

F.B.I. IS CONCERNED ABOUT CRIME FILES

Reports by Bureau Say Organized
Crime Figures Have Obtained
Data From Police Unit

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25 (UPI) — A national police intelligence organization set up in 1956 to develop files on organized crime has been plagued for years by disclosures of material to the mob, according to files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Bureau officials have been particularly concerned because of repeated proposals for linking its organized crime files and those of the Law Enforcement Intelligence Unit by computer.

The intelligence unit consists of more than 150 state and local law enforcement agencies that have developed a large data bank by exchanging material on organized crime figures.

According to F.B.I. files made available yesterday under the Freedom of Information Act, the latest disclosure occurred this year when a wiretap set up by the bureau showed that an intelligence specialist with the Las Vegas Police Department was passing information from the L.E.I.U. computer to reputed criminals.

Evicted From Intelligence Unit

The Las Vegas chapter was thrown out of the intelligence unit in September and the police official was discharged, an F.B.I. spokesman said.

The files also showed that the intelligence unit evicted member agencies from Denver and Kansas City "on corruption charges" in the 1960's.

In 1960, a memorandum said, the bureau learned "that the Pueblo, Colo., police department was controlled by hoodlums and that the L.E.I.U. data received by the Pueblo police had, in turn, been passed along to the underworld."

The incident that the F.B.I. apparently regarded as most serious occurred in 1966 and involved a bureau file detailing membership in the Cosa Nostra. There is no indication that material fell into the hands of any organized crime figures, but the bureau was alarmed to learn that a photocopy of its investigative report had been obtained by Capt. John Yarnell of the Los Angeles Police Department, a national officer of the intelligence unit.

Dallas Officer Is Blamed

An F.B.I. memorandum said that Lieut. Jack Revill of the Dallas police surreptitiously obtained a copy of this report, from which he made copies and forwarded one to Yarnell.

The memorandum, referring to the "unscrupulous acts" of Captain Yarnell and the "atrocious activities" of Lieutenant Revill, urged that all bureau agents be discreet in future dealings with the police group.

The Law Enforcement Assistance Administration financed the intelligence unit's computer program until last spring, and as recently as 1975 some Federal officials were proposing a state-Federal clearinghouse of information on organized crime.

The bureau, which has acknowledged at least two cases of mob infiltration in its own files in the last year, has steadfastly opposed the idea of merging its data with state and local police agencies.