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FROM : SAC, Miami (62-1273)

ATTENTION: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR A. ROSEN

SUBJECT: MIAMI WINTER SEASON,  
1957 - 1958  
CRIMINAL SECTION,  
INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION.

ReBulet 9/18/57.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

The "Miami Beach Sun" newspaper of December 8, 1957, related that NORMAN MANKIEWICZ, alleged slayer several months ago of Bal Harbour Police Lieutenant ROBERT STAAB, presently confined in Dade County Jail, is scheduled to be tried for murder in January of 1958.

Captain LEE NAPIER, Miami Police Department, advised that Detective Sergeant CHARLES SAPP had been placed in charge of the Liquor and Narcotics Squad, and Detective Lieutenant TOM LIPE was elevated to head the Homicide Bureau of the Miami Police Department.

NAPIER also related that Detective Lieutenant EARL E. OWENS, in charge of the Juvenile Bureau, recently graduated from a twelve-week course in Juvenile Delinquency Control at the University of Southern California.

GAMBLING

MM 440-C advised that IKE MILLER, FBI Number 361116, formerly connected with the Sunny Isle Casino in Dade County and an old time Miami gambler, is now residing at the Lanai Apartments, Bal Harbour. MM 440-C stated that MILLER likes to be referred to as an art collector, but actually he is engaged only in sneak bookmaking.

HENRY BURNEY, PCI, advised that MAX SHARP, Miami Beach PD Number A 23560, a bookmaker from Cleveland, Ohio,

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is back in Miami Beach and residing at the Ocean Creek Apartments owned by PETER ARNSTEIN, Wa. Pete Arnold, FBI Number 394195A, former Chicago hoodlum, pimp and stickup man, who has heart trouble. 100  
F.L.P.

PCI, advised while in Havana, Cuba, the past week he met CHARLES TOURINE, Was. Charles White, "The Blade", FBI Number 695716, in the gambling casino of the new Capri Hotel. He said from TOURINE's actions and statements he, TOURINE, left no doubt that he was the boss of the casino. TOURINE is alleged to be the enforcer for the Eastern Gambling Syndicate. OTHER 4

CUBA  
also advised that he saw NORMAN ROTHMAN, FBI Number 152585B, former associate of SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR., FBI Number 482531B, in the same casino. TRAFFICANTE is presently co-owner of the San Souci Night Club and Casino, Havana, Cuba. commented that ROTHMAN was carrying a gun and has two body guards with him at all times. He said he asked ROTHMAN if he made it a policy to carry a gun on all occasions and he received an affirmative answer. added that ROTHMAN advised him that he, ROTHMAN, controls all of the slot machines in Cuba with the exception of those in Havana.

further advised that the following individuals were also in Havana, Cuba:

ABE BROWN, Miami Beach PD Number C89918,

former member of the S&G Syndicate;

THEODORE LIPSON, Was Sugar Brown, "Cat Eye", well-known racketeer from Stamford, Connecticut;

HOWARD ENGLE, owner of Gray's Inn, Miami Beach, who formerly operated a book at the Sea Gull pool and cabanas, and in former years was a dealer and stick man at the Greenacres Gambling Casino, Dade County;

SAM TUCKER, one of the principal owners of the Desert Inn, Las Vegas, and presently one of the managers of the casino in the Nacional Hotel, Havana, Cuba. TUCKER is a member of the Cleveland Gambling Syndicate, which syndicate includes MORRIS KLEINMAN, FBI Number 731237, and THOMAS J. MCGINTY, FBI Number 1923801; OH 10

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MOE B. ~~X~~DALITZ, FBI Number 4124252, formerly  
connected with the Desert Inn, Las Vegas, NEV  
and now interested in some of the gambling  
activities at Havana, Cuba; and  
THOMAS ~~X~~MCGINTY, mentioned above.

CHLO UPA  
[ ] advised the Havana Riviera, a new, twelve-  
million dollar, 400 room hotel in Havana, officially opened  
on December 10, 1957. He stated that even though this is  
MEYER LANSKY's hotel, his brother, JAKE ~~X~~LANSKY, is still CUBA  
one of the managers of the casino at the Nacional Hotel, FLA  
Havana. MEYER ~~X~~LANSKY has FBI Number 791783, and is one of  
the top members of the Eastern Gambling Syndicate.

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[ ] further advised that JOSEPH F. ~~X~~FRIEDLANDER,  
FBI Number 3716605, who in former years was a front for the  
COSTELLO-ERICKSON-ADONIS mob at Miami Beach, has recovered FLA  
from his suicide attempt some months ago and is now trying  
to organize the bookies at Miami Beach.

The "Miami Beach Sun" newspaper of December 8,  
1957, carried a photograph of GEORGE RAFT, the movie actor,  
who was listed as the Hotel Capri Casino greeter and host;  
socialite VICTORIA PERRERRA; and, CHARLES WHITE. The latter  
individual is CHARLES TOURINE, commented on previously in  
this letter. The photograph was taken at LEFTY CLARK's  
Tropicana Night Club in Havana, Cuba. LEFTY CLARK's true  
name is WILLIAM GUSTO ~~X~~BISCHOFF, FBI Number 17215077.

JOHN KERNAN, Manager of the Sea Gull Hotel, Miami  
Beach, advised that MICHAEL ~~X~~GIORANO, Wa. Nick ~~X~~Gerome, a MIAMI  
gambler and bookmaker, has some type of gambling interest  
in Cuba. He also advised that JIMMY "NEW YORK" ~~X~~TAUERBACH, a CUBA FLA  
card shark, is now employed at the Hotel Capri Gambling Casino.  
CUBA He said that ARTIE ~~X~~NEWMAN, a gambler, is employed as a dealer  
in the casino of the Nacional Hotel, Havana. He further  
stated that DAN ~~X~~LAPIDIS, Wa. "Dusty" ~~X~~Peters, a shylock and CUBA  
gambler, is employed in the gambling casino at the Hotel  
Riviera.

KERNAN also informed that MEYER ~~X~~STRAMM, former  
part owner of the cocktail lounge of the Sea Gull Hotel, FLA  
Miami Beach, and presently part owner of the Cal-Neva Lodge,  
Lake Tahoe, is seeking a business connection in Miami Beach.



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The "Miami Herald" newspaper of December 13, 1957, related that HAROLD JACK BUTLER, FBI Number 535613, who was engaged in the bolita field, and his wife were found shot to death in their home at Daytona Beach, Florida, on December 11, 1957.

#### NOTORIOUS PLACES OF AMUSEMENT AND HANGOUTS

FLA  
ILL NORMAN TAINSLY, detective, Miami Beach PD, advised that BELLE BARTH, close friend of OLLIE ARNSTEIN and former madam from Chicago and wife of ~~MRS~~ PETER ARNSTEIN, left the Mayflower Lounge and Night Club and began working as a singer in the cocktail lounge of the ~~Bel-Aire~~ Hotel, Miami Beach, FLA which cocktail lounge is a hangout for Chicago hoodlums.

He also advised that ~~SID~~ WHITE, a pimp and theatrical booking Agent and close associate of NORMAN WOODWARD, a Miami pimp, will manage the Sapphire Room of the ~~Belmar~~ Hotel, Miami Beach. FLA

FLA The "Miami Beach Sun" newspaper of December 10, 1957, related that Judges VINCENT GIBLIN, ROBERT ANDERSON and PAT CANNON, sitting as an appellate court on December 10, 1957, denied JAKE LAMOTTA's petition for a rehearing which pertained to LAMOTTA's conviction on his prostitution operations at his former cocktail lounge at Miami Beach. LAMOTTA was previously sentenced to six months in Dade County Jail and fined \$500.00.

FLA [redacted] PCI, advised that ~~FRED~~ SCHREIER, FBI FLA OTHER 4 Number 346867C, an active burglar in the Miami area; HYMAN RABINOWITZ, FBI Number 1433565, formerly of New York City FLA and a good thief; as well as ~~GEORGE~~ ALTER, FBI Number 756418, former partner with RABINOWITZ in the A-1 Auto Rental Agency, now hang out at the Treasure Isle Motel, North Bay Village, FLA coffee shop.

M. K. T. M. S.  
[redacted] also advised that while ~~CHESTER~~ ROBLE, an ILL entertainer from Chicago, and his wife, VIRGINIA ROBLE, stayed at the ~~Treasure~~ Isle Motel, ROBLE acted as a steerer for prostitutes. MIAMI BEACH, FLA

#### CRIMINAL RACKET ACTIVITIES

HENRY BEARDSLEY, in charge of security at Tropical Park Race Track, Coral Gables, advised that some of his men and Deputy Sheriffs of Dade County, arrested on December 8,

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1957, FRANK ~~MOTEN~~ of Atlantic City, New Jersey; FRED ~~WALKER~~ of Miami; and, HERBERT ~~MILLOY~~ of Miami and charged them FLA with vagrancy and suspicion of illegally dispensing race information. BEARDSLEY stated that two of the men were observed running out of the track after each race to contact a third man who would then transmit the race results over the telephone. The third man had four 'phones in four bars tied up for his operation, and found in MOTEN's possession were some "out of order" signs which were placed on telephone booths to insure him that he would have a 'phone available to use.

#### HOODLUMS IN THE MIAMI AREA

Detective JOHN MARKWITH, Miami Beach PD, advised that JOSEPH EDWARD ~~BUGA~~, Wa. Edward J. ~~Spilchin~~, Toronto, Ontario, PD Number 2029/50, was arrested and charged with larceny, breaking and entering, and possession of burglary tools on December 10, 1957, by the Miami Beach PD. MARKWITH also advised that a detainer was placed against BUGA by the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Miami, as BUGA had been deported to Canada in 1956 after having been previously charged with burglary in Hollywood, Florida. CANADA  
FLA

FLA MM 625-C advised that RALPH ~~SORRENTINO~~, FBI Number 1371001, a Buffalo, New York, hoodlum, and JOSEPH ~~INDELICATO~~, FBI Number 561965, are partners in the operation of the Wolfson Car Rental, Miami Beach. He also advised that RALPH SORRENTINO operates the cocktail lounge in the Albion Hotel, Miami Beach, although the business is listed in SORRENTINO's wife's name. FLA

FRED HARRIS, in charge of the Criminal Division of the Dade County Sheriff's Office, advised that Deputies of that Department on December 9, 1957, interrupted the 46th birthday party of WILLIE ~~HARRIS~~, FBI Number 497131, and arrested him for suspicion of burglary. HARRIS' birthday party was held at the Monaco Motel, Dade County. On December 10, 1957, he was released on a writ of habeas corpus after no direct charge was placed against him. FLA

Detective CLARENCE W. HUDDLESTON, Miami Beach Police Department, advised that FRANK ~~SCHWEIKS~~, FBI Number 345162, a burglar, was again arrested by the Miami Beach and the Surfside Police Departments on December 10, 1957, in the FLA

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New Surf Hotel, Surfside, for possession of burglary equipment. In SCHWEIKS' apartment were located a complete set of lock picks.

HUDDLESTON also advised that MORRIS REIF, FBI Number 1496739, a burglar who served time in the Florida State Penitentiary, was arrested by the Miami Beach PD on December 11, 1957, and charged with disorderly conduct.

[redacted] PCI, advised that PATSY AIRA, Wa. FCA OTHER 4  
Patty Aira, a well-known hoodlum from the Harlem Section of New York City, and close associate of MIKE COPPOLA, FBI Number FLA 677976, a top racketeer now residing in Miami, operates the Dream Bar in the Johnina Hotel, Miami Beach, with MAX EDER, Wa. Maxie Raymond, FBI Number 236413. [redacted] advised that FLA MAXIE EDER has complete charge of the gambling at the Fontainebleu Hotel, Miami Beach. [redacted] also advised that EDER received \$25,000.00 in connection with contracts let relative to the plasterers at the time the Fontainebleu Hotel was constructed.

LOCKHART GRACEY, detective, Miami Beach PD, advised FCA  
that THOMAS LUCHESE, Wa. "Three Finger Brown", a well-known hoodlum of New York and an associate of ABRAHAM CHAIT, FBI Number 751659, a notorious New York garment trucking czar, has an interest in the Balmoral Hotel, Bal Harbour, and recently bought into the Harwyn Club, a swank night club FCA in New York City, where ED WYNN, former head waiter of the Stork Club, is now the front man.

Two extra copies of this letter are being furnished to the Bureau so they can be forwarded to the Legat at Havana, Cuba.