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Reference is made to Bulet dated November 19, 1958 with reference to information furnished by San Diego 968-C concerning MAURICE MICKEY MANDEL. MANDEL reportedly indicated that BINION owed him a favor and stated BINION would bankroll him if he needed it. BINION was contacted relative to his association with MANDEL on November 24, 1958 and again on December 17, 1958. He stated on the first contact that MANDEL is known to him and they were both serving time at the Federal Penitentiary in Leavenworth, Kansas at the same time; however, he was not closely associated with MANDEL at any time in the penitentiary, BINION stating that MANDEL was considered by himself and other inmates as a mental case. BINION stated that he felt sorry for MANDEL and on a few occasions gave him extra food and other items obtained from the commissary. BINION advised he would attempt to obtain information as to the present whereabouts of MANDEL and what he is doing at the present time and would advise at a later date.

In this regard BINION was again contacted on December 17, 1958 at which time he stated he had received information that MANDEL was known to have been in a number of towns in California and as far as he could learn MANDEL at the present time had not pulled any type of crime; however, he had reportedly violated his parole and where he is presently serving time is unknown to BINION.

BINION stated he owed nothing to MANDEL in the way of a favor and in fact he definitely would have no association with him and that in the event he came to Las Vegas he would immediately get him out of town as he is the type of person, because of his "shooting off at the mouth" would get himself and other people in trouble. BINION stated shortly after MANDEL's release from Leavenworth he came to Las Vegas and contacted him and stated he was broke, at which time BINION stated he gave him either \$10.00 or \$20.00 and told him to leave town immediately and not come back as Las Vegas was one of the hottest towns on ex-convicts in the United States. He stated to his knowledge MANDEL has not been back in Las Vegas.

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