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*2. Obtain Bureau authority for toll records of Chicago number BU 1-8513 (joint residence of LEONARD and DAVE YARAS).

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*3. Conduct investigation requested by Miami letter to Chicago dated May 4, 1967.

*4. Ascertain through IRS, Chicago, the extent of their investigation into the activities of YARAS and LEONARD PATRICK and determine if indictments are forthcoming relating to the investigation of possible extortion on the part of YARAS and PATRICK against HERMAN SALES, Inc. of Chicago.

*5. Attempt to establish coverage of YARAS's activities while in Chicago.

LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Refer to Los Angeles letter to Miami dated August 24, 1967, setting forth information relating to DELORES GOODMAN, et al, who reside at 1010 North Spaulding, Los Angeles. Los Angeles will afford interviews with JANET GOODMAN and others at Apartment 5 of that address to determine the extent of their knowledge of the activities of YARAS. Miami is interested primarily in determining if YARAS maintains a Los Angeles address in addition to those in Miami and Chicago.

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AT MIAMI, FLORIDA

Will continue to follow and report on the activities of YARAS.

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The extensive investigative period of this report is noted; however, Miami has been awaiting results of investigation being conducted in Chicago.

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The following information relates to recent bombing activity in the Miami area perpetrated by Miami hoodlums, the principal suspect being FRANK "LEFTY" ROSENTHAL, alleged Lieutenant of YARAS. It is noted in this regard that Miami informants have reported that these bombings are part of an approved plan of the Chicago family, LCN, to organize certain bookmakers in the Miami area.

Information below relates to contacts with LUIS POSADA CARRILES in regard to his knowledge of the activities of captioned individual. At the time of original contact with CARRILES, he was an employee of CIA. During the latter stages of his contacts with SA WELSH his employment with CIA had been terminated. ~~(S)~~ ~~(S)~~ (U)

BOMBINGS - MIAMI AREA
JANUARY - JUNE, 1967

A. CONTACTS WITH LUIS POSADA CARRILES, ~~(S)~~ ~~(S)~~ (U)
CIA INFORMANT

1. On July 24, 1965, CIA provided in memo form information received from a reliable source. This source was later identified as LUIS POSADA CARRILES ~~(S)~~ ~~(S)~~ (U)

POSADA advised that DIEGO BORGES was acting as an agent for three Americans who were seeking to buy pistols, explosives, blasting caps, hand grenades and silencers. The identity of the Americans was not known to POSADA although he believed they were members of the Ku Klux Klan or possibly the John Birch Society. ~~(S)~~ ~~(S)~~ (U)

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POSADA provided the following background information concerning individuals involved with BORGES in the procurement of arms and munitions by the three Americans: ~~(S)~~ ~~(S)~~ (u)

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HERMINIO DIAZ, 732 N.W. 3rd Street, Miami, Florida, sold sixty hand grenades (USMK II) to BORGES for delivery to Americans. DIAZ received from BORGES three hundred sixty dollars for grenades but delivered only forty. Subsequently, BORGES asked source to go to DIAZ and either pick up other twenty grenades or the one hundred twenty dollars in cash which they represented. ~~(S)~~ ~~(S)~~ (u)

RAMON ESCARDA, 620 S.W. 9th Street, ^{MIAMI, FLA.} who served in the U. S. Army, 1958-1959, was supposed to obtain one hundred pounds of pentolite for delivery to BORGES for \$320-350. ~~(S)~~ ~~(S)~~ (u)

FRANK TAMAYO, 3213 S.W. 8th Street, Miami, ^{FLA.} active in anti-CASTRO activities, sold 622 caliber silencers to Americans for \$1,000. ~~(S)~~ ~~(S)~~ (u)

Source gave descriptions of the three Americans and also recorded license plate of car utilized by group. ~~(S)~~ ~~(S)~~ (u)

On October 23, 1965, POSADA interviewed by Bureau Agents. POSADA readily admitted he had been in contact with three Americans who were seeking to purchase hand grenades, weapons, silencers and explosives. He had been placed in contact with these Americans by DIEGO BORGES. He confirmed DIAZ, ESCARDA and TAMAYO were also involved in this transaction. POSADA said shortly after he established contact with Americans, his CIA contact gave him several photos in attempt to identify Americans. POSADA said he identified one of the photos as that of FRANK ROSENTHAL. Immediately after he identified this photo, CIA instructed him to break off all contact with these three Americans and to have nothing further to do with them. ~~(S)~~ ~~(S)~~ (u)

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POSADA said that six silencers which had been manufactured at the home of TAMAYO had been given by BORGES to ROSENTHAL. He said ESCARDA was looking for pentolite but did not know whether material delivered to ROSENTHAL. (~~S~~) (~~S~~) (u)

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On November 5, 1965, Bureau Agents exhibited photo of NORMAN ROTHMAN, FBI #152 585B, to POSADA. POSADA identified ROTHMAN as one of Americans with ROSENTHAL. He was of the impression that ROTHMAN was personally known to BORGES and had introduced ROSENTHAL to BORGES. It is noted ROTHMAN was arrested April 9, 1959, and was later convicted of violation of the National Stolen Property Act. He was sentenced to five years in prison and ten thousand dollar fine. (~~S~~) (~~S~~) (u)

2. By similar communication, dated June 15, 1967, CIA advised the Miami Division that POSADA had been contacted by FRANK ROSENTHAL during the month of October, 1966. (~~S~~) (~~S~~) (u)

ROSENTHAL told POSADA that all silencers he had purchased from POSADA were pieces of junk and he felt POSADA and BORGES were responsible for this and maybe his friends would kill POSADA and BORGES. (~~S~~) (~~S~~) (u)

ROSENTHAL stated although he was out \$5,000 from his previous purchases, he did not want money from POSADA. ROSENTHAL said he knew POSADA was working for CIA and he wanted some CIA equipment. POSADA allegedly refused to do this but POSADA made a number of fuse devices which he gave to ROSENTHAL. (~~S~~) (~~S~~) (u)

This same memo reflects ROSENTHAL contacted POSADA in early June, 1967. ROSENTHAL stated the fuse devices were no good which were previously furnished and made a request for more CIA fuse devices and remote control unit for detonating explosive charges. (~~S~~) (~~S~~) (u)

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On June 12, 1967, POSADA stated ROSENTHAL con-
tacted him on June 11, 1967. ROSENTHAL asked for requested
equipment and told source he would get him if he did not
deliver. POSADA refused to do anything more for ROSENTHAL.

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3. On June 22, 1967, SAs JAMES J. O'CONNOR and
WARREN R. WELSH met with LUIS POSADA at Dinner Key, Coco-
nut Grove, Florida.

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POSADA, at this time, reiterated his past deal-
ings with FRANK ROSENTHAL from the time of the Spring of
1965, through June 12, 1967. POSADA made one additional
remark concerning his involvement with ROSENTHAL during
1965. He stated that he did not directly furnish ROSENTHAL
any of the explosives, et al, which he requested although
he was introduced to ROSENTHAL as an expert in the field
of explosives. For his expertise knowledge he was given
\$500 by ROSENTHAL sometime during the month of May, 1965.
POSADA indicated that he gave this money to CIA, who in
turn at a later date gave this money back to him.

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4. On June 23, 1967, SA JAMES J. O'CONNOR was
telephonically contacted by POSADA. POSADA related that
on June 22, 1967, he met with FRANK ROSENTHAL. Subject
requested 250 pounds of C-4 explosives, a large quantity
of pencil type devices and a remote control explosive
apparatus. ROSENTHAL stated to source that money was no
problem and he would pay twenty-five times the original
cost if this was necessary.

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ROSENTHAL further related to POSADA that there
would be at least twenty more bombings and additional
corpses would be appearing in the Miami area. Subject
stated that he would be out of town for several weeks
although he requested a meeting with source on June 29,
June 30, or July 1, 1967.

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5. On June 24, 1967, SA WARREN R. WELSH met with LUIS POSADA at the Dinner Key area, Coconut Grove, Florida. (S) (u)

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On this date, POSADA was shown a photograph taken by the Dade County Public Safety Department, Miami, Florida, of an explosive device found at the apartment residence of MICKEY ZION, 7501 East Treasure Drive, North Bay Village, Miami, Florida. This device was intended to go off in the bedroom area of ZION's apartment on May 30, 1967. POSADA identified the explosive material as pentolite. He stated that he had provided ROSENTHAL with pencil type devices similar although not identical to the devices appearing in the photograph. (S) (u)

6. On June 26, 1967, SA WARREN R. WELSH met with source at Dinner Key, Coconut Grove, Florida. (S) (u)

POSADA advised that the cost of C-4 to ROSENTHAL would be \$5-\$7 a pound. The ingredients of C-4 are 92% RDX and 8% gelatin. The material is packaged in plastic type containers weighing approximately 2½ pounds each. He stated that the cost of the pencil type devices would vary between \$10 and \$15 per pencil. (S) (u)

Source related that on June 24, 1967, he was contacted by DOMINGO ECHEMENDIA, son of now deceased Cuban gambling figure OSCAR ECHEMENDIA. ECHEMENDIA wanted source to meet with him concerning the obtainment of explosives for an unknown group of individuals. (S) (u)

On June 25, 1967, source and ECHEMENDIA went to a location somewhere between S.W. 78th Court and 29th Terrace or 30th Street, in the southwest section of Miami. (This address is that of OLGA CHAVIANO, a Cuban dancer who is the girlfriend of NORMAN ROTHMAN. ROTHMAN is the subject of AR investigation by the Miami Division.) (S) (u)

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POSADA stated that he met with an unknown individual who was introduced to him as a Chilean. This individual spoke excellent Spanish and good English. Unknown individual was interested in obtaining pentolite pencil type devices, a .308 caliber silencer and any other delay type material which source could locate. At this meet source said that he could see NORMAN ROTHMAN several hundred yards away from the place of his meet with the Chilean. (S) (X) (u)

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After the meet source stated that ECHEMENDIA told him that the Chilean he had just talked with was the man responsible for the recent bombings at MICKEY ZION's apartment, Rand's Cleaners and Alfie's Sundries. ECHEMENDIA said that this individual is working for NORMAN ROTHMAN, who is now a big man in Miami and a representative of the Mafia. (S) (X) (u)

7. On June 27, 1967, SA WARREN R. WELSH met with LUIS POSADA in the Dinner Key area, Coconut Grove, Florida. (S) (X) (u)

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POSADA identified a photograph of ALBERTO LARRAIN MAESTRE as the Chilean whom he had met with on June 25, 1967. (It is noted that MAESTRE is a Federal Bureau of Narcotics fugitive who is also a close associate of NORMAN ROTHMAN.) (S) (X) (u)

8. On June 28, 1967, LUIS POSADA was contacted telephonically by SA WELSH, who was in Washington, D.C. (S) (X) (u)

Source advised that on June 28, 1967, ROSENTHAL had called his house, at which time his wife told ROSENTHAL that source would be out of town for several days. (S) (X) (u)

9. On June 28, 1967, LUIS POSADA telephonically contacted SA JAMES J. O'CONNOR. (S) (X) (u)

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Source indicated that during the morning of this date he met with DOMINGO ECHEMENDIA. At this meet he promised to furnish ECHEMENDIA with the various materials requested by ALBERTO LARRAIN-MAESTRE. Source quoted ECHEMENDIA a price of \$10 a pound for C-4 and \$150 per silencer without the pistol. (~~S~~) (~~S~~) (u)

Source further advised that ECHEMENDIA told him that he was to meet at midnight, June 29, 1967, with NORMAN ROTHMAN at the Albion Hotel Lounge, Miami Beach, Florida. The purpose of this meet, according to source, was to obtain an okay on the price of materials which were to be provided to the Chilean. (~~S~~) (~~S~~) (u)

10. On July 5, 1967, SA WELSH met with LUIS POSADA in the Dinner Key area, Coconut Grove, Florida. (~~S-1~~) (~~S~~) (u)

Source stated that he was trying to analyze in his own mind the various meetings he has had with FRANK ROSENTHAL, NORMAN ROTHMAN, DOMINGO ECHEMENDIA and ALBERTO LARRAIN-MAESTRE. From all indications it appears that ALBERTO LARRAIN-MAESTRE is performing the bombings for FRANK ROSENTHAL. (~~S-1~~) (~~S~~) (u)

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He reflected that the original contact between ECHEMENDIA, ALBERTO LARRAIN-MAESTRE and himself came about through a mutual friend by the name of LUCIO CABRERA. He described the latter individual as a former gunsmith in the 20506 Brigade. CABRERA was first contacted by DOMINGO ECHEMENDIA to obtain various explosives for a Chilean who was a close associate of NORMAN ROTHMAN. He stated that CABRERA contacted him as a potential source of these explosive devices since he had only had one previous contact with DOMINGO ECHEMENDIA. (~~S-1~~) (~~S~~) (u)

Source stated that he had obtained a remote control explosive device for ROSENTHAL although he could not at this time obtain all the C-4 or pencil type devices. (~~S-1~~) (~~S~~) (u)

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requested by ROSENTHAL. He indicated that in order to obtain all the C-4 requested by ROSENTHAL he would have to contact LUIS MARTI, who resides in the State of New Jersey. He stated that MARTI is the source for Cubans who desire explosives. ~~(S)~~ (S)(u)

11. On July 7, 1967, SA WELSH met with LUIS POSADA in the Dinner Key area, Coconut Grove, Florida. ~~(S)~~ (S)(u)

He related that during the evening of July 6, 1967, ROSENTHAL met him at their usual meeting place, behind Roger's Food Market, located on the corner of S.W. 27th Avenue and 25th Street. ~~(S)~~ (S)(u)

ROSENTHAL, in a very amiable mood, reflected that he would be leaving town either next Tuesday or Wednesday; and would need his explosive materials by that time. He further requested two grease guns with silencers and two M-2 carbines. ROSENTHAL said that he would make contact with source sometime during July 10, 1967, for the time of delivery. ~~(S)~~ (S)(u)

Source stated that the cost of the grease guns would be \$175 per gun and the price of the carbines would be \$120 per unit. He also indicated that during the above described meeting there was an unknown individual sitting in ROSENTHAL's car. ~~(S)~~ (S)(u)

Source also related that he had had a two hour talk with DOMINGO ECHEMENDIA on July 6, 1967. ECHEMENDIA told him that the Chicago mob was contemplating the take-over of the gambling business in the Miami area. DOMINGO ECHEMENDIA stated that a representative of this group came to his house several nights ago and discussed the gambling situation. ECHEMENDIA stated that he was to receive an influential position with this group for the purpose of controlling the Cuban bolita operators. ~~(S)~~ (S)(u)

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ECHEMENDIA further stated that on the evening of his meet with NORMAN ROTHMAN at the Albion Hotel Lounge, Miami Beach, Florida, ROTHMAN had previously been in contact with MEYER LANSKY. (S) (X) (u)

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ECHEMENDIA also commented on a Cuban bolita operator by the name of EVARISTO GARCIA VIDAL. ECHEMENDIA stated that VIDAL was on the outs with the mob in view of his failure to pay the proper percentage of his earnings to the group. Because of this disfavor, the mob is allegedly out to kill VIDAL. (S) (X) (u)

12. On July 10, 1967, SA WELSH telephonically contacted LUIS POSADA. (S) (X) (u)

POSADA stated that he had talked with DOMINGO ECHEMENDIA regarding the silencers he was to obtain for the Peruvian individual. ECHEMENDIA indicated that he was going to give one of the silencers to MARGOSA, a car salesman in the Miami area, who would test the equipment for the Peruvian. (SA FRANCIS J. DUFFIN obtained information that MARGOSA was formerly Sergeant of Police in Cuba and a Special Guard at the Tropicana Hotel in Havana. This hotel was operated by OSCAR ECHEMENDIA, now deceased.) (S) (X) (u)

13. SA WELSH contacted LUIS POSADA in person at the Dinner Key area, Coconut Grove, Florida, on July 11, 1967. (S) (X) (u)

In conversation with DOMINGO ECHEMENDIA he ascertained that MARGOSA was well pleased with the silencers which he was testing for the Peruvian. POSADA stated that he was going to charge the Peruvian \$150 per silencer, \$15 per pencil and \$10 a pound for C-4 explosive. (S) (X) (u)

POSADA was instructed at this time regarding the tenure of conversation he should have with ROSENTHAL at (S) (X) (u)

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their next contact. He was requested to make up a story concerning a dummy customs raid at his residence and the fact that because of this raid he could not produce the requested explosive devices for ROSENTHAL. (~~S~~) (~~S~~) (u)

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During the late evening hours of July 11, 1967, POSADA telephonically contacted SA WELSH and advised him that he had just been contacted by his CIA supervisor. He informed him that he was no longer in the employment of CIA due to an order emanating in Washington, D.C. He was told that this action by CIA headquarters in Washington had nothing to do with either his previous work record with CIA or his present contact with the FBI Office in Miami. (~~S~~) (~~S~~) (u)

POSADA further stated at this time that ROSENTHAL had contacted his home at approximately 10:45 P.M. at which time his wife explained that her husband had been in trouble and that he would contact ROSENTHAL tomorrow. (~~S~~) (~~S~~) (u)

14. SA WELSH contacted LUIS POSADA via telephone on July 12, 1967. (~~S~~) (~~S~~) (u)

POSADA stated that at approximately 10:30 A.M. on this date he contacted ROSENTHAL at his residence. ROSENTHAL would not talk on his home phone and requested POSADA to contact him at a pre-arranged number and time. (~~S~~) (~~S~~) (u)

After making this telephonic contact, POSADA indicated that ROSENTHAL was extremely aggravated over the stalling tactics of POSADA. He gave POSADA an ultimatum to either produce the material in ten days or forget about everything. (~~S~~) (~~S~~) (u)

POSADA also related that on this date, DOMINGO ECHEMENDIA had contacted him and he informed ECHEMENDIA that the customs had raided his house the previous day. ECHEMENDIA stated that this raid meant nothing and he (~~S~~) (~~S~~) (u)

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should not be worried about it. ECEMENDIA stated that ALBERTO LARRAIN-MAESTRE was not presently in the Miami area. ~~(S)~~ ~~(S)~~ (u)

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15. On July 13, 1967, SA WELSH contacted AUSTIN HORN, CIA, Miami. ~~(S-1)~~ ~~(S)~~ (u)

HORN stated that LUIS POSADA CARRILES was no longer an employee of CIA. He stated that the decision to release POSADA came from their Washington headquarters in view of the fact that POSADA had without authorization withdrawn himself from an anti-CASTRO group called Resa. ~~(S)~~ ~~(S)~~ (u)

HORN commented that POSADA was instructed to continue his cooperation with the FBI Office in Miami and that he would be paid through September, 1967, as long as he cooperated with this other Federal agency. ~~(S-1)~~ ~~(S)~~ (u)

16. On July 14, 1967, SA WELSH met with LUIS POSADA at Dinner Key, Coconut Grove, Florida. ~~(S)~~ ~~(S)~~ (u)

POSADA stated that he had conferred on this date with DOMINGO ECEMENDIA and ALBERTO LARRAIN-MAESTRE was not in town. ECEMENDIA told POSADA that he was not going to place a specific order of explosives with POSADA until he found out exactly what MAESTRE and the Peruvian wanted, insofar as volume of explosive material. ~~(S)~~ ~~(S)~~ (u)

POSADA said that he had heard nothing more from ROSENTHAL. ~~(S-1)~~ ~~(S)~~ (u)

He further indicated that inasmuch as he is not presently employed in the Miami area he was contemplating a trip to Venezuela in order to secure a permanent type job. ~~(S)~~ ~~(S)~~ (u)

17. On July 15, 1967, LUIS POSADA was telephonically contacted by SA WELSH. ~~(S-1)~~ ~~(S)~~ (u)

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POSADA advised that DOMINGO ECHEMENDIA advised that ALBERTO LARRAIN-MAESTRE had returned to Miami, on this date. He stated that ECHEMENDIA and MAESTRE were going to meet later on this date in the southwest section of Miami. According to POSADA, after this meeting ECHEMENDIA would contact him regarding the volume and type of explosives wanted by MAESTRE. (S) (S) (u)

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18. On July 18, 1967, SA WELSH met in person with LUIS POSADA in the Dinner Key area, Coconut Grove, Florida. (S) (S) (u)

POSADA stated that he had just finished talking to DOMINGO ECHEMENDIA. He ascertained that ALBERTO LARRAIN-MAESTRE had not participated in the bombing of a Miami police officer in the southwest section of Miami. MAESTRE had left with NORMAN ROTHMAN on either Sunday night or Monday morning for an unknown destination out of Florida. (S) (S) (u)

ECHEMENDIA related to POSADA that a policeman by the name of DOBSON or DAWSON was helping the "mob boys". ECHEMENDIA also related that he had heard that ALBERTO LARRAIN-MAESTRE and NORMAN ROTHMAN were responsible for the recent bombing at the Thunderbird Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. (S) (S) (u)

19. On July 24, 1967, LUIS POSADA was telephonically contacted by SA WELSH. (S) (S) (u)

POSADA stated that on July 20, 1967, FRANK ROSENTHAL had contacted him at his residence. POSADA at this time told ROSENTHAL that he was no longer interested in obtaining explosives for him and that he wished to have no further dealings with him. After hearing this, ROSENTHAL became very irate and gave back to POSADA a number of pencils that he had previously secured from him. (S) (S) (u)

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POSADA stated that he became very upset over the conduct of ROSENTHAL and requested him to leave his residence in three seconds or he would shoot him in the head. After this threat by POSADA, ROSENTHAL told him "that someday when he was playing gin rummy POSADA would be killed". (S-1) (S) (u)

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20. On August 1, 1967, LUIS POSADA was contacted telephonically by SA WELSH. (S-1) (S) (u)

POSADA stated that on this date he had been in contact with DOMINGO ECHEMENDIA. ECHEMENDIA stated that NORMAN ROTHMAN had gone to the Hollywood, California area and ALBERTO LARRAIN-MAESTRE had departed for Peru. Source could not learn the duration of either of these two visits. (S-1) (S) (u)

He stated that he was no longer going to contact DOMINGO ECHEMENDIA and told this individual that he could no longer supply him with explosive material. (S-1) (S) (u)

21. On August 4, 1967, LUIS POSADA was contacted in person by SA WELSH at the corner of U. S. 1 and Bird Road. (S-1) (S) (u)

POSADA stated that several days after his last confrontation with ROSENTHAL he received a letter in the mail from an unknown individual. He stated that the contents of this letter consisted of eight pennies which were held together by Scotch tape and a .350 caliber bullet. POSADA did not know the significance of either of the items although he surmised that ROSENTHAL had sent these things to him. (S-1) (S) (u)

POSADA stated that he had heard nothing during the past week from FRANK ROSENTHAL and has told DOMINIO ECHEMENDIA not to contact him. (S-1) (S) (u)

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In conclusion, POSADA stated that he was contemplating a trip to Caracas, Venezuela, on Tuesday, August 8, 1967. ~~(S)~~ ~~(S)~~ (u)

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Report of: RALPH R. HILL, JR. Office: Miami, Florida

Date: 11/21/67

Field Office File #: 92-1047 Bureau File #: 92-7599

Title: DAVID YARAS

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

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YARAS last observed in Miami early August, 1967, in company with ~~ANTHONY RICCI~~ and others. YARAS not known to be in Miami since August. Miami informant reports that YARAS maintains degree of control over activities of Miami and Miami Beach gamblers and bookmakers for the Chicago organization. YARAS last observed in Chicago, 10/24/67.

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DETAILS:

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Date 8/4/671.

The following observations were made during a physical surveillance conducted in the vicinity of 4410 Adams, Miami Beach, Florida:

7:01 PM - DAVID YARAS and female depart his residence at 4410 Adams, enter his automobile and proceed, via the Julia Tuttle Causeway and the Airport Expressway, to the Miami Springs Villas, park in the vicinity of the Carriage Club there.

8:15 PM - YARAS and female companion observed dining with PETE SARNOFF, ANTHONY RICCI, two unknown males and several unknown females. All females appear to be wives of the men present.

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On 8/3/67 at Miami Beach, Florida File # Miami 92-1047

by SAS RALPH R. HILL, JR. & WENDELL W. HALL, JR. Date dictated 8/4/67

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MM T-1 advised in August, 1967, that DAVID YARAS maintains a good deal of control over the activities of certain Miami and Miami Beach bookmakers and gamblers as part of the over-all plan to integrate the Miami area bookmakers into the Chicago organization. A certain amount of the action received by YARAS is turned over to PASQUALE ERRA, described by the informant as being the strongest La Cosa Nostra (LCN) figure in Miami. The informant states that YARAS' main interests, however, lie in Chicago, where he continues to maintain bookmaking, shylocking and "scam" businesses.

ALFRED MART, also known as ALFIE MART, resides at 1211 100th Street, Bay Harbor Island. He was interviewed at 1245 Michigan Avenue. MART volunteered the following information:

He stated that he first came to Miami Beach, Florida, in 1946 after his discharge from the U. S. Army. MART first started to work as a clerk in a horse room and shortly thereafter was given his own horse room. According to MART, all bookmaking and gambling was controlled by the S & G Syndicate. He reflected that before the influence of the mob, everyone connected with the syndicate was trustworthy and honest.

MART indicated that for a short period of time during 1964, he was associated as a part-owner in the Derby Sports Book located in Las Vegas, Nevada. One of his partners in this legal bookmaking operation was GEORGE ABDO who is now deceased. In order to financially back this book, MART stated that he mortgaged his home and also secured a personal loan in New York City. He said that during the first six months of 1964, he spent most of his time in Las Vegas in order to secure his interests at the business. In his opinion, he was swindled in the operation and financial backing of this bookmaking establishment and further contends that there are several falsehoods in the indictment presently pending against him in the district court in Las Vegas, Nevada.

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MART stated that during the past several years, he has operated Alfie's Sundries which is located at 1664 Alton Road, Miami Beach, Florida. He also admits that during the past years he has conducted a small intrastate bookmaking operation. Most of the business is conducted by a paid clerk who has operated either at the sundries store or in another location. He reflected that due to his money interests, he does not manage the day to day operation of his bookmaking business although he is the financial backer of same.

MART stated that sometime during the spring of 1963, a line service came to the Miami area under the name of Multiple Sports News Service (MSNS). This outfit was headed by FRANK "LEFTY" ROSENTHAL. He was assisted in this venture by STANLEY GREEN, who acted as a clerk and pick-up man. He indicated that MSNS disseminated line information on collegiate and professional football, professional baseball and collegiate and professional basketball. In addition, they would supply player information and up-to-date scores. The latter was possible in view of a Western Union sports sticker which was installed in the offices of MSNS. MART stated that he was assigned a code number in which he or his clerk could use in obtaining line information. The cost of this service varied from sport to sport though he feels that \$50 was probably the average price he paid per week.

MART said that in addition to the line service, MSNS also published a weekly sports journal. This journal was put out on a weekly basis and consisted of the schedule for the coming week of sports activity whether it be football, baseball or basketball. As a service to MSNS, Alfies Sundries would sell the sheets on their stand for 35 cents although they paid 23 cents a copy from the publisher. Normally they would get 70 to 100 sheets a week for local dissemination.

In MART's opinion, MSNS did have mob or syndicate backing at the time they started in 1963. He indicated that

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no force was used in obtaining subscribers to their service but the word was out among the bookmaking fraternity that it was the thing to do. He feels that during the past year MSNS has lost their affiliation with the syndicate and now is operating independent of any organized authority.

MART said that during the current 1967 major league baseball season, he paid \$50 a week for the line service. Normally the \$50 would be paid in cash by one of his employees working at Alfies Sundries to STANLEY GREEN. GREEN's normal pick-up day was either Monday or Tuesday.

MART said that the baseball line during the current season was normally disseminated the first time around 11:30 a.m. to noon. During the week of May 15, 1967, the line was coming out around 1 p.m. MART stated that he personally complained to GREEN about this late dissemination and GREEN told him that the delay was necessary in view of the fact that there were fewer customers taking the service. MART said that due to the late time of dissemination, he instructed his bookmaking clerk on May 19, 1967, not to call MSNS over the weekend for their line information.

On May 23 or May 24, 1967, STANLEY GREEN came to Alfies Sundries and demanded all the weekly sports journals that were in the rack. GREEN indicated that MSNS was going out of business as to both the dissemination of the line and the publication of their sports journals.

Several days after GREEN's visit to Alfies Sundries, FRANK ROSENTHAL came into the sundries and spoke personally with MART. In their conversation, MART told ROSENTHAL that he did not think it was right for MSNS to all of a sudden pull out their publications or in fact stop disseminating the line. MART also told ROSENTHAL that he was due a refund for services that had not been rendered. ROSENTHAL seemingly agreed and said he would consult STANLEY GREEN as to the amount of the refund.

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MART stated that during the late evening hours of May 31, 1967, an explosion occurred at the back end of the American Epicure Market which is situated next door to Alfies Sundries. He stated that he was in the area at the time of the explosion and had seen no one in the area whom he considered a suspect. He did receive some information shortly after the explosion that one of the employees of the market considered himself to be an expert in the field of demolition. He was also aware of the fact that ED THAL, had fired on May 29, 1967, a Negro employee who was very irate at THAL for this action.

MART stated that his bookmaking operation continued after the first bombing at the American Epicure Market.

He further related that after MSNS had withdrawn their sheets from Alfies Sundries, he started to print his own schedules. The first sheet was a xeroxed copy of that put out by MSNS although he deleted the name of this service from the publication. He said that the first sheet was printed in a volume of 70 sheets. He stated that ROSENTHAL came into the store after his sheet came on the market, and he told him what he had done. MART said that he told ROSENTHAL that he was sure that his small publication of sheets would not in any way hinder the business of MSNS. MART stated the next two publications were similar in format to the sheet put out in Fort Worth, Texas. At the time of his first interest in publishing a sheet, he contacted ANGEL-KAPLAN for five of their sheets although his money was returned with a note indicating the impossibility of shipping sheets to the Miami, Florida area.

MART stated that on June 16, 1967, a severe explosion took place in Alfies Sundries. The main blast from the explosion occurred in the area of the telephone booths on the south side of the store. He indicated that he was not at the store at the time of the explosion although he appeared on the scene shortly after the occurrence.

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MART said it was obvious at this time that the previous bombing at the American Epicure Market was a mistake and was really meant for Alfies Sundries.

MART stated that he considers the prime suspect in the two bombings to be FRANK ROSENTHAL. He characterized this individual as a man with an uncontrollable temper and further, an individual that was very unpredictable and at times, irrational in his behavior. He reflected that ROSENTHAL might have thought he was putting out either a line of his own or in fact disseminating to potential customers of MSNS the line that had been given him. According to MART, if the latter were true, MSNS would of course lose a sizeable amount of money per week. He emphatically denied that he was either putting out a line or giving the line put out by MSNS to other bookmakers whether it be in the Miami, Florida area or out of state.

MART readily admitted friendship with one MICKEY ZION and stated that it was common knowledge that ZION was a prominent bookmaking figure in the Miami, Florida area. He said that he was personally aware of the fact that ZION and FRANK ROSENTHAL have had many arguments over the operation of MSNS. These arguments would stem from accusations by ZION that ROSENTHAL was in fact putting out a false line and also to the fact that ZION was being charged too much money for the service rendered by MSNS. He said that during the fall and winter 1966-1967, ZION was paying \$150 a week for service. A short time ago ZION was requested to pay \$200 a week by ROSENTHAL for service. ZION refused to pay this amount of money. He further related that on one occasion ZION approached him to work out a deal for both of them obtaining line service from MSNS under one account number. MART refused to enter into such an agreement with ZION.

MART said that between the time of the first bombing and before the second bombing, ROSENTHAL called



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Miami, Florida
November 21, 1967

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Title DAVID YARAS, aka

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference is made to report of Special Agent
RALPH R. HILL, JR., dated and
captioned as above, at Miami.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable
information in the past.

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Alfies Sundries on several occasions late at night while he was in the store. He said ROSENTHAL attempted to disguise his voice although it was apparent to him that it was ROSENTHAL. ROSENTHAL on these occasions stated that he was desirous of obtaining certain baseball scores and was told by MICKEY ZION to call this number for results. MART politely told ROSENTHAL that he did not have the results desired but possibly he could call back in several hours for the information. It was MART's opinion that these calls were aimed at attempts to establish a working relationship between ZION and himself by ROSENTHAL.

In conclusion, MART stated that he was sure that if MIKE COPPOLA was alive there would have been no violence in the area. He related that COPPOLA had silent but firm control over gambling matters, and he did not believe in rough stuff. It was MART's opinion that a new young group of individuals are attempting a takeover in the area and are resorting to any means available to prove their position. He indicated that FRANK ROSENTHAL, DAVE YARAS and BENNY HUSICK would certainly fall under the category he had just mentioned.

The following information was given through observation and interview:

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| Name | ALFRED MART |
| Alias | ALFIE MART |
| Race | White |
| Sex | Male |
| Date of birth | August 8, 1916 |
| Place of birth | New York City, New York |
| Height | 5'8" |
| Weight | 180 pounds |
| Hair | Grey |
| Eyes | Brown |
| Marital Status | Married |

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| Wife | ADELAIDE |
| Children | Two sons |
| Local residence | 1211 100th Street Bay Harbor Island Miami Beach, Florida |

MM T-2 advised in September, 1967, that he had not seen YARAS in the Miami area for several months, and that when he is in town, YARAS and his wife eat regularly at the restaurant located in the Southgate Apartments, Miami Beach.

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

MM T-3 advised on October 24, 1967, that DAVID YARAS was observed at 3600 Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, with his son, LEONARD YARAS, on October 20, 1967.

On October 24, 1967, Bureau Agents observed DAVID YARAS at the A-1 Laundry and Dry Cleaning building, Chicago and at 3600 Lake Shore Drive, Chicago.