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LA 4396-C\* advised on 11/6/63 that ROSELLI returned to Los Angeles from Las Vegas, Nevada, on the evening of 11/5/63. The same informant learned that while ROSELLI has been away he looked at a number of apartment buildings, whether these buildings were in Las Vegas or Reno, Nevada, was not known to informant, but he decided that there was an oversupply of apartment buildings and does not intend to buy one. ROSELLI told an unknown person that he has had a cold for several days and he intends to stay around Los Angeles for awhile. He expressed disgust at all of the trouble the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has been causing him. He added that he would be at the Friar's Club that afternoon.

On 11/7/63, according to LA 4396-C\*, ROSELLI made an appointment to see his attorney and accountant, EMANUEL ROTHMAN.

On 11/5/63 several officials of IRS in Los Angeles and the IRS Agents

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The Las Vegas Office advised on 11/5/63 that at approximately 9:30 p.m. on 11/2/63 Special Agents of that office observed ROSELLI in the lounge of the Desert Inn Hotel sitting at a table with MORRIS KLEINMAN and NICHOLAS DANALFO, aka "PEANUTS."

ARNOLD HOFFMAN, PCI, advised that the records of the Cogan-Rety Travel Bureau, Beverly Hills, California, reflect that on 7/18/63 FRANK SINATRA arranged for transportation for about 25 persons via WAL from Los Angeles to Reno; that later SINATRA transported 10 of these persons to Cal-Neva Lodge at Lake Tahoe via his personally-owned plane and the remaining number traveled via WAL. HOFFMAN had no record of the names of these persons.

It is recalled that ROSELLI and MAURICE H. FRIEDMAN departed Los Angeles on the morning of 7/18/63 and allegedly went to Cal-Neva Lodge at Lake Tahoe; however, the means of travel has not been known.

The records of WAL reflect that 23 persons, identified as "members of SINATRA party" were scheduled to travel from Los Angeles to Reno on WAL Flight 408 which left Los Angeles at 9:00 a.m. Ten of these persons were shown as "no shows." Among the remaining 13 were J. ROSELLI and an M. FRIEDMAN.

JACK WALTERS, PCI, advised on 11/7/63 that MAURICE H. FRIEDMAN returned to the Beverly Crest Hotel from Las Vegas over the past weekend. B. FRANK WILLIAMS, a part owner of the Hotel Last Frontier Corporation, also returned to the hotel. WALTERS said that the current negotiations in which FRIEDMAN and WILLIAMS are involved concerns the Holidays Inns who have their main office in Memphis, Tennessee, and that FRIEDMAN and WILLIAMS recently made a trip to Memphis. This transaction no doubt pertains to previously mentioned plans of the Holiday Inns to build a hotel or motel adjacent to the New Frontier Hotel in Las Vegas.

On 11/8/63 the Los Angeles Police Department advised on that date they conducted a surveillance of ROSELLI and he visited the building of his accountant on West Third Street and then went to the building where JAMES P. CANTILLON, an attorney, who has been utilized by ROSELLI, has an office and then proceeded to the Hillcrest Country Club. The Los Angeles Police Department advised during the day on an occasion when ROSELLI was away from his car, the officers were "going through" ROSELLI's car and he caught them at it and became very angry.