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By letter dated 3/16/65, the St. Louis Office furnished the following information:

For the information of the Los Angeles Division, FRANK LEONARD "BUSTER" WORTMAN and his brother, EDWARD WORTMAN, have operated the Plaza Amusement Company and the Rite Way Cigarette Sales Company in St. Louis, Missouri, for the past several years. "BUSTER" WORTMAN is currently a top hoodlum of the Springfield Division and he resides in a lavish residence on the outskirts of Caseyville, Illinois. EDWARD WORTMAN also lives in the East St. Louis, Illinois area. Any requests to interview either of the WORTMANS regarding subject should be directed to the Springfield Office. no.

On 2/25/65, IC MARION H. EBERT checked the records of the Commercial Credit Rating Company and the Credit Bureau of St. Louis and the St. Louis Police Department and was unable to locate any information identifiable with VIRGINIA or EVA WESTBROOK with the exception that one VIRGINIA WESTBROOK, age 44 in 1945, address 10317 Lookaway, was arrested on 5/31/45 and on 6/2/45, for careless driving - speeding and on both occasions was fined \$5 and costs.

On 3/5/65, IC R. DOUGLAS KING checked divorce records in the Civil Courts Building, St. Louis, Missouri, and was unable to locate any information regarding VIRGINIA or EVA WESTBROOK.

The Dallas Office furnished the following information by airtel dated 3/29/65:

On 3/23/65, DL 271-C advised that JOHN ELI STONE had traveled to Las Vegas, Nevada, on 3/18/65, on an airline flight arranged by the Dunes Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada. Informant stated that the Dunes Hotel, through their office in Dallas, had arranged for 50 first class passenger tickets for Dallas businessmen for a flight leaving Dallas on 3/18/65, and returning to Dallas on 3/22/65. Informant stated that STONE returned to Dallas, Texas, on his own on 3/19/65. ARK

Informant advised that STONE had related to him that while in Las Vegas, Nevada, he had talked to JOHN RICHARD WESTBROOK of Los Angeles, California, who was also in

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Las Vegas, Nevada. CL 271-C also advised that STONE was planning to travel to Hot Springs, Arkansas, on 3/24/65, returning to Dallas, Texas, on approximately 3/28/65. Informant stated that STONE would be accompanied to Hot Springs, Arkansas, by his wife, VAL MAE STONE.

Referenced report of 2/15/65, sets forth lead for Los Angeles to interview VERLE C. BOWERS.

Interview with BERNESE BROCKMAN BOWERS reported in the details herein contains information that VERLE BOWERS is not acquainted with the subject and that toll calls of subject to telephone listed for VERLE BOWERS were actually for BERNESE BROCKMAN BOWERS, the telephone remaining in her ex-husband's name. For this reason, the lead to interview VERLE BOWERS will not be covered by the Los Angeles Office.

#### LEADS

##### DALLAS DIVISION

AT DALLAS, TEXAS. Cleveland letter to Los Angeles dated 3/24/65, with copy for Dallas, reports interview with GEORGE A. LAYTON. LAYTON had been interviewed on basis of information furnished by Dallas Police Department that SANDY HAGEN, former girl friend of MICKEY COHEN, stayed in Room 2020 of the Statler Hilton in Dallas on 7/24/61, and that this room consisted of a suite occupied by GEORGE LAYTON of Cleveland. LAYTON denied knowing WESTBROOK and stated that only one of his associates in Dallas does any heavy gambling throughout the country and that is OWEN GARDNER, who operates the Texas Alloy Steel Company in Dallas. It appears conceivable that GARDNER would be betting with WESTBROOK.

Dallas is requested to interview OWEN GARDNER, 726 Regal Row, to determine if WESTBROOK known to him and if so, ascertain complete details regarding his knowledge of WESTBROOK's bookmaking activities.

##### SPRINGFIELD DIVISION

AT SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS. See Administrative section for background data on subject.

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		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>IGA</b>	

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REFERENCE: Report of SA VINCENT W. HUGHES, dated April 13, 1965, at Los Angeles.

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### ADMINISTRATIVE

DL T-1 is DL 271-C who is an individual who is a close friend of JOHN ELI STONE, and is acquainted with JOHN RICHARD WESTBROOK through informant's association with STONE.

It is noted that in report of SA VINCENT W. HUGHES dated 2/26/65 at Los Angeles, the Los Angeles Division requested the Dallas Division to interview GAYLORD SHAW who is in business with BURNETT ESTES at 1407 S. Akard. Inquiry at the business address determined that Mr. GAYLORD SHAW has not been associated with the company since the first part of February, 1962, and has not visited the office since that time. The 1964 city directory revealed that GAYLORD SHAW had an office at the Blanton Towers

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