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<p>No additional information concerning subjects developed at EPOE Lodge No. 17, Denver, Colorado. CURTIS ROBERT WILKINER eliminated as suspect. Telegram signed, "CURTIS", sent from Denver to subject PEREIRA, Roswell, New Mexico, 4/24/51 by ROBERT BROWN GIBSON. DADY M. CUREY, was. Denver gambler, saw letter from PEREIRA requesting GIBSON to send telegram. E. B. THOMSON, Manager, Western Union, Denver, Colorado, proper person to subpoena to produce original telegram. WILLIAM B. MILLER, Clerk, County Court, and J. B. GOODMAN, JR., Clerk, District Court, both Denver, Colorado, competent to testify PEREIRA had no divorce action pending Denver, Colorado, in 1951. "DOUG" may be identical with DOUGLAS DE BUSSE or DE RUSSIE, Attorney-at-law, Reno, Nevada. JAMES ERDLEY LEE registered Daven Haven Lodge, Grand Lake, Colorado, 7/25-29/50. No Cosmopolitan Hotel located Colorado Springs, Colorado. ADA PEREIRA operated St. Francis Hotel, Denver, Colorado, 12/21/50 to 4/26/51. Subject VICTOR PEREIRA had no financial interest in this establishment. ADA PEREIRA reported to have financial interest in Senator Hotel, Reno, Nevada.</p>			
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DET. ILS.

The title of this case is being changed to include the name of ROBERT BROWN GIBSON as a subject and to include the name VICTOR EMANUEL PEREIRA as true name of subject PEREIRA as indicated in the report of Special Agent RAYMON L. HAMILTON dated September 25, 1951, at New York.

Investigation in this matter was conducted at Grand Lake, Colorado, by Special Agent WILLIAM T. TILLER, JR., and at Denver, Colorado, by Special Agents FRED G. MC GARY, GEORGE F. GILLEM, KENNETH M. RUPACH, and the reporting agent.

Mr. JAMES PITT, Secretary, B. P. O. E. Lodge No. 17, 1401 California Street, Denver, Colorado, exhibited records reflecting VICTOR E. PEREIRA, born May 3, 1913, at Fort Jones, California, residence address 411 14th Street (St. Francis Hotel), Denver, Colorado, was introduced to that Lodge on December 7, 1950, by DADE M. CAREY and was initiated on January 11, 1951. His membership is paid up to April 1, 1952, the last payment of dues in the amount of \$18.00 having been received May 2, 1951. At that time he requested that his residence address be changed to 401 11th Street, Roswell, New Mexico.

The records of the Lodge reflect that the membership of DADE M. CAREY was transferred from Kansas City, Missouri, Lodge No. 96 to Denver Lodge No. 17 on April 4, 1950.

Mr. PITT stated that he is not personally acquainted with PEREIRA and could furnish no additional information concerning him. He stated that he is casually acquainted with Mr. CAREY but knows nothing concerning his background or business activities.

By teletype dated September 25, 1951, the El Paso Office requested Denver to immediately interview CURTIS ROBERT WAGNER concerning a telegram sent from Denver, Colorado, signed, "CURTIS" on April 24, 1951, to VICTOR E. PEREIRA, Roswell, New Mexico. It was also requested that an attempt be made to secure original of this telegram or name of appropriate person to be subpoenaed to produce the same.

Mr. CURTIS ROBERT WAGNER voluntarily appeared at the Denver Office on September 26, 1951, at which time he was interviewed by Special Agent GEORGE F. GILLEM and the reporting agent. Mr. WAGNER stated that he is President of the Wagner Machine and Mill Supply Company, Inc., 4444 York Street, Denver, Colorado, and resides with

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his wife, LUCILE D. WAGNER, at 701 South Columbine, Denver, Colorado. He explained that the principal business of the Wagner Machine and Mill Supply Company, Inc., is to service and manufacture equipment for grain mills including the production of feed grinders, belt conveyors and various parts and accessories used in grain mills. He stated that he has been engaged in this business since 1939. WAGNER stated that he was born March 20, 1910, at Centertown, Missouri, that he resided in Kansas City for a number of years and was a member of the Detective Bureau of the Kansas City Police Department from 1934 until 1936. He stated that he came to Denver in 1937 and has resided in Denver since that time.

He related that approximately two or three years ago he was residing at an apartment at 1301 High Street, Denver, at which time he became acquainted with DADE M. CAREY and his wife, "GOLDIE". He stated that the CAREYS were residing in the same apartment building and told him that they had formerly resided in Kansas City, Missouri. He stated that CAREY appeared to have no regular business but always appeared to have plenty of money and he learned after a few months' acquaintance with CAREY that the latter was a professional gambler. He stated that in the Fall of 1949, he, in partnership with CAREY, purchased a residence at 747 Newport Street, Denver, and that just before Christmas, 1949, he and his wife moved into that residence which they shared with D. M. CAREY and his wife. He stated that shortly thereafter CAREY, with his wife, made an extended trip to Mexico and after they returned to Denver two or three months later, the CAREYS started staging elaborate parties at the Newport Street address on which occasions, D. M. CAREY was obviously gambling heavily with his guests. WAGNER stated that gambling activities continued at the Newport Street address to such an extent that he and his wife, who never engaged in gambling activities, became dissatisfied and moved out of the residence in December, 1950.

He stated that he continued to be on friendly relations with CAREY and in the Spring of 1950, at which time he was attempting to produce a special air compressor at the Wagner Machine and Mill Supply Company, he borrowed approximately \$15,000.00 in cash from CAREY to extend operations on this compressor. He stated that CAREY was never actually an official of Wagner Machine and Mill Supply Company and was interested in the firm only to the extent of his investment on the air compressor. He related that this project eventually fell through, that CAREY now has no interest in the firm but that he still owes CAREY approximately \$2,000.00 on the original \$15,000.00 loan.

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In connection with CAREY's gambling activities, WIGNER stated that PAUL A. KING, commonly known as GUS KING, who resides at the Hotel in Denver, has for a long time been a partner of CAREY in connection with the gambling operations. He stated that they operate in private games; that CAREY is a "dice man" and that KING usually operates as a "steerer" and "front man" to "lure the suckers into the games." He stated that KING and CAREY have also operated with ERNIE B. WOODARD of Kansas City, Missouri, who is a professional "card shark".

Mr. WIGNER reflected that VICTOR E. PEREIRA and ADA PEREIRA came to Denver in the Summer of 1950, at which time they visited with the CAREYS at 747 Newport Street, and apparently had been acquainted with the CAREYS for a number of years. He stated that this was the first time that he met the PEREIRAS and it was his understanding at that time, that they had been divorced some years ago but were frequently together. He stated that he understood that ADA PEREIRA was an interest in the Senator Hotel, Reno, Nevada, and that she spends considerable time in Kansas City, Missouri. He related that after meeting PEREIRA, he observed that the latter was frequently in the company of KING and CAREY; that PEREIRA was a "good mixer" and apparently was used to "lure the suckers" into crap games in which CAREY and KING participated. Mr. WIGNER stated that in about December, 1950, ADA PEREIRA purchased the St. Francis Hotel at 411 14th Street, Denver, Colorado, that she and VICTOR PEREIRA resided there but that VICTOR owned no interest in the hotel. He stated that to the best of his recollection, ADA sold the St. Francis Hotel during the latter part of February, 1951.

Mr. WIGNER further related that one J. LLOYD GIBSON, of Welby, Colorado, who owns ranch interests in that area, has frequently associated with KING and CAREY and has apparently been used by them for the purpose of contacting wealthy ranchers who can be "taken" in card and dice games.

He stated that ROBERT BROWN GIBSON, son of J. LLOYD GIBSON, has, for some time, been closely associated with KING and CAREY and apparently has recently been participating in gambling operations with them. He stated that he first met ROBERT BROWN GIBSON during the Fall of 1950 at which time he was introduced to GIBSON by CAREY. He stated that shortly thereafter, he entered into a business agreement with GIBSON and took him into the Wagner Machine and Mill Supply Company as a member of the firm. He stated that GIBSON put up several thousand dollars but turned out to be a very undesirable business partner and was "ruining the business" by gambling with the customers and "playing them for suckers". He stated that about six months ago, the situation

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became so unsatisfactory that he requested GIBSON to leave the firm and finally agreed to pay GIBSON \$15,000.00 to get rid of him. It should be noted that since GIBSON has had no interest in the business, and is presently employed as a used car salesman for the Downtown Buick Company, Denver, Colorado.

Mr. WAGNER stated that VICTOR EMANUEL PEREIRA, during the Fall and Winter of 1950, frequently associated with ROBERT BROWN GIBSON and occasionally was at the offices of the Wagner Machine and Mill Supply Company in Denver but was never at any time employed by that firm in any capacity. He stated that during January, 1951, PEREIRA was frequently with KING and CAREY and during the Stock Show held in Denver during the latter part of January, 1951, apparently was participating with KING and CAREY in dice games held in KING's suite at the Cosmopolitan Hotel in Denver. Mr. WAGNER stated he is not acquainted with EUGENE BRADLEY, with alias JAMES BRADLEY LEE.

He stated that after the Denver Stock Show, which ended during the latter part of January, 1951, KING and CAREY, with CAREY's wife, GOLDIE, went down to Phoenix, Arizona, and it was his understanding that PEREIRA also went to Phoenix at about the same time. He stated that he understands that PEREIRA stayed at the Westward Ho Hotel and that KING and the CAREYS stayed at the Adams Hotel in Phoenix. He stated that sometime in the Spring of 1951, possibly during the month of April, KING and the CAREYS returned to Denver but he has not seen VICTOR PEREIRA since the latter went to Phoenix during the latter part of January or the first part of February, 1951. Mr. WAGNER stated that he has had no communication of any kind from PEREIRA since the latter left Denver and specifically stated that he has received no phone calls, telegrams, or letters from PEREIRA. He related that he first heard of the swindle of Mrs. GERTRUDE J. JOYCE in which PEREIRA was allegedly involved, in about May, 1951, when he received a telephone call from an attorney in El Paso, Texas, inquiring as to whether PEREIRA was or had been an employee of the Wagner Machine and Mill Supply Company. He stated that on that occasion, he understood from this attorney, that PEREIRA had defrauded Mrs. JOYCE out of a large sum of money and had been using the address of Wagner Machine and Mill Supply Company, 4444 York Street, as his business address. He stated that he knows nothing concerning the details of this alleged swindle and specifically denied that he had ever sent any telegram to PEREIRA at any time. He recalled that during the Spring of 1951, after D. M. CAREY had returned to Denver from Phoenix, that CAREY told him that he had had a falling out with PEREIRA and that the latter had "joined another mob" in Phoenix. Mr. WAGNER stated he had no more specific details concerning this incident.

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Mr. WAGNER informed that he is willing to cooperate fully with this office in connection with this matter and voluntarily furnished a sample of his handprinting in the event it might be of use in connection with this investigation. He stated that in his opinion D. M. CAREY is the closest associate of PEREIRA in Denver, Colorado, and undoubtedly could furnish information concerning this case.

DUDY MERION CAREY voluntarily appeared at the Denver Office on the evening of September 26, 1951, and was interviewed by Special Agent GEORGE F. GILLEN and the reporting agent. He stated that he is also known as D. DE M. CAREY and "JUNE" CAREY, and resides with his wife, "GOLDIE" at 747 Newport Street, Denver, Colorado, telephone number Florida 0083. He stated that he was born September 4, 1898, at Vibard, Missouri, and for a number of years operated a number of drug stores in Kansas City, Missouri, with his father, D. M. CAREY, Sr. He stated that in 1929 his father was connected with an arson ring in Kansas City, Missouri; that one of his drug stores was destroyed by fire during the course of which three Kansas City firemen were killed. He related that as a result of this incident both he and his father were charged with murder and arson in Kansas City, Missouri, but before the murder came to trial, his father committed suicide and the charges against him, DUDY M. CAREY, were subsequently dropped.

He stated that in 1945 he was arrested at the Biltmore Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia, for gambling and fined \$25.00, and that he was arrested several times on gambling charges in Kansas City, Missouri, but that he has never been convicted of a felony.

CAREY informed that he is a gambler and has no other business connections. He stated specifically that he is "a dice man" and that he has operated with PAUL AUGUSTUS KING, commonly known as GUS KING, for a number of years in Denver, Colorado; Kansas City, Missouri; Phoenix, Arizona; and in various resort areas around the country. He stated that in 1947 he invested several thousand dollars in the Wagner Machine and Mill Supply Company, Denver, Colorado, in connection with an air compressor that was being developed by CURTIS ROBERT WAGNER, President of the company, but that he has never been an official of that company or actively engaged in the business. He stated that he has resided in Denver with his wife, "GOLDIE", since 1948 and prior to that time for several years operated the Highway Tavern, 3047 Van Brunt Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri.

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CAREY stated that he has been acquainted with ADA PEREIRA, whose maiden name was ADA RICE, for over twenty-five years, having first met her in Kansas City, Missouri. He recalled that in approximately 1932 at Olathe, Kansas, she married one FRANK HART, who was formerly a hotel manager in Chicago, Illinois, and during the probation era had been a "Chicago bootlegger". He stated they were divorced in about 1935. He stated that thereafter ADA married J. BOZEKIN, a professional billiard player who resided at Vallejo, California. This marriage ended in divorce and thereafter, according to CAREY, ADA married VICTOR PEREIRA (in about 1944). He stated that at that time she owned a part interest in the Senator Hotel, Reno, Nevada, and still retains an interest in that establishment. CAREY stated that it is his understanding that sometime during the 1920's ADA was married to ERL BREWER, a Kansas City, Missouri, bootlegger, who, according to CAREY, now operates "Evergreen By the Lake", a restaurant and tavern located at Evergreen, Colorado.

CAREY stated that he first met VICTOR EMANUEL PEREIRA when the latter came to Kansas City, Missouri, with ADA sometime in 1944. He stated at that time PEREIRA claimed to be an "engineer" but he soon learned that PEREIRA was penniless and had the reputation of being a "check artist". He stated that he never heard of PEREIRA being convicted or arrested on bad check charges.

CAREY recalled that in 1945 he and his wife went to Reno, Nevada, where they visited with VICTOR and ADA PEREIRA at which time ADA PEREIRA attempted to induce CAREY to invest some money in the Senator Hotel. He stated that he declined to do this.

CAREY stated that sometime in 1946, to the best of his recollection, ADA divorced PEREIRA, probably in Reno, Nevada, and thereafter she was married for a short time to a dentist, whose name CAREY stated, he could not recall. He stated that PEREIRA subsequently married a Reno, Nevada, girl and that they now have a small child. He stated, however, that despite the subsequent marriage, ADA and VICTOR PEREIRA have frequently associated with each other since their divorce.

He stated that in the Spring of 1950 PEREIRA came to Denver, Colorado, with some girl from Reno, Nevada and checked in at the Cosmopolitan Hotel. He stated PEREIRA was broke at the time and borrowed \$200.00 from him and thereafter remained in Denver for several months associating with GERRY ALLEN and ERNIE P. OGDARD, both gamblers who had formerly resided in Kansas City, Missouri. CAREY stated that in the Fall of 1950 ADA PEREIRA came to Denver and during the month of December, purchased the St. Francis Hotel. He stated that thereafter, for several months, VICTOR PEREIRA and ADA were together and VICTOR from time to

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time resided at the St. Francis Hotel with ADA. He stated that to the best of his recollection, ADA sold the St. Francis sometime during the month of April, 1951. He stated that although VICTOR PEREIRA frequently claimed an interest in this hotel, the place was actually owned by ADA and VICTOR PEREIRA had no interest in it.

CAREY related that during the Fall of 1950, while PEREIRA was in Denver he frequently associated with ROBERT BROWN GIBSON, who then had a financial interest in the Regner Machine and Mill Supply Company, 4444 York Street, Denver, Colorado. CAREY described GIBSON as a close friend of his and stated that he has never heard of GIBSON being involved in any illegal activities, although he stated, that GIBSON occasionally participates with him in gambling activities in Denver.

CAREY stated that during the Stock Show held in Denver during January, 1951, PEREIRA was occasionally in the hotel suite of GUS KING at the Cosmopolitan Hotel and also present at the hotel during this period was "DOC" SOLOWAY and JAMES BRADLEY LEE. CAREY described SOLOWAY and LEE as gamblers and con-men and explained that LEE's usual method of operation is to get acquainted with a wealthy woman, propose marriage and then defraud her of all the money that he could get out of her.

CAREY related that during the first part of February, 1951, he and his wife and GUS KING drove down to Phoenix, Arizona, and registered at the Adams Hotel. He stated that SOLOWAY and LEE were at the hotel at that time. Shortly thereafter, he received a phone call from VICTOR PEREIRA in Denver, Colorado, stating that he and ADA were going to Reno, Nevada, via Phoenix and expected to spend a few days in Phoenix. He stated shortly thereafter, VICTOR and ADA PEREIRA arrived in Phoenix and stayed at the home of JOE WILLIAMSON, whom KING described as a "slot machine operator" in Phoenix, Arizona.

He stated that during the latter part of February, ADA and Mrs. WILLIAMSON left by automobile for Reno and VICTOR PEREIRA and JAMES BRADLEY LEE then secured a suite at the Westward Ho Hotel and while ADA was away, then proceeded to entertain various women in Phoenix. He stated that when Mrs. WILLIAMSON and ADA PEREIRA returned to Phoenix sometime during March, 1951, ADA and VIC had an argument over VIC's association with other women and subsequently "split up", ADA thereafter going to the home of the WILLIAMSONS where she remained for several days before returning to Denver to dispose of the St. Francis Hotel.

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CAREY stated that on about April 1, 1951, he and KING went to El Centro, California, where they spent approximately one week during the El Centro Golf Tournament. He stated that he was in El Centro when LEE and PEREIRA arrived there and stated that they were still in El Centro when he left. During the latter part of the first week of April. He stated that he has not seen either of them nor has he had any communication of any kind from them since that time.

CAREY claims that after leaving El Centro, he returned to Phoenix where he remained until the 14th of April at the Adams Hotel and then returned to Denver, Colorado. He stated that he had heard, through CURTIS WAGNER, that LEE and PEREIRA were at the Westward Ho Hotel in Phoenix on April 16, 1951, inasmuch as a bill from that hotel had been mailed to PEREIRA in care of the Wagner Machine and Mill Supply Company, 4444 York Street, Denver, Colorado.

He stated that in about June, 1951, he heard from MORRIS STUDNA, an automobile dealer in Kansas City, Missouri, with whom he has been acquainted for a number of years, that STUDNA sold a Cadillac automobile to PEREIRA. CAREY specifically denied that he, in any way, participated with PEREIRA or anyone else in the scheme to defraud Mrs. GERTRUDE JOYCE. He stated that he did not know any of the details of this case until he saw press reports concerning the arrest of PEREIRA and LEE in the Denver newspapers in August, 1951.

He stated that during the latter part of April, 1951, while he was in Denver, Colorado, ROBERT BROWN GIBSON exhibited to him a letter from VICTOR PEREIRA which CAREY states to the best of his recollection either bore a Roswell, New Mexico, or an El Paso, Texas, postmark or reflected a return address in one of those cities. He stated that at the time GIBSON showed him this letter, they were both in an automobile driving on a Denver street, although he claimed to be unable to recall the specific location where they were at the time or where they were going. He recalled that the letter was addressed to GIBSON and stated that PEREIRA had an opportunity to marry a wealthy woman and requested GIBSON to send him a telegram which was enclosed in the letter. He claimed to specifically recall that the letter cautioned GIBSON not to mention anything about the matter to the CAREYS or anyone else. CAREY stated that he does not recall that there was anything in the letter concerning the details of the transaction nor does he recall that the letter reflected, in any way, that GIBSON had previous knowledge of the scheme or that GIBSON was to receive any portion of the proceeds.

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Concerning the telegram enclosed with the letter, CAREY specifically recalled that it was to be sent to VICTOR E. PEREIRA at either Roswell, New Mexico, or El Paso, Texas, that it said something about PEREIRA receiving a divorce in Denver and that he was to receive a property settlement involving a large amount of money. CAREY stated that he does not recall what name was used as the signature on this wire. CAREY stated that GIBSON asked his advice as to whether or not he should send this wire to PEREIRA and contends that he told GIBSON to use his own judgment and did not advise him one way or the other, as to whether he should send the wire.

CAREY stated that he is willing to testify to the above information concerning his knowledge of the telegram and that he would have no hesitancy in informing GIBSON that he intended to do so. He emphatically expressed the opinion that he does not believe that GIBSON was involved in this swindle or had any previous knowledge that PEREIRA was attempting to obtain money from Mrs. JOYCE.

CAREY stated that he did not desire to furnish a signed statement concerning the above, but orally acknowledged in the presence of Special Agent GEORGE F. GILLEN and the writer that the information was true and that he would testify to the same if called upon to do so.

With reference to "DOUG" mentioned in the El Paso report of August 15, 1951, in connection with this matter CAREY informed that the only person whose first name is DOUG or DOUGLAS that he has ever heard mentioned by PEREIRA is DOUGLAS DE BASSE or DE BUSSIE, an Attorney-at-law, with offices in Reno, Nevada. He stated that he has heard PEREIRA mention this individual on many occasions and that the latter has stated that "DOUG" is a close friend of his and his brother, GEORGE PEREIRA. He stated that he believes that PEREIRA has stated that DOUG, on one or two occasions, has accompanied him to San Francisco, California.

Reference is made to San Diego teletype to El Paso dated September 26, 1951, setting out list of telephone calls charged to JAMES ERADLEY LEE at Casa De Manana Hotel, La Jolla, California, including one call on August 15, 1950, from "RENG" or "RING" to Denver, Colorado, phone number Florida 0083. It is noted that this phone is listed to DADY E. CAREY, 747 Newport Street, Denver, Colorado. CAREY stated that during the year, 1951, he recalls no phone calls from La Jolla, California. He stated, however, during August, 1950, JAMES ERADLEY LEE, DOC SOLOWAY and GUS KING were in La Jolla, California, operating in dice and card games and during that period, exact dates not recalled, he received

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at least one telephone call at his home telephone in Denver from GUS KING who was calling from La Jolla, California, place unknown. He stated that he does not know anyone by the name of "RENG" or "RING".

ROBERT BROWN GIBSON voluntarily appeared at the Denver Office on the evening of September 26, 1951, at which he was interviewed by Special Agent GEORGE F. GILLE and the reporting agent. He stated that he resides at 825 Newport Street, Denver, Colorado, and is presently employed as a used car salesman for Downtown Buick Company at the used car lot at 1125 East Colfax, Denver, Colorado. He stated that he has been personally acquainted with D. M. CAREY since 1949 and through CAREY, became acquainted with CURTIS ROBERT WAGNER of the Wagner Machine and Mill Supply Company, 4444 York Street, Denver, Colorado, during the latter part of 1949.

He stated that in about March, 1950, he bought controlling interest in the Wagner Machine and Mill Supply Company and sold out his interest in the firm to CURTIS R. WAGNER on December 28, 1950. He stated that in the Fall of 1950, he was introduced to VICTOR EMANUEL PEREIRA by D. M. CAREY and sometime previously had met ADAM PEREIRA who is a long time friend of the CAREYS.

GIBSON stated that D. M. CAREY and GUS KING had, for a number of years, been close friends and partners in private dice and card games in Denver and in various resort areas around the country and that he has been acquainted with KING for approximately two years as a result of his association with CAREY. He stated that during the Stock Show season in January, 1951, in Denver, Colorado, he became acquainted with DOC SOLOMONY and JAMES BRADLEY LEE while they were staying at the Cosmopolitan Hotel in Denver. He stated that as he recalls, he was introduced to them by VICTOR PEREIRA.

In connection with his association with the above named individuals, GIBSON related that he has, during the last year, on several occasions participated in private dice and card games with CAREY and has observed that GUS KING is apparently the "front man" and "steerer" to get businessmen into the games and that he, GIBSON, has personally acted in this capacity on several occasions. He stated that PEREIRA, while in Denver, was present at a number of games in KING's suite at the Cosmopolitan Hotel, and apparently is a good friend of CAREY and KING. GIBSON stated that he is not well acquainted with JAMES BRADLEY LEE and has not seen him since January, 1951.

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GIBSON specifically denied that he had ever discussed with PEREIRA the latter's plans to defraud Mrs. JOYCE and claims that he had no knowledge that LEE and PEREIRA were operating such a swindle. He admitted, however, that sometime in April, 1951, he received a long distance telephone call from PEREIRA at which time the latter discussed with him the sale of certain fishing reels on which PEREIRA claimed to have a patent. He stated that he was in Denver at the time he received this call but does not know where PEREIRA was located at the time he placed the call. He denied that there was any discussion of the swindle at that time.

He stated that during the latter part of April, 1951, exact date unrecalled, he received a special delivery letter from VICTOR PEREIRA which was addressed to him at his home in Denver, Colorado. He stated that he does not recall the return address on this letter nor the postmark nor does he recall that the letter mentioned anything about PEREIRA having plans to marry a wealthy woman. He stated that he recalls that there was a telegram enclosed in the letter addressed to PEREIRA in care of someone else but he claims not to recall the name of this person nor the address shown on the telegram. He claims that to the best of his recollection, it was addressed Tucson or Phoenix, Arizona. He claims that he does not recall any telegram addressed to Roswell, New Mexico. He stated that the letter requested him to send the telegram and that there were three or four one dollar bills enclosed to pay the charges.

GIBSON stated specifically that the telegram mentioned above was either written or handprinted in pencil, that it was addressed to VICTOR E. PEREIRA and that it specifically mentioned that PEREIRA had received a divorce in Denver and as a part of the divorce settlement was to receive a large amount of money. GIBSON claimed not to recall the exact amount of money mentioned and claimed to recall no other specific details concerning the message. He stated that he does recall that the message was signed, "CURTIS".

GIBSON stated that on the morning that he received this letter at his residence, he read it and also read the telegram and thereafter on the same day, while he was driving in an automobile with D. M. CAREY, he showed the letter and the telegram to CAREY; that CAREY read the letter and telegram, and handed them back to him, making no comment as to whether or not GIBSON should send the message as requested by PEREIRA. GIBSON stated he recalls that CAREY told him to "just forget you showed the letter to me". He stated that after exhibiting the letter to CAREY he tore the letter up and threw it out of the automobile and placed the telegram in his pocket.

GIBSON stated that on that same day or the following day, at about 11 A.M. he drove to the ¹²Foreign Union Office at 17th and Champa

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Streets in Denver, and when he could not find a parking place, he handed the telegram with three one dollar bills to a man who was leaning against a parking meter directly in front of the Western Union Office and requested him to send the message. He claims that he does not know this man's name and has never seen him since that time and does not know whether or not the man actually sent the message, although he assumes that he did so.

GIBSON declined to furnish any more specific information, stating that the above account of the incident is all that he can remember and declined to furnish a signed statement.

Information concerning this telegram as furnished by GIBSON and GIBSON was submitted to the El Paso Office by teletype dated September 27, 1961.

By teletype dated September 29, 1961, the El Paso Office stated that the United States Attorney there does not contemplate prosecutive action against GIBSON unless the latter proves refractory in testifying in this case.

It was requested that GIBSON be reinterviewed in an effort to obtain a detailed signed statement from him and that he be specifically questioned as to where the letter from PEREIRA was mailed and exact date of receipt of same by him. It was further requested that GIBSON be reinterviewed concerning alleged destruction of the letter and to attempt to determine whether he possibly still has the letter in his possession. This teletype also requested that the name of individuals competent to testify that no divorce action was pending in Denver for PEREIRA in April, 1961, be furnished to El Paso.

In accordance with the above request, GIBSON was reinterviewed October 1, 1961, by Special Agent KENNETH L. RUPCH and the reporting agent. At that time he reiterated the account previously furnished by him concerning the telegram and reiterated his previous contention that the letter from PEREIRA requesting that he send the telegram had been destroyed. He contended that he could not recall the exact date he received the letter from PEREIRA nor could he recall from what point PEREIRA had mailed the letter. He stated that he had no recollection of the postmark or return address. He stated that he did not desire to give a signed statement but was willing to testify in this case and if he did testify, his testimony would be the same as he had furnished orally to Agents on September 26, 1961.

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D. H. CAREY was recontacted and questioned concerning his knowledge as to what disposition GIBSON had made of the letter mentioned above from PEREIRA. CAREY stated that he does not recall seeing GIBSON destroy the letter and that he has no knowledge as to what disposition was made of it. He specifically recalled, however, that two or three days after GIBSON had showed the letter and telegram to him, he asked GIBSON whether or not he had sent the telegram and GIBSON told him that he had sent it.

Original notes of interviews with GIBSON and CAREY are being retained in the Denver file.

Mr. E. B. THOMSON, Manager, Western Union Headquarters Office, Railway Exchange Building, 17th and Champa Streets, Denver, Colorado, informed that it is against the policy of the company and contrary to FCC regulations to release any information concerning messages sent from any Western Union office. He further stated that in the event a subpoena were issued for original records concerning any such message, he would be the proper person to receive the subpoena.

Mr. J. B. GOODMAN, JR., Clerk, District Court, City and County of Denver, City and County Building, Denver, Colorado, informed that a re-examination of the records of his office failed to reflect that VICTOR EUGENIO PEREIRA at any time during 1951 had pending in the District Court a divorce action. Mr. GOODMAN stated that he is the proper person to be subpoenaed to testify to this fact.

Mr. PAUL POLPONIO, Clerk's Office, County Court, City and County of Denver, informed that a re-examination of the records of that office failed to reflect that VICTOR EUGENIO PEREIRA was a party to any divorce action in that court during the year 1951. Mr. POLPONIO stated that Mr. WILLIAM B. MILLER, Clerk, County Court, City and County of Denver, is the proper person to be subpoenaed to testify to this fact.

Mr. and Mrs. LESTER H. PIPER, owners and managers of the Daven Haven Lodge, Grand Lake, Colorado, advised that subject EUGENE H. ELLIOTT had registered at the Daven Haven Lodge as JAMES B. LEE on July 25, 1950, and stayed there four days until July 29, 1950. They advised that subject ELLIOTT gave his home address as Dallas, Texas.

Mrs. PIPER advised that subject had been introduced to her by Mrs. VIRGINIA VAN HORN as a friend of her's who was a big oil man in Texas. They stated that Mrs. VAN HORN, with her parents, Mr.

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and Mrs. M. J. J. from Tulsa, Oklahoma, had been guests at the Lodge for several years and that Mrs. VAN MORRIS had registered there on July 18, 1950, and stayed until August 9, 1950.

Mrs. PIPER further advised that Mrs. VAN MORRIS, prior to the time LEE arrived at the Lodge, had received several long distance telephone calls from him, both from Dallas, Texas, and from Los Angeles, California. She also stated that Mrs. VAN MORRIS had driven to Denver on the 25th to meet the subject, who was flying in from Los Angeles, and had brought him back to the Lodge.

Mrs. PIPER stated that subject had a very nice appearance, but had been very vague in his talk as to his business and also as to where he lived. She further stated that Mrs. VAN MORRIS did not seem to know too much about subject, but she gathered the impression that she liked him very much and that she and subject intended to be married.

Both Mr. and Mrs. PIPER advised that they did not know of any long distance calls either made or received by subject while he was at the Seven Haven Lodge, nor do they remember any of his friends coming to see him there.

They advised that they had never heard of VICTOR EMANUEL PEREIRA, GUS KING, JOE P. DO DING, J. P. DONAGUE, SIDNEY SOLOWAY, or TED SANDERS.

El Paso report dated August 15, 1951, sets out a lead to conduct appropriate investigation at the Cosmopolitan Hotel, Colorado Springs, Colorado, and at the Senator Hotel, Denver, Colorado.

It is noted that there is no Cosmopolitan Hotel in Colorado Springs and it is noted that investigation in this matter has already been conducted and reported concerning activities of subject at the Cosmopolitan Hotel, Denver, Colorado.

There is no Senator Hotel in Denver, Colorado, and it is pointed out that previous information, developed in this case, reflects that ADA PEREIRA is reported to have an interest in the Senator Hotel, Reno, Nevada.

Mr. ART BAZZITA, Manager, Cosmopolitan Hotel, Denver, Colorado, informed that in April, 1951, he, with his partner, Mr. JAMES, purchased the St. Francis Hotel, 411 14th Street, Denver, Colorado. He stated that at that time, the property was owned by Mrs. ADA PEREIRA but

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that he had no direct dealings with her in connection with this transaction and the deal was handled through Hotels, Inc., of which Mr. ROSS E. BURNS is Manager in Denver, Colorado. Mr. BAZATA stated that he is not personally acquainted with VICTOR EMANUEL PEREIRA or JAMES BRADLEY LEE and knows nothing concerning their activities.

Mr. ROSS E. BURNS, Manager, Hotels, Inc., 312 Colorado Building, Denver, Colorado, informed that in December, 1950, Mrs. ADA PEREIRA was referred to him by Mrs. D. M. CASEY of Denver, Colorado, with whom he had formerly been acquainted in Hannett, Missouri, many years ago. He stated that Mrs. PEREIRA was interested in purchasing the St. Francis Hotel, 411 14th Street, Denver, Colorado, which establishment consisted of sixty guest rooms. He stated that he negotiated the sale of this establishment and the deal was closed on December 21, 1950, when title was transferred to Mrs. ADA PEREIRA for a purchase price of \$35,000.00. He stated that she paid \$21,000.00 in cash and the balance of \$14,000.00 was to be paid over a twenty-four month period. He stated that during the negotiations for the purchase of this hotel, he met VICTOR E. PEREIRA, whom he assumed to be the husband of ADA PEREIRA. He stated that he was very favorably impressed by VICTOR PEREIRA and never had any reason to doubt his personal integrity. He stated that after Mrs. PEREIRA had taken possession of the hotel VICTOR PEREIRA resided there for a period of approximately two or three months during which period he personally redecorated a number of guest rooms in the hotel. He stated that thereafter VICTOR PEREIRA was apparently out of town frequently, although he could furnish no information as to PEREIRA's activities during that period.

Mr. BURNS stated that on April 26, 1951, the St. Francis Hotel was sold by Mrs. PEREIRA to BAZATA and JAMES, Denver, Colorado; that he handled the negotiations for this sale and it is his understanding that shortly after disposing of the hotel, Mrs. PEREIRA went to Kansas City, Missouri. He stated that he has had no contact with her since that time. Mr. BURNS stated that so far as he knows, the purchase price of this hotel was paid by ADA PEREIRA and he has no knowledge of any financial interest in the establishment being held at any time by VICTOR PEREIRA.

On October 1, 1951, ROBERT ELTON GIBSON voluntarily submitted information that he had at his home two suitcases owned by VICTOR E. PEREIRA which had been left there in April, 1951, by Mrs. ADA PEREIRA prior to the time she left Denver. He stated that he did not know the contents of these suitcases but suggested that agents might desire to examine them.

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Accordingly, Special Agent KENNETH M. RAUPACH and the reporting agent accompanied GIBSON to his home where he exhibited these suitcases and the contents thereof. It was noted that both suitcases contained miscellaneous items of men's clothing, a number of family photographs, but appeared to contain nothing pertinent to this case. The agent learned that one of the suitcases contained a Merchant Seaman's Certificate of Identification issued on July 30, 1945, by the United States Coast Guard in San Francisco, California, to VICTOR EMANUEL PEREIRA, 1425 Humboldt Street, Reno, Nevada, number Z-505096. This certificate reflected that PEREIRA was born May 3, 1918, in the State of California.

One of the suitcases also contained a Selective Service Classification Card issued by Local Draft Board No. 119 (Local board no. almost illegible), Monterey, California, to VICTOR E. PEREIRA, 1619 "O" Street, Sacramento, California, Order No. 3895. This card reflected that PEREIRA was Classified 1A on January 13, 1945.

Both of the above mentioned suitcases, with their contents, were left in the custody of ROBERT BROWN GIBSON.

Confidential Informant T-1, who has previously furnished information concerning this case, was recontacted concerning the identity of "DOUG" mentioned in El Paso report of August 15, 1951. This informant stated that he knows of no associate of PEREIRA or LEE who has the first or last name of DOUG or DOUGLAS and could furnish no information as to the identity of this individual.

The following description of ROBERT BROWN GIBSON was obtained through observation and interrogation:

Name	ROBERT BROWN GIBSON
Residence Address	825 Newport, Denver, Colorado
Birthdate	May 19, 1918,
Birthplace	Calt. Missouri
Height	5'11"
Weight	240 lbs.
Eyes	Hazel
Hair	Black-wavy-parted on left side
Complexion	Dark
Build	Heavy
Relatives	Father—JERALD LLOYD GIBSON, Wally, Colorado Mother—IONEZ B. BAKER Yuba City, California

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Wife—CATHERINE HUNT GIBSON
825 Newport
Denver, Colorado

Children—(Three daughters and one son)
—and 5 years)

Present Employment

Used car salesman
Downtown Buick Company
1125 East Colfax
Denver, Colorado

Previous Employment

1941—Laborer, Soil Conservation Service
U. S. Department of Agriculture
Fort Morgan, Colorado
1941 and 1942—Attended Worsham College
of Mortuary Science
Chicago, Illinois.
1/42 to 3/42—Civil Service employee,
Lowry Air Force Base
Denver, Colorado
4/46 to 12/46—Worsham College of
Mortuary Science
Fort Morgan, Colorado
1/47 to 9/48—Apprentice Funeral
Director, Hendricks Funeral
Home, Burlington, Colorado.
10/48 to 11/48—Laborer, U. S. Bureau
of Reclamation, Fort Morgan,
Colorado
11/48 to 11/49—Farming, Riverdale
Road, Welby, Colorado
1/50 to 12/50—Part owner, Wagner
Machine and Mill Supply Company,
4444 York Street, Denver,
Colorado.
1/51 to 8/51—Partner, Hydro-power
Injector Company, Denver,
Colorado.

Military Service

Entered U. S. Navy 1936; honorably
discharged 1940 as Electrician's
Mate, 3rd Class, NSN 371-99-78.
Re-enlisted U. S. Navy 3/42;
NSN 371-99-78; honorably discharged
3/6/46 as Aviation Chief Electrician's
Mate.

Criminal Record

None known

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Numerous offices are being furnished copies of this report for information purposes for the reason that they have received previous reports in this matter and the office of origin might desire additional investigation by those offices.

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PHOENIX DIVISIONAt Phoenix, Arizona

Will interview JOE WILLIAMSON, reported by D. W. CAREY of Denver, Colorado, to be a friend of VICTOR and ADA PEREIRA. It is noted that CAREY stated that WILLIAMSON is a "slot machine operator" in Phoenix and that the PEREIRAS visited the WILLIAMSONS in the Spring of 1961. WILLIAMSON should be questioned for any information he can furnish concerning PEREIRAS activities in connection with the present case.

SALT LAKE CITY DIVISIONAt Reno, Nevada

Will locate and interview DOUGLAS DE BASSE or DE BUSSIE, Attorney-at-law, reported by D. W. CAREY to be a close friend of VICTOR EMANUEL PEREIRA. This individual might be identical with the "DOUG" mentioned in El Paso report of August 15, 1961.

Will determine nature of ADA PEREIRA's interest in Senator Hotel and conduct appropriate inquiries there for any information concerning activities of VICTOR EMANUEL PEREIRA that might be pertinent to this case.

EL PASO DIVISIONAt El Paso, Texas

Will present facts of ROBERT ERON GIBSON's participation in this case to USA for prosecutive opinion.

REFERENCE

Informant in report of Special Agent PAUL E. BUSH dated October 8, 1961, at Denver, Colorado in case entitled "CHASCO" VICTOR EMANUEL PEREIRA, (TN), was. Victor Emanuel Pereira, Victor Perry; LUCAS E. BRADING, wa. James Bradley Lee; ROBERT ERON GIBSON; UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa. E. J. Wilson; UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa. "Sidney"; Mrs. GERTRUDE J. JOYCE - VICTIM; INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN PROPERTY; CONSPIRACY; MAIL FRAUD," is identified as follows:

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Confidential Informant T-1.....PAUL AUGUSTUS KING, with aliases
1018 Cosmopolitan Hotel,
Denver, Colorado, who furnished
information to Special Agents
FRED G. MC GEARY and PAUL E.
BUSH on September 15, 1951,
and requested that his name
not be divulged in connection
with this matter.

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent HUGH J. PHARIES dated August 15,
1951 at El Paso, Texas.
Report of Special Agent PAUL E. BUSH dated September 12,
1951 at Denver, Colorado.
El Paso teletype to Denver dated September 25, 1951.
Denver teletype to El Paso dated September 26, 1951.
San Antonio teletype to Denver dated September 26, 1951.
Denver teletype to El Paso dated September 27, 1951.
El Paso teletype to Denver dated September 29, 1951.
Denver teletype to El Paso dated October 1, 1951.

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