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He identified TOMY BAHAMAS (APORTUGO), TOMY VIVIERRI, TOMY MIZENSKI, and ADRI COHEN from Newark; PAPPE (CARL) EPICLIO and JOHN (LNU) from the Trenton area; JOE BRUNO from the Philadelphia area; and CHARLES "THE BLADE" TUTTLE from Miami. Philadelphia has no information regarding a JOE BRUNO of the Philadelphia area.

On 6/19/59, AND GLAZER, a self-confessed local bookmaker, advised SA'S J. ROBERT MARCUS and ROBERT E. ROGERS that the only Joe Bruno he knew in his forty years of experience was JOSEPH BRUNO, deceased, formerly of Trenton and New Brunswick, N. J.

It should be noted, however, that Philadelphia Top Bookie ANTONIO BRUNO, aka., office of origin Philadelphia, has recently returned to the Philadelphia area after spending approximately two years in the Miami, Fla., and Havana, Cuba, vicinities.

On 6/21/59, PI 5P3-C advised of learning on the previous day from a distant relative of ANTONIO BRUNO that he apparently was liquidating investments in Cuba and Florida to return permanently to Philadelphia. This information was substantiated by information received 6/18/59 from PI 269-C, who on the previous night partied with ANTONIO BRUNO and others, including Philadelphia Top Bookie MAX "MICKY" WEINBERG and PAUL "LIPPS" RONKHAHN. PI 269-C, however, believed that ANTONIO BRUNO had no immediate plans to go to New Jersey for any purpose. The only activity in which ANTONIO BRUNO has engaged since returning from Florida has been continuation of the operation of his numbers racket.

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Newark letter to Philadelphia, no cc Bureau or Miami, 11/5/59, captioned "ARVELLE RUMBO, was.; AR," reported information received 10/29/59 from JOSEPH MICHAEL CLIFFORDO, former RR 1879-f, to the effect that approximately 35 racket men had organized a group to establish a gambling casino in Havana, Cuba. CARL PAPY IPPOLITO was one of the principal New Jersey racketeers involved in this group according to this informant.

Informant further said that IPPOLITO when in Havana, approximately ten days previously (10/7/59), had contacted ORLANDO TURRIE aka., THE DAD, who was identified as one of the mob's contacts for gambling interests in Havana. The gambling casino was unknown to the informant.

Who gave informant, as reported in Newark letter to Philadelphia, no cc Bureau or Miami, 6/2/59, advised on 4/26/59 and 5/19/59, that he had been employed in the winter of 1958 at the Plaza Casino, Havana, Cuba, as a gambling instructor, which he said had previously been set up by a group of New Jersey gamblers as well as a few individuals from the Philadelphia, Pa., area.

This informant again identified the gambling syndicate from New Jersey and Philadelphia, Pa., as having secured their gambling license from the Cuban government through ORLANDO "THE DAD" TURRIE. The informant said he did have contacts with ARVELLE RUMBO at the Plaza Casino in Havana, Cuba, and that RUMBO had stayed at the Capri Hotel during his stay in Cuba.

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Havana Legat letter to the Director, 3/12/59,
reports information received 2/26/59 from RAY-31 pointing
that ANTONIO MUÑOZ had purchased the interest of JOSE MIGUEL,
aka., Joe Gómez, in the Hotel Plaza gambling casino,
Havana. (X)(u)

Informant RAY-31 RE VALVERDE, on 1/10/59,
identified MUÑOZ as being one of the interest holders
of the gambling casino in the Hotel Plaza. This informant
said that the casino had permission to reopen, but that a
"pay-off" of \$25,000 had been made to an unidentified
Cuban Government Official to obtain this permission.
DR PHILLIPS said that the interest holders in the gambling
casino found themselves without a bankroll and were
attempting to obtain funds to reopen the casino. (X)(u)

It is suggested that in view of the above information provided, that a meeting is to occur in Havana,
the meeting may be for dividing funds derived from a
possible disposal of the gambling casino interests of
ANTONIO MUÑOZ and New Jersey racket figures in Havana,
Cuba.

The above is for the information of the Bureau
and interested offices.

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