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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: August 7, 1951

CEU FROM : SAC, Denver

SUBJECT: VICTOR EMANUEL PEREIRA
FUGITIVE; JAMES ERADLEY LEE -
FUGITIVE; Mrs. GERTRUDE J. JOYCE -
VICTIM
CONSPIRACY; INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION
OF STOLEN PROPERTY; MAIL FRAUD

Re Oklahoma City letter dated July 23, 1951 and El Paso
teletype dated August 2, 1951.

Referenced communications reflect that on July 30, 1951 authorized
complaints were filed and warrants issued by the United States Commissioner,
El Paso, Texas charging PEREIRA and LEE with Conspiracy, Interstate
Transportation of Stolen Property and Mail Fraud. Complaints were based
upon information furnished by Mrs. GERTRUDE J. JOYCE PEREIRA, Roswell,
New Mexico. On April 19, 1951 GERTRUDE JOYCE, wealthy widow, age 55,
and her sister, KATHRYN JOYNER, age 30, came to El Paso, Texas, stopping
at the fashionable Del Norte Hotel. LEE and PEREIRA, staying at the
same hotel, struck up an acquaintance and returned to Roswell, New
Mexico with these two women a few days later as house guests. LEE posed
as an oil lease operator and PEREIRA posed as a wealthy sportsman, who
had just been divorced and had \$48,000 coming in a short time from a
property settlement. A whirlwind courtship culminated in the marriage
of PEREIRA and Mrs. JOYCE in Kansas City, Missouri on May 25, 1951.
LEE had proposed marriage to JOYNER and between the time of the original
meeting and June 21, 1951 LEE and PEREIRA defrauded Mrs. JOYCE of a
total of \$47,000 and a Cadillac automobile. Subjects disappeared on
about June 21, 1951 and their whereabouts is unknown.

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These communications further reflect that PEREIRA, FBI number
2157349, and LEE are probably associates of PAUL AUGUSTUS KING, FBI
number 2594295, JOE P. DOWDING, FBI number 477053, J. P. DONAHUE, FBI
number 427053, Sidney "DOC" SOLWAY, FBI number 78762 and EDWARD S. LYONS,
FBI number 847381. It is reflected that LYONS might be identical with
LEE and that all of these individuals are suspected of being involved in
a widespread "con racket". PEREIRA was described as white, male, age
45, 6 feet, 1 1/2 inches tall, 215 pounds, dark brown, receding hair, brown
complexion, black mustache, pleasant countenance, nice voice

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fine clothes, probably driving a 1951 two tone blue steel top convertible Cadillac.

LEE was described as white, male, 6 feet, 1 1/2 inches tall, weight 185 pounds, light brown hair, blue eyes, "hale fellow, well-set", possibly driving 1950 black Cadillac.

It was further stated that subjects and possibly some of their associates mentioned above might be headquartered in Denver, Colorado and perpetrating confidence games from Denver to the West Coast. It was requested that those offices receiving copies of communications furnish information concerning LEE and PEREIRA that might result in their apprehension.

The files of the Denver Office contain no reference to VICTOR EMANUEL PEREIRA.

There is set out below information contained in the Denver files concerning PAUL AUGUSTUS KING, was; JAMES BRADLEY LEE, was, and other persons who have possibly associated with subjects.

By letter dated January 31, 1949 the Omaha Office furnished the following information relative to KING and his associates:

"PAUL JOSEPH ASHFORD, 3301 Jackson Street, Sioux City, Iowa, Telephone #71046, is a fairly wealthy land owner, and he stated he purchased a dude ranch near Florissant, Colorado. He advised he decided to sell the same and informed PAT FLAHERY, owner of the Famous Bar in Kansas City, of his intentions.

"ASHFORD related that subject PAUL AUGUSTUS KING, alias Gus King, wrote him at Sioux City from the Hotel New Yorker in New York City, stating he would be interested in purchasing this dude ranch, and ASHFORD is of the opinion that FLAHERY informed KING about the dude ranch. ASHFORD stated that through correspondence a meeting was arranged at Denver, Colorado, in March, 1948, and that he proceeded to Denver with an associate by the name of HUGH McCUE of Sioux City; that KING was staying at the Brown Palace in Denver and was in the company of a man by the name of BUD FRANKLE and another male individual named JUNE who operates the Silver Dollar Used Car Lot at Denver, Colorado. ASHFORD related that KING and he visited the dude ranch, and then returned to the Brown Palace Hotel in Denver where KING entertained in his suite in an elaborate manner. He said that KING took the entire party to a Saddle and Hunt Club for dinner, which club

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ASHFORD understands was the old McLAIN Estate, and that upon returning to the hotel KING's girl friends started to shoot dice and before the evening was over ASHFORD had entered the game and lost \$500.00.

"According to ASHFORD, KING was very evasive about himself, did not talk much about the dude ranch and claimed he was a former business man from Atlanta, Georgia, and New York City. KING further advised that he had been football coach at Texas Tech or some Texas college and that he had a son presently attending Southern Methodist University.

"ASHFORD related that he returned to Sioux City and had some correspondence with KING but that it has been destroyed. He said it all concerned the purchasing of the dude ranch.

"ASHFORD advised that these men had more or less passed out of his mind but on November 17, 1948, he received a long distance telephone call from KING, who was in the Phillips Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri. KING invited ASHFORD to be his guest at the Southern Methodist University-Baylor football game to be held November 20, 1948. ASHFORD told KING he was not interested in this particular game but the next morning he telephoned KING at Kansas City and told him he would be glad to attend same and would meet him at the Phillips Hotel. ASHFORD flew to Kansas City on Thursday, November 18, 1948, and went to the Phillips Hotel, had a few drinks with KING and ate dinner with him at the Famous Bar. At this time both the BRAMBLES and EARLE E. WOODWARD were with KING. KING suggested driving to Dallas but ASHFORD decided he would rather fly, which he did, and this group evidently proceeded to Dallas by automobile. He said he met this group at the Baker Hotel Friday Evening, November 19, 1948, and as he entered the hotel at approximately 9:30 P.M. KING advised that his son, who was a member of the Southern Methodist University team, had just left the hotel.

"Saturday after the football game ASHFORD went to this group's hotel room at about 5:30 P.M. and stayed until 10:00 or 11:00 P.M. ASHFORD advised that this group had some girls and once again a crap game was started. At first ASHFORD refused to get into the game and he observed WOODWARD had a roll of approximately \$10,000.00. ASHFORD stated he eventually entered the crap game and he lost \$2,000.00, the entire loss being paid by check. ASHFORD returned to Sioux City and on November 22, 1948, he stopped payment on these checks.

"The next time ASHFORD heard from these individuals was when KING telephoned him November 29, 1948, at approximately 11:00 P.M. from Kansas City. Mrs. ASHFORD answered the telephone and stated her husband was not at home.

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"On December 7, 1948, ASHFORD received a telephone call from KING placed with Operator 205, Denver, about 2:00 P.M. and KING wanted to know what ASHFORD was going to do about these checks. KING advised in the telephone conversation that only \$500.00 of the money belonged to him but that \$1,500.00 belonged to WOODWARD and that WOODWARD might get a little rough if ASHFORD did not take care of this matter.

"ASHFORD further related that he has had other telephone calls from KING concerning these checks and that on one of these occasions KING was in Room 413 of the Metropolitan Hotel in Denver.

"ASHFORD advised that WOODWARD's background was always hazy but as he recalled WOODWARD was allegedly from Baltimore, Maryland, and his brother-in-law owns the Crystal Products Company of Kansas City.

"The facts in this case were presented to Assistant United States Attorney WILLIAM E. DANFORTH and he stated that the conversation between KING and ASHFORD via long distance telephone did not constitute a threat under the extortion act and prosecution was declined.

"The following descriptions were furnished by Mr. ASHFORD:

"GUY KING"

Race	White
Age	55
Height	5' 9"
Weight	165-170 lbs.
Build	Stocky
Complexion	Light
Eyes	Blue - wears thick lens glasses
Hair	Dark blond and thin all over
Speech	Texas accent and smooth talker
Scars	None noticed
Teeth	May have some gold in front teeth
Marital Status	Possibly a widower
Dress	Flashy

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WALTER SPANBLE

Age	42 or 43 (looks younger)
Height	6'
Weight	170 lbs.
Race	White
Build	Wiry
Hair	Light brown
Eyes	Blue - does not wear glasses
Complexion	Light
Speech	No accent
Dress	Flashy
Occupation	Possibly a used car dealer in Kansas City, Missouri

WALTER SPANBLE

Race	White
Age	46 or 47
Height	6'
Weight	160 lbs.
Build	Wiry
Hair	Light brown and thinning
Eyes	Blue - no glasses
Complexion	Ruddy
Teeth	Normal in appearance
Scars	None noticed
Speech	Normal
Dress	Flashy

MERVIN L. WOODWARD

Race	White
Age	50-55
Height	5' 7"
Weight	110 lbs.
Build	Slight
Ears	Ears protrude like flaps
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Gray
Complexion	Medium
Dress	Flashy
Residence	Claimed to be from Baltimore, Maryland and wrote checks on a Baltimore bank

The following investigation was obtained from interrogation and observations:

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"Name	PAUL JOSEPH ASHFORD
Race	White
Age	39 (born February 8, 1909, Homer, Nebraska)
Height	6' 3/4"
Weight	225 lbs.
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Dark
Build	Fat
Teeth	Normal in appearance
Scars	Appendectomy; 1/4" cut scar on left nostril
Marital Status	Married
Relatives	Wife, MARY ASHFORD, and children - all residing with victim - PAUL, Jr., age 8; DENNY, age 5; SHEPLAH, age 4; LINDA, age 18 mos.; JOSEPH, age 8 weeks. Mother, FLORA B. ASHFORD, 907 Washington Avenue, Santa Monica, California."

On September 29, 1949 GENE LOWALL, then City Editor of the "Denver Post" newspaper, who was then a confidential source of this office, reported that PAUL AUGUSTUS KING, commonly known as GUS KING, had spent the summer of 1949 at Troutdale, a mountain resort near Denver. It was reported that KING was alleged to be a highpowered gambler who had been operating in and out of Denver in private dice

Hotel in Cheyenne where they stage. It was further stated that KING had been seen in a number of establishments at the same time that CHARLIE BINAGGIO (who was subsequently murdered in Kansas City) was present, and that on a recent occasion KING had been present at Gaetano's Restaurant in Denver when BINAGGIO was present. It is noted that Gaetano's Restaurant is operated by EUGENE "CHECKERS" SMALDONE and his brother CLYDE, who for a number of years have been reported by local sources to be in control of gambling operations in the Denver area.

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The Denver Crime Survey for the period ending July 15, 1950 reported that one GERALD D. ALLEN, 1501 High Street, Denver, who was then maintaining an office in the Continental Oil Building, Denver, Colorado, was reported by informant JACK GILMORE to use the office as a front for bookie operations. It was reported that several calls from this office to Kansas City, Missouri were made and all were changed to ERNIE F. WOODWARD, alias "BIG EARS" WOODWARD, who was reported to be a gambler operating in Kansas City. It was further reported by confidential sources that TEMPLE BUEHL, prominent Denver architect, had introduced ALLEN to various of his friends in the Denver area and had been successful in admitting ALLEN to membership in Cherry Hills Country Club in Denver. It was reported that ALLEN's associates were "BIG EARS" WOODWARD, JOHN and KUDJ BRAMELE, and CUS KING, all of whom were described as "gambling sharks" from Kansas City, Missouri. It was reported that during 1950 ALLEN and his associates had gambled with BUEHL and over a period of time they had "taken him" for \$18,000; that BUEHL caused an investigation to be made of ALLEN and his associates but that at BUEHL's request the results of that investigation were never disclosed.

The following information was contained in a letter from the Miami Division dated March 27, 1951:

"Although the following information does not appear to indicate a violation which could be successfully prosecuted under the Interstate Transportation of Stolen Property Statute, it is being submitted to the Bureau and offices for which copies of this letter are designated for information purposes. Mrs. VIRGINIA VAN NORMAN, 3111 South Zuni, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Telephone #71967, Tulsa, appeared in the Miami Office on March 26, 1951, and requested information concerning one JAMES LEE. As a result of the ensuing interview with Mrs. VAN NORMAN the following information was obtained.

Mrs. VAN NORMAN met JAMES BRADLEY LEE, also known as J. BRADLEY LEE and JAMES LEE, at Hot Springs, Arkansas, in June of 1950 at a horse show. LEE subsequently called her on the telephone on several occasions from Dallas, Texas; Reno, Nevada; Monterey, New Mexico and Los Angeles, California. In July of 1950, LEE was reportedly staying at Grand Lake, Colorado and flew to Tulsa, Oklahoma where he stayed for one week with Mrs. VAN NORMAN and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. MATHY. He reportedly flew from Tulsa to Los Angeles after this visit and stayed at the Casa Manana in La Jolla, California. Mrs. VAN NORMAN advised that she is divorced from her former husband and had expected to marry Lee and had given him money as follows:

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September, 1950, at Tulsa, Okla. \$1500, believed used to pay a drilling debt;

September, 1950, at Tulsa, Oklahoma: \$4500, to purchase 1950 Cadillac. Last known to bear 1950 Michigan tag. W 2577;

September, 1950 at Tulsa, Okla.; \$1500, to extend oil well drilling operations in Parmer County, Texas;

November 26, 1950: sent cashiers check for \$2000 on National Bank of Commerce, Tulsa, Okla. to LEE in Dallas, Texas, to purchase lease on oil land from SOBEY, who reportedly resides on Ft. Worth Avenue, Dallas, Tex. Mrs. VAN NORMAN advised that she had seen these leases and they bore the appearance of being genuine.

She advised that LEE on several of his frequent visits to her parents' home in Tulsa, had been accompanied by one GUS KING who claims to be presently staying in Phoenix, Arizona, at the San Marcus Inn. She stated she is of the opinion, however, that both KING and LEE are staying at the Westwood Hotel in Phoenix, Arizona and they are expected to leave Phoenix about April 1 for Colorado Springs, Colorado, where they usually stay at the Cosmopolitan Hotel. It is noted here that both Mrs. VAN NORMAN and her mother, Mrs. C. A. MATHEY identified a photograph of PAUL AUGUSTUS KING, FBI #2594295, from the Miami Corvan file, as the GUS KING who is an associate of JAMES LEE. KING was last known to this office to have been arrested in Miami Beach, Florida on 1-19-47, bearing number A-11544. The Miami Crime Survey File for 1947-1948 reflects that KING and FRED BROWN, alias RALPH BROWN, FBI #2594295, were arrested by the Miami Beach Police Department on 3-19-47 in connection with swindles at Miami Beach hotels.

Confidential Informant SP3 advised an agent of the Miami Office that PAUL AUGUSTUS KING and FRED BROWN, both known, were in town and that both had been boosters at Piping Rock, Saratoga Springs, New York, during the previous summer.

Miami Crime Survey for the 1946-1947 season reflects that Mrs. PECKY KELLY, an informant operating a beauty shop on Collins Ave., Miami Beach, advised that she had gone around some with PAUL AUGUSTUS KING of Atlanta, Georgia, who has been using her only as an entree to meet people he might swindle. According to this informant, KING had swindled several individuals in Atlanta and in Miami of several thousand dollars. KING's accomplices at that time were reportedly FRED BROWN, FRED LARRY, TEDDY SANDERSON and a Mr. SAKDO, all of whom the informant described as crooked gamblers. It is noted here that neither Mrs. VAN NORMAN nor her mother were able to identify a photograph of FRED BROWN, FBI #2594295, as anyone they had ever met.

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"Miami miscellaneous file for ITSP cases contains a complaint dated 1-13-50 concerning one JAMES LEE who swindled a Mrs. ELEANOR ROSE NICHOLS of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida out of \$1200 on New Years Eve of 1950 after dating her three days and inducing her to pawn jewels to assist him in paying a bad gambling debt. No action was taken on this complaint by the Miami Office in view of the lack of jurisdiction. The complainant described JAMES LEE as follows:

Age	35
Height	6' 1"
Weight	135
Complexion	Dark
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Dark brown
Race	White
Nationality	American
Scars and marks	Out scar over left eyebrow; cleft on point of nose

"The victim of the 1-13-50 complaint at the time of the complaint looked through the Miami census files and positively identified LEE as EDWARD S. LYONS, FBI #417-381.

"Both Mrs. VAN NORMAN, complainant in instant case, and her mother failed to identify LYONS' photograph as JAMES LEE of instant case, however, although both noted that the description furnished by Mrs. ELEANOR NICHOLS of Ft. Lauderdale fit LEE to perfection.

"Mrs. VAN NORMAN advised that in addition to his associating with GUS KING, LEE is also acquainted with a TED SAUNDERS (who may be identical with TEDDY SAUNDERS, gambler previously mentioned) and "JOCK" DOWNING whom Mrs. VAN NORMAN and her mother met on one occasion when in the company of LEE. They were exhibited a photograph of JOE P. DOWNING with aliases "JOCK" DOWNING, J. P. MAHUE, etc, FBI #477853, which photograph was taken by the Miami Police Department on 4-30-35, their number 8721. Mrs. C. A. ANTHEY advised that she was reasonably certain that JOE P. DOWNING is identical with "JOCK" DOWNING, in spite of the date of the photograph which was exhibited to her. This individual was arrested at Miami, Florida as a card sharp on 4-30-35.

"Mrs. VAN NORMAN advised that JAMES LEE had been in Phoenix, Arizona most of the time since his visit and that she has heard through a close friend that he has been seen in the company of a wealthy widow whose name she was unable to furnish but whom, she advised, is soon to obtain a divorce. Mrs. VAN NORMAN advised that in the middle of

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January at the time the stock show was operating in Denver, LEE was supposed to be staying at the Metropolitan Hotel but that she had called the hotel and had been unable to locate him there. She stated he subsequently called her and advised her that 'JES' had registered him at the hotel as G. ERNE LANG but made no explanation as to why he had been registered under that name.

"According to Mrs. VAN WORMAN, LEE is presently negotiating with _____ SULLIVAN, Ft. Worth Avenue, Dallas, Texas, relative to oil leases and LEE reportedly maintains a mailing address in Dallas at 203 Southland Life Building.

"Mrs. VAN WORMAN advised that she was departing Miami on 8-26-51 to drive to Tulsa, Oklahoma and that she has made arrangements to meet LEE in Dallas on Saturday, 8-31-51 where he is to make reservations for her at the Baker Hotel. She stated that this arrangement to meet him is unknown to her mother and father and that also the amount of LEE's indebtedness to her is unknown to them. She advised that it is her intention to insist that he repay her the money he has borrowed from her or at least give her the automobile. She stated she does not desire the police involved as she does not want unfavorable publicity on account of her young daughter and her family's reputation in Tulsa.

"Although this case does not appear to contain the necessary elements of a bona fide ITSP case, Mrs. VAN WORMAN was advised of the possibility that LEE and his associates are operating a con game. It was suggested to her that upon arrival in Dallas she telephonically contact the FBI Office in the event that that office may be interested in LEE. This she agreed to do and it is suggested that the Dallas Office be alert for such a telephone call in the event that office desires to take any action in this matter.

"The following descriptions were furnished by Mrs. VAN WORMAN and her mother:

Name	JAMES BRADLEY LEE
Age	35
Height	6'
Weight	170-175
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Dark brown, wears lot of hair oil
Complexion	Dark
Teeth	Beautiful, mouth always has smiling expression
Miscellaneous	wears sport clothes, is excellent golfer, knows a great deal about music - all types, has gangling appearance, is long-legged

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Name	PAUL AUGUSTUS KING
Age	50
Height	5' 11"
Weight	200
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Gray
Complexion	Medium
Build	Broad shoulders
Miscellaneous	Talks incessantly; drives old model Buick
Relatives	Son, 'BUDDY' KING, address unknown, allegedly attending SMU, Dallas, Tex. Divorced from wife, Birmingham, Ala. in 1938

The following information was contained in a summary to the Denver Office from the Bureau dated August 2, 1951 in connection with the case entitled "JAMES HARRY DOLAN, was, FUGITIVE, Et Al - IMPERSONATION".

"Bureau dated July 18, 1951, requesting a summary of information in the Bureau's files concerning James Harry Dolan, Gus A. King, was., and Ernie Woodard, was. The following is being furnished pursuant to your request.

"JAMES HARRY DOLAN - The Bureau's indices fail to reflect any information which can be identified as being identical with subject Dolan.

GUS A. KING, was. - The Miami Field Division Semiannual General Crime Survey Report, dated October 15, 1946, reflects that Paul A. King, originally of Atlanta, Georgia, took part in crooked card games, principally gin rummy, and was an associate of one Ted Clark of Miami Beach, Florida. These individuals were reported to have numbered among their victims several prominent individuals.

Miami Crime Survey Report, dated April 29, 1947, reports Paul Augustus King as being a card shark from Atlanta, Georgia, who has been picked up in crooked card and dice games in Miami Beach, Florida. It was reported that he partook in several crooked card games during the 1945-1946 winter season, and was arrested on March 21, 1947, after a complaint had been made that he and one Fred Brown had been swindling by means of card and dice games. They were each fined \$200.00 on March 26, 1947 on a vagrancy charge.

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"The report of SA J. Richard Butts dated June 19, 1947, at Miami, Florida, entitled, "Socialist Workers Party, Newark Field Division - Internal Security - SWP", reflects that one Paul King is a known gambler and has been reportedly involved in the swindling of wealthy persons in chemin de fer and gin rummy games in that area.

"New York General Crime Survey report for November 26, 1947, reflects that on September 11, 1947 the New York City Police Department conducted a raid of a sixth floor suite at the Hotel Marguery, 270 Park Avenue and seized elaborate crooked gambling equipment. This equipment included a trick picture with glass affording one-way vision, which hung on the wall of the gambling den. A watcher peering through this from the next room could read the cards of their intended victim and signal the play to an accomplice at a table by means of electric equipment. Also seized were nearly 2,000 pairs of crooked dice, numerous decks of marked cards and mechanical appliances for sleeving cards. Among those arrested was one Paul A. King, age 53. King was charged with conspiracy to entice players into bogus card games. There is no information reflecting the disposition of this charge.

"From the available information it is not possible to state definitely that the above-mentioned individuals are identical with the subject.

"Other references to King are set forth in the crime survey reports submitted by your office under the dates of October 18, 1949, April 17, 1950 and July 20, 1950.

"Miami letter dated March 27, 1951 to the Bureau contains information regarding a Paul Augustus King, wa., FBI Number 2574295. A copy of this letter was directed to your office.

"ERNEST WOODARD, was. - Miami Crime Survey Report, dated February 3, 1940, reflects that one Ernie Woodard was one of the owners of a gambling casino operated at Jeff's Bar on Flagler Street, Miami, Florida.

"Miami Crime Survey Report, dated March 25, 1940, states that one Ernie Woodard was reportedly operating a gambling establishment in Miami, Florida during the 1937-1938 and 1938-1939 winter seasons.

"It should be noted that the files do not contain enough information to definitely state whether these individuals are identical with captioned subject.

"The crime survey reports for April 17, 1950 and July 20, 1950 submitted by your office also contain information regarding Woodard."

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With reference to the DOLAN case mentioned above, it is pointed out that on July 11, 1951 the Denver Police Department arrested ~~FRANK JAMES CONLEY~~, Denver Police Department #35363; ~~JOSEPH RAYMOND SMILL~~, Denver PD #35375, and ~~SILVER WILLEFF~~, Denver PD #35384, in connection with operation of a racetrack swindle in Denver, Colorado in which ~~JAMES LAWRENCE SHORT~~, 1755 South Federal Boulevard, Denver, Colorado, was alleged to have been defrauded of over \$5,000. ~~JAMES HARRY DOLAN~~, was, FBI #733252-A, was alleged by Denver authorities to have been involved in this swindle with ~~SMILL~~, ~~CONLEY~~ and ~~WEVELEFF~~, and on July 12, 1951 was reported to have eluded Denver police and escaped with some \$5,000 derived from this swindle.

On June 6, 1951 DOLAN, with an unknown accomplice, impersonated an agent of the Intelligence Unit, U. S. Bureau of Internal Revenue, and thereby attempted to "shake down" ~~AL~~ and ~~CARL JACOBES~~, owners of the Mountain Plumbing Company, Denver, Colorado, for \$5,000.

On July 10, 1951 DOLAN with an unknown accomplice, using the same impersonation scheme, attempted to "shake down" one JOHN FRITZ, a Henderson, Colorado farmer for \$2500.

A federal complaint was filed in Denver on July 16, 1951, charging DOLAN with violation of the Impersonation Statute. He surrendered to the U. S. Marshal in Denver on July 30, 1951 and on the same date surrendered to the District Attorney's Office in Denver on the state charges. He is now at liberty under a \$5,000 federal bond and a \$3,000 state bond in connection with the impersonation and racetrack swindle charges. DOLAN has been identified as an associate and acquaintance of PAUL AUGUSTUS KING.

Considerable information concerning KING was obtained in the DOLAN investigation in Denver. It was determined that for the last two or three years ~~he~~ has been a frequent guest at the Comopolitan Hotel in Denver; that he has for the last three summers maintained summer establishments in the mountain area west of Denver, and as of the present time is renting for \$500 a month a large residence on Lookout Mountain near Golden, Colorado. Sharing this residence with KING are D. K., alias "JUNE" CAREY and his wife GOLDIE. CAREY is reported to be owner of the Wagner Machine and Mill Supply Company, Denver, Colorado and is said to be a heavy gambler.

It has further been established that KING rents a room in the residence of Mrs. LILLIAN E. SWELL, 1626 Detroit Street, Denver, Colorado, telephone Fremont 8621; that he is seldom at this address, but has instructed Mrs. MARINELL to receive telephone calls for him and relay the messages to him. It is further noted that KING maintains an office at 531 Cooper Building, Denver, Colorado, telephone

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Keystone 5529, and that this office is listed in the Denver Telephone Directory as "Paul A. King - Oil". He presently has a box number 3113 at the Turf Club, Centennial Racetrack, south of Denver, and frequents the track almost daily when in the Denver area.

Information has been furnished by Sheriff DALE SNLAW, Jefferson County, Golden, Colorado, on a confidential basis, indicating that in the summer of 1949, at which time KING maintained a summer home in the vicinity of Lookout Mountain, KING "took" two Denver officials of United Air Lines for \$5,000 each in gambling operations. Both victims refused to bring charges against KING on the grounds that they could not afford the publicity that would result, and no further action was ever taken in this matter.

It was determined through Mrs. ROBERT E. HICKS, Route 3, Box 364, Golden, Colorado, owner of the residence which is now rented by KING on Lookout Mountain, who has requested that her name not be divulged, that PAUL AUGUSTUS KING, commonly known as "BES" KING, together with D. M. "JIMMIE" GAREY and his wife GOLDBIE, has rented the mountain residence for the months of June, July and August 1951. She stated that the GAREYS and KING live on a very extravagant scale and that KING always pays the rent in advance in cash, the monthly rental amounting to \$500. She stated that there are usually weekend card games at the establishment rented by KING, but that she has never observed any large scale gambling there. She pointed out that she knows that FRANK B. WOODWARD of Kansas City has on occasion visited the GAREYS and KING and that the house now occupied by them was rented last season by the GAREYS and GERALD D. ALLEN. She stated that KING claims to be an "oil man," that the house rented by them is usually unoccupied during the week, except for a maid whose first name is "RUTH", who resides there with her eight year old daughter. She further stated that KING is frequently accompanied by a "Swedish" appearing girl whose first name is DORA. (It has been determined that this girl is DORA BERNSON, who is registered at Room 405, Cosmopolitan Hotel, Denver, Colorado, showing her residence address as Reno, Nevada). Mrs. HICKS further stated that KING is also frequently accompanied by a girl whose first name is "CLARA", who is reported to be employed at the cigar stand in the Continental Oil Building, Denver, Colorado.

On July 27, 1951 PAUL AUGUSTUS KING voluntarily appeared at the Denver Office to discuss the DOLAN case with Special Agents PAUL MOGHEARY and PAUL E. BISH. At that time he admitted that he was acquainted with DOLAN, having met the latter in Phoenix, Arizona in February of 1951 and having subsequently been contacted by DOLAN on several occasions during June of 1951 in Denver, Colorado. He stated that he knew DOLAN only as a professional fight promoter and was

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know that DELAN was associated with any illegal activities.

On this occasion KING volunteered considerable information concerning himself and his associates. He stated that he was born September 28, 1916 in Reno, Parker County, Texas; that he married EVELINE WEAVER in Dallas, Texas in 1924, and that she divorced him in about 1945 in Atlanta, Georgia. He stated that from 1925 to 1929 he was employed as sales manager by LaSalle Extension University of Chicago, Illinois, headquartered in Birmingham, Alabama. He stated that for a time during the latter part of 1929 he was employed by the Bankers Mortgage Bond Company as a security salesman in Birmingham, Alabama; that from 1929 to 1933 he operated a number of parking lots and garages in Birmingham; that from 1933 to 1935 he was sales director, Carbon Division, National Carbon Company, Birmingham, Alabama. He stated that in 1939 he was in the theatrical supply business in Atlanta, Georgia; in 1943 he was in partnership with J. E. ALBIS and FRANK BRITT, operating the Mosque Theatre, Newark, New Jersey.

He stated that in 1947 he was arrested by the New York City Police Department on charges of operating a "rigged gin rummy game" with one PAULINE "TRIPP" CLARK at the Marguery Hotel in New York. He said that he received a sentence of 21 days for this offense and that CLARK served 90 days. He stated that in 1947 he engaged in an affair with one PEGGY RILEY, who then operated a beauty parlor at the Croydon Hotel, Miami, Florida. He said that he was then also associated with FRED BROON, a well-known gambler in Miami, whom he met originally met in 1944. He stated that while in Miami in 1947, exact date not recalled, he and BROON were operating private crap games in the Croydon Hotel. He said that one night they had a big game there and the manager of the hotel, who was participating in the play, lost \$3,000 and refused to pay off. KING stated that on that night he personally won approximately \$7,000 in the game. He stated that just prior to this occasion he had broken off relations with PEGGY RILEY and she was apparently out to "get him." He stated that she heard that the manager of the hotel had complained to police about his losses and that she then contacted KING and BROON and told them that if they did not pay her \$1,000 she was going to turn them in to the police and divulge their "crooked gambling operations." He stated that he and BROON refused to pay PEGGY RILEY and that she appeared before the Miami Police Department and accused them of operating crooked gambling games at the Croydon Hotel and at the Turf Club in Miami. KING stated that he and BROON were subsequently arrested by the Miami Police Department; that he was released without charges being brought, but that BROON was fined and ordered by the police "to get out of town." He stated, however, that subsequently he observed that BROON came to Miami any time he wanted to and that BROON personally told him that he had paid a certain Miami detective \$300.00 for the privilege of staying in Miami.

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KING further related that in 1947 he was fined \$50.00 in Atlanta, Georgia on a gambling charge, after a complaint had been made that he and FRED BROWN had been operating a "crooked game."

KING stated that he first met ERNIE B. WOODWARD, alias "BIG ERPS" WOODWARD in Miami, Florida in 1935. He stated that WOODWARD was a gambler and was then operating at the Frolics, described by KING as a Miami resort. He stated that WOODWARD had frequented gambling resorts in the vicinity of Saratoga, New York and at Saratoga had, with a man by the name of SULLIVAN now deceased, promoted a resort establishment known as Piping Rock. He stated that WOODWARD had also been associated with an establishment in Saratoga called "De Monique" in 1948. He related that at the present time ERNIE B. WOODWARD is still operating as a gambler; that he travels extensively to various resort areas in the United States and that he resides on 67th Street Terrace in Kansas City, Missouri, where he owns an expensive residence. KING stated that he, in the summer season of 1948, rented a summer home at the HICKS place on Lookout Mountain with D. M. CAREY and that ERNIE B. WOODWARD frequently came there from Kansas City to visit. He stated that D. M. CAREY operates the Wagner Machine and Supply Company on York Street in Denver, and is a heavy gambler. KING stated that in 1949 he rented a summer place near Bergan Park, Colorado with one THEODORE SANBORN, a clothing company executive and gambler of New York City.

He stated that in the summer of 1950 he and CAREY rented a summer establishment at 2031 Midway, Colorado Springs, Colorado. He stated that since June 1951 he, with CAREY and CAREY's wife, "GOLDIE" has rented the HICKS place on Lookout Mountain near Denver; that they are usually there every weekend and frequently have house parties and card games. He mentioned one of his guests as being ELLIS LUTON, President of the Lupton Mining Company, Georgetown, Colorado. He stated that LUTON is a mining promoter and is not a gambler.

Among his other associates KING mentioned FRED BRAMELE and JOHN BRAMELE, brothers. He described them as "hot dice men", who live in Kansas City, Missouri, but stated that they occasionally come to Denver and during the summer opera season of 1948 at Central City, Colorado the BRAMELES operated a dice game for CLYDE and "CHECKERS" SWALDENE (reported to control gambling operations in the Denver area).

He stated that he has for a number of years been acquainted with GERALD D. ALLEN, aka JERRY ALLEN, who resides at 12th and Olive Street, Denver, Colorado, and maintains an office in the C. A. Johnson Building in Denver. He stated that ALLEN holds patent rights on a vibrating mattress presently being manufactured by the Serta Manufacturing Company. He stated that ALLEN is a gambler and is considered

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by gamblers in the Denver area as being a "welcher and a cheat"; that he frequents big dice games in Denver hotels and has made a lot of money gambling.

KING stated that he first met CLYDE and "CHECKERS" SMAILDINE in Central City in about 1948 when they were operating a number of gambling establishments. He stated he occasionally goes to Gaetano's Restaurant, which is owned and operated by the SMAILDINES in Denver, Colorado. He confirmed, however, that he has no business dealings with the SMAILDINES and that he is not connected with any type of organized gambling operations. He stated that he met CHARLIE BIRAGGIO and BIRAGGIO's bodyguard, CHARLES CAROZZA at the Phillips Hotel in Kansas City in 1949 and was introduced to them by the manager of the hotel, a Mr. FARRELL. He stated that he never had any association with BIRAGGIO or any organized operations in Kansas City and only saw BIRAGGIO on this one occasion.

KING stated that he met RAYMOND JAMES CONLEY and JOSEPH RAYMOND SNELL mentioned above for the first time on New Years Day, 1951, in his suite at the Baker Hotel, Dallas, Texas. He stated that on that occasion he was having a party in his suite while down to see the football game with his son "BOBBY" KING and that SNELL and CONLEY came in and wanted to start a dice game. He stated that he knew them by reputation as gamblers and racetrack touts; that he desired to have a "respectable party" that day and did not permit them to gamble. He stated that the only time he had seen CONLEY and SNELL was on a few occasions during June 1951, when he ran across them in the lobby of the Comopolitan Hotel in Denver.

KING related that he has been acquainted with JAMES BRADLEY LEE since 1947, having met him at that time in Miami, Florida. He stated that he believed LEE's true name is EUGENE BRADING. He described LEE as a "lover boy", "con man" and gambler. He stated that LEE has for a number of years frequented gambling establishments and beach clubs in the vicinity of Miami, Florida and has also spent considerable time in Phoenix, Arizona. He stated that he last saw LEE on about March 1, 1951, at which time LEE was at the Westward Ho Hotel in Phoenix. He said that during the latter part of March he saw LEE on several occasions around Phoenix resorts. He stated that LEE's method of operation is to get acquainted with wealthy women, pretend to be in love with them, and "snake them down" for large sums of money. In this connection KING volunteered information that on June 29, 1951 while he was in Denver, Colorado he received a long distance telephone call from Mrs. VIRGINIA VAN NORMAN, who lives at 3111 Zanis Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma. He stated that on this occasion

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Mrs. VAN NORMAN informed him that JAMES BRADLEY LEE had just defrauded her out of \$5,000. KING said that it was his impression that Mrs. VAN NORMAN suspected him of being associated with LEE in this swindle. He stated that he assured her that he had nothing to do with this affair, although he thought she was correct in stating that LEE had swindled her out of the money inasmuch as he knows that this is LEE's regular method of operation. He described Mrs. VAN NORMAN as a divorcee, a woman of considerable wealth, who came from a prominent family in Tulsa. He stated that her parents are Mr. and Mrs. C. A. MAREY, who live in Tulsa, and that he has been acquainted with them and Mrs. VAN NORMAN for a number of years.

At the time of this interview (July 21, 1951) KING stated that he planned to leave the following day for a trip to the State of Wyoming, where he was interested in certain oil leases in the Teapot Dome area. He also stated that he had an interest in oil leases in Jack County, Texas. He stated that he expected to be away on this trip for about three weeks; that he would be glad to talk to FBI Agents at any time, but pointed out that he desired that anything he said concerning his associates be kept confidential.

The following description of KING was obtained through personal observation and interrogations:

True Name	PAUL AUGUSTUS KING, was, Gus King or Gus A. King, Paul A. King
Birth date	September 2, 1896, Reno, Parker County, Texas
Height	5' 11"
Weight	200 pounds
Hair	Brown, straight, parted on left side
Eyes	Greyish green
Complexion	Suntan
Build	Broad shouldered, stocky
Characteristics	Fluent, affable talker
Education	Clinton College, Danville, Kentucky, graduated 1921 (Claims to have been football coach, Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio, 1922)
Relatives	Father, WALTER H. KING, died 1935, former building contractor, Dallas, Texas
Mother	Mrs. W. H. KING, 5939 Mercedes, Dallas, Texas

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Son
WALTER H. (BUDY) KING, born 5/2/24; graduated Southern Methodist University, 1949 where member of football team under Coach MARSHON BILL; employed Armstrong Corp Company, 219 East Archer, Tulsa, Oklahoma

Brother
W. EARL KING, building contractor, Dallas, Texas

Brother
W. F. KING, Tennessee Lys Company, Chattanooga, Tennessee

Brother
JAE H. KING, lumber business, Waco, Texas

Brother
CHARLES W. KING, Civilian Personnel Department, U.S. Air Force, Pentagon Building, Washington, D. C.

Sister
Mrs. W. R. GUNBY, Amarillo, Texas (her husband employed by Burlington Railroad)

Sister
Mrs. GRACE CHESER, Eugene, Oregon, operates a millinery business

Sister
Mrs. R. E. McHONEY, residing on ranch at Royce City, Texas (50 miles west of Dallas)

Occupation:
KING stated that he has certain oil leases in Jack County, Texas and is interested in oil leases in Tappan Dale, Wyoming; maintains office in Cooper Building, Denver, Colorado, but admitted that his principal interest is gambling. He stated that he is a light horse bettor and that his main games are dice, gin rummy and poker played for high stakes in private games in hotels and resorts

Residence Addresses
Cosmopolitan Hotel, Denver, Colorado; Hicks Resort, Lookout Mountain near Denver, Colorado, telephone Lookout 2294; has room at residence of Mrs. LILLIAN WATFELL, 1629 Detroit, telephone Fremont 8621

Miscellaneous
Has box #A-313, Turf Club, Centennial Racetrack, south of Denver, Colorado.

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The following identification record for PAUL AUGUSTUS KING, under FBI #2594295, was received from the Bureau:

Contributor of Fingerprint	Name and Number	Arrested or Received	Charge	Disposition
FD, Louisville, Ky.	Paul A. King #52825	6-3-40	S.U.C.G.C.-DC	
FD, Atlanta, Ga.	P. A. King #4421	1-16-42	D.C. gaming	1-23-42 fined \$17
Fulton Co. B. of C.I., Atlanta, Ga.	Geo King #6-148	1-16-42	Gaming	1-21-42 6 mos. and \$50.00
U.S. Marine Corps Washington, D.C.	Paul Augustus King	Applicant (prt. rec. 7-9-42)		
FD, Miami Beach, Fla.	Paul Augustus King #A 1154	3-19-47	Vag. and Inv.	3-28-47, dish. rec. pros.
PD, NY NY	Paul A. King #B-256448	7-11-47	Conspiracy Bribery 1897 PL (jack)	
NY, Rikers Isl. NY, NY	Paul King #315745	6-23-48	Consp. -SSI	3500 or 30 das. and 30 das.

The following description of ERNEST P. WOODWARD was obtained from the Identification Division of the Bureau:

Name	ERNEST P. WOODWARD, was, Ernest Wilson, Ernest Woodward, Ernest R. Woodward
Color	White
Sex	Male
Residence	2241 Van Burne in 1944
Place of birth	Texas
Date of birth	7-5-06
Height	5' 9 1/2"

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Weight	165 pounds
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown
Complexion	Medium
Scars and marks	Wire cut on forearm; cut CIC over right eye; 2 c—Ct. CIC 2, c on right temple

The following identification record of WOODWARD was received from the Bureau under FBI #136042:

Contributor of Fingerprints	Name and Number	Arrested or Received	Charge	Disposition
PD, Memphis, Tenn.	Ernest Woodard #8610	1-13-26	Inv.	
PD, Tulsa, Okla.	Ernest Woodard #5541	3-4-27	Vag.	Case dismissed
PD, Kansas City, Mo.	Ernest Woodard #15802	11-29-27	Con game	
SO, Ardmore, Okla.	Ernest Woodard #1385	1-9-28	Larc.	
PD, Louisville, Ky.	Ernest Woodard #22471	6-20-29	Vag.-inv.	
SO, Newark, Cal.	Ernest Woodard #2059	6-26 (yr. not given) (prt. r.c. 2-2-33)	Inv.	
PD, Kansas City, Mo.	Ernest Woodard #15802	3-30-44	Inv. roll job.	3-31-44 \$50. PC #2 on chg. of gambling

Admits: being arrested at Ardmore, Okla., charged with larc. and states he is out on bond. Bond set at \$3500.00 (as on print #5541, PD, Tulsa, Okla.)

This information is being furnished to the offices designated in the event investigation is requested in the future.

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