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Title JAMES WEINBERG, with aliases, et al <i>Mexico</i>		Character of Case THEFT FROM INTERSTATE SHIPMENT	
<p>XXXXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS:</p> <p>In the course of the investigation of this case, contact was made with the United States Treasury representatives in Mexico City for any information in their possession that might pertain to the activities of the subjects in Mexico. It was learned that the Treasury Department representatives in Mexico City were conducting a vigorous investigation of the same activities of the subjects which are of interest to the Bureau. The Treasury representatives were under instructions from their Washington headquarters to conduct an extensive investigation with a view to prosecution for United States Treasury violations.</p> <p>On July 27, 1946, Agent FERNANDO LOPEZ HERRERIAS, of the Investigative Unit of the Banco de Mexico, while working in collaboration with United States Treasury representatives in Mexico, had apparently, from statements made by the United States Treasury representatives in Mexico, prematurely and without authority, arrested subject PAUL ROLAND JONES in the lobby of the Reforma Hotel in Mexico City.</p> <p>The writer of this report, through cooperation of the United States Treasury representatives in Mexico, was present at the interviews of subject JONES but at no time was the reporting</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Continued on next page)</p>			
<p>Reference: (Bureau File No. 15-16161)</p> <p>Letter from Mexico City to Bureau dated June 28, 1946;</p> <p>Letters from Bureau to Mexico City dated July 3, 1946, July 12, 1946, and July 19, 1946;</p> <p>Cable from Mexico City to Bureau [dated July 30, 1946]</p>			
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Agent ever identified to subject JONES as being a Bureau representative.

It should be noted that JONES is fearful for his personal safety as a result of his giving information in this case. JONES has been assured by the United States Treasury representatives in Mexico that the information given by him will be treated in the strictest confidence.

It is also pointed out that this report contains new information regarding JONES' exact connections with the Guzik Mob and which information up to the present time has been revealed by JONES only to the United States Treasury representatives in Mexico and to the writer.

Also of possible interest to the Bureau, subject JONES expects a moiety on any of the monies recovered by the United States as a result of the information JONES can furnish.

JOE GREEN, who is mentioned in this report, is the subject of Civil Attaché letter to the Bureau dated June 5, 1945. JONES is known to the Bureau.

~~RE~~ Reliable Confidential Informants [243-30 and 869-18] ^(S) both of whom have numerous contacts at the Hotel Reforma, Mexico, D. F., have both advised that additional inquiries made by them have failed to disclose any evidence that the Hotel Reforma is now, or has in the recent past, been used as a "front" for gambling activities or as a clearing house for individuals dealing in the sale of stolen merchandise brought from the United States. Investigation conducted so far has also failed to develop any evidence that the stolen jewels have been brought to, and are being disposed of, in Mexico City.

In view of the fact that subject JONES has indicated a possible tie-up with west coast gambling syndicates in Baja California believed to involve "BUGS" SIEGEL, it is to be noted that an investigation is being conducted by this office relative to the activities of SIEGEL, such investigation being pursuant to Bureau request by teletype dated July 4, 1946, entitled "Activation Capone Gang - Miscellaneous Information."

Following JONES' arrest, General EMILIO BAIG SERRA, Chief of the Investigative Unit of Gobernacion, contacted Dr. LEOPOLDO CHAVEZ, Chief of the Department of Prevencion Social de

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Gobernacion, and endeavored to have JONES released. Dr. CHAVEZ refused to order JONES' release. General BAIG SERRA also contacted JONES personally at the SansSouci night club, while JONES was still in the custody of the agents of Prevencion Social, to discuss the purchase by BAIG SERRA of the gambling equipment which JONES has stored in Mexico City. General BAIG SERRA also contacted the Civil Attaché and endeavored to arrange a meeting between the Civil Attaché and JONES for the purpose of maneuvering the Office of the Civil Attaché into the position of giving a color of respectability to JONES and to the dealings between JONES and BAIG SERRA.

No distribution is being made locally of this report due to ramifications in the United States.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Source C	TOBIAS E. MATTHEWS of this office
Source D	FRANCIS X. DiLUCIA, United States Treasury Representative, Mexico City

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August 6, 1946

RE: JAMES WEINBERG, with aliases, et al
Mexico

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

PAUL ROLAND JONES arrested Mexico City July 27, 1946, by Mexican official, a confidential contact of U. S. Treasury representatives, Mexico City, who are investigating subjects in connection with U. S. Treasury violations. JONES, in several interviews, revealed activities of subjects in Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana, also extensive gambling activities from December, 1945 to March, 1946, in Casa Latino Americana, one of leading Mexico City apartment buildings. Gambling casino at Casa Latino Americana promoted by LIPSKY, established by JONES and operated by LOU SCHNEIDER. ROJO GOMEZ, Governor of Federal District, General EMILIO BAIG SERRA, Chief of Investigative Unit of Gobernacion, Colonel PEREZ ORTEGA, Assistant Chief of Federal Police, all figured in payoff. JONES denied any traffic in stolen jewels, knowledge of jewel thefts in Texas, or any gambling operations at Hotel Reforma, Mexico City, as previously reported by Bureau. Investigation through reliable confidential informants has so far failed to disclose any evidence that jewels stolen in Texas are being disposed of in Mexico City.

DETAILS:

The following information was furnished by subject PAUL ROLAND JONES in the course of interviews with Sources C and D dating from July 27 to August 3, 1946:

During the early part of 1940, soon after JONES was pardoned by Governor HUXMAN from the Kansas City penitentiary where he was serving a life term for murder, JONES established himself in the egg dehydration business. A series of imprudent investments resulted in his losing several businesses in Kansas City and Chicago.

During the latter part of 1940, JONES established himself in Dallas, Texas, in the same business of drying eggs. He continued working in the Dallas area up until September 1945, when MARCUS LIPSKY of the Chicago group called

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