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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: September 30, 1953

FROM : SAC, Miami (62-3379)

SUBJECT: DAVID YARAS, was.  
Dave Yaras, David Jarrows,  
David Paras;  
GIIF (TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE).

Re SAC Letter No. 53-58 dated August 25, 1953:

In the matter entitled, "FEDERAL GRAND JURIES INVESTIGATING LOCAL CRIME", DANIEL P. SULLIVAN, Director, Crime Commission of Greater Miami, furnished [redacted]

By letter dated April 17, 1952, Miami furnished the Bureau a memorandum on each of these persons setting forth a summary of information contained in the files of the Miami Office. After changes suggested by the Bureau had been made, [redacted]

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YARAS is a well-known Chicago gangster who has settled in the Miami area in recent years. A review of Miami files disclosed the following additional information regarding DAVID YARAS which supplements that contained in the above-mentioned memorandum:

On February 10, 1953, FRED FREED, 4225 Royal Palm Avenue, Miami Beach, advised SA CHARLES J. MATHEWS that he, FREED, had been designated Gambling Commissioner in the Republic of Cuba and had held that position for several months until January, 1953, when he was discharged as a result of unfavorable newspaper publicity. FREED stated that he had heard rumors that JOE MASSEI, leading Italian racketeer in the Miami area, had bought out fifty percent of the SAMMY MANNARINO gang's interest in the Sans Souci Gambling Casino, Havana, Cuba. FREED stated that DAVE YARAS was reputed to have one-half of MASSEI's interest in the Sans Souci. He stated that

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NORMAN ROTHMAN was the front man for the MANNARINO GANG in the operation of the Sans Souci. (Miami File 62-3398, re "AMERICAN GAMBLING INTERESTS IN CUBA; GIIF")

On January 14, 1953, Confidential Informant MM-334-C advised SA MATHEWS that DAVE YARAS was definitely connected at that time with the Sans Souci Gambling Casino, Havana, Cuba. (Miami File 62-3398-20)

In connection with the Miami GIIF, CHARLES A. WILLIAMS, a detective of the Pinkerton National Detective Agency, furnished the following information:

Late in 1952 WILLIAMS was checking on the whereabouts of PETER JULIAN ARNSTEIN, a known jewel thief. He called at the apartment house owned by ARNSTEIN, the Ocean Creek Apartments, 5980 Indian Creek Drive, Miami Beach, under the pretext of wanting to rent an apartment. OLLIE ARNSTEIN, a well-known madam from Chicago, came to the door and permitted WILLIAMS to walk through their apartment in order to get to a boat dock at the rear of the building where the Manager was then located. As he passed through the apartment WILLIAMS observed PETE ARNSTEIN to duck into the kitchen. He noticed that there was some sort of a meeting of ten men going on in the living room. Subsequent thereto, WILLIAMS went to the Miami Beach PD and examined a number of photographs. He identified the photographs of PAUL LABRIOLA, FBI Number 1153214; EDWARD VOGEL, FBI Number 4329702; and, ROBERT BENNETT as definitely being present at the above meeting. LABRIOLA and VOGEL are well-known Chicago criminals and BENNETT is the chauffeur for Miami Beach City Councilman MARCIE LIEBERMAN. WILLIAMS also is of the belief that DAVE YARAS was present at this meeting, but could not be absolutely positive of his identification. It is not improbable that YARAS was there as it has come to the attention of the Miami Office that he is an associate of ARNSTEIN. Although YARAS spends considerable time in Havana, Cuba, he still maintains his residence at 4410 Adams Avenue, Miami Beach.

JOE THURMAN, Investigator, I & NS, Miami, advised that he interviewed DAVE YARAS on November 6, 1952, to determine if he was a citizen, and at that time YARAS advised him that he still had a financial interest in the Tahiti Bar located at 224 - 23rd Street, Miami Beach, which is licensed in

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