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Re Little Rock teletype to Bureau, 5/25/61, wherein MILTON JAFFEE was mentioned as fight promoter in Pittsburgh, Pa., for years and former manager of fighter, BILLY CONN, who switched to primary occupation of gambling four or five years ago.

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Review of files of Pittsburgh Office disclosed following information regarding MILTON JAFFEE:

In 1953 ARTHUR J. ROONEY, owner of Pittsburgh Steelers football team, advised SA JOHN S. PORTELLA that there were a few men in Pittsburgh who should be classified as bettors; that these men would send a representative directly to a bookmaker or to the track to place a horse bet; and that among those in this category he would place MILTON JAFFEE.

On 5/29/53 former PG 509-C (protect identity) who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that MILTON JAFFEE of Pittsburgh, JOSEPH EPSTEIN of Chicago, Ill, IKE EPSTEIN Chicago, Ill of Chicago, and the present owner of the Chez Paree Night Club of Chicago were combining their capital to purchase the Last Frontier Hotel and gambling casino at Las Vegas, Nevada. According to informant, the hotel was being purchased for \$5,800,000 and MILTON JAFFEE and JOE EPSTEIN would probably hold the controlling interest in the hotel. Informant stated that

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MILTON JAFFEE and his wife, RUTH JAFFEE, were moving from Pittsburgh to Las Vegas permanently and JAFFEE planned to sell Rapid Tag and Wire Co., Pittsburgh, of which he was President, but would continue to hold a share of the Edison Hotel in Pittsburgh. Informant stated that JAFFEE, in Pittsburgh, had the reputation of being a horse player and gambler and that he had never been in trouble with the police.

On 2/7/58 former PG 509-C advised that MILTON JAFFEE of Pittsburgh, together with JOSEPH EPSTEIN of Chicago and MORRIS KLEINMAN of Cleveland, Ohio, were partners in the Stardust Hotel and gambling casino being built in Las Vegas. Informant stated that JAFFEE had over the years made it clear that he wanted no part of any gambler who had a criminal record or who was allied with what he called the syndicate; that JAFFEE tried to maintain friendly relations with persons connected with the syndicate, but that he refused to associate himself with them in any form of business; and that JAFFEE was interested in the Stardust Hotel with the same group, which, back in 1953 was interested in the Last Frontier Hotel.

On 10/28/59 BENNIE FROMME, former PCI (protect identity) who has furnished reliable info in the past, advised that MILTON JAFFEE continued to own and operate the Stardust gambling casino and hotel in Las Vegas, and that he was very successful in that endeavor.

No further pertinent info re JAFFEE could be located in files of the Pittsburgh Office.

One copy furnished Cleveland for info in view of their interest in activities of MORRIS KLEINMAN.