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~~MAURICE SICKLE~~, Aka., ~~Mack Sickle~~, "Red", ~~Morris Sickle~~, listed as Casino Manager.

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On 9/29/66, the Columbia Division advised contact with appropriate informants has failed to develop any information regarding subject's possible business contacts or connections in that area.

Departmental Attorney OWEN A. NEFF, New Orleans, La., telephoned SA WILLIAM F. DUKES at Gulfport, Miss., on 8/30/66, and advised that, in view of the apparent interest of CARLOS MARCELLO and HASKELL JONES of New Orleans in this matter, as indicated by their recent presence in Biloxi, Miss., a conference would be desirable with Jackson and New Orleans Agents to discuss this development. Mr. NEFF requested that SA WILLIAM F. DUKES and WILLIAM DEAN JANSEN of the Gulfport Resident Agency, Jackson Division, meet at New Orleans on the morning of 9/1/66, with NEFF and SA's REGIS L. KENNEDY and PATRICK J. COLLINS, JR. Mr. NEFF advised that after conversation with USA ROBERT E. HAUBERG, Jackson, Miss., a trial subpoena is being issued for ROBERT ADAM BENNETT, Gulfport, Miss., returnable 10/23/66. This subpoena served on BENNETT 9/2/66, by Deputy USM SAM PETERSON.

11/15/66  
Attorney RICHARD B. GRAVES contacted SA WILLIAM F. DUKES at Gulfport, Miss., 8/31/66, and expressed concern about the background and possible ethics of Washington, D. C., Attorney JACK WASSERMAN. GRAVES, who is a young, relatively inexperienced attorney with very little criminal practice, volunteered that he had been in contact with WASSERMAN the past week interviewing witnesses and preparing the defense case. He stated he found WASSERMAN to be a highly intelligent and capable individual who conducted penetrative interviews and who is apparently very expensive. GRAVES, who furnished no additional specifics, inquired whether the FBI would furnish him any information about WASSERMAN's background which might resolve the question in GRAVES' mind whether he should continue to associate with WASSERMAN in this case, as

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he feels WASSERMAN is moving in "fast company." Mr. GRAVES was informed that the FBI could not furnish him any information whatever in this case and that he might desire to direct any further inquiry in this regard to USA ROBERT E. HAUBERG, Jackson, Miss., or the U. S. Department of Justice.

JN 238-PC, Biloxi, Miss., advised on 8/31/66, that on about the night of 8/24/66, he observed CARLOS MARCELLO having coffee at the Bel-Aire Motel, Biloxi, Miss. MARCELLO was accompanied by his lawyer JACK WASSERMAN, as well as by JACK KRESS, "BUDDY" ~~ROLLING~~ and MISS HASKELL JONES of New Orleans. The group discussed generally recent Federal indictments of gambling figures on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, including KRESS of Tulsa, Okla. It appeared the group was concerned, but that they felt they would "beat" the case.

JN 238-PC advised that, so far as he knows, MARCELLO has no business interests on the Mississippi Gulf Coast and apparently was there on this occasion in the interest of KRESS, who has retained WASSERMAN, MARCELLO's lawyer.

On 9/1/66, conference was held in the Office of USA LOUIS C. LA COUR, New Orleans, La. Present were USA LA COUR, Departmental Attorney OWEN A. NEFF, SA's WILLIAM F. DUKES and WILLIAM DEAN JANSEN of the Jackson Division, and SA's REGIS L. KENNEDY and PATRICK J. COLLINS, JR., of the New Orleans Division. The foregoing information from JN 238-PC, with informant's identity appropriately concealed, was discussed as was information regarding contact with and motions filed by Gulfport Attorney RICHARD GRAVES. NEFF and LA COUR advised that in the light of apparent current MARCELLO, JONES and WASSERMAN interest in <sup>the</sup> HARRY BENNETT case, Bufile 162-287; NO File 166-203, they are considering authorization of complaint and search warrant regarding JONES at New Orleans on about 9/15/66, and presenting facts to a Federal Grand Jury at New Orleans that date to shut off any

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potential request for preliminary hearing by JONES following arrest. JONES is subject in Jackson case captioned HASKELL F. JONES, dba Jones Brothers Parlor Supplies, 1204 Jefferson Highway, New Orleans, La., ITGD, ITAR - GAMBLING; OO: NEW ORLEANS, Bufile 143-953. New Orleans Division following this development and will advise the Bureau regarding specific developments. Both USA LA COUR and Mr. NEFF advise that sufficient probable cause for the arrest of JONES and search of his business and residence in New Orleans presently exists, and instructed that in the interest of security of this potential arrest and search, no further direct inquiry concerning MARCELLO or JONES should be made at this time in the Mississippi Gulf Coast area.

On 9/20/66, SA 538-C, whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised that he has not been able to identify a gambler by the name of JOHN W. ROY or JOHN W. RAY, and again related he is confident that some Negro male has ordered gambling material under a fictitious name. He added that it is quite common for Negro gamblers in the vicinity of Central Texas to order "crooked" or "fixed" cards or dice under an alias.

PCI ROSIE NELL STELL, Aka., of Temple, Texas, on 9/20/66, informed she had been unable to identify JOHN W. ROY or JOHN W. RAY as a gambler who may have ordered gambling material from Jones Brothers Parlor Supplies in New Orleans. La.

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