that he and J. D. RICHARDSON would be partners in the D X Service Station and, later, in a used car lot at that location. This was to be a 50-50 partnership, but J. D. RICHARDSON never put up any money for the service station or the proposed used car lot.

Shortly after the service station had been acquired, J. D. RICHARDSON had told him that it would be profitable to put a used car lot at that location and that he could put 20 cars on the lot for [redacted]

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A few days later, however, J. D. RICHARDSON had come to the D X Service Station with CURT HEWIT, both of whom had looked over the service station, and J. D. RICHARDSON asked [redacted] if he, [redacted] would lease the station to CURT HEWIT for \$200 a month. [redacted] refused to do this.

He advised that his lease with the Calloway Oil Company was effective on February 1, 1966, so that the above actually took place within one or two weeks of that lease.

He advised that J. D. RICHARDSON brought his personal cars to the D X Service Station regularly for gas and oil, but that J. D. RICHARDSON has not been in for approximately three or four months. J. D. RICHARDSON owes him approximately \$300 for gas.

About March or April, 1966, he did some work for CURT HEWIT on three automobiles, and this work totaled more than \$84. One of these three cars had been brought in by a woman calling herself [redacted] and this was a Chrysler. The second car was a red and white Ford, which had a new clutch put in by him and which was picked up by CURT HEWIT or RED BROUSSARD, after the work was done. The third car was a pink Cadillac, which was picked up by CURT HEWIT.

For a couple of weeks or more, this bill of \$84 or more was owed to him, and he went to J. D. RICHARDSON to inquire about getting the bill paid. RICHARDSON told him to contact CURT HEWIT at the Marville Lounge, and shortly afterwards, CURT HEWIT came to the service station and gave him a check, which he believed was a personal check, for the total amount of repairs on the three cars described above. This check was issued sometime in April, 1966, and was deposited by him in the Concordia Bank and Trust Company, Vidalia, Louisiana, in his account, which is in the name of [redacted]

He advised he has been to the Marville Lounge only once, which took place after he had been fishing and had stopped at J. D. RICHARDSON's house to talk to RICHARDSON. He and RICHARDSON went to the Marville Lounge at that time, and RICHARDSON talked to one of the girls there. At that time, RED BROUSSARD was behind the bar. He believed this

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was in the Spring, 1966.

He has known [redacted] because [redacted] [redacted] got a job at the Shamrock Motel in Vidalia, Louisiana, and shortly afterwards, began to date J. D. RICHARDSON. On several occasions during the Spring and Summer of 1966, she had personally told him that she had worked at the Marville Lounge, which was after she had left her job at the Shamrock Motel.

About one month ago, [redacted] and BUDDY SANFORD's wife came to the D X Service Station in an automobile in order to get some drinking water. He believed this automobile was a white Falcon or a white Chevy II.

About one week ago, [redacted] had stopped at the service station. She was driving a black late model Dodge automobile and asked if CURT HEWIT had credit at the service station. She bought \$2 worth of gas, and asked [redacted] if he would take a check for that amount. He told her that he would and she wrote a check for \$2, drawn on the Britton and Koontz Bank in Natchez, Mississippi, and signed this check [redacted]. He advised this check has been deposited to the same service station account as described above.

[redacted] The following description was obtained from [redacted] through observation and interview:

Name
Date of Birth
Place of Birth
Sex
Race
Height
Weight
Build
Hair
Eyes
Present Address

[redacted]

Male
Caucasian

[redacted]

Blue

[redacted] Vidalia,
Louisiana (phone number,

[redacted]

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Present Employment Operator of D X Service Station,
Carter Street, Vidalia,
Louisiana (phone number,
336-9921)

Marital Status Divorced, not remarried
Relatives Son, daughter, all by his
first wife, are residing
with him at the before
mentioned address. Also
residing with him is his wife,
of whom he is divorced, whose
name is [redacted] nee
[redacted]

Military Service [redacted] United States
Air Force, discharged
October 7, 1945 honorably

**United States Air
Force Serial Number**
Arrests

[redacted]

Prior Employment For 3½ years ran a Texaco Service
Station in Vidalia, Louisiana
then worked as a oil field
worker for approximately 3½
years before taking over the
D X Service Station in
Vidalia, Louisiana.

Previous Residences Natchez, Mississippi, 1946 or
1947, at which time he first
met J. D. RICHARDSON, who was
running a Shell Service
Station there.

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[redacted] was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and purpose of the interview. He was interviewed at his business, Clark Brothers Rentals, in Vidalia, Louisiana. He advised that the telephone number at this location is 336-7760. He advised he resides at [redacted] in Natchez, Mississippi, telephone number [redacted]. He furnished the following information:

He advised that Lot #106 Park Street at his trailer lot has been occupied by a trailer owned by J. D. RICHARDSON of Vidalia, Louisiana, since about the first of 1966.

He advised the first occupant of this trailer was [redacted] and his records reflect a receipt dated February 1, 1966, receipt #2841, reflecting [redacted] paid him \$25.00 for the period February 1, 1966 through March 1, 1966. He advised this was for the rental of the space on which the trailer stood. He advised that he recalls that [redacted] actually moved in approximately [redacted] or [redacted] 1966.

[redacted] advised he did not know at that time that J. D. RICHARDSON owned the trailer occupied by [redacted]. He did not find this out until [redacted] left approximately the first of March, 1966, at which time the people in the neighboring trailers saw a couple of the girls who work at the Shipley Do-Nut Shop go to the trailer.

He advised these neighbors telephoned him and complained to him that some illegal activity might be conducted at the trailer because the neighbors, as well as he, himself, knew at that time that J. D. RICHARDSON was associated with the house of prostitution in Deer Park, Louisiana, known as the Marville Lounge.

He advised he contacted J. D. RICHARDSON at that time and that RICHARDSON told him that the girls from the Shipley Do-Nut Shop were merely cleaning up the trailer and that he, J. D. RICHARDSON, owned the trailer.

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He advised he has known J. D. RICHARDSON for about 25 years and hunts frequently in the Deer Park area where J. D. RICHARDSON has a hunting camp. He advised he had a discussion with RICHARDSON concerning the trailer and let RICHARDSON keep the trailer rent free on the lot for a couple of months in exchange for free hunting rights at RICHARDSON's club in Deer Park.

[redacted] advised the records reflect the following receipts in which J. D. RICHARDSON paid him \$25.00 per receipt for the rental on the trailer space at his lot:

Receipt #3203 dated April 1, 1966, for the period April 1, 1966 through May 1, 1966;

Receipt #3251 dated May 1, 1966, for the period May 1, 1966 through June 1, 1966;

Receipt #3298 dated June 1, 1966, for the period June 1, 1966 through July 1, 1966.

[redacted] advised that for the above period he believed [redacted] occupied J. D. RICHARDSON's trailer.

He advised the trailer was then vacant until about September 1, 1966, when [redacted] rented the trailer and moved out approximately October 7, 1966.

He advised the trailer has been vacant since that time and is vacant now. He advised that [redacted] was a white female, [redacted] about [redacted] pounds, [redacted] height, [redacted]

[redacted] She had advised him that her husband was in the service [redacted] and that she originally was from [redacted] He advised that when they moved out, he saw her and her husband loading a car with clothing. [redacted] advised the husband was not in uniform at the time. That was the only time he ever saw her husband and he does not know what sort of work she did. He believes she not only said she was from [redacted] originally but that he understood this was the place to which her husband took her after they left the trailer park.

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[redacted] advised he has no registration card records concerning any of the occupants of J. D. RICHARDSON's trailer because he has just recently instituted a program of using such cards.

[redacted] advised the business dealings described above are the only business dealings he has ever had with J. D. RICHARDSON and, to the best of his knowledge, none of the people associated with the Marville Lounge have ever had a trailer rented in his trailer park. The only exception to this is that he knew [redacted] who lived in a trailer there with her husband prior to their separation.

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1Date 1/16/67

This date a spot check was made of the Shipley Donut Shop, in front of which was observed a light blue over white 1959 or 1960 Oldsmobile Sedan bearing 1966-67 Louisiana License 4N810.

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1Date 1/16/67

A spot check was made of the Shipley Donut Shop, and on the counter, agent observed a letter addressed to the River Electric and Plumbing Company, care of Shipley Donut, Vidalia, Louisiana.

Parked in front of the Shipley Donut Shop was a new tan Pontiac Sedan bearing 1966-67 Louisiana License 46E385.

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by SA b6
b7C Date dictated 1/3/67

1Date 1/16/67

[redacted] Clerk, City Hall, Vidalia, Louisiana, was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and furnished the following information:

In August, 1966, a license was issued to River Electric and Plumbing Company, care of the Shipley Donut Shop. She advised she believed that [redacted] applied for this license.

She advised her records reflected the Shipley Donut Shop had opened on November 1, 1965, and that on December 9, 1965, J. D. RICHARDSON had applied for an occupational license for that business.

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Date 1/31/671

During the daylight hours, a pink Cadillac automobile, bearing 1966-67 Louisiana License 47E218, was observed parked at the Shipley Do-nut Shop on Carter Street.

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Deputy [redacted] Identification Division, Ouachita Parish Sheriff's Office advised that a search of records revealed that [redacted] was arrested by the Ouachita Parish Sheriff's Office on June 29, 1958, on charges of [redacted] and charges were withdrawn on July 2, 1958. The arrest record reveals the following background information concerning [redacted]

Address

[redacted]

Occupation

Electrician

Employer

[redacted]

Date of Birth

Place of Birth

[redacted]

Louisiana

Height

6'1"

Weight

194

Sex

Male

Race

White

Hair

Eyes

Complexion

Scars

[redacted]

Wife

Son

Daughter

Daughter

Daughter

Father

Louisiana

Mother

[redacted]

[redacted] made available a photograph of [redacted]

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[redacted] was interviewed at Shipley Do-Nut Shop. He was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and furnished the following information:

He first met J. D. RICHARDSON in about October, 1966, when he contacted RICHARDSON to purchase donuts from him for the Glass House Restaurant in Natchez, which he, [redacted] operates.

In late December, 1966, while making a telephone call to RICHARDSON concerning some pies he wished to buy, RICHARDSON asked him, "Why don't you just lease my place from me?" This remark lead to other conversations, during which RICHARDSON told him that the Shipley Do-Nut Shop in Vidalia was doing an excellent business but that he did not wish to continue with it.

It was agreed about the end of December, 1966, that he, [redacted] could lease the premises from RICHARDSON for one year at \$300 per month, would have an option to lease it again for four years, and at the end of that five-year period could purchase the building for \$5,000 and the equipment for \$10,000. RICHARDSON never had any partners with him nor mentioned any partners during any discussions about this deal. He furnished an undated and unsigned lease between RICHARDSON and [redacted] only, containing the provisions described above, and advised that RICHARDSON had told him this was an agreement for them to sign that his attorney, [redacted] of Vidalia, had drawn.

He advised he had not signed this agreement even though RICHARDSON had visited the Do-Nut Shop that very day, because he had found out that business was poor and that there were complications about some of the equipment in the shop.

He advised that although RICHARDSON was about to leap at the chance of having [redacted] take over the shop as of January 1, 1967, the date stipulated in the unsigned lease, the move suddenly was delayed until about January 7, 1967, when he was permitted to move into the business. At that time, he saw RICHARDSON and [redacted] at the Do-Nut Shop and

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gave RICHARDSON his personal check for \$263, which was a month's rent minus one week, drawn on the account of [redacted] at the City Bank and Trust Company in Natchez, Mississippi.

On February 1, 1967, he and RICHARDSON met at the Shipley Do-Nut Shop again, and believed RICHARDSON was alone at that time. He gave RICHARDSON two checks, both drawn on the account of [redacted] at Concordia Bank and Trust Company, Vidalia, Louisiana. One was for \$800, the cost of the supplies in the shop that he had bought from RICHARDSON, the other for \$300, a month's rent.

About two weeks before this transaction, he had received a phone call at the shop from a man who identified himself as [redacted] manager of the Shipley Do-Nut Shop in Monroe. [redacted] told him "not to touch the equipment in the shop" because RICHARDSON had bought some of this equipment from [redacted] and the equipment was not paid for yet. [redacted] told him he would be down that day or the next to "see about it," but has never contacted him since then.

RICHARDSON continues to get telephone calls asking for him and still receives mail at the Do-Nut Shop but definitely has no interest in the Do-Nut Shop at this time.

He could not explain how the deal had come about so quickly nor why RICHARDSON would ask him to take over the shop since they knew each other only slightly.

He has heard of CURT HEWITT but does not believe he has ever met HEWITT. He went to the Marville Lounge only once, several months ago, and at that time he was in the company of two or three married male friends whom he did not wish to identify. They had heard the place was a house of prostitution and were curious about what it would be. They only had a beer or two in the place, did not have any prostitution dates, and left promptly. There were several girls in the place at that time, and they were soliciting for prostitution, but he could not recall what they looked like nor their names.

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The only employee working for him now that ever worked for RICHARDSON is a woman named [redacted]. She had worked for RICHARDSON for about three months. Until a day or two ago, she had lived in a trailer behind McPhail Oldsmobile in Natchez, but she has not advised him of her present address. Her husband is [redacted] an oil field worker.

From observation and interview, the following description was obtained from [redacted]

Name
Aliases
Sex
Race
Height
Weight
Build
Hair
Eyes
Address

[redacted]
Male
Caucasian
6' 1"
212

Occupation

[redacted]
Operator of Shipley Do-Nut Shop,
Vidalia, Louisiana;
Operator of Glass House Restaurant,
230 Sergeant Prentiss Drive,
Natchez, Mississippi,
phone number 442-2201

Marital status

Married to [redacted]
nee [redacted] who resides with
him [redacted]

Date of birth
Place of birth
Arrests

[redacted]
None

Military service

In U. S. Army from [redacted]
Honorable Discharge.
Army Serial No. [redacted]

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Date March 6, 1967

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Review of newspaper article captioned "FALKENHEINER Files Suit to Padlock Morville Bar in Anti-Prostitution Move" on the front page of the daily issue of The Concordia Sentinel of Ferriday, Louisiana, dated January 5, 1967, reflected the following:

It was reported that Concordia Parish District Attorney WILLIAM C. FALKENHEINER filed a padlock suit on January 3, 1967, against the property owners of the Morville Bar, Vidalia, Louisiana, who were listed as J. D. RICHARDSON of Concordia Parish, [redacted] of Adams County, Mississippi, [redacted] of Houston, Mississippi, and [redacted] of Adams County, Mississippi. Under law, such suit could close the bar for all purposes for a year. The suit sought an injunction, without bond, enjoining and restraining the defendants from operating the premises as a place of prostitution and a public nuisance.

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It further was reported Judge JESSE MC GEE signed a preliminary injunction to halt prostitution activities at the establishment, but a hearing is pending.

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CURT HEWITT

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Date 11/16/66

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At about 11:23 AM, agent observed the following at the outside phone booth on the Northwest corner of Louisiana and 5th Streets, beside the former location of LEWIS's number 2.

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CURT HEWITT was inside the booth making a phone call. Outside the booth was [redacted] Parked beside the booth was a 1965 black Dodge Polara with 1966-1967 Louisiana license.

A few minutes later, agent observed above no longer at that location and observed coin booth phone number to be 336-9911.

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by SA [redacted] Date dictated 11/11/66

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Date 12/15/66

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[redacted] Hillcrest Trailer Court, who was aware of the identity of the interviewing Agent, was interviewed and furnished the following information:

She advised that according to her records, a woman named [redacted] had a trailer moved into the Hillcrest Trailer Park. She advised that this is the same silver and blue old trailer previously parked at Hale's Gulf Service Station in Natchez at the foot of the hill below her trailer court.

She advised that [redacted] is [redacted] medium height, [redacted] and [redacted] and has [redacted] hair, which she wears [redacted]. She advised that the only time she has seen [redacted] is on those occasions when she comes in to pay her rent for the trailer space.

She advised this trailer is located on the left when entering Hillcrest Trailer Park on the entrance driveway closest to Natchez. The trailer is almost the last one on the left.

She advised that [redacted] pays the gas and electric bills for service for this trailer directly to the utility company. She does not know if there is a telephone in this trailer, but shortly after [redacted] moved in, a representative of the telephone company contacted her in order to locate [redacted] trailer.

She recognized a photograph of CURT HEWITT as the same male who frequently drives into the trailer court in a black automobile to visit [redacted] at this trailer.

She advised that her husband may have more information concerning [redacted] and any visitors to her trailer.

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A spot check was made of Hillcrest Trailer Court this date.

Upon entering the trailer court on the entrance drive closest to Natchez, it was observed that the next to last trailer on the left was the silver and blue trailer previously occupied by [redacted] behind Hale's Gulf Service Station in Natchez. Parked on one side of the trailer was a late model dark green four-door Cadillac Sedan without license plates and parked on the other side was a black 1964 Ford four-door Sedan. Both of these automobiles were recognized by the Agent as having been previously used by the people at the Hale's Gulf Service Station and the black Ford had been observed at the Marville Lounge in Deer Park, Louisiana, previously.

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[redacted] was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the purpose of the interview. He advised he resides at [redacted] Louisiana, and is the former operator of Diamond Trailer Sales in Alexandria. He advised he is presently associated with his brother, [redacted] in a trailer manufacturing business in Jonesville, Louisiana.

He furnished the following information:

He advised he recognized a photograph of CURT HEWITT as the same CURT HEWITT who purchased a trailer from his brother during the Summer, 1966.

He advised that HEWITT had first approached him at the Diamond Trailer Sales lot in Alexandria, Louisiana, about purchasing a trailer, was dissatisfied with the deal he could give HEWITT on a trailer, and that he later met HEWITT again at his brother's business place in Alexandria, [redacted] Trailer Sales.

He advised that HEWITT had purchased a brand new Chateau Trailer from [redacted] and had moved it to a lot on Felker Street in Alexandria, Louisiana.

A woman, who had identified herself as CURT HEWITT's wife, apparently was living in this Chateau Trailer in Alexandria and had been dissatisfied with some type of service that [redacted] was to have made on the trailer. She telephoned him, [redacted] and asked that he come to the trailer and re-block it. When he got there, he discovered that [redacted] was a white female, aged in her late [redacted] attractive build, and [redacted] hair. She drove a [redacted] and was living with [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted] whom she referred to as [redacted]
[redacted] He did what he could to correct the situation with the Chateau Trailer and was later contacted by [redacted] who arranged for him to move the Chateau Trailer to Sulphur, Louisiana, and to have two trailers,

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owned by CURT HEWITT, picked up in Natchez, Mississippi, and transported to Sulphur, Louisiana.

He advised that he himself was in the truck that took the Chateau Trailer from Felker Street in Alexandria to Sulphur, Louisiana, where [redacted] asked that it be set up on a cleared lot behind a home which she described as being the home of CURT HEWITT's mother.

He advised that his driver, [redacted] who lives in [redacted] Louisiana, had gone to Natchez, Mississippi, to pick up the two trailers there. [redacted] told him that one of the trailers was located at the Gulf Station on the Bypass, righthand side, in Natchez, Mississippi, but is not sure where [redacted] found the other trailer in Natchez. He advised that one of the trailers was tan and white and the other a pinkish tan in color.

Both of these trailers, in about July, 1966, were delivered to the same location in Sulphur, Louisiana, to which he had taken the Chateau Trailer.

When he had contacted [redacted] in order to move the Chateau Trailer, she had tried to pay for the move with a check. This check was drawn on a bank in Sulphur, Louisiana. He told her he could not accept the check, and she telephoned CURT HEWITT in his presence at some location in Natchez, Mississippi, and explained the situation to him. CURT HEWITT apparently told her to cash a check and pay him in cash. She left and returned soon with enough cash to pay him for the move.

She also paid him in cash for the moves of the other two trailers.

He advised that he did not believe he had any of the records of payment for these trips, but he did have the copies of the permits used to take two of the trailers, which were oversized. He advised he would attempt to locate these permits.

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[redacted] was interviewed at Bob Stokes Trailer Sales, which he advised he owned. He was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the purpose of the interview.

He furnished the following records concerning sale of a trailer to a person he identified as CURT HEWITT.

1. A mobil home purchaser's statement, signed AZELIDA HEWITT as purchaser. This document reflects the purchaser as CECIL HEWITT, white, 64 years of age, presently residing at 615 Claiborne, Sulphur, Louisiana, life-long resident at that location. For income she listed Rebel Property and Land Lease for one year with monthly income of \$400.00. Nearest relative was listed as her son, CURT HEWITT, P.O. Box 411, Vidalia, Louisiana, another relative was listed as [redacted] Crowley, Louisiana, her brother. The automobile she presently was using was listed as a 1965 Dodge Polara two-door with Louisiana license, financed by Calcasieu Marine Bank in Sulphur, Louisiana. Other credit references were listed as Hugh Plumbing and Electric in Sulphur, Louisiana; Sears in Lake Charles, Louisiana; and Goodyear in Lake Charles, Louisiana. Her bank was listed as Calcasieu Marine Bank in Sulphur, Louisiana. The type of trailer being purchased was listed as a 1966 Chateau, 60' by 12' three-bedroom trailer. Downpayment was listed as \$3,400.00 cash.

2. A chattel mortgage, signed AZELIDA HEWITT as purchaser, signed [redacted] for the dealer, Bob Stokes Trailer Sales, agreement being for the purchase of a 1966 Chateau three-bedroom trailer, 60' long, 12' wide, serial number 1157.

3. A bill of sale, signed AZELIDA HEWITT as purchaser and addressed to Mrs. AZELIDA HEWITT, 615 Claiborne Street, Sulphur, Louisiana. A new 1966, 60' by 12' Chateau Trailer, serial number 1157, is listed as the property sold on June 9, 1966, at Alexandria, Louisiana, the lien held by ALLEN PARKER Finance Company, Baton

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4. Allen Parker Company contract purchase voucher #01668, which reflected that dealer Bob Stokes Trailer Sales, dealer's code #011, on June 13, 1966, sold a 1966 Chateau Trailer, identification number 66-6561211157, to AZELIDA HEWITT. Amount of note was listed as \$5,794.32.

5. A finance record on AZELIDA HEWITT, 615 Claiborne Street, Sulphur, Louisiana, for Stokes Trailer Sales, on a 1966 Chateau three-bedroom trailer, 60' by 12', serial number 666561211157, purchased new and at original cost of \$6,600.00, account number R-15020. Amount of encumbrance is listed as \$5,794.32, in installments of \$68.98 for 84 months, beginning July 20, 1966.

6. Bob Stokes Trailer Sales and Service order number reflecting that on June 7, 1966, AZELIDA HEWITT ordered from salesman [redacted] a 60' by 12' Chateau Trailer with exterior color of blue and white.

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7. Bob Stokes Trailer Sales driver service report, June 9, 1966, and signed by the driver [redacted] reflecting that Chateau Trailer was delivered to Mrs. HEWITT that date. The customer signed as Mrs. HEWITT.

8. Same type of driver service report, dated June 16, 1966, customer listed as Mrs. HEWITT, driver signed as [redacted] customer signed as Mrs. HEWITT, work done was to reblock trailer and repair sliding door.

[redacted] advised that, in June, 1966, CURT HEWITT had contacted him and decided on purchasing the above described trailer. HEWITT brought a woman with [redacted] hair, an elderly woman, a [redacted] and [redacted] to the trailer sales lot in a late model black Cadillac Sedan to complete the purchase.

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HEWITT told him that he was purchasing the trailer for his wife, [REDACTED] from whom he was separated, and that the trailer was part of their separation settlement. He advised that HEWITT made the entire downpayment of \$3,400.00 in cash at that time. HEWITT described himself as a car salesman, who did a lot of traveling. HEWITT explained that the elderly woman was his wife's mother and that [REDACTED] were [REDACTED]

HEWITT wanted the trailer purchased in his wife's name and she, [REDACTED] signed the necessary papers with the name AZELIDA HEWITT.

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[redacted] was interviewed at Bob Stokes Trailer Sales. She was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and of the purpose of the interview.

She furnished the following information:

She advised that, in June, 1966, a man, whom she recognized from a photograph as being CURT HEWITT, purchased a trailer from Bob Stokes Trailer Sales. At that time, this man used the name CURT HEWITT and was accompanied by a woman [redacted] with [redacted] hair, whom he identified as his wife, and was also accompanied by an elderly woman, whom he identified as his wife's mother, and [redacted] and [redacted] whom he identified as [redacted]

The group came to the trailer sales lot in a late model black Cadillac Sedan.

HEWITT advised that he and his wife were separated or divorced and, as part of the settlement, he wished to purchase a new Chateau Trailer for her. HEWITT also advised that he wanted the trailer to be listed in his wife's name, which he said was AZELIDA HEWITT, and the blonde woman signed all the necessary papers using that name.

She advised there was no real question on the financing, because HEWITT paid them a downpayment of \$3,400.00 in cash. She advised that she was present when this transaction took place. She believed that HEWITT had described himself as being a used car salesman. She advised that the signature [redacted] as representative of Bob Stokes Trailer Sales and as witness of the signature of purchaser AZELIDA HEWITT were her signatures on a chattel mortgage agreement for purchase of a 1966 Chateau three-bedroom 60' by 12' trailer, serial number 1157. She advised that the signature AZELIDA HEWITT on this chattel mortgage and on the other papers connected with the sale were the signatures of the blonde woman, who CURT HEWITT identified as being

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his wife.

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[redacted] directed the Agent to the location from which he picked up the new Chateau Trailer that had been purchased from his brother, [redacted] by a woman who had identified herself as [redacted]

He pointed out a vacant lot located beside 3411 Felker Street, Alexandria, Louisiana.

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[redacted] was interviewed at [redacted] where he advised he lives with [redacted]. He advised he lives in a trailer at that address, which fronts on Felker Street. He was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and furnished the following information:

He advised that all he can recall about a group who lived in a trailer during the Summer, 1966, next to the trailer he occupies, is that the group consisted of an elderly woman, very French, a woman [redacted] with [redacted] hair, and [redacted]

[redacted] They used a black Cadillac automobile.

The only time that he had any discussion with any members of this group was when the [redacted] woman asked him to repair something in her trailer on one occasion.

He was shown a photograph of CURT HEWITT and advised he could not recognize it as being the photograph of anyone he has seen in the area. He advised he cannot recall seeing any men at the trailer during the time it was parked there.

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[redacted] was interviewed at [redacted]. He advised he lives in the trailer at this address, and that this trailer fronts on Felker Street. He was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and of the purpose of the interview.

He advised that he knew very little about the family who lived in a trailer [redacted] during the Summer, 1966. He advised this group consisted of an elderly Cajun woman, a woman with [redacted] hair, aged in [redacted] who was [redacted]

This group used a black Cadillac Sedan. When the trailer was moved into the lot by a truck, this group followed in the black Cadillac, which was filled with personal belongings. He did not observe any other type of vehicle deliver any other personal belongings to the trailer.

When the trailer left, one or two months later, the group in this same automobile followed the trailer and truck from the area.

All he was able to learn from the members of this group was that they had come from [redacted] Louisiana, or spent a great deal of time there and that [redacted] was a car salesman and traveled frequently.

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[redacted] was interviewed at his home, [redacted] He was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and furnished the following information:

He advised that, during the Summer, 1966, a large trailer was placed in the lot next to [redacted] He was [redacted] when the trailer was delivered by a bob-tail truck, but was not aware of the exact time the trailer left that location. He believed the trailer was there for approximately three months and was occupied by a blonde young woman, aged in [redacted] an elderly dark-haired, very French-type woman, who was believed to be the mother of [redacted] and [redacted] whom he believed were [redacted]

This group used a black Cadillac Sedan, but did not stay at the trailer very long. They took at least two trips away from the trailer, one for almost three weeks, and the second for one or two weeks.

The only time he recalls any men visiting the trailer was on one weekend when a man came to the trailer in a car and was hugging and kissing the blonde woman. His wife brought this to his attention, and he told her the man was probably her husband, but that his wife advised that they did not talk like husband and wife. He was shown a photograph of CURT HEWITT and advised that he could not recognize this man as having been at the trailer parked next to his house.

He advised that the lot on which the trailer was parked was owned by [redacted] who lives [redacted]

He advised he was aware of no one who seemed to be close friends in the neighborhood with the people living in that trailer.

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[redacted] was interviewed at [redacted]
[redacted] Louisiana. He advised that he resides
at [redacted]
Louisiana. He was advised of the identity of the inter-
viewing Agent and furnished the following information:

He advised he was aware that a trailer had been
parked for a few months on the lot [redacted]
[redacted] in [redacted] during the Summer, 1966, but was not
acquainted with any of the people living in the trailer.
He was shown a photograph of CURT HEWITT and advised he
did not recognize the man and had not seen him in the
area of Felker Street.

He advised that, on occasion, his daughter [redacted]
had visited [redacted] on [redacted] Street and [redacted]
[redacted] who was [redacted]
[redacted]

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AT SULPHUR, LOUISIANA

On December 8, 1966, observation of the residence at HEWITT's mother, established that a 1962 Black Cadillac was parked in the car port. This vehicle has 1966-67 Louisiana license [REDACTED]. Attempts to contact [REDACTED] on this date at her residence were unsuccessful although it was evident some person or persons were in the residence.

On the same date, [REDACTED] Manager, District Office, Louisiana State Revenue Department, telephonically advised Louisiana license [REDACTED] is registered in the name of [REDACTED] Louisiana. There are no liens on the vehicle and the vehicle was transferred as a gift from CURT HEWITT to [REDACTED] on July 25, 1966. The records reflect HEWITT purchased the vehicle from the Bluff City Motor Company, Natchez, Mississippi, on February 28, 1966. The VIN number of the Cadillac is 62M081511.

AT LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA

On Decwmer 8, 1966, a person identifying herself as [REDACTED] telephonically contacted the Lake Charles FBI Office and stated she understood the FBI wanted to talk with her. Attempts were made to arrange an interview appointment, however, this person advised that she would make no statements without her attorney being present. ←

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Date 12/13/661

During the evening hours this date, agent spot checked the road leading from the levee road to George's Boat Landing, located on the Mississippi side of the levee road.

It was observed that, approximately slightly more than .8 of a mile down this gravel road from the paved levee road, was a homemade trailer on a set of wheels. This trailer looked like a small house made of wood, and there were curtains in the rear window. The trailer was located on the left (levee road) side of the gravel road. It sat on what appeared to be a recently cleared and shored-up patch of land. Some wooden cartons containing empty soft drink bottles were near the trailer, and there was a shiney meter on the pole near the trailer.

No lights were observed on in the trailer and no persons or vehicles were observed around the trailer.

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During the evening hours, agent spot checked the Marville Lounge. It was observed that the parking area in the front is now illuminated by strings of burning light bulbs. Across the front entrance to the parking lot is a rubber-covered wire similar to the type used in gas stations.

The only vehicles observed in the front parking lot were a white-blue Volkswagen sedan without license plates, a dark green late model Cadillac sedan without license plates which is the same color, make, and year of one seen previously at Hillcrest Trailer Court, Natchez, and Hale's Gulf Service, Natchez.

A third automobile was observed ready to pull away from the front of the Marville Lounge. This vehicle contained four or five white males and one white female, who was in the back seat. This vehicle was a light-colored Dodge with 66-67 Louisiana license.

The gate to the rear parking area was locked.

Agent proceeded to follow the above Dodge, and obtained from Vidalia Police Department by radio the information that its license plate was registered to [redacted] Louisiana, on a 1962 Dodge.

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This car stopped twice along the levee road headed toward Vidalia. The second time, about three of the male occupants came toward the agent's car, which had parked several dozen yards to the rear, and spoke to the agent, who asked them if [redacted] was driving the Dodge, at which time the men all called out to [redacted] whom they said was driving the Dodge.

[redacted] introduced himself to the agent, who identified himself and advised [redacted] of the nature of the investigation

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agents were conducting concerning the Marville Lounge.

[redacted] identified himself as an attorney and city counsel from Winnfield but said he did not wish to identify the other four men occupying the Dodge with him. He advised the girl in the car had told them her name was [redacted] and she was working at the Marville Lounge. He identified a photograph of CURT HEWITT as being the same man who was one of two white males operating the Marville Lounge that night. He advised the other was younger, clean-cut, stocky, with dark hair, medium height. He was not sure how many girls were working in the Marville Lounge.

His friends had talked to [redacted] and told him they were taking [redacted] out to eat in Vidalia. He agreed to drive them there and back in his car. He and his four friends had been deer hunting and had stopped in at the Marville Lounge for some relaxation. He saw no gambling equipment in the Marville Lounge and does not believe he or any of his friends paid for anything by check. He advised the agent he intended to drive [redacted] back to the Marville Lounge, and the interview terminated.

It was observed that the Dodge turned around and returned to the Marville Lounge, and as it entered the front entrance to the parking lot, the same dark green Cadillac previously observed drove from the lot at a high rate of speed and disappeared onto the levee road.

Agent observed the white female let off by the men in the Dodge, and the Dodge left. The Volkswagen was the only car visible in front of the Marville Lounge.

Agent introduced himself to the white female, who advised [redacted] was her name. She was observed to be about [redacted] tall, [redacted] hair, [redacted] build, wearing slacks.

She asked the agent why he did not "give CURT a break," and why he did not give "everyone else a break, too." She volunteered that she never crossed any state lines and that none of the girls did.

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Through the thin shade over the front door window agent observed a [redacted] white female with [redacted] hair. [redacted] called her [redacted] and told her "Don't open the door. The F.B.I.'s out here." She repeated this two or three times, and as agent returned to his car, the door on the left side of the entrance way to the Marville Lounge opened and [redacted] said "Let me in quick. He's going."

Spot checks were made at Shipley Donut Shop, the house at 413 Cypress, both in Vidalia, Louisiana, and at the blue and silver trailer in Hillcrest Trailer Court, Natchez, but the dark green Cadillac was not located.

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1Date 1/16/67

A spot check was made of the Marville Lounge and the following observed:

The only vehicle in the front parking lot was the late model dark green Cadillac without license plates that has previously been observed there.

In the locked rear parking area were observed a small silver colored trailer and a large white over dark blue trailer.

Parked near these trailers were [redacted] [redacted] which has previously been observed to have a [redacted] sticker on the rear. Parked with this automobile were three others.

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The rubber covered wire was still stretched across the entrance to the front parking area and the sign reading "ring bell for service" was still located on the front door of the lounge.

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[redacted] who was aware of the identity of the interviewing agent, was interviewed at Lewis's # 2.

He advised that he positively identified a photograph of [redacted] as being identical to the man introduced to him by CURT HEWITT as [redacted] working at the Marville Lounge.

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[redacted] was interviewed at the King Hotel Lounge. She was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the purpose of the interview. She advised she is employed at [redacted] as a [redacted] and lives at [redacted] Louisiana. She furnished the following information:

She advised she was at the Bonanza Club in Ferriday, Louisiana, on [redacted] 1966, with [redacted] one of her friends, and another girl named [redacted] who was from Vidalia, Louisiana.

She advised that she and her two companions went into the Ladies Rest Room and were followed by two girls, both aged in their early 20's, and described as follows:

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Race White
Sex Female
Hair Blond
Height Short
Build Plump
Weight 140-150 pounds

#2

Race White
Sex Female
Hair Brownish
Height 5'6"
Build Slender

She advised that these two girls approached her and her companions and told them that they were working at the Marville Lounge. They told them that they had a Lincoln and a Cadillac automobile and were going to Florida for a vacation the following week. These two girls asked her and her companions if they would like to work at the Marville Lounge and have similar benefits. She advised

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that these two girls then followed her and her companions to their booth at the Bonanza Club and continued to make remarks in this manner.

She advised that she and her companions were angry with these girls for making remarks of this sort and asked them to go to the King Hotel the following day at about 1:30 P.M. to discuss the matter further, having the intention of getting into a fight with these two girls.

She advised the two girls were sharing a booth with one or two men, but that it was too dark for her to get a good look at these men.

She advised that she was sure she could recognize photographs of the two girls who had approached her and her companions. She advised those two girls never recontacted her or her companions.

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A spot check was made of the Marville Lounge during the afternoon hours. Parked in front of the building in the front parking lot were the following automobiles:

A light blue four-door Cadillac, bearing 1966-67 Louisiana License [redacted]

A black four-door Cadillac without license plates and missing the entire rear license plate holder

Shortly afterwards, a tan 1965 Chevrolet four-door Sedan, bearing 1966-67 Louisiana License [redacted] was observed to leave the Levee Road, drive down to the front entrance to the Marville Lounge parking lot. The radio dispatcher for the Concordia Parish Sheriff's Department advised by radio that 1966-67 Louisiana License [redacted] was registered to a 1958 Cadillac owned by [redacted] Vidalia, Louisiana.

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[redacted] was interviewed at his home, [redacted]. He advised that he still manages the Hillcrest Trailer Court in Natchez, Mississippi, and the trailer court office telephone number is 445-5112. He was aware of the identity of the interviewing Agent and furnished the following information:

He advised that he eventually sold the trailer previously rented by [redacted] and located at Hale's Gulf Service Station in Natchez, Mississippi. He made this sale to CURT HEWITT, who paid him \$1,100.00 in cash for this trailer. He advised that CURT HEWITT and [redacted] came to his trailer, which was the Hillcrest Trailer Court Office at that time, and paid him this money in cash in the kitchen of the trailer.

He advised that HEWITT bought the trailer from him in [redacted] name and that after this transaction he went alone with [redacted] to Bluff City Motors, where he had one of the girls in the office make out a bill of sale for the trailer in [redacted] name. He advised that he, himself, had suggested that they go to Bluff City Motors for this purpose because he knew they had a notary public there.

He advised that he believed the deal not only consisted of HEWITT's agreement to pay him \$1,100.00 cash for his equity in the trailer, but that HEWITT had agreed to pay off the outstanding loan balance at Commercial Credit in Natchez, Mississippi, and that he understood that CURT HEWITT had gone to that firm and paid off that balance.

He advised that a woman going by the name of [redacted]

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On 1/13/67 at Natchez, Mississippi File # NO 166-233

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[redacted] presently occupies a silver and blue trailer in the far corner of Hillcrest Trailer Court. He advised this is the same trailer that had been located behind Hale's Gulf Service Station and this [redacted] is the same girl he had believed was CURT HEWITT's wife and with whom he had discussed CURT HEWITT's intention to purchase the trailer he had been renting to QUINTON HALE.

He viewed a photograph of [redacted] looking out of a trailer door at the agent. He advised that this girl is identical with [redacted] and that the trailer is identical with the one that is now located in the Hillcrest Trailer Court.

He advised that [redacted] is believed to have a telephone in the trailer but that he does not know the telephone number for it. [redacted] drives a [redacted] and is visited frequently by CURT HEWITT, who usually drives to the trailer court in the early evening hours for short visits. HEWITT usually drives either a Dodge or Chevrolet on those occasions.

He advised that because of his other occupation which keeps him away from the trailer court, he is unable to determine if [redacted] has had any other visitors at the trailer.

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Date 2/13/67

In the morning hours this date, Agent passed a 1964 Ford, four-door sedan, bearing 1967 Adams County, Mississippi, license 1-6661. It was observed that car was being driven by CURT HEWITT, and the other occupant was a [] white female, [] with [] hair.

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Car first observed several miles below Jonesville, Louisiana, and was followed through Jonesville, along the Jonesville Highway, to a point about five miles from Ferriday, Louisiana, where surveillance had to be discontinued for security reasons.

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On 2/6/67 at Concordia - Catahoula Parishes, Louisiana File # NO 166-233

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Captain [redacted] Sulphur, Louisiana, Police Department, furnished the following information:

On the afternoon of April 13, 1967, he received information that CURT HEWITT had been involved in an accident on old Highway U. S. number 90 (Old Spanish Trail) between Westlake and Sulphur, Louisiana. He had heard the previous day that CURT HEWITT was back in Sulphur, Louisiana, and had been on the lookout for him. He determined that due to heavy winds prevailing in the area during the afternoon, a tree had fallen on the car being operated by CURT HEWITT. The vehicle is a late model white Thunderbird, VIN 1Y71Z160924, bearing current Dealer's plates (State of Louisiana) C-580, which is registered to the Star Automotive Service, Alexandria, Louisiana.

[redacted] advised HEWITT was accompanied by a Negro male by the name of [redacted] age [redacted] Louisiana. He also observed HEWITT was wearing muddy boots, indicating he had been to some remote swampy area, as it had not rained in the Sulphur vicinity for the past several days.

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On 4/13/67 at Lake Charles, Louisiana File # NO 166-233

by SA [redacted] b6
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Date December 20, 1966b6
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[REDACTED]
Opelousas, Louisiana, advised as follows:

Shortly after the Marville Bar opened around two years ago, [REDACTED] contacted him and asked him to go to work at the bar as a bartender. This was about the first of the year. As a result, he and his wife, [REDACTED] went to the Marville Bar and there met J. B. RICHARDSON, who was the owner of the property, and the senior Mr. FREEMAN, who was somehow involved in the operation. His son, RONNIE FREEMAN, was active in the business also.

[REDACTED] went to work as a bartender and his wife as a prostitute. [REDACTED] was dealing blackjack. There were only three girls hustling dates. [REDACTED] worked there only one month and quit. Shortly after that, CURT HEWITT became associated with the bar. At the time [REDACTED] was working there he knew of no interstate activity by anyone associated with the bar.

At one time, RONNIE was missing and his father became concerned, and it was believed he was in Florida, or in the Bahama Islands. Mr. FREEMAN asked [REDACTED] and his wife to accompany him to Florida, and they did. [REDACTED] drove the car to Florida and they also visited in the Bahama Islands. They did not find RONNIE, and when they returned to Vidalia, Louisiana, he was there. [REDACTED] does not know where RONNIE had been during the interval of time.

Subsequently, [REDACTED] was talking with CURT HEWITT and HEWITT mentioned that he owned a service station in Natchez, Mississippi, and a used car lot, but the location of the used car lot was either in Vidalia, Ferriday, and possibly Natchez. He had no other details concerning these businesses.

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On 12/16/66 at Lafayette, Louisiana File# NO 166-233

by SA [REDACTED] b6 Date dictated 12/16/66
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AT VIDALIA, LOUISIANA

The following investigation was conducted
by SA [REDACTED]

On December 20, 1966, Deputy RAYMOND KEATHLEY, Concordia Parish SO, advised that the Monroe, Louisiana, PD had sent him notice of bond of \$250 each on REEF FREEMAN (WREFORD ELAINE FREEMAN), who is the operator of Reef's Cafe and Camp, Horseshoe Lake, and his two sons, RONNIE FREEMAN and [REDACTED] for threatening to do bodily harm to [REDACTED] wife. These bonds are to be returnable by 1/5/67. He further advised that he has heard that RONNIE FREEMAN is back at the Horseshoe Lake camp and that he and REEF FREEMAN are running girls out of there again. He advised he is not sure if they are tied in again with the Marville Lounge or not.

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JAMES RONNIE FREEMAN was interviewed at Reef's Cafe and Camp at Horseshoe Lake. He was aware of the identity of the interviewing agent, who advised him of the purpose of the interview, read him a written statement of his rights and a waiver of his rights, both of which he also read. He advised he understood his rights, signed the waiver of his rights and furnished the following information:

Near the end of 1964, his father, REEF FREEMAN, made some kind of an arrangement with J. D. RICHARDSON that let his father run a club out of a building there called the Marville Lounge. This building was located in Deer Park, Louisiana, and is located directly across the levee road from the house of J. D. RICHARDSON. He had no part in this business himself and does not believe that his father had a written lease for the use of the building.

The only gambling that took place in the club was during the first two or three weeks of its operation. This consisted of two slot machines which his father had owned for several years. He does not know why the gambling was discontinued at the lounge. He knew the name of only one girl who worked at the club, and her name was [redacted]. She claimed to be from South Louisiana. She and three other girls from that area worked at the club before CURT HEWITT came to work there for REEF FREEMAN. HEWITT came to the club about two months before REEF FREEMAN lost the club. REEF FREEMAN lost the club about March, 1965. No girls or men came with HEWITT and he does not know if anyone sent HEWITT there or how HEWITT came to be hired by REEF FREEMAN.

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He never lived in the club himself and just tried to help his father run it for awhile, and when HEWITT arrived, he never had much to do with the club. [redacted] and [redacted] used to hunt near the club and used to stop at the club a few times after hunting, but he never heard of them being partners or employees of REEF FREEMAN or anyone else who ever operated the club.

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On 12/30/66 Monterey, Louisiana File # NO 166-233by SA [redacted] b6 Date dictated 1/5/67
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He was never a pimp and never brought any girls to the Marville Lounge or from the Marville Lounge either while his father ran it or at any other time. After the club ceased to be operated by his father, he never went near it again himself.

He knows [redacted] whom he first met when [redacted] came to REEF'S Cafe and Camp about one year ago, asking to see him, JAMES RONNIE FREEMAN. [redacted] stayed only a short time, chatting, and left.

About the only other time he recalls having associated with [redacted] was a few months ago when he was living in Monroe, Louisiana. At that time, [redacted] had a girl named [redacted] with him.

He took a trip through Florida during the winter of 1965, but he made this trip alone and definitely was not transporting girls for purposes of prostitution at that time. He passed through Cape Kennedy, where he stayed a few nights at the Trade Wind Motel and through Miami, where he stayed at the Wagon Wheel Motel and became involved in an automobile accident in downtown Miami where the driver of his automobile, whose name was SKEET, was killed. He was injured in this automobile accident himself and was hospitalized in Miami at what he believed was the Jefferson Memorial Hospital.

Since he was involved in that accident in Florida, he has spent his time working at a variety of different jobs in Louisiana, and other states and would make frequent visits back home to his parents at Reef's Cafe and Camp.

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He advised that the above information is the extent of his knowledge of any gambling or prostitution in the Concordia Parish area and that he has never actively been engaged in any such activities.

The following description was obtained of JAMES RONNIE FREEMAN from observation and interview:

Name	JAMES RONNIE FREEMAN
Aliases	RONNIE FREEMAN, JAMES R. FREEMAN, RONNIE
Date and Place of Birth	September 28, 1943, Monroe, Louisiana
Sex	Male
Race	White
Height	6'2"
Weight	230#
Build	Stocky
Hair	Light brown, very curly
Eyes	Hazel
Scars and Marks	1" scar on right side of chin under the chin, three 2" scars on the left side of the right knee, which are from a knee injury
Present Address	Reef's Cafe and Camp, Monterey, Louisiana, where he has resided since late November, 1966

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Prior Addresses

1410 East Park Street, Houma,
Louisiana, for approximately
two months in 1966

712 Pecan Street, Apartment
B, Monroe, Louisiana, in
1966

Town Apartments, Apartment
7, Donaldsonville, Louisiana,
during part of October and
November, 1966

Present Employment

Helping his father, REEF
FREEMAN, run Reef's Cafe
and Camp, at above address

Prior Employment

Ingram Construction Company
with office in Harvey,
Louisiana, as a pipeline
worker for approximately
two months in 1966;

Associated Pipeline,
with office in Houston,
Texas, as a pipeline worker
working at Donaldsonville,
Louisiana, in October, 1966;
Penzine Pipeline Company,
with office out of Omaha,
Nebraska; working as a pipeline
worker at Donaldsonville,
Louisiana, during November,
1966;

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Marital Status
Education

Globe Life Insurance Company
of Monroe, Louisiana, located
on Lamby Lane Avenue, as a
salesman in Monroe during
May and June, 1966

Single, never married
Attended Northwestern College,
Natchitoches, Louisiana, from
1962 through 1964, majoring
in accounting, but did not
graduate

Military Service

Entered the U.S. Naval Reserve
in about November, 1965, in
Natchez, Mississippi, but
remained there for only two
or three months

He displayed a Navy Identification card issued
March 15, 1965, to [redacted] showing Navy Serial
Number [redacted]

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Selective Service
Number

16 16 43 107, card issued
January 21, 1965, by Local
Board 16, Ferriday, Louisiana
August, 1966, at Vidalia,
Louisiana, for armed robbery
committed at Bossier Parish,
Louisiana. He advised he

Arrests

and [redacted] were arrested
for this armed robbery, turned
over to the Bossier Parish
Sheriff's Office, and he is
now out on bond on this charge;

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Relatives

in December, 1966, arrested at Vidalia, Louisiana, for the Monroe City Police Department for threat to do bodily harm to the wife of his brother, [redacted] and he is awaiting disposition on that charge; December 24, 1966, arrested for speeding by the Vidalia, Louisiana, Police Department Parents, Mr. and Mrs. REEFORD "REEF" FREEMAN, who own and operate Reef's Cafe and Camp, Monterey, Louisiana, and reside at that location

Brother [redacted] age [redacted] married to [redacted]

[redacted] who is living in Monroe, Louisiana, while he is living in Reef's Cafe and Camp at the present time
Cousin, [redacted] Monroe, Louisiana, who is the operator of the Shipley Donut Shop, Monroe, Louisiana

Automobiles

He denies having any automobile at this time but uses a pick-up truck

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Louisiana Driver's License Number 2249606, issued
License Information September 8, 1966, expiring
1967, Picture 300, Examining
Office 55, issued to RONNIE
FREEMAN, Route A, Box 43,
Jonesville, Louisiana

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Captain [redacted] Identification Division, Monroe Police Department, advised that a review of his records indicates that no arrest record exists at Monroe for [redacted] REEF FREEMAN, or RONNIE FREEMAN.

[redacted] advised that records indicate that [redacted] [redacted] Louisiana, was arrested December [redacted] 1966, on a Disturbing the Peace Warrant and Peace Warrant in Jonesville, Louisiana. Bond was posted in Jonesville for this arrest.

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[redacted] Special Assistant, Monroe City Court, advised that Peace Warrants and Disturbing the Peace Warrants are on file with the Monroe City Court against [redacted] REEF FREEMAN, and RONNIE FREEMAN.

Peace Warrants and Disturbing the Peace Warrants were obtained against each of the [redacted] defendants by [redacted] [redacted] Monroe, Louisiana. The warrants alleged that the incident took place on [redacted] 1966, and the defendants were arrested on [redacted] by Jonesville, Louisiana authorities. Trial is set in the Monroe City Court for February 10, 1967.

The [redacted] are to be represented by Attorney WILLIAM N. NORRIS of West Monroe, Louisiana.

The warrants indicate that [redacted], REEF FREEMAN, and RONNIE FREEMAN reside at Horse Shoe Lake, Louisiana (REEF's camp), Route 2-A, Jonesville, Louisiana, telephone number MO 386-5502. The warrants lists the following witnesses:

[redacted]
Shreveport, Louisiana;

[redacted]
Monroe, Louisiana;

[redacted]
Monroe, Louisiana;

[redacted] Shreveport,
Louisiana.

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[redacted] was interviewed and advised that she is acquainted with [redacted] and her husband.

[redacted] through [redacted]

[redacted] and through [redacted]

She advised the [redacted] are obtaining a divorce and it is her understanding that [redacted] is a graduate of [redacted] and is presently employed [redacted] in Concordia Parish and lives with [redacted] at [redacted] Louisiana. She advised that [redacted] was formerly employed by [redacted] in Monroe, as [redacted] and was also employed by the [redacted] in West Monroe, Louisiana.

She advised that [redacted] is presently residing with her parents, [redacted] at [redacted] or [redacted] in [redacted] Louisiana. [redacted] had told her on several occasions in the past that she had worked as a waitress in Ferriday, Louisiana, and that [redacted] operated a "whorehouse" at [redacted] in Monterey, Louisiana.

She advised that [redacted] is presently employed at [redacted] Louisiana.

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[redacted] nee [redacted] age [redacted] of [redacted]
[redacted] Louisiana, voluntarily furnished the

following information:

[redacted] advised that she has resided at the above address with [redacted] for the past three months, and is presently in the process of obtaining a divorce from [redacted]

[redacted] advised she married [redacted] on [redacted] and said [redacted] is WREFORD ELAINE FREEMAN, who is known as REEF. [redacted] is RONNIE FREEMAN of Monterey, Louisiana.

[redacted] stated that on [redacted] 1963, she moved with [redacted] from Shreveport, Louisiana, to Monterey, Louisiana, where they resided with [redacted] for a short period, following which they lived in Ferriday, Louisiana, until June, 1965.

[redacted] advised [redacted] worked for REEF FREEMAN from [redacted] until [redacted] 1966, and she believes [redacted] is currently working for him. She said [redacted] had other jobs during this period of time; however, worked most of their spare time, including weekends and holidays, for [redacted] worked at Reef's Cafe and Camp, Horseshoe Lake, Monterey, Louisiana.

[redacted] said during September, 1963, the cafe was burned down. It had been called the Blue Heaven Cafe at the time. She said she knows that REEF FREEMAN burned this cafe down either himself or had someone do it for insurance purposes. She said he made a fraudulent insurance claim at the time and that she recalled the items claimed as slot machines, guns, dishes, china, and other personal items which REEF now has hidden in the "Linen House" located in his camp at Monterey, Louisiana. She said this linen house has a hidden door which adjoins the area where these items are stored.

[redacted] said that when she arrived in Monterey, in November, 1963, there was a temporary cafe in operation at the

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camp and [redacted] At this time, REEF had two slot machines in operation, one for quarters and the other for nickels. A few months later, REEF had a new redwood cafe built on the same property which was known as Reef's Cafe and Boat Camp. [redacted] said [redacted]

[redacted] She said up until the time the new cafe was built, she was only aware of REEF's gambling activities which, in addition to the slot machines, included a blackjack table and card games which he had in operation at the time of [redacted] in 1963.

[redacted] said after the new cafe was completed, in approximately April or May, 1964, she became aware of prostitution activities at the Marville Lounge in Deer Park, Louisiana. She said she learned of this from [redacted] and other people at the Horseshoe Lake. She said she learned from her husband that REEF and RONNIE FREEMAN owned and operated the Marville Lounge which was used for gambling and prostitution and that it had been in operation under REEF and RONNIE's control before she had learned of it.

[redacted] said about this time [redacted] moved from Monterey to Ferriday, Louisiana. She learned from [redacted] that CURT HEWITT worked for REEF on a percentage basis as a "pimp" and that HEWITT and RONNIE FREEMAN, who also worked as a "pimp", supplied the girls for the prostitution operation.

[redacted] advised that CURT and RONNIE would get the girls from Lake Charles and Lafayette, Louisiana, and that she was unaware if any of the girls were brought in from out of the state but recalled that CURT and RONNIE did take business trips to Florida during the period between 1963 and 1966.

[redacted] said she first met HEWITT when the new cafe was opened [redacted] In addition, she met one BLACKIE DRAIN who owned a road house on the Ferriday, Louisiana strip. She said BLACKIE was a dealer and also supplied dealers for REEF's gambling operation. She said REEF originally obtained his slot machines from BLACKIE DRAIN and would split the take of the machines with BLACKIE; however, after a while, REEF bought his own slot machines somewhere in Mississippi, the exact location unknown to her. She stated that REEF had two to four slot machines in operation at all times [redacted]

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[redacted] said that [redacted]
[redacted] REEF would receive calls stating that Federal officers were in the area, at which time REEF would hide all the gambling equipment. She indicated the calls usually came from Sheriff NOAH CROSS or BLACKIE DRAIN.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] the local church people burned down the newly built cafe because they were aware of REEF FREEMAN's activities.

[redacted] has, however, built another cafe and to her knowledge, it is still in operation.

[redacted] stated that [redacted]

[redacted] She is positive that [redacted] was and still is fully aware of REEF and RONNIE FREEMAN's activities and that [redacted] was involved in same.

[redacted] was certain that the Marville Lounge was run by REEF and RONNIE FREEMAN and CURT HEWITT until March, 1965. [redacted] in March, 1965, CURT took REEF's share over somehow and REEF was no longer involved in the activities there. She said [redacted] that REEF and CURT got into a disagreement over CURT's cheating REEF; that CURT had taken a large sum of the money and all of the girls and left the Marville Lounge for a short period approximately two weeks at the time of the split up. However, CURT came back to the Marville Lounge again and reopened it as before and RONNIE FREEMAN continued on as a "pimp" there.

[redacted] stated that after REEF pulled out of the Marville Lounge, he began having prostitutes living and working out of the cabins located at his camp and behind his cafe. She stated that after a while, both CURT HEWITT and RONNIE FREEMAN were back helping REEF with the operation at the camp. She indicated that RONNIE FREEMAN actually never left his father's side and had arranged for the girls to be at Reef's Camp.

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[redacted] stated that she is certain of the prostitution activities taking place at the camp and she often saw girls and their tricks using the cabins at the camp along with a trailer which originally was used by [redacted]

[redacted] stated she had never been in the Marville Lounge, but she had been outside of it many times in order that [redacted]

[redacted] said she did not know of anyone named J. D. RICHARDSON and knew nothing of his connection with the Marville Lounge.

[redacted] said she did not know any of the girls who were working at the Marville Lounge nor did she know any who worked at Reef's Camp. [redacted] said she has never prostituted herself and was not asked to by [redacted] or REEF FREEMAN.

[redacted] stated that when she first learned of the prostitution activities [redacted] she [redacted] and as a result of [redacted]. She indicated that [redacted] she was abused by the good people of the community and that she finally [redacted] and is presently in the process of [redacted]

[redacted] said [redacted] and that REEF FREEMAN [redacted] threatened her and her family if she ever told anyone of his activities in Monterey and Ferriday, Louisiana. She stated a fight almost ensued between [redacted] and REEF and as a result, [redacted]

[redacted] said she knows REEF has threatened other people before and specifically stated that he burned the home of one of his Negro employees of whom he had become suspicious. She said the Negro is [redacted] who lives with a Negro female, also employed by REEF, named [redacted] (phonetic). They both know much of REEF's illegal activities and [redacted] thought they would be cooperative.

[redacted] stated that in addition, she knew of one [redacted] a millionaire of Tyler, Texas, who was a very good customer of REEF's. She said he came to Reef's Camp for months at a time, living at a cabin and paying for different girls on almost every night.

In addition, she said [redacted] and [redacted] were people who [redacted] were of exceptionally low morals. She believed they lived in Monterey and [redacted] worked for [redacted] at Monterey, Louisiana.

[redacted] said [redacted] of [redacted] Louisiana, worked for REEF as a waitress [redacted] would also have knowledge of the activities at Reef's Camp.

[redacted] said that RONNIE FREEMAN was dating a girl whose name she could not recall, but was of small build and blond hair, who worked as a beautician in Oak Grove, Louisiana. She felt this girl would have information concerning RONNIE FREEMAN's activities.

[redacted] said she was last at REEF's place about the summer of 1966 and she said that at the time, gambling and prostitution was still occurring. She said CURT HEWITT and RONNIE FREEMAN were there at the time and in addition to the usual operation, she knew that they were dealing with stolen property, including jewels, furs, silver, and clothing. She indicated she had seen some of the clothing herself. These items supposedly came from burglaries in the Shreveport, Louisiana area.

[redacted] stated that the last time she was there, REEF had three slot machines in the cabin in which he resided with his wife, which is located at the camp.

[redacted] indicated [redacted] is fully aware of the whole operation involving REEF and RONNIE FREEMAN and stated he [redacted]

She advised he [redacted]

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[redacted] further indicated that she thought RONNIE FREEMAN was presently on narcotics and indicated that on many occasions, RONNIE had bragged [redacted] that REEF was making \$1,000 per week from his operation in Monterey and Ferriday, Louisiana.

[redacted] indicated that although she has been threatened against same, she would be willing to testify to any of the above information.

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ISAAC COWAN, JR., who was aware of the identity of the interviewing agent, was interviewed at his home, Cowan Subdivision. He was advised of the purpose of the interview and advised he would furnish the following information on a confidential basis at this time but would be willing to testify in court under subpoena to the same information.

He advised he knows CURT HEWITT, the man who is supposed to manage the Marville Lounge in Deer Park, Louisiana. He advised, he, BILL OGDEN, FRANK DE LAUGHTER, and NOAH CROSS all went to the Marville Lounge once when HEWITT was managing it. He advised this was about one year ago, and at the time, he, BILL, and FRANK were all Deputies for CROSS, who was Sheriff of Concordia Parish. All four of them initially sat in a corner of the customer bar area, then FRANK DE LAUGHTER and NOAH CROSS left the table and had a conversation with one of the men acting as bartenders or in some other capacity for the club. They talked to this man in one of the hallways, then FRANK DE LAUGHTER went into the back, possibly the kitchen area, and was gone for several minutes.

He has heard that NOAH CROSS has been paid off to let the Marville Lounge operate as a house of prostitution, which it appeared to be doing at the above time, but he has never witnessed a pay-off. He has heard CROSS is paid \$300, \$500, and even as much as \$750 a month to let the place operate.

It has been common knowledge among all the deputies that CURT HEWITT was involved with a Gulf Service station in Natchez at the same time he has been operating the Marville Lounge.

At the end of July, 1966, he learned the State Police had raided the Marville Lounge, and when this happened, NOAH CROSS called him and told him to go to the gas station and "tell them to

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lay low until the heat's off." He went to the Gulf Station but could not find CURT HEWITT there, so he came back to Vidalia.

Concordia Parish used to have a great deal of gambling, but not until [redacted] began to operate in the area and was followed by BLACKIE DRANE and J. D. RICHARDSON did the gambling or prostitution ever become organized. Up until that time, Sheriff CROSS would send him and the other deputies to the clubs to quiet them down whenever there was any incident although the gambling was permitted to operate. Whenever "the heat was on," CROSS was firm with the club owners. However, he has been increasingly lenient and, since the Marville Lounge has been operating, has gone to extremes to keep it operating.

[redacted] was reported to have a long record dating back prior to World War II, and during the war years was involved in black market operations and con games, mainly in Arkansas. He reportedly was chased from Arkansas, set up the Club St. John on Lake St. John outside Ferriday, and became involved in an extensive burglary ring in the parish. He worked on the case and broke it, which was during the summer of 1964. One of the men arrested named [redacted] gave him a confession in which he told how he, [redacted] had visited NOAH CROSS one night with [redacted] and that he had seen [redacted] pay the Sheriff a stack of money. He had brought this allegation to CROSS's attention, and CROSS said that he knew [redacted] and that [redacted] had contributed \$100 to his election campaign but that was all the money he ever received from [redacted]. He re-questioned [redacted] about the matter, and [redacted] insisted [redacted] gave CROSS "a lot more than \$100."

[redacted] and several of the others involved in the ring, which had stolen an estimated \$80,000 worth of property in the area, went to prison on local charges, but nothing could be proven against [redacted] even though some of the items were actually installed in the Club St. John.

[redacted] left the Club St. John after that, and soon was put in charge of the Avalon Club, which was operated then

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by BLACKIE DRANE. DRANE operated the club, but [REDACTED] owner of Guice Chevrolet in Ferriday, owned the club and was reported to have purchased it from [REDACTED] the gambler from Natchez, Mississippi.

[REDACTED] left the area for good about one and a half years ago, which was shortly after CURT HEWITT began to operate the Marville Lounge.

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Observations were made this date at the Chicken House. The following observations were made:

A back room had been built on to the Chicken House which included a lounge area. This consisted of several tables and chairs and a bar, over which was a framed painting of a robed Klansman on a rearing horse.

Another framed picture of this same type was located in the front eating area over the Borden's Milk dispenser.

The only devices observed in the Chicken House capable of being used for gambling purposes was a pinball machine located in the front area. No one was observed to receive payoffs for playing this machine.

In the parking lot outside the Chicken House, the following automobiles were observed:

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White Chevrolet 4-door Sedan with 1966-67 Louisiana License

A very old model black Plymouth with the back trunk cut out of it bearing 1966-67 Louisiana License

A white 1960 Falcon Sedan with 1966-67 Louisiana License

A light blue over a medium blue Ford Station Wagon with 1966-67 Louisiana License

A white 4-door Buick Electra Sedan, with 1966-67 Louisiana License

A white over blue-green Buick LeSabre 4-door Sedan; bearing 1966-67 Louisiana License

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Date 1/16/67

ISSAC COWAN, JR., Deputy Sheriff, Concordia Parish Sheriff's Department, to whom the identity of the interviewing agent was known, was interviewed at his home and furnished the following information:

He displayed a Louisiana Title Number 4227374 for 1966-67 Louisiana License [redacted] which was issued to [redacted] Ferriday, Louisiana, on a 1962 Ford Thunderbird, Vehicle Identification Number 2Y83Z155194. Title reflected the car had license 1966-67 Louisiana [redacted] previous Louisiana Title Number 4157679, and was bought used on April 20, 1966, by [redacted] Person from whom the car was purchased was listed as [redacted] of Vidalia, Louisiana.

He advised this automobile was a light green Ford Thunderbird and that at the time of the purchase [redacted] [redacted] was living with MILDRED DE LAUGHTER, sister of Deputy Sheriff FRANK DE LAUGHTER of Concordia Parish, Louisiana.

[redacted] had traded in a Ford Pick-Up Truck on this automobile at Bluff City Motors in Natchez, Mississippi. The vehicle had then passed from [redacted] to [redacted]

He advised that apparently [redacted] was mortgaging the automobile through CURT HEWITT or that Bluff City Motors had some type of deal with CURT HEWITT on the sale of the automobile. [redacted] a man named [redacted] and another named [redacted] all of whom work for Bluff City Motor Company, had been contacted by COWAN concerning the purchase and were all aware of the details of the transaction. [redacted] had a \$1,000.00 check in his possession during one of the conversations with COWAN and advised COWAN that he was to turn this check over to CURT HEWITT, who would then give up the title and pink slip for the automobile. COWAN advised that he got into the case by attempting to get the cleared title on the automobile for [redacted] which led to his conversations with the people at Bluff City Motor Company.

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He advised that the car presently was in the custody of [redacted] in Ferriday, and that [redacted] had moved to Jonesville, Louisiana, and was either living there or somewhere around Catahoula Lake. He advised that FRANK DE LAUGHTER had also made some inquiries concerning the same title mix up, but was unaware of the parties DE LAUGHTER had contacted.

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AT FERRIDAY, LOUISIANA:

The following investigation was conducted on January 17, 1967, by SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Ferriday Credit Bureau, advised the records of her department reflect the following:

FRANK E. DE LAUGHTER and his wife, [REDACTED] have been on file since June 14, 1960, and were last checked in July of 1963. Her records reflect his address as 710 Texas, his age in 1960 as 36, and his position as policeman. The record reflects that he was dropped from the police force and re-instated in February of 1963.

The Concordia Bank and Trust Company had a medium four-figure loan which he was paying satisfactorily.

General Motors Acceptance Corporation (GMAC), Alexandria, Louisiana, had a loan beginning in May of 1963 for an automobile, which was being paid satisfactorily.

Organizations he listed as credit references were the Delta Security Bank in Ferriday, Louisiana, Richard Arnaud Ford in Ferriday, Louisiana, and Ferriday Auto Parts, Ferriday.

She advised that NOAH W. CROSS and his wife, [REDACTED] have been on file since September of 1963. Her records reflect his address as 701 Louisiana Avenue, Ferriday, Louisiana. CROSS' date of birth is shown as October 3, 1908. They have one daughter at home and one daughter who has recently married. Her file lists him as the Sheriff of Concordia Parish since 1940 and his credit references are listed as Western Auto, Vogts Drugstore, Pasternack's Hardware, Concordia Bank and Trust Company, all in Ferriday, and the Tallulah Production in Tallulah, Louisiana, which she advised has a farm loan in his name and that of his sister, [REDACTED] who is the owner of the Magnolia Restaurant in Ferriday, Louisiana.

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[redacted] Womack Insurance Agency, 501 Pine Street, was interviewed and furnished the following information:

[redacted] advised that he is the agent of record on Old Security Casulty Company of Kansas City, Kansas, Policy Number 18398, issued to CURT HEWITT. The business came to the Womack Insurance Agency through an independent agent by the name of [redacted] of Ferriday, Louisiana, who did not have the facilities to place the business undirectly. The business was written on a 1965 Dodge Polara sedan with a loss payable clause in favor of the Calcasieu Marine National Bank, Sulphur, Louisiana. Coverage furnished on the policy was \$50 deductable comprehensive coverage and \$25 deductable collision coverage. The policy was issued on March 15, 1966, for a period of 12 months, however, the policy was subsequently cancelled prior to expiration of the policy by the company for reason "carelessness on part of insured".

HEWITT listed his address as P. O. Box 411, Vidalia, Louisiana, and indicated his date of birth as February 25, 1928. HEWITT indicated that his previous insurance was with Zurich Insurance Company. HEWITT listed his occupation as auto dealer-self employed.

[redacted] advised that Old Security Casulty Company of Kansas City, Kansas, policy number FA1-18399 contained a loss payable clause in favor of CURT HEWITT. This policy was issued to one [redacted] Ferriday, Louisiana, on a 1962 Ford Thunderbird. [redacted] listed his occupation as truck driver and bartender and listed a selling price of \$1,141. This business was also obtained through [redacted] Ferriday, Louisiana.

[redacted] advised that he is of the opinion that [redacted] is now employed as a Clerk of Courts for Concordia Parish.

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During the late afternoon, Agent observed a 1960 pink Cadillac sedan being operated by [redacted] cruising in the vicinity of a partly-demolished building at Kentucky and First Streets. A white male was in the front seat beside her.

Later, it was observed that [redacted] and several other Negroes were working at that site.

In the late afternoon, Agent observed that CURT HEWITT and [redacted] were working at this same site, and as Agent parked near that location, he observed a 1960 or 1961 white Thunderbird hardtop being driven by [redacted] pull away from beside the site and drive off at a high rate of speed.

CURT HEWITT, who was aware of the identity of the interviewing Agent, advised he had the contract to tear down the building at the above site and that he had taken this job because "I have to eat." He advised he had not given his construction company a name yet.

It was observed that HEWITT and [redacted] were loading debris onto a trailer that was yellow in color with a faded Nationwide Trailer Rental emblem on the side. On the front was marked "Calif. Trailer Exchange, PO Box 392, South Gate, Calif. 123-52-4-62."

Later, Agent again observed the above white Thunderbird driven by [redacted] heading at a high rate of speed toward Lake St. John. Then it turned around, again headed at a high rate of speed back toward and past the job site, sharply turning the corner at about 35 to 45

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miles per hour, and being stopped in front of the Ferriday Police Department by Officers [redacted] and [redacted] [redacted] of the Ferriday Police Department.

This car later departed that location with [redacted] driving and HEWITT as a passenger to the back road leading from the Jonesville Highway to Deer Park. This car proceeded halfway down this back road to Deer Park at speeds up to 90 miles an hour, at which time it parked, turned around, and CURT HEWITT got out of the car and stood at the side of the road.

This car and its occupants were not observed further this date.

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Date 2/2/67

Chief of Police BUD SPRINKS, Vidalia Police Department, who was aware of the identity of the interviewing agents, was interviewed and furnished the following information:

He had received orders that there was a warrant outstanding against CURT HEWITT issued by the Louisiana State Police for driving under a revoked license. The previous couple of weeks, he and his men had been searching for HEWITT to execute this warrant, and on the previous Thursday one of his men found HEWITT at [redacted] Southland Service Station in Vidalia, where he was arrested, taken to the Concordia Parish Jail, and placed under \$500 bond. HEWITT "nearly beat me out of the jail", he advised, for his bond had immediately been posted. It was his understanding that Deputy FRANK DE LAUGHTER had posted bond for HEWITT using five 100 dollar bills and that RAYMOND KEATHLEY could confirm this. At any rate, within minutes HEWITT was observed at one of the coffee shops.

HEWITT had a light blue pick-up truck with him when arrested, and he and MYERS had claimed that HEWITT had sold him the truck the previous day.

HEWITT, according to what Major [redacted] of Louisiana State Police told him, had illegally obtained a Louisiana driver's license and that steps were being taken to discover who had issued it to him.

[redacted] who lives [redacted] in Vidalia, is supposed to be a close friend of J. D. RICHARDSON, and a young hoodlum named [redacted] who lives at [redacted] Vidalia is supposed to have held [redacted] while J. D. RICHARDSON pistol-whipped him. This happened about a month and a half ago, and [redacted] who was living at Deer Park then, had an argument with J. D. then.

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claimed that after he had been beaten, two of the Concordia Parish deputies followed him in their car all through the parish so that he was afraid to stop for medical care. He finally lost them, he claimed, and doubled back to Natchez; Mississippi for medical care for his severe injuries from RICHARDSON.

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[redacted] was advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and the purpose of the interview. He was interviewed at Guice Chevrolet, advised he resides at [redacted] Ferriday, Louisiana and is employed as Area Engineer, Department of Public Works, Ferriday, Louisiana for the State of Louisiana. He furnished the following information.

[redacted] owns the land at Kentucky and First Streets in Ferriday, Louisiana, which previously was an old gas station about half a block from the Ferriday Police and Fire Department building.

Sometime prior to December, 1966, the State Department of Public Works entered into a contract with [redacted] that [redacted] would furnish the State of Louisiana a completed office building at the above location in Ferriday. [redacted] was to make all of the arrangements for destruction of the building at that location and the raising of a new building there in compliance with the contract.

It was his understanding that a man named [redacted] from Clayton, Louisiana, had entered into an agreement with [redacted] to tear down the old gas station. This happened about Christmas, 1966, and [redacted] removed everything of value and he heard that FRANK DE LAUGHTER had then taken over the destruction of the building using some men he had hired in Clayton.

He was shown a photograph of CURT HEWITT and advised he has heard of HEWITT as the operator of the Marville Lounge but has never met him.

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1Date 2/16/67

Trooper [redacted] Louisiana State Police, to whom identity of agent was known, was interviewed and furnished the following information.

On January 27, 1967, he stopped a green wrecking truck formerly owned by Brown's Wrecking, but which he understood had been bought by CURT HEWITT. It was being driven with improper tail lights. The driver was a Negro male named [redacted] who lives [redacted]

[redacted] The truck contained scrap from the building that is being torn down at Kentucky and First Streets in Ferriday, the site at which he has seen CURT HEWITT working. [redacted] father is [redacted] who lives [redacted] north of Ferriday.

Following that, he noticed that there appeared to be heavy traffic into an acre or two of property that is owned by FRANK DE LAUGHTER on the Doty Road. This property is on the left as one leaves Ferriday, and is about two hundred yards past the city limits in a Negro area. DE LAUGHTER acquired this land when he was working for the Ferriday Police Department a number of years ago and used it for pig raising.

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A spot check was made of the Doty Road, and the following was observed after travel about 200 yards past the city limits of Ferriday:

Located on the left side of the Doty Road was a narrow lane leading into a large field between Negro homes. Parked in the lane was the same green jeep agent had observed previously at George's Boat Landing, and hooked to the rear of it was observed the same yellow trailer agent had observed previously at Kentucky and First Street demolition site when CURT HEWITT was there. This trailer contained a pile of corrugated iron sheets and other scrap similar to that which HEWITT had been removing from the building site above.

There were numerous recent wheel marks in the mud of the lot, and on both the right and the left were sheds and piles of scrap. No one was observed in the area.

A spot check of the home of was made, and the same light blue Ford sedan, still without plates, was seen parked at that house as well as a yellow wrecker truck.

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[redacted] was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the investigation.

[redacted] advised that she is [redacted]

[redacted] advised [redacted] She [redacted] she was employed by [redacted]

[redacted] Also employed by [redacted]

[redacted] was [redacted] At that time, the [redacted] was operated by one [redacted]

Shortly after [redacted] one [redacted] advised [redacted] that the [redacted] were stealing at which time she, [redacted] quit [redacted] went to [redacted] work for [redacted] which is now known as the [redacted]

At that time, the [redacted] was being operated by [redacted] for one [redacted] and the [redacted] are both located in Concordia Parish, Louisiana.

[redacted] advised that prior to being employed at [redacted] she was employed at [redacted] in 1960, at which time the [redacted] was being operated by [redacted] (phonetic) and [redacted] advised that during her stay in Concordia Parish she was also employed by [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted] advised that she herself has never "hustled" as she was always employed either as [redacted] or [redacted] during her stay in Concordia Parish. [redacted] advised that she has never personally observed any prostitution activity as such, however, she stated that most of the establishments in which she was employed she did observe sitting around who were readily available to make dates.

[redacted] advised that she is well acquainted with [redacted] stating that [redacted] had the following of [redacted]

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several girls at all times, however, she stated she would not be in a position to positively state whether or not [redacted] was operating these girls. [redacted] stated that it was general conversation that [redacted] obtained these girls mostly from New Orleans and also a few from Opelousas, Louisiana.

[redacted] advised that the only specific transportation of girls that she can recall occurred on [redacted] 1964, when she telephonically contacted [redacted] at [redacted] in [redacted] concerning his plans to [redacted] [redacted] advised that she placed this call from [redacted] Louisiana. She stated that the following day, as she checked into the Patricia Motel in Ferriday, Louisiana at which time she found [redacted] and [redacted] of [redacted] checked into another room at the Patricia Motel along with one girl by the name of [redacted] and a second girl whose name she no longer recalls, but who both were friends of [redacted] and were also from [redacted] [redacted] advised that she cannot specifically state that these girls were hustling for [redacted] or [redacted] and is of the opinion that they were merely sleeping with [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted] advised that with regard to gambling activities in Concordia Parish, gambling was everywhere and there was no secret concerning it. [redacted] advised that [redacted] and all types of dice and card games were available and operating up into 1965 which was her last day of any significance in Concordia Parish. [redacted] advised that Sheriff NOAH CROSS and Deputy FRANK DE LAUGHTER are well known to her and she advised that she has never personally observed the Sheriff or his Deputy receiving any direct payments from any operators [redacted]. She did state, however, that on numerous occasions she has observed Sheriff CROSS playing the "house hand" in big money poker games. She advised that by this means should CROSS encounter a "bad evening" he would be staked to additional chips by the house and on good evenings he would keep his winnings. [redacted] stated that in this situation it was virtually impossible for the Sheriff to lose and his potential for winning was enormous.

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] and [redacted] are both originally from [redacted] however, [redacted] presently resides in [redacted] [redacted] stated that [redacted] is presently incarcerated in the Louisiana State Penitentiary at [redacted] on charges of [redacted]

The following descriptive data was obtained through interview and observation:

Name	[redacted] nee
Sex	Female
Race	White
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Place of Birth	[redacted]
Height	5' 9"
Weight	130
Husband	[redacted]
Residence	[redacted]
Telephone Number	[redacted]
Mother	[redacted]
Occupation	[redacted]
Employer	Unemployed

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Deputy Sheriff RAYMOND KEATHLEY, Concordia Parish Sheriff Department, to whom identity of interviewing Agent was known, was interviewed on the Clayton Highway outside Ferriday, Louisiana. He furnished the following information:

He had overheard FRANK DE LAUGHTER a few months ago laughing about some photographs while talking to some of the other deputies during the day in the back room of the Sheriff's Office in the Concordia Parish Courthouse. FRANK, in this conversation, stated that he, DE LAUGHTER, and either BILL OGDEN or JUNIOR HARP, two other deputies, had been sent to the Marville Lounge by Sheriff NOAH CROSS to either take some photos or have some taken of [redacted]

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No mention was made of the disposition of the photos, whether they were ever used, or who had the photos or negatives.

On about January 19, 1967, while he was on duty as usual at the Sheriff's Office, the Vidalia City Police brought CURT HEWITT in about 3:00 or 3:30 p. m. They told him they had arrested HEWITT under orders of the State Police for driving with a revoked license, for which the bond was \$500. They left and he booked HEWITT. HEWITT told him the Vidalia Police had not let him make any phone calls and that he wanted to make one call. He gave HEWITT permission and HEWITT telephoned BLACKIE DRANE and talked to him a minute or two, then HEWITT gave him, KEATHLEY, the phone and DRANE told him that he, DRANE, "don't want to get mixed up in this," and that DRANE could not post HEWITT's bond.

A few minutes later, Sheriff CROSS telephoned KEATHLEY and told him that FRANK DE LAUGHTER had the bond money and that he, KEATHLEY, should make out the bond, have HEWITT sign it, and release HEWITT. He said that DE LAUGHTER was "on the way" with the money.

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He made out the bond papers, which HEWITT signed, and then received a radio call from DE LAUGHTER, who asked him to meet him outside Vidalia. It was departure time for him, so he drove toward Ferriday and met DE LAUGHTER by the side of the road just outside Vidalia. DE LAUGHTER gave him four \$100 bills and two \$50 bills for HEWITT's bond.

Before the above events took place, the last call from DE LAUGHTER had been that he was going out of service at the Chicken House in Clayton, Louisiana. All of the above events took place prior to about 4:15 p. m.

This date, he had been to Huffman Motors in Ferriday, and [redacted] the owner, had told him that he had just bought a wrecker truck from FRANK DE LAUGHTER for \$700. This wrecker was the Hale's Gulf Service wrecker that CURT HEWITT had used at the Gulf Station in Natchez, Mississippi. [redacted] was present during the conversation, and [redacted] told him that [redacted] should now think to call him for some of the tow jobs. [redacted] is a relative of FRANK DE LAUGHTER and works as dispatcher for the Ferriday Police Department.

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This date, spot checks were made during the day of the following locations, at which the following observations were made:

1. Home of [redacted]
 - a. Green tow truck parked at curb in front of house, no plate on truck, markings on side identified it as Bugs Tile Shop, Ferriday
 - b. Parked in front of above was a yellow tow truck, no plate on truck, marking on side obscured but legible, reading Brown's Auto, Ferriday
 - c. Parked across the street from these two trucks, a 1960 pink four-door Cadillac sedan with 1966-1967 Louisiana license [redacted]
2. Lot on the left located on Doty Road about 200 yards beyond Ferriday City Limits
 - a. Green jeep with canvas top, no plates
 - b. Yellow U-Haul type trailer
 - c. Various piles of materials similiar to those previously seen being removed by CURT HEWITT and [redacted] from building at Kentucky and First Streets

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[redacted] was advised of the identify of the interviewing Agent. He was interviewed at the City Cafe, Louisiana Avenue, and furnished the following information:

He is [redacted] of W. H. "JUNIOR" HARP, Deputy, Concordia Parish Sheriff's Department. He, [redacted] is married to [redacted] who operated the cafe. The cafe started under her management about January, 1967, at which time various types of work had to be done on the cafe and the ten rooms above it which are rented out as a hotel and which are a part of the business operated by his wife. \$2,000 was needed to purchase inventory and re-work some of the hotel rooms, and his wife obtained a loan for this amount at Concordia Bank and Trust Company in Ferriday. To obtain this loan, it was necessary for [redacted] to co-sign the note, and [redacted] did not wish his identity as a co-signer revealed.

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Chief of Police BUD SPINKS, Vidalia Police Department, to whom the identity of the interviewing Agent was known, was interviewed and furnished the following information:

He advised he knew of the Bureau jurisdiction on threatening telephone calls but wished to make this a matter of record in case something happened to him in the future.

About 12:30 AM the previous Thursday, he and his wife were at home when a telephone call came in and his wife answered it. As soon as she had listened for a few seconds, she motioned for him to listen on the extension telephone, which he did. A male voice was talking to his wife, swearing profusely, and discussing his, BUD's, efforts to run for Sheriff. The swearing became violently abusive to such an extent that he could not recall the tenor of the call, which was an anonymous call at this point directed to his wife, but finally the caller said, as if in conclusion, "I just hope nothing happens to you or [redacted] (their son)."

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At this point he could not be quiet and broke into the conversation telling the caller what a coward he was to threaten a woman on the telephone. At first, the caller tried to make him guess the caller's identity, but at last the caller began to cry over the telephone and said that he was JUNIOR HARP, a Concordia Parish Deputy. He started to apologize over the telephone and asked SPINKS to meet him so he could apologize in person, but SPINKS refused and told him he could see him at his home if he really wanted to apologize.

About 1:00 - 1:30 AM, JUNIOR HARP did come to his house, apparently alone, at which time he was tearful and told SPINKS that he had nothing against him and had always liked him but that he, HARP, could not stand the FBI Agent in the Parish. He demanded of HARP whether he, HARP, had been put up to making the call by Sheriff CROSS, for shortly before the telephone call

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came in, his wife, who is his dispatcher, told him she had heard most of the Concordia Parish Deputies go out of service at the Bonanza Lounge. HARP neither confirmed this nor denied it and finally left.

On Sunday night, two calls came to their home, and when the telephone was answered all that could be heard was the sound of heavy breathing.

The only specific threat he could recall from the jumble of swear words from HARP's telephone call was the one mentioned above, and all his wife had been able to tell him about the conversation opened was that the male voice said, "We've got a bantam rooster for your banquet when your husband runs for Sheriff."

He advised he believed the immediate cause of the call was some action his men took earlier in the evening on Thursday. His officer, [redacted] saw a white female drive into the lot in front of the Shamrock Motel, wait there alone in her car about 8:00 PM and shortly thereafter, another car, which contained two white males, drove up and parked near her car. She then drove her car across the highway to the Southland Service Station, which is run by [redacted] and parked her car there. The other car followed, and she got in the car with the two men.

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He ordered [redacted] to stop them, but when they saw the police car, she got out, and the men began to drive toward Ferriday. He had [redacted] stop the car, and the men were identified as [redacted] a Ferriday barber, and a nephew of [redacted]. Both men told [redacted] they did not know the woman. Both men are reportedly close friends of NOAH CROSS.

As part of his crackdown on prostitution in Vidalia, and in particular on what he believes is prostitution arrangements coming from the Southland Service Station, he went to the Chef Truck Stop in Vidalia, where the woman was reported to be. He questioned her, and she identified herself

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as [redacted] wife of [redacted] and
stated she was from [redacted] and living [redacted]
behind the [redacted] She told him she had
never seen the two men who picked her up and did not know
them.

She showed him a drivers license in the name of
[redacted] Alabama License [redacted] listing her
address as [redacted] Alabama. She was a white female with
brown hair and eyes, [redacted] tall, [redacted] pounds and was born
[redacted] according to the information she supplied
and as was shown on her drivers license.

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[redacted] to whom the identity of the interviewing Agent was known, was interviewed at her home, [redacted] and furnished the following information:

She advised she presently owns a [redacted] four-door sedan, which she got from CURT HEWITT. Her only knowledge of CURT HEWITT was obtained through her association with FRANK DE LAUGHTER, who is [redacted]. Almost all of her meetings with HEWITT were in the presence of DE LAUGHTER. It was DE LAUGHTER who first told her that HEWITT wanted \$495.00 for this automobile, which was located at HEWITT's Gulf Station in Natchez, Mississippi.

This gas station formerly was [redacted] gas station, and she has known [redacted] for several years. HEWITT took over the station, but [redacted] continued to manage it. She needed a car for transportation and had discussed some possibilities with [redacted] but in about June, 1966, upon hearing of the price of the Chevrolet and its availability, she went alone to the Gulf Station and [redacted] who was the only one there, showed her the car, saying HEWITT was not there.

Two or three weeks later, she went to the Gulf station again with FRANK DE LAUGHTER, arriving about 7:30 PM, but only a young, dark-haired boy was there and since she could not find the starter on the car, she and FRANK left.

Shortly after that, a man had delivered this same Chevrolet to her at Blackie's Lounge in Ferriday, Louisiana, [redacted] Up to this time she had never talked to HEWITT about the car. The car was left with her to use. She does not know who the man was who delivered the car or what he looks like.

Shortly afterwards, which would have been in late July, she telephoned CURT HEWITT at the Gulf station in Natchez

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to see if he would stop at the club sometime to discuss the car sale.

That evening, HEWITT came to Blackie's Lounge, drove around to the rear and came in the back door. He was talking to some men in the back, who they were and what they talked about she could not recall, and in a moment of side conversation he told her the price was correct, \$495.00. She told him she was interested in the car and would buy it if he could get the papers for it. He said he would get Mississippi tags for the car and try to get the title and other papers on the car. This was the extent of the conversation.

Since that time she has used the car regularly, and the only other person who has driven it is her son, [redacted]. She has never recontacted HEWITT, and he has never recontacted her. She has never been able to get license plates for the car, has never paid any money toward the car price, has never had a title, registration or any other paper, regarding the car and the only attempt she made to take care of the car registration was to ask [redacted] to see if he could get plates for her, and he told her she would need a "pink slip" to get Louisiana plates.

She advised she did not even know if CURT HEWITT was still in the Parish.

From observation, the following description of [redacted] was obtained:

Name	[redacted]
Sex	Female
Race	White
Height	5'7"
Build	[redacted]
Eyes	[redacted]
Hair	[redacted]
Characteristics	[redacted]
Age	Late 30's to early 40's

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Address

[REDACTED]

Ferriday,

Louisiana

Occupation

[REDACTED]

Ferriday,

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[REDACTED] gave the interviewing Agent verbal permission to examine the above 1963 Chevrolet which was parked at that time in front of her home undergoing repair.

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Agent in the afternoon hours observed a man, later identified by [redacted] working on a [redacted] four-door sedan, which was parked in front of [redacted] house on [redacted] Street. This man was identified as [redacted] son of [redacted]. He advised he was repairing the brakes on the automobile, which belonged to his mother.

Later, upon verbal permission obtained from [redacted] Agent examined this automobile, which was still in the same location.

A defaced 1965 Louisiana vehicle inspection sticker was on the windshield.

The odometer reading was 62006.1.

The only apparent accessory was an automatic steering wheel shift.

The serial plate, located in the front face of the left front door frame, was observed to be held securely in place, painted over with paint of the same color as the rest of the car, and the vehicle identification number on the serial plate was 21169 T 133124.

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The following investigation was conducted on February 17, 1967, by SA [REDACTED]

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Mayor WOODY DAVIS advised that Officer [REDACTED] has put in his resignation from the Ferriday Police Department and has advised he has obtained a job for [REDACTED] at one of his farms that will pay him more for monthly wage than he presently is getting and will also provide him with a house and meals.

Trooper [REDACTED] Louisiana State Police, advised that he is definitely continuing his efforts to run for Sheriff of Concordia Parish, and that Deputy RAYMOND KEATHLEY, Concordia Parish Sheriff's Department, may join him. He also has contacted Chief of Police BUD SPINKS of Vidalia, and SPINKS may join him. In addition, he is helping JAMES A. HARP, brother of "JUNIOR" HARP, to get "JUNIOR" out of the Concordia Parish Sheriff's Department and help him. He advised that if he is able to do this, then [REDACTED] of Vidalia would be the only candidate, in addition to himself, running against Sheriff CROSS in the forthcoming election. He advised several honest people in the community with money at their command have offered to back him for Sheriff, but only if he could convince the other candidates to join him to prevent a split in the votes. He advised he believed he had done this or was well on the way toward doing this.

He advised that in his inquiries about the Marville Lounge, he has discovered that CURT HEWITT has resolved his license problems with the State of Louisiana and has been obtaining license plates for a large number of cars. [REDACTED] who is in Baton Rouge, has the license papers on almost every car of HEWITT's now. In addition, he has received word that HEWITT is using some Negroes to take prostitutes back and forth between Concordia Parish and Lake Charles, but he has not been able to find out the mode of transportation used. Two of the Negroes are [REDACTED]

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who lives on [redacted] just outside Ferriday, and
another is [redacted] a Negro who lives on [redacted]
[redacted] in [redacted] Louisiana.

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Officer JAMES A. HARP, to whom identity of the interviewing Agent was known, was interviewed at his home and furnished the following information:

His brother, JUNIOR HARP, has accumulated a large number of debts, and he has learned that NOAH CROSS and FRANK DeLAUGHTER are using these debts in order to pressure JUNIOR HARP into running errands for ~~them~~.

The loan co-signed by [redacted] to help [redacted] wife, [redacted] start business at [redacted] in Ferriday; however, is not one of these debts being used against JUNIOR HARP. ~~HARP's~~ mother arranged this deal, and the relationship between the HARPs and [redacted] goes back several years, and there are "no strings attached" to this note.

He has heard of no specific situations in which DeLAUGHTER or CROSS have used JUNIOR's economic situation to get him to do things for them, but he has heard rumors which he intends to confirm in discussions he plans with JUNIOR soon.

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[redacted] of The Concordia Sentinel, was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and furnished the following information:

He furnished photographs of the following persons from the files of his newspaper:

1. [redacted]
2. FRANK DE LAUGHTER
3. [redacted]
4. NORMAN MC GEE
5. [redacted]
6. NOAH W. CROSS

He also furnished copies of some articles appearing in his newspaper concerning the Marville Lounge.

[redacted] advised he has lived in Ferriday for about fifteen months, having moved to Ferriday from Monroe, Louisiana, where he was employed on the newspaper there. Shortly after his arrival, he received word that the manner in which Sheriff NOAH CROSS was handling the funds of the Concordia Parish Sheriff's Department was being criticized, based on the audit of the books of that department. He did not have a copy of the audit himself and was not sure what to print concerning the story.

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At this time, his newspaper office was visited by Deputies BILL OGDEN and FRANK DE LAUGHTER, who approached the former owner just outside the newspaper office and told him to see [] and convince him not to print the story. The owner invited him to have coffee, and he went with him to the Magnolia Motel Restaurant, where he found FRANK DE LAUGHTER and BILL OGDEN. He was compelled by circumstances to join the two deputies, and at once the conversation turned to the audit news story. DE LAUGHTER told him he did not have to write the story, but no specific threats were made to him if he did. At the conclusion of the talk, DE LAUGHTER said "The old man wants to see you about this." He was told "the old man" was Sheriff NOAH CROSS.

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He visited NOAH CROSS, who tried to tell him not to print the story too, but he told CROSS he would print what he pleased and that if CROSS wanted to see him, CROSS himself should contact him, not sent his "thugs" after him. When CROSS heard this, he took his own copy of the audit out from under his bed and gave it to him.

Since that time, he has never been advised of an arrest or news story by the Sheriff's Department and is never contacted by any of the deputies.

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[redacted] officer, Ferriday Police Department, was interviewed and furnished the following information:

[redacted] trooper, Louisiana State Police, recently contacted him and asked him to make inquiries about obscene photos of [redacted] allegedly having been taken at the Marville Lounge. [redacted] had told him that these photos were believed to have been taken by the Concordia Parish deputies.

The previous week he had been at the King Hotel when FRANK DE LAUGHTER and BILL OGDEN drove up and it appeared that BILL OGDEN had a few drinks. He talked briefly with BILL OGDEN, explaining he had heard that obscene photos were taken at the Marville Lounge, according to rumors he had heard, and that there were supposed to be three photos of [redacted]. OGDEN said "That's right and we have a lot of photos like that."

Before he could question OGDEN further, OGDEN returned to DE LAUGHTER in the car and both drove away.

About three weeks ago, he had received information from [redacted] that there had been a theft at Guice Chevrolet in Ferriday involving auto parts and tires and that three perfect fingerprints were visible on a part of the car involved. Since he previously had heard from informants that FRANK DE LAUGHTER was using [redacted] and a Negro to steal such items for him, he explained these suspicions to [redacted] and his plans to have the Louisiana State Police Lab lift the prints for comparison with those of these suspects.

The Louisiana State Police fingerprint man later reported to him that the three prints were not lifted because they were glove prints. This theft was not within the jurisdiction of the city and no further investigation was done.

Two weeks ago, he had learned from the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries agents in Concordia Parish that they were investigating FRANK DE LAUGHTER for illegal fishing in the old river above Ferriday, and as a result of this investigation, about thirty-five nets with illegal hooks were located in

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the old river and confiscated by one of these Agents, placed in his backyard. Shortly afterwards, BILL OGDEN contacted the agent's wife while the agent was in Baton Rouge, found out from her that the agent would be away the rest of the day, and notified DE LAUGHTER of this fact by police radio, at which time DE LAUGHTER said he would "Get some of the boys and go out there."

The wife had left home only briefly and when she returned, she saw two men hiding behind some bushes near the backyard and called him, [redacted]. Within a few minutes, he had driven to her home and as he arrived, he saw FRANK DE LAUGHTER's car pull out of a side road, half turn toward the agent's house, then turn around and drive off in the opposite direction. The nets had not been taken and a search failed to locate the men hiding in the bushes.

A day or two later the agent returned, learned of these incidents, and took all the nets to BILL OGDEN's house where he burned them at the road in view of BILL OGDEN, who peered through the drapes at him.

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[redacted] Ferriday, Louisiana, advised that he is a candidate for sheriff in Concordia Parish in the forthcoming election.

He advised that FRANK DE LAUGHTER, according to the information he has received, has been involved recently in an assault on [redacted] Ferriday used car dealer, in the Cousaza Club, has been involved in attempting to sell a Bush Haul machine stolen in the past from [redacted] of Deer Park, Louisiana, and has been the subject of extensive criticism in the Parish. Because of this, Sheriff NOAH CROSS has claimed to have told DE LAUGHTER to leave the Sheriff's Department, but DE LAUGHTER has refused and continues as a deputy.

He advised that he has received information from Baton Rouge State Police sources that the racketeers in Concordia Parish have an informant in the State Police which is believed to be on the Governor's staff or a similar high position but has not been clearly identified. His sources there have also told him that it has been rumored that IKE COWAN, Concordia Parish Deputy, who recently has married, is supposed to have custody of or have taken obscene photos of [redacted] [redacted] at the Marville Lounge. His source told him there are supposed to be three such photos, [redacted]

Last Friday night, [redacted] was alleged to have beaten up a man named [redacted] who is from Ferriday, at the Little Club over a dispute as to whether [redacted] should leave the club or not. The following night, [redacted] a klansman from Ferriday, told him that this beating was an attempt to get [redacted] killed by [redacted] another klansman, and FRANK DE LAUGHTER.

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RAYMOND KEATHLEY, to whom identity of agent was known, was interviewed and furnished the following information:

He is a candidate for sheriff of Concordia Parish and has begun to organize his support. He ended his connection with the Sheriff's Office in February, when he had a conversation with Sheriff NOAH CROSS, at which time he told CROSS that he hoped CROSS would step down in the forthcoming election and let him run for sheriff instead. CROSS told him that he, CROSS, was going to show that he could run again and still win, and asked KEATHLEY to stay in the office until he had found someone to replace him and KEATHLEY had been able to train the new man. He agreed to do this, but that night or the next, BILL OGDEN and FRANK DE LAUGHTER came to his home stating they had orders to pick up his Sheriff Department car, which they did, and that he could get his belongings out of the Sheriff's Office, which he did the next day.

He presently is employed selling cars at the Ferriday Dodge dealership, and he is a leader in the Clayton, Louisiana, community. A month or so ago, a meeting of the town officials was held in Clayton, at which time recommendations to buy a Bush Hog to cut grass in town were made, and someone advised that FRANK DE LAUGHTER had such a machine, in nearly new condition, that he was willing to sell for \$300.

At that time, he recalled that an agricultural implement of this sort had been stolen from [redacted] several months ago, [redacted] who runs a plantation in Deer Park near [redacted] Grocery, had reported the theft to him when he was working in the Sheriff's Office but no suspects had been developed.

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Just prior to that theft, [redacted] had been involved in a gambling game at [redacted]

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Grocery, and ED FULLER and BLACKIE DRANE took him for all the money he had plus a check for about \$500 that he wrote for them to cover his losses. Before the check was cashed, however, [] wife learned about it and stopped payment on the check. When BLACKIE DRANE learned of this, he and FRANK DE LAUGHTER visited [] and threatened him with police action if he did not make the check good in spite of the Louisiana law that makes gambling debts uncollectable in the courts. [] paid off the check.

He had learned all of this from [] at the time, and for this reason believed there might be a connection between the Bush Hog stolen from [] and the one that DE LAUGHTER wanted to sell.

He notified [] and learned that [] was able to identify the machine as his and made arrangements to trap DE LAUGHTER, who was sent to accompany him and his foreman to a point where some stolen property of [] could be found. DE LAUGHTER arrived, drove them around, and when he arrived at his place, [] had him stop. DE LAUGHTER pretended he did not know who owned the property and volunteered to drop off [] and his foreman while he searched for the owner and located a key to the gate, which was padlocked. [] and the foreman advised they would wait at the gate, not leave, and DE LAUGHTER finally opened the gate with a key from his pocket, [] identified the machine as his, and is pressing charges against DE LAUGHTER for theft.

The entire parish has learned of this incident and is indignant with DE LAUGHTER, who has not been arrested yet on the theft charge.

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Another incident took place several months ago. This was the theft of a 14 foot fibre-glass hull motor boat, colored red and white, which recently had been repainted. The boat, its outboard motor, and a green, two-wheel boat trailer were stolen from the owner's place at Lake Concordia. Shortly afterwards, [redacted] of Tensas Parish had advised he saw FRANK DE LAUGHTER pulling a similar boat across the bridge from Vidalia to Natchez and that a similar boat was seen parked at Hale's Gulf Service Station in Natchez shortly afterwards.

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He was advised that similar boat was seen by agent at George's Boat Landing, Deer Park, at lot used by CURT HEWITT.

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AT ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

[redacted] General Delivery, [redacted] Louisiana, telephone number [redacted] and [redacted] Ferriday, Louisiana, telephone number [redacted] furnished the following information concerning narcotics activity at Concordia Parish, Louisiana:

They advised that [redacted] who has been [redacted] and has been living with [redacted] at Clayton, Louisiana, is believed to be taking dope. They believe that [redacted], who drives a 1967 [redacted] sedan, bearing 1966-67 Louisiana license [redacted] is supplying her with the dope. [redacted] his wife, mother and three children live behind [redacted] Ferriday, Louisiana, and [redacted] works at [redacted] in Natchez, Mississippi, and is the co-respondent in the suit [redacted] now has pending against his wife concerning custody of their children.

Others that they believe were involved in the dope traffic were [redacted] a painter who lives in Sicily Island, Louisiana, and drives a [redacted] automobile, and according to them, operated a still about four years ago; [redacted] who lives in Ferriday, Louisiana, and is supposed to be bringing the dope into the area from Memphis, Tennessee; and Deputy Sheriff FRANK DELAUGHTER, Concordia Parish Sheriff's Office.

A [redacted] who lives near [redacted] [redacted] and who [redacted] is supposed to be the source of information concerning DELAUGHTER being addicted to dope and closely associated with the above individuals.

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AT ANGOLA, LOUISIANA

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]
[redacted] on [redacted], 1967:

[redacted] Record Room, Louisiana State Penitentiary,
advised that [redacted] is presently incarcerated at the Louisiana
Correctional Institute, DeQuincy, Louisiana.

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[redacted] Louisiana State Penitentiary Number [redacted] was interviewed and furnished the following information:

[redacted] owned and operated the [redacted] Ferriday, Louisiana, as a gambling place a few years ago and [redacted] had also operated gambling games in the Tallulah, Louisiana, and Vicksburg, Mississippi, areas in the past. [redacted] operated dice games and card games in those areas.

[redacted] was an alcoholic and had a problem with his drinking habits. [redacted] wife was [redacted] but he believed that he had heard she was separated from [redacted] and that the two of them did not get along well together. [redacted] son, [redacted] attended Louisiana Technical Institute in Rustin, Louisiana, several years ago and did not get along well with his father. He had never heard of [redacted] being involved in any gambling operation.

[redacted] At one time he built a dice table for [redacted] while [redacted] was operating the [redacted] and [redacted] rigged a magnet in the table to control the dice roll by remote control.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]
[redacted] at Natchez, Mississippi:

On February 6, 1967, Detective Captain [redacted]
Natchez Police Department, advised that a [redacted]
[redacted] owner of the By-Pass Laundromat, reported to the
Natchez Police Department on April 22, 1964, that someone had
stolen a two ton air-conditioner valued at \$400, and eight light
fixtures valued at \$66 from his laundromat.

[redacted] advised that the Natchez Police Department's
investigation revealed the following were suspects in the above
theft:



[redacted] advised that on July 29, 1964, the Natchez
Police Department placed detainers against [redacted] and [redacted]
[redacted] with the Concordia Parish Sheriff's Office.

[redacted] advised that he believes at the present time
[redacted] and [redacted] are serving 30 years sentence for burglary
committed at Concordia Parish Sheriff's Office. Both subjects
are reportedly at the Angola State Penitentiary in Louisiana.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] and [redacted]
[redacted] have not been in the Natchez area for some time and he
last heard that [redacted] was residing at Port Barre,
Louisiana.

On February 3, 1967, [redacted] Natchez Police
Department, advised that his records reveal that [redacted] a
white male, age [redacted] from Concordia Parish, Louisiana, was wanted
in connection with breaking and entering and grand larceny
charges on July 29, 1964.

He further advised that [redacted] a white male, no
further description, was wanted for the above charges.

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He advised that HARVEY BOUTWELL, a white male, age 50, originally from Lake St. John, Louisiana, born July 6, 1910, 6'2" tall, 165 pounds, brown hair, brown eyes, was arrested by the Natchez Police Department on November 14, 1960, for being drunk. He advised that BOUTWELL paid a fine and was released. He further advised that on November 7, 1962, HARVEY BOUTWELL was arrested for driving while intoxicated and paid a fine and was released on this case.

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[redacted] Baker Hotel, was interviewed at the El Paso FBI Office.

[redacted] advised that she married ISAAC COWAN, JR. in 1946, at Brandon, Mississippi, and left him on June 9, 1962. COWAN divorced her shortly thereafter for desertion and adultery and was awarded custody of their three children. She married [redacted] at Gallup, New Mexico, on [redacted] 1962, and they have been separated about one year.

She stated that she left COWAN to go with [redacted] but her marital difficulties were caused by COWAN's infidelities.

With regard to the Marville Lounge, [redacted] stated that she remembers the place as a run-down tavern on the Mississippi River, but she denied any knowledge of illegal activities taking place there. She stated that she has never heard of [redacted] and does not know anything about an investigation conducted by COWAN concerning [redacted] and a burglary ring. She stated that COWAN never confided in her concerning his police business, or for that matter, anything else, but she noted that these activities must have taken place after she left Louisiana in 1962. She said that when she left COWAN he gave her \$100 and a set of luggage and this, together with her clothing, is all she had. She stated that she has never been in possession of any of his notes or personal papers.

The names of individuals involved in this investigation were reviewed with [redacted] and she advised as follows:

She has known Sheriff NOAH CROSS for years but

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knows nothing about any of his activities. She is also acquainted with most of his deputies.

She has known J. D. RICHARDSON as a gambler ever since she was in high school.

She knew "Blackie" DRANE as a night club owner in Ferriday. She was acquainted with EDWARD FULLER and heard that he had been killed in an automobile accident.

She has known of [redacted] and [redacted] through their reputation as street walkers.

She said she was not familiar with the other names.

[redacted] was asked whether she would be willing to furnish information concerning illegal activities of the individuals involved in this investigation if she were aware of same, and she said she did not know. She said she does not have any information concerning any Federal violations committed by these individuals.

[redacted] advised that her daughter, [redacted] is married to [redacted] and resides in Lafayette, Louisiana. She said that [redacted] is very fond of her father but might have some knowledge of his activities and might be willing to furnish information to the FBI if she is aware of any illegal activities.

She stated that COWAN married [redacted] after he divorced her, and it is her understanding that [redacted] and COWAN are now divorced and that [redacted] is very bitter toward COWAN. She was of the opinion that [redacted] would tell anything she knows. She last knew [redacted] to be residing in Natchez, Mississippi, and she has a brother, [redacted] who resides in Ferriday, Mississippi, who might assist in locating her.

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is described as follows:

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[Redacted]

nee

[Redacted] also known as

Mrs. [Redacted]

Mrs. [Redacted]

Race

White

Date of Birth

[Redacted]

Place of Birth

Natchez, Mississippi

Height

5'1"

Weight

130 pounds

Hair

[Redacted]

Eyes

Blue

Occupation

[Redacted]

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[redacted] was interviewed at the residence [redacted] Louisiana. [redacted] furnished the following information regarding her connection with the Marville Lounge in Deer Park, Louisiana, during the Fall of 1965:

[redacted] advised [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] in a station wagon belonging to [redacted] and was told that he would carry her home. She stated that instead of driving her home [redacted] indicated that he had an errand to run in Bossier City, Louisiana, and she agreed to accompany him. However, [redacted] after stopping at Bossier City for a short period of time, instead of taking her home, drove her to the Marville Lounge in Deer Park, Louisiana.

[redacted] advised that up to that time she had never engaged in any hustling or prostitution activities and when they were en route to Deer Park [redacted] told her he was going to take her to a place where she could earn money to pay him back for the money he put up on her bond.

[redacted] stated she refused [redacted] but he continued to Deer Park without her consent and they arrived there approximately Midnight the same date she was released from jail.

[redacted] advised that when they arrived at the Marville Lounge [redacted] introduced her to a girl named [redacted] last name unknown, described as a white female, age 23 to 24, short with [redacted] hair and [redacted] eyes. [redacted] said she later found out that this [redacted] was the girl friend of an individual she learned to know as CURT. She stated that, following her arrival at the Marville Lounge, she stayed with [redacted] in a trailer located in the immediate area of the Marville Lounge.

[redacted] further advised that this same night she

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met for the first time a girl named [redacted] last name unknown, described as a white female, age 25 to 30, [redacted] hair, [redacted] and always wore [redacted]. She indicated that she later determined that [redacted] was the girl friend of an individual she learned was one of the owners of the Marville Lounge, known as J.D.

[redacted] advised that on her arrival [redacted] explained in detail the operation of the lounge, specifically the set up regarding prostitution. [redacted] indicated that there were signal lights for each bedroom in the lounge which connected to the kitchen. These lights were used to signal [redacted] and [redacted] from the bedroom during payment by tricks and also used for timing the exact time spent by a girl with a trick.

[redacted] indicated that she was instructed to pay the money received from tricks only to [redacted] and [redacted]. She advised that this was the manner in which all payments were made by her during her stay at the Marville Lounge.

[redacted] went on to say that for the first two nights she was there she was reluctant to engage in any prostitution activities, however, on the third day she agreed to go to work and earn the \$100.00 to repay [redacted] and then get back home. She stated that she remained at the Marville Lounge following this time for a period of one to one and a half months. She indicated that she was back in Shreveport, Louisiana, by New Year of 1966.

[redacted] advised that the individual she knew as J.D. owned the Marville Lounge and that the individual she knew as CURT was the manager. She described J.D. as being a white male, tall, skinny, wearing cowboy clothes, almost always wearing a hat, about 40 to 45 years of age. She described CURT as a white male, approximately 40 years of age, dark hair and heavy set. She stated she did not see CURT very often during her stay at the Marville Lounge and that, as far as she was concerned, [redacted] ran the place.

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[redacted] advised that during her stay at the Marville Lounge she was never paid any cash salary, but indicated that when she finally left, when [redacted] came down to pick her up around Christmas, 1965, she believed he was paid \$700.00 to \$800.00, indicating she earned much more, but the house received 60% of her earnings.

It is further indicated that when she needed money to make small purchases she would be given same and the amounts given her would be deducted from her total earnings. [redacted] advised that [redacted] and [redacted] would pay for a weekly doctor's check-up and indicated that she did not recall the doctor's name, that she was given a smear and blood test on a weekly or bi-weekly basis. She advised that the days she went to the doctor she was never allowed to go by herself, as was the case with the other girls and that she was never able to use a phone, other than when accompanied by someone else. [redacted] advised that there were approximately nine other girls working as she was at the Marville Lounge during the period she was there. She described these girls as follows:

1. [redacted] (Last Name Unknown), age [redacted] long [redacted] hair, [redacted] and [redacted], believed to be from [redacted]

2. [redacted] (Last Name Unknown), [redacted] who wears [redacted] and was the girl friend of individual described earlier as J.D.

3. [redacted] girl friend and prostitute for [redacted]

4. [redacted] age [redacted] owns a [redacted]

5. [redacted] (Last Name Unknown) [redacted] approximately [redacted] years of age.

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[redacted] could not advise the names or descriptions of the other girls.

[redacted] explained in further describing the operation that the tricks would pay the individual girls, that the girls would give the money to [redacted] or [redacted]. She indicated all the girls lived at the lounge and were not allowed to go out unless accompanied by [redacted] or [redacted].

[redacted] advised that an individual known to her only as [redacted] who goes with a girl named [redacted] was at the lounge for a short period while she was there and he ran the place when CURT was on vacation with his girl friend, [redacted] (Last Name Unknown), who she described as a white female, 5'6", [redacted] hair, [redacted] believed to be from [redacted] Louisiana.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] tried to beat her on one occasion, at which time he slapped her face and tried to drag her out of her room, when she indicated she was sick and was unable to work. She further advised that [redacted] also beat [redacted] for trying to leave on one occasion while she was there.

[redacted] advised that, when she was allowed to make a phone call to her parents to let them know that she was all right, she would be accompanied by someone and was instructed not to say where she was and she indicated that the call was made at a pay phone, which is located across from the doctor's office, who is described above. She stated that she believes the pay phone was used by the other girls in addition to herself.

[redacted] stated that, at one time during her stay at the lounge, [redacted] the bleached blonde who was the girl friend of J.D., asked her to leave [redacted] and come to work as a prostitute for her and J.D. [redacted] advised that she refused the offer.

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[] further indicated that, during her stay there, the Ku Klux Klan placed a cross on the front lawn of the lounge because of a Negro cook that worked at the lounge. She recalled that [] was there at the time and indicated that he shot at the Klansmen and that they returned fire at him and at the lounge.

[] further advised that she saw CURT pay J.D. on one occasion when she was in the trailer and out of their sight. She indicated that J.D. came in approximately once a week and met CURT and she recalled on the meeting that she witnessed that J.D. told CURT that he would see him next week when he received undetermined amount of cash from J.D. She could not recall overhearing any other conversation between the two.

[] advised that she often saw Sheriff's Office vehicles parked in back of the lounge and believed she did see the Sheriff there once, but could not be sure. She indicated that whoever the officers were they would be careful not to come into the place, but would call from the rear entrance and someone would go outside and meet them, specifically CURT.

[] advised, regarding interstate activities, she was on several "buy-outs". She stated that she would stay at the lounge all of the time, except for these "buy-outs" and described the "buy-outs" were when some rancher would come into the lounge and arrange to hire herself, [] or [] for a period of one weekend or over night during the week. She indicated that she would receive \$700.00 for one of these buy-outs from the rancher and that she would give same to either [] or [] they were the ones handling the money. She stated that on these buy-outs she would go with these ranchers, have dinner, dancing, and whatever other activities they cared to indulge in. She stated that she often went to their ranch.

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[redacted] believed these ranchers were from the Natchez, Mississippi, area and definitely stated she accompanied the ranchers to Mississippi on several occasions. In fact, as many as five times.

In describing the ranchers mentioned, [redacted] advised there were a group of four or five partners together in a large ranch located approximately ten to fifteen miles out of Natchez, Mississippi. She indicated they were very wealthy. She described one of the ranchers as being an invalid, having only half of one arm and walked in a bent over position. She indicated he was approximately 30 to 35 years of age, 5'10", medium build, and his name was [redacted] (Last Name Unknown). She stated she could identify at least three of these ranchers.

[redacted] advised that, around Christmas of 1965, [redacted] came down, his first time since she was there, and received payment for her activities and was to bring her home for a weekend to visit her folks and later return her to the Marville Lounge. She stated that on this particular weekend [redacted] was arrested by authorities in Bossier City, Louisiana. She therefore did not return to the Marville Lounge. She indicated the only income received by her for her activities during the month was \$50.00, which was wired to her after she returned home. She stated that CURT wired the money, using a Western Union Money Order, in the amount of \$50.00, sending it to her care of [redacted] Western Union, Shreveport, Louisiana. She indicated the Western Union Money Order was sent from Ferriday, Louisiana, sometime after Christmas, 1965, and before New Year, 1966.

[redacted] advised that, after arriving home and not returning to the lounge, she began receiving phone calls inviting her to return. She indicated that [redacted] called at least once and told her to get back down there and she thought that CURT called and asked her to get down there also and, when she did not return, CURT called and spoke with her mother and advised her mother of her activities at the Marville Lounge.

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advised that she would be willing to testify to any of the above.

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[redacted] advised the Agents that she was willing to travel from Alexandria, Louisiana, to Natchez, Mississippi, in an effort to show agents the places in Mississippi where she had had prostitute dates while working out of the Marville Lounge in Deer Park, Louisiana.

In addition she furnished the following information concerning prostitution at the Marville Lounge:

She advised that she had been released from the [redacted] in [redacted] Louisiana, around the end of [redacted] by [redacted]. She was shown photograph of [redacted] Louisiana State Penitentiary number [redacted] and advised that that person was identical with the [redacted] who had obtained her release from jail. She advised that [redacted] transported her to Deer Park, Louisiana, to the Marville Lounge and had taken her through the white fence gate and into a trailer at the rear of the Marville Lounge, where she had met CURT and a girl named [redacted].

She identified a photograph of CURT HEWITT, Lake Charles, Louisiana, Sheriff's Office number 73175, as being identical with CURT and a photograph of [redacted] as being identical with [redacted].

[redacted] had told her that she would have a chance to work at the Marville Lounge in order to repay the money that [redacted] claimed he had put for her bond. In the trailer, [redacted] began to talk to CURT, and [redacted] lead her into the Marville Lounge building, which connected through a doorway with the trailer.

[redacted] explained to her that her work would involve prostitution and explained to her the house rules, including the minimum charges for each type of prostitution date.

She believed that she had then talked to [redacted] in an effort to have him contact one of her parents or to take her away from the Marville Lounge at that time, but [redacted] had left without her.

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She had been very reluctant to participate in the prostitution, and a girl named [redacted] who identified herself as the girl friend of the "boss", also called J.D., spoke to her in an effort to get her to be calm and prostitute herself as were the other five or six girls at the lounge at that time.

She described [redacted] as [redacted] aged in her early 20's, who always wore [redacted] and was never known by her to hustle at the Marville Lounge while she was there. [redacted] appeared to be acting in the capacity of a madam and also checked on the income of the prostitutes for J.D.

[redacted] did not appear to be a prostitute, either, and was working as a madam for CURT, whom she and CURT identified as being [redacted] boy friend.

The procedure for carrying out prostitution at the Marville Lounge was as follows:

There were approximately ten bedrooms located in the rear of the building with a customer area in the front of the building. In the customer area was a bar and a game room, which included a blackjack table and a large table which resembled a billiard table. She never observed any of these tables in operation while she was at the Marville Lounge.

When a customer came in and agreed to have a prostitution date with one of the girls, the girl would take him from the customer area into a corridor in the rear along which the bedrooms were located. On the opposite side of the bedrooms was a small kitchen area, and usually [redacted] and [redacted] would sit in that area with a type of log book in the form of either a composition book or a composition pad of paper.

The log book at the top of the page contained the name of each girl and under each girls' name were columns describing the amount of money paid by the customer for each date and the length of time in minutes for each date.

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The girl would obtain from [] or [] the number of an empty room and would take the date to that room, where the type of date would be decided upon, and the date would pay the girl the money for the date.

The girl would then take the money and give it to [] or [] who would place it in a small strongbox that resembled a fishing box. The girl would then list on the log book under her name the amount the date had paid and the length of time the date would last. The only code used to describe the different types of dates, was H/H, which described a half and half. She advised that other prices were usually self-explanatory in describing the kind of date, although there was no maximum limitation placed by the house on any kind of date, and [] and CURT had advised her that she should attempt to obtain all that the "traffic could bear" as far as prices from the customers were concerned.

She advised that [] usually handled the actual giving of instructions, monitoring of the rooms and accepting the money from the girls, but that [] in her capacity as a watchdog for J.D., would usually be present to oversee [] handling of these records.

In addition, at the end of the evenings work, both [] and [] would count all of the money in the cash box, and [] would then lock up the cash box and take it to the trailer at the rear of the Marville Lounge, where there was a small safe located. She advised that she was not sure but believed the tackle box was locked up in the safe.

After having made the log entry and paid [] or [] the prostitution fee, the prostitute would then return to the bedroom and have the date with the customer. In order to prevent the dates taking advantage of the girl, there was a monitor system put up in the Marville Lounge that kept control of how long the dates were with the girls. The monitor system

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consisted of a panel mounted high on the kitchen wall, and on the panel was a number for each bedroom, and above each number was a light bulb, and below each number was an electrical switch. Wires ran from this board to the light socket in each bedroom and in each bedroom either a table lamp or light bulb was plugged into the light socket. The girls were allowed approximately five minutes to get the date ready for the prostitution date. Then [] or [] would make sure the date lasted the number of minutes specified. At the end of the time, they would then turn on the electrical switch for the room in which the girl and her date were having their prostitution date. By turning on this switch the light in the bedroom would go on to warn the girl that she should make preparations to get the date out of the room quickly. [] or [] would then wait three minutes, at which time they would give a similar warning which indicated to the girl in the room that she should get out of the bedroom as quickly as possible. If she failed to do so the manager or one of the bartenders would go to the room and pound on the door and make efforts to terminate the date.

She advised that when she came to the Marville Lounge, CURT was there as the manager, [] as the madam for him, and [] as the madam for J.D. The bartender there at that time was [] She was shown a photograph of [] Louisiana State Penitentiary number [] and advised that he is identical with [] the bartender.

[] and CURT lived in the trailer at the rear of the Marville Lounge and there [] who did not appear to have an automobile at that time, stayed in one of the front bedrooms. He made a number of short trips from the Marville Lounge and had left on one of these trips a few days before she had left the Marville Lounge herself.

Another bartender there was a Frenchman called [] He also stayed in one of the front bedrooms and was there all the time that she was there, which was approximately one month. He was approximately 35 to 40 years of age, spoke French, short stocky and had thinning dark brown hair. He was from Lafayette, Louisiana, according to what he told her.

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About two weeks after she had arrived at the Marville Lounge, a man called RED or BIG RED arrived with a girl named [redacted]. She identified a photograph of LEE J. BROUSSARD on Louisiana Driver's License number 295605, issued March 12, 1965, as being identical with RED.

RED and [redacted] would take over the job of CURT and [redacted] for short periods of time while CURT and [redacted] vacationed from the Marville Lounge, and the rest of the time RED's job was to keep the girls in line at the Marville Lounge.

She was shown a photograph of [redacted] alias [redacted] and advised that this girl was not identical with another of the prostitutes at the Marville Lounge who went by the name [redacted].

Some of the other prostitutes were [redacted] whom [redacted] and has seen in the past months working as a prostitute in Shreveport and Bossier City for [redacted] whom she also knows well; and who, since she has left the Marville Lounge, has attempted to turn her out for him.

[redacted] and [redacted] were close friends at the time that she was taken to the Marville Lounge, and [redacted] was [redacted] pimp then, just as he is now.

Another prostitute [redacted] was a friend of [redacted] and [redacted]. [redacted] was [redacted] pimp at the time she was at the Marville Lounge, and [redacted] has used the alias of [redacted], and [redacted] has used the alias [redacted].

Another prostitute was named [redacted] and she was a girl working for a pimp named [redacted], who was a friend of [redacted] and she was from California or one of the northern West Coast states.

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She ran away from the Marville Lounge sometime in December, 1965, following an attack on the Marville Lounge by some men believed to be klansmen.

She advised that the incident took place in the evening and was brought about by [redacted] looking outside and seeing a cross burning on the turn by the gravel road which passed in front of the front parking area of the Marville Lounge. At that time, RED BROUSSARD opened the front door, at which time shooting began. She herself at that time saw the cross burning on the road, saw one man dressed in a white sheet running up the gravel road toward the top of the levee, and on the levee saw three or four other men standing in white sheets. When the klansmen saw that the front door was opening, some of them started to run down the slope from the levee toward the rear of the Marville Lounge, and they started to shoot at RED BROUSSARD, who ran inside at once. There were a number of rifles and a shotgun in the Marville Lounge, and RED BROUSSARD and [redacted] started to shoot back at the klansmen. She heard a loud yell from outside and believed that one of the klansmen might have been hurt by a shot fired by [redacted]. Just before the yell was heard, several bullets went through the building, one just missing her, but no one inside was hurt. The firing lasted only a short time and then the klansmen apparently left. She does not recall any investigation of this shooting having been made by any law enforcement office and is sure that no one at the Marville Lounge reported the shooting to any law enforcement office.

It was that night or the next night that [redacted] the prostitute, ran away from the Marville Lounge, and for several days afterward CURT and the other men made every effort to find her, but apparently without any success. She knows nothing about the background of [redacted] and has never seen her since she left the Marville Lounge.

She learned of no warnings that had been issued by the klansmen that would have explained the cross burning and the shooting. However, there was a Negro maid working at the

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Marville Lounge at that time, and this maid immediately quit following the shooting incident. She does not know the identity of the maid.

A group of young men had come to the Marville Lounge early that evening and spent a great deal of time talking with [] and then left the club before the incident took place. She therefore believes that [] may have told them that she was being mistreated, and the young men had dressed themselves as klansmen in an effort to scare RED. To the best of her knowledge, RED was the only man at the Marville Lounge at the time of this shooting incident.

Another prostitute arrived at the Marville Lounge approximately a week before she left, which would have been just prior to Christmas, 1965. This girl was named [] and was a small, thin, blonde from southern Louisiana, who claimed to be married to her pimp.

Another prostitute was [] who was tall, thin, with [] hair and who was either pregnant when she arrived or got pregnant after her arrival or sick in some other way. She was from []

Another prostitute that arrived just a day or two before her departure at the end of December, 1965, was a woman about [] years of age, with [] hair, [] and [] This woman had driven to the Marville Lounge in her own automobile and apparently did not have a pimp.

When she had first arrived there she was reluctant to hustle, and it was a day or two later, after [] and [] had been unable to convince her to start hustling, that she first met J.D. Prior to his arrival the prostitutes had told her that the boss was coming over to the Marville Lounge, and shortly afterward, J.D. came in and talked to her

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in private. He was a tall, thin man who wore [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
conversation that he was the boss of the Marville Lounge and told her to be calm and meet [REDACTED] and CURT half way.

Also during this conversation he made it clear to her that he understood that prostitution was the business that was being run at the Marville Lounge and he knew that [REDACTED] and CURT wanted her to work as a prostitute.

Although she shortly afterward started working as a prostitute, she was not always in good health and was nagged frequently by [REDACTED] and on one occasion RED had had a long argument with her trying to get her to do more work. CURT and [REDACTED] had told RED to let her alone, but [REDACTED] seemed to take pride in the fact that many of the girls were frightened of her and persisted in nagging her about her work. As a result, she and another girl had a fight with [REDACTED] one night which started with a fist fight between herself and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] also was involved in a fight with two or three of the girls which included herself, in which [REDACTED] had her trousers and shirt torn off.

Both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] had told her that they had frequently gone on "buy outs" for as long as an entire week to a large ranch in Mississippi run by a number of millionaires, some of whom were also partners in some type of construction business. While she was there, she went on three "buy outs", one of these was for a Mississippi Wild Life and Fisheries or Game Warden Agent. He paid \$150.00 for this date in cash to her, and she gave the money to [REDACTED]. They did not have relations on this date because of a prior agreement she had made with the man but just went out and "hit" a number of the night spots. She got drunk, and he had to return her to the Marville Lounge. The only one of these night spots she remembers was one located on the highway just outside Ferriday, Louisiana. She was driven by the various clubs on the highway between Ferriday and Vidalia, and advised

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she could not be sure which one of the clubs she had been in that night.

Her other "buy outs" were weekend in length. These involved the millionaires [redacted] and [redacted] had described to her. One of the men involved was named [redacted] and he owned a house which was of ranch style with a carport, behind which was a storage area that he had converted into an office. His son, according to what he told her, has a large blue motorcycle which he himself frequently used. She was unable to describe this man except that he was medium size, stocky, dark hair, attractive features, and she could not recall the home or its location except that she believed it was located in Mississippi. On one of these weekend buy outs, she had stopped at his home because he had to telephone his wife, who was living in another home of theirs and was expecting a telephone call from him by a certain time. From there, the group proceeded to the large ranch in which all of the men seemed to have an interest.

The procedures for one of these buy outs was that the customers would drive to the Marville Lounge in one of their own automobiles, make arrangements with the girl or with CURT or [redacted] for the weekend, and would pay the girls, and then the girls would pay the money to [redacted]. From the Marville Lounge, the men would drive their own car to the place that the party was to be held, and the girl would follow in a separate car, either driven by [redacted] or by one of the prostitutes themselves. It was a strict rule that the customers did not drive the girls and that none of the men involved with the operation of the Marville Lounge would drive any of the girls.

She advised that she could not be certain that the ranch owned by the millionaires was in Mississippi or Louisiana. She described the ranch being located on a gravel road in slightly hilly terrain and the approach to the ranch was up a steep gravel slope to a large parking area in front of the large house. Around this parking area were short white posts, and there was a large screen porch across the rear of the large house. She believed the large house was shaped like a

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large rectangle and was one story ranch style design which was set on a rise, and you could look out the back down a slope of a hill. Inside was a large den and three or four bedrooms, and outside she recalled cattle were grazing on the land fairly close to the large house.

There were three or four of the men involved in owning this ranch and they had a friend who was an older man about 55 or 60 years of age who had a deformed arm. This deformity consisted of an undevelopment of one arm so that it appeared to be the size of a small child's arm and was only about two thirds the length of a normal arm and was very thin. He was along on one or both of these weekend buy outs and was the usual date of [REDACTED] b6 b7C b7D

On one of these dates, [REDACTED] had given her a check for \$700.00, which was their fee for having her for the weekend, and [REDACTED] and CURT had accepted this check. She could not recall on what bank or in what state the check was drawn, but did recall that the day after the date was completed, [REDACTED] had purchased this check for cash.

She had learned from CURT and [REDACTED] that checks were accepted from customers if CURT was sure that the customers had money in their accounts to make the check good. She did not recall how the check was made out or to whom.

She believed that on one buy out to the ranch, they had started out by going south on the levee road for several miles, turning left down a gravel road to a frame restaurant built up on pilings where they had had a fish dinner, then returned to the levee road and possibly had gone further south on it until they eventually reached the large home. She can recall also that the ranch was located approximately one and one half hours from the Marville Lounge.

When the girls would go to town or would drive themselves or be driven on a buy out, the vehicles used were some of the ones owned by CURT which were kept parked in the large rear fenced-in parking lot at the Marville Lounge.

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CURT had a large variety of these cars, including a large station wagon which was used frequently by [REDACTED]

Once a week the girls were driven to the office of a doctor by [REDACTED], who took them into the doctor's office and paid the doctor's fee for examining each girl for venereal disease. [REDACTED] was never examined herself but was there to watch the girls. The doctor's office was located in a one-story red brick building about a half a block off the main street of Ferriday, Louisiana, and the girls used to have coffee and donuts in a donut shop located almost next door to this doctor's office.

[REDACTED] Unsuccessful efforts were made to locate ranch and home.

She advised that after she had left the Marville Lounge, she had called the cab company in Natchez because while she was at the Marville Lounge, [REDACTED] and CURT had told her to call the cab company any time she got stranded, her car broke down, or she needed money, and to tell them to deliver a message to CURT, which they would do. She for this reason had called the cab company because she wanted to receive her pay from CURT for the work at the Marville Lounge. When she got the cab company on the line, she told them that she wanted a message delivered to CURT, and they knew whom she meant. She told the person at the cab company to give CURT a message that she wanted money and that the money should be wired to her in Shreveport. She called the cab company back later that day, and the person on the end of the line told her that the message had been delivered to CURT shortly thereafter; which would have been in early January, 1966. She received \$50.00 wired to her from the Western Union Office in Ferriday and believed that the wire was signed CURT.

She wrote down the number of the cab company on a slip of paper and believes she still has it at her home in Shreveport.

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There were no telephones in the Marville Lounge, and whenever one of the girls had to make a phone call, [redacted] would drive her to a phone, stood with her while she made the phone call. These were usually coin telephones, and she was not sure of their location.

She advised that the money had been wired to her under the name [redacted] which was the name that she used at the Marville Lounge.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name

[redacted] also known as [redacted]

Sex

Female

Race

White

Age

Date of Birth

Place of Birth

Nationality

American

Residence

Length of Residence

Height

5'6"

Weight

135 pounds

Build

Hair

Eyes

Complexion

Occupation

Marital Status

Married; Husband - [redacted]

has [redacted] children: [redacted]

[redacted] (by [redacted])

[redacted] divorced, [redacted]

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Education

[REDACTED]

Shreveport, Louisiana

Arrests

[REDACTED]

Parents

[REDACTED]

Remarks

[REDACTED]

She furnished the following additional information about J.D. and [REDACTED]

Everyone at the Marville told her J.D. lived very close to the Marville, and on one occasion, she was approached by [REDACTED] who tried to convince her to leave [REDACTED] and become a prostitute for her and, by implication, J.D. [REDACTED] promised to buy her new clothing, among other things, but she declined the offer. Because of the animosity that developed between her and [REDACTED], [REDACTED] made no similar offers afterwards.

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Trooper [redacted] Identification Bureau,
Louisiana State Police, made available a copy of the
record and the Identification Bureau's file under the
name [redacted] LSP No. [redacted] FBI No. [redacted]
which reads as follows:

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[redacted]
furnished the following information:

She married [redacted] on [redacted] in [redacted] Louisiana. She stated she was born [redacted] at [redacted] Louisiana, and [redacted]. She furnished the following additional information:

After their marriage they resided a few months on [redacted] Street in [redacted] Mississippi, and for about a year in [redacted] Louisiana, further address unrecalled. While in [redacted] worked at a filling station on [redacted] and at [redacted] as a bartender. The lounge is located on Highway 190 and across the Mississippi River from Baton Rouge. They then moved to [redacted] Louisiana, during early [redacted] where they resided for three or four months on an unrecalled street. [redacted] had a bar on [redacted] Road. They then moved to [redacted] Mississippi, in about March of [redacted] and resided on [redacted] Street in an apartment. She believed the apartment number to be [redacted]. At that time [redacted] worked as a bartender at the [redacted] in Vidalia, Louisiana, for a while. He then opened the [redacted] in Natchez, working there as a bartender for about two or three months.

[redacted] and another man ran the [redacted] for about three or four weeks but the police closed it. They lived on [redacted] during that time. They lived there about two months then moved to [redacted] in [redacted] during which time [redacted] was unemployed.

They lived in [redacted] for a short while, during which time [redacted] met CURT HEWITT who [redacted] said was running a car lot in Ferriday, Louisiana. [redacted] continued to work and be associated with HEWITT and as far as she knows, is still there.

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From [redacted] until about [redacted] they were staying at [redacted] in Ferriday, Louisiana, and as far as she knows he is still there. She left him and came to live with her sister about the latter date.

[redacted] While in [redacted] and in [redacted] Mississippi, [redacted] had told her that he was working at the Gulf station in [redacted] and told her she could call him there and leave messages for him. She could not remember the telephone number but recalled he had written it down for her at the time. They had no telephone at any of the above mentioned addresses.

[redacted] was born on [redacted] Mississippi. He is not close to members of his family and visits with them very little. She has no photographs of the two of them together and has no recent photograph of [redacted]. The names of [redacted] LEE J. BROUSSARD, J. D. RICHARDSON, FRANK DE LAUGHTER, and NOAH CROSS are unknown to her.

She said [redacted] drove many different automobiles but whether he ever actually owned or paid on any of them she did not know. He was driving a blue [redacted] [redacted] bearing Louisiana license with [redacted] [redacted] during 1966. Just before she left him on [redacted] he asked her to come see his new car. It was a new white car with red trim, but she did not know the model or make. At one time he drove [redacted] [redacted] but said it belonged to someone else. At one time he was driving a pink and gray Cadillac which he told her he had bought. He had this car only one month. During the fall of 1966 he drove a [redacted] [redacted] bearing Louisiana license. He told her very little of his business transactions and business associates.

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They had no bank accounts and never used checks, paying for everything in cash. He never told her what trips he made except one time when they lived in [redacted] he mentioned he had to go to New Orleans on a business trip. He never let her go into any bars where he worked. She does not drive an automobile and, consequently, had very limited knowledge of her husband's activities away from home but remembered there were times when he was gone two or three days at a time.

[redacted] During January of 1967, [redacted] her [redacted] Ferriday, Louisiana, told [redacted] was working with a house of prostitution and running around with other women. She saw a girl's name on a Trans Texas Airline ticket stub on the floor of the [redacted] Chevrolet and decided what [redacted] told her was probably true. She seemed to recall the name of the girl on this airline ticket was [redacted] (last name unknown).

If [redacted] ever used telegraph offices, money orders, or was involved in transporting prostitutes or sending them money, she had absolutely no knowledge of it.

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During the afternoon hours this date, agent observed a 1966 or 1967 metallic tan Pontiac stop momentarily at the gravel road leading to Jay's Lounge. LEE J. "RED" BROUSSARD and [] were observed on foot beside this car, which then continued down the road toward Jay's Lounge, while BROUSSARD and [] were observed to continue down the road on foot. It was later observed this Pontiac was a Bonneville 4-door hardtop with 1966-67 Louisiana license 87 F 115.

Also observed at the parking lot of Jay's Lounge were the following automobiles:

a. Old model pink over tan Rambler bearing 1966 Idaho license 2/T 20421.

b. Late model white over maroon Buick bearing 1966-67 Louisiana license 21 C 767.

LEE J. BROUSSARD, to whom identity of agent was known, advised that the Buick was repossessed from [] in Lafayette. He advised he had towed the car to Jay's Lounge from Lafayette and was buying it himself. He advised Jay's Lounge continues to be a house of prostitution and that he has "about the same girls" there at present as when previously interviewed. He advised he and CURT HEWITT both are nephews of [] and that [] approached him about one week ago to say he wanted to get away from the Marville Lounge and into some other work.

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By communication dated March 27, 1967, the Identification Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation advised that the only fingerprint record identifiable with LEE JOSEPH BROUSSARD reflects he was fingerprinted for the Army on September 23, 1953, under the name LEE JOSEPH BROUSSARD, Army Serial No. US 54094803.

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