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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, WFO (92-748) (RUC)

SUBJECT: CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM,
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REMMlet to Bu dated 5/17/62, instant caption.

Enclosed for the MM Division are two photos each of NATHAN PAUL COHAN and JOSEPH FRANCIS NESLINE. Descriptions of these individuals are set forth on the reverse side of the photos.

NATHAN PAUL COHAN has been involved in gambling enterprises in the Washington, D. C., area since 1940. Records of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), Washington, D. C., reflect that COHAN (FBI No. 876 541 B) was arrested on 3/13/40 and charged with operating a lottery.

On 6/15/62 and on several occasions prior to that date, WF 1069-C advised SA WILLIAM C. CARROLL that NATHAN PAUL COHAN has booked bets on horse racing and sporting events in the Washington, D. C., area for a substantial number of years.

JOSEPH FRANCIS NESLINE has been involved in Washington, D. C., area gambling activity since the early 1940s. During recent years he has been recognized as one of the top figures in Washington, D. C., gambling and rackets. NESLINE has never been known to have been gainfully employed in a legitimate occupation. He has served time for violation of Internal Revenue's liquor laws and in 1951 he was arrested by the MPD, Washington, D. C., and subsequently convicted for carrying a concealed weapon and was sentenced to serve a term of one year and one day. This charge resulted from an incident on 1/10/51 when NESLINE shot and killed one GEORGE HARDING, in Washington, D. C.

2 - Bureau
 4 - Miami (Enc. 4)
 1 - DIA (1 - 162-26) (COHAN)
 26 - CIVIL RIGHTS (1 - 92-187) (NESLINE)
 3 - WFO
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On 6/15/62, WF 1069-C advised SA WILLIAM C. CARROLL that NESLINE has been known as a leading figure in Washington, D. C., gambling activities during recent years.

On 6/15/62, WF 1108-C advised SA WILLIAM C. CARROLL that NESLINE currently owns a substantial interest in the ~~Amber Club, 1453 Pennsylvania Avenue, S. E., a gambling casino.~~ Informant advised that card games and dice games of limited size are held almost nightly at the Amber Club. WF 1069-C and WF 1108-C are individuals who are acquainted with members of the gambling element and their activities in the Washington, D. C., area.

WF 1069-C and WF 1108-C have furnished reliable information in the past and should be so listed on FD 323.

Washington D.C.