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Reference Havana letter November 26, 1958.

On December 5, 1958, HAV-33 advised that on December 1, 1958, JACK LANSKY had been observed in the gambling casino at the Hotel Havana-Riviera and that he was being assisted by DINO CELLINI, FBI #2198122. Source noted there was very little gambling business in the casino. Source stated that recently JACK LANSKY and his brother, MEYER LANSKY, had a meeting with a number of leading gambling figures in Havana, but that he had been unable to ascertain the purpose of the meeting.

On December 3, 1958, HAV-31 advised that on December 2, 1958, a meeting had been held by several individuals with gambling interests in Havana. He said the meeting was held at the Havana-Riviera and that JACK LANSKY and MIKE McLANEY, one of the new interest holders in the Nacional casino, were present at the meeting. Source did not know the purpose of the meeting. Source stated that the present interest holders in the Havana-Riviera casino, of which JACK LANSKY is the manager, appeared to be MEYER LANSKY, HARRY and BEN SMITH, IRVING FELDMAN, SANTO TRAFFICANTE, and DINO CELLINI.

On December 9, 1958, NEIL WALSH, Assistant Manager of the Hotel Havana-Riviera, advised that CHARLES BARON had recently purchased a substantial interest in the Hotel Riviera and gambling casino.

On December 18, 1958, HAV-31 informed that CHARLES BARON had purchased the interests previously held by HARRY and BEN SMITH in the Riviera hotel and gambling casino. Source noted that BARON is a former automobile dealer from Chicago and previously had an interest in the Tropicana in Las Vegas.

On January 1, 1959, the BATISTA Government was overthrown. Since that date the Havana-Riviera gambling casino, along with other gambling casinos in Havana, has remained closed.

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