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WEEKLY SUMMARY

On 4/24/62 THOMAS ALTAMURA (Miami File 92-410) was observed boarding a plane for New York City. New York on 5/2/62, advised that NY 2772-C reported on the night of 4/27/62, SALVATORE F. PROFACI, aka Sal Curtis, a singer and nephew of JOSEPH PROFACI met ALTAMURA at the Brasserie Restaurant, New York City and ALTAMURA was informed of SAL CURTIS's first recording, and ALTAMURA insisted they send or bring the edited recording to Miami and he would see that it is placed in Juke Boxes in the Miami area.

MM 509-C on 4/24/62, advised that BENJAMIN HUSICK (Miami File 162-80) opened a gambling and book-making club, generally referred to as "Benny's Place," but which actually bears the name of Miami Beach, Number 1651, Loyal Order of the Moose and is located at 713 Washington Ave., Miami Beach, Fla. He stated he heard that on Sunday, 4/22/62, a sizeable poker game took place there, which involved eight individuals; only one of which

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was regarded as a "racket individual" and that individual was PHIL ZIMMER. He pointed out that other "racket individuals", however, were in the club at the time and that a few of these individuals were HERKIE WILENSKY, HARRY WILENSKY, HICKIE SCHWARTZ and WILLIE BITNER.

FLA This source at the sametime reported that JOHN ANGERSOLA, aka John King, (Miami File 92-100) reappeared at the Midtown Social Club, Miami Beach, Fla., after a long absence, and got involved in an argument with "Blackie", a bookmaker at Harrison Levenson's "Georges Newstand", Miami Beach. This argument involved some activity in a "Pam" card game. In addition, this source advised that he was told two of ANGERSOLA's nephews, one of which is JOHN ZANETTI have opened a Chinese Restaurant next to the Five O'Clock Club, Miami Beach.

FLA On 4/27/62, MM 509-C also advised that due to the closing of the Midtown Social Club, Miami Beach, JIMMY COPPOLA, brother of MICHAEL COPPOLA, (Miami File 92-101), EDDIE GOLD, GEORGE MC ELROY, JOE BOMMARITO (Miami File 92-144), and others who frequented that club are now frequenting the Patio Bridge Club, Miami Beach, and are about ready to operate their first "Pam" card game there. According to this source, RUTH GASSENHEIMER, operator of the Patio Bridge Club will receive 50% of this game. He also advised that it was obvious to the gamblers and bookmakers who frequent the various hangouts at Miami Beach, that the COPPOLA group from the Midtown Social Club would in 3 or 4 months secure control of the Patio Bridge Club.

FLA EDWARD HILKER, Special Agent, Internal Revenue Service, advised that HERSHIE LAFF's trial date had been set for May 28, 1962, in Miami and that the motions to suppress the evidence, which had been brought in behalf of LAFF, had been denied by Judge CHOATE, USDC, SDF, on 3/7/62. LAFF was arrested on 11/18/61, by IRS Agents for failure to possess a Federal Wagering Tax Stamp.