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TOP ECHELON CRIMINAL INFORMANT PROGRAM

At present the Miami Office has under consideration the following individuals for development in captioned program:

HYMIE MARTIN

MARTIN came to Miami several years ago from Pittsburgh where he associated with SAMUEL and GABRIEL MANNARINO. The MANNARINOs are subjects of top hoodlum cases considered for early prosecution by the Pittsburgh Office. MARTIN is directing the operation of HAROLD FISHMAN, subject of Miami ITAR case 166-43, in which FISHMAN has been an errand boy who travels to San Juan and New York City in connection with illegal numbers operation. MARTIN is considered to be one of the best informed individuals of overall gambling in South Florida. Miami has a highly confidential source and 2 informants furnishing information regarding MARTIN. The FISHMAN investigation has not yet reached a point where process can be obtained, but it is hoped that when FISHMAN can be arrested that a conspiracy warrant can be obtained for MARTIN. It is felt that any interview with MARTIN along the lines of captioned program would be premature until he is arrested, not only because he would be more inclined to cooperate at that time, but an interview prior to FISHMAN's arrest would substantially hamper that investigation.

STEPHANO ANTHONY RANDAZZO

RANDAZZO was born in Sicily, settled in Cleveland when he came to this country where he engaged in various enterprises, the last of which was owning a bar and lounge. He came to Miami 14 years ago and has operated 2 restaurants in the past in Miami. At present he is unemployed. He is friendly

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with SANTO TRAFFICANTE, top hoodlum of the Tampa Office, and also with CARLO GAMBINO, of New York, who is a member of the "Commission." RANDAZZO has been interviewed in connection with this program, at which time he was cordial and the interview was conducted on a friendly basis. He furnished some general intelligence information regarding several subjects in which the Bureau is interested. Information was developed that several years ago while RANDAZZO was still operating one of his restaurants, he was approached to take a public relations job with the Amusement Machine Operators Association, whose President was WILLIE BLATT. BLATT, both then and now, is in the music vending machine business in Miami. At that time these operators were attempting to form a union and there were several reports of strong arm procedures being used and RANDAZZO was blamed for these. RANDAZZO was of the opinion CHARLES KARPF was responsible for the strong arm methods. As a result of this a number of persons were subpoenaed to testify before the Senate Rackets Committee, and, in fact, RANDAZZO was subpoenaed. RANDAZZO said he did not testify, but was interviewed by ROBERT KENNEDY, who at that time was General Counsel for the Committee.

THOMAS ALTAMURA

ALTAMURA is allegedly involved in a bookmaking operation on Miami Beach, fronted for him by JOSEPH CHIERICO, who operates Sonny's Restaurant, 23rd Street, and allegedly is involved in Shylocking. ALTAMURA has been seen in company of CARLO GAMBINO, member of the "Commission," and knows SANTO TRAFFICANTE. Considerable investigation has been conducted regarding ALTAMURA, but as yet this has not brought out information that apparently would place him in a position of susceptibility to development.

ALVIN I. MALNIK

MALNIK is an attorney; represents JIMMY HOFFA and a number of other racket figures in whom the Bureau is interested, including GIL BECKLEY and AL MONES, gambler and layoff better who was indicted in New Orleans with several others in IRS case involving unauthorized use of telephone service. MALNIK is an acquaintance of SA ARTHUR S. MARGULIS who knew him as a teenager. MALNIK practices law on the West Coast of this country and is in Miami intermittently. MALNIK voluntarily contacted SA MARGULIS and furnished information in general terms about some of his clients which was of general intelligence value. Permission has been granted by the Bureau to recontact MALNIK in connection with this program, but efforts to contact him again in Miami have not yet met with success. It is noted that a West Coast office interviewed MALNIK regarding a specific matter and he furnished them some information.

PHIL SIDANO

SIDANO has been an associate of JOSEPH MASSEI and ANTHONY SALERNO, both of whom are top hoodlums, in the capacity of "messenger boy." SIDANO frequents 23rd Street, Miami Beach, and allegedly is Shylocking at this time. Investigation has not developed any particular reason why it is thought SIDANO would cooperate if contacted in regard to captioned program, but permission has been requested of the Bureau to interview him about general intelligence matters, which permission has not yet been received.

In the past the Miami Office has had under consideration in captioned program: JOHN KING, aka John Angersola, and AL MONES, both of whom have been interviewed and showed no sign of desiring to cooperate in any way with the Bureau. They were thus eliminated from the program. JOHN KING was a former member of the Detroit "Purple" Gang, and AL MONES is a nationally known gambler and layoff better.

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(Continued) He then came to Florida and during the 1940's, with JIMMY ALO, FRANK ERICKSON and FRANK COSTELLO controlled all gambling in Dade and Broward Counties. The KEFAUVER investigation shut down this operation in 1950 and LANSKY went to Cuba and operated legitimately at the Hotel Riviera until 1958-1959 when CASTRO drove him out. He has lived in ostensible retirement since that time but might possibly have concealed interests in gambling casinos in Las Vegas.

His present associates include JIMMY ALO, his brother, JACK LANSKY, and he is friendly with several Las Vegas figures who have Florida interests. Among these are SAM TUCKER, MORRIS KLEINMAN and HYMIE ABRAMS.

At present New York City has his daughter as a CI and Miami has a highly confidential source in his home. LANSKY is presently touring Europe with his wife. During the past two years he has been in and out of hospitals for reoccurring ulcers and heart trouble. Best possibility for incarceration appears to be to link him with concealed interests in Las Vegas.