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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: January 13, 1954

FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH (62-2114)

SUBJECT: CHARLES F. TEEMER, wa. Chuck Teemer  
GIIF (TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE)

Re SAC Letter No. 53-58.

A review of the references in this office pertaining to captioned individual would indicate that subject would be considered under the Top Hoodlum Coverage Program. Since it has been determined that TEEMER is now residing in the territory covered by the Miami Office the information available in this office is being furnished the Miami Office with the view of having the latter office include the subject in the Top Hoodlum Coverage Program in the Miami Office.

Although background information pertaining to captioned individual is limited in this office, it does appear that TEEMER is originally from Texas and came to Western Pennsylvania approximately ten years ago. According to Corporal JOHN BRICKLEYMYER, Pennsylvania State Police, Greensburg, Pennsylvania, TEEMER is an extensive gambler and his criminal history reflects that on July 31, 1932, TEEMER was arrested for robbery at Greensburg, Pennsylvania, but all subsequent arrests have been for gambling.

Detective WILLIAM JOHNSTON, in charge of the Criminal Squad, Pennsylvania State Police, Greensburg, Pennsylvania, advised that it was his understanding that TEEMER had been active in Cuba but was subsequently bought out by the SAM MANNERINO Gang of New Kensington, Pennsylvania. According to Detective JOHNSTON, TEEMER is a very polished person capable of adjusting himself to any surroundings and not representing in his appearance, speech or manners any underworld character.

At one time TEEMER was arrested or connected with the City Club, Stewartsville, Irwin, Pennsylvania, (now the Colonial Manor Inn). The City Club was one of the largest gambling operations in Western Pennsylvania and was raided in September, 1946. At the time of the raid it was understood

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that TEEMER made the remark that the City Club would not be raided because a fix was in with the State Police. At the time TEEMER's remark came to the attention of Major WILLIAM HOFFMAN, then Commanding Officer, Squadron 1, Pennsylvania State Police, who, because of TEEMER's remark, became very indignant and issued orders to raid and close the City Club.

A review of the references in this office revealed that according to the GIIF for April 15, 1947, there was a rumor to the effect that TEEMER had contributed \$33,000 to the political campaign of Ex-Governor JAMES H. DUFF in 1940. Inquiries at that time by Sheriff WALTER MONAGHAN disclosed that rumor had been started by an individual known as GREENFIELD JIMMY SMITH, a partner of TEEMER, who became antagonistic toward TEEMER. The GIIF for the same period reflected information to the effect that the City Club in Greensburg was to be remodeled and opened as a high class house of prostitution. The real backer of this establishment was reported to be TEEMER of McKeesport, Pennsylvania, who came to the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania area from Texas with alot of money and reported to be a heavy operator. During the same period Sheriff MONAGHAN furnished information to the effect that \$5,000 each was contributed to CHARLES MC BRIDE, a colored businessman, who was Ward Chairman of the Thirty-First Ward in Pittsburgh by CHUCK TEEMER, RALPH "BOOTS" ARCADIA, HYMIE HARRIS, JACK MC TENNIE and GREENFIELD JIMMY SMITH.

In March, 1951, the Legal Attache at Havana, Cuba, reported that TEEMER was the Head of the American Group operating the Sans Souci Club, a gambling establishment at Havana, Cuba. The club was reopened prior to 1950 and 1951 with money invested by a group of American men. Other Americans were identified as NORMAN ROTHMAN, ROCCO BUFFONE, NICK GERONE, PAT TERRA, MAURICE LIPCHITZ or LIGHTMAN, ROZENDO LIMA, a Cuban, GASTON GONZALEZ, another Cuban and EUFEMIO FERENADEZ, a Cuban and former Chief of the Secret Police, who was a close friend of President CARLOS PRIO. According to the information developed, CHUCK TEEMER had the title of President of the Cuban American Corporation of Sans Souci.

In September, 1951, Criminal Informant PG-509-C reported that

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CHUCK TEEMER had returned to the Pittsburgh area from the Sans Souci Gambling Casino in Havana, Cuba. According to the informant TEEMER was broke financially and further that there had been a split between TEEMER and the MANNERINO Gang in New Kensington, Pennsylvania. The informant related that he understood TEEMER was going to Hollywood, Florida, and subsequent developed information revealed that TEEMER did go to Hollywood, Florida, and was residing at 1011 Tyler Street in said city. This informant also furnished information to the effect that TEEMER was particularly friendly with ART ROONEY, President of the Pittsburgh Steelers Football Team. PA

In January, 1953, PG-509-C related that the Bachelors' Club, a notorious place of amusement in Pittsburgh, had been operated at one time by CHUCK TEEMER, CHARLES CONIHAN, who was also to have supplied money, HYMIE MARTIN and the aforementioned ROCCO BUFFONE. BUFFONE was alleged to have purchased BILLY CONN's share in the Club. CONN, an ex-pugilist, was alleged to have become antagonistic with the other individuals running the Club. It was later reported that CONN was attempting through his friend, Mayor DAVID L. LAWRENCE, to have LAWRENCE close the Club. This informant advised that card and dice games were run openly at the Bachelors' Club. PA

On June 8, 1953, GABRIEL KELLY MANNERINO, leader of the aforementioned MANNERINO Gang, advised among other things that CHUCK TEEMER and an individual known as "NICKY" had purchased the United States Naval Barracks at Fort Pierce, Florida, but that both individuals had lost money on the transaction. FLA  
PA

HYMIE MARTIN, a known racketeer and holder of extensive business interests in past years in the Pittsburgh area, advised agents of this office that he was formerly a partner with CHUCK TEEMER in the operation of gambling enterprises in the backroom of the Bachelors' Club in Pittsburgh. He related that TEEMER has been in Hollywood, Florida, for the past several years. It was MARTIN's understanding that TEEMER had been arrested for book making within recent months at Miami Beach, Florida, but that he had beaten the charge.

In this connection it is to be noted that the latest identification