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TO : Director, FBI

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FROM : SAC, Dallas

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SUBJECT: JAMES WEINBERG, et al;
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Reference is made to teletype from the Bureau to Dallas and Chicago, dated December 4, 1946, in regard to transcriptions of meetings held on November 5 and 7, 1946, between PAUL R. JONES, JACK KNAPP, and Sheriff-Elect STEVE GUTHRIE, Dallas, and Detective GEORGE BUTLER of the Dallas Police Department.

There is enclosed herewith transcription of the recordings made by the Texas Department of Public Safety of the meeting of the above individuals held on November 5, 1946, at the home of Sheriff-Elect STEVE GUTHRIE, at Dallas.

Transcriptions of recordings made by the Texas Department of Public Safety of the meeting held at the home of Sheriff-Elect GUTHRIE on November 7, are currently being made and will be forwarded to the Bureau upon their completion.

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MEETING BETWEEN PAUL R. JONES, JACK KNAPP,
SHERIFF-ELECT STEVE GUTHRIE, DALLAS COUNTY,
AND DETECTIVE GEORGE BUTLER, DALLAS POLICE
DEPARTMENT, HELD AT HOME OF STEVE GUTHRIE,
DALLAS, TEXAS, NOVEMBER 5, 1946

STEVE:

Nobody would help me because they knew I didn't have a chance. The local gamblers wouldn't give me a nickel. Nobody else would give me a nickel. So I fought hard for this thing, and it's worth an awful lot to me to be able to be in there and make a good Sheriff, because I'm going to make them a good Sheriff. But here's the thing, and I'm really afraid of it. I'm not kidding you, I'm afraid of it. I really am, and that's the Rangers and [REDACTED] I'm not afraid of the City or anybody else, but I'm afraid of [REDACTED] who is a tough baby. I don't know if you've ever heard of him.

PAUL:

[REDACTED]

STEVE:

And [REDACTED] because I don't know them.

P.:

Yeah. We know 'em. We know 'em.

Steve

But here's the thing about it, PAUL. Supposen you do know them. Here's the thing about it. [REDACTED] has asked me to come and see him. I don't know what to talk to him about other than law enforcement, but I've got to know what they're going to do to me when I get in there.

Paul

Look, let me tell you, STEVE, and this is the real set-up. I'm not going to fix [REDACTED] But the people who are fixing [REDACTED] and the people who are fixing [REDACTED] are fixing them for me, but [REDACTED] don't know it. Neither does [REDACTED] know it, but they have been fixed by these people. Now, these people take their orders from us, but they are fixed.

Steve

Well now, I'm going to ask you a question, because I want to know about it.

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P.: Go right ahead.

S.: If you have fixed [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] through these other mediums, why did you come personally to me? b7c - 1

P.: I didn't talk personally to you.

S.: In other words, you needed GEORGE (BUTLER) to make the rules.

P.: I wouldn't talk personally with you.

S.: Well, I just wanted to know this.

P.: Because I was told that I could sit down and talk with you and lay the cards on the table and tell you exactly what we want to do and how we intend to do it.

S.: That's right.

P.: But these other people -

S.: I can turn you down. I'd turn any of them down.

P.: That's right.

S.: I don't have to take anything.

P.: That's right.

S.: There's no strings. But I'm nobody's fool. I know there's going to be gambling and I know that somebody is going to get it.

P.: Nobody insists on this thing being handled another than we are.

S.: Oh, I know that, but what I want -

P.: When you mention the Chicago gang, you know what happens. They think that we're hiring men with machineguns in their hands and just boom, boom, boom. And would you believe when I say, now, this gentleman who is coming in tonight, I know he's the biggest

S.: Well, now, look, let me ask you this. GEORGE has been a very good friend of mine for years. We've worked together. GEORGE BUTLER, and I want to take care of him, but here's the deal. I could get him transferred to the Vice Squad in the City. You think I couldn't do it? I can get him transferred tomorrow. I've got a pretty good power in the City. If I could get him transferred to the Vice Squad, I don't know whether he would like it, but if I could in the City and not let him come out of there, look what a tie-up we would have with the City.

K.: That's where we want him, but we didn't know he could be -

S.: And he's the only man in the City that I'd trust. Now, if I do that, I want to help GEORGE.

P.: You don't have to worry about that.

S.: I want to be sure that GEORGE will be taken care of.

P.: GEORGE will be taken care of.

S.: O.K. He's my buddy.

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S.: I want some of my men to make some money without knowing anything. In other words, there are two or three men who helped me on my campaign that I'm obligated to. They don't expect anything, but I want to help them, and that guy there helped me tremendously in the City, and I know that I can get him transferred, and you think it would be a good idea?

P.: I do. I told GEORGE yesterday, I said, "I would like very much for you to go to the Vice Squad."

S.: I can get him in there. You don't know that, do you?

G.: No, I guess I know less than anybody in town.

S.: I believe I can get you in. I know I can get you in. Would you mind going in?

G.: Well, I tell you, STEVE, that I've been banged around so much in this criminal investigation that I'm about ready for a change.