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Synopsis:

Title marked changed to show full name of subject PRESTON as REBA ODELL PRESTON as determined through investigation at Waco, Texas, and to show nickname of subject DICKSON as "Sig" as determined through investigation at Dallas, Texas. Title formerly carried as "UNSUBS; BRIBERY OF SWC BASKETBALL OFFICIALS, ITWI, ITAR - BRIBERY".

REFERENCES

- New Haven airtels to Bureau, 2/14; 3/6/62.
- Dallas teletypes to Bureau, 2/19, 20, 27; 3/3/62.
- San Antonio teletypes to Bureau, 2/20; 3/5, 6/62.
- Dallas teletype to San Antonio, 3/5/62 (Interoffice).
- Dallas teletype to Miami, New York and San Antonio 3/15/62 (Interoffice).
- Dallas teletype to New York, 3/9/62 (Interoffice)
- Bureau airtel to Dallas, 2/20/62.
- San Antonio airtels to Bureau, 2/21, 28; 3/2/62.
- Dallas airtels to Bureau, 2/22; 3/1, 7, 8, 15/62.
- Milwaukee airtel to Dallas, 2/28/62 (Interoffice).
- St. Louis airtel to Bureau, 3/1/62.

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Texas Information previously obtained from DL-144-C* that JOHN ELI ~~STONE~~'s Dallas bookmaking operation, biggest in the area, will not accept any straight bet in amount over \$500 on SWC game, but will accept bet on any other game, except West Coast, in any amount.

On 2/12, 13/62, DL-95-C advised SA ROBERT M. BARRETT that gambler CURTIS ~~YEAGER~~ (DL 162-176) had recently won from Dallas bookies on 14 games, and had told CI he had won on information he was getting from Waco, texas, unnamed source, later identified only as "PAT". On 2/12/62 CI accompanied YEAGER to Waco, met 2 men, one named "PARKER", one unnamed. YEAGER gave unnamed man \$2500 cash, no reason given. CI also stated these three had much discussion re SMU - Texas Tech, to be played 2/13/62 at Lubbock. On 2/13/62, CI advised YEAGER had told CI point spread on this game had jumped from Texas Tech, as 8 point favorite to Texas Tech as 12 point favorite. YEAGER was betting heavily on SMU with unknown Dallas bookies; CI stated SMU would lose by less than 12, or even win. SMU won 68-63. Game refereed by BOBBY SCOTT and STEVE ~~GERGENI~~, both residents of Amarillo, Texas.

Texas On 2/19/62, DL-95-C *Texas* stated YEAGER and his associate, Dallas gambler WELDON N. ~~WEATHERALL~~, were in contact with Waco phone, prefix unknown, 3-9310. Phone number at Waco Elks Club is PL 3-9310. On 2/25/62, CI met YEAGER and man from Waco named TOMMY ~~BARNES~~ or BONDS - not identical with either of 2 seen with YEAGER at Waco 2/12/62. BARNES returned to Waco night of 2/26/62. YEAGER told CI he had 2 games of 2/27/62, "fixed" - the SMU - Baylor game at Waco and the Texas Tech - A&M game at Lubbock. Waco game refereed by PRYOR and MC ALISTER, the Lubbock game by W. D. ~~LAWSON~~, 525 E. North 20th Street, Abilene, and BOBBY ~~SCOTT~~, 2907 S. Roosevelt, Amarillo. *Texas*

Later on 2/26/62, CI advised YEAGER called someone at Waco, believed to be "PAT", about 4:30 pm. Twenty minutes later "PAT" called Dallas bookie DON ~~FULTON~~, wanting to bet heavily on Texas Tech. YEAGER in meantime was placing bets with several Dallas bookies on Tech. YEAGER "guaranteed" CI that Tech would win by more than point spread - 6½ points. Tech won 69-49. YEAGER also placed bets on SMU, which was 9 point favorite. SMU won 69-52.

On 2/27/62, information received from PCI DAVE ~~CHERY~~, Dallas gambler by SA WILL HAYDEN GRIFFIN, that something was "wrong" with Rice - TCU game to be played that night. Rice

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ROGAS, Marlin, Texas bookmaker. On 3/7/62 photographs of PRESTON and PARKS shown to DL-95-C by SA ROBERT M. BARRETT and he advises PRESTON unknown to him but PARKS is identical with PARKER who was present at Waco night of 2/12/62 when Dallas gambler CURTIS YEAGER gave PARKS' associate, yet unidentified, \$2500 in cash following weekend during which YEAGER had bet and won heavily on SWC games with Dallas bookies, placing bets based on information received from "PAT" at Waco.

On 3/1/62, PCI JOHN GEORGE GEORGACAKIS advised SAs J. JEROME MAXWELL and STUART J. CAMERON that SWC basketball games had been taken off the board at Las Vegas, no bets were being accepted on these games in amounts of more than \$50 to \$100 and bets were being taken only from players in the room at the time the bet was made. PCI stated his Las Vegas source had indicated Las Vegas had received word from Texas that games were fixed.

On 3/5/62, information obtained from DL-144-C* who is furnishing pertinent current information about the gambling activities of Dallas bookmaking operation under the direction of JOHN ELI STONE (DL 162-37) and his employees in this operation, HENRY CLINTON WINFREY (DL 162-95) and ISADORE MAX ^{Texas} MULLER (DL 162-96). On 3/5/62, WINFREY, in conversation with individual known only as "PETE" remarked that SWC games had "cost them \$20,000". WINFREY stated there was "no doubt about one of the referees getting greedy and betting \$6600 in New York". WINFREY further stated there were "two referees" involved. In another conversation same date with unknown party while referring to recent publicity concerning this matter in the local papers and in particular reference to the referees, WINFREY stated that they "cost us \$20,000 this year. One of these damn referees bet \$6600 himself in New York on a game he refereed. Yeah, he won it - They haven't lost any bets". "Those crooks in South Texas pulled a fast one". "I know BOSTON SMITH handled their damn contract -". "I think it was BOSTON that put \$5500 on certain ones - maybe 11 on some of them". "Most of the big books in the East took the Southwest Conference off the boards two years ago. So its been going on for a little while".

On 2/28/62, San Antonio furnished information that subject PRESTON had been in telephonic contact with Dallas phone LA 6-2814 on 12/13/61, 1/19 and 2/5/62. This is the phone number of subject DICKSON at Apt. 108, 4807 Denton Drive, where DICKSON is also the Manager of this apartment building.

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On 3/12/62, LT. JACK REVILL, Dallas PD, a former college basketball player in the State of Texas, advised he seemed to recall that subject "SIG" DICKSON was a former player at Baylor University and it was also believed by LT. REVILL to be an associate of GEORGE OWENS. OWENS is known to bet heavily on basketball games through information received from DL-144-C*, is the present manager of the University Club, Dallas, the former boy friend of now imprisoned Dallas stripper CANDY BARR and is a former basketball player at SMU.

On 3/14/62, ~~GEORGE OWENS~~ ^{Texas} was interviewed by SAs ROBERT M. BARRETT and ROBERT P. GEMBERLING at his residence, Apt. 302, 2531 Turtle Creek. He furnished the following pertinent information. He has known SIG DICKSON for about a year, having met him through his, OWENS', close friend, Dallas gambler WILLIAM RAY ~~DAVIS~~ (subject of Dallas file 47-3937). He stated DICKSON was a former basketball player at Baylor, presently is managing an apartment house at 4807 Denton Dr. OWENS last saw DICKSON about 5 days ago at which time DICKSON told him that he, DICKSON, was also working for some "New York Jews" in connection with the managing of some apartment houses to be built in the Dallas area. (These "New York Jews" possibly identical with persons in New York City known to have been contacted by telephone by DICKSON such as CHARLES N. ~~BERNSTEIN~~ and LEONARD S. ~~OPPENHEIMER~~. BILLY RAY ~~DAVIS~~ was in ^{Texas} Phoenix, Ariz. and Miami, Fla. in January 1962, the purpose of his trip being to gamble by playing poker. OWENS stated there is a \$300 limit on any bet on SWC game in Dallas. OWENS stated he placed most of his bets with ISADORE MAX ~~MILLER~~ (DL 162-96), employee of JOHN ELI STONE (DL 162-37). OWENS stated he has never received any information from DICKSON or anyone else that any SWC games were fixed or how to bet. He has heard rumors for several years that SWC games were fixed but had no further definite information concerning this. OWENS furnished the above information, requesting that his identity be protected and that he would assist the FBI in their investigation in any way possible so long as his identity was kept confidential.

On 3/12/62, DL-95-C advised SA ROBERT M. BARRETT that gambler WELDON N. WEATHERALL, FBI #39541, when in Dallas stayed at the Belmont Motel on Fort Worth AVENUE.

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