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By communication dated June 26, 1968, the New York Office advised that BURTON HARRISON, Officer of the Miami National Bank, Miami, Florida, in testimony before the Federal Grand Jury, Southern District of New York, concerning the Exchange and Investment Bank of Geneva, Switzerland, testified that he had handled the \$450,000 Clameback loan. The loan originated in July, 1965, and the funds for the loan came through the Miami National Bank. Clameback was a corporation owning shares in the Carousel Casino, formerly called the Sierra Casino, in Las Vegas, Nevada. The casino shares owned by Clameback were put up as a collateral for the loan and listed FRANK RAGANO and CAL KOVENS as guarantors. CAL KOVENS was convicted along with Teamster Union President JIMMY HOFFA and is the brother of IRV KOVENS, race track owner and prominent associate of the MEYER LANSKY group.

According to HARRISON, the original Clameback loan was paid off by a second loan from the Teamsters Union Pension Fund, which loan was guaranteed by S. A. RIZZO, who now would own any Clameback interest in the Carousel Casino.

SALVATORE ALOYSIUS RIZZO formerly lived in Westchester, New York, and now resides in Miami. JOE VALACHI has stated in the past that he felt RIZZO was a "money man" for the La Cosa Nostra. RIZZO was particularly close to RAYMOND PATRIARCA of Rhode Island and at one time owned part of the Hampshire Downs Race Track.

HARRISON also stated that he had handled an unsecured \$15,000 loan from the Geneva bank to FRANK RAGANO, Teamster Union attorney and also attorney for SANTO TRAFFICANTE.

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On June 11, 1968, MM 1298-PC furnished the following information:

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Nicaragua and also in Haiti. They are also producing locally in Miami bolita tickets which are sold on a weekly basis with the winning numbers being based on the winning numbers drawn in the weekly Puerto Rican national lottery. According to the source, ACOSTA and RUIZ have made several trips to Nicaragua to meet with Major ALEGRE, and will also negotiate for the manufacture of counterfeit money for the various South American countries.

EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL is currently handling all of the "layoff" handled by the Miami Cuban bolita bankers. He handles no "lay off" or action from any other bolita group, and as far as source knows, has no contact with the American bolita gamblers in Miami. Source stated that JOE BACARDI, a Tampa Cuban, and well known bolita banker connected to the American bolita organization in Miami, takes "layoffs" from the American bankers and calls the "layoff" action to unknown principals in Tampa, Florida. Cuba
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On June 24, 1968, MM 1298-PC advised that SANTO TRAFFICANTE arrived back in Miami on Saturday, June 22, 1968. He has made no definite plans for his South American trip as yet. He apparently is not staying in his Miami residence but is definitely in town.

The wedding of the daughter of EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL, GRISELLE GARCIA, to LAZARO MILIAN, GARCIA's associate, will be very soon. EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL is complaining about the recent FBI harassment and surveillance tactics. LAZARO MILIAN has stated publicly that "he would kill that FBI S.O.B."

On July 8, 1968, MM 1298-PC advised that SANTO TRAFFICANTE still remains in New York City where he has been the majority of the time for the past month, and one half. He was in Miami for a period of two to three days prior to the June 26, 1968, arrest of LAZARO MILIAN in the Cuban bolita countinghouse in Miami. When in Miami recently, TRAFFICANTE did not stay at his residence or use his auto. He stayed in motels and rented autos. He has done this in the past, and source states that he is doing the same thing in New York at the present time. FLA

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Source advised that FERNANDO ACOSTA has a new retail shoe shop on LeJeune Road in the 4800 block, where he specializes in imported Spanish shoes. This is a front for his narcotics operation, and ACOSTA remains the biggest wholesale narcotics distributor in the Miami area at this time. FLA

ELISEO RUIZ, local bolita banker and associate of ACOSTA, who is also involved in the counterfeiting of documentary stamps in Nicaragua, recently had to give MANUEL ARTIME, former Cuban revolutionary leader in the Bay of Pigs, and close associate of President SOMOZA of Nicaragua, \$10,000.00 in cash in order to operate the counterfeiting business. Cuba
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Source advised that VINCENT BRUNO, owner of Capra's Restaurant, was a close personal confidant of TRAFFICANTE, and together with the attorney RAGANO were the only two persons who knew at all times the whereabouts of TRAFFICANTE. Currently, BRUNO is in New York and in contact with TRAFFICANTE. BRUNO's father, who lives in New York, is allegedly a man with very high respect in the La Cosa Nostra, and is one of the persons in whom TRAFFICANTE has great respect. FLA

On July 9, 1968, MM 1298-PC advised that SANTO TRAFFICANTE had returned to Miami on July 8, 1968, and was accompanied by his grandson, who he had brought to Miami for some dental work. TRAFFICANTE was in personal contact with EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL on July 8, 1968.

On July 15, 1968, MM 1298-PC advised that LAZARO MILIAN DID, his fiancée GRISELLE GARCIA SARMIENTO, daughter of EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL, and JOSEPHINE TRAFFICANTE made a trip up north, possibly to Tampa, over the weekend and were due back in Miami on July 15, 1968.

Source did not know the reason for this trip.

On July 23, 1968, MM 1298-PC advised that SANTO TRAFFICANTE is very disturbed with his "problems" in New York City, which source feels has to deal with the large seizure of heroin in New York City in May, 1968. TRAFFICANTE

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operation of GARCIA is handled at other houses by his associate and future son-in-law, LAZARO MILIAN. GARCIA VIDAL is currently very active in handling shylock loans among small businessmen in the Cuban colony. He takes post-dated checks as payments. GARCIA VIDAL has never fully recovered from his heart attack of May, 1967. His left side is partially paralyzed and he possibly suffered some permanent brain damage.

Source stated that the trip made by TRAFFICANTE to Hong Kong in January, 1968, was very possibly to make arrangements for the large scale heroin shipment recently seized in New York, and which TRAFFICANTE has stated cost "us" \$10,000,000.

EUGENIO LEAL POZO, long-time friend of TRAFFICANTE again has an interest in a casino in Santo Domingo, the Jiragua, and is in partnership with JUANITO RESTOY.

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MM T-2 is [redacted] Miami, Florida. (By request)

MM T-3 is MARTIN GOODMAN, Miami, Florida. (By request)

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MM T-6 is MM 1176-PC.

MM T-7 is PCI [redacted]

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MM T-10 is MM 1300-C.

MM T-11 is [REDACTED] Miami, Florida. (By request)

MM T-12 is MM 1231-C-TE.

MM T-13 is former MM 764-C-TE.

MM T-14 is MM 987-C.

MM T-15 is MM 984-PC.

MM T-16 is MM 606-C.

MM T-17 is MM 676-C.

MM T-18 is OAKLEY G. SMITH, JR., Miami, Florida.
(By request)MM T-19 is SERGIO CASTRO, Trenton, New Jersey.
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MM T-20 is [MEX 156.] (S)(u)

MM T-21 is ALEJANDRO CORTINA, Mexico City.
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On June 10, 1968, the Jackson Office advised that PCI [] furnished the following information:

REGARDING JOE PAT DA MOUR

[] advised that according to the last contact he had with JOE PAT DA MOUR he was residing at Apartment 1201, Peachtree Apartments, 2285 Peachtree Road, Atlanta, Georgia, telephone 876-0701. [] said he does not know if this is the location that law enforcement officers are aware of but in the event they are not aware of this information, it should be used discreetly since DA MOUR only gives his phone number and address to friends in the burglary business that he feels he can trust.

[] advised that ISABELL (LNU), the ex-girl friend of ROBERT EMERSON WHITE is now living in the Atlanta area and frequently contacts JOHN HENRY WILDER and JOE PAT DA MOUR. [] said it was the feeling of a lot of the burglars that ISABELL was an informant for the FBI since she had been contacted by FBI Agents in Georgia. He said ISABELL claimed once in the latter part of 1967 that BILLY TEAL and JOHN HENRY WILDER threatened to kill her in a motel in Huntsville, Alabama, by giving her an overdose of drugs. [] said at this time she allegedly ran out of the motel in the nude looking for the police.

[] said that there were "syndicate" contacts of the bank burglars in Tampa, Florida and Miami, Florida, as well as in the Bahama Islands. He said in the past several months DA MOUR had been contacted by a "syndicate" man in Tampa, Florida, and he made his contact by calling an attorney who represented BILLY DELANO WALDEN. He said he believes this attorney is from August, Georgia. [] said it was his information that the "syndicate" men had

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some bank in Florida they wanted hit and they were asking for a good safe man to be sent down to look things over.

[] said that DA MOUR flew down to the Bahamas accompanied by one of the "syndicate" men from Tampa to look the situation over. He said DA MOUR lived it up at the casino and ran up a big bill on the "syndicate" men and they sent him back to Atlanta saying they could not use him.

[] said that DA MOUR would do practically anything illegal including strong armed robbery. He said DA MOUR's m.o. is that of a robber rather than a burglar. He said he specialized in strong armed jobs where he goes into a home with one or more other individuals usually wearing a mask and ties them up robbing the victims of all their valuables.

He said he has heard rumors that DA MOUR is a suspect of unknown armed robberies in the Atlanta area and DA MOUR has indicated he may possibly pull some bank robberies particularly in the areas where he is not known. He said that he knows DA MOUR has frequently flown to the West Coast and it is possible that he may have been involved in bank robberies in that area.

He said DA MOUR also specialized in sticking up crap games or gambling operations where there is a lot of money involved and the probability is since the victims were engaged in illegal actions themselves, they would not report the robbery to the authorities.

He said DA MOUR is also frequently involved in bank burglaries and since the Falkner, Mississippi Bank burglary likes to hit banks that have safety deposit boxes. He said DA MOUR is not a very good safe man and usually uses someone else who is familiar with the oxygen lance and burning bar procedure to get into the safes.

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He said in the past he knows DA MOUR has worked with GENE CLAUDE EASTERLING, BILLY DELANO WALDEN and JIMMY KIMES. [] described DA MOUR as a vicious vindictive individual who would not hesitate to kill anyone who he thought may have double crossed him, but on the other hand DA MOUR himself frequently double crosses the men he works with. He said it was DA MOUR's favorite trick after rummaging through safety deposit boxes, etc., in burglaries to say "all I got was a few coins", when in fact it is obvious that he gets a lot of loot which he conceals from his accomplices.

REGARDING BILLY DELANO WALDEN

[] advised as far as he knows BILLY WALDEN operates all over Augusta, Georgia, but that he does not know his present address. He said WALDEN can always be contacted by calling Mama Mia's Restaurant in Augusta, Georgia, and leaving a name and number for him to call back. He said it is WALDEN's normal procedure to check on the individual who left their name before returning the call. He said that among the burglars they refer to WALDEN as "Billy the Burner". He said that WALDEN, however, is not really a good man with the burning bar or oxygen lance, but that he is the supply source for this piece of equipment.

[] said that WALDEN is the contact man for the fences in Youngstown and Chillicothe, Ohio. He said that normally when burglars obtain savings bonds from bank burglaries they contact WALDEN and he puts them in touch with the people to deal with concerning the stolen bonds. LOGUE said allegedly the men WALDEN deals with are "syndicate" men. [] said on one occasion LAWRENCE HEAD told him he was to meet one of the "syndicate" men to fence some bonds and he had never met this man before. He said

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before he entered the place he was approached by a man who had been following him and said "You're Mr. HEAD aren't you", and when he said he was, the man told him to come with him and he took him to the man he gave the bonds to. [redacted] said he has been told that the "syndicate" men check out a man in this manner to make sure that he is not being followed to their place by any law enforcement official.

[redacted] said he will probably be able to talk with WALDEN and determine the source where WALDEN obtains the burning bars commercially, as well as determining the name of the fences in Ohio. He said that the burglars were now using two types of burning bars, one type being burning bars that were home made and a larger type burning bar which is obtained through BILLY WALDEN. He said apparently WALDEN has a source where he can obtain these without them ever being traced back to anyone.

[redacted] said that WALDEN also allegedly has contact with the "syndicate" men in Florida and if they want safe men they usually contact WALDEN's attorney who in turn communicates with WALDEN and tells him who to contact in Florida. He said he has heard that WALDEN and some of his associates may have been involved in some strong armed deals in the Miami area where they forced their way into the house and then the safe men such as WALDEN would open the safe and obtain the contents.

REGARDING WILLIAM LAWRENCE HEAD

[redacted] said he recently had a conversation with WILLIAM LAWRENCE HEAD concerning a trip he made to Tampa, Miami, and the Bahama Islands to get in touch with "syndicate" men who were interested in safe burglars. He said that HEAD

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was to have made contact with BILLY DELANO WALDEN and the brother of the top "syndicate" man in the Tampa area. He said the "syndicate" man or his brother is JOE (LNU), but he said he has heard the last name but can not remember the pronunciation of it as it is an Italian name. He said this man lives in a large white clapboard house in the Tampa area and he believes it has a Spanish type roof.

[] said there might be some way of checking out this trip to the Bahamas because he had some difficulty with custom authorities. He said he traveled down to the Bahamas under the name of DAVIS but on the return trip used the name ANDERSON which apparently got him in some kind of difficulty with custom authorities. He said the "syndicate" man who apparently got in some kind of difficulty with customs used the name of GOMEZ.

[] said HEAD told him they went to Nassau and Freeport in the Bahamas where HEAD checked into a hotel or motel under the name of DAVIS. He said that WALDEN was to have accompanied him on this trip but this occurred on the same time that WALDEN's wife was committing suicide or attempted suicide and he had to immediately return to Augusta, Georgia. He said that apparently the same "syndicate" people that DA MOUR had contacted were the ones that HEAD was put in contact with. He said one of the banks they were interested in hitting in the Bahamas was fingered by a contractor who built the bank vault. He said he believes this bank was near Freeport in the Bahamas.

He said that apparently the "syndicate" checked with the Police Department and found out that this vault was "bugged", but before they could relay this to everyone involved, two of the burglars that were to hit the bank allegedly got arrested, one of them being a Negro man.

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He said HEAD told him that one of the banks they cased in that area had what he believed to be some kind of British type of alarm system and he mentioned the name CHUB TAYLOR MOSLER and this was supposed to have been in the bank in the Bahamas.

He said HEAD apparently returned to Mississippi without completing any bank scores but that apparently the so called "syndicate" men had several banks in the Miami area as well as the Bahamas they were interested in burglarizing. [] said he would probably be able to determine when HEAD intends to return to that area for the purpose of burglarizing banks.

REGARDING BANK BURGLARY IN COMO, MISSISSIPPI, ON NIGHT OF JUNE 4-5, 1968.

[] said that this burglary was discussed with him by LAWRENCE HEAD and BUDDY ADAIR (WILLIAM JACKSON ADAIR). He said the way they discussed this was they were not involved but they were almost positive that this bank burglary was pulled by HUGH HOWARD POLK, aka, "Red" POLK. He said that apparently POLK had stolen a supply of tools and burning bars from HEAD and ADAIR which they had stashed in the woods near Lexington, Mississippi. [] said he was not sure whether or not POLK took their oxygen tanks with them when they made out with the burning bars and tools but he would try to determine if the tanks were missing. He said particularly if the tanks were missing he could probably determine where HEAD stole them from and if there were any identification numbers on them which could probably be determined if they were the ones left at the site of the Como bank. He said POLK was considered a stupid burglar by others in the field as he would work with anyone not knowing whether or not he could trust them.

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said that LAWRENCE HEAD and BUDDY ADAIR had stolen numerous oxygen tanks and acetylene tanks and they had them stashed along with supplies of tools and burning bars all throughout Mississippi, and surrounding states. He said they accumulated a large supply of these tanks about a year ago when they burglarized a large oxygen equipment place in Meridian, Mississippi.

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