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BAWCUM's associate, MELVIN RALPH MARSHALL, was interviewed at City Jail, 5/17/63, following arrest by the Dallas P. D. He was questioned concerning the numerous telephone calls made to and from phones at his place of residence, to Chicago Hot Springs, Ark., and Wilmington, Del. He admitted making and receiving numerous calls from Chicago and admitted he had received some tips on horse races through these calls. He denied he was making the calls to obtain race results or wagering information and denied any bookmaking activities. He admitted making telephone calls to Hot Springs, Ark. to a "friend" and discussing possible tips on races at Hot Springs. He again denied ever using this information for any bookmaking activities. He admitted making bets on baseball games in the Dallas area but refused to identify persons with whom he had placed these bets. When shown the above described pad, he admitted this was his pad and his handwriting, and claimed the names on the pad were those of "meat customers" of his for whom he had placed bets as a favor. He refused to identify any of the names and further refused to discuss the calls to Wilmington, Del. whatsoever. He admitted the residence was his and both telephones in the residence were in his name. (The third telephone installed by BAWCUM was on the other side of the duplex, where BAWCUM maintained a residence.) It was subsequently ascertained by the Baltimore Office that telephone number called in Wilmington was one of 32 telephones used by Delaware Sports Service which disseminates race results to customers for a fee. Investigation in this matter is continuing in view of the above developments, and MARSHALL will be reinterviewed at a later date.

On 6/7/63, information was received from DL 1387 that MARSHALL and BAWCUM were continuing to operate as but had ceased taking any baseball bets as they had been heavily lately. BAWCUM was handling race bets at the time according to informant.

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