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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (92-2717) ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ DATE: March 12, 1959

FROM : Legat, Havana (92-37)

SUBJECT: ANGELO BRUNO, aka
ANTI-RACKETEERING ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Reference Havana letter dated January 15, 1959.

On February 26, 1959, HAV-31 informed that the subject had purchased part of the interest of JOE STASSI, with alias Joe Rogers, in the Hotel Plaza gambling casino. Source noted this purchase had taken place prior to the overthrow of the BATISTA regime on January 1, 1959. Source said this gambling casino had been closed since January 1, 1959. (u) OTHER 4

On March 10, 1959, PCI [redacted] (conceal), who was an associate of JOE STASSI, identified ANGELO BRUNO as being one of the interest holders in the gambling casino at the Hotel Plaza. Source said he had seen BRUNO in the casino on a number of occasions. (u)

PCI [redacted] noted that the gambling casino in the Hotel Plaza had not received official permission to reopen on February 19, 1959, as had some of the other casinos in Havana. Source stated, however, he had received information that a "pay off" of \$50,000 had recently been made to an unidentified official of the Cuban Government and as a result permission to reopen had been obtained. (u)

Source pointed out that in spite of having received permission to reopen, the interest holders in the Hotel Plaza casino now found themselves without a bank roll and that efforts were being made to obtain more money from associates in the United States. (u) Havana, Cuba

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