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Enclosed herewith are four copies of Miami Semi-Annual General Investigative Intelligence File report for the period from June 1, 1956 to December 1, 1956.

An extra copy is being furnished to the Bureau for transmittal, via diplomatic pouch, to the Legal Attache at Havana, Cuba since numerous South Florida hoodlums travel to and from Cuba, Miami and Tampa, Florida.

Copies of this report are being furnished to the Albany, New York City and Salt Lake City Divisions because many underworld characters from Miami area are frequent visitors to Saratoga Springs, New York, New York City and Las Vegas, Nevada.

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE INTELLIGENCE FILE

BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

June 1, 1956 - December 1, 1956

The following information was obtained during the course of regular investigation by Special Agents JOSEPH I. GREALY, DENNIS J. O'SHEA and JOSEPH ZIEGLER.

A. ORGANIZED GANGS

Investigation and contacts with informants and sources of information have failed to give any indication that there are any organized gangs in Broward County at the present time.

On November 15, 1956, MM 322-C advised that neither MEYER LANSKY, FBI No. 791783, nor VINCENT ALO have been in Hollywood, Florida, during the past six months. He indicated that ALO has become more aligned with activities in New York since the deportation of JOE ADONIS to Italy. Informant stated that JACK LANSKY has made brief appearances at his home in Hollywood, Florida, but has spent most of his time in Havana, Cuba, where the LANSKY syndicate is active in gambling operations.

On November 16, 1956, MM 322-C advised that SAMUEL LAWRENCE BRATT, FBI No. 5036886, returned to Hollywood, Florida, from Las Vegas, Nevada, during the election primaries in May, 1956, at which time he supported FRANK TUPPEN, former Chief of Police at Pompano Beach, Florida, and unsuccessful candidate for the nomination to the office of Sheriff of Broward County. He added that BRATT returned in October, 1956, in an effort to align himself with CLAUDE TINDALL, the Democratic candidate for Sheriff.

B. INDIVIDUAL RACKETEERS AND MOBSTERS

VINCENT ALO, wa.
"Jimmie Blue Eyes", N.Y.
1248 Monroe Street
Hollywood, Florida

On November 15, 1956, MM 322-C advised that ALO, who maintains a home in Hollywood has not returned here

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the local press reported a raid on the Mello Club, Orlando, Florida and from this raid it was indicated the football pool had links to the Daytona Beach area.

MM 572C advised JOHN NARDUCCI, Ormond Beach, Florida is handling football bets and horse bets. NARDUCCI assists in the operation of Ralph's Cocktail Lounge, Ormond Beach, Florida.

C. POLITICAL TIE-UPS WITH ORGANIZED CRIME *Daytona L. Fla.*

MM 572C reports Constable JAMES T. KINCHEN is being paid off by JACK BUTLER in order for BUTLER to operate in the colored section of town.

D. POLICE EFFICIENCY

H. LEROY ALLEN is Chief of Police and his department consists of some fifty-five men. The Detective Bureau has been headed in the past by ALVA G. LAYNE, but LAYNE retired as of November 1, 1956 and a successor has not yet been appointed.

Public reaction to the efforts of the police has become more favorable, but all seem to agree that there is room for much improvement. Chief ALLEN has held several police schools during the past three years and the FBI participated in each of these schools. ALLEN is interested in promoting police efficiency, but lacks organizational ability and does not hold full respect of his men. There are several different factions within the department, each trying to get their own man in a key position.

The Daytona Beach Police Department and the Volusia County Sheriff's Office and the troopers of the Florida Highway Patrol in this area are most cooperative with FBI and go all out to aid or assist the Bureau in its work..

E. GAMBLING

MM 316C, MM 618C, MM 572C, MM 431C, MM 437C and MM 316C report there are no open gambling houses in Volusia County, Florida. There are sneak games held at the Moose Club and the Elks Club, but the main type of gambling here

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Cuba
that he would have an interest in this operation. AL MANHEIM, 600 S. W. 4th Street, now employed as an investigator by Sheriff THOMAS KELLY, Dade County, Florida, who has furnished reliable information to date to the Miami Office, but whose reliability is questioned by the Bureau due to information in their files, commented that ex-Judge LARRY HOFFMAN, Miami Beach, told him that ELI QUAIN of Miami, Florida, and ABE or AL GOODMAN, Miami Beach, *Fla* were also operating a gambling casino at the Sans Souci Hotel in Cuba, and that they had also operated a bolita business. MANHEIM said he learned from CHARLIE PERKID, Operator *Fla* of the Monterey Woodcrafter, that ROTHMAN and BYRON LEARY of the Brunson Hotel, Cuba, were also in the slot machine business. *Cuba*

NORMAN ROTHMAN, a PCI, advised the Legal Attache, Havana, Cuba on June 29, 1956, that the backers of the Nacional Gambling Casino were surprised at the success and good money making proposition it turned out to be.

SAM MANNARINO
FBI Number 115840 *Cuba*

This individual is head of the MANNARINO Gang of New Kensington, Pennsylvania. NORMAN ROTHMAN, according to the Legal Attache, Havana, Cuba, related on June 29, 1956, that MANNARINO had recently been in Havana, and had completed negotiations to operate slot machines in Santiago, Cuba, as well as in the City of Camaguey. MANNARINO is part owner with GABRIEL (KELLY) MANNARINO and WILLIE SAM in the operation of the Nu-Ken Novelty Company, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and that he had shipped twenty crates of slot machines from the Nu-Ken Novelty Company, New Kensington, Pennsylvania, to Miami, Florida, for re-shipment to Havana, Cuba, as previously mentioned.

MEYER LANSKY
FBI Number 791783 *Fla*
Cuba *Cuba Fla*

NORMAN ROTHMAN, PCI, advised the Legal Attache, Havana, Cuba on June 29, 1956, that JAKE LANSKY, a brother of MEYER LANSKY, and SAM TUCKER were the only two American Officers left at the Hotel Nacional Gambling Casino, who were present during the Winter Season. He said that JAKE LANSKY seems to carry most of the authority, and there is little doubt that JAKE LANSKY is representing his brother, MEYER LANSKY, who is alleged to have controlling interest in the

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gambling casino. He, in addition, related that MEYER LANSKY is backing a new multi-million dollar hotel in Havana, which is to be known as the Monaco, and will be ready for occupancy in June, 1958. He further said that MEYER LANSKY has already begun negotiations with the Cuban Government to insure a gambling license for the Monaco Hotel.

MICHAEL GIORANO, wa.,
MIKE GIORANO
FBI Number 217633B

According to NORMAN ROTHMAN, previously referred to, this individual also furnished slot machines to SAMMY MANNARINO. He was a member of the MANNARINO Gang of New Kensington, Pennsylvania, and is a resident of Miami Beach, Florida.

NORMAN STEIN
FBI Number 450952

This individual is a stick-up man, and labor racketeer, presently residing in the Miami Area. He, according to Deputy Sheriff PAUL HUISZENGA, Dade County Sheriff's Office, hangs around the Carib Motel, 18575 Collins Avenue, and the Carousel Motel, 19051 Collins Avenue, Miami Beach. On June 22, 1956, Special Agent CHARLES MATHEWS determined that STEIN was residing with his wife, ISABELLE, at 31 S. W. 62nd Court, Miami, Florida, and commented at that time, that he had not seen ALBERT ABRAHAMSON, a fugitive, since about a year and a half ago, but had heard about six months ago that ABRAHAMSON was supposed to be in New York City.

HERMAN "HERKIE" WILENSKY
FBI Number 219872B

This individual is an alleged contract killer from Brooklyn, New York, who resides at 826 - 7th Street, Miami Beach. This individual, according to Deputy Sheriff PAUL HUISZENGA, is a close associate of WILLIE HARRIS, FBI Number 497131, as well as a close associate of BENJAMIN HERMAN, Miami Beach Police Department No. A24345, and has a brother HARRY WILENSKY, Miami Beach Police Department Number A24005. HUISZENGA also advised that WILENSKY hangs out at PETE ARNSTEIN's night club in Miami Beach. On June 8, 1956, Special Agent CHARLES MATHEWS interviewed WILENSKY. At that time he denied any knowledge of, or ever having known ALBERT ABRAHAMSON.

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Police Department for vagrancy and released. SIDAMORE makes his home at Palm Beach, Florida.

~~SANTOS~~ TRAFFICANTE, JR.
FBI # 482531B

Fla Cuba

On July 9, 1956. Legal Attache, Havana, Cuba, advised that PCI [redacted] informed on June 13, 1956 that TRAFFICANTE is still in Havana and intends to remain indefinitely. TRAFFICANTE has a Federal Income Tax case pending in Tampa, Florida. This PCI related that TRAFFICANTE intended to remain in Cuba until such time as he is recalled to Florida to face the charges.

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MM 334-C advised SA CHARLES J. MATHEWS on August 3, 1956, that he recently had seen TRAFFICANTE in Maisell's Restaurant in Miami, Florida, accompanied by a couple of unidentified Italians. MM 334-C said that TRAFFICANTE is still active in the gambling casino at the Sans Souci outside of Havana, Cuba.

~~OSCAR~~ SLOFSKY

Detectives BURT BERNSTEIN and LARRY COTZIN, Miami Beach Police Department, advised SA JOHN D. MONTGOMERY that they learned as a result of the arrest of six individuals in a burglarly case that they determined the identify of a fence who will deal in any amount of stolen property up to \$100,000.00. These detectives stated SLOFSKY resided at 600 12th Street, Miami Beach, FL and that he operates a novelty business at 918 N. W. 2nd Avenue, Miami, and further that he also has a similiar outlet in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, name and address unknown.

~~BEN~~ STREET
FBI # 1923540

Fla

STREET is a well known hoodlum from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. His photograph appeared in the Miami Beach Sun Newspaper of June 24, 1956 reflecting he, together with DAVE GLASS and County Commissioner Elect CHARLES (CHUCK) HALL were turning over the first shovel of dirt for the construction of their new 130 room Golden Nugget Hotel which will be ready for occupancy in December, 1956.

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BYRON LEARY

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information to Agents of the Miami Office to date regarding some security and criminal matters but the Bureau has advised some of their files reflect [redacted] to be somewhat of an opportunist and one individual who was associated with him informed the Army Attache at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil that [redacted] was considered irresponsible. Bureau related that [redacted] in 1954, then an informant for the United States Customs, made an unauthorized disclosures of informant status to one DON COOK. [redacted] at the present is in the Miami area and is also an informant for the United States Customs Service. He advised that on June 30, 1956, he learned from CHARLIE FREED, operator of the Monterey Woodcrafters, that NORMAN ROTHMAN and BYRON LEARY of the Bruzon Hotel, Cuba, were also in the slot machine business.

Cuba

ABE GOODMAN

[redacted] previously referred to above, related on July 30, 1956, that ABE GOODMAN a gambler was, according to CHARLIE FREED, in the bolita business in Cuba with ELI QUAIN and NORMAN ROTHMAN.

WILLIE SMITH

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Miami Herald Newspaper of August 26, 1956 reflected an article to the effect that WILLIE SMITH accused by Federal Agents as a kingpin of Miami narcotics racket in the Negro section, went free again on August 27, 1956 when a Criminal Court Jury found him innocent of selling marijuana cigarettes last January 30, 1956. The article relates that the acquittal marked the third time that SMITH had beat the narcotics rap before Criminal and United States Court Juries in the past two years. SMITH, age 38, according to the articles, related he operates twenty-three rooms in two rooming houses in the Negro district and drives a new Cadillac.

of jail after CHISHOLM had been there for 7½ weeks previously, having been arrested by Agents of Miami on a bad check charge. Two days later he said CLEIN's publishing plant blew up after having been dynamited. [] said that seven sticks of dynamite had been found either by the manager of the hotel or police in the hotel from which had been occupied by CHISHOLM in the vicinity of San Francisco before CHISHOLM came to Miami. [] said that after the explosion CLEIN acquired a new Cadillac, a new Mercury and had rebuilt his plant whereas prior to that he was financially broke, was behind on his payroll and had passed several bad checks.

[] further stated that CLEIN has three ex-deputies Sheriff of Dade County, Florida, namely MC CRORY, VENNO and SLAUGHTER, on his payroll and has employed from West Palm Beach one DOY SCHACHMAN to serve as a strong armed man for him. Fla Carl

On June 4, 1956, [] advised SA GEORGE DAVIS that when Sheriff KELLY hired him to investigate CLEIN he told JOHN TYLER, CBI, Dade County Sheriff's Office to turn over to [] the file on CLEIN. [] stated that TYLER had been stalling and that he had not yet received the file. Fla

On July 30, 1956, [] advised SA GEORGE DAVIS that he is now employed as an investigator by Sheriff KELLY and that shortly after [] was employed by Sheriff KELLY to conduct investigation of RUBIN CLEIN, KELLY instructed [] to see what he could find out about ELI QUAIN of Miami Beach. He said he contacted Ex-Judge LARRY HOFFMAN who advised that QUAIN and ABE or AL GOODMAN, Miami Beach, had rented an apartment in Havana, Cuba from AURORA PEREZ, 13--N. Street, Vedado, Havana, Cuba, presumably for the "scrap steel business." HOFFMAN advised [] that QUAIN, NORMAN ROTHMAN and GOODMAN were also operating a gambling concession at the Sans Souci in Cuba and that they were also operating a bolita business. [] said that he also learned from CHARLIE FREED, operator of Monterey Woodcrafter, that ELI QUAIN, NORMAN ROTHMAN and ABE GOODMAN were in the bolita business in Cuba.

On about June 26, 1956, [] said Sheriff KELLY called him in for a conference relative to his progress in obtaining information concerning QUAIN. He informed

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~~SANTO~~ TRAFFICANTE, JR.
FBI #4 825 31 B

Cuba Fla

JOE PERRONE

~~SAM JOSEPH~~ LORENZO, wa.,
~~Salvatore~~ Lorenzo

These individuals are remnants of the old TRAFFICANTE bolita and gambling group in Tampa. SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR., has moved to Havana, Cuba where he is the under cover owner of the San Souci Hotel gambling casino. He has a front man named ~~FRANK~~ RENZONI Havana, Cuba operating the gambling casino. These three and numerous others of their ilk have been charged in the past with conspiracy to violate the Internal Revenue laws. They continue to seek venue changes. They are represented by ~~PAT~~ WHITAKER, capable criminal attorney in Tampa, Florida.

ARMED ROBBERY GROUP

~~ARTHUR~~ MONTANO, JR.
Tampa PD #59518

Fla

Fla

Fla

This individual hung out at the Italian Club, West Tampa and at the Malibu Club, 2126 Main Street. He was arrested during this period as the perpetrator of the robbery of a Belk-Lindsey Department Store messenger who had thousands of dollars of the company receipts en route to the bank. Inspector BEYNON stated they had definite information from reliable informants that MONTANO committed the robbery but that they did not have a witness sufficiently strong for a successful prosecution. BEYNON reports MONTANO, one of the younger armed hoodlums will probably be involved, or at least a likely suspect, in any armed robbery in the future. Detective NORMAN BROWN, Police Department, reported MONTANO hangs out with NILO BARBOLLA, Tampa Police Department Number 31886, CELESTINO MARTINEZ, wa., "Don Ameche," Tampa Police Department Number 22104.

MM 439-C reported MONTANO was an ex-boxer and a past associate of JOE BEDAMI, supra, and had a girl friend named DORIS (LNU) who was a waitress at Tony's Restaurant, South Dale Mabry Highway and who resides in

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