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Ciro's Inc., operates Ciro's Restaurant as well as the Streamline Motel, which is adjacent to the restaurant.

The informant also advised that PALMISANO and an unknown male, possibly PETE (LNU), were discussing the possibilities of constructing a lounge at Ciro's as well as the operation of a liquor store in conjunction with the above-mentioned lounge. It is noted that the informant has previously advised that PALMISANO is prone to contemplating numerous business ventures, few of which are actually realized. However, the informant as well as MM 867-PCT has advised that the subject is negotiating with a JACK COBB in an attempt to lease the property located at 15100 Biscayne Boulevard, directly across the street and to the north of the restaurant. The informant has advised that the subject is going to call the operation across the street Romero's Luncheonette. FLA

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87 On 4-24-63, the subject, RALPH PETILLO, THOMAS GRECO (TOMMY PALMER) met at Ciro's. GRECO is a New York racketeer presently residing in the Miami area and reportedly involved in gambling activity with ANTHONY RUSSO. PETILLO, often called Dr. GLASS, is a long-time associate of PALMISANO and possibly is working for or has a financial interest in Ciro's. 11

On the above date, the informant stated that PETILLO, GRECO and PALMISANO discussed the opening of a hot dog or hamburger stand near the proposed entrance to Interama. It is noted that the proposed location of Interama is directly across the street from the subject's restaurant. Interama is a proposed permanent trade fair exposition for the United States and Latin American countries.

On 4-25-63, the informant advised that PALMISANO, CUCCIA and RALPH PETILLO met at Ciro's. CUCCIA apparently just arrived from the airport, although the informant was unable to determine if he had been out of town.

On 4-26-63, the informant advised that PALMISANO contacted Mr. COBB of the Cobb Fruit Company located on 79th Street, Miami, Florida, and discussed the lease of the

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stated that ALVIN MORRIS, the corporate bookkeeper, was no longer in their employment.

FRANK PELLICCIO advised PETILLO that someone was following him in a car recently, that PELLICCIO parked his car and asked "this guy if he would like to take down his license number and a picture of him". PELLICCIO stated that the individual called him by his first name, FRANK, and that he, PELLICCIO, told the individual to "get lost", that he did not know him.

On 4-30-63, MM 845-C\* advised that a Mr. EDWARDS contacted PALMISANO at the restaurant regarding ALEX CALDERA and the law suit which CALDERA had against Marcella's Restaurant. PALMISANO stated he was not the boss and that ANGELO ALI was in charge.

It is noted that CALDERA is the former maitre d' at Ciro's and that prior to his employment with Ciro's, he was a waiter at Marcella's Restaurant. MM 867-PCI advised that CALDERA is suing MARCELLA for a hernia operation. ANGELO ALI is the corporate attorney and ex-Secretary-Treasurer for Ciro's. NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLA.

The informant stated that he heard an unknown male state, "the FBI arrested HURSHY (phonetic) in front of his home yesterday!".

The informant also heard PALMISANO talking to three unknown females, one of which appeared to be English. PALMISANO asked the girls if they were willing to pose in the nude.

An unknown male was in the restaurant at that time taking photographs of the waiters in uniform for an advertisement of Ciro's.

The informant also advised that RALPH PETILLO, JAMES PALMISANO and an unknown male discussed gambling and stated, "how about today's play game"? They also mentioned the name of JAMES ELLIOTT.

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