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ReBulet to all offices 3/4/65.

The following pertains to information developed which has not been disseminated to local law enforcement agencies and the reasons why:

In February, 1965 NO 1227-C-TE was arrested by New Orleans Police Officers and Investigators from the District Attorney's Office and charged with pandering. involved a city-wide vice raid. In connection with this on 3/18/65 this informant advised he had been contacted by a MAXAGONZALES of the Orleans Parish District Attorney's Office and was advised that the District Attorney's Office had a good case against the informant and for \$2,000 it would be dropped. This information was not disseminated to JAMES CARRISON, Orleans Parish District Attorney for fear of compromising the informant and for the further reason that previous to March, 1965 this informant had advised that a Louisiana State Legislator by the name of PAPPY TRESCH had been interceding for KAY XROBERTS, a well known New Orleans madam and the informant had learned from ROBERTS that for \$10,000 the District Attorney would not prosecute ROBERTS and her prostitutes.

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NO 66-2404

During May, June and July, 1965 NO 1232-C-TE provided information that a Lieutenant BILLAWARNER, Vice Squad Commander, Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office was taking payoffs from selected big time gamblers in Jefferson Parish in exchange for allowing them to operate and/or advising them of planned raids. Informant identified a New Orleans Police Officer NORMAN WACALUSA as being WARNER's "bag man". It was felt that the Sheriff of Jefferson Parish and the Superintendent of the New Orleans Police Department are attempting to operate an honest department and they were provided with the basic information about their respective officers being suspected of being involved in gambling payoffs. In addition to above the informant did provide specific details as to the amount of money the bag man received, how it was split between the two officers. what groups of gamblers were involved in the payoffs, how Lieutenant WARNER went about advising certain gamblers of proposed raids and details as to other favors these officers received from gamblers. This specific information was not provided to the above mentioned officials for fear of possibly compromising the informant.

It is noted that NO 1232-C-TE is an excellent informant providing information concerning gambling activities on a local and national level.

In April, 1965 NO 1232-C-TE advised of the identity of a fireman in Jefferson Parish, Louisiana. He identified this individual as a former telephone company employee and that this person was putting in telephone taps for the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office on some major gamblers. Informant stated that because of contacts of smart gamblers in the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office these gamblers became aware of these "taps" almost immediately after they were installed.

Above information was not disseminated to the Sheriff's Office because of its delicate nature and again the possibility of compromising the informant.

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In June, 1965 NO 1232-C-TE advised he had planned moving his gambling operations to St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana and in making these arrangements had to promise the Sheriff of St. Tammany Parish \$100 a week to operate. This information was not disseminated for fear of compromising the informant and further as the informant changed his plans and did not move his operations to St. Tammany Parish.

In June, 1965 NO 1232-C-TE provided information that one of the biggest horse and sports books operating, apparently with some immunity, in the downtown and French Quarter area of New Orleans was the SAM SATA operation. Informant stated that SAIA and Superintendent of Police JOSEPH GIARRUSSO had been close friends and have taken trips together such as to the Kentucky Derby. Informant feels that GIARRUSSO does allow SAIA a freer hand in his operations than other gamblers operating in the same area. Informant does not know if this is through past friendship or from money paid to the Superintendent. He had no specific information that Superintendent GIARRUSSO had ever received any money or things of value from SAIA.

Above information was not disseminated because of its non-specific nature.

New Orleans will continue to review its control files in this matter on a six months basis and the Bureau will be advised.

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