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BINION advised his source had told him that MELTZER would return to Los Angeles on 2/19/58. MELTZER did depart by Western Air Lines at 1:50 pm on 2/19/58.

In contacts with BINION during March, 1958, he was very friendly, expressed a high regard for the Bureau and made numerous disparaging remarks regarding convicts who were in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth during the time he was there, and frequently discussed their present activities. A number of them known to agents previously.

BINION has advised on two occasions that he would take an oath on his family that he had nothing to do with the killing of HERBERT NOBLE near Dallas, and stated in his opinion that law enforcement officers in Texas know who killed NOBLE. BINION stated he has made inquiry and has been doing so since he was released from the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth 3/19/57, as to who was the killer of NOBLE, and he stated in strict confidence, that he had taken one person to an abandoned well on some ranch land near Dallas, and that the body of "TINCY" EGGLESTON was found in this well and he was almost positive the person who killed EGGLESTON was the same who killed NOBLE. He stated when he determined definitely he would advise Agents of this information he obtained in this regard. He stated the person he thought had killed EGGLESTON and NOBLE had had numerous "strokes" in the past year and would not live much longer.

<sup>Texas</sup>  
X MILLER, a number of years ago was associated with BINION in the gambling rackets in Dallas, and is reportedly seriously ill and has had a number of strokes and it is the informant's opinion that this is the person BINION has in mind. BINION, at this point, has not been pressured in this regard.

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INFORMANTS

Informants contacted and from whom information was received which is included in this summary are as follows:

T-1 is SU 386-C whose identity is known to the Bureau and who has been in close contact with BINION, his activities and associates for the past twenty-five years.

T-2 is SU 283-C, (deceased) whose identity is known to the Bureau and who was closely associated with BINION from 1947, until the time of informant's death in October, 1956.

SU 353-C whose identity is known to the Bureau and who was employed in the past by BINION and has known him since 1947. SU 340-C whose identity is known to the Bureau, and who is a former employee of BINION.

PCI BYRON A. TANNAHILL, a former employee of BINION for a number of years.

PCI H. P. WHITE of the Dallas Office.

A confidential source, CURTIS TRAHAN, who is the manager of the Nevada Room Restaurant of the Horseshoe Club, a former Mayor of Texas City, Texas, and a relative by marriage of JOE W. BROWN, principal owner of the Horseshoe Club.

HARRY C. DORSETT, General Manager of the Horseshoe Club and also a relative by marriage of JOE W. BROWN.

PCI HAL U. MC CORMACK, a former employee of BINION and a very close associate of his from 1947, to 1953.

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