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jurisdiction.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

On 7/27/63, DL 185-C-TE advised that MATTHEWS was presently in possession of \$30,000 which he had obtained for "planting somebody", meaning murder for money. Informant had no further details concerning the above, but stated he would endeavor to ascertain further information concerning same.

The above facts were discussed with Lt. JACK REVILL, Criminal Intelligence Section, Dallas PD, who made discreet inquiry through sources in an effort to verify above information. Lt. REVILL advised he was unsuccessful in his efforts.

Information previously received from REVILL from a highly confidential source indicated that a JACK GUNTER and HUBERT DANE HARRIS, gamblers from Hot Springs, Ark., were in Dallas, Tex., on 5/30/63, and attempted to contact MATTHEWS at his residence. It was learned that they were unsuccessful in their contact and MATTHEWS had indicated to his daughter that he did not want to see them at the time.

According to REVILL's sources, GUNTER indicated that it was most urgent they talk with MATTHEWS.

Re information set forth in report concerning LEO J. LEWIS, former SL 1137-C stated LEO LEWIS had made bets in the past on horses and is, no doubt, the type of individual a handbook operator would like to have as a customer.

Re information concerning D. J. VENUS, III, of Biloxi, informants furnished the following information:

NO 1017-C, Gulfport, Miss., advised on 2/13/62 that in about 12/61, VENUS received a phone call by WILLIAM "BILL" WINTER, Mississippi State Tax Collector, whose office collects the "black market" tax on liquor, which tax amounts to \$4.20 per case. Subsequently, VENUS reportedly met with WINTER and, according to informant, VENUS was alleged to have taken a large sum of money, estimated at several thousand dollars, with him to this meeting.

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Det. GEORGE C. PAYNE, Gulfport, Miss., PD, advised confidentially on 2/15/63, that D. J. VENUS, III, was one of several persons present at a dice game at the Mardi Gras Lounge, Pat Harrison Ave., Biloxi, Miss., 2/13/63, at which time a mysterious explosion occurred in the lounge, resulting in death of IRA JOSEPH MIGUES, a known gambler. PAYNE advised the Harrison County SO had done everything possible to "hush up" this killing inasmuch as VENUS is a wholesale liquor dealer and known close associate of Harrison County Sheriff CURTIS O. DEDEAUX.

NO 1214-C, Gulfport, Miss., advised on 7/26/63, that D. J. VENUS, III, is currently driving a 1962 Ford Thunderbird, black in color.

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