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MM 92-515

Investigation at Las Vegas indicates MORRIS LANSBURG, a big hotel operator at Miami and Las Vegas, paid \$11,250.00 cash for the machines.

MICHAEL MC LANEY, Miami Beach, Fla., a former operator of the casino at Hotel Nacional, Havana, is interested in taking over the operation of the Wappen Von Hamburg, if it can be done in a strictly legal manner and divorced completely from any known hoodlums.

MM 509-C on 12/4/62, advised that on 12/3/62, MICHAEL COPPOLA (Miami File 92-101) who has been out of prison since 11/27/62, spent some time in the office of JOE MASSEI (Miami File 92-122) at 23rd and Collins, Miami Beach, Fla., and individuals observed to be conversing with COPPOLA there were, JIMMY COPPOLA, MASSEI, JOE BOMMARITO (Miami File 92-144), ABE KAUFMAN, a bookmaker and friend of GEORGE GORDON (Miami File 92-458) who was also there. He also advised COPPOLA does not desire to hang out at any of the present clubs or hangouts on Miami Beach and is seeking a place where he can meet with his "Corp" and acquaintances. MM 509-C pointed out that ALLIE HARRIS, one of the COPPOLA group, remained in New York City, where he reportedly is running some floating dice games, but that HARRIS' son, MEL HARRIS and his wife came to Miami and are staying at the Fontainebleau Hotel.

MM 509-C also advised AL ROTH (Miami File 162-36) was interested in acquiring the quarters presently controlled by the Business Men's Association at Miami Beach when there was a rumor this association was disband. The informant learned the association is going to continue at least for another year and ROTH's desire to acquire the quarters failed.

This source also advised that RUTH GASSENHEIMER, operator of the Patio Bridge Club, which is the largest hangout for the hoodlum element at Miami Beach, inaugurated a new policy at the Club, whereby all individuals who bet on the card game or bet on the card player must pay the regular card game fees. This policy he related has caused some ill feeling and some of the hoodlums are seeking other places to hang out.