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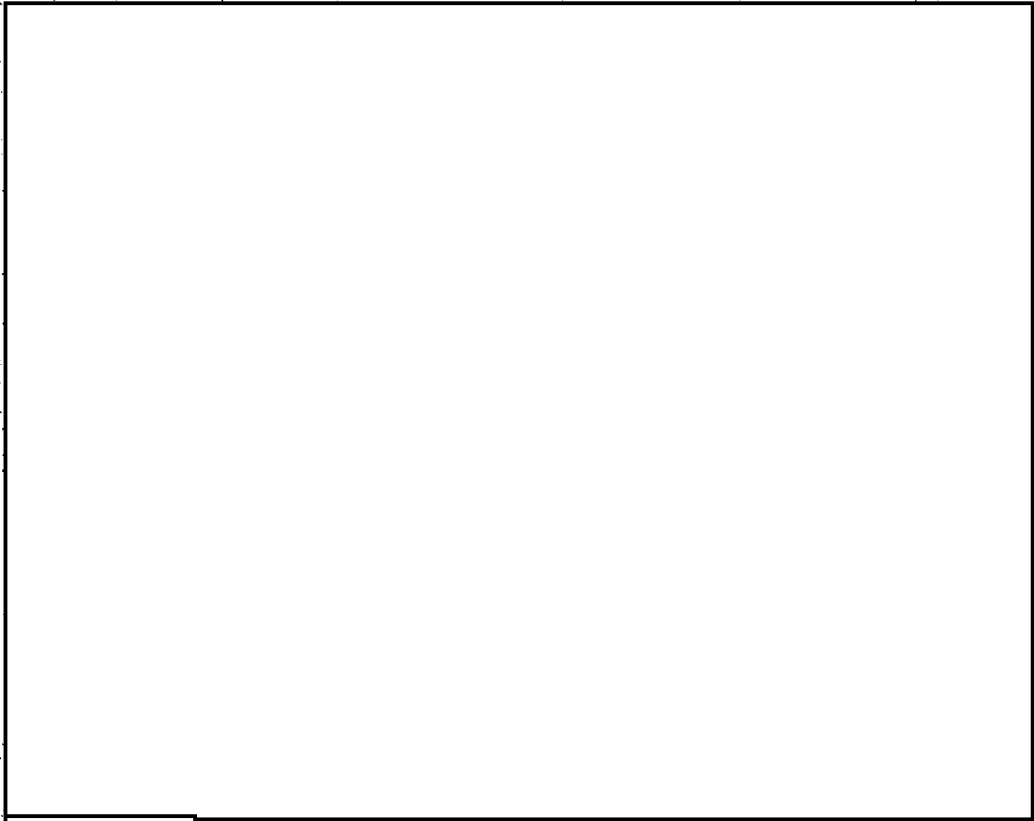
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FROM : *X* SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (94-251)

SUBJECT: CRIMINAL INFORMANT COVERAGE  
TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM  
SALT LAKE CITY DIVISION  
HERMAN MILTON GREENSPUN

Re SAC letter 57-70 dated 12/13/57.

The following is the informant coverage on the captioned Top Hoodlum - Local:



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All of the above are of Las Vegas, Nevada, and well acquainted with GREENSPUN.

Efforts are being made to develop the above sources to the extent of being able to obtain direct information regarding GREENSPUN. Additional efforts are being made to develop other sources who will be in a position to furnish direct information regarding GREENSPUN.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office <b>SALT LAKE CITY</b>	Office of Origin <b>SALT LAKE CITY</b>	Date <b>1/10/58</b>	Investigative Period <b>12/12,13,16-20,23,26,27,30/57;1/2-8/58</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>HERMAN MILTON GREENSPUN, wa., "Hank"</b>		Report made by <b>BRYON C. WHEELER</b>	Typed By: <b>cem</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>ANTI-RACKETEERING</b>	

Synopsis:

GREENSPUN born Brooklyn, New York, 8/27/09; received an LLB Degree from St. Johns School of Law, New York, 1934; married to BARBARA JOAN RITCHIE, of English birth, in Ireland, 1944; served as officer in U. S. Army during World War II. He is reportedly member of New York State Bar Association, but never practiced law. He came to Las Vegas, Nevada, about 1946 and was reportedly employed as publicity man for Flamingo Hotel, Las Vegas, then owned by notorious gangster, BENJAMIN "BUSGY" SIEGEL. He obtained interest in WILBUR CLARK's Desert Inn Hotel and Desert Inn Annex from WILBUR CLARK about 1948 or 1949 and disposed of same about 1954. He became owner and publisher, Las Vegas Sun Daily Newspaper, about 6/50; has 65 per cent interest in Las Vegas Television, Inc., KLAS TV, of which he is president; he and his family have 80 per cent interest in the Strip or Market Town Shopping Center and have extensive real estate holdings in Clark County, Nevada. GREENSPUN closely associated with WILBUR CLARK, part-owner, WILBUR CLARK's Desert Inn Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, and top hoodlum of Salt Lake City Division. GREENSPUN entered plea of guilty to conspiracy to violate the Neutrality Act and fined, USDC, Los Angeles, California,

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SYNOPSIS continued:

\$10,000., 7/17/50. GREENSPUN arrested Clark County Sheriff's Office, Las Vegas, 1/21/57, on charges of blackmail arising out of investigation of a District Judge by GREENSPUN's investigator. This case pending appeal Nevada State Supreme Court. Presently under investigation by Salt Lake City Office for alleged perjury in connection with civil rights trial in Federal Court, Las Vegas, Nevada. Records, Clark County Clerk's Office, reflect GREENSPUN's wife naturalized U. S. Citizen at Las Vegas, Nevada, 9/25/51. Photograph obtained and description of GREENSPUN set forth. Identification record set out. Current contacts with informants and logical sources essentially negative.

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A. PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

During the course of an official investigation, HERMAN MILTON GREENSPUN furnished the following information to SAs BRYON C. WHEELER and [redacted] at Las Vegas, Nevada, in October 1953 and on August 17, 1956, respectively:

He was born at Brooklyn, New York, August 27, 1909, the son of SAMUEL and ANNA GREENSPUN. He attended St. Johns College from 1930 to 1932 and St. Johns School of Law, Brooklyn, New York, receiving a Bachelor of Laws Degree in 1934. He is a member of the New York State Bar Association.

He is the owner and publisher of the Las Vegas Sun Daily Newspaper, having acquired this newspaper in June 1950 from the International Typographical Union of Baltimore, Maryland. The newspaper office is located at 900 South Main Street, Las Vegas, Nevada.

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R. G. JOLLEY, owner, KLAS Radio Station, and part-owner, Las Vegas Television, Inc., KLAS TV, Las Vegas, Nevada, advised on January 7, 1958, that GREENSPUN is President of Las Vegas Television, Inc., KLAS TV and owns approximately 65 per cent of the stock of the KLAS TV. He stated GREENSPUN recently refused an offer of \$1,500,000 to buy KLAS TV. He stated GREENSPUN reportedly owns about 80 per cent of the buildings at Market Town Shopping Center located at 5th and Oakey Boulevard, Las Vegas, Nevada, and that GREENSPUN is associated with [redacted] a Las Vegas businessman, in the ownership of this latter property. He stated [redacted] holds the master lease on the ground on which these buildings are erected.

Mr. JOLLEY advised further he received a report from a reliable credit source that GREENSPUN is estimated to be worth \$2,500,000.

Confidential Informant T-1 advised SA LEO E. KUYKENDALL in May 1953 he had received a written report on GREENSPUN from a highly reliable source which report reflects GREENSPUN was employed by Alfred Friedman Company, New York City, 1924 to 1929; Le Blang-Grays Theatre Ticket Agency, New York City, 1930 to 1936; Michael H. Pinto and Vito Marantonio, 20 Besey Street, New York City, law clerk 1933 to 1936; United States Steel Company, New York City,

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1936 to 1938; Vulcan Steel Company, New York City, 1938 to 1941. He was inducted into the United States Army March 13, 1941, and transferred to the Enlisted Reserve Corps October 24, 1941, because of his being over twenty-eight years of age. On January 22, 1942, he was recalled to active duty and appointed Second Lieutenant. He was reported AWOL from December 31, 1944, to January 1, 1945, and accepted punishment under Article of War 104.

Mr. ED ONCKEN, former managing editor of the Las Vegas Sun Daily Newspaper, advised SA BRYON C. WHEELER in October 1953 that GREENSPUN came to Las Vegas, Nevada, with his wife about 1946. GREENSPUN first resided in Boulder City, Nevada, and reportedly had limited financial resources at that time. GREENSPUN, upon his arrival to the Las Vegas area in 1946, published a small social magazine known as "The Las Vegas Life." He was also employed for a short period of time as a "shill" at one of the downtown gambling clubs in Las Vegas.

Shortly after GREENSPUN's arrival, he became publicity director of the Flamingo Hotel, Las Vegas, and held this position until after the death of BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL, a publicly known notorious gangster and then owner of the Flamingo Hotel.

About 1948 or 1949 GREENSPUN became associated with WILBUR CLARK in the promotion and construction of WILBUR CLARK's Desert Inn Hotel, Las Vegas. GREENSPUN was associated with WILBUR CLARK as publicity director for the hotel until GREENSPUN took over operation of the Las Vegas Sun Daily Newspaper about June or July 1950.

Information previously furnished by GREENSPUN to SAs BRYON C. WHEELER and [redacted] indicated he was married to BARBARA JOAN RITCHIE in Ireland during 1944. She was born February 17, 1922, at Essex, England, father J. M. RITCHIE. They are presently residing at 1925 Bracken Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada, and have four small children.

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LORETTA BOWMAN, Chief Deputy, County Clerk's Office, Las Vegas, Nevada, advised on January 7, 1958, their records reflect BARBARA JOAN RITCHIE GREENSPUN was granted

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United States Citizenship September 25, 1951, by the Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County, Las Vegas, Nevada. She was issued Certificate No. 6511635 and her alien registration number was listed as A 6038022.

COLIN MCKINLEY, former editor for the Las Vegas Sun Daily Newspaper, advised on January 7, 1958, GREENSPUN's family consists of his parents, SAMUEL and ANNA FLEISCHMAN GREENSPUN, who reside at 1804 Sweeney, Las Vegas, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] is GREENSPUN's brother and lists employment as [REDACTED], Las Vegas. [REDACTED] GREENSPUN's sister, and [REDACTED] is employed [REDACTED] is reported to own real estate in Las Vegas, including the apartment-hotel [REDACTED] GREENSPUN's sister is employed [REDACTED]

Mr. MCKINLEY further advised [REDACTED] brothers of Mrs. HERMAN M. GREENSPUN, are presently employed in the [REDACTED]

GREENSPUN furnished the following addresses to SA BRYON C. WHEELER as his residences since July 1950:

4020 Westmorland Street, Little Neck, New York.

315 North 8th Street, Las Vegas, Nevada,  
February 1950 to December 1952.

1917 Houston Street, Las Vegas, Nevada,  
December 1952 to September 1953.

1925 Bracken Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada,  
September 1953 to present.

#### B. CRIMINAL RECORD

The following identification record dated February 8, 1957, FBI No. 290 474 A, was received from the Identification Division of the Bureau:



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<u>CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS</u>	<u>NAME AND NUMBER</u>	<u>ARRESTED OR RECEIVED</u>	<u>CHARGE</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
Army	HERMAN MILTON GREENSPUN #32 148 131	5/13/41 Newark, NJ		
Army	HERMAN MILTON GREENSPUN #0-1548816	9/5/42, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.		
PD, Las Vegas, Nevada	HERMAN M. GREENSPUN #A-2551	shill 12/20/47		
USM, Los Angeles, Calif	HERMAN GREENSPUN #21848	5/23/49	Neutrality Act	2/6/50 acquitted
USM, Los Angeles, Calif	HERMAN M. GREENSPAN #22291	10/4/49	18 USC 88	7/17/50 \$10,000 fine
SO, Las Vegas, Nevada	HERMAN MILTON GREENSPUN #EC-242	reg Co Ord 8/7/50		
PD, Las Vegas, Nevada	HERMAN M. GREENSPUN #F-426	reg as ex-con 8/8/50		
USM, Reno, Nevada	HERMAN MILTON GREENSPUN #7334	6/17/54	viol. U.S. Postal Laws	4/18/55 found not guilty by Jury
USINS	HERMAN MILTON GREENSPUN #6511635 Wash DC	appl prt rec 3/8/55		

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SO, Austin,           HERMAN     inquiry  
Nevada               MILTON     2/4/57  
                      GREENSPUN

SO, Las Vegas,       HERMAN     1/21/57     blackmail  
Nevada               MILTON           WFOJ  
                      GREENSPUN  
                      #13423

The arrest by the Clark County Sheriff's Office January 21, 1957, on charges of blackmail - WFOJ has been appealed to the Supreme Court for the State of Nevada by GREENSPUN. A decision in this case has not been reached by the Supreme Court to date.

GREENSPUN was represented at his trial on violation of the U. S. Postal Laws during April 1955 by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BRUCE R. THOMPSON, former U. S. Attorney of Reno, Nevada, and EDWARD P. MORGAN, former FBI Special Agent of Washington, D. C.

GREENSPUN was represented at Justice of Peace Court, Las Vegas, upon his arraignment on the blackmail charges arising out of his arrest by the Clark County Sheriff's Office on January 21, 1957, by EDWARD P. MORGAN of Washington, D. C. and [REDACTED] of Las Vegas, Nevada.

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[REDACTED] Assistant United States Attorney, Las Vegas, Nevada, advised on January 6, 1958, the [REDACTED] of Las Vegas and BRUCE R. THOMPSON of Reno, Nevada, are reputable attorneys. He stated he had received no adverse reports concerning EDWARD P. MORGAN of Washington, D. C.

He advised he is of the opinion MORTON GALANE of Las Vegas is the type of attorney who might engage in sharp practices in conducting his cases if deemed necessary. He stated he did not consider GALANE to be entirely trustworthy. He knows of no illegal activities in which GALANE is or has been engaged in the past.

#### C. ASSOCIATES

WILLIAM GALLAGHER, Commissioner, Nevada State Tax Commission, Gaming Control Board, Las Vegas, advised on December 30, 1957, that all individuals obtaining interests

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in any establishment conducting gambling in the State of Nevada must first obtain a gambling license from the Nevada State Tax Commission. He pointed out that the ownership of these establishments is ordinarily limited to a small number of persons who usually have some association one with another in the operation of the business. He stated GREENSPUN would have some association with the other licensees of WILBUR CLARK's Desert Inn Hotel, Las Vegas, even though this association may be limited, due to the fact that he appeared on the gambling license as a 1 per cent owner of the Desert Inn Hotel and further had 30 per cent interest in the Desert Inn Annex which was leased to the Desert Inn Hotel, Inc., for a period of twenty years. He stated he had never known of any close association between GREENSPUN and the owners of the Desert Inn Hotel with the exception of WILBUR CLARK.

Confidential Informants T-2, T-3 and T-4, who have furnished reliable information in the past, advised on January 3, 4, and 5, 1958, respectively, that they know of no close association at this time or joint enterprises entered into between GREENSPUN, BENNY BINION or the owners of WILBUR CLARK's Desert Inn Hotel, with the exception of WILBUR CLARK. They stated GREENSPUN appears to have frequent social and business contacts with CLARK.

In view of GREENSPUN's formerly being a licensee and part-owner of WILBUR CLARK's Desert Inn Hotel, Las Vegas, the following stockholders and co-owners of this hotel were associated with WILBUR CLARK and GREENSPUN from the time the hotel was formally opened in April 1950. The information as set forth below was obtained by SA [redacted] from records of the Clark County Sheriff's Office through [redacted] on December 30, 1957, and January 3 and 6, 1958:

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MORRIS KLINEMAN  
FBI No. 731 237

Born September 19, 1897, at Cleveland, Ohio. Formerly a millionaire rum runner and owner of large gambling clubs in and around Cleveland, Ohio. Business is listed in 1950 as Real Estate, 12701 Shaker Boulevard, Cleveland.

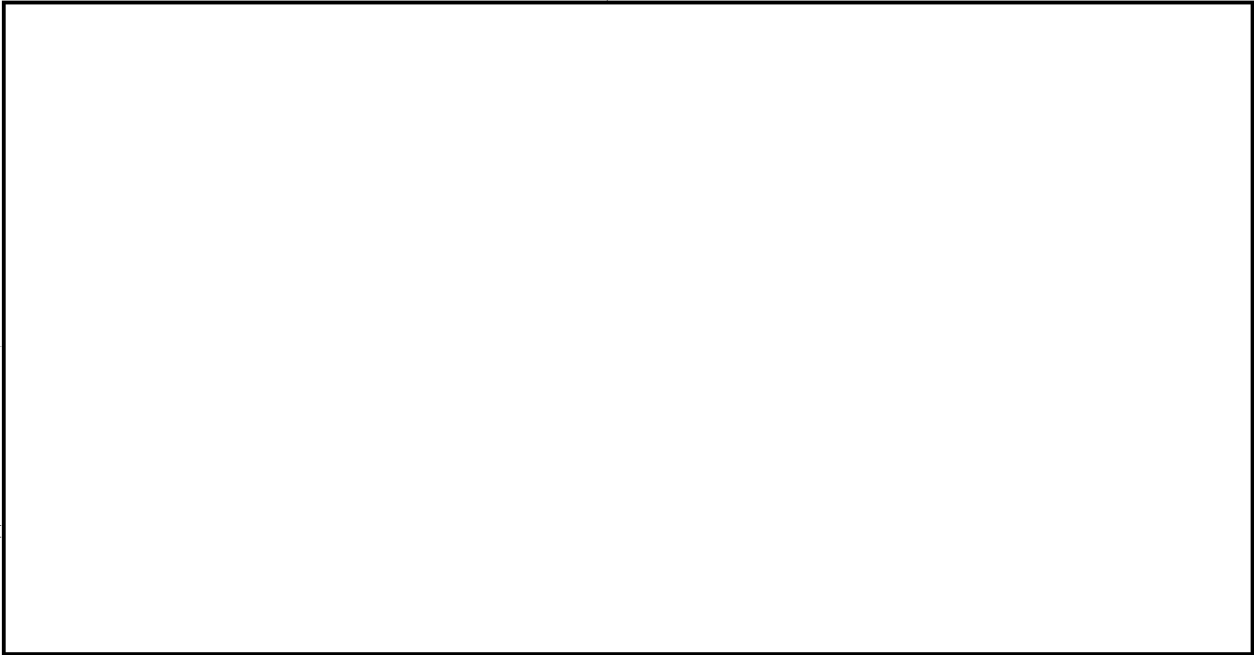
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KLINEMAN is described as 5'7½" tall, 175 pounds, gray hair, hazel eyes, ruddy complexion, and his fingerprint classification is 20 M 9 u 100 14 .  
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KLINEMAN was arrested November 27, 1933, by U. S. Marshal, Cleveland, No. 1269, and convicted of Income Tax Evasion, receiving a sentence of four years plus a \$15,000 fine and \$175.90 costs. He was paroled September 1, 1936.

MOE BARNEY DALITZ  
FBI No. 4 124 252

Born December 24, 1899, at Boston, Massachusetts. DALITZ was once MORRIS KLINEMAN's partner in the Prospect Advertising Company, a gambling house in Cleveland, Ohio. DALITZ presently owns laundries and dry cleaning establishments in Detroit, Michigan, and Cleveland, Ohio. DALITZ has no criminal record. He enlisted in the Armed Forces June 29, 1942, and has serial No. 15 078 140. DALITZ is described as White, male, American, 5'10½" tall, 170 pounds, brown hair, brown eyes, ruddy complexion.



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SAMUEL A. TUCKER

Born July 11, 1897, Lithuania, naturalized (not verified). TUCKER was formerly associated with MORRIS KLINEMAN in the rum running business and the operation of the Arrow Club and the Beverly Hills Country Club in Southgate, Kentucky. He presently looks after the Desert Inn interests in the Miami, Florida, and Havana, Cuba, areas. TUCKER is described as White, male, American, 5'10" tall, 183 pounds, gray hair, brown eyes, dark complexion, mole corner of left eye, fingerprint classification 23 O 32 W IOI 17 .  
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The identification record of SAMUEL A. TUCKER shows an arrest by the U. S. Marshal, Lexington, Kentucky, No. 3140, October 17, 1944, for violation of OPA with the disposition shown as pending.

THOMAS J. McGINTY  
FBI No. 1 923 801

Born October 17, 1894, at Cleveland, Ohio. In 1950, McGINTY showed an address of 18200 South Park Boulevard, Shaker Heights, Ohio, and his occupation as the owner and operator of a restaurant and night club in Willoughby, Ohio. McGINTY is described as White, male, American, 5'8" tall, 175 pounds, brown hair, brown eyes, fair complexion, scar on right hand, fingerprint classification 14 M 5 R OIO 15 .  
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The identification record for THOMAS J. McGINTY, as of March 28, 1950, shows an incarceration in the U. S. Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia, No. 19224, on January 22, 1925, as result of conviction of conspiracy to violate the NPA, sentencing him to eighteen months. He was paroled July 14, 1925, and discharged from parole April 12, 1926.

THOMAS E. NEARY

Born February 11, 1901, at Deadwood, South Dakota. NEARY formerly resided at 50 Madison Street, Chula Vista, California, and was associated with WILBUR CLARK in the

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operation of the Tahiti Cafe in Chula Vista, California. NEARY is described as White, male, American, 5'8" tall, 160 pounds, brown hair, brown eyes, medium complexion, fingerprint classification 13 M 1 R 000 14 .  
M 1 u 000 16

The identification record for THOMAS E. NEARY, as of March 24, 1950, shows no arrests. NEARY is presently in charge of the slot machine operations at the Desert Inn, Las Vegas, Nevada.

ROBERT KAYE

Born December 25, 1900, Russia, naturalized (not verified). AS of March 24, 1950, KAYE showed an address of 2472 Kingston Road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, and listed his employment as part-owner of the Warren Electric Company, 1357 Lee Road, Cleveland, Ohio. KAYE is described as White, male, American, 5'8" tall, 165 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes, scar left and right cheek, fingerprint classification 4 O 16 R IMM 18 .  
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The identification record for KAYE as of March 24, 1950, shows an arrest by the Miami, Florida, Police Department, No. 23097, on January 14, 1941, for operation of a gambling device. No disposition is shown.

CORNELIUS J. JONES

Born June 20, 1897, Clydach, Wales, naturalized (not verified). AS of March 24, 1950, JONES listed an address of 638 Lawson Avenue, Steubenville, Ohio, and showed his employment as the Mounds Club in Willoughby, Ohio. JONES is described as White, male, American, 5'8½" tall, 150 pounds, black hair, brown eyes, fingerprint classification 22 I 30 W MMM 18 .  
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The identification record for JONES as of March 24, 1950, shows no arrests.

CORNELIUS KRAUSNICK  
FBI No. 1 273 307

Born February 21, 1900, in Nebraska. KRAUSNICK, as of March 24, 1950, listed his former employment as self-

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employed at 4841 Livingston Drive, Long Beach, California. KRAUSNICK was formerly a horse bookie in California. He is described as White, male, American, 6' tall, 175 pounds, brown hair, brown eyes, dark complexion, fingerprint classification 10 O 32 W IIM 17 .  
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The identification record for CORNELIUS KRAUSNICK, as of March 24, 1950, lists the following arrests:

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD, Long Beach, California	CORNELIUS KIREY #6873	9/1/28	DWI	30 days
PD, Los Angeles, California	KARNEY KRAUSNICK #599W18	4/2/37	Susp. Bookmaking 337A P.C.	
SO, Santa Ana, California	CORNELIUS KRAUSNICK #22509	3/7/47	337A P.C.	
PD, Los Angeles, California	CORNELIUS KRAUSNICK #599W18	5/20/25	Wright Act Poss.	60 days, \$250.
PD, Los Angeles, California	CORNELIUS KRAUSNICK	7/29/25	Wright Act Poss.	30 days, \$150.
PD, Long Beach, California	CORNELIUS KRAUSNICK #6873	3/14/30	51-2CVA	\$10 or 2 days
PD, Long Beach, California	CORNELIUS KRAUSNICK #6873	3/19/30	WA	\$10 or 2 days
PD, Long Beach, California	CORNELIUS KRAUSNICK #6873	5/1/36	Gamblg	\$25 bail forfeit

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HAROLD V. CLARK

Born March 26, 1905, Keyesport, Illinois. Brother of WILBUR CLARK who resides at 2446 E Street, San Diego, California. HAROLD CLARK is married to MAE E. CLARK and is in partnership with WILBUR CLARK in the operation and ownership of the Monte Carlo Cafe and Card Room, San Diego, California. HAROLD CLARK is also in partnership with LEONARD A. BARCOM, brother-in-law of WILBUR CLARK, in the operation of the South Seas Cafe and the Saratoga Grill, San Diego, California. HAROLD CLARK is described as 5'7" tall, 155 pounds, black hair, blue eyes, medium complexion, fingerprint classification 14 O 25 W 000 .  
O 24 W IOI 14

As of March 29, 1950, HAROLD CLARK had no identification record.

RUBY KOLOD  
FBI No. 198 731

Born July 27, 1910, in New York City. KOLOD listed a former address as of March 24, 1950, as the Garfield Hotel, 36th and Prospect, Cleveland, Ohio. KOLOD is presently casino manager at the Desert Inn. He is described as White, male, American, 5'5" tall, 160 pounds, light brown hair, grey eyes, fair complexion, fingerprint classification 17 L 16 U 000 16 .  
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The identification record for RUBY KOLOD as of March 24, 1950, is as follows:

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
St. Reform. Elmira	RUBY COHEN #34470	8/17/29	Unlaw. Entry	3 years
PD, New York	RUBY KOLOD	3/1/29	Viol. par. (Burg)	Rel. on Par.
PD, New York	JACK KAUFMAN #M-6681	7/21/29	Asslt & Robb.	



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PD, Cleveland	RUBY SPECTOR #36609	8/24/30	Susp. Psr.
PD, Cleveland	RUBY SPECTOR #36609	10/27/30	Fug. Wanted at Elmira Ref.
USM, Cleveland	JACK LEWIS #445	8/3/32	Nat'l Pro. Act

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BERNARD JESS ROTHKOPF

Born October 17, 1918, at Cleveland, Ohio.  
ROTHKOPF is married to MURIEL ROTHKOPF and resides at 341  
Desert Inn Road, Las Vegas. He is a stockholder and casino  
shift boss at the Desert Inn. Prior to 1950 he was associated  
with the Brady Lake Amusement Company, Brady Lake, Ohio.  
ROTHKOPF is believed to have represented the interests of  
his uncle, SAMUEL ROTHKOPF, of Cleveland, Ohio, now deceased.  
BERNIE ROTHKOPF is described as White, male, American, 6' tall,  
200 pounds, brown hair, brown eyes, light complexion,  
fingerprint classification I 32 W III 20 .  
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ROTHKOPF has no criminal record.

LESTER BENJAMIN BINION  
FBI No. 206 216

On December 12, 1957, Confidential Informant T-5,  
who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised

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SA LEO E. KUYKENDALL that LESTER BENJAMIN BINION and GREENSPUN were formerly closely associated as friends, but were not known to have any joint financial enterprises. Further, that their present association is only casual.

BINION is a top hoodlum of the Salt Lake City Division. He is presently a resident of Las Vegas, Nevada, and former owner of the Horseshoe Club, a gambling establishment in Las Vegas. On January 7, 1958, WILLIAM SINNOTT, member of the Gaming Control Board, Nevada State Tax Commission, Carson City, Nevada, advised SA [redacted] his files contain an unsubstantiated report that prior to 1948 BINION was "king pin of vice" in the Dallas, Texas, area.

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WILBUR IVERN CLARK  
FBI No. 1 048 037

CLARK was born December 27, 1908, at Keyesport, Illinois. He is presently a resident of Las Vegas, Nevada, where he is President of Desert Inn, Inc., and one of the principal owners of the WILBUR CLARK's Desert Inn Hotel, a lavish gambling resort hotel of Las Vegas. He was engaged in gambling in the San Diego, California, area before coming to Las Vegas, Nevada, about 1944. CLARK is a top hoodlum of the Salt Lake City Division.

Confidential Informant T-6, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on January 6, 1958, GREENSPUN and WILBUR CLARK are close associates.

Newspaper accounts and general sources of Las Vegas, Nevada, reflect GREENSPUN has a wide circle of acquaintances in the business and professional world.

During the course of this investigation informants in the Las Vegas area, all of whom are well acquainted with gambling and some criminal activities in the area, were contacted. Except as specifically stated herein, no information was obtained of value in identifying additional associates.

#### D. CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

[redacted] Credit Bureau of Southern Nevada, Las Vegas, Nevada, advised SA [redacted] during the course of another investigation in October 1948 that the credit records regarding GREENSPUN contained a

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notation indicating GREENSPUN planned to be associated with MOE SEDWAY and [redacted] in the race track business to be constructed in the near future in Las Vegas, Nevada. It is noted [redacted] was reported to be a race track owner and operator from San Diego, California. MOE SEDWAY, deceased, was one of the principals in the operation of the Flamingo Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, at the time BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL was the principal shareholder.

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GREENSPUN advised SA BRYON C. WHEELER on September 29, 1953, in connection with another investigation that he was tried in Federal Court, Los Angeles, California in 1949 for violation of the Neutrality Act in that he was charged with exporting planes from this country to the Israeli Government. He stated he was acquitted of this charge, but was subsequently re-indicted by the Federal Grand Jury for violation of the Neutrality Act in that he aided in the shipment of arms to Israel. The Federal Government charged that he, with other individuals, shipped a load of arms from California to Mexico with Israel as their destination. [GREENSPUN stated he entered a plea of guilty to this charge and was sentenced in the United States District Court, Los Angeles, California, on July 17, 1950, to pay a \$10,000 fine. He admitted he was involved in the purchase and shipment of arms to Israel; that he did this for purely idealistic reasons to aid his co-religionists who were threatened with annihilation by the Arab Nation. He stated that the Federal Court admonished him for not waiting until shipments of arms could be made legally to Israel through the State Department.]

Confidential Informant T-1 furnished a written report regarding GREENSPUN to SA LEO E. KUYKENDALL in May 1953 which reportedly emanated from a highly reliable source. This report contained the following information regarding GREENSPUN's alleged violations of the Neutrality Act:

HERMAN GREENSPUN has been subject of two investigations under the Neutrality Act.

A. Foundry Associates, Inc., Adolph W. Schwimmer, Reynold Selk; Leon Gardner; William Sosnow; Abraham J. Levin; Samuel Lewis [redacted] Herman Milton Greenspun; [redacted] Service Airways.

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This case arose out of the efforts of the above-mentioned individuals to procure airplanes and airplane parts and accessories for shipment to the Israeli fighting forces in Palestine. ADOLPH SCHWIMMER was contacted in September 1947 by one [redacted] assertedly a representative of the Jewish Agency. [redacted] furnished large sums of money to SCHWIMMER for the purpose of procuring airplanes to fly freight to Palestine.

This particular case cited above, in which prosecutive action was carried out at Los Angeles, California, was divided into four phases. GREENSPUN's activities were prominent in only one phase, that one concerning the attempted export of forty-two airplane engines from Los Angeles, California, to Panama.

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GREENSPUN and a companion named WILLIE (assumed to be WILLIE SOSNOW) came to [redacted] of Universal Airplane Salvage Corporation, Oahu, T. H., in Honolulu, T. H. in March 1948, and identified themselves as representing HAGANAH, the Jewish organization for aid to Palestine. GREENSPUN desired to purchase airplane engines and parts for shipment to Palestine. [redacted] desirous of assisting HAGANAH in every way, gave forty-two airplane engines to GREENSPUN. These engines and parts were packed in cases under the supervision of GREENSPUN and [redacted] employees.

GREENSPUN paid \$4,000 in cash for labor and freight charges for the shipment to Los Angeles, California. On March 25, 1948, ninety-five crates containing forty-two Pratt and Whitney R2800-10W airplane engines, arrived in Los Angeles consigned to the Universal Airplane Salvage Corporation, Los Angeles, which address was nonexistent. When an attempt was made to move this shipment of airplane engines to Panama, the shipment was signed by United States Customs Service at Los Angeles on April 14, 1948, inasmuch as it was illegal to export this type aircraft engine.

Indictments were returned by the Federal Grand Jury at Los Angeles on April 6, 1949, charging SCHWIMMER, SELK, LEVIN, GREENSPUN, LEWIS, SOSNOW, GARDNER and the corporation, Service Airways, with conspiracy to violate the Neutrality Act and Export Control Laws. Subjects were charged with violation of Title 22, Sections 452 and 453, 2776, dated March 26, 1948.

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GREENSPUN submitted himself for arrest, entered a plea of not guilty and was released on bond of \$1,000. On February 6, 1950, in Federal Court in Los Angeles, GREENSPUN and LEWIS and SOSNOW were acquitted. Subjects SCHWIMMER, SELK and GARDNER were found guilty of conspiracy to violate the Neutrality Act and Export Control laws.

Information was received that a juror in this trial had been contacted by the defendants during the trial. It had been reported that all of the jurors except this one voted for a guilty verdict of all subjects, and a compromised verdict had been reached as a result of pressure by this juror on the rest of the jury. Subsequently, it was determined that this juror had received mental treatment in an institution prior to the beginning of the case and that he was of Semitic origin. Accordingly, no investigation was made.

B. [redacted] with aliases; HERMAN MILTON GREENSPUN, with aliases, et al.

In March 1948 GREENSPUN and one WILLIAM SOSNOW approached [redacted] of the Universal Aircraft Salvage Corporation on Oahu, Hawaii. GREENSPUN represented HAGANAH, the Jewish organization, and wanted to buy airplane engines and engine parts for use in Palestine. [redacted] had been recommended to GREENSPUN as a person who was interested in assisting HAGANAH in furnishing military aid. [redacted] gave GREENSPUN forty-two airplane engines and also permission to take airplane engine parts. GREENSPUN, assisted by employees of [redacted] did the packing. It was reported [redacted] had quantities of machine guns and machine gun parts on his premises, reportedly removed by the Navy from deactivated airplanes and left there; and that [redacted] made some of these available to GREENSPUN.

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An employee of the Universal Aircraft Salvage Corporation, advised in January 1949 that early in 1948 he had helped GREENSPUN and SOSNOW pack airplane machine guns on instructions of [redacted]. He said the guns had been left on the premises by the Navy. He also said he saw GREENSPUN and SOSNOW "steal at least 500" machine gun barrels from a Navy dump adjacent to Universal, and that these, together with the machine guns from [redacted] were packed in airplane engine boxes and hauled by a trucker to the docks for shipment to the Los Angeles harbor.

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At Wilmington, California, GREENSPUN chartered a boat, the Idalia, property of [redacted] to take the machine guns to Mexico. [redacted] claimed GREENSPUN forced him to accept the cargo and that when he refused, GREENSPUN threatened him with a revolver. The arms were unloaded in Mexico in the presence of several Mexican officers. GREENSPUN was part of the crew on the voyage. Information was received, however, that [redacted] apparently receptive to the deal, was paid for the use of his boat, and that there was no evidence that force was used to gain his assistance.

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No export license for the armament was obtained from the United States State Department. Although not specifically traced, the machine guns were reportedly reshipped from Mexico to Israel.

On September 28, 1949, GREENSPUN and six individuals associated in the shipping of the machine guns were indicted by a Federal Grand Jury in Los Angeles, California, for conspiring to violate the Neutrality Act and the Export Control Law, Title 50, United States Code, Section 701, as amended, and Title 22, United States Code, Section 452, and Presidential Proclamation 2776, Categories One and Three, which became effective April 15, 1948. This count listed thirteen overt acts in furtherance of conspiracy. Count two charged GREENSPUN and three others of the defendants with unlawfully exporting the armaments in violation of Section 452, Title 22, United States Code, and Section 701, Title 50, United States Code. The remaining defendants were charged with aiding and abetting.

On October 4, 1949, GREENSPUN surrendered himself in Los Angeles and was released on bond. He entered a plea of not guilty on February 20, 1950.

On April 12, 1950, the facts were re-presented to the Grand Jury and GREENSPUN was re-indicted, Criminal Docket No. 21266. This indictment eliminated one defendant and also eliminated the charges of violating the Export Control Act.

On April 25, 1950, on motion of the Government, the indictments were dismissed as to all except GREENSPUN,  
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Trial of the case began July 6, 1950, at Los Angeles. On July 10, 1950, GREENSPUN changed his plea and entered a plea of guilty to the charge of conspiring to violate the Neutrality Act. On July 17, 1950, he was sentenced to pay a \$10,000 fine which was paid by him July 24, 1950. The substantive charge was dismissed and all charges against the remaining defendants were also dismissed.

The Los Angeles Daily News, issue of October 27, 1949, contained a picture of HERMAN GREENSPUN, the accompanying article reporting his being free on bail following charges that "he masterminded a two million dollar gun-smuggling ring for Israel during that country's war with the Arab states." GREENSPUN was quoted as stating, "I have done nothing I'm ashamed of and I am sure I can clear myself in a court trial."

It was reported that in July 1948 three payments, totaling \$1,300,000, were made to HERMAN GREENSPUN through the Banco del Ahorro Nacional, Mexico City, by cabled order of one Dr. ERWIN HAYMAN, Geneva, Switzerland. Mr. ERWIN HAYMAN of Geneva, Switzerland, reportedly was an officer of a firm which procured war materials for Israel.

Confidential Informant SU T-7, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on November 13, 1954, that GREENSPUN, ED REID, former associate editor of the Las Vegas Sun Newspaper, and reported from New York City and Brooklyn area, and BELDON KATLEMAN, owner, El Rancho Vegas Hotel, Las Vegas, obtained the services of [redacted] as an undercover man to frame Clark County Officials and Lieutenant Governor CLIFF JONES of Nevada. [redacted] lured Lieutenant Governor JONES and other officials, including then Sheriff GLEN JONES and County Commissioner RODNEY COLTON, into [redacted] where he offered bribes to them if they would permit [redacted] which he stated he was purchasing from [redacted] who were then operating [redacted] in Clark County, Nevada. These conversations were recorded by [redacted] and were later published in the Las Vegas Sun Newspaper. As a result the County Commissioner, COLTON, and the former Sheriff, GLEN JONES, were indicted by the County Grand Jury for soliciting bribes.

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RAYMONA SMITH, Deputy Clerk, U. S. District Court, Las Vegas, Nevada, advised on January 7, 1958, GREENSPUN was indicted by the Federal Grand Jury on April 8, 1954, and charged with violation of Section 1461, Title 18, United States Code, which consisted of mailing extremely defamatory and scurrilous material tending to incite murder or assassination. This constituted editorials written by GREENSPUN in the Las Vegas Sun against U. S. Senator JOSEPH R. McCARTHY of Wisconsin, deceased.

GREENSPUN was tried on these charges in U. S. District Court, Las Vegas, on April 13, 1955, and was found not guilty by the jury on April 18, 1955.

GREENSPUN and [redacted] were arrested by the Clark County Sheriff's Office, Las Vegas, Nevada, on January 21, 1957, on warrants issued by Justice of the Peace, Lander County, Austin, Nevada, charging both with "blackmail." These charges reportedly arose from an investigation conducted by [redacted] for and on behalf of GREENSPUN of Judge JOHN SEXTON of Battle Mountain, Nevada, to obtain information which might be used to influence or disqualify Judge SEXTON in presiding over a libel trial at Las Vegas, Nevada, in which Las Vegas Attorney GEORGE FRANKLIN, JR., was awarded a judgment of \$190,000 over GREENSPUN and the Las Vegas Sun, Inc. GREENSPUN filed an appeal to the State Supreme Court on a petition of a writ of certiorari to dismiss the charges against him and [redacted]. This appeal is still pending.

In connection with an official investigation, MARION HICKS, principal owner, Thunderbird Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, advised SA [redacted] on August 21, 1956, that his relations with GREENSPUN had been harmonious until the spring of 1954 when GREENSPUN began attacking the Thunderbird Hotel in his newspaper and demanding action be taken for possible revocation of the gambling license of the Thunderbird Hotel. Shortly after these attacks began, HICKS was approached by a representative of the Las Vegas Sun, whose name he does not recall, and stated that if the Thunderbird Hotel would give more advertising to the Las Vegas Sun the latter might be more considerate of HICKS and the hotel, and that as a gesture of good faith he would return in thirty days to see about the advertising. HICKS

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stated in thirty days this representative did reappear and asked if he had been watching the columns of the Las Vegas Sun and noted that there had been no mention of HICKS or the Thunderbird Hotel. HICKS stated that he ordered the man out of his offices and stated that he had no intention of being blackmailed for advertising by GREENSPUN. He advised since this incident occurred GREENSPUN has attacked him, the hotel, and anyone connected with the hotel in his newspaper. He described GREENSPUN as a detriment to the community and a vicious unprincipled newspaperman.

HICKS stated that the Thunderbird Hotel has been attacked so viciously that no other hotel or business in the community dares refuse to give GREENSPUN advertising.

GREENSPUN is the subject of an investigation presently pending in the Salt Lake City Division entitled, "HERMAN M. GREENSPUN; [REDACTED] PERJURY." U. S. District Judge JOHN R. ROSS, Las Vegas, Nevada, ordered perjury investigation be conducted regarding affidavits submitted by GREENSPUN, [REDACTED] in connection with a motion for a new trial by WILLIAM CECIL POOL, former Chief of Police, North Las Vegas, Nevada, convicted on charges of violation of civil rights. These affidavits conflict with affidavits submitted for the government by [REDACTED] [REDACTED] in civil rights prosecution with POOL, reported bribery attempts on the part of POOL, [REDACTED] and Attorney MORTON GALANE to persuade [REDACTED] to prevail upon [REDACTED] to furnish a statement taking full blame for the beatings and exonerating POOL.

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During this investigation, criminal informants, all familiar with gambling and some criminal activities in the Las Vegas area, were contacted. None indicated any knowledge that GREENSPUN is presently connected with criminal activities.

E. LEGITIMATE ENTERPRISES

Wilbur Clark's Desert Inn  
Hotel and Desert Inn Annex

WILBUR IVERN CLARK, top hoodlum of the Salt Lake City Division, part-owner of WILBUR CLARK's Desert Inn Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, advised SA BRYON C. WHEELER in October 1953 during the course of an official investigation, that in 1948 he was building the Desert Inn Hotel and about 118 motel units known as the Desert Inn Hotel Annex. CLARK advised he was in need of additional financing and approached GREENSPUN with the idea of investing money in the Annex. He stated over a period of six months GREENSPUN invested between \$50,000 and \$60,000 for a 30 per cent interest in the Hotel Annex. He advised GREENSPUN paid this total amount in small payments of from \$1,000 to \$5,000 in currency. He does not recall of GREENSPUN ever making any payment over \$5,000 at any one time. CLARK advised he did not inquire as to GREENSPUN's source of money, but understood from statements made by GREENSPUN that the latter was borrowing money from his immediate family, relatives and friends.

He advised that in 1948 or 1949, at a time when construction of the Desert Inn Hotel had come to a standstill due to lack of funds, GREENSPUN and his wife invited him to accompany them to Mexico City. He stated he was completely ignorant of the purpose of this trip to Mexico City at that time, but now surmises it may have had something to do with the "gun running" business in which GREENSPUN was involved. He stated GREENSPUN told him his interest in shipping guns to Israel was purely idealistic; that his only interest was to aid his co-religionists from destruction. He stated GREENSPUN never mentioned having received money from shipping arms to Israel. He advised, however, in 1948 and 1949 he did not know of GREENSPUN being employed in any particular occupation in Las Vegas, Nevada.

CLARK reported at the time the Desert Inn Hotel, Inc., was organized in April 1950, GREENSPUN received twenty shares of stock which represented about a 1 per cent interest. He did not recall the amount paid by GREENSPUN for this stock. He further advised GREENSPUN was employed for a few months as Publicity Director for the Desert Inn Hotel in 1950.

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On January 3, 1958, WILLIAM GALLAGHER, Member, Nevada State Tax Commission, Gaming Control Board, Las Vegas, Nevada, advised a letter appearing in their files dated October 22, 1954, reflects GREENSPUN sold his twenty shares of stock to the Desert Inn Hotel, Inc., for the sum of \$60,000, of which \$30,000 was payable in cash and \$30,000 payable in three corporation promissory notes of \$10,00 each payable December 1, 1954, April 1, 1955, and August 1, 1955. He stated as of the third quarter of 1954 GREENSPUN was dropped from the gambling license of the Desert Inn Hotel. He stated his records contain no information to indicate GREENSPUN now has any interest in any gambling establishments in the State of Nevada.

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and KLAS TV

[redacted] Credit Bureau of Southern Nevada, advised on December 13, 1957, their records reflect GREENSPUN has been a resident of the Las Vegas, Nevada, area since 1946; that he is owner and publisher of the Las Vegas Sun Daily Newspaper and President and majority stockholder (65 per cent) of Las Vegas Television, Inc., KLAS TV, Las Vegas, Nevada.

The credit records further reflect GREENSPUN was a former stockholder of WILBUR CLARK's Desert Inn Hotel and had a 30 per cent interest in the Desert Inn Annex, from which he received approximately \$24,000 yearly; that he disposed of these interests in 1956.

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Real Estate Holdings

[redacted] Clerk, Tax Assessor's Office, Las Vegas, Nevada, advised on January 6, 1958, their records reflect the following described taxable property listed to GREENSPUN and others in Clark County, Nevada:

- (1) Section 21-21-62, 43.107 acres of vacant land.

[redacted]	10 per cent
[redacted]	10 per cent
[redacted]	10 per cent
[redacted]	5 per cent

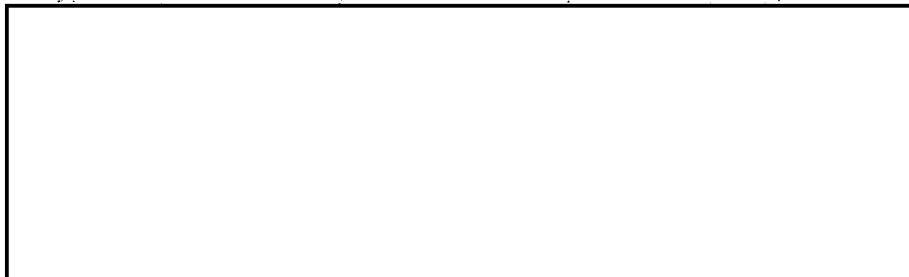
	5 per cent
	10 per cent
	10 per cent
HERMAN and BARBARA GREENSPUN	25 per cent
	10 per cent
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- (2) HERMAN and BARBARA GREENSPUN - South Addition, Lot G, Commercial Building. Valuation \$28,325.
- (3) HERMAN and BARBARA GREENSPUN - Section 33-20-61 .11 acre vacant land.
- (4) HERMAN GREENSPUN - Section 5-22-61. 2.44 acres vacant land. Enterprise district.
- (5) HERMAN GREENSPUN - Section 12-22-61. 160 acres vacant.
- (6) HERMAN and BARBARA GREENSPUN and C and D, Inc., 50 per cent each - Section 32-21-62. 160 acres vacant.
- (7) HERMAN and BARBARA GREENSPUN and C and D, Inc., 50 per cent each - Section 33-21-62. 40 acres vacant. b6  
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- (8) HERMAN and BARBARA GREENSPUN and C and D, Inc., 50 per cent each - Section 5-22-62. 516.97 acres vacant.
- (9) HERMAN GREENSPUN and [redacted] 50 per cent each - Section 6-22-62. 40 acres vacant land.
- (10) HERMAN GREENSPUN - Section 6-22-62. 360 acres vacant.
- (11) HERMAN GREENSPUN and [redacted] Section 7-22-62. 80 acres vacant.
- (12) HERMAN GREENSPUN - Section 7-22-62. 240 acres vacant.
- (13) HERMAN GREENSPUN - Section 7-22-62. 160 acres vacant.

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- (14) HERMAN and BARBARA GREENSPUN and C and D, Inc., - Section 8-22-62. 276.37 acres vacant.
- (15) HERMAN GREENSPUN - Section 8-22-62. 120 acres vacant.
- (16) HERMAN GREENSPUN - Section 17-22-62. 160 acres vacant.
- (17) HERMAN GREENSPUN - Section 17-22-72. 120 acres vacant.
- (18) HERMAN and BARBARA GREENSPUN - Bel Air Subdivision, Tract No. 2, Lot 12, Block 3, residence.

LORETTA BOWMAN, Chief Deputy, County Clerk's Office, Las Vegas, Nevada, advised on December 16, 1957, their records reflect the C and D, Inc., was incorporated under the laws of the State of Nevada June 3, 1955, with the following directors and first incorporators:



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The principal offices for transactions of business for this corporation are listed as WILBUR CLARK's Desert Inn Company, Clark County, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Strip or Market Town Shopping Center

In connection with an official investigation, GREENSPUN advised SA [redacted] at Las Vegas, Nevada, on August 17, 1956, that he owns 40 per cent of the Strip or Market Town Shopping Center located at 5th and Oakey Boulevard, Las Vegas, while his mother and father own 10 per cent, his brother [redacted] owns 10 per cent, his sister [redacted] owns 20 per cent, and his good friend [redacted] owns 20 per cent.

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He stated he obtained his interest in the Strip Shopping Center through [redacted] although neither of these individuals has an interest in the shopping center at the present. GREENSPUN advised the Strip Shopping Center was originally promoted by [redacted] who he understands is presently under indictment for bribery of a Federal Official. He stated [redacted] persuaded [redacted] wa. [redacted] into investing money in the Strip Shopping Center. It is noted [redacted] according to LLOYD BELL, Clark County Sheriff's Office Undersheriff, is a well known Chicago hoodlum who presently resides in Chicago. GREENSPUN further advised [redacted] sold their interest to [redacted] of Las Vegas, who in turn traded it to GREENSPUN for the latter's 1 per cent interest in the WILBUR CLARK's Desert Inn Hotel. GREENSPUN advised, however, he was compelled to sell his 1 per cent interest in the Desert Inn for \$60,000 to the owners of the Desert Inn Hotel under an agreement wherein stock cannot be sold to an outsider without first offering it to the Desert Inn Corporation. He stated the \$60,000 in turn was given to [redacted] and GREENSPUN acquired 80 per cent of the Strip Shopping Center, which he divided up with his relatives.

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GREENSPUN stated he has had no other deals with [redacted] and the only other deals he has had with [redacted] were that he once gave [redacted] \$800.00 for a 50 per cent interest in a piece of property located behind the New Frontier Hotel, Las Vegas, and then later traded this 50 per cent interest back to [redacted] for a 15 per cent interest in some Boulder Highway property obtained from [redacted] of the Southern Nevada Telephone Company. He stated the Boulder Highway property was held in conjunction with twelve other Jewish friends of his at Las Vegas, Nevada.

GREENSPUN stated he owns about 2,600 acres of land in Paradise Valley, located about five miles south of Las Vegas, which land he obtained by trading his 30 per cent interest in the Desert Inn Annex. GREENSPUN stated he has no interest at the present time in the Desert Inn Hotel, the Desert Inn Annex, the Desert Spa or any other gambling interest in Las Vegas or elsewhere.

F. PLACES OF AMUSEMENT OR HANGOUTS FREQUENTED

LLOYD BELL, Undersheriff; BILL O'REILLY, Chief Criminal Investigator, both Clark County Sheriff's Office, and T-6 advised on January 6, 1958, GREENSPUN is not a habitue of the hotels and gambling casinos of Las Vegas. They stated GREENSPUN has been observed attending special events and "opening nights" of various stars at the various night spots in Las Vegas, but that he has not been observed to gamble to any extent in the casinos. Further, GREENSPUN is observed attending these functions with his wife. They also noted he does not drink alcohol to excess.

They advised GREENSPUN would be seen mostly at the WILBUR CLARK's Desert Inn Hotel or the Desert Inn Hotel Country Club playing golf.

Spot surveillances have been conducted by SA BRYON C. WHEELER at the residence of GREENSPUN, 1925 Bracken Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada, on December 17, 30, 31, 1957, and January 1 through 7, 1958. No unusual activity or visitors were observed at GREENSPUN's residence on these dates.

G. TRAVEL

COLIN MCKINLEY, former editor of the Las Vegas Sun, advised on January 6, 1958, that GREENSPUN makes occasional trips to various parts of the country to make speeches before civic organizations or to attend events of news interest to him and the readers of his newspaper.

On August 17, 1956, GREENSPUN advised SA [redacted] [redacted] at Las Vegas, Nevada, in the course of an official investigation, that he was leaving that day for Israel as a guest of the Teamsters Union to be present at the setting of a cornerstone of a Children's Hospital for which the International Teamsters Union had contributed approximately \$285,000.

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Newspaper accounts after GREENSPUN made this trip to Israel reflected he was given a decoration by the Israeli Government for services he had performed in their behalf in the past.

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#### H. PERSONAL HABITS AND PECULIARITIES

T-6 reported on January 6, 1958, that GREENSPUN is an avid golfer and frequently plays with WILBUR CLARK at the WILBUR CLARK's Desert Inn Hotel Country Club. T-6 advised GREENSPUN is reportedly a good family man and attends social functions in company with his wife.

COLIN MCKINLEY, former editor of the Las Vegas Sun, advised on January 6, 1958, that although he does not agree with all of GREENSPUN's policies in the operation of a newspaper, he does regard GREENSPUN as a person who leads a clean, moral, family life and who is devoted to his wife and four children.

He further advised GREENSPUN is stubborn, obstinate and hard-headed when he has made up his mind to anything; that GREENSPUN likes to consider himself as the champion of the oppressed and the "underdog."

No information has been received to indicate GREENSPUN carries a revolver or other weapon or that he employs a bodyguard.

From personal observation by SA BRYON C. WHEELER of the GREENSPUN residence at 1925 Bracken Avenue, it is noted to be located in a very clean, respectable neighborhood. His home is a middle class tract type home constructed of concrete block. It is a three bedroom, two bath residence with an attached one-car garage in the front and the kitchen and dining area are also located in the front of the house. The lot upon which the house is constructed is about 65 feet by 130 feet. The back yard is comparatively small and is enclosed by a five foot concrete block fence. Most of the homes in this area have their back yards so enclosed.

No photographs are presently available of the GREENSPUN residence.

#### I. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTIONS AND PHOTOGRAPHS

The following description was obtained from personal observation and interrogation by SAs

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[redacted] and BRYON C. WHEELER in March 1949 and on September 29, 1953, respectively in connection with an official investigation:

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Name	HERMAN MILTON GREENSPUN, aka "Hank"
Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Born	Brooklyn, New York, August 24, 1909
Height	6'
Weight	180
Complexion	Medium
Hair	Black, graying
Eyes	Blue
Scars and marks	Appendectomy scar
Marital status	Married in Ireland 1944
Occupation	Newspaper Publisher, Las Vegas Sun Daily Newspaper, Las Vegas
Education	Graduate of St. Johns School of Law, Brooklyn, New York, Bachelor of Laws 1934
Military Service	Enlisted as Private May 1941. Honorably discharged in December 1945 as Major. Served mainly as Captain, Company Commander, Third Army, Ordnance Department, European Theater. Army serial No. 0-1548816
Address	1925 Bracken Avenue, Las Vegas
Relatives:	
Father	SAMUEL GREENSPUN, 1804 Sweeney, Las Vegas, Nevada; formerly of 20801 36th Avenue, Bayside, New York
Mother	ANNA FLEISCHMAN GREENSPUN, same address as father
Brother	[redacted]
Sisters	[redacted]

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	ALICE QUERZE, 900 South Main Street, Las Vegas; formerly of 4020 Westmorland Street, Little Neck, New York.
Wife	BARBARA JOAN RITCHIE GREENSPUN, 1925 Bracken Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada.
Children	Four minor children [redacted]
FBI No.	290 474 A
Remarks	Though he is a lawyer, he claims never to have practiced law. He claims to be a member of the New York State Bar Association.

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Photographs of GREENSPUN taken in October 1957 were obtained from COLIN MCKINLEY, former reported for Las Vegas Sun Daily Newspaper.

J. MISCELLANEOUS

GEORGE MARSHALL, Attorney, Las Vegas, Nevada, advised SA BRYON C. WHEELER in October 1953, during the course of an official investigation, that he was one of the attorneys for GREENSPUN who filed a suit on April 8, 1952, in U. S. District Court, Las Vegas, Nevada, charging PATRICK A. McCARRAN, deceased, former U. S. Senator from Nevada, and about fifteen Las Vegas hotel and gambling casino operators with violation of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act in that they conspired together in restraint of trade in interstate commerce by withholding advertising from the Las Vegas Sun Newspaper. It was alleged that Senator McCARRAN had instructed the other defendants to withdraw their advertising from the Las Vegas Sun because of the attacks made by GREENSPUN in his newspaper upon Senator McCARRAN. The case was settled out of court when the hotel and casino operators orally agreed to continue advertising in the Las Vegas Sun and made a cash settlement of \$81,000. GREENSPUN received about \$50,000 of this amount. The remainder was used for expenses and attorney fees.

Mr. MARSHALL advised GREENSPUN had come to Las Vegas, Nevada, about 1946 without funds; that GREENSPUN was induced to come here by JOE SMOOT, former President of the Las Vegas Race Track, which was forced into bankruptcy while under SMOOT's direction.

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The records of the Credit Bureau of Southern Nevada as checked by [redacted] on January 6, 1958, reflect a credit report of December 26, 1957, which contains the following:

Chattel Mortgage filed: HERMAN M. and BARBARA GREENSPUN and Las Vegas Sun, Inc., Unitypo Inc. on printing equipment, September 23, 1954, \$114,217.67.

Federal Tax lien filed January 4, 1954, on 1953 income for \$30,815.04 against HERMAN and BARBARA GREENSPUN. Lien released May 9, 1955.

Federal Tax lien filed January 10, 1957, for \$7794.74 against Las Vegas Sun, Inc.

Federal Tax lien filed November 1, 1956, for \$34,210.35 against Las Vegas Sun, Inc.

Federal Tax lien filed February 18, 1957, for \$21,030.50 against Las Vegas Sun, Inc.

Federal Tax lien filed May 11, 1956, for \$16,532.77 against Las Vegas Sun, Inc., released August 21, 1956.

Federal Tax lien filed January 21, 1955, for \$10,524.01 against Las Vegas Sun, Inc.

District Court civil action of September 1955. Case No. 73887, plaintiff [redacted] against GREENSPUN (suit over irregularities in recording of deed on monies loaned).

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A newspaper clipping dated November 1955 reflects Attorney GEORGE FRANKLIN, JR. of Las Vegas filed a civil suit in District Court against the Las Vegas Sun, Inc., and HERMAN M. GREENSPUN as a result of an editorial appearing in the Las Vegas Sun July 30, 1955, asking for \$120,000 actual damages and \$150,000 punitive damages. GREENSPUN lost the case and judgment of \$190,000 was awarded FRANKLIN.

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District Court Civil No. 80253, [redacted] vs. HERMAN M. GREENSPUN and the Las Vegas Sun, Inc., general damages \$100,000. Suit filed September 1956, for libel. Article printed in Las Vegas Sun. Case pending.

District Court Civil Case No. 76320, filed January 1956, [redacted], vs. HERMAN GREENSPUN, [redacted] and BARBARA GREENSPUN for \$300,000 damages libel. Article printed in Las Vegas Sun. Case pending.

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District Court Civil case No. 79361, filed July 1956, [redacted] vs. HERMAN GREENSPUN and Las Vegas Sun, Inc., general damages \$300,000. Libelous article printed in Las Vegas Sun. Case pending.

District Court civil case No. 76207, [redacted] vs. Las Vegas Sun, Inc., HERMAN GREENSPUN and [redacted] \$200,000 general damages and \$1,000,000 punitive and exemplary damages. Libelous article printed in Las Vegas Sun. Case pending.

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District Court civil case No. 74397, filed October 8, 1955, [redacted] vs. Las Vegas Sun, Inc., and [redacted] general damages \$200,000 and punitive damages \$200,000. Case pending.

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INFORMANTS

Confidential Informant T-1 is [redacted] who furnished SA LEO E. KUYKENDALL in May 1953 a copy of a written report regarding GREENSPUN which he confidentially indicated came from the Office of U. S. Senator PATRICK McCARRAN, deceased, and requested his identity be maintained confidential.

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Confidential Informant T-2 is [redacted] contacted by SA [redacted] at Las Vegas, Nevada, January 3, 1958. His identity is known to the Bureau.

Confidential Informant T-3 is [redacted] PCI, [redacted] Las Vegas, Nevada, contacted by SA BRYON C. WHEELER January 4, 1958.

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Confidential Informant T-4 is [redacted] PCI, [redacted] contacted by SA BRYON C. WHEELER January 5, 1958, at Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Confidential Informant T-5 is [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau and who was contacted by SA LEO E. KUYKENDALL December 12, 1957, at Las Vegas, Nevada.

Confidential Informant T-6 is [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau and who was contacted by SA BRYON C. WHEELER at Las Vegas, Nevada, January 6, 1958.

Confidential Informant T-7 was [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau and who was contacted almost on a daily basis by SA BRYON C. WHEELER prior to his demise.

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During the course of the investigation reflected in this report, the following Criminal Informants of the Salt Lake City Division were contacted at Las Vegas, Nevada:



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TITLE OF CASE  <b>HERMAN MILTON GREENSPUN, wa., "Hank"</b>		Report made by <b>BRYON C. WHEELER</b>	Typed By: <b>cem</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>ANTI-RACKETEERING</b>	

**Synopsis:**

**GREENSPUN** born Brooklyn, New York, 8/27/09; received an LLB Degree from St. Johns School of Law, New York, 1934; married to **BARBARA JOAN RITCHIE**, of English birth, in Ireland, 1944; served as officer in U. S. Army during World War II. He is reportedly member of New York State Bar Association, but never practiced law. He came to Las Vegas, Nevada, about 1946 and was reportedly employed as publicity man for Flamingo Hotel, Las Vegas, then owned by notorious gangster, **BENJAMIN "BUSGY" SIEGEL**. He obtained interest in **WILBUR CLARK's** Desert Inn Hotel and Desert Inn Annex from **WILBUR CLARK** about 1948 or 1949 and disposed of same about 1954. He became owner and publisher, Las Vegas Sun Daily Newspaper, about 6/50; has 65 per cent interest in Las Vegas Television, Inc., **KLAS TV**, of which he is president; he and his family have 80 per cent interest in the Strip or Market Town Shopping Center and have extensive real estate holdings in Clark County, Nevada. **GREENSPUN** closely associated with **WILBUR CLARK**, part-owner, **WILBUR CLARK's** Desert Inn Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, and top hoodlum of Salt Lake City Division. **GREENSPUN** entered plea of guilty to conspiracy to violate the Neutrality Act and fined, USDC, Los Angeles, California,

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ANTI-RACKETEERING

Rerep SA Byron C. Wheeler dated 1/10/58.

The following observations are made regarding  
referenced report.

A lead should be set out to verify subject's  
birth data through official birth records.

You should review the certificates of incorporation  
for subject's various business interests to ascertain  
his recorded associates in these ventures.

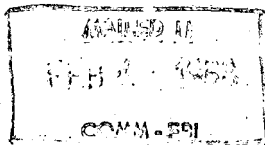
As you have noted, after coverage of outstanding  
leads consideration should be given to deleting subject  
from this program.

In the event you do delete subject from the program  
another individual in your territory must be designated  
as a top hoodlum and a report submitted in accordance  
with existing instructions as set forth in Bulets to  
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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (94-251)

SUBJECT: HERMAN MILTON GREENSPUN,  
wa., "Hank"  
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DATE: 1/10/58

Remylet 12/12/57.

Enclosed herewith are copies of the report of SA BRYON C. WHEELER dated 1/10/58, at Salt Lake City, two copies of which are enclosed for St. Louis and Los Angeles.

GREENSPUN is a Top Hoodlum - Local - of the Salt Lake City Office. Investigation should be given top priority and report should be promptly submitted by auxiliary offices.

For the information of the Bureau, GREENSPUN has been under almost continuous investigation by the Bureau since 1948. This investigation is reflected in the following cases:

HERMAN MILTON GREENSPUN, wa.;  
NEUTRALITY ACT. Bufile 2-875

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MILTON GREENSPUN, wa., - VICTIM  
EXTORTION. Bufile 9-25973.

HERMAN MILTON GREENSPUN, wa.,  
TGP. Bufile 52-64413.

HERMAN MILTON GREENSPUN, wa.,  
CONTEMPT OF COURT. Bufile unknown.

HERMAN MILTON GREENSPUN, wa.,  
PERJURY. Bufile unknown.

HERMAN MILTON GREENSPUN, wa.  
APACS. Bufile 73-12030

HERMAN MILTON GREENSPUN, wa.  
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LEADS

ST. LOUIS DIVISION

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

1. Will review records of GREENSPUN's service with the U. S. Army, Army serial No. 0-1548816. He reportedly enlisted as Private in May 1941 and was discharged as Major in 1945.

2. Will verify GREENSPUN's birth date through these Army records.

LOS ANGELES DIVISION

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Will review their files relative to GREENSPUN's conviction for conspiracy to violate the Neutrality Act, July 17, 1950, at Los Angeles, California, for pertinent information regarding GREENSPUN's background, associates and activities which have not been included in this report.

Will determine the attorney of record in the above case and the degree of his relationship with GREENSPUN.

SALT LAKE CITY DIVISION

AT LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

1. Will continue spot surveillances of HERMAN GREENSPUN.

2. Will maintain contact with informants to determine the activities and travels of GREENSPUN.

3. Will review the records of the local office of the Internal Revenue Service for information regarding the activities and/or background of GREENSPUN.

4. Will report the most current identification record of GREENSPUN.

5. Will attempt to obtain photograph of GREENSPUN's residence.

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6. After coverage of outstanding leads, will re-evaluate this case to determine if further investigation as a Top Hoodlum - Local is warranted. GREENSPUN definitely does not appear to be of stature for designation as Top Hoodlum - National. Setting out of further leads will be deferred until that time.

REFERENCE

Salt Lake City letter to Bureau 12/12/57.

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen *RS*

FROM : Mr. Price *FP*

SUBJECT: HERMAN MILTON GREENSPUN, WA.;  
ANTI-RACKETEERING  
SALT LAKE CITY DIVISION

DATE: February 3, 1958

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Herman Milton Greenspun, FBI #290474A, born 8/27/09, Brooklyn, New York, resides in Las Vegas, Nevada, where he is the owner and publisher of the "Las Vegas Sun Daily;" has a 65% interest in Las Vegas Television Inc., of which he is president; he and his family have an 80% interest in the Strip or Market Town Shopping Center, Las Vegas, and in addition they have extensive real estate holdings in Clark County, Nevada.

Greenspun came to Las Vegas in about 1946, and was employed as publicity man for the Flamingo Hotel then owned by the notorious gangster "Bugsy" Siegal. He thereafter obtained an interest in Wilbur Clark's Desert Inn Hotel and Desert Inn Annex which he disposed of in 1954. Greenspun continues to be a close associate of Wilbur Clark, top hoodlum of the Salt Lake City Division.

Greenspun was the subject of a Bureau investigation for violation of the Neutrality Act arising out of his shipping arms to Israel. He entered plea of guilty to violation of the Neutrality Act, and was fined \$10,000 on 7/17/50.

He is presently under investigation by the Salt Lake City Office for alleged perjury in connection with a civil rights trial in Federal Court, Las Vegas wherein William Cecil Pool, former Chief of Police, North Las Vegas, who was convicted on charges of violation of civil rights entered a motion for a new trial, and Greenspun and others submitted affidavits in this matter.

It is to be noted that Greenspun in 1955, during a trial for violation of U. S. Postal Laws for mailing slanderous material and in 1957 during his arraignment on a local blackmail charge was represented by former SA Edward P. Morgan.

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Reporting Office <b>SALT LAKE CITY</b>	Office of Origin <b>SALT LAKE CITY</b>	Date <b>2/26/58</b>	Investigative Period <b>1/13/58-2/19/58</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>"CHANGED" HERMAN MILTON GREENSPUN, Was., "Hank," Herman M. Greenspan, "Green," "Greeney"</b>		Report made by <b>BRYON C. WHEELER</b>	Typed By: <b>ap</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>ANTI-RACKETEERING</b>	

Synopsis:

Records New York Department of Health reflect birth certificate under name of HERMAN M. GREENSPAN, 8/27/09. Review of U. S. Army Service record of GREENSPUN set forth. Current Identification Record reported. IVAN ANNENBERG, former Circulation Director, New York Daily News, reportedly appointed President and General Manager, Las Vegas Sun Daily Newspaper about 2/11/58. GREENSPUN settled libel suit filed against him and Las Vegas Sun, Inc., by [redacted] of Las Vegas out of court on 1/24/58. Nevada State Supreme Court, Carson City, Nevada, on 1/23/58, rejected GREENSPUN's motion for dismissal of "blackmail" complaint previously filed against him and [redacted] by the Austin, Nevada, Justice of Peace.

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DETAILS:

The title of this report is marked "changed" to reflect the name of HERMAN M. GREENSPAN as contained in birth records of New York Health Department and aliases of "GREEN" and "GREENEY" as reflected in GREENSPUN's U. S. Army record.

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(A) PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

During the course of an official investigation, the records of the City of New York, Department of Health, were checked in October 1953, which reflected under certificate No. 27186 that HERMAN M. GREENSPAN was born August 27, 1909, Brooklyn, New York. His parents were listed as SAMUEL GREENSPAN, age 24, and ANNIE GREENSPAN, nee Fleischman, age 23, both of whom were born in Russia.

The St. Louis Office advised on January 17, 1958, a review of the Army Service Record on file at the Department of Defense, Military Personnel Record Center, St. Louis, Missouri, reflects the following:

HERMAN MILTON GREENSPUN, aka "Green" and "Greeney," Army Serial No. 321481310-f48816, inducted in the U. S. Army on March 13, 1941, and transferred to Enlisted Reserve Corps October 24, 1941, as over twenty-eight years of age. He was recalled to active duty January 21, 1942, and honorably discharged as a Sergeant on September 4, 1942, to accept appointment on September 5, 1942, as Second Lieutenant and active duty at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland. He was promoted to First Lieutenant on November 27, 1942; to Captain on June 23, 1943; to Major on July 3, 1947; and relieved from active duty as Captain on December 4, 1945, at Fort Bands, Massachusetts, with terminal leave from October 9, 1945. GREENSPUN was awarded three Bronze Stars and the Croix De Guerre with Silver Star by the French Republic. He was with the military occupation as legal officer, repairing contract for purchase of artillery equipment and handling contract termination, wheel vehicle maintenance officer in the European Theater Operation and procurement expeditor in the Office of the Chief of Ordnance, Washington, D. C.

At the time of GREENSPUN's induction into the Army he was single.

The records contain an order dated February 18, 1945, consisting of an authorized passport and diplomatic clearance from London, England, to New Haven, Connecticut,

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for BARBARA K. GREENSPUN, British civilian and wife of HERMAN M. GREENSPUN. Officer GREENSPUN arrived at Boston, Massachusetts, March 6, 1945, and was authorized five days delay enroute to the Pittsburgh Ordnance District to accompany his wife to New Haven, Connecticut.

The Army records further reflect GREENSPUN was reported Absented Without Authority from the 53rd U. S. General Hospital in England, December 31, 1944, to January 1, 1945, and accepted punishment under Articles of War 104, rather than trial by court martial. He received punishment of \$25.00, forfeiture, and reprimand for misconduct. GREENSPUN submitted as extenuating circumstances that he was married in Ireland May 21, 1944, and four days later was sent to England, at which time his wife could not accompany him. To be near her husband, she took a job with the U. S. Army and arrived two days before GREENSPUN left for the Continent. He returned five months later and was hospitalized for trenchfoot. His wife obtained leave from her position with the United Kingdom Base in London and took residence on a farm near the hospital. On December 31, 1944, GREENSPUN decided it would be pleasant to spend New Years Eve with his wife, even though not eligible for a pass.

The Army records reflect GREENSPUN attended Webster and Ivy School, 1915 to 1922, and New Haven High School, 1922 to 1923, all New Haven, Connecticut; Bay Ridge Evening High School, Brooklyn, New York, 1923 to 1928.

The Army records contain the following previous addresses:

Box 1392, Las Vegas, Nevada, in 1947

4020 Westmoreland, Little Neck, Long Island, New York, 1945

208-01 36 Avenue, Bay Side, Queens, New York, 1939

59th Street, Brooklyn, New York, 1926-1939

919 Avenue T, Brooklyn, New York, 1924-1926

Orchard Street, New Haven, Connecticut, 192-1923

Nostrand Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, 1909-1912.

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These records further reflect the following previous employments of GREENSPUN:

Vulcan Steel Company, 30 Church Street, New York City, as General Sales Manager, 1938-1941

United States Steel Company, 51 Chambers Street, New York City, as salesman, 1936-1938

Pinto and Marantonio, 20 Besey Street, New York City, as law clerk, 1933 to 1936

Leblang-Grats Theater Ticket Agency, New York City, as Assistant Advertising Manager, 1932 to 1936

Alfred Friedman Company, 387 - 48th Avenue, New York City, as stock clerk, 1924 to 1929.

The Army records listed GREENSPUN's credit references as follows:

Truck Company of North America, Lower Broadway, New York City

National City Bank, New York City

Bay Side National Bank, Bay Side, Queens, New York City.

GREENSPUN furnished the following personal references in the Army service:



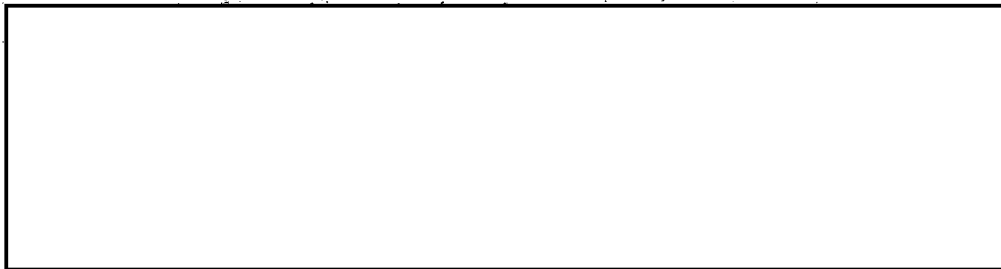
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The Army records list SAMUEL JOSHUA GREENSPUN, 208-01 36th Avenue, Bay Side, Queens, New York, born December 24, 1885, in Poland, as his father. The latter




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was reportedly naturalized in Superior Court, New Haven, Connecticut, in 1923. ANNA FLEISCHMAN GREENSPUN, same address as father and 116 Greenwood Street, New Haven, Connecticut, was listed as his mother. She was reportedly born March 14, 1888, in Russia, and was naturalized a U. S. citizen in Superior Court, New Haven, Connecticut, in 1923. Other members of his family were listed as follows:



BARBARA J. GREENSPUN, wife, 116 Greenwood Street, New Haven, Connecticut, born in England.

The Army files further reflect GREENSPUN registered with Local Draft Board No. 31, Newark, New Jersey, order No. 1227. His Veterans Administration claim number is C 7303454, 215 West 24th Street, New York City. b6 b7C

In connection with a previous investigation conducted regarding GREENSPUN during October and November, 1953, the following information was obtained by SA  in New York City:

Mr. JOHN J. CALAHAN, Clerk of the Second Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Pierrepont and Monroe Place, Brooklyn, New York, made available in April 1952, records concerning the application and the admittance to the Bar of the State of New York of HERMAN M. GREENSPUN, born August 27, 1909, Brooklyn, New York.

The above records reflected that the Board of Law Examiners had suspended GREENSPUN from taking the law examination for a period of two years for cheating on the examination given in October 1934.

A certificate issued by the Board of Law Examiners dated October 1936, showed that GREENSPUN had passed the examination for admittance to the Bar.

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In connection with formal "character and fitness" affidavits filed in February 1937, VITO MARCANTONIO stated he had known GREENSPUN socially for three and one-half years and that since November 1934, GREENSPUN had been employed as a law clerk in his office. Mr. MARCANTONIO said, in his affidavit, that he was convinced of GREENSPUN's innocence on the examination for the Bar; that he had discussed the matter thoroughly with GREENSPUN; and that he would appear before the Board to particularize his reasons for faith in GREENSPUN's innocence. These records did not show that Mr. MARCANTONIO had any additional dealings with the Board of Law Examiners.

It is noted that Mr. VITO MARCANTONIO is the former American Labor Party Congressman.

Records of the Board of Elections for the City of New York, as examined by SE [redacted] reflect that [redacted] registered indicating a preference for the American Labor Party in 1939. These records also show that [redacted] registered indicating a major party preference for the years 1938, 1940, and 1941, from the same address.

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It is noted that [redacted] is now known as [redacted] and is residing in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Concerning the American Labor Party, the following information is contained in the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., dated May 14, 1951:

American Labor Party

1. "For years, the Communists have put forth the greatest efforts to capture the entire American Labor Party throughout New York State. They succeeded in capturing the Manhattan and Brooklyn sections of the American Labor Party but outside of New York City they have been unable to win control."

(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, March 29, 1944, page 78).

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2. Among "organizations that are victims of Communist domination."

(California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, pages 40 and 41.)

Records of the Bureau of Special Services and Investigation, New York City Police Department, as examined by SA VINCENT F. CLANCY, failed to reveal a record for GREENSPUN or his relatives.

Reliable Informants, all of whom are familiar with some of the phases and activities of the Communist Party in the Greater New York area, stated that GREENSPUN and his relatives are unknown to them.

Records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York, as examined by SE [redacted] reflect that in March 1941, HERMAN M. GREENSPUN of 208-01 36th Avenue, New York City, maintained a satisfactory credit rating. No record of credit was located for GREENSPUN's relatives.

SA VINCENT F. CLANCY caused an examination to be made of the Bureau of Criminal Identification, New York City Police Department, but no record was located for GREENSPUN or his relatives. b6 b7c

[redacted] Special Agent, Intelligence Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Las Vegas, Nevada, advised on February 5, 1958, their records contain no pertinent information regarding the background or activities of GREENSPUN.

(B) CRIMINAL RECORD

The following Identification Record, under FBI No. 290 474 A dated January 6, 1958, was received from the Federal Bureau of Identification for HERMAN MILTON GREENSPUN:

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Army	HERMAN MILTON GREENSPUN No. 32 148 131	5/13/41 Newark, NJ		

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Army	HERMAN MILTON GREENSPUN No 0-1548816	9/5/42 Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.		
PD, Las Vegas, Nev.	NERMAN M. GREENSPUN No. A-2551	shill 12/20/47		
USM, Los Angeles, Calif.	HERMAN GREENSPUN No. 21848	5/23/49	Neutrality Act	2/6/50, acquitted
USM, Los Angeles, Calif.	HERMAN M. GREENSPAN No. 22291	10/4/49	18 USC 88	7/17/50, \$10000 fine
SO, Las Vegas, Nev.	HERMAN MILTON GREENSPUN No. EC-242	reg Co Ord 8/7/50		
PD, Las Vegas, Nevada	HERMAN M. GREENSPUN No. F-426	reg as ex-con 8/8/50		
USM, Reno, Nev.	HERMAN MILTON GREENSPUN No. 7334	6/17/54	viol U. S. Postal Laws	4/18/55, found not guilty by Jury
USINS	HERMAN MILTON GREENSPUN No. 6511635 Wash DC	appl prt rec 3/8/55		
SO, Austin, Nev.	HERMAN MILTON GREENSPUN --	inquiry 2/4/57		
SO, Las Vegas, Nev.	HERMAN MILTON GREENSPUN No. 13423	1/21/57	blackmail WFOJ	

(C) ASSOCIATES

IVAN ANNENBERG

The Las Vegas Sun Daily Newspaper, Las Vegas, Nevada, of which GREENSPUN is principal owner and publisher, carried an article in the February 11, 1958, issue announcing the appointment of IVAN ANNENBERG of Chicago, Illinois, and New York City as President and General Manager of the Las Vegas Sun Newspaper. The article described ANNENBERG as having started in the newspaper business in 1923, in Chicago, Illinois, with the Chicago Tribune in the editorial and advertising departments; in 1925, he was transferred to the Liberty Magazine; in 1930, the Tribune Company exchanged the Liberty Magazine for the Detroit Mirror, owned by health faddist BERNARD MC FADDEN, and ANNENBERG was sent to Detroit to serve as Circulation Manager of that newspaper. He was thereafter sent by the Tribune Company to the New York Daily News, and from 1932 to 1955, he acted as circulation director of that newspaper. His service with the New York Daily News was interrupted by four years service in the U. S. Air Force. From 1955 to the present time, ANNENBERG has served as a consultant to publishers of newspapers and magazines.

He is reportedly the son of MAX ANNENBERG and a nephew of MOSES L. ANNENBERG, both deceased. The latter founded the Racing Form, which is owned by the M. L. ANNENBERG Foundation. IVAN ANNENBERG is the cousin of WALTER ANNENBERG, publisher of the Philadelphia Inquirer, T-V Guide, and other publications.

According to the article, ANNENBERG is reported to have operated a ranch with his father in the Phoenix, Arizona, area for years. He is married to VIOLET ANNENBERG, having been married thirty-three years. He has two sons: [redacted] age [redacted] is married and lives in New York City. He is an Annapolis graduate, a former Navy Pilot and is in his second year of legal studies at Columbia University. Another son, [redacted] age [redacted] lives in Gulfport, Mississippi, with his wife and daughter. He owns a distributing agency for newspapers and magazines in that state.

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Of his new association with GREENSPUN, ANNENBERG is quoted as saying:

"In my opinion I am now associated with one of the most courageous and enterprising editors that I have ever had the pleasure of being teamed with. I am sure that with my background and newspaper business experience and his editorial experience, we will make not only a good team, but will keep the Las Vegas Sun hanging high over the city of Las Vegas and the State of Nevada."

VITO MARCANTONIO

Information regarding GREENSPUN's former association with VITO MARCANTONIO is contained in this report under the caption of "Personal History and Background."

NORMAN L. WHITE

The records of the Clark County Clerk's Office, Las Vegas, Nevada, reflect NORMAN L. WHITE of Paradise Valley, Las Vegas, Nevada, as of September 20, 1956, was Vice President and Director of the Las Vegas Sun, Inc., the principal owner being HERMAN MILTON GREENSPUN.

JOHN CAHLAN, Editor, Las Vegas Review Journal Daily Newspaper, Las Vegas, Nevada, advised on February 19, 1958, NORMAN L. WHITE is a man of about thirty-eight years of age and was stationed at the Air Base located near Las Vegas, Nevada, during World War II. He stated WHITE formerly worked for the Review Journal about seven years ago as an advertising salesman, and presently works for KLAS-TV, Las Vegas, Nevada, as a salesman. He was formerly chairman of the Paradise Valley Town Board of Clark County, Nevada, and is presently a member of the Clark County Planning Board. He stated WHITE is considered to be a reputable citizen.

RAYMOND GERMAIN

The records of the Clark County Clerk's Office, Las Vegas, Nevada, further reflect as of September 20, 1956, RAYMOND GERMAIN is listed as Director of the Las Vegas Sun, Inc.

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The Las Vegas City Directory lists RAYMOND R. GERMAIN (wife, VIRGINIA), residence 1144 South 6th Street, Las Vegas, Nevada, as associated with Bonanza Printers of Las Vegas.

JOHN CAHLAN, Editor, Las Vegas Review Journal Daily Newspaper, advised on February 19, 1958, that RAYMOND GERMAIN is the owner of Bonanza Printers of Las Vegas; that he is a native of Nevada, having graduated from the University of Nevada at Reno, Nevada. He stated GERMAIN is the son-in-law of F. F. GARSIDES, retired Postmaster of Las Vegas, who was former part owner of the Las Vegas Review Journal. He stated GERMAIN worked for the Review Journal about 1948, has been active in politics as a democrat and was formerly an assemblyman from Nye County, Nevada, to the Nevada State Legislature for one year. He advised GERMAIN is considered to be a reputable citizen of the community.

(D) CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

On August 6 and 7, 1952, Special Agent JOSEPH A. GENAU (A), contacted Mr. SETH S. POPE, Administrative Assistant to Mr. JESS LARSON, Administrator, Defense Materials Procurement Agency, General Services Administration Building, Washington, D. C., who informed that about April or May 1951, when he was Administrative Assistant to Mr. JESS LARSON, a long distance telephone call in the late afternoon was received either at his office or at his home from either Los Angeles or San Francisco, California, from a man who identified himself, he thought, as "HANK GREENSPUN." GREENSPUN said he wanted to talk to him about some matters as he thought he, POPE, could be of some help to him, GREENSPUN. Mr. POPE stated he told GREENSPUN he could not be of any help to him, and GREENSPUN replied that he would be in Washington, D. C., tomorrow.

Mr. POPE stated the next day after this conversation GREENSPUN telephonically contacted him at his office in the morning from some hotel in Washington, D. C., he thinks the Mayflower, and judging from GREENSPUN's conversation he thought GREENSPUN needed an attorney and he requested GREENSPUN to meet him in the office of [redacted] attorney and a friend of POPE. Shortly after this telephone conversation with GREENSPUN, he went to [redacted] office and met GREENSPUN for the first time. While in [redacted] office,

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he learned for the first time that GREENSPUN was under federal indictment in California, and GREENSPUN stated that he was a New York lawyer and if convicted he would lose his citizenship and license to practice law. Mr. POPE stated that he told GREENSPUN in [redacted] presence that if he needed a lawyer [redacted] was a good attorney; that he thinks GREENSPUN discussed his case with [redacted] and [redacted] informed GREENSPUN that his firm could not handle his case as everything was in California. He said this is about all he remembers about the conversation in [redacted] office. Mr. POPE stated that while in [redacted] office he sensed that GREENSPUN wanted to talk to him privately. Mr. POPE stated that he and GREENSPUN left [redacted] office and proceeded to the lobby of the Hotel Mayflower where GREENSPUN stated he would be willing to give him, POPE, "25 Grand" or "25 G'S" or to anyone he, POPE, suggested or named to have the indictment against him in California quashed; whereupon he, POPE, stated he informed GREENSPUN he could not handle anything like that, and this ended their conference in the lobby of the Hotel Mayflower; that GREENSPUN departed stating he was going to New York City. He stated this was the last time he saw or heard of GREENSPUN.

Mr. POPE further stated that during his conversation with GREENSPUN in the lobby of the Hotel Mayflower, GREENSPUN had in his possession a "Life Magazine" containing a double page of pictures of the Desert Inn in Las Vegas, Nevada, with GREENSPUN's picture and the pictures of fourteen or fifteen girls employed at the Desert Inn. GREENSPUN informed him that if he, POPE, came to Las Vegas, he would furnish him with a "stake" meaning money to gamble with on the roulette wheels and slot machines and that he, POPE, could have his pick of any one of the fourteen or fifteen girls whose pictures were in Life Magazine. Mr. POPE stated that GREENSPUN informed him that he was the Public Relations Officer for the Desert Inn. Mr. POPE informed SA GENAU that he has never been in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The Nevada State Journal Newspaper, Reno, Nevada, under date of January 11, 1958, reported the following information:

MORTON GALANE, Las Vegas, Nevada, attorney for HERMAN M. GREENSPUN, argued before the State Supreme Court,



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Carson City, Nevada, on January 10, 1958, that GREENSPUN had been charged with blackmail "without legal foundation." GALANE contended the word "blackmail" was used in the warrant even though it was not listed as a crime under the Nevada law. He argued further that "blackmail" has an unsavory connotation with the layman but it in no way informs the accused of the crime he was alleged to have committed.

Lander County, Nevada, District Attorney GEORGE HOLDEN claimed that he had taken the word from a headnote in a law compilation used before adoption of the revised statutes. He said he felt the proper place to review the action was not in Clark County even though that was where GREENSPUN and [redacted] were arrested. HOLDEN argued further that even if the warrant was insufficient under the law, it was not the type of action that was reviewable.

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The Supreme Court took the matter under study.

The Las Vegas Review Journal, Las Vegas, Nevada, reported on January 24, 1958, that the Nevada State Supreme Court on January 23, 1958, had rejected GREENSPUN's motion for dismissal of the complaint previously filed by the Austin, Nevada Justice of the Peace, charging GREENSPUN and [redacted] with "blackmail."

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The Supreme Court of Nevada sustained the opinion of District Judge RYLAND TAYLOR, Las Vegas, Nevada, stating, "though the word blackmail may not be a work of art, it is a word of common parlance and popular usage, often defined as synonymous with extortion and has appeared in our code for 45 years"; that, "a person of common understanding would know what was intended by the charge of the crime of blackmail."

The report in the Las Vegas Review Journal further indicated that it was anticipated GREENSPUN will be required to appear in Lander County, Nevada, in the near future for arraignment on the charges of blackmail.

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(E) LEGITIMATE ENTERPRISES

LORETTA BOWMAN, Chief Deputy, Clark County Clerk's Office, Las Vegas, Nevada, advised on February 17, 1958, their records reflect the Las Vegas Sun, Inc., filed articles of incorporation under the laws of the State of Nevada, No. 3615, September 1, 1953.

On September 20, 1956, the Las Vegas Sun, Inc., filed papers reporting its organizational setup as follows:

HERMAN MILTON GREENSPUN, President

[REDACTED]

Vice President

[REDACTED]

Secretary

BARBARA J. GREENSPUN, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer

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The following were listed as the Board of Directors:

HERMAN MILTON GREENSPUN

[REDACTED]

BARBARA J. GREENSPUN

All of the above furnished their addresses as Las Vegas, Nevada.

Further, the records of the Clark County Clerk's Office reflect under No. 3144 that the Las Vegas Television, Inc., filed articles of incorporation under the laws of the State of Nevada on May 5, 1952, for the purpose of engaging in television and radio broadcasting activities, the manufacture, construction, repair and reconstruction of equipment as real estate brokers, and to engage in other forms of general business activities.

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The Las Vegas Television, Inc., was organized with an authorized capital stock of 5,000 shares at \$100.00 par value per share. The first Board of Directors consisted of the following:

FREDERICK G. STOYE, 1006 Wengert, Las Vegas, Nevada

R. G. JOLLEY, 1260 South 8th Place, Las Vegas

V. GRAY GUBLER, 1139 South 5th Place, Las Vegas.

There was no record in the County Clerk's Office recording a change in ownership.

V. GRAY GUBLER, Attorney, 401 Fremont Street, Las Vegas, Nevada, advised SA BRYON C. WHEELER on February 19, 1958, that he had drawn up the original incorporation papers for the Las Vegas Television, Inc.; that FREDERICK STOYE, one of the original incorporators, was in the radio broadcasting business in Las Vegas, Nevada, who sold out his interest shortly after the company was incorporated to R. G. JOLLEY. Mr. GUBLER stated STOYE is not presently residing or engaged in business in the Las Vegas area. He further advised JOLLEY sold his stock in the Las Vegas Television, Inc., to HERMAN MILTON GREENSPUN, and since that time he has not been acquainted with the organization setup or operation of that company.

Mr. GUBLER advised Mr. JOLLEY is the present principal owner of KLAS radio station of Las Vegas, and is regarded as a reputable businessman in the community.

(F) PLACES OF AMUSEMENT

Confidential Informant T-1 advised on January 3 and January 31, 1958, that GREENSPUN has frequent business and social contacts with WILBUR CLARK, part owner, Wilbur Clark's Desert Inn Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada. Further, GREENSPUN and CLARK play golf several times a week at the Desert Inn Country Club, Las Vegas, Nevada.

GREENSPUN was observed by SA [REDACTED] on January 23, 1958, having lunch with WILBUR CLARK and

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MOE B. DALITZ, both part owners of Wilbur Clark's Desert Inn Hotel, at the Desert Inn Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada. All three were observed by SA [redacted] coming from the Desert Inn Country Club and were dressed in their golf togs.

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Confidential Informant T-2 advised on January 12, 14, 17, 21, 24, 28, 30, 1958, and February 4, 11, 16, 1958, no additional information had been received concerning activities of GREENSPUN. T-2 advised GREENSPUN has been seen playing golf with WILBUR CLARK at the Desert Inn Hotel Country Club, Las Vegas, Nevada, at different intervals during the past thirty days.

Spot checks have been conducted by SA BRYON C. WHEELER at the residence of GREENSPUN, 1925 Bracken Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada, on a daily basis during the investigative period of this report. No unusual activities, visitors, or out-of-state cars were observed at GREENSPUN's residence during this period.

#### (G) TRAVEL

COLIN MC KINLEY, former Editor of the Las Vegas Sun, advised on February 17, 1958, that to his knowledge GREENSPUN has made no trips outside Las Vegas, Nevada, area in the past six weeks.

#### (H) PERSONAL HABITS AND PECULIARITIES

Photographs of the GREENSPUN residence have been obtained and have been made a part of the file in the Salt Lake City Office.

#### (I) PHYSICAL DESCRIPTIONS AND PHOTOGRAPHS

No additional information has been obtained regarding this category.

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(J) MISCELLANEOUS

HARRY CLAIRBORNE, Attorney, Las Vegas, Nevada, advised on January 24, 1958, and February 12, 1958, that Civil Case No. 80253, [REDACTED] vs. HERMAN M. GREENSPUN and the Las Vegas Sun, Inc., a suit filed to recover \$100,000.00 general damages for libel, was settled out of court on January 24, 1958, for \$17,500.00 cash.

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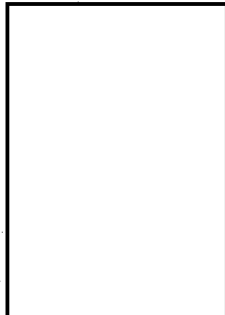
Confidential Informant T-1 is [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, and who was contacted by SA [redacted]

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Confidential Informant T-2 is [redacted] who was contacted by SA BRYON C. WHEELER and whose identity is known to the Bureau.

INFORMANT COVERAGE

During the course of the investigation reflected in this report, the following Informants of the Salt Lake City Office were contacted but could furnish no pertinent additional data regarding GREENSPUN. All are acquainted with GREENSPUN and are in a position to furnish some information concerning him:



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The following individuals are under consideration as PCI's of the Salt Lake City Office who would be in a position to furnish information regarding GREENSPUN:



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Reporting Office <b>SALT LAKE CITY</b>	Office of Origin <b>SALT LAKE CITY</b>	Date <b>2/26/58</b>	Investigative Period <b>1/13/58-2/19/58</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>"CHANGED" HERMAN MILTON GREENSPAN, Was., "Hank," Herman M. Greenspan, "Green," "Greeney"</b>		Report made by <b>BRYON C. WHEELER</b>	Typed By: <b>ap</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>ANTI-RACKETEERING</b>	

**Synopsis:**

Records New York Department of Health reflect birth certificate under name of HERMAN M. GREENSPAN, 8/27/09. Review of U. S. Army Service record of GREENSPAN set forth. Current Identification Record reported. IVAN ANNENBERG, former Circulation Director, New York Daily News, reportedly appointed President and General Manager, Las Vegas Sun Daily Newspaper about 2/11/58. GREENSPAN settled libel suit filed against him and Las Vegas Sun, Inc., by ED TAYLOR of Las Vegas out of court on 1/24/58. Nevada State Supreme Court, Carson City, Nevada, on 1/23/58, rejected GREENSPAN's motion for dismissal of "blackmail" complaint previously filed against him and [redacted] by the Austin, Nevada, Justice of Peace.

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**DETAILS:**

The title of this report is marked "changed" to reflect the name of HERMAN M. GREENSPAN as contained in birth records of New York Health Department and aliases of "GREEN" and "GREENEY" as reflected in GREENSPAN's U. S. Army record.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-3244)

DATE: 2/26/58

FROM : X SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (94-251)

SUBJECT: HERMAN MILTON GREENSPUN, Was.,  
"Hank," Herman M. Greenspan,  
"Green," "Greeney"  
ANTI-RACKETEERING  
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Enclosed herewith are two copies of the report of SA BRYON C. WHEELER, Salt Lake City, dated 2/26/58, two copies of which are also enclosed for the New York Office.

## LEADS

### THE NEW YORK DIVISION

#### AT NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK

1. Will identify and furnish background information available regarding IVAN ANNENBERG, who was reportedly Circulation Director for the New York Daily News from 1932 to 1955.
2. Will attempt to determine through reliable newspaper sources if ANNENBERG has purchased stock in the Las Vegas Sun Daily Newspaper, Las Vegas, Nevada.

### THE SALT LAKE CITY DIVISION

#### AT LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

1. Will continue spot checks of HERMAN GREENSPUN.
2. Will maintain contact with Informants to determine the activities and travels of GREENSPUN.
3. Will, after coverage of the New York lead regarding ANNENBERG, re-evaluate this case to determine if further investigation is warranted as a Top Hoodlum-Local.

*Letter to SAC Salt Lake City re: Annenberg*

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REFERENCES

Report of SA BRYON C. WHEELER dated 1/10/58, at Salt Lake City.

Los Angeles airtel to Salt Lake City dated 2/6/58.

St. Louis airtel to Salt Lake City dated 1/17/58.

SAC, Salt Lake City (94-251)

June 20, 1958

Director, FBI (~~94-3244~~)

HERMAN MILTON GREENSPUN, was.  
ANTI-RACKETEERING

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A review of instant file reflects a delinquency in the submission of reports in instant matter by your office.

During a visit to the Bureau in recent months, you were advised in a lengthy conference of the importance of the Top Hoodlum Program. You were also advised that an intensive continuous investigation would be necessary in order to accomplish the aims and purposes desired by the Bureau in this program.

It would appear that the failure of your office to submit reports within 45 days in instant case indicates that you are failing to give this program the personal attention that has been instructed by the Bureau.

You should immediately take steps to ascertain the reason why reports have not been submitted in this case and to take immediate steps to insure that there will be no further failures by your office to submit reports in any top hoodlum case within the 45 day period.

You are instructed to submit a report in instant case within 5 days after receipt of this communication.

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BOB GREENE, Investigator, New York City Anti-Crime Committee, 270 Park Avenue, New York City, (defunct) advised

Approved <i>[Signature]</i>	Special Agent in Charge
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SA JOHN H. DOYLE in January, 1953, that telephone calls were made by ABNER "LONGY" ZWILLMAN to the New York Daily news during 1951; and that GREENE believed these calls were placed to IVAN ANNENBERG; who was in charge of the distribution of that newspaper.

ZWILLMAN reportedly also made telephone calls to others in the news distribution field and GREENE drew the conclusion that ZWILLMAN might be controlling the distribution of all newspaper and periodicals in the Eastern portion of the country.

It is noted ABNER "LONGY" ZWILLMAN is a top hoodlum of the Newark Office.

The December 2, 1951, edition of the Sunday Compass, a former New York newspaper, printed an article authored by a RICHARD CARTER, concerning an annual dinner dance of the JOSEPH P. RYAN Association, which took place at the Hotel Commodore, New York City, on April 14, 1951.

According to the article, the chairman of the arrangements committee was WILLIAM J. McCORMACK. WILLIAM JEROME McCORMACK was formerly a top hoodlum of the New York Office.

The chairman of the Entertainment Committee was Colonel IVAN ANNENBERG, Circulation Manager of the "Daily News", which paper, according to the article, has been permitted to ship its newsprint into the city without paying the truck loading racketeers, who with International Longshoremen's Association (ILA) and political blessing, plague everyone else.

The article continued that ANNENBERG's vice chairman was the Honorable ALBERT GOLDMAN, United States Postmaster, and on their committee was HAROLD BOWERS, head of ILA Local 824, the famous "Pistol Local" on the west side. BOWER's brother, MICKEY, a convicted bank robber, according to the article, is closely associated in all operations in the jurisdiction of Local 824, whose piers are among the most racket-ridden in the world.

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The article continued that the reception committee was headed by FRANK COSTELLO's friend, HUGO E. ROGERS, and had on it, WILLIAM COX, a pillar of the ILA trade union leadership who once did time for biting off someone's ear. FRANK COSTELLO is a top hoodlum of the New York Office.

The article continued naming many prominent persons who were at the affair, including Honorable VINCENT IMPELLITERI, who was then Mayor of New York City.

The New York Crime Survey from October 15, 1945, to April 15, 1946, reflects that an Assistant Postmaster at Cliffside Park, New Jersey, advised that over 200 packages were mailed through the Cliffside Park Post Office during Christmas, 1945. These packages were all Christmas presents, each containing a cigarette lighter, with the value of each package at \$20.00 and these apparently were being sent by FRANK ERICKSON. One of the packages was mailed to IVAN ANNENBERG, c/o Daily News, 220 East 42nd Street, New York City. FRANK ERICKSON is a top hoodlum of the New York Office.

The Nevada State Journal Newspaper, Reno, Nevada, carried an article dated June 11, 1958, in the issue of June 12, 1958, reflecting that Reno Attorney, BRUCE THOMPSON, told the Nevada State Supreme Court on June 11, 1958, that a writ of habeas corpus should be granted to HERMAN M. GREENSPUN "to free the Las Vegas Sun Publisher of the Lander County (Nevada) blackmail charges." The petition for the habeas corpus writ was ordered submitted by Chief Justice MILTON BADT of the State Supreme Court.

Attorney THOMPSON further argued that Austin, Nevada, Justice of the Peace, DON GANDOLFO, had erred when he bound GREENSPUN and WILBUR MCNINCH over to the District Court for trial at a preliminary hearing on the blackmail charge on March 24, 1958; that there was no evidence of a crime in Lander County, or any crime at all.

Spot checks of the residence and business establishment of GREENSPUN made on a day-to-day basis during the period covered by this investigation has revealed no unusual activity.

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JOHN CAHLAN, Editor, and COLIN MCKINLAY, reporter, both Las Vegas Review Journal, Las Vegas, Nevada, advised SA BRYON C. WHEELER on March 17, April 14, May 15 and June 23, 1958, that IVAN ANNENBERG continues as General Manager of the Las Vegas Sun Daily Newspaper, Las Vegas, Nevada. They stated it has been reported that ANNENBERG has invested an unknown sum of money in the Las Vegas Sun Newspaper. They further advised they knew of no illegal or criminal activities in which subject or ANNENBERG are involved.

Criminal Informants and sources at Las Vegas, Nevada, have been contacted at frequent intervals during the period of this investigation. All have advised they have received no information to indicate subject or ANNENBERG are in any way involved in any illegal activities.

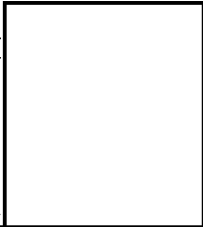
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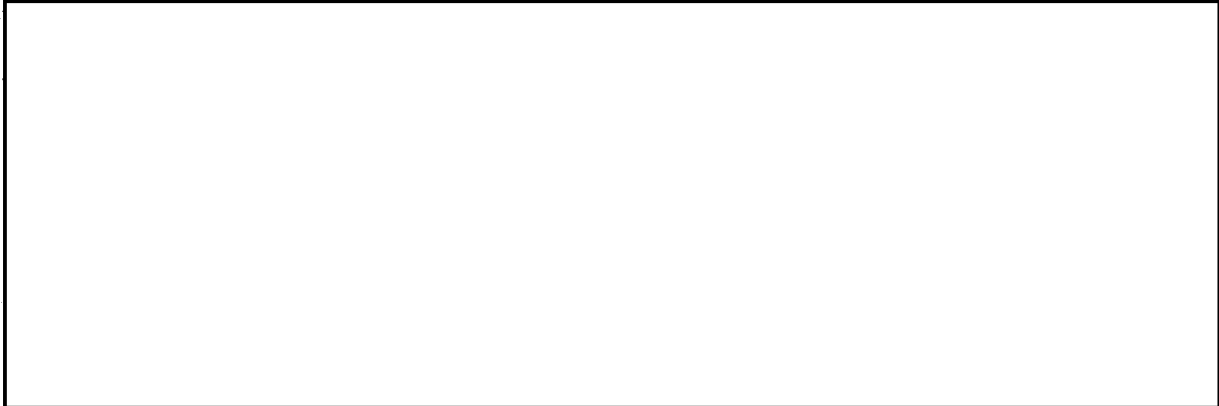
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INFORMANTS

The following informants and sources of the Salt Lake City Office were contacted at frequent intervals during the course of the investigation reflected in this report and were unable to furnish any information to indicate that subject or IVAN ANNENBERG were in any way engaged in criminal activities:



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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-3244)

DATE: 6/24/58

FROM : SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (94-251)

SUBJECT: HERMAN MILTON GREENSPUN, was.  
ANTI-RACKETEERING  
(Salt Lake City - 00)

Enclosed are two copies of the report of SA BRYON C. WHEELER, 6/24/58, Salt Lake City.

The Bureau was advised by letter dated 2/26/58 that subject did not appear to be top hoodlum material and that after outstanding leads in the case had been covered, consideration would be given to closing this case.

In response to a lead set forth in report of SA BRYON C. WHEELER dated 2/26/58, to check IVAN ANNENBERG, the New York Office furnished the results of their indices check on 4/28/58. Additional inquiry was to be made through a source at the New York Daily News concerning ANNENBERG; however, inasmuch as investigation has indicated ANNENBERG has an interest in the Las Vegas Sun Daily Newspaper where he is presently employed as General Manager, the New York Office has been advised to discontinue further inquiry.

Inasmuch as investigation conducted relative to subject has failed to indicate that subject is in any manner engaged in criminal activities, this case is being closed and the subject is being removed from the top hoodlum (local) list of the Salt Lake City Office.

REFERENCES

Report of SA BRYON C. WHEELER, 2/26/58, Salt Lake City;  
New York letter to Salt Lake City, 4/28/58.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (94-3244)

DATE: 6/26/58

FROM : SAC, Salt Lake City (94-251)

SUBJECT: HERMAN MILTON GREENSPUN, was  
ANTI-RACKETEERING  
(OO: Salt Lake City)

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Rebulet 6/20/58, calling attention to the delinquency in the submission of reports in this case and instructing a report be submitted within five days.

The Bureau's attention is called to the report of SA BRYON C. WHEELER, dated 6/24/58 at Salt Lake City, which brought this case up to date. Attention is directed to the fact this is one of the cases the Salt Lake City Division has previously advised the Bureau it intended to close when all outstanding leads had been covered. The report in this case was being held up pending results of investigation in the New York Division.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (92-3244)

DATE: 8/15/58

FROM : SAC, Salt Lake City (94-251)

SUBJECT: HERMAN MILTON GREENSPUN, was  
ANTI-RACKETEERING  
OO: Salt Lake City

For the completion of the Bureau files, there is attached a printed advance opinion of the Supreme Court of the State of Nevada in regard to an original petition in habeas corpus by HERMAN MILTON GREENSPUN, which was for a discharge from confinement upon criminal charge of blackmail. It is to be noted the Supreme Court ordered the petitioner's discharge from confinement.

No further action is being taken in this matter, and the case will remain closed.

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Re: HERMAN MILTON GREENSPUN, was  
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Encl. to Bureau: Printed advance opinion of  
Nevada Supreme Court re  
petition in habeas corpus  
of GREENSPUN.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE  
STATE OF NEVADA

No. 4112

[Filed July 21, 1958]

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF HANK  
GREENSPUN, ALSO KNOWN AS HERMAN  
GREENSPUN, FOR A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS.

Original petition in habeas corpus for discharge from  
confinement upon criminal charge of blackmail. Upon  
the ground that no reasonable or probable cause for  
commitment has been established,

**Petitioner ordered discharged from confinement.**

*Springmeyer & Thompson*, of Reno, and *Morton Gal-  
ane*, of Las Vegas, for Petitioner.

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OPINION

*Per Curiam:*

This is an original petition in habeas corpus for the  
petitioner's discharge from confinement. His confine-  
ment is upon a charge of the crime commonly known as  
blackmail. He contends that his commitment is without  
reasonable or probable cause.

Following preliminary hearing before the justice of  
the peace of Austin township, Lander County, petitioner  
was ordered held to answer to the Third judicial district  
court upon a finding of probable cause to believe him  
guilty of the crime charged. Our question is whether the  
evidence presented by the State at the preliminary hear-  
ing may be said to have established reasonable or prob-  
able cause. If such cause does not exist, petitioner is  
entitled to discharge on habeas corpus. NRS 34.500(7).

The crime is defined in NRS 205.320. As applied to  
the facts of this case, the pertinent provisions are as  
follows: "Every person who with intent thereby to  
\* \* \* influence the action of any public officer \* \* \*

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shall threaten directly or indirectly, (1) to accuse any person of a crime; or \* \* \* (3) to publish or connive at publishing any libel; or (4) to expose or impute to any person any deformity or disgrace; or (5) to expose any secret [shall be guilty of a felony]."

The State charges this petitioner, the publisher of a Las Vegas newspaper, with seeking to influence the action of the Honorable John F. Sexton, district judge of Lander County, in connection with a suit for libel brought against petitioner in Clark County, over the trial of which Judge Sexton was presiding. Trial of the libel suit was had in Clark County and resulted, September 26, 1956, in judgment against petitioner. Subsequently, motions for new trial and for judgment non obstante veredicto were made by petitioner. On December 19, 1956 petitioner sought to disqualify Judge Sexton from ruling on the motions and to secure an order substituting another judge. On December 21, 1956 Judge Sexton refused to disqualify himself and proceeded to deny the motions made by petitioner.

In support of its charge the State at the preliminary hearing presented evidence of acts occurring in Clark County during trial and occurring in Lander County after trial and pending disposition of the posttrial motions, Judge Sexton having returned to his home in Lander County during this period.

We need not discuss the acts petitioner is said to have committed in Clark County. He stands accused of the commission of a crime in Lander County. The gravamen of that crime is a threat, *State v. Peters*, 37 L.An. 730; made for a certain unlawful purpose, *Ex Parte Esden*, 55 Nev. 169, 28 P.2d 132. The State contends that all of the acts in both counties taken together constitute a single continuing effort to secure favorable judicial action; that the crime may therefore be said to have been committed in either county. This proposition we must reject. In order to establish the commission of the crime, the continuing effort must have culminated at some point in a threat. Until that point was reached the crime here charged cannot be said to have been committed. There must, then, be reasonable or probable cause for belief

that a threat was made directly or indirectly in Lander County.

The occurrences in Lander County resulted from an investigation of Judge Sexton by one Wilbur McNinch, employed by petitioner. The alleged libel which was the subject of the pending suit was the publication in petitioner's newspaper of a story respecting the manner in which the plaintiff had handled the adoption of a baby which characterized the proceedings as a blackmarket sale of the child. The Lander County investigation by McNinch was into the manner in which Judge Sexton had for himself and his wife secured the adoption of a child. It is clear and is conceded that the purpose of the investigation was to secure proof that Judge Sexton himself had followed the practices which petitioner's newspaper had characterized as blackmarket and thus to establish bias on the part of Judge Sexton for the purpose of compelling his disqualification from presiding further over matters connected with the case. The theory of the State is that the occurrences in Lander County constituted an indirect threat to disclose the facts regarding Judge Sexton's adoption unless the judge disqualified himself.

The State relies on two incidents as constituting an indirect threat.

(1) An inquiry by McNinch of the Lander County clerk relative to the procedures followed in the case of the Sexton adoption. Judge Sexton was advised by the clerk of the fact that inquiry had been made. The State regards this inquiry by McNinch as amounting to an intentional threatening communication by him to Judge Sexton of the fact that an investigation was in progress since McNinch must have known that the county clerk would notify the judge of the facts. We do not regard this incident as of any significance. The county clerk's office is a most logical place to make inquiry regarding judicial proceedings. It is therefore difficult to read sinister implications into the fact that such an inquiry was made. The Judge himself testified at the preliminary hearing (as did his wife) that he had taxed McNinch with being an investigator and that McNinch had flatly denied it.



This is entirely inconsistent with any intent on the part of McNinch and petitioner that the Judge have knowledge of the fact that he was being investigated. On the contrary, it would indicate an intent to conceal the fact of investigation.

(2) A conversation between McNinch, the judge, and the judge's wife, in which McNinch, it is contended, disclosed his true motive by stating that every man had his price if pressure were sufficiently applied. The subject was not raised by McNinch, however, but by Mrs. Sexton. She testified: "Mr. [McNinch] was sitting on my left and when there my husband accused him of being an investigator \* \* \* and [he] denied this unequivocally and [he] was saying, well he said if he wanted an investigation made, he said, 'I would hire hoods to do it instead of messing around with it myself,' and I said, 'Well, how does one become so connected that they can speak casually of hoods,' and he said, 'Wherever there is easy money to be made there are hoods around willing to get some of it and to do a dirty job,' and I said, 'Well, then, you think that everybody can be purchased,' and he said, 'Every man has his price.' I said, 'You think everybody can be pressured or bought.' 'Well, let's put it this way,' he said, 'every man can be pressured into doing something if the pressure is brought to bear in the right place.' "

In each instance Mrs. Sexton put the question which required an answer. If an opinion was expressed it was because she had requested it. The opinion, upon the record, would appear to be confined to McNinch's ability to buy the services of a hood. We regard this testimony as wholly insufficient to establish a criminal intent or constitute a threat.

Not only is it difficult to discover an indirect threat from these incidents, but the purpose to which the investigation was subsequently put convincingly establishes that no threat was intended.

If the incidents are to support the charge of blackmail they must add up to an indirect communication from petitioner to Judge Sexton, substantially to the following effect: "Judge Sexton, unless you disqualify yourself in the pending libel suit, I shall expose the unlawful adoption of a child by you and Mrs. Sexton."

Petitioner did not solicit a voluntary withdrawal by Judge Sexton. The first attempt to secure his disqualification occurred December 19, 1956. On that date the facts of the investigation were set forth in affidavits filed in the Clark County court. On the same day petitioner's newspaper featured the filing in a prominent page 1 story. Instead of threatening to expose, petitioner exposed.

The State throughout appears to have disregarded the distinction between a threat to accuse and the accusation itself. Blackmail contemplates the influencing to favorable action through a withholding of disclosure rather than the discrediting of a person through the making of disclosure.

We conclude that there is no reasonable or probable cause to believe that petitioner has committed the crime with which he is charged and for which he has been held to answer.

It is ordered that petitioner be discharged from confinement.

BADT, C. J.,  
EATHER, J.,  
MERRILL, J.

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