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AT MIAMI, FLORIDA

Will continue its investigation relating to the activities of the subject in this Division.

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It is noted that the period of instant report exceeds 90 days. This was occasioned by the fact subject was not in this Division from April, 1961, to December, 1961; however, sources were continually contacted to determine subject's present whereabouts and activities.

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

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Title: CHARLES TOURINE

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Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

Subject has been absent from Miami from April, 1961, to latter part of December, 1961. Traveled through Europe during summer of 1961, where he was alleged to have swindled legitimate businessmen in card games. Arrived in London, England, March 6, 1962, and returned to Miami on 3/15/62. Allegedly accompanied GEORGE RAFT to London and purpose for subject's visit not yet established, but believed relates to gambling operations either in London or one of the British possessions. SUBJECT CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS. (u) X

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DETAILS:BACKGROUND

MM T-1 advised on October 10, 1961, that CHARLES TOURINE is still out of the city, that is Miami Beach, Florida, and source heard that TOURINE had made a trip to Europe and is now residing in New York City. U

This same source previously advised that TOURINE had left the Miami area in April, 1961. U

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This same source advised on November 21, 1961, that from every indication TOURINE was not going to return to Miami, Florida, and that TOURINE was attempting to break his lease at the Beaux Arts Apartments, North Bay Village, Florida, and to sell his furniture. U

This same source advised on December 22, 1961, that TOURINE did return to Miami, Florida, and has taken up residence in his Apartment in North Bay Village. According to this source, TOURINE appeared to be recovering from some type of illness. U

On January 5, 1962, according to this source, TOURINE only stayed in Miami for approximately one week and returned to New York City. U

On January 23, 1962, this source stated that TOURINE returned to Miami on January 20, 1962, and again left on January 22, 1962, for New York City. U

MM T-2 advised on March 1, 1962, that TOURINE departed from Miami, destination unknown. U

On March 16, this same source advised TOURINE returned to Miami Beach and is presently residing in his Beaux Arts Apartments. According to this source, TOURINE returned on the evening of March 15, 1962. U

TRAVEL - EUROPE

On August 23, 1961, New Scotland Yard, London, England, received information from a source that two American nationals had recently arrived in England and (u)

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were staying at the Claridge Hotel, Brook Street, W. 1, London, England. These Americans arrived from Italy and it was determined while in Italy they had obtained 20,000 pounds from an ~~eminent~~ businessman by gambling, playing double-back gin rummy. Further, these Americans had taken another large sum from this same businessman at the Claridge Hotel. According to New Scotland Yard this businessman did not wish publicity and refused to cooperate with the police. The two Americans were identified as CHARLES TOURINE and ANISSIN GEORGE VAINTRAUB. (u)X

According to New Scotland Yard, there is little doubt that the association between VAINTRAUB and TOURINE is one of card-cheater and strongarm man to enforce payment by any reticent customer. Scotland Yard advised no action was possible against these two individuals while they were in England. (u)X

According to Scotland Yard these two individuals arrived in England at London Airport on August 24, 1961, and departed from London Airport for France on August 24, 1961. (u)X

On November 24, 1961, the Central Bureau, Italian Criminal Police, Rome, Italy, advised as follows (u)X

ANISSIN GEORGE VAINTRAUB and CHARLES TOURINE, U.S. citizens, lodged at the Hotel Pace in Montecatini, Italy, from June 27 to July 9, 1961, and from June 27 to July 16, 1961, respectively. CHARLES TOURINE also stayed at the Hotel Mediterraneo in Montecatini during the night of July 11-12, 1961, with an unidentified woman, with whom he is suspected of having engaged in immoral relations. TOURINE gave no other reason to suspect his activity in Montecatini. (u)X

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While at the above hotels, VAINTRAUB and TOURINE took thermal baths for which the area is famous. They were not subject to any police action. (u) X

TOURINE was also at the Hotel Pace from June 24 to July 3, 1960, during which time he took therapeutic mud baths. The treatments provoked slight damage to TOURINE, for which he received compensation from the local association. (u) X

During their stay in the above area, neither VAINTRAUB or TOURINE gave any impression of remaining in the area permanently. They are not known to have been in Italy since July, 1961. (u) X

On December 14, 1961, the Police Judiciaire, Surete Nationale, Paris, France, advised as follows: (u) X

The results of stops placed on TOURINE and VAINTRAUB during their period of stay in France as of December 8, 1961, was insignificant. (u) X

The Police Judiciaire advised, however, that it has been ascertained that these two individuals actually arrived at Le Bourget Airport en route from London, England, on August 24, 1961. VAINTRAUB went to the Prince de Galles Hotel, 33 Avenue George V, where he stayed from August 24 until August 29, 1961. (u) X

During his stay at this hotel he made the following telephone calls: (u) X

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- 1) To Miss MARGUERITE KOECHLIN, telephone no. 88-52-56, Nice, France;
 - 2) To Mr. JOSEPH ROHR, telephone 88-52-26, at Nice, France;
 - 3) To telephone number GUD 2-6575, New York City.

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According to the Police Judiciaire, subject VAINTRAUB reportedly telephoned the above New York telephone number from the Prince de Galles Hotel, Paris, France, on August 25 and 28, 1961. (u)

The above French service advised that Miss KOECHLIN, born November 14, 1888, at Belfort, France, is a former American national who became a naturalized French citizen by decree on March 2, 1956, and resides at 33 Boulevard Victor Hugo, Nice, France. This person has resided in France for approximately twelve years and leads a respectable life. She has sufficient capital in a bank account and to all intents and purposes appears to be retired. She visits the United States rather frequently where she reportedly has relatives. She is not known to have any police record and enjoys an excellent reputation. (u)

According to the Police Judiciaire, Mr. JOSEPH ROHR was born April 24, 1897, at Crzenylany, Poland. He is an Austrian national who is married and has one child. He resides at 16 Boulevard, Gambetta, Nice. Since the date of his arrival in France in 1938, it appears that he has not exercised any profession. He reportedly is being supported by an Aunt, Mrs. MARGARET ERBER, who reportedly is the head of a corset manufacturing company at "1683 Street, Brooklyn, New York," as well as by his wife's family who are reportedly very wealthy. In 1953, ROHR was suspected of having engaged in the illegal sale of "emblems." (u)

ROHR has resided in Nice since 1942 and frequents the Buffa Cafe situated in the vicinity of his residence. (u)

ROHR has no known criminal record. (u)

The Police Judiciaire advised that since VAINTRAUB's departure from the Prince de Galles Hotel on August 29, 1961, no indication has been received that he has returned to the Paris area. (u)

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With respect to subject TOURINE, the Police Judiciaire advised that all trace of him was lost after his arrival at Le Bourget Airport on August 24, 1961 (u)

MM T-3 advised on December 15, 1961, he heard that TOURINE is back in New York City; that he is interested in securing a part of any gambling casino which may start up in the Caribbean area. This source also heard TOURINE toured the gambling places in Great Britain, France and Italy with a Chemin-de-fer dealer out of New York City. This dealer is supposed to be one of the best in the United States, but he never heard the person's name. u

TRAVEL-LONDON-CURRENT

New Scotland Yard, London, England, advised CHARLES TOURINE and one PAUL BELLO, arrived London, England, on March 6, 1962, from New York City on Pan American Flight 54, and hold return open dated tickets to New York City plus substantial cash. Both these individuals indicated intentions of staying at the Dorchester Hotel in London, England, but according to New Scotland Yard, the Dorchester Hotel has no record of these individuals. (u)

MM T-4 advised that PAUL BELLO is originally from Stabenville, Ohio; in April, 1958, was employed as a dealer, Hotel Capri Casino, Havana, Cuba. According to this source, CHARLES TOURINE was reportedly part owner of this casino until CASTRO took over the Cuban Government. (u)

BELLO's current address is 2215 Adams Street, Hollywood, Florida. u

The files of the Passport Office, Washington, D. C., were examined on March 12, 1962, regarding PAUL BELLO, and these files reflected the following: u

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