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OC 416-PC has advised that TOM WARD is a bookie and gambler at Lawton, Oklahoma. WARD has been engaged in this business for many years and has a wide acquaintance in the gambling element. Two or three years ago, WARD made a visit to Las Vegas, Nevada, where he lost his limit at the gambling tables in the Horseshoe Club.

WARD has casually known BENNY BINION, owner of the Horseshoe Club, for a number of years. On this occasion, BINION asked WARD if he wanted a little credit, and how much he wanted. WARD said he would like to have "five," meaning \$500. BINION promptly told the cashier to extend \$5,000 credit to WARD. WARD accepted this credit without question and then proceeded to lose the whole sum at the gambling tables. About a year went by and then WARD started receiving letters wanting the \$5,000. Due to many other debts, WARD claimed he was unable to pay.

Two or three months ago WARD received word that unless he paid this debt, something might happen to him. This word came via a telephone call received at WARD's home and was taken by JOE JENNINGS, who was there at the time. The caller

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told JENNINGS something to the effect that he should tell WARD to take care of his debts or he "would have a visitor." As a result of this call, WARD is fearful that something will happen to him someday.

WARD claims he still cannot pay the \$5,000 debt because of other pressing debts, including one to the Internal Revenue Service. This information has been furnished to the Las Vegas Division.

LEROY DALE HINES, aka, IGA, BuFile 162-1073

JACK RITTER, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, formerly an informant of this office, and subject of Oklahoma City file 165-84, advised 7-7-66 that he had been a gambler for about 35 years. He admitted that during the football season of 1965 he received his line and football cards from LEROY DALE HINES, Tulsa, Oklahoma. He said that HINES sent the cards and line sheets to him every week via bus, and that he picked them up in an envelope at the Oklahoma City bus station.

Occasionally, when HINES was in Oklahoma City for gambling or other reasons, he would leave the cards and line sheets with the barmaid at the Thunderbird Inn, Oklahoma City, where he would pick them up in person. He said he called HINES on a weekly basis in order to get the line. He said that LOUIS BOND EGBERT, an employee of HINES, usually answered the phone and gave him the line.