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U. S. Probation Officer HUBERT BOYD of Las Vegas, Nevada, advised February 17 and 21, 1958, he had kept a very close observation of the associates of BINION and his only associates during the month of February have been ROBERT H. "DOBY DOC" CAUDILL and JOE W. BROWN, owner of the Horseshoe Club who is in the Las Vegas area at the present time. He has also been associates with SU 386-C.

BINION has been observed daily and has been contacted daily by SA LEO E. KUYKENDALL at his home and also in the Nevada Room Restaurant located in the 100 block North 2nd Street, Las Vegas, and he has not associated with anyone not known to this Agent and on one occasion related that he had no intention of doing anything in violation of the law and was in hopes that his activities would be favorably looked upon by the FBI. He stated he had been accused of causing the death of HERBERT NOBLE, Dallas, Texas. He stated he would take an oath on his family that he had nothing to do with the death of NOBLE in any way. He said it was true that NOBLE was causing him a tremendous amount of trouble by what he was telling people in the Dallas area but he, BINION, had no holdings there and therefore did not pay too much attention to the trouble NOBLE was causing and the lies he was telling or was causing to be brought to the attention of the Dallas County authorities. He stated if he had wanted to dispose of NOBLE he could have done it on numerous occasions in the past but did not feel it was necessary at the time NOBLE was killed. BINION stated he might have considered having him killed if he continued putting heat and pressure on him with the Dallas County authorities.

The only associate not well known that BINION has had recently and whom he is entering into a partnership with in the operation of a hickory bar-b-que located in 100 Block North 2nd Street is MARVIN STARK. STARK reportedly is from Houston, Texas, and operated a hickory bar-b-que stand at Houston in prior years. STARK appears to be 45 to 50 years of age, 5'9½", dark hair, medium dark complexion, weighs approximately 100 pounds, wears heavy shell rimmed glasses. BINION has mentioned numerous associates of his in the past, none of them in Las Vegas at the present time. He stated he has not seen MAX COHEN nor NATIE BLANK since his release from the Leavenworth

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INFORMANTS

T-1 is SU 386-C whose identity is known to the Bureau.

T-2 is PCI BYRON A. TANNAHILL.

T-3 is H. P. WHITE, PCI of the Dallas Office, who was contacted by SA VINCENT E. DRANE.

T-4 is PCI GEORGE CROCKETT.

During the period covered by this investigation contacts have been made with persons to develop them as PCIs or informants in connection with the activities of subject, these being HARRY C. DORSETT, the administrative manager of the Horseshoe Club; CURTIS TRAHAN; MIKE TANICO. TANICO is employed at the Horseshoe Club in charge of slot machine operation. He has been reported by SU 386-C as being a nephew of FRANK COSTELLO and to have married a sister of PHIL KASTEL, who is a First Lieutenant of COSTELLO. He is reported to have been the individual who left a note in the handwriting of LOU LEDERER for FRANK COSTELLO which was in COSTELLO's possession when he was shot in New York recently. SU 386-C advises TANICO is a "very sharp" individual and could certainly fill in on all big time operations in the event he can be cultivated.

Also, the following PCIs and informants have been contacted during the course of this investigation and furnished information already known or in the possession of reporting agent: PCI HAL U. MC CORMACK; SU 353-C whose identity is known to the Bureau; SU 314-C, whose identity is known to the Bureau; SU 332-C, whose identity is known to the Bureau; SU 340-C, whose identity is known to the Bureau.