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Reference New York letter to Bureau dated June 16

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Referenced New York letter sets forth a substantial amount of information furnished by PCI [redacted] concerning American gambling activities in Cuba as well as American gamblers in Cuba. For the assistance of the New York Office in evaluating information furnished by [redacted] it should be noted that the majority of the information set forth in referenced letter has been previously furnished to the Havana Office by sources considered reliable. It appears that when this PCI furnishes information concerning which he has personal knowledge, the information furnished is reliable. It should be noted, however, that in furnishing opinions concerning individuals he tends to state generalities which are not true.

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Pages 7 and 8 of referenced letter make reference to information furnished by NY 1894-C indicating that informant had been introduced by HENRY "BUSTER" BELL to a Cuban, referred to as Mr. ~~BOSQUE~~. Informant was unable to further identify "BOSQUE." For the information of the Bureau and New York, "BOSQUE" is believed to be identical with FREDESVIDO BOSQUE CUETO, FBI Number 420934. This individual has been associated with Cuban gambling since the early 1950s. He was an important figure in the old National Casino in Havana which operated before hotel gambling was legalized. In addition, he has been associated for many years with gambling operations at the Oriental Park Race Track. He is a known associate of some of the more important American gambling figures in Havana.

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