

Gov. Edwards Confirms ^{per} IRS Probe _{1/24/74}

BATON ROUGE, La., Jan. 23 (AP)—Gov. Edwin Edwards, who says he visits the gaming tables in Nevada several times a year, has confirmed that the Internal Revenue Service is probing his finances.

"I'm not at all concerned about the investigation," he said Tuesday. "I told them my accounts are open and to have at it."

He said the IRS probe involved his gambling trips, and agents "received unconfirmed rumors that persons paid large sums of money to me, and they are checking them out."

The governor said he enjoys the trips to the casinos of Las Vegas and Reno and can afford them.

The most he ever lost at one time was about \$8,000 and the most he ever won was \$6,000, Edwards said.

Such sums are not that large for Edwards, who has private sources of income and made about \$100,000 a year in a law practice before becoming governor in March, 1972.