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TO : Director, FBI (91-5535)

FROM : Legal Attache, Havana, Cuba (91-3)

SUBJECT: ROBINK

DATE: July 25, 1952
Havana, Cuba

RE: REX RODRIGUEZ

Rebulet July 2, 1952 which transmitted copy of Boston letter to Bureau dated 6-23-52.

Former NYC-25, who presently resides in Havana and whose identity is known to the Bureau, has a great deal of contact with the Sans Souci Night Club and is very friendly with one JACKIE DAVIS, one of the principal gamblers and front men at the Sans Souci and not identical with the JACK DAVIS mentioned in Boston letter. Source is also acquainted with a number of the other gamblers at the Sans Souci. He was questioned as to whether he had ever known a REX RODRIGUEZ at the Sans Souci and he said that he had not. He could not recall anyone meeting the general description of RODRIGUEZ as set forth in reference Boston letter. (X)(u)

Source made discreet inquiry of JACKIE DAVIS and of one CARLOS "CHIVO" MIRANDA, well connected in local gambling circles, and neither of them admitted knowing RODRIGUEZ. (X)(u)

As the Bureau is aware, the principal money to operate the gambling concession at the Sans Souci is put up by the SAM MANNERINO gang of New Kensington, PA. The chief front man for this organization in Havana is NORMAN ROTHMAN, who acts as manager at the Sans Souci.

The only information which has come to our attention indicating any possible tie in with the Boston area was the fact that during February and March, 1952, LEO A. SANTANIELLO, FBI No. 585960, was in Havana and apparently working as a shill for the Sans Souci. This information was furnished by JAMES ENNIS, Manager of the Hotel Nacional, who had considerable difficulties in getting SANTANIELLO out of the Nacional after the latter's steering activities around the hotel had become objectionable. (X)(u)

Information concerning SANTANIELLO is set forth in the report of Inspector M. E. GURNEA in instant case dated 6-26-50 at Boston. There is a considerable discrepancy between the descriptions of RODRIGUEZ and SANTANIELLO and it does not appear likely that the two are identical.

If any additional background data is available which might serve to further identify RODRIGUEZ, it is suggested that it be furnished in order that it may be discussed with [former NYC-25]. (X)(u)

Two extra copies of this letter are attached for forwarding to Boston, the office of origin.

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