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D. CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

I. Lottery

MARTIN admitted that he had been in the Treasury Ticket Lottery with LOUIS COHEN in the Pittsburgh area. He said that when the Federal Gambling Tax Stamp became effective, COHEN made a research of the law and concluded that individuals selling Treasury Tickets were not required to have such a stamp. He stated that regardless of this, when the requirement for such a stamp became effective, he found it practically impossible to find sellers for the tickets and was, therefore, forced out of the business.

He said he has not been engaged in the lottery business nor any other racket for the past several years, and does not intend to engage in any illegal activities if he can help it. He said it was his understanding that COHEN paid taxes to the Internal Revenue Service in Pittsburgh, and had his books regularly audited by the Internal Revenue Service. He advised that both he and COHEN were careful not to permit any Treasury Tickets to travel interstate. He said COHEN had these tickets printed someplace in Pennsylvania, but he never knew the exact location.

On April 18, 1958, T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised he has been well acquainted with subject for over 30 years. He said that subject formerly operated a lottery in Pittsburgh area, but has not done so for the past few years. He said that, so far as he knows, subject has not recently been engaged in any rackets or illegal activities. He said that subject sells dice in Las Vegas, Nevada, and Havana, Cuba for Langsworthy and Company, Detroit, Michigan. He stated that these dice are of very superior quality, and that no other manufacturer of dice can compete with Langsworthy. He stated that, as a result of the fine quality of these dice, MARTIN has "wrapped up" on the dice business in Havana. He said that MARTIN had recently used his phone in making a call to some unknown individual in Havana. He did not know the nature of the conversation.

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T-1 is MM 501-C who furnished information to SA ROBERT K. LEWIS
on April 18, 1958.