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EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
HABANA, CUBA

November 22, 1946

Director, FBI

Re: JAMES WEINBERG, was, et al
THEFT FROM INTERSTATE SHIPMENT

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Mexico letter to this office dated October 24, 1946, requesting information concerning the background and activities of CRISTOBAL ERNESTO BUSTO (MONZON) and MIGUEL MIRO (JOVE). Reference is further made to Bureau letter to Mexico dated November 5, 1946, a copy of which was designated for this office, advising that investigation in the instant case had been discontinued in the United States, but that the Habana office should supply available information concerning BUSTO and MIRO.

A check of the records of the Cuban Gabinete Nacional de Identificacion failed to reflect a criminal record for either BUSTO or MIRO. United States Consulate files reflect that CRISTOBAL ERNESTO BUSTO (MONZON) was born in Matanzas, Cuba on November 16, 1902; was single; resided at Carlos III Number 903, Habana, Cuba; was employed for ten years at the Montmartre night club, Habana, as a "clerk"; had lived in the United States for seven years; and was the son of Maria Monzon who resided at Calle Charruca 461, Centro, Las Cañas, Habana, Cuba. The above information was taken from BUSTO's visa application submitted in December, 1942.

Information received from CI 650-6 indicates that years ago BUSTO was well known in the Barrio de Colon (Habana's red light district) as a pimp, a peddler of narcotics and a gambler. However, according to this source, BUSTO secured employment running gambling tables at the Montmartre night club and other gambling establishments in Habana and thus rose above Habana's lowest criminal element. This source stated he believed BUSTO was the type who would do anything for money. He based his opinion on personal acquaintance with BUSTO. Inquiries made by this and other sources failed to reflect the exact capacity in which BUSTO was employed at the "SansSouci" night club in Habana prior to his departure for Mexico.

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* MIGUEL MIRO (JOVE) is listed as the President of "Cia Operadora de Sans Souci, S.A." which was incorporated in Cuba in 1940. JOSE TRIAY is Vice-President and MIGUEL TRIAY is Treasurer of this concern. MIRO was born in Spain in 1891, but has resided in Cuba for a number of years. He has always worked for clubs, casinos and gambling establishments. He formerly worked for the Havana Yacht Club and then went to the "Sans Souci" night club as maitre d' hotel. He formerly operated the Gran Casino Nacional in Cuba. The above-mentioned concern has a good commercial reputation in Habana.

* Confidential Informant 7610-5 stated that MIGUEL MIRO has a son named RENE MIRO (JUVENAL) who was born in New York, New York in 1913 and is a United States citizen. RENE MIRO has resided in Habana for some time at Calle 16 y Primera, Almendares, Habana, Cuba. He was employed during the past horse racing season at Oriental Park in Habana. According to this source, RENE MIRO has recently expressed his intention to return to the United States.

* Confidential Informants 650-6 and 7615-10 stated that MIGUEL MIRO always appeared to have money, but he was known as an inveterate gambler and had been involved in numerous questionable businesses. MIRO reportedly was engaged in smuggling narcotics into Cuba during the regime of ex-President FULGENCIO BATISTA, with the cooperation and protection of JAIME MARINE, BATISTA's right-hand man. CI 650-6 stated he believed MIRO had an interest in a trailer business in Mexico, together with his interest in the Sans Souci night club in that city.

Inquiries made from another reliable source reflect that the Sans Souci night club in Habana was formerly controlled by GENEROSO CASTRO BRAVO although MIRO and the TRIAYs were listed as the partners. Due to the gasoline shortage during the war, the club was closed in 1942 and CASTRO sold out his interest. The TRIAYs and MIRO then opened an establishment with the same name in Mexico, D.F. This source stated that he had heard CASTRO state that MIRO and the TRIAYs were dishonest and ready to do anything to make a "peseta". MIRO has always gambled heavily and his personal reputation is poor. This source also stated that from his personal knowledge he knew that MIGUEL TRIAY was a dope addict.

In accordance with reference Bureau communication, this case is being considered referred upon completion with the submission of the instant letter.

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Very truly yours,
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