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Nev. "HAVE ROOM FOR TWO AT DESERT INN UNDER NAME OF J. ~~BAKER~~. HAVE ROOMS FOR FOUR CHARLIE B. HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO PHONE THROUGH. SEND WIRE WHEN YOU WILL ARRIVE TO SAM ~~MANNARINO~~, ROOM 115, DESERT INN. BRING LOUIS IMPORTANT. Fla. s/ JACK DRAGNA"

Informant stated that MANNARINO was reportedly well known at Miami, Florida.

~~JOE MASSI~~ Fla. Mich. Nev.

Nev. Fla. SU 340-C advised that JOE MASSI of Detroit and Miami was in Las Vegas during the week of May 2, 1955, and was there for the purpose of being present for the opening operation of the new Riviera Hotel. It has been reported that ~~LEFTY CLARK~~, true name WILLIAM GUSTO ~~BISCHOFF~~, was reportedly in Las Vegas to take over the casino management of the Riviera to protect JOE MASSI's interest. Undersheriff LLOYD BELL of the Clark County Sheriff's Office refused to issue a permit for CLARK to be employed in Clark County and there was a rumor that an attempt was made to buy the Sheriff's Office off, which was unsuccessful, and LEFTY CLARK announced he was leaving Las Vegas and returning to Miami, Florida.

~~BENNY BENION~~, wa. Ks. Nev. Texas  
FBI Number 206216

Nev. BINION is presently serving time in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth for income tax evasion, having received a five-year sentence in December, 1953. ROBERT H. "DOBY DOC" ~~GAUDILL~~, a part owner of the Horseshoe Club and close associate of BINION, advised Agents that BINION was up for parole in August, 1955, and there was a good possibility he would be released from the penitentiary on parole. CAUDILL advised SU 283-C that money had been placed in the right spots in Texas so BINION would not have to return to Texas on the five-year sentence which he received in State Court, and that information had been received from a reliable source that BINION would be allowed to receive federal probation and would not have to do his time in Texas.

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*Neu.* SU 283-C advised that he had received information from ~~HANK GREENSPUN~~, owner of the "Las Vegas Sun", that GREENSPUN was soliciting letters in behalf of BENNY BINION, who is to go before the Parole Board at Leavenworth. GREENSPUN advised informant that letters had been received from ~~ERNEST CRAGIN~~, former Mayor of Las Vegas; ~~GUS GREENBAUM~~, former part-owner of the Flamingo Hotel, Las Vegas; ~~BELDON KATLEMAN~~, owner of the El Rancho Vegas; ~~WILBUR CLARK~~ of the Desert Inn; District Judge ~~LEO McNAMEE~~, and Mayor ~~C. D. BAKER~~ at Las Vegas. A letter was also obtained from ~~ROBERT KALTENBORN~~, who has large real estate holdings in Las Vegas and was formerly convicted of income tax evasion, but KALTENBORN's letter would not be used because of his previous convictions. *Neu.*

~~PETER BRADY~~, was;  
Pete Brady, Pete Genchi

*Neu.* PETE BRADY, according to LLOYD BELL, is a steer man for stolen merchandise and jewelry to be fenced in the Las Vegas area. He is also known to have associated with GENE WARNER, previously mentioned, in fencing furs taken in a California robbery, all of which were returned to California authorities when it was learned that BRADY and GENE WARNER had disposed of these furs to dealers, pit bosses and part owners of resort hotels in Las Vegas.

BRADY for a while was the Casino Manager of the Showboat Hotel for the "Cleveland Mob". This casino was apparently not paying those interested in this operation sufficiently and the casino was released to ~~BILL MOORE~~, who is the builder and operator of the hotel section of the Showboat Hotel, and BRADY returned to the Desert Inn as a pit boss.

DOROTHY SCHWEITZER, PCI, has previously advised that BRADY is known to have made numerous reservations for girls coming in from Los Angeles and SCHWEITZER was of the opinion these were call girls.

WILBUR CLARK

WILBUR CLARK, according to SU 283-C, has a very small interest in the Desert Inn and on April 15, 1955, CLARK informed SU 283-C that he had been having trouble with his

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partners in the Desert Inn and that they insisted upon seeing his tax return before he submitted it so that their reported income from the hotel would coincide. CLARK advised informant that other part owners of the Desert Inn who had operated the Showboat wanted to write their losses from the Showboat off their earnings at the Desert Inn.

~~EDWARD CLIPPINGER~~, was.

CLIPPINGER, former owner and operator of Roxie's Four Mile, house of prostitution, was convicted in July, 1954, for conspiracy to violate the White Slave Traffic Act. Also convicted was ROXIE CLIPPINGER. Both received sentences of three years in federal institutions. ~~DICK KELLOGG~~, Manager of Roxie's Four Mile, received a sentence of five years and was placed on probation.

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LOUIS WEINER, Attorney for CLIPPINGERS and ~~KELLOGG~~, reported that ~~ROXIE CLIPPINGER~~ has been released from the United States Penitentiary at Alderson, West Virginia, and that ~~EDDIE CLIPPINGER~~ is due to be released in the very near future from McNeil Island. WEINER stated that the provisions of their parole were extremely strict and he was doubtful that they would be able to leave the San Bernardino, California, area, which is their home, until the expiration of their sentences.

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CALIF.

~~DICK KELLOGG~~ is reported by U. S. Probation Officer HUBERT BOYD at Las Vegas to be under the supervision of the Probation Officer of the Southern District of California, where he presently is residing.

~~MOE B. DALITZ~~  
FBI Number 4124252

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DALITZ, according to SU 283-C, is the principal owner of Wilbur Clark's Desert Inn, Las Vegas, and is the owner of the Colonial House, which he purchased from WILBUR CLARK.

~~DOROTHY SCHWEITZER~~, PCI, advised that ~~JOSEPH "DOC" STACHER~~, ~~ABNER "LONGIE" ZWILLMAN~~ and ~~GEORGE GORDIN~~, a Cleveland gambler, have been observed at meetings with ~~MOE DALITZ~~ at DALITZ's residence in Las Vegas.

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*Ne V.*  
The previously reported ownership of the Flamingo Hotel has not changed, according to Mrs. ANN MOORE, Civil Division, Clark County Sheriff's Office. However, in recent months ~~EDDIE LEVENSON~~, formerly a part owner of the Sands Hotel and who is the head of the promotion of the Fremont Hotel located at 2nd and Fremont in downtown Las Vegas and who was Casino Manager of the Flamingo under the HULL ownership, left the Flamingo and went to the new Royal Nevada.

*Ne V.*  
SU 283-C advised on March 17, 1955, that CARL MIERS, a pit boss at the Flamingo Hotel, had informed him that AL PARVIN, one of the principal owners of the Flamingo, and EDDIE LEVENSON, Casino Manager and a part owner, were having difficulty in agreeing on methods of operation of the casino. SU 283-C stated his source reported that LEVENSON was selling out his interest in the Flamingo Hotel but had agreed to stay at the Flamingo until June, 1955, or until he could be replaced.

On March 24, 1955, informant stated that his same source at the Flamingo had told him the Chicago Syndicate was attempting to take over a controlling interest in the Flamingo and that they hoped to have this control by June 1, 1955. Informant stated CHESTER SIMS, a pit boss at the Flamingo, will represent the Chicago Syndicate's money in this hotel.

*Ne V.*  
HORSESHOE CLUB

The Horseshoe Club is presently owned by JOE W. BROWN, who is reported to own 97 $\frac{1}{2}$ %, and 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ % is owned by ROBERT "DOBY DOC" SAUDILL. This club has been completely rebuilt since it was obtained by JOE W. BROWN from BENNY BINION. BINION is presently in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, having been convicted for income tax evasion and is due to appear before the Parole Board in August, 1955. The Horseshoe Club has \$1,000,000.00 on display, which display is hung from a large golden horseshoe, the center area being enclosed in glass.

PCI JOHN EUBANKS advised on April 4, 1955, there had been some bitter disagreements among the employees at the Horseshoe Club and Casino Manager SAM BARR. BARR, according

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to informant, was insisting on security guards at the club "manhandling" and "muscling" undesirable persons who came into the Horseshoe Club. Informant stated HIRAM POWELL had refused to enforce these rough tactics which were desired by BARR and probably would resign. It is noted HIRAM POWELL did resign on approximately April 11, 1955, and is presently employed as a Deputy Sheriff in Clark County. *M.S.*

X PIONEER CLUB *Ne.*

The Pioneer Club is located at First and Fremont, Las Vegas, and, according to Sergeant WAYNE McDORMAN, the ownership has not changed. However, it is contemplated there will be some changes, as some of the principal owners are desirous of selling their interests and obtaining interests in some of the new resort hotels.

SU 340-C advised on May 16, 1955, that BELDON KATLEMAN, present owner of the El Rancho Vegas Hotel on the Las Vegas "Strip", is interested in purchasing the Pioneer Club.

X THUNDERBIRD HOTEL

The ownership of the Thunderbird Hotel has not changed since the last report, according to ANN MOORE, Civil Division of the Clark County Sheriff's Office. There has been considerable publicity relative to undisclosed interests in the Thunderbird Hotel by GEORGE SADLOW, MEYER and JAKE LANSKY, and principal owner M. B. HICKS and former Lieutenant Governor CLIFF JONES, also a number of employees, had been before the Nevada State Tax Commission to testify as to the ownership of this hotel.

The "Nevada State Journal" newspaper of Reno, Nevada, carried an article on June 23, 1955, which stated that District Judge MERWYN H. BROWN of Winnemucca, Nevada, was expected to rule at 2:00 PM on the above date as to whether the gambling licensees of the Thunderbird Hotel in Las Vegas will be granted a temporary injunction preventing the State Tax Commission from proceeding with a revocation action.

The Thunderbird licensees were ordered by the State Tax Commission on April 1, 1955, to see to it that MARION *M.M.*

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