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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

By communication dated April 27, 1961, the Legal Attache, London, England, furnished the following information:

[redacted] Official of British Security Service, MI-5, advised that he has, for a number of years, developed confidential sources in Lloyds of London. Colonel [redacted] at the request of the Legal Attache, contacted these sources to determine if ANGELO BRUNO had financial dealings in the gambling casino at the Plaza Hotel, Havana, Cuba. (S)

On April 24, 1961, Colonel [redacted] advised that MI-5's confidential sources had stated that Lloyds of London had acted as the reinsurer for the American International Reinsurance Corporation of New York City to the extent of \$70,000.00 for a policy made out to the subject in connection with the gambling casino at the Plaza Hotel, Havana, Cuba. (S)

Colonel [redacted] said that in April of 1959, a claim was paid to the subject for \$185,000.00, principally by the American International Reinsurance Corporation in respect to a fire, which had occurred at the gambling casino at the Plaza Hotel, Havana, Cuba, on January 21, 1959. (S)

Colonel [redacted] stated that in making this information available to this office, he would respectfully request that no dissemination of this information be made outside of the Bureau, and that extreme discretion be used in connection with this information in order that the American International Reinsurance Corporation would not know that the original information came from Lloyds Organization in London. Any such revelation would (S)

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certainly jeopardize MI-5's future relation with the Lloyds concern. (S)

Colonel CUMMING also pointed out that Lloyds acts as a reinsurance organization for other insurance companies, and any money paid by Lloyds is paid not to the individual policy holders but to other insurance companies to help them cover their losses when heavy demands are put upon their resources by their own policy holders. (S)

No information was obtained indicating that subject or any of his associates had any kind of insurance policy other than the fire insurance policy mentioned above, and no information was available identifying the officers of the corporation, of which subject was a member.

The above information was furnished by airtel to the New York and the Miami Divisions on May 12, 1961, with instructions to use discretion as outlined above in conducting investigation regarding this matter.

It is noted that proof of this payment could logically be grounds for a successful prosecution by the Internal Revenue Service; and, accordingly, it is requested that this investigation receive continuous attention.

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MM 647-PC, as reported in memorandum of Special Agent ELMER F. EMRICH, dated May 2, 1958, and recorded in Tampa file 92-1264, page 2

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[REDACTED] PCI, Miami, Fla., as recorded in report of Special Agent STEPHEN J. LABADIE, dated May 22, 1958, in the case entitled, "SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR., aka.; ANTI-RACKETEERING," Tampa File 92-1-287.

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JOSEPH GRABLE, Commercial Department, Peninsular Telephone Company, Tampa, Fla., now General Telephone Company.

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EDWARD L. BRAUNE, Agent, New York Telephone Company, to Special Agent JAMES M. ANDERSON on April 10, 1961.

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PH 540-C, on date as indicated in this report to Special Agent J. ROBERT PEARCE.

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PH 269-C, on date as indicated in this report to Special Agent DALE M. HIESTAND.

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PSI [REDACTED] to Special Agent EDWARD A. SMITH on May 3, 1961.

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MARY THOMAS, Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania, to SE E. DAVIS PORTER on April 21, 1961.

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