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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

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FROM : SAC, DALLAS (94-265)

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DALLAS DIVISION

Re Bureau airtel to Albany, 5/7/62 and Dallas letter to Bureau, 1/10/63.

On 1/29/63, BILLY GENE VALENTINE, inmate, Taylor County Jail, Abilene, Texas, was interviewed by Dallas Agents. He requested the information he was about to furnish be kept strictly confidential and his identity be protected. He admitted he had been a gambler in the Snyder, Texas, area for about three years, having started as a "sit-in" man to throw various games of cards to favorable parties and to take suckers. One PINKEY RODEN of Odessa, Texas, became interested in him and offered to place him on the "in" with the gambling activities in the area. VALENTINE said RODEN is known to have many interests throughout the country from which sources the capital originates for laying off the bets. He stated he had been approached and was told that whatever he needed would be furnished to him in the way of monetary funds. He claimed he is finished with this type of work due to his wife interceding and giving him the choice of keeping her or his gambling activities. He advised he acted as the messenger for a number of thugs traveling through the country whose names he did not desire to disclose. He knew that RODEN had some highly influential people backing him in this venture, both in and out of the state. Further contact contemplated with VALENTINE for additional information re above matter.

On 2/4/63, MICHAEL LESCHETSKO, Dallas gambler, was interviewed by Bureau Agents. He had been previously identified as a gambler in the investigation of SHERMAN FRANKLIN LITTLE (Dallas 162-129). He appeared cordial and stated he would cooperate with the FBI in any way he could. He furnished some pertinent information concerning gambling activities in Dallas and stated he was agreeable to furnish such information in the future on a confidential basis. A new 137 case, regarding LESCHETSKO, has been opened by Dallas as a result of the above contact.

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