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On January 15, 1958, PCI GOFFREDO CELLINI (conceal) advised that approximately two days before Cuban Senator EDUARDO SUAREZ RIVAS had telephonically contacted the gambling casino at the Hotel Nacional and requested to speak to JAKE LANSKY, overseer at the casino and brother of MEYER LANSKY the notorious hoodlum, who has an interest in that casino. Source said that since LANSKY could not speak Spanish it was necessary for source to act as an interpreter on the telephone. SUAREZ RIVAS indicated that he had talked with Cuban Prime Minister ANDRES RIVERO AGUERO concerning MEYER LANSKY. It should be noted that Prime Minister RIVERO AGUERO has frequently been mentioned as the candidate of the Cuban Government coalition parties to succeed President FULGENCIO BATISTA. Source informed that SUAREZ RIVAS stated that as a result of his conference with RIVERO AGUERO, RIVERO AGUERO had indicated that for a contribution of \$3000 a month from each of the casinos at the Hotels Nacional, Havana Riviera and Capri in Havana, MEYER LANSKY could be assured of encountering no difficulty with the Cuban Government. SUAREZ RIVAS noted that LANSKY had invested a great deal of money in Cuba and had brought a great deal of tourist business to Cuba and as a result for a total compensation of \$9000 a month, his position in Cuba would not be disturbed. JAKE LANSKY indicated that he would not dare ask SAM TUCKER, who has a part interest in the casino in the Hotel Nacional, or any of the other owners for \$3000 a month from each of the casinos. Source said that JAKE LANSKY indicated he would not "sit still for the shakedown" and LANSKY simply refused to pay any sum at all to SUAREZ RIVAS for RIVERO AGUERO. Source indicated that JAKE LANSKY apparently believed that MEYER LANSKY was sufficiently well connected with the Cuban Government and had no desire to start lining the pockets of the potential candidates for the Presidency of Cuba.

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PCI CELLINI had previously advised that BURT BRIGGS, who is employed at the gambling casino at the Hotel Nacional, is responsible for protecting FRANK ERICKSON's interests in Cuba. On January 14, 1958, JAMES ENNIS, Manager of the Hotel Havana Riviera, confidentially advised that FRANK ERICKSON had arrived at the Hotel Havana Riviera on January 6,

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1958, and that he was still residing at the hotel. PCI CELLINI advised on January 15, 1958, that BRIGGS left the casino for a period of two hours on January 7, 1958, to see ERICKSON. He stated he did not know the nature of BRIGGS' conversation with ERICKSON. CELLINI stated that ERICKSON was in the casino of the Hotel Nacional on January 14, 1957, greeting some of his gambling acquaintances. (Am)

CELLINI further informed that MORRIS KLEINMAN, one of the owners of the Desert Inn, together with THOMAS JOSEPH MC GINTY, SAM TUCKER, and MOE BERNARD DALITZ, was in Havana a short time ago visiting with acquaintances. It should be noted that MC GINTY, TUCKER and DALITZ have financial interests in the casino at the Hotel Nacional. (Am)

PCI CELLINI stated that he had received information indicating that an individual by the name of JOE DE TILLIO from Los Angeles, California, had been selected to operate the gambling casino at the Havana Hilton. CELLINI indicated that he had seen DE TILLIO in action and that he appeared to be pretty much of an amateur as a gambler and he doubted that DE TILLIO could operate a casino the size of the one that would be in the Havana Hilton. (Am)

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