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TO : MR. E. A. TAMM
FROM : A. ROSEN
SUBJECT: JAMES WEINBERG, et al
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DATE: December 17, 1946

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PURPOSE

To advise you that Maura Humphries, Jack Knapp, Paul R. Jones and an individual believed to be Jack Guzik, are reported to be in Dallas attempting to contact Sheriff-elect Guthrie for completion of negotiations for a gambling monopoly in Dallas County. The Dallas Police Department in cooperation with the local incumbent district attorney, plan to apprehend the members of this mob in the near future for bribery of elected officials.

BACKGROUND

Paul R. Jones who has been an associate of members of the Weinberg Gang on October 31, 1946, contacted Detective George Butler of the Dallas Police Department and advised that he wanted to contact Sheriff-elect Steve Guthrie of Dallas County and talk with him. Butler with the assistance of Chief of Police Carl Hansson of Dallas arranged a meeting for November 1, 1946, and Sheriff-elect Guthrie and Butler made arrangements with the Texas Department of Public Safety for the meeting to be recorded. At this conference Jones advised that he was an organizational man for the Chicago Syndicate, headed by Jack Guzik, and incorporating all of the organizations formerly under the leadership of Al Capone. Following this meeting Butler and Guthrie told Jones that if they decided to cooperate with his people in Chicago in the handling of gambling, slot machines, juke boxes, news services, etc., in the Dallas area, it would be necessary for them to talk with someone higher up in the Chicago Syndicate. The subsequent conference between Butler, Guthrie, Jones and one Jack Knapp was held at which time Knapp stated he was a member of the Chicago Syndicate and that he would contact one of the big men in Chicago and bring him to Dallas for a meeting on November 6, 1946.

On November 7, 1946, an individual known as Pat Manning but believed to be Pat Manno of the Chicago Syndicate, Knapp and Jones met with Butler and Guthrie at which time Manning stated that he owned and controlled a piece of the Chicago Gambling Syndicate as well as one section of the city. He claimed to have been in the policy racket for the past seventeen years. The Dallas Division was supplied with transcriptions made of the three meetings and has supplied them to the Bureau.

On or about December 1, 1946, Jones and Knapp contacted Butler requesting assurance that everything was all right for taking over after January 1, 1947. Jones indicated that by December 2, 1946, he expected to purchase a Dallas night spot for \$186,000 which location was to be used as a gambling casino. The Dallas Division also reported on December 1, 1946, that Jones and Knapp had made efforts to have Guthrie, the Sheriff-elect, go to Chicago for a conference with the Syndicate but Guthrie refused stating that if any additional conferences were desired

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Jones and Knapp should bring members of the Syndicate to Dallas. Jones, Knapp and ~~Mr. and Mrs. Donald~~ of Chicago were in Dallas on November 25, 1946, for a meeting but Butler and Guthrie avoided the meeting for security reasons. Jones and Knapp, however, gave Butler a Magnum revolver.

In an effort to gain time on December 3, 1946, to effect an identification of Knapp, Guthrie and the Dallas Police Department had Butler contact Jones to tell him to keep away from Dallas for the next ten days as the Police Department planned a series of raids on gambling houses in that city. Jones was also advised by Butler that pick-ups were to be made of out of town hoodlums including [REDACTED]

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CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS

The Dallas Division has now advised that one Murray Humphries (probably ~~Murray~~ Humphries), Jack Knapp, Jones and an unidentified individual using the name of Jack ~~Guzic~~ (probably Jack ~~Guzik~~), are reported to have been in Dallas for the past several days attempting to contact Guthrie for the completion of negotiations for the gambling monopoly in Dallas County. It is to be noted that the parenthetical insertions above were made at the Bureau inasmuch as Murray Humphries and Jack Guzik are leading members of the Chicago Syndicate. The Dallas Division reports that the individual using the name Guzik is reported to be wearing two guns and is apparently a bodyguard for Humphries. The Dallas Division also reports that Jack Knapp who has thus far been unidentified has also used the names Jack ~~Knappi~~, Jack ~~Matti~~ and "Robby". It is also reported that a Dallas firm of criminal attorneys is representing the Chicago group as a go-between in handling the pay-off locally.

Approximately \$200.00, a Magnum revolver and other expensive gifts have been given to both Butler and Sheriff-elect Guthrie to date. Jones has exhibited large rolls of thousand dollar bills estimated at \$50,000 to Butler stating that it was to be used to pay off in Dallas.

The Dallas Police Department in cooperation with the incumbent district attorney and his staff plans to enter prosecution against all of the subjects involved for bribery of elected officials. The Police Department is attempting to arrange a final meeting during this week between Butler, Guthrie and all leaders of the Chicago group including Jones, at the completion of which the apprehensions will be made by the Dallas Police Department. The Chicago Division is to forward to the Dallas Office a photograph of Humphries and photographs of any known bodyguards used by him. The Chicago Division is also making efforts to identify Jack Knapp.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN

The Dallas Division is being instructed to follow this situation very closely in order that the Bureau might be promptly advised if any Federal violation is developed.