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LV 137-7 (Sub A)

LV 249-C furnished information regarding the proposed construction of a new gambling casino and hotel to be known as the Ponderosa. He identified the principal investor as RICHARD EDELMAN and furnished the proposed location.

LV 223-PC, furnished information regarding a meeting attended by EDWARD/LEVINSON, BENNY BINION, BUCK/BLAINE and HOWARD W. CANNON, U. S. Senator from Nevada. The subject of the meeting was the Senate Subcommittee on Administrative Practice and Procedure, aka the Long Committee and the proposed hearings to be held in Las Vegas. LEVINSON stated he did not want the committee to come to Las Vegas and Senator CANNON stated he would take care of the matter.

Source also furnished information regarding a meeting between LEVINSON, his attorneys, BRYAN BURTON and EDWARD BENNETT WILLIAMS and the Government attorneys, which was held in an effort to settle the civil suit filed by EDWARD LEVINSON against Special Agents of the FBI for alleged wiretapping.

WILLIAMS is encouraging LEVINSON to make a settlement; however, LEVINSON refuses since a verbal agreement would not be binding on future Government employees. LEVINSON wants something in writing. Source stated LEVINSON does not want to pursue the suit against the Agents and the telephone company but wants to leave it unsettled in order to have a defense against Government prosecutions.