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On 4/3/63, DL 182-PC, advised that he is well acquainted with captioned subject and stated that the subject had been in Hot Springs, Arkansas about the middle of March, 1963. He also advised on this date that MATTHEWS had left Dallas, Texas on the morning of 4/3/63 en route to Hot Springs, Arkansas via Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, where he was to pick up Oklahoma City gambler, GEORGE EDWARD BARNES. Informant stated that BARNES and MATTHEWS were to meet some unknown individual in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

On 4/7/63, informant stated that MATTHEWS had returned to Dallas and residing with his daughter, PEGGY ANN MATTHEWS, who is employed at the Texas State Bank and Trust Company in the Credit Department. Informant stated his present telephone number was TA 1-0087.

On 5/3/63, Lt. JACK REVILL, Criminal Intelligence Section, Dallas, PD, stated that information had been developed that MATTHEWS had recently contacted one GEORGE BOX, Shreveport, Louisiana, telephone number 423-9427 concerning a possible "two day score". He had also contacted a JIM BLACKWELL of Laurel, Mississippi, telephone #425-1702. According to REVILL, MATTHEWS was spending a considerable amount of time attempting to raise enough money to obtain the release, on bond, of his friend, GEORGE FUQUA, who was recently incarcerated at the Kansas State Penitentiary.

REVILL stated that according to their source, MATTHEWS has been in contact with JOHN ELLI~~STONE~~, a ^{Texas} known Dallas bookmaker and gambler, TOMMY POTTS, a known Ft. Worth gambler, SOFIE GEBRON, a Dallas bookmaker, and GEORGE EDWARD BARNES, a known gambler from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. According to REVILL, they were going to open a gambling club located somewhere on the west side of the Ft. Worth City limits. According to source, the sheriff of Tarrant County had agreed to let them operate on the West side of the County as there is too much "Federal heat" created by the operation of a gambling joint operated on the East side of Tarrant County.

REVILL stated that source has been in contact with CLARK BOYD HAMILTON, a known Dallas highjacker and hoodlum.

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