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TO : Mr. Rosen

FROM : F. L. Price

SUBJECT: AMERICAN GAMBLING ACTIVITIES IN CUBA
STOP HOODLUM PROGRAM

Memorandum Price to Rosen, 2/28/58, set out a summary of information received indicating that American gambling activities in Cuba may have had some connection with the murder of Albert Anastasia. The Director noted on the memorandum that our Legal Attache in Havana should be advised of all the ramifications.

The Legal Attache has been furnished information from time to time and a summary of much of the background material in this regard was furnished to him and other interested offices by airgram, 1/16/58. Also information received by the New York Office from the New York City Police Department has been forwarded to the Legal Attache. Some of the information in this matter has been developed independently by the Legal Attache in Havana.

A letter has been prepared under today's date containing in detail all of the information in the matter and is being sent to the Legal Attache, Havana, Cuba, and interested domestic offices in order that they will be brought up to date.

Of further interest in this matter, we have received information from the Legal Attache since the preparation of the memorandum of 2/28/58 to the effect that there may have been a meeting at Havana on 1/31/58 in connection with the Havana-Hilton Hotel casino. Potential Criminal Informant Goffredo Cellini advised that a meeting was held on 1/31/58 and that Cliff Jones, former Lieutenant Governor of Nevada, was present. Alfred Francis, who is employed in the Hotel Nacional casino, advised that Jake Lansky also met with his brother Meyer in the latter's apartment. The Legal Attache also has information that on that date the automobile of Santo Trafficante, Jr., was at the Lansky's apartment. The Legal Attache points out that Frank Erickson, New York top hoodlum, was in Havana at that time. Erickson has long been associated with Meyer Lansky in gambling enterprises.

The Miami Office has advised that on 2/28/58 former SA John Madala received information which he considers reliable to the effect that the following individuals are going to take over the Havana-Hilton Hotel casino when it opens on 3/18/58:

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