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94-221 *Top Hoodlum Program*

Re Little Rock letter to Bureau dated 2/14/60, Bureau letter to Albany dated 3/20/61, SAC Letter 61-13 dated 3/14/61 entitled, "CRIMINAL INFORMANTS - TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE - CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM", Little Rock letter to Bureau dated 3/30/61 entitled, "CRIMINAL INFORMANTS - TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE - CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM" and Little Rock airtel to Bureau dated 2/2/61 entitled, "TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM, LITTLE ROCK DIVISION, ANTI-RACKETEERING, Bureau File 62-9-25, Little Rock File 92-16".

For the Bureau's information the following is a summary of current criminal activities within the Little Rock Division as revealed from investigation under the Criminal Intelligence Program.

The principal area for criminal activities in the Little Rock Division is in Hot Springs and Garland County, Arkansas. Referenced Little Rock airtel dated 2/2/61 contains a summary of gambling activities in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Recent reports were received from the Chicago and Milwaukee Divisions that hoodlums were gathering in Hot Springs at meetings. Investigation failed to disclose such meetings, although it was determined that hoodlums from Chicago and other divisions had been in and were in Hot Springs. OWEN VINCENT MADDEN (top hoodlum, Little Rock Division) who is well acquainted with the criminal elements in Hot Springs, advised there were no meetings of hoodlums in Hot Springs.

MADDEN admitted receiving the race wire service from New Orleans by telephone and his telephone bill is \$1,600.00 per month. He also admitted having a 15% share in the Spa Amusement Company, Hot Springs which company owned a number of slot machines. He said most of his income is

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influence on organized crime. As pointed out on previous occasions the political faction has permitted gambling and illegal selling of liquor to continue in the Hot Springs area for many years. In view of the good climate, thermal baths, horse racing, gambling activities, and night club shows all types of persons visit Hot Springs. Therefore, it is natural that a number of these individuals will be of the criminal type. The Little Rock Office is continuing its program relative to this matter.

[redacted] is becoming more lenient in furnishing information concerning criminal activities and he is being considered as a criminal informant by the Little Rock Office. DANE HARRIS who is in control of gambling activities and other gamblers in Hot Springs will furnish information concerning criminal activities.

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In the Little Rock area the most prominent gamblers, [redacted] and others are currently being utilized as CI's or PCI's for the Little Rock Division.

The criminal activities in the Fort Smith area and the Lake Village area are being closely followed through informants for investigation.

Since there is no specific evidence of extensive vice or corruption in the Little Rock Division, no additional separate cases are being opened at this time other than cases relative to subscribers to race wire service. In the event evidence is received indicating extensive vice and corruption the Bureau will be promptly advised and appropriate new cases will be opened.