

Agency Information

AGENCY : FBI
RECORD NUMBER : 124-90097-10204
RECORD SERIES : HQ
AGENCY FILE NUMBER : 166-637-27

Released under the John F. Kennedy
Assassination Records Collection Act of
1992 (44 USC 2107 Note). Case#:NW
64578 Date: 12-14-2022

Document Information

ORIGINATOR : FBI
FROM : WMFO
TO : HQ
TITLE :
DATE : 08/14/1963
PAGES : 15
SUBJECTS :
CHARLES TOURINE
JOSEPH FRANCIS NESLINE
DOCUMENT TYPE : PAPER, TEXTUAL DOCUMENT
CLASSIFICATION : Unclassified
RESTRICTIONS : 4
CURRENT STATUS : Redact
DATE OF LAST REVIEW : 07/20/1998
OPENING CRITERIA : INDEFINITE
COMMENTS : RPT

WFO 166-93

Office of origin was subsequently changed to WFO when the site of the dice game shifted from Ripley, Maryland, to Washington, D.C., in May, 1963. By letter dated 8/8/63 it was recommended that office of origin be changed to Baltimore inasmuch as investigation at WFO was completed and Baltimore was in a more logical position to follow and report prosecutive developments in this matter. Investigation by WFO was not reported at an earlier time inasmuch as the bulk of pertinent matter was developed by the Baltimore Division and in order to avoid duplication of information which was subsequently set forth in referenced report. Baltimore reported developments in connection with activity in the Ripley, Maryland, phase and developments in St. Mary's County, Maryland, where subject and the others were arrested on 6/13/63. Instant report contains developments in connection with the operation at 1915 Biltmore Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Observations made regarding activity at 1915 Biltmore Street were obtained from a lookout located at 1912 Biltmore Street, N.W., during the period 5/10/63 - 5/18/63. In many instances individuals entering the premises at 1915 Biltmore Street, N.W., were not identified since the visability was poor due to obstructions caused by trees and hedges in addition to extremely poor lighting in that area. It had been determined that this facility was the only one available to WFO at that time which could have been utilized with a maximum degree of security.

On 4/26/63 WF 1108-C advised SA JOHN R. BUCKLEY that CHARLES TOURINE (known in Washington, D.C., as CHARLIE WHITE), JOHN RALPH "BILLY" MITCHELL and GEORGE ROHANNA had established a dice game on 19th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. Informant advised that NESLINE was staying away from this operation because he did not want to draw the attention of law enforcement officers to the existence of the game.

- B -
COVER PAGE

WFO 166-93

On 6/1/63 WF 1418 advised SA BUCKLEY that NESLINE and associates plan to move the dice game from Washington, D.C., to St. Mary's County, Maryland, and that ALLEN FISHER, well known Lexington Park, Maryland, gambler, was negotiating the proposed site.

On 6/7/63, WF 1108-C advised SA JOHN R. BUCKLEY that on 6/6/63, dice equipment had been moved from Washington, D.C., to a shack located directly in the rear of Sportsman's Restaurant, located Route U.S. 5, just over the county line in St. Mary's County, Md. Informant described dice table as a permanent mahogany, Las Vegas type, approximately 12' by 5', very heavy and costing about \$2,500.00. He said this table had been used for about one week in the Amber Club's operation, Washington, D.C., 1962, and the table was not constructed in a manner that it can be speedily disassembled.

Informant advised this dice game most likely would be run by JOHN RALPH MITCHELL, CHARLIE WHITE (CHARLES TOURINE) and GEORGE ROHANNA, who during April and May, 1963, operated the dice game at 1915 Biltmore Street where NESLINE purposely refrained from participating in that game. Informant said the group planned to start operations as soon as the shack was fixed up, probably Saturday, 6/8/63, or Monday, 6/10/63.

Interviews of individuals arrested 6/13/62 who reside in WFO's area have been completed with exception of JOHN ERNEST SWEENEY.

On 6/18/63 SAs RALPH MARSHALL and RICHARD JOHN DOWDELL attempted to contact SWEENEY at the address which he gave to Maryland authorities, 3337 C Street, S.E., Washington, D.C. Agents determined that there is no such address. Subsequent efforts were made by SAs BUCKLEY and JOHN B. CUSKELLY to interview SWEENEY in the vicinity of the Round Table Club, 923 11th Street, N.W., on 7/3/63 and 8/7/63. Information has been developed that SWEENEY spent considerable time at the Round Table Club, however, he was not observed in that area on these days.

- C -
COVER PAGE

WFO 166-93

On 7/30/63 PCI HARRY SESSUMS advised SA J. PATRICK PARKER that on 6/8/63, a Saturday night, he was at DON OWEN'S 301 Club. He was approached by an individual, whose photograph he identified as ROBERT JOHN RUGGIERI, who told him that there was a crap game at the Sportsman's Club. RUGGIERI did not say whose game this was but he did mention that GEORGE RAFT was to be there on this night, June 8, 1963. He stated that RUGGIERI commented that RAFT would stop at the 301 Club and then he would be driven to the crap game by "one of their cars."

He went to the Sportsman's Club with RUGGIERI and spent about an hour there. When he arrived there were only a few people there, including SPORTY MARTIN, JOE NESLINE, JOE GORDON, and JOHN MORISI. He stated while he was there a moving van arrived and a crap table was unloaded and set up.

He advised that he was not told whose game this was but it was obvious to him after only a few minutes in the Sportsman that it was NESLINE's game. Before he departed GEORGE RAFT arrived with two young girls both of whom were wearing white dresses.

LEADS

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

Will continue efforts to locate and interview JOHN ERNEST "BULLDOG" SWEENEY for purpose set forth in re report.

- D* -
COVER PAGE