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Legat, Havana (92-11)

FRANK ERICKSON  
TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM  
ANTI-RACKETEERING

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Reference New York memorandum dated February 6, 1958.

On January 31, 1958, PCI Goffredo Cellini (conceal) advised that a meeting of important people was being held in Havana on that date concerning the gambling casino to be operated in the Havana-Hilton Hotel which was soon to be opened. Cellini stated that CLIFF JONES, former Lieutenant Governor of Nevada, would be at this meeting. (S) W

On the same date, ALFRED FRANCIS, who is employed in the casino at the Hotel Nacional, advised that JAKE LANSKY was meeting with MEYER LANSKY in the latter's apartment located on Calle 12 in the Vedado Section of Havana. A spot check of the residence of MEYER LANSKY on this same date reflected the presence of the automobile of SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR., at the apartment. Since ERICKSON was in Havana on this date, it is highly possible that he was in attendance at this meeting. (S) W

It should be noted that both PCI Goffredo Cellini and Arthur Newman, who works as credit manager in the casino at the Hotel Nacional, have advised that BURT BRIGGS, who is employed as a dealer at the Nacional, is FRANK ERICKSON's representative in Cuba. (S) W

As the Legat, Havana, has previously advised, ERICKSON arrived at the Hotel Havana-Riviera on January 6, 1958. PCI Cellini advised on January 15, 1958, that BRIGGS left the gambling casino at the Hotel Nacional for a period of two hours on January 17, 1958, to see ERICKSON. ERICKSON was observed both at the Nacional and Havana-Riviera greeting gambling acquaintances on numerous occasions in the casinos. (S) W

JACK LIEBERBAUM, part owner of the Hotel Capri in Havana (conceal), advised on February 3, 1958, that he had heard that ERICKSON secretly owns 38% of the gambling casino operation in the Hotel Nacional and also has a strong secret minority interest in the Hotel Havana-Riviera. (S) W

Investigation in Havana is continuing. Extra copies of this letter have been prepared for forwarding by the Bureau to the New York and Miami offices for information. 14 MAR 10 1958

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