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[MEX 34] advised 10/13/72 that he had conducted further investigation in Cuernavaca, Morelos, Mexico, and determined that the housekeeper at the Villa San Cristobal in the Las Quintas section of Cuernavaca is named JOSEFINA. The telephone number at that address is 22500. Source is exploring possibility of establishing contact with JOSEFINA in order to develop information concerning GIANCANA. (u)

During September and October, 1972, source was in contact on several occasions with GILBERO MORALES, who is the superintendent of the building at Amsterdam 82, Mexico City, where subject GIANCANA formerly lived as SAM DE PALMA. (u)

MORALES and his wife confirmed information that a local architect ROBERTO MORALES, Marcella 70-5, telephone 5-14-15-69, was a personal friend of DE PALMA and was doing work for him. MORALES had a chauffeur named CAMILO RODRIGUEZ, telephone 5-14-96-28, who also did work for DE PALMA from time to time and who has come by the building at Amsterdam 82 to check for mail for DE PALMA. In addition, it was (u)

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indicated that attorney JORGE CASTILLO Z. was also very friendly with DE PALMA and also received mail at Amsterdam 82. CASTILLO has his offices at Plaza de la Republica 32-1, telephone 5-66-59-00. (S)(u)

RODRIGUEZ indicated to MORALES on a recent visit that DE PALMA left for Italy about the end of 9/72. (S)(u)

The architect MORALES was contacted by telephone concerning the whereabouts of CELSO CARRETO. He immediately responded that CARRETO had gone to the U. S. to work and that Mr. SAM and other friends had made the arrangements and helped him with his documentation. He did not know the address of CARRETO and said the only person who would know this would be Mr. SAM and he was in Lebanon. (S)(u)

On 11/15/72 MEX 287 advised that he had had no direct contact with subject GIANCANA but had further reports that GIANCANA was currently residing in his apartment in Beirut, Lebanon. He reportedly left Mexico some three to five weeks ago. He retains his home in Cuernavaca and it is not known when he will return to Mexico. (S)(u)

He considered that it should be fairly simple to locate subject in Beirut through the casinos or golf clubs if he is unknown to Lebanese authorities. (S)u

MEX 170 advised 10/31/72 that he had determined that the full name in the Spanish fashion for CARRETO, who reportedly worked for subject GIANCANA, is CELSO CARRETO BENITEZ. CARRETO was born 3/18/30, Iguala, Guerrero, Mexico. The only address available for him in the records of Social Security is Las Casas 5, Cuernavaca, Mexico. His parents were listed as JUAN CARRETO and BENITA BENITEZ. He was originally registered with Social Security as an employee of the Hotel Villa Galeana, Galeana 102, Cuernavaca, Mexico. The records of the Waiters Union in Cuernavaca indicate he has also been employed by the restaurants Las Mananitas, Las Quintas, the Marriott in Acapulco and the San Gabriel Las Palmas between Taxco and Cuernavaca. (S)(u)

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It is noted that subject GIANCANA is known to have frequented the Mananitas and Quintas restaurants. (S) u

The office of INS, American Embassy, Mexico City, has been requested to check for the immigrant status of CARRETO. (S) u

The Mexico City daily newspaper "La Prensa" for 10/24/72 carried an article concerning the Cosa Nostra in Chicago and mentioned the supposed presence of subject GIANCANA in Cuernavaca, Mexico, and the fact that he was not being bothered by Mexican authorities. (u)

The same date attorney JAIME GUTIERREZ QUIROS, Chief of the Inspection Service, Mexican Immigration (protect), commented concerning this article and asked for verification. Both he and attorney JORGE VAZQUEZ ROBLES of the Department of Political Investigations of the Secretariat of Interior, who also made inquiry concerning this matter, were advised that subject GIANCANA apparently has been a resident of Mexico for a number of years, in spite of the fact that the Mexican government reportedly has prohibited his entry into Mexico. Both advised that they would be making inquiry into GIANCANA's status in Mexico and his apparent violation of Mexican law. (S) u

In addition, MEX 170 advised that the Mexican Federal Attorney General's office was again showing interest in subject GIANCANA's whereabouts. (S) (u)

These inquiries may have something to do with subject's reported departure for Lebanon. (S) u

On 11/9/72 RICHARD CAIN telephoned ANN ARNOLD, a clerk in the Legal Office of the American Embassy, Mexico City. Mrs. ARNOLD was acquainted with CAIN during his residence in Mexico some 10 years earlier and was acquainted with CAIN's former wife who also worked at the American Embassy. CAIN said he planned to go to Cuernavaca for the weekend and then on to Europe where he planned to spend the winter. However, he indicated he would be back in two months. (S) (u)

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