generally described as rackets, including information as to the
and doings of persons who engage in, promote, operate or par-
take in such activities and of persons arrested for the illegal use, sale,
possess or harmful drugs or narcotics.

(b) Said section shall maintain files of all such information which
it collects and receives, and shall serve as a clearinghouse of intelligence
for all law enforcement agencies within the commonwealth concerning
such activities and such persons, and may provide to and receive from
similar agencies outside the commonwealth any such information to
police department of the commonwealth, or any of its political subdivi-
sions, may, by request, in the form and manner prescribed by said
section, receive such information as is in the files of said section concern-
ing such activities and such persons in which said police depart-
ment has an official interest. Such clearinghouse functions of said section
shall constitute a cooperative relationship between said section and such
police departments; and if in the discretion of the head of said section
responsibility for information might interfere with an
investigation being carried on by some other department or by said
section, he may, with the approval of the colonel, deny the request.

Systems operated by the criminal history systems board, pursuant
to sections one hundred and sixty-seven to one hundred and seventy-
eight, inclusive, of chapter six, may be used for such record keeping
purposes provided that such record shall remain subject to the regula-
tions of said board.

(c) Said section shall from time to time advise the local police
departments of new schemes or rackets which may come to its atten-
tion, of new devices, techniques, methods of operation, and other mat-
ters of interest relating to such activities and such persons, so that the
police of the commonwealth and its political subdivision shall be bet-
ter informed and thus better able to enforce the laws with respect to
such activities and such persons.

(d) The clerk of any court in which a person is convicted of a crime
involving gambling of any kind, drug and narcotic violations, the sale or
use of pornographic literature and the improper solicitation or
use of funds for charitable purposes, shall forthwith report such con-
viction to said section. The probation officer of said court shall furnish to
the clerk a description of any person so convicted, which shall be on a
form prescribed by the colonel.

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