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The image shows a close-up of a heavy, metallic vault door. The door is partially open, revealing a complex internal mechanism with multiple locking bolts and a central handle. A bright blue light emanates from the gap between the door and the frame, creating a strong glow and casting shadows on the surrounding metal. The overall aesthetic is industrial and mysterious.

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TO : Mr. E. A. Tamm Time of Call: 3:45 P.M.

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FROM : Mr. Rosen

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At the above time Special Agent John Speakes at Mexico City was contacted regarding the report by Louis Shainmark of the Chicago Herald-American that Arno Merkel had turned information over to the Mexican authorities regarding some slot machines allegedly delivered to Merkel in Mexico City, which delivery was refused when Merkel found that the machines were coming from a group of Chicago hoodlums. Mr. Shainmark alleged that the Mexican authorities turned the information over to the FBI, and that FBI Agents interviewed Merkel in Mexico City. (U)

Mr. Speakes stated that this information was not correct in that the files of the Mexico City Office contained no information that Arno Merkel was referred to the Mexico City office by the Mexican authorities or was interviewed by Bureau representatives in Mexico. Mr. Speakes stated that he would definitely recall if any such contact was made inasmuch as Arno Merkel is the father of Una Merkel, the motion picture actress.

The Bureau files were checked negatively regarding Mr. Shainmark's allegation that Merkel or anyone contacted our Mexico City representatives regarding the slot machines.

The only information Special Agent Speakes could recall concerning slot machines in Mexico concerned an interview of one Eugene Lawrence Satcher on August 27, 1946, by representatives of the U. S. Treasury after Satcher had been arrested for deportation by Mexican authorities as an undesirable alien. This interview, as is noted above, occurred over one year ago, while Mr. Shainmark stated that the transaction which he was reporting occurred some six months ago. The subjects of the captioned case were paroled on August 13, 1947. When interviewed by the Treasury representatives, Satcher advised that his reason for coming to Mexico was to handle an assignment given him by Marcus Lipsky in arranging for the payment of Lipsky's claim against Lloyd's Insurance Company of London for the damage done to seventeen slot machines and forty pinball machines while they were being transported by truck from Dallas, Texas, to Mexico City. The equipment, according to Satcher, was consigned to Paul Roland Jones in January 1946, and Lipsky allegedly gave Satcher a power of attorney to arrange the settlement with the insurance company for the claim of \$20,000.00, American money. When Satcher presented the documents, however, he knew the documents had no value and that previously Jones had presented a different power of attorney so that he could arrange with the insurance company the corresponding claims and indemnities.

A Bureau representative in Mexico City was present from July 27 to August 3, 1946, during an interview of Paul Roland Jones, and in discussing his

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