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On 1/26/67, by communication of that date, the Oklahoma City Office furnished the following information:

On 11/25/66, OC CS 489-C advised SA CLARK S. MILLER that telephone No. CE 9-9461 is a nonpublished number listed to Central Club, 319 South Kerr, Oklahoma City. OC 441-PC advised SA ROBERT W. KNIGHT that GEORGE BARNES was as of the week of 2/24/67, in Reno, Nevada, where he planned to open the Mapes Hotel. CI said that BARNES had left Las Vegas, Nevada, the week previously where he was contacting various

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casino operators in connection with financing the Mapes Hotel. CI said that BARNES held an interest in property at Bishop, Nevada, and that if he were able to buy out co-owners of this property, he planned to construct a motel and casino there.

By communication dated 2/3/67, the Las Vegas Office advised that LV 223-C-TE advised SA M. B. PARKER on that date that GEORGE BARNES was in Las Vegas for a short time, but left Las Vegas allegedly to return to the Oklahoma City area, during the latter part of January, 1967.

On 1/19/67, DL 275-PC advised that he was talking to MATTHEWS in the last few days and MATTHEWS advised that he had gotten out of the Skyknight Club on Maple Avenue; that MATTHEWS had an argument with GEORGE McGANN over some money MATTHEWS allegedly lost, and as result MATTHEWS claimed he sold out his interest.

On 2/7/67, DL 271-C advised that MATTHEWS is now out of the Skyknight Club and has been out of town to Las Vegas recently. CI advised that GEORGE McGANN had taken over the club, but has since learned that McGANN also got out and has bought the Willows Club on West Lovers Lane, Dallas.

On 1/20/67, DL 146-C advised that he knows MATTHEWS and knows that he has a bad record and used to associate with "BLONDIE" HALL, PEE WEE CAR, and BARNEY "PUMPKIN" PAYNE. He could furnish no information as to MATTHEWS' current activities.

On 3/1/67, DL 275-PC advised that MATTHEWS was at Denny's Restaurant on West Mockingbird Lane about 2/27/67, and was drunk and threatening his partner, BILL PETREE, night manager at Denny's. MATTHEWS reportedly told PETREE that he had been questioned for about two hours by the FBI concerning ANTHONY SALVATORE JACENE, whose body was allegedly found in the Colorado River. Dallas Office has not interviewed MATTHEWS and it is noted he has refused to be interviewed in the past. When informed FBI had not interviewed MATTHEWS, informant commented this is another example of MATTHEWS'

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drunken "slobbering talk". JACENE was kicked out of the Skyknight Club last fall by MATTHEWS after allegedly losing several thousand dollars of the club's money.

On 2/20/67, DL 146-C advised SA JAMES W. BOOKHOUT that on about 2/16/67, MATTHEWS was seen at the Key Note Club on Cole Avenue, Dallas. CI advised this club is reportedly a hangout for businessmen who gamble and use this place to pay off bet losses.

On 2/14/67, PCI CHARLES RUSSELL ARCHER, well-known gambler, advised that he is well acquainted with R. D. MATTHEWS and GEORGE BARNES. He advised the last he knew BARNES was in Las Vegas but planned to return to Oklahoma City. He said BARNES worked for a long time at the Canadian Club, Wheatland, Oklahoma, and PCI had also worked there sometime ago at the same time BARNES was there. He said BARNES is a "nice guy", but readily acknowledged that BARNES was a gambler most of the time. He said he had heard from BARNES not long ago and expected him to be in Dallas in the near future. PCI promised to have BARNES contact the Dallas Office if BARNES comes to Dallas.

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