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MONTHLY SUMMARY

Re Jackson airtel to Director dated 8/5/66  
and Jackson teletypes to Director dated 8/23/66 and 8/26/66,  
captioned "INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITIES"; Bufile 166-1570  
and 162-287.

On 8/4/66 JN 97-C advised that there is a great  
deal of speculation along the Mississippi Gulf Coast as to  
what will happen to those individuals recently indicted  
along with HARRY BENNETT and others. The individuals  
were speculating as to how strong a case the government  
has against the subjects and just who will "talk." According  
to the informant, individuals he has talked to feel that  
the key government witness will be HARRY BENNETT, who they  
feel will "tell everything." BENNETT allegedly will do  
this to save his son, ROBERT BENNETT, because the "government  
has him in a tight spot." HARRY BENNETT was also recently  
convicted in Iowa on ITWI charges and is presently free  
on bond pending appeal. There is also speculation that if  
it were not for HARRY BENNETT, the government case would  
not be as strong as it is now.

This informant also advised that based on  
conversations with DEWEY D'ANGELO and his girl friend, DIANE  
WHITMIRE, also under indictments, that D'ANGELO and WHITMIRE

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would rather make guilty pleas rather than stand the cost of a trial. They are, however, afraid that they might "get the book thrown at them."

On 8/9/66 JN 10-C advised that he has learned the crooked gambling equipment which was unearthed as a result of the FBI raid on the Jack Kress Manufacturing Co. at Tulsa, Okla., was actually being manufactured to be sent to the various owners of the gambling casinos in Las Vegas, Nevada. The owners of these various casinos in Las Vegas had this equipment on order. Furthermore, since JACK ~~KRESS~~ appears to be connected with the syndicate which operates Las Vegas, it was this Las Vegas group who hired attorneys JACK ~~WASSERMAN~~ and MIKE ~~MAROUN~~ to represent ~~KRESS~~. According to the informant, the main person responsible for obtaining these attorneys for ~~KRESS~~ was CARLOS ~~MARCELLO~~ of New Orleans, La. (MARCELLO is the reported La Cosa Nostra boss for the New Orleans, La., area.)

Furthermore, this informant stated he had learned that both attorneys WASSERMAN and MAROUN had been investigating the backgrounds of the two principal government witnesses, namely MAURICE ~~ARNOLD~~ and PAUL VICTOR ~~BROWN~~. BROWN presently resides in Las Vegas, Nevada.

This same informant advised that all gambling on the Mississippi Gulf Coast has been shut down tight as a result of the recent federal indictments as well as the passage of the new Alcohol Beverage Control laws for the State of Miss. It should be noted that any establishment which houses gambling will not be permitted to serve liquor on the premises. Several of the gambling establishments have completely dismantled their operation and either converted to a bar - restaurant operation or have closed their doors completely.

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On 8/11/66 JN 238-PC advised that two lawyers for JACK KRESS, JACK WASSERMAN and MIKE MAROUN, stayed overnight at the Bel Aire Motel in Biloxi, Miss. During the time they were in Biloxi, they were in contact with KRESS, DONALD LESTER ~~X~~JAMES, IVAN ~~X~~ORRELS, and DEWEY D'ANGELO. They were possibly in touch with other individuals also. These attorneys were allegedly planning a defense to the gambling prosecution instituted by the federal government. The rumor is that all concerned are worried about HARRY BENNETT, whom they feel will "cop out" and testify against the other defendants.

On 8/23/66 all subjects of the indictment in the HARRY BENNETT case appeared for arraignment before the USDC at Biloxi, Miss. All defendants pled not guilty and were given periods of 30 to 60 days to file any desired motions or pleadings. Trial dates in the above cases will be set for a later date and all subjects were allowed to continue on their present bond.

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On 8/25/66 ROBERT ADAM ~~X~~BENNETT, son of HARRY BENNETT, a Gulfport, Miss., attorney and co-conspirator in the HARRY BENNETT; ET AL case, advised Bureau Agents that his father had been contacted at Biloxi, Miss., by JACK EDWARD ~~X~~KRESS and Attorney JACK WASSERMAN, accompanied by HASKELL F. ~~X~~JONES and CARLOS MARCELLO of New Orleans, La. According to BENNETT, the conversation with HARRY BENNETT indicated that the government witnesses, MAURICE ARNOLD and PAUL VICTOR BROWN, definitely will not testify for the government. Furthermore, the only other potential witness for the government is ROBERT ADAM BENNETT. Attorney WASSERMAN allegedly told HARRY BENNETT that it would be up to him to "take care of ROBERT BENNETT." Implying that if he did not do so, some other action would be taken to accomplish this.