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REFERENCES:

Atlanta letter to Miami, 11/22/68.

Report of SA ALLAN M. TRANKLEY, 11/25/68, at Miami.

Miami letter to Las Vegas, 12/9/68. Miami teletype to New York, 1/7/69.

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## MIAMI

## AT MIAMI, FLORIDA

Follow and report subject's activities.

## INFORMANTS

MM T-1 is MM 509-C.

MM T-2 is MM 725-C.

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#### MIAMI

### AT WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA

Will determine owner of car on which 1967-1968 Florida license 6WW-6273 appears. Will conduct credit and criminal checks regarding this individual.

### AT MIAMI, FLORIDA

Will follow and report subject's activities.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE:

The investigative period of this report predates the period of the last report submitted because investigation conducted was not received prior to the preparation of the last report.

#### INFORMANTS:

MM T-1 is MM 725-C.

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# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of:

ALLAN M. TRANKLEY

Date:

January 31, 1969

Field Office File #:

92-1870

Office:

Miami, Florida

Bureau File #:

92-9844

Title:

NORMAN ROTHMAN

Character:

ANTI-RACKETEERING

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DATE 10-19-96 BY 566

Synopsis:

Subject reportedly in Atlanta, Georgia, 10/68, to arrange for payment of gambling debts owed by Atlanta individual. Reportedly has lost Albion Lounge, Miami Beach, Fla., for failure to pay bills. Subject presently in NY, NY, purpose not known.

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#### DETAILS:

#### TRAVEL

On November 25, 1968, Mr. A. NEWMAN, National Airlines, Miami International Airport, advised that subject had taken Flight #6 to New York, New York and had departed at 1:20 PM.

On December 9, 1968, JOE FALCONE, Station Manager, National Airlines, Miami International Airport, advised that subjectwas to take Flight #90 to LaGuardia Field, New York, New York, departing Miami at 5:00 PM. At 4:48 PM, subject was observed to board the plane. He was alone.

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## INFORMANTS

MM T-1 is MM 727-C.

MM T-2 is MM 725-C.

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#### ADMINISTRATIVE:

The information concerning subject's activities in Atlanta was not received prior to submission of report dated 11/25/68.

### INFORMANTS:

MM T-1 is MM 725-C.

MM T-2 is AT 1881-C.

 $\,$  MM T-3 is DANNY BAITCHER, owner and manager of Fan and Bill's Restaurant, Atlanta, Georgia, who furnished information on a confidential basis.

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#### ASSOCIATES

On December 3, 1968, FABRO DE CRESTOFARO was observed leaving the Albion Lounge, Miami Beach, Florida, at 3:20 PM. DE CRESTOFARO was observed to drive to the Fontainebleau Hotel, arriving at 3:30 PM.

On December 22, 1968, MM T-1 advised that DE CRESTOFARO is still shylocking in addition to being employed as a bartender in the Gigi Room of the Fontainebleau Hotel on the morning and afternoon shift. 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

#### RESIDENCE

Neither subject nor his automobile were observed at his residence on the following dates:

November 21, 25, 1968

December 18, 31, 1968

January 7, 22, 1969

On December 16, 1968, at 2:10 PM, an individual in a black Chevrolet bearing New York license ZU 7337 was observed to enter subject's residence. He was carrying a package.

On January 7, 1969, Special Agent DICK JAFFE, Internal Revenue Service, advised that he had been informed that subject was presently residing in Room 1932 of the City Squire Motor Inn, 51st Street and Broadway, New York, New York.

#### **EMPLOYMENT**

On October 16, 1968, MM T-2 advised SA JOHN P. GRANFIELD that subject had just arrived in Atlanta from Miami, Florida, and that subject's purpose in coming to Atlanta was apparently to collect \$10,000 from an unknown individual.

On October 17, 1968, MM T-2 advised that the \$10,000 subject was going to collect was very possibly a gambling debt owed to one of the Las Vegas casinos by HOWARD HALPERN. HALPERN is the owner of the American Fruit Purveyors, Inc., and is affiliated with DANNY BAITCHER in some way with the operation of Fan and Bill's 92-2844-9 Restaurant in Atlanta.

On November 8, 1968, MM T-3 advised SA JOHN A. OGDEN that HALPERN had gone to Las Vegas, Nevada in the past and gambled at an unidentified casino. Informant stated that HALPERN lost a considerable amount of money and that subject's visit to Atlanta was to collect the debt owed by HALPERN to the Las Vegas casino. Informant advised that HALPERN worked out an arrangement with subject but informant did not know the details thereof.

 $\,$  MM T-3 maintained that no threats or force of any kind was used by ROTHMAN in an effort to collect these debts.

On October 31, 1968, SA WILLIAM B. WATTS, JR., determined from R. G. Cox, Manager, Admiral Benbow Inn, 1470 Spring Street, N. W., Atlanta, that ROTHMAN stayed at this motel from October 16, 1968 to October 18, 1968, While there, ROTHMAN made two long distance toll calls. The record of these calls was sent to the motel's Memphis, Tennessee headquarters.

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The following investigation was conducted at Memphis, Tennessee, on December 17, 1968, by SA GEORGE D. OOSTERHOUS:

Mrs. JOAN WHITAKER, Bookkeeper, Admiral Benbow Inns, Inc., 29 South Bellevue Boulevard, made availabler records of long-distance telephone calls, which were made on October 17, 1968, from the Admiral Benbow Inn, 1470 Spring Street, Northwest, Atlanta, Georgia.

WHITAKER located two long-distance telephone call receipts for ROTHMAN made from Room 147. The first receipt indicated that ROTHMAN called area code 305 - telephone number 221-9573 and talked three minutes for total charges amounting to \$.72.

The second receipt indicated ROTHMAN called area code 305 - telephone number 757-1695 and talked for three minutes for total charges amounting to \$1.32.

There was no other information on these receipts.

Mrs. WHITAKER advised that the original long-distance telephone receipts would be made available to the FBI upon issuance of a subpoena duces tecum directed to Mr. BOB TUTT, Comptroller, Admiral Benbow Inns, Inc., 29 South Bellevue Boulevard, Memphis, Tennessee.

A review of the 1969 Miami Criss Cross Directory on January 13, 1969, revealed that telephone number 757-1695 is subscribed to by Webb Realty Associates, Biscayne Shopping Plaza, Miami, Florida.

#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date	1/24/69	

The records of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company were reviewed and the following information obtained for telephone number 221-9573:

Listed to

OLGA CHAVIANO

Billed to

Same

Address

2950 S. W. 78th Avenue

Date Connected

Prior to November, 1967

Employment

Self-employed - singer

Credit Rating with Telephone Co.

This is a non-published telephone number.

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The above records are confidential and can only be obtained through the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum. This subpoena should be directed to Mr. JOHN D. SADLER, South Florida Commercial Manager, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, Miami, Florida, or his authorized representative.

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On December 22, 1968, MM T-1 advised that ROTHMAN was still out of town. He further advised that ROTHMAN lost the Albion Hotel Lounge for failure to pay his bills.

On January 3, 1969, MM T-1 advised that ROTHMAN had not returned to Miami.

On January 15, 1969, MM T-3 advised that the indebtedness which HOWARD HALPERN incurred took place at the Sands, Frontier, and Caesar's Palace Casinos, MM T-3 further advised that he assumes HALPERN is paying off his debts by making payments directly to those casinos.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

On January 24, 1969, BERNIE SULLIVAN, Ticket Counter Supervisor, National Airlines, Miami International Airport, advised that an unidentified individual had left a sealed envelope with a set of keys inside at the National Airlines counter for ROTHMAN to pick up. He advised he would notify the FBI when the envelope was picked up.



In Reply, Please Refer to File No. 92-1870

# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Miami, Florida January 31, 1969

Title

NORMAN ROTHMAN

Character

ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference

is made to report of SA ALLAN M. TRANKLEY dated and captioned as

above at Miami, Florida.

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REFERENCE:

Report of SA ALLAN M. TRANKLEY dated 9/27/68, at Miami; Atlanta letter to Miami, 10/15/68.

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Copy to:

Report of: ALLAN M. TRANKLEY

November 25, 1968

Office: MIAMI, FLORIDA

Field Office File #:

92-1870

Bureau File #:

92-9844

Title:

NORMAN ROTHMAN

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

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Synopsis: Subject has been observed on only one occasion during period 9/27 = 11/20/68. Attempt again made to cover subject's travel, but after placing a stop with airlines, anonymous telephone call received at Albion Lounge re checking on subject's travel. Subject reportedly still keeping company with mistress OLGA CHAVIANO.

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#### DETAILS:

#### TRAVEL

On October 1, 1968, MM T-1 advised that he heard that NORMAN ROTHMAN went to New York City on his last trip from Miami. Informant stated he heard no comment relative to a stop at Atlanta, but pointed out that ROTHMAN, in the past, has flown to various places without making any comment on such trips.

Due to continued reports that ROTHMAN was again traveling frequently, Mr. R. W. GABLE, Reservations Manager, National Airlines, and JOE SMITH, station manager, National Airlines, were contacted again on October 3, 1968, and both advised they would contact the FBI should ROTHMAN's travel come to their attention.

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On October 10, 1968, DICK WEISENBORN, Chief Supervisor, Reservations, Eastern Airlines, and CHARLES STATON, ticket counter manager, Eastern Airlines, were contacted regarding ROTHMAN's travel. They advised they would notify the FBI should ROTHMAN's travel come to their attention.

On October 10, 1968, MM T=1 advised that on October 4 or October 5, 1968, an anonymous telephone call was received at the Albion Lounge wherein the caller requested that FABIO DE CRESTOFARO be advised to alert NORMAN ROTHMAN that he was being checked on at the airport. Informant stated that DE CRESTOFARO located ROTHMAN in New York City and relayed this information to him. As a result, informant advised, ROTHMAN traveled under an assumed name on his return trip.

Informant stated he has no information as to where ROTHMAN makes reservations for his out-of-town trips. He stated there is a possibility that ROTHMAN secures the reservations through one of MAX EDER's friends or contacts.

On November 6, 1968, MM T-1 advised he had heard that NORMAN ROTHMAN had been out of town since October 22, 1968. Informant had no information as to where ROTHMAN traveled 6r the date of his return.

#### ASSOCIATES

On October 17, 1968, MM T-1 advised that PATTY ERRA, RALPH SORRENTINO, JOE INDELICATO, and NORMAN ROTHMAN were together on the afternoon of October 14, 1968, at the Albion Hotel Lounge.

On November 6, 1968, MM T-1 advised that FRANK COOK, bartender at the Albion Hotel lounge and a close friend of NORMAN ROTHMAN, has been selling some guns. Informant stated some of the guns were .38 caliber snub nose. Informant stated that COOK had about a dozen guns and heard that COOK expects about one hundred guns

in the near future to sell in the area. Informant stated he does not know the source of the guns.

On October 31, 1968, MM T-3 advised that FRANK COOK, a bartender, is a close friend of NORMAN ROTHMAN.

#### CONTACTS

It was previously reported that NORMAN ROTHMAN had been in contact with an individual in Atlanta, Georgia, at telephone number 876-0701.

#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 15, 1968

Records Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, Atlanta, Georgia, reflect local area number 876-0701, was listed to RONALD GELET, 120 Alden Avenue, NW, Apartment D3. Services were connected June 23, 1966, and the monthly bill is sent to Mr. R. J. HAYES, 708 Spring Street, NW, Atlanta.

Records pertaining to the above number can only be obtained by the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum directed to Mr. THEODORE A. KING, Security Manager, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, 805 Peachtree Street, NE, Atlanta, Georgia

On 10/7/68 of Atlanta, Georgia File# Atlanta 92-738

by IC MARION W. DAVIS: mce

\_\_Date dictated\_\_\_

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On October 7, 1968, Miss JO PRESSLEY, Atlanta, Georgia, Police Department (APD) Identification Division, and Mr. JOHN TALLENT, station captain's office, APD, advised records of their department were negative for a RONALDGGELET or a R. J. HAYES.

Mr. JOHN RITTER, Credit Bureau of Greater Atlanta, advised records of his department were negative for a RONALD GELET or R. J. HAYES.

Mrs. BARBARA WAGER, Georgia State Motor Vehicle Bureau, Atlanta, advised she could locate no record of the vehicle registered under the name of RONALDGGELET. Also, due to a large number of R. J. HAYES, ROBERT HAYES, and so forth, she could not identify a vehicle registered to R. J. HAYES without specifically knowing local address other than business address.

Mrs. DOT MERRIT, Georgia State Department of Public Safety, Driver's License Bureau, Atlanta, advised records were negative for RONALD GELET.
Mrs. MERRIT further advised that she could not identify a R. J. HAYES in the files of her department without more specific information.

Atlanta City Directories reflect the address of 708 Spring Street was listed for Sol Mica of Georgia, Inc., contractors in aluminum siding.

On October 17, 1968, MM T=1 advised that ROTHMAN received a telephone call from one EDDIE (Last Name Unknown) out of Atlanta, Georgia, at about 11:45 p.m. on October 14, 1968. Informant stated he did not know the identity of EDDIE, or from where EDDIE was calling.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

ROTHMAN was not observed at his residence or at any of his known haunts on the following dates:

September 27, 30;

October 3, 4, 25, 29, 30;

November 5, 7, 13, 14, 18, 20, 1968.

On November 4, 1968, ROTHMAN's car was observed parked at his residence at 11:20 a.m.

On October 1, 1968, MM T-1 advised that NORMAN ROTHMAN and ARMANDO (Last Name Unknown), a representative of the Hotel Employees, Bartenders, and Waitresses Union, along with "PINKY" SCHIFFMAN, President of Local 255, RUBY BLACKMER, and possibly MORRIS LANSBURGH, had a meeting apparently to discuss the hiring of a bartender at the Eden Roc Hotel. Informant further advised that before ROTHMAN went to the meeting, he talked the matter over with PATTY ERRA.

On October 17, 1968, MM T-1 advised ROTHMAN supports two homes, the home of his wife and the home of OLGA (Last Name Unknown), his mistress, whom he first met in Cuba.

On November 4, 1968, MM T-2 advised that OLGA MARIA CHAVIANO, ROTHMAN's mistress, resides at 2950 S. W. 78th Avenue. She has two children, ages eleven and twelve. She was born on August 9, 1925. She drives a 1968 Chevrolet.

On November 5, 1968, the address of OLGA CHAVIANO was verified. In the driveway to the residence was a 1968 Chevrolet bearing 1968 - 1969 Florida License 1W-36963, which is registered to CHAVIANO at 2950 S. W. 78th Avenue.



In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Miami, Florida November 25, 1968

MM 92-1870

Title

NORMAN ROTHMAN

Character

ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference

Report of Special Agent ALLAN M. TRANKLEY dated and captioned as above, at Miami, Florida.

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REFERENCE: Report of SA ALLAN M. TRANKLEY dated 7/18/68, at Miami, Florida.

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AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA

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# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

1 - U.S. Attorney, Miami, Florida

(Attn: Departmental Attorney WILLIAM G. EARLE)

Report of:

Field Office File #:

ALLAN M. TRANKLEY

Office:

Miami, Florida

Date:

9/27/68

92-1870

Bureau File #: 92-9844

Title:

NORMAN ROTHMAN

Character:

ANTI-RACKETEERING

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Synopsis:

ROTHMAN still resides at Surfside, Fla. He is reportedly now sole owner of the Albion Lounge although not observed at this place of business. Informant advised subject continues to travel around country for hoodlum element.

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#### DETAILS:

### RES IDENCE:

Subject continues to reside at 425 Surfside Boulevard, Surfside, Florida.

On August 29, 1968, ROTHMAN's car was observed at his residence at 10:05 A.M.

On September 12, 1968, ROTHMAN's car was observed at his residence at 1:15 P.M. His residence was observed from 1:15 P.M. to 2:15 P.M. and no activity was noted.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1	Date9/27/68
The follow the activities of NO	ing observations were noted concerning RMAN ROTHMAN:
9:20 A.M.	Observation initiated of ROTHMAN's residence at 425 S. Surfside Boulevard, Surfside, Florida.
11 A.M.	FABIO DE CRESTOFARO observed to enter ROTHMAN's residence.
11:35 A.M.	DE CRESTOFARO observed to leave ROTHMAN's residence.
11:55 A.M.	ROTHMAN observed to leave the residence in his automobile.
12:07 A.M.	ROTHMAN arrived at the Fontaineble Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida and observed to enter hotel.
12:10 A.M.	Observation discontinued.
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0/24/68 at Surfside-	Miami, Florida File# Miami 92-1870
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#### CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

On August 22, 1968, MM T-1 advised that he heard that the Albion Hotel Lounge is a hangout for those involved in narcotics traffic.

#### TRAVEL

On September 2, 1968, MM T-2 advised that NORMAN ROTHMAN continues to travel around the country for the hoodlum element, but no longer travels for or under the cover of the International Lithographer Company as ROTHMAN and BEN LEVIN operator of same, are allegedly "on the outs".

On September 12, 1968, MM T-2 advised that he understood that ROTHMAN left for Atlanta or New York City on September 10, 1968.

#### **BUSINESS**

On September 2, 1968, MM T-2 advised that NORMAN ROTHMAN is now the sole owner of the Albion Hotel Lounge and that IRVING BRENNER no longer has an interest in this lounge.

#### ASSOCIATES

On August 22, 1968, MM T-1 advised that NORMAN ROTHMAN had contacted JOE SILESI in the solarium of the Seagull Hotel on or about July 29, 1968, and again on or about July 31, 1968.

JOSEPH ALBERT SILESI has been reliably identified as a member of the La Cosa Nostra who belongs to the CARLO GAMBINO "Family".

MM T-2 advised on September 12, 1968, that ROTHMAN is extremely close to one ARMANDO, who reportedly is business organizer for Local 255 of the Hotel, Restaurant and Bartenders Union and is the one largely responsible for obtaining jobs for Cubans in the hotels and restaurants in the Miami area.

### MISCELLANEOUS

It has previously been reported that a Cadillac bearing 1967-68 Florida license 6WW-6273 has been observed in the area of the Albion Lounge on frequent occasions.

On July 30, 1968, SA ROBERT W. WISEMAN determined that the records of the Palm Beach County Auto License Agency, 810 Datura Street, West Palm Beach, Florida, reflected that 1967-68 Florida license 6WW-6273 was issued October 18, 1967 to HENRY FEINTUCH, M.D., for a 1968 Cadillac coupe, Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) J8123239.

The records of the Palm Beach County Credit Bureau, the West Palm Beach Police Department and the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office examined July 31, 1968, failed to reflect any identifiable reference to FEINTUCH.

JAMES L. DISMUCKES, Schooley-Cadillac, advised SA ROBERT W. WISEMAN on July 31, 1968, that instant car was sold October 18, 1967 to Dr. FEINTUCH of 3050 Lincoln Road, Miami Beach, Florida. This was a telephone call sale, for cash, and the customer was referred by one EMIL MORTON, 5646 North Bay Road, Miami Beach, Florida. There is nothing further available in the company records.

Observation of the Albion Lounge, Miami Beach, Florida on August 26, August 27, August 29, September 10 and September 12, 1968 did not disclose ROTHMAN's car.

On September 23, 1968, the Albion Lounge was observed from 2:35 P.M. to 4 P.M. and subject did not appear.

On September 6, 1968, MM T-2 reported that on September 4, 1968, an individual contacted NORMAN ROTHMAN by telephone from Atlanta, Georgia. The call came from Atlanta, telephone #876-0701.



In Reply, Please Refer to File No. 92-1870

# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Miami, Florida September 27, 1968

Title

NORMAN ROTHMAN

Character

ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference

Report of SA ALLAN M. TRANKLEY dated and captioned as above, at Miami, Florida.

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REFERENCES:

Report of SA ALLAN M. TRANKLEY dated 5/28/68

at Miami.

Indianapolis letter to Miami dated 5/29/68. Cincinnati letter to Miami dated 5/31/68.

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LEADS:

NEWARK

AT TRENTON, NEW JERSEY

JFK) Will determine owner of car bearing New Jersey license JMW-688. Will check indices, credit and criminal on this individual.

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# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

1 - United States Attorney, Miami, Florida

Attention: Departmental Attorney

WILLIAM G. EARLE

Report of:

ALLAN M. TRANKLEY

Office: Miami, Florida

Date:

July 18, 1968

Field Office File #: 92-1870

Bureau File #: 92-9844

Title:

NORMAN ROTHMAN

Character:

ANTI-RACKETEERING

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Synopsis:

Subject continues to reside Surfside, Fla. Reportedly receiving shylock payments at Albion Hotel Lounge.

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#### DETAILS:

#### RESIDENCE

Subject continues to reside at 425 Surfside Boule-vard, Surfside, Florida. He was not observed on June 5,6,11, 12, or 17, 1968.

On June 11, 1968, a Pontiac bearing New Jersey license JMW-688 was observed parked in front of ROTHMAN's residence.

On June 18, 1968, at 9:30 AM, ROTHMAN's car was observed at his residence. Also observed in the driveway was a car bearing 1968-1969 Florida license 1-96339.

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#### CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

On July 4, 1968, MM T-l advised that shylock payments are still being left for NORMAN ROTHMAN with the bartenders at the Albion Hotel Lounge, Miami Beach, Florida. Informant stated they still play gin and other card games on the bar, for money, at this lounge. Two Miami Beach Police Department detectives reportedly hang out there on a daily basis.

#### TRA VEL

On June 18, 1968, MM T-1 advised that NORMAN ROTHMAN had been to Chicago and had been gone about two weeks but informant did not know whether ROTHMAN was in Chicago the entire two weeks or whether he had traveled elsewhere.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

On June 6, 1968, the following cars were observed at the Albion Hotel Lounge:

Plymouth bearing 1967-1968 Florida license 1-50451

Cadillac bearing 1967-1968 Florida license 6WW-6273

Pontiac bearing 1967-1968 Florida license 1W-51476

Oldsmobile bearing 1967-1968 Florida license 1-159916

Cadillac bearing 1968-1969 Florida license 1WW-1094

On June 11, 1968, the Cadillac bearing 1967-1968 Florida license 6WW-6273 was again observed at the Albion Hotel Lounge.

On June 20, 1968, at 2:30 PM, ROTHMAN's car, bearing 1968-1969 Florida license 1W32300, was observed at the Albion Hotel Lounge.

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11:15 A.M.		ROTHMAN observed to leave residence in his automobile.						
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The following observations were noted concerning the Hotel Albion Lounge: Observation of Albion Lounge instituted. 2:45 P.M. FABIO DI CRESTOFARO observed to leave 2:50 P.M. the Albion Lounge, enter his automobile, and leave the area. Yellow car bearing 1968-69 Florida 2:52 P.M. license 1-178118 observed parked in alley at Albion Lounge. 2:58 P.M. White T-Bird bearing 1968-69 Florida license 1W22100 observed leaving parking space in alley at Albion Lounge. 3:05 P.M. Two un-identified men and a woman

observed to leave Albion Lounge in maroon Chevrolet bearing 1968-69

Florida license 1W-37229.

Observation discontinued.

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3:45 P.M.

Date	7/5/68

The following observations were noted concerning the Albion Lounge, 1650 James Avenue:

12:50 PM	FABIO DI CRESTOFARO'S automobile observed double parked at entrance of Hotel Albion.
12:53 PM	Yellow Chevrolet bearing 1968-69 Florida License 1E-3962 observed parked in alley by Albion Lounge.
12:54 PM	NORMAN ROTHMAN's car observed parked on James Avenue heading north, one half block from Albion Lounge.
12:55 PM	DI CRESTOFARO's car leaves the area.
1:30 PM	ROTHMAN leaves Albion Lounge. DI CRESTOFARO observed to move his automobile into ROTHMAN's parking place. ROTHMAN leaves the area driving his automobile.
2:00 PM	ROTHMAN arrives at parking lot in N. Miami Avenue and First Street. ROTHMAN observed to park his car and walk toward the Dade County Courthouse.
2:01 PM	Observation discontinued.

On	7/2/68	_at	Miami Beach,	Florida	File#Miami	92-1870	
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by	SA ALLAN	M	TRANKLEY: cmr		Date dictated	7/5/68	

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It was previously reported that a car bearing 1967 Ohio license 8270GG, as well as a car bearing 1967 Indiana license 18B805, registered to JAMES W. HARNEY, 805 Dunn Street, Muncie, Indiana, were on the parking lot of JOE SONKEN's restaurant in Hollywood, Florida, at the time ROTHMAN met with five individuals at this restaurant.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA RUFUS THOMAS TYSON:

On April 2, 1968, DONNA HARRIS, License Index, Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Columbus, Ohio, advised that 1967 Ohio License 8270 GG was issued to DAVID C. KASSEM, 3960 Nine Mile Road, Cincinnati, Ohio, for a 1968 Cadillac couper Vehicle Identification No. J8135515, and was transferred on October 27, 1967, from a 1966 Pontiac, Vehicle Identification No. 266576E113577, which was sold in Louisville, Kentucky.

The following investigation was conducted by IC JAMES R. CLARK:

On May 22, 1968, GAYLA FOX, Credit Bureau of Cincinnati, Inc., advised DAVID C. KASSEM has been known to the agency's file since November, 1961. KASSEM's employment in 1961 was listed as Thrift Super Market.

On May 23, 1968, the following individuals, after reviewing their agency's files were unable to locate any information identifiable with KASSEM:

RUTH GORDON, Clerk, Cincinnati Police Department;

WILLIAM LAYER, Records, Hamilton County Sheriff's Office.

The following investigation was conducted by SA WILLIAM R. LISTON, Muncie, Indiana, on May 27, 1968:

Sergeant ROBERT VANDEVENDER, Records, Muncie Police Department, and MARION CUNNINGTON, Chief Deputy, Delaware County Sheriff's Office, advised their files contain no record for JAMES W. HARNEY.

Mrs. IRENE SHORT, Supervisor, Credit Bureau of Muncie, Indiana, advised their files reflect JAMES W. HARNEY and wife CLARA have been in the file since 1949. The last inquiry was in August 1966, at which time they were residing at 805 Dunn Street. JAMES W. HARNEY has been employed at Muncie Chevrolet since November 15, 1961, and his date of birth is July 28, 1922, Elwood, Indiana. CLARA HARNEY, as of May 1965, was listed as a bookkeeper at Superior Laundry, and had been there for ten years. They have a very good credit rating.



# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Miami, Florida July 18, 1968

File No. 92-1870

Title

NORMAN ROTHMAN

Character

ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference

is made to report of Special Agent ALLAN M. TRANKLEY, dated and captioned as above at Miami.

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# REFERENCES

Report of SA ALLAN M. TRANKLEY dated 3/18/68, at Miami.

Las Vegas letter to Miami dated 4/1/68.

Pittsburgh letter to Miami dated 4/12/68.

New York letter to Miami dated 4/25/68.

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# AT MIAMI, FLORIDA

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Attorney WILLIAM EARLE)

Report of:

ALLAN M. TRANKLEY

Office: Miami, Florida

Date:

5/28/68

Field Office File #:

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92-9844

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NORMAN ROTHMAN

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ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

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Subject still residing Surfside, Florida. Continues to frequent Albion Lounge, Miami, Florida. Contacts of subject set out.

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# DETAILS

### RESIDENCE

Subject continues to reside at 425 Surfside Boulevard, Surfside, Florida.

# CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

On April 5, 1968, MM T-1 advised that ROTHMAN is earning his money in volume and in a quick manner which would indicate it comes from narcotics.

### TRAVEL

On April 15, 1968, MM T-2 advised he received information that NORMAN ROTHMAN had traveled to Las Vegas, Nevada.

On April 18, 1968, MM T-2 advised that ROTHMAN had returned to Miami on April 15, 1968, and for some winknown reason, is avoiding contacts and telephone calls.

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# ASSOCIATES

On April 15, 1968, MM T-2 advised that FABIO DE CRESTOFARO does some shylock collecting for NORMAN ROTHMAN at the Fontainebleau Hotel, and that the bartenders at the Albion Hotel Lounge receive shylock collections in envelopes which they give to DE CRESTOFARO.

## CONTACTS

It was previously reported that NORMAN ROTHMAN was possibly in contact with the subscriber of telephone number 989-9576.

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The records of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, Hollywood, Florida, reflect that telephone number 989-9576 was formerly subscribed to by AUDREW MORITZ, 5717 West Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, Florida. This was a non-published telephone number. The records reflected that this number was disconnected approximately June, 1967, and Miss MORITZ returned to the Pennsylvania area.

The above information is confidential and can be obtained only through the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum directed to JAMES BARKER, District Manager, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, Hollywood, Florida.

On\_\_\_\_\_at\_\_Hollywood, Florida File # Miami 92-1870

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SA EUGENE J. MC KINNEY/mm

AUDREY MORITZ, who is the common law wife of THOMAS "SONNY" CIANCUTTI, top hoodlum from Pittsburgh, formerly resided with CIANCUTTI at 5715 West Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, Florida, but have since returned to the Pittsburgh area.

Previous investigation disclosed that ROTHMAN may have contacted the subscribers to the following Las Vegas, Nevada telephone numbers:

382-4925 734-6947 734-1212 735-1855 735-6614 735-8586 735-0330 735-0830 382-3657 735-7317

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Date March 7, 1968

The following information was obtained from a review of the records of the Central Telephone Company, Las Vegas, Nevada, which records were made available to Special Assistant United States Attorney MICHAEL DE FEO based upon the issuance of a Federal Grand Jury subpoena dated January 23, 1968.

Las Vegas Telephone Number	Subscriber
382-4925	V. E. NATION, 549 East Oakey, owner of Roulette Motel
734-6947	Caesars Palace, 3570 Las Vegas Boulevard South, Hotel Purchasing Department
734-1212	Silver Slipper Casino, 3100 Las Vegas Boulevard South
735–1855	CARLOS DE VARONA, $3781\frac{1}{2}$ Hazelwood; occupation in 1964 Bar Boy, Stardust Hotel
735-6614	Non-published, Dunes Hotel, Casino Cage
735-8586	JAY J. SARNO, 3541 Maricopa Way, Managing Director, Caesars Palace Hotel - Casino
735-0330	Sands Hotel, 3317 Las Vegas Boulevard South, ENTRATTER residence

On 2/29/68 of Las Vegas, Nevada

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by SA CARL F. FREEMAN/kd

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735-0830

EVERETT J. BLEDSOE, 2645 Van Patten, Number 5; retired U. S. Army and manager of apartments.

382-3657

ED GAMBARANA, 501 Parkway East, employed Caesars Palace Hotel - Casino

735-7317

ARNALDO ESTOPINAN, 1307
Exley Avenue; occupation
carpenter, Chrome Manufacturing
Company

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JOE VALEN, who was contacted at Las Vegas, telephone number 382-4925, is unknown to the Las Vegas Office, and records of the Clark County Sheriff's Office and Las Vegas Police Department were negative regarding VALEN. The Credit Bureau of Southern Nevada listed that as of August 28, 1967, one JOE R. VALEN, age 35, was residing with his wife, MERNA VALEN, at 4176 East Pernoid, Las Vegas, Nevada. It was also noted that MERNA VALEN was a school teacher in the Clark County School District of Nevada.

Las Vegas telephone number 382-4925 is listed to VIRGIL EDWARD NATION, 549 East Oakey, Las Vegas. NATION is not known to the Las Vegas Office. The files of the Credit Bureau of Southern Nevada reflect that NATION and his wife, OLA EVELYN GOULD, have resided in Southern Nevada for several years and that Mr. NATION is presently retired. He formerly owned the Roulette Motel in Las Vegas. Mr. NATION, from 1942 to 1950, owned and operated the San Diego Motel, Denver, Colorado. He has no known hoodlum connections and his association, if any, with JOE VALEN is unknown.

Las Vegas telephone number 735-1855 is listed to CARLOS ARTURO DE VARONA, wife MARIE DE VARONA. The records of the Clark County Sheriff's Office reflect that DE VARONA, in 1964, was a barboy at the Stardust Hotel and that he had formerly been a soldier in the Cuban Army for two years. He came from Cuba to Las Vegas via Miami, Florida. He listed with the Sheriff's Office a friend, VICTOR NAVARRO, 807 East San Francisco, Las Vegas, Nevada. DE VARONA is described as a white male, born March 21, 1928, at Camaguey, Cuba (A# 11862568), 5'10" tall, 180 pounds, brown hair and eyes. In 1966 DE VARONA advised the Credit Bureau of Southern Nevada that he had formerly resided 34 years in Havana, Cuba.

(First name unknown) HUGO and TERRY DEUTSCH, who were contacted through Las Vegas telephone number 735-0830, are unknown to the Las Vegas Office. The records of the Las Vegas Police Department, Clark County Sheriff's Office and Credit Bureau of Southern Nevada were negative regarding HUGO and DEUTSCH. The subscriber of this Las Vegas telephone number is EVERETT J. BLEDSOE, who is unknown to the Las Vegas Office. BLEDSOE is the manager of the apartments at 2645 Van Patten, Las Vegas, and he resides in Apartment 5 at this address.

Las Vegas telephone number 382-3657 is listed to ED GAMBARANA (EDGAR GAMBARANA), who is presently employed in the Hotel Purchasing Section of Caesars Palace Hotel. He was formerly employed in the same position at the Sands Hotel, both Las Vegas, Nevada. GAMBARANA was allegedly employed at the Copa Cabana, New York City, prior to coming to the Southern Nevada area. He has been reported by one Las Vegas informant as a "bagman" for the Sands and Caesars Palace, but this has not been confirmed nor denied. GAMBARANA is described as a white male, born September 6, 1920, at New York, New York, 5'll" tall, 205 pounds, brown hair and eyes, Social Security Number 118-18-3520, wife PEGGY KALTENBORN. It is noted that PEGGY KALTENBORN GAMBARANA's father is R. J. KALTENBORN, a wealthy individual of Southern Nevada.

The Las Vegas Office has no record of ARNALDO ESTOPINAN. There is no record for ESTOPINAN at the Credit Bureau, Sheriff  $^{\circ}$ s Office or Las Vegas Police Department.

ART ROCCO, who was contacted at Las Vegas telephone number 734-4110, may be identical with ARTHUR ANTHONY ROCCO, FBI Number 3702619, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, who was in Las Vegas on October 18, 1967, and November 2, 1967. ROCCO, while in Las Vegas on these occasions, registered with the Clark County Sheriff's Office as an ex-felon.

Las Vegas telephone number 735-1363 has recently been changed to 735-0506, which is the main switchboard for "Circus Circus" a new casino which is presently under construction on the "Las Vegas Strip".

To Wie RICHARDSON, who was contacted at Las Vegas telephone number 734-1212, is an owner of the Silver Slipper Casino and was formerly an owner of the Frontier Hotel prior to the sale of this hotel to HOWARD HUGHES. RICHARDSON is an old-time gambler from Mississippi and he is presently under indictment by a Federal Grand Jury in Los Angeles, California, for Interstate Transportation in Aid of Macketeering - Gambling.

Due to the limited amount of information regarding LES CRAWFORD, who was telephonically contacted at Caesars Palace, it has been impossible to identify him.

CARL COHEN, who was telephonically contacted at the Sands Hotel, was a stockholder at this hotel-casino prior to the purchase of this hotel by HOWARD HUGHES. COHEN presently is an employee of the Sands Hotel. Confidential sources have reported that COHEN was the holder of undisclosed interest in the Sands Hotel for JOSEPH "DOC" STACHER (Miami file 92-1248).

Las Vegas was unable to identify Miss EYRA, who was contacted at (JACK) ENTRATTER's residence in the Sands Hotel.

The Las Vegas Office was unable to identify GIL COLEMAN and ERWIN HARRIS.

JACKIE HELLER, who was contacted at the Sands Hotel, has been employed for years by this hotel as a lounge host.

Previous investigation has disclosed that ROTHMAN may have contacted the Keystone Sales Company, Inc., 725 Franklin Street, Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

The Keystone Sales Company, Inc. lists its President as JOSEPH REGINO and its Vice President as SEBASTIAN JOHN LA ROCCA who is a reported member of the La Cosa Nostra.

Previous investigation has disclosed that ROTHMAN possibly contacted the subscribers of the following telephone numbers:

244-0642 YU8-7513 UN6-4030 CO5-3910 PL7-2034 781-9683 CI7-1587 AU6-9335 OL2-6779 OL5-4299 BA5-2542 TW7-7370 TW7-3617 679-5891 AC2-7263 972-5597 L04-0022 MO1-8282 0X7 - 4870L04-5760 JU2-1441 CA6-9345

Date\_3/29/68

The records of the New York Telephone Company revealed the identities of the subscribers to the telephone numbers set forth below:

244-0642

Simonson Fabrics Incorporated

36 West 36th Street

New York City

YU 8-7513 (connected 10/6/63) ESTHER HANDILLE

181 East 73 Street New York City

Apartment 4F

UN 6-4030

No such exchange as UN 6

in the 516 area.

co 5-3910

Southern Music Publishing

Company

1619 Broadway New York City

PL 7-2034

JEROME WECHSLER

15 West 47th Street

New York City

Room 808

781-9683

(connected 11/8/67)

ROBERT REYES

511 West 171 Street

New York City Apartment 2B

CI 7-1587 (247 - 1587)

CHARLES ABREU

144 West 46th Street

New York City Apartment 5F

AU 6-9335

ISABEL PEREZ

629 West 135th Street

New York City

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OL 2-6779 (Non-published)	JOYCE LEIGHTON 2305 Bruner Avenue Bronx, New York
OL 5-4299	MORRIS HUREWITZ 3466 Fish Avenue Bronx, New York Apartment 3A
BA 5-2542	SANFORD ROTHMAN 1756 Whitestone Road Whitestone, Queens, New York
TW 7-7370	HENRIETTE ROTHMAN 98-25 64th Road Rego Park, New York
TW 7-3617	OLGA J. KOUH (Mrs.) 100-25 Queens Boulevard Forest Hills, New York Apartment 4N
679-5891	JEROME ROSENTHAL 20 Park Avenue New York City Apartment 9C
AC 2-7263	Baumann Press 301 West 108th Street New York City Apartment 2F
972-5597	American Can 100 Park Avenue New York City
LO 4-0022	Liberty Travel Service Incorporated 152 West 42nd Street New York City

MO 1-8282 (connected 5/27/66)	Go Go Tours 51 East 42nd Street New York City
0X 7-4870 (connected 2/11/64)	United Investors Corporation 711 Third Avenue New York City
L0 4-5760 (connected 12/15/65)	Active Messenger Service Corporation 101 West 42nd Street Room 208 New York City
JU 2-1441 (connected 8/21/67)	A.B.C. Camera Corporation 356 West 44th Street New York City
CA 6-9345 (connected 2/17/64)	Mare Chiaro Restaurant 1762 Mulberry Street New York City

The above information is not to be made public except in the usual proceeding following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum, which should be directed to Mr. WILLIAM R. ENNIS, Security Supervisor, New York Telephone Company, 104 Broad Street, New York, New York 10004:

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York as furnished by PAULINE DE FIORE to IC JOHN L. KAPP on April 5, 1968, contained the following:

Credit report (no date) revealed JOYCE LEIGHTON, (widow) resided at 2305 Bruner Avenue, Bronx, New York. Business was shown as R. C. Packaging Inc., (no address). Prior employment was Val Food Packaging Company, Inc., 226 East Fordham Road, Bronx, New York. She has an account with Manufacturers Hanover Trust. No degogatory information.

Credit report dated June, 1958, disclosed JEROME ROSENTHAL and wife KAY resided at 20 Park Avenue, New York. Prior address was 930 5th Avenue, New York City. He is self-employed as an advisor in the brokerage field and is actively engaged in this line. No derogatory information.

No credit records were located for the following:

ESTHER HANDILLE, 181 East 73rd Street, Apartment 4F, New York City

JEROME WECHSLER, 15 West 47th Street, New York City, Room 808

ROBERT REYES, 511 West 171st Street, New York City, Apartment 2B

CHARLES ABREU, 144 West 46th Street, New York City, Apartment 5F

ISABEL PEREZ, 629 West 135th Street, New York City

MORRIS HUREWITZ, 3466 Fish Avenue, Bronx, New York, Apartment 3A

SANFORD ROTHMAN, 1756 Whitestone Road, Whitestone Queens, New York

HENRIETTE ROTHMAN, 98-25 64th Road, Rego Park, New York

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VIC POSNER, 768 5th Avenue, New York City

STEVE MORRIS

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Mrs. OLGA J. KOUH, 100-25 Queens Boulevard, Forest Hills, New York, Apartment 4N

On April 15, 1968, the records of the Bureau of Criminal Identification, New York City Police Department as caused to be checked by SA AUGUST J. MICEK, contained no arrest records for aforementioned individuals.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

On March 20, 1968, at 3:40 PM, NORMAN ROTHMAN and his car were observed in front of the Albion Hotel Lounge.

On March 27, 1968, ROTHMAN was observed to leave his residence at 425 Surfside Boulevard, Surfside, Florida, at 1:00 PM and drive to the Albion Hotel Lounge, Miami Beach, Florida, arriving at 1:30 PM. On this occasion, ROTHMAN was driving a black over grey Oldsmobile, bearing temporary Florida license H37-141.

On March 28, 1968, ROTHMAN was again observed at the Albion Hotel Lounge arriving at 2:45 PM, driving a black over grey Oldsmobile with temporary Florida tag.

On March 29, 1968, ROTHMAN was observed to depart from the Albion Hotel Lounge at 2:25 PM driving a black over red Oldsmobile, bearing temporary Florida license H37-163.

On April 1, 1968, both new 1968 Oldsmobiles, one black over grey, four-door, and the other black over red two-door, were observed parked at ROTHMAN's residence in Surfside, Florida.

On April 16, 1968, ROTHMAN's black over grey Oldsmobile was observed to be bearing 1967-68 Florida license 1W 205421, and the license on the black over red Oldsmobile was noted as 1W 205422.

ROTHMAN and/or his automobile was observed at the Albion Hotel Lounge on the following dates:

April 24, 1968, at 3:50 PM

April 25, 1968, at 3:30 PM

April 26, 1968, at 1:45 PM

April 29, 1968, at 1:45 PM

May 13, 1968, at 3:00 PM

May 21, 1968, at 3:30 PM

On May 21, 1968, records of the Dade County TageAgency revealed that 1967-68 Florida license 1D-78549 is for a Triumph sports car registered to CHARLES B. MC COMAS, 801 South Poinciana Boulevard, Miami Springs, Florida.

These records further reveal that the license tag 1D-81139 does not exist.



In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Miami, Florida May 28, 1968

Title

NORMAN ROTHMAN

Character

ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference

Report of Special Agent ALLAN M. TRANKLEY, dated and captioned as above, at Miami, Florida.

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

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### **ADMINISTRATIVE**

The report of SA ALLAN M. TRANKLEY dated December 26, 1967, at Miami, reflects that numerous telephone calls were made available by the Federal Bureau of Narcotics from ROTHMAN's residence, the residence of OLGA CHAVIANO, ROTHMAN's mistress, and from International Lithographers, ROTHMAN's place of employment at the time the phone calls were made.

A review of the subscribers to the various telephone numbers has been made. The information pertinent to calls which are business calls, has not been made a part of this report and is maintained in the files of the Miami Division.

On January 25, 1968, SA JAMES W. SIBERT, Hyattsville, Maryland, determined that telephone number 423-8594 is subscribed to by EDWARD A. WATSON, 5933-23rd Parkway, Apartment 312, Hillcrest Heights, Maryland. There was no criminal record for WATSON at the Prince George County Police Department, and the files of the Baltimore Office contain no information identifiable with EDWARD A. WATSON.

On February 21, 1968, IC PHILIP F. CROGHAN determined that telephone number 923-8111 is for the Diplomat Hotel, Hollywood, Florida.

Telephone number 983-5669 is for State Acceptance Company, Inc., 6910 S.W. 27th Street, Miramar, Florida.

Telephone number 923-8471 is for Golden Isles Hospital.

Telephone number 922-4993 is for ABE W. BERKOWITZ, 1644 Washington Street, Hollywood, California.

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Telephone number 989-9676 is for HARRY J. NICK, 6641 S.W. 9th Street, Hollywood, Florida.

Telephone number 989-9576 is for P.M. CENSORIO, 7945 Di Lido Boulevard, Miramar, Florida.

SA LAURENCE E. THOMAS determined that telephone number 731-8246, Cincinnati, Ohio, is for Dr. H.H. STEINBERG, 7281 Arcoma Drive. Dr. STEINBERG has no arrest record at the Cincinnati Police Department, and the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office and the Cincinnati indices do not contain any information identifiable with Dr. H. H. STEINBERG.

Telephone number 335-751, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, is that of VICTOR CARLUCCI. CARLUCCI is a son-in-law of SAM MANNERINO, former member of La Cosa Nostra (LCN), now deceased. CARLUCCI was released from Lewisburg Federal Prison in December, 1964, after serving 40 months of a 5-year sentence for TGP, ITSP, FHA, NM, CONSPIRACY. NORMAN ROTHMAN was one of the subjects in this case in which an attempt was made to ship stolen firearms to Cuba.

Telephone number 335-4371 is for Catoris Candies, Inc. On June 17, 1964, and on December 8, 1964, PCI JAMES W. BURGART advised SA THOMAS G. FORSYTHE, III, that "KELLY" MANNARINO had acquired the controlling interest in the Catoris Candy Company and that he spent a lot of time in his office in the back of the candy company store. He said that LOUIS CATORIS, the former sole owner, still provided the know-how for the operation of the candy company and is still in charge of making the candy.

PCI BURGART has in the past, on numerous occasions, described GABRIEL MANNARINO, also known as "KELLY" MANNARINO, as the "Boss" of all illegal activities in the area of New Kensington for over 15 years.

C COVER PAGE It is noted that MANNARINO was in attendance at the notorious Apalachin Conference in 1957, and there are strong indications that he is a member of LCN.

Pittsburgh indices are negative regarding this organization.

On January 23, 1968, Miss JANE HAMLIN, Dun and Bradstreet, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, furnished a report of this organization which reflected that on March 15, 1967, authorities had stated that this business was no longer in operation at the location cited. The President of this company was SAMUEL VALERIANO, (a CPA who had done accounting work from SAM MANNERINO). Also the report showed that SAM MANNERINO in July, 1966, had filed two judgments against Valstar, Inc., of \$91,683 and \$110,745.

Telephone number 337-7196 is for CLARENCE M. HARRIS, JR.

Pittsburgh indices are negative regarding HARRIS.

On February 7, 1968, Mrs. BARBARA GROSS, New Kensington Credit Bureau, advised a report of CLARENCE HARRIS, JR., 1137-5th Avenue, New Kensington, showed he was about 19 or 20, employed by the Aluminum Company of America, wife COLEEN, and as of May, 1967, had an account of the Columbia Record Club amounting to \$19.62, placed with the Credit Bureau for collection.

On February 7, 1968, Patrolman JOSEPH MANGIONE, New Kensington Police Department, located no arrest record regarding HARRIS.

Telephone number 339-9371 is for Sons of Italy Lodge 881. Pittsburgh indices are negative regarding this lodge.

D COVER PAGE Telephone number 339-9371 is for SAUL SILVERMAN. Pittsburgh indices are negative regarding SILVERMAN.

Records of the New Kensington Credit Bureau, as furnished by Mrs. BARBARA GROSS, show that SILVERMAN, of 1133 5th Avenue, New Kensington, has been self-employed as an attorney since 1931. His business address is 2879 Leechburg Road, Lower Burrell, Pennsylvania, and he is the proprietor of the Stewart Plaza Shopping Center in Lower Burrell. He has a good credit record.

On February 7, 1968, Patrolman JOSEPH MANGIONE, New Kensington Police Department, advised he has no record for SILVERMAN.

A review of the Crisscross Telephone Directory for the Community of Ebensburg, Pennsylvania, disclosed that the telephone number 472-9540 is listed to the Joanne Dress Manufacturing Company, Ebensburg, Pennsylvania.

This dress manufacturing company is owned and operated by ANGELO PAPALIA, 320 East Highland Avenue, Ebensburg, Pennsylvania.

Pittsburgh files show that PAPALIA, in 1963, had built a home in Southeast 15th Court, Bel Aire, Florida, a few doors away from the home of JOHN LA ROCCA, identified as a member of LCN and head of the Pittsburgh family, and reportedly PAPALIA was a clannish associate of LA ROCCA.

Telephone number RO 1-0449 is for FRANK KRAWCZYK, 6128 North Kenmore, Chicago, Illinois. Indiana Credit and Criminal checks negative.

Telephone number 527-3730 is for JUNE MICHAELS, 400 East Randolph, Chicago, Illinois, Illinois Credit and Criminal checks negative.

E COVER PAGE Telephone number 224-5959, Tallahassee, Florida, is for GEORGE THOMAS, 1623 El Habana. Credit and Criminal checks negative.

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Telephone number 734-7110, Las Vegas, Nevada, is the main switchboard of Caesar's Palace Hotel-Casino. J. SAINO and JAY SURINO, who was telephonically contacted, is apparently identical with JAY J. SARNO, who is an executive and owner of Caesar's Palace.

Telephone number 735-8586, Las Vegas, Nevada, is listed to JAY J. SARNO, 3541 Maricopa Way, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Telephone number 734-7110 is for JERRY ZAROWITZ who is the present casino Manager at Caesar's Palace. He is reported to have been associated with a nation-wide betting group known as "The Iron Curtain Group", comprised of ZAROWITZ, ELLIOT PAUL PRICE, ANTHONY SALERNO, RUBY LAZARUS and VINCENT ALO. ZAROWITZ has previously been convicted of attempted bribery of a New York Giants official football player.

The investigative period of this report overlaps that of referenced report. The investigative activity of an auxilliary office was conducted prior to referenced report, but was not received prior to the submission of referenced report.

## **INFORMANTS**

MM T-1 is HOPE STOKES, 9124 Byron Avenue, Surfside, Florida, a neighbor of subject whose identity is consealed at her request.

MM T-2 is MM 725-C MM T-3 is LV 121-C-TE MM T-4 is LV 297-C

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MM T-5 is MM 869-PC
MM T-6 is PCI MARCELO NAPOLIELLO, Las Vegas,
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MM T-7 is MM 727-C
MM %2-8 is DANIEL PEREZ, 953 S.W. 1st Street,
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# UN. ED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

1 - U.S. Attorney, Miami (ATTN: Departmental Attorney WILLIAM EARLE)

Report of:

ALLAN M. TRANKLEY

Office: Miami, Florida

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Field Office File #:

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Bureau File #: 92-9844

Title:

NORMAN ROTHMAN

Character:

ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

Subject continues to reside Surfside, Fla. Continues to associate with LCN figures in Miami, Fla., and has been described as carrier of funds and errand boy for LCN. Subject reportedly has been backing the Bolita operation of ERWIN BRENNER, using hoodlum money.

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#### DETAILS

# RESIDENCE

ROTHMAN was observed at his residence, 425 Surfside, Boulevard, Surfside, Florida, on January 31, 1968; February 1, 8, 15, 1968; March 4, 7, 11 and 13, 1968.

On February 1, 1968, MM T-1 advised that there is no unusual activity at ROTHMAN's house during the evening hours.

# ASSOCIATES

On December 20, 1967, MM T-2 advised that PATTY ERRA, NORMAN ROTHMAN, ANTHONY SALERNO, LOUIS (LNU), JOHN TRONALONE, "CHINK", and JOE INDELICATO were at "JOE the Bartender's Room", Hilton Plaza Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida.

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ERRA, SALERNO and INDELICATO have been identified as members of the La Cosa Nostra (LCN).

On January 16, 1968, MM T-2 advised that PATTY ERRA, NORMAN ROTHMAN, and ANTHONY SALERNO regularly hang around the Hilton Plaza Hotel.

On January 22, 1968, MM T-2 advised that FRANK (LNU), a Cuban and Captain of the waiters in "JOE the Bartender's Room", Hilton Plaza Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida, owes his job to NORMAN ROTHMAN and regularly runs around with ROTHMAN.

### HANG OUTS

On January 16, 1968, MM T-2 advised that subject regularly hangs around the Hilton Plaza Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida.

# CONTACTS

On Novembey 14, 1967, MM T-3 advised that TOMMY ALTAMURA, who was recently shot and killed in Miami, Florida, was in Las Vegas, Nevada, whith NORMAN ROTHMAN during June and July, 1967, and also during the latter part of August, 1967.

On November 16, 1967, MM T-4 advised that NORMAN ROTHMAN, 1771 West Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida, which is the address of International Lithographers, had been a resident at Caesar's Palace Hotel-Casino, September 10 through 15, 1967, and while at the hotel, had made the following long distance calls:

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The records of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company were reviewed and the following information obtained from telephone number 221-9573:

Listed to:

OLGA CHAVIANO

Billed to:

OLGA CHAVIANO

Address:

2950 S.W. 78th Avenue CORAL Gables

Date Connected:

November 10, 1967

Employment:

Self - vocalist

References Given:

Ex-husband NORMAN ROSSMAN

538-7871

Credit Rating with Telephone Co.:

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The above records are confidential and can only be obtained through the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum. subpoena should be directed to Mr. JOHN D. SADLER, South Florida Commercial Manager, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, Miami, Florida, or his authorized representative.

Coral Gables, Florida File # Miami 92-1870

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The records of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company were reviewed and the following information obtained for telephone number 864-5474:

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Date Connected Employment

Self 866-4030

NORMAN ROTHMAN

June 2, 1965

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Connected December 1951 - working

Credit Rating with Telephone Company

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A review of the Miami, Florida, Crisscross Directory reveals that telephone number 221-3540 is listed to GERALD SCHWARTZ, 1810-86th Avenue, S.W., Miami, Florida.

On March 8, 1968, IC PHILIP CROGHAN was unable to locate any arrest records for GERALD SCHWARTZ at the Miami Beach Police Department, the Dade County Department of Public Safety, the Miami Municipal Court and the Miami Police Department.

CROGHAN determined that the files of the Greater Miami Credit Bureau reflect that GERALD SCHWARTZ is a Vice President of the County National Bank and has held this position for three years. He was formerly a factory representative for the Lullaby Products, Inc., and has a satisfactory credit record.

Examination of telephone directories reflect that telephone number 455-7158 is a Pensacola, Florida telephone number.

### TRAVEL

On November 24, 1967, a review of the Clark County Sheriff's Office records, Las Vegas, Nevada, reflected the following residences for the subject in Las Vegas, Nevada:

> Caesar's Palace, Room 775, 11/23-27/66 Caesar's Palace, Room 1275, 1/25/67 Caesar's Palace, Room 1079, 6/26/67 Frontier Hotel, Room 2053, 7/28/67 Caesar's Palace, Room 1451, 9/10/67 Bonanza Hotel, Room 115, 10/10/67 Frontier Hotel, Room 1731, 11/8/67

### CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

On January 5, 1968, MM T-5 advised that ROTHMAN has been backing the Bolita operation of ERWIN BRENNER and that ROTHMAN is using hoodlum money. ERWIN BRENNER is a well-known Bolita operator in the Miami, Florida, area.

On January 8, 1968, MM T-6 advised that he heard that subject and several other persons, not further identified, but who are apparently connected with Caesar's Palace Hotel-Casino, are attempting to set up a casino in Majorca, Spain.

On January 12, 1968, MM T-7 advised that NORMAN ROTHMAN is an errand boy for the LCN members in Miami, Florida, and also acts as a carrier of funds.

MM T-8 advised on February 2, 1968, that NORMAN ROTHMAN has been "backing" large scale pro-football bets in the Cuban Colony in Miami, Florida.

On February 12, 1968, ROTHMAN was observed to drive from his residence to JOE SONKEN's Gold Coast Restaurant, Hollywood, Florida, where he met with five other individuals, including SONKEN. The identity of the other individuals is not known.

Cars bearing the following license plates were observed in SONKEN's parking lot at the time ROTHMAN met with these individuals:

1967-68 Florida license 1D-81139 Pennsylvania license Z87-548 Texas license JXL-938 Indiana license 18B-805 Ohio license 8270GG Kentucky license L68-632 Florida license 1D-78549

On March 1, 1968, Mrs. FAYE JUMPER, Supervisor, records room, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Department of Revenue, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, advised that Pennsylvania license Z87-548 is registered to Keystone Sales Company, Inc., 725 Franklin Street, Johnstown, Pennsylvania, for a Chevrolet sedan Vehicle Identification Number 164695Y183761.

### LEGITIMATE ENTERPRISES

It has previously been reported that ROTHMAN, in fact, is owner of the Albion Hotel Lounge, 1650 James Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida.

ROTHMAN was observed at the Albion Lounge on February 8, and February 12, 1968, and March 13, 1968.



In Reply, Please Refer to File No. 92-1870

#### UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Miami, Florida March 18, 1968

Title

NORMAN ROTHMAN

Character

ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference

Report of Special Agent

Allan M. Trankley dated and

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Will determine subscribers to the following telephone numbers and conduct credit, criminal and indices checks:

355-3375

351-6324

873-4941

#### BALTIMORE

### At Capitol Heights, Maryland:

Determine subscriber to telephone number 423-8594. Conduct credit, criminal and indices checks.

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Conduct credit, criminal and indices checks on HERBERT TULZMAN who was contacted at 283-3431.

### CHARLOTTE

### At Charlotte, North Carolina:

Determine subscribers to telephone numbers 334-3061 and 375-8444. Conduct credit, criminal and indices checks.

#### CHICAGO

### At Chicago, Illinois:

Determine subscribers to telephone numbers RO 1-0449, 527-3730, CA 6-5300, and MO 6-8300. Conduct credit, criminal, and indices checks.

#### CINCINNATI

## At Cincinnati, Ohio:

Determine subscriber to telephone number 731-8246. Conduct credit, criminal and indices checks:

#### COLUMBIA

## At Greenville, South Carolina:

Will conduct same lead as above regarding telephone number 235-8955.

#### DETROIT

#### At Detroit, Michigan:

Will conduct same lead as above regarding telephone number 965-2426.

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Will conduct same lead as above concerning telephone number 226-1203.

### INDIANAPOLIS

## At Indianapolis, Indiana:

Will conduct same lead as above concerning telephone numbers 898-1010 and 545-2421.

### **JACKSONVILLE**

## At Tallahassee, Florida:

Will conduct same lead as above concerning telephone number 224-5959.

## LAS VEGAS

## At Las Vegas, Nevada:

- 1. Conduct credit, criminal and indices checks on JOE VALEN contacted at telephone number 382-4925.
- 2. Same as to J. SAINO contacted at telephone number 734-7110.
- 3. Same as to ART ROCCO contacted at telephone number 734-4110.
- 4. Same as to BURTON COHEN contacted at telephone number 735-1363.
- 5. Same as to ED GAMBARANA contacted at telephone numbers 734-7110 and 734-6947.
- 6. Same as to JAY ZURINO contacted at telephone number 734-7110.
- 7. Same as to T. W. RICHARDSON contacted at telephone number 734-1212.

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- 8. Determine subscriber to telephone number 735-1855. Conduct credit, criminal and indices checks.
  - 9. Same as to telephone number 735-6614.
- 10. Conduct credit, criminal and indices checks on LES CRAWFORD who was contacted at telephone number 734-7110.
  - 11. Same as to J. SARNEAU contacted at 735-8586.
  - 12. Same as to CARL COHEN contacted at 735-9111.
  - 13. Same as to JERRY ZAROWITZ contacted at 734-7110.
  - 14. Same as to a Miss EYRA contacted at 735-0330.
  - 15. Same as to JACKIE HELLER contacted at 735-9111.
  - 16. Same as to GIL COLEMAN contacted at 735-1122.
  - 17. Same as to ERWIN HARRIS contacted at 734-7110.
  - 18. Same as to (FNU) HUGO contacted at 736-0380.
  - 19. Same as to TERRY DEUTSCH contacted at 735-0830.
- 20. Determine subscriber to telephone number 735-7317. Conduct credit, criminal and indices checks.
  - 21. Same as to telephone number 382-3657.

#### LOS ANGELES

## At Los Angeles, California:

- 1. Determine subscriber to telephone number OL 3-9610. Conduct credit, criminal and indices checks.
  - 2. Same as to telephone number OL 6-2055.

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3. Same as to telephone number HO 5-5588.

#### NEW HAVEN

## At New Haven, Connecticut:

Determine subscriber to telephone number 865-9775. Conduct credit, criminal and indices checks.

## At Stamford, Connecticut:

Same as to telephone number 325-3581.

## At Bridgeport, Connecticut:

Same as to telephone number 367-4404.

## At Westport, Connecticut:

Conduct credit, criminal and indices checks on FRED THOMPSON contacted at 226-4227.

#### NEW YORK

## At New York, New York:

1. Determine the subscribers to the following telephone numbers. Conduct credit, criminal and indices checks:

LO 4-5760

OX 7-4870

PL 1-7300

JU 2-1441

CA 6-9345

PL 9-3000

CO 5-3910

PL 7-2034

781-9683

CI 7-1587

247-1587

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AU 6-9335 OL 2-6779 OL 5-4299 OL 2-6779 BA 5-2542 TW 7-7370 937-3800 TW 7-3617 TW 1-2500 679-5891 PL 7-3600 AC 2-7263 244-0642 YU 8-7513 SECRET

2. Conduct credit, criminal and indices checks on the following individuals:

IRVING HOLME contacted at 972-5597.

VIC POSNER contacted at PL 2-5890.

STEVE MORRIS contacted at LO 4-0022.

(FNU) DELK contacted at MO 1-8282.

## At Bayville, New York:

Determine subscriber to telephone number UN 6-4030. Conduct credit, criminal and indices checks.

#### OKLAHOMA CITY

## At Oklahoma City, Oklahoma:

Conduct credit, criminal and indices checks on JUDY CLAYTON contacted at CE 6-5455.

#### PITTSBURGH

### At Ebensburg, Pennsylvania:

Determine subscriber to telephone number 472-9540. Conduct credit, criminal and indices checks.

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## At New Kensington, Pennsylvania:

1. Will determine subscribers to the following telephone numbers. Conduct credit, criminal and indices checks:

335-7571 335-4371 335-1244 337-7196

2. Conduct credit, criminal and indices checks on SAUL SILVERMAN contacted at 339-9371.

#### RICHMOND

## At Cartersville, Virginia:

Conduct credit, criminal and indices checks on CARRIE GERPERSA.

## WASHINGTON FIELD

## At Washington, D. C.:

Determine subscriber to telephone number 666-6103. Conduct credit, criminal and indices checks.

#### MIAMI

## At Hollywood, Florida:

Determine subscribers to the following telephone numbers. Conduct credit, criminal and indices checks:

923-8111 922-4993 983-5669 989-9576 989-9676 923-8471

## At Ft. Lauderdale, Florida:

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Determine subscriber to telephone number LO 5-7433. Conduct credit, criminal and indices checks.

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Information below relates to contacts with LUIS
POSADA CARRILES in regard to his knowledge of the activities
of FRANK LANG "LEFTY" ROSENTHAL. At the time of original contact
with [CARRILES, Side was an employee of CIA. During the latter
stages of his contacts with SA WARREN R. WELSH his employment
with CIA had been terminated.

BOMBINGS - MIAMI AREA JANUARY - JUNE, 1967

A. CONTACTS WITH LUIS POSADA CARRILES,

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. (5)

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.

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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:

HERMINIO DIAZ, 732 NW 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 andeither pick up other twenty grenades or the one hundred twenty dollars in cash which they represented.

RAMON ESCARDA, 620 SW 9th Street, who served in the US Army, 1958-1959, was supposed to obtain one hundred pounds of pentolite for delivery to BORGES for \$320-350. / (u)

FRANK TAMAYO, 3213 SW 8th Street, Miami, active in anti-CASTRO activities, sold .622 caliber silencers to Americans for \$1,000.

Source gave descriptions of the three Americans and also recorded license plate of car utilized by group

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 idnetified 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.

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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.

On November 5, 1965, Bureau Agents exhibited

photo of NORMAN ROTHMAN, FEI #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.

2. By similar communication, dated June 15, 1967, CIA advised the Miami Division that POSADA Rad (4) been contacted by FRANK ROSENTHAL during the month of October, 1966.

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

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

This same meno 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.

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On June 12, 1967, POSADA Stated ROSENTHAL contacted 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.

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

POSADA Yak this time, reiterated his past dealings with FRANK ROSENTHAL from the time of the Spring of 1965, through June 12, 196 (\*\*) 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.

4. On June 23, 1967, SA JAMES J. O'CONNORU) 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.

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 the Dinner Key area, Coconut Grove, Florida.

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.

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

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.

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.

On June 25, 1967, source and ECHEMENDIA went to a location somewhere between SW 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.)

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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.

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.

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

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.)

8. On June 28, 1967, LUIS PUSADA Was contacted telephonically by SA WEISH, who was in Washington, D.C.

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.

9. On June 28, 1967. [LUIS POSADA] telephonically contacted SA JAMES J. O'CONNOR.

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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.

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. (\*\*)(U)

(U) (X 10. On July 5, 1967, SA WEISH met with LUIS POSADA in the Dinner Key area, Coconut Grove, Florida.

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.

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.

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

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type devices 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.

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

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 SW 27th Avenue and 25th Street.

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.

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.

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 takeover 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. (😮)

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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.

ECHEMENDIA also commented on a Guban 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.

12. On July 10, 1967, SA WEISH telephonically contacted LUIS POSADA (%) (u)

WYGO 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.)

13. SA WEISH contacted LUIS POSADAJIN person at the Dinner Key area, Coconut Grove, Florida, on July 11, (x) 1967.

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

POSADA was instructed at this time regarding the tenure of conversation he should have with ROSENTHAL at their next contact. He was requested to make up a

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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.

During the late evening hours of July 11, 1967, POSADA telephonically contacted SA WEISH 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.

UNX POSADA further stated at this time that ROSENTHAL had contacted his home at approximately 10:45 PM at which time his wife explained that her husband had been in trouble and that he would contact ROSENTHAL tomorrow.

14. SA WEISH contacted LUIS POSADA Via telephone on July 12, 1967.

[POSADA] Stated that at approximately 10:30 AM 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.

After making this telephonic contact, POSADA & 4 indicated that ROSENTHAL was extremely aggravated over the stalling tactics of POSADA CARE gave POSADA an ultimatum to either produce the material in tendays or forget about everything.

POSADA Palso related that on this date, DOMINGO ECHEMENDIA had contacted him and he informed ECHEMENDIA that the customs had raided his house 7 he previous day. ECHEMENDIA stated that this (raid) meant nothing and he

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should not be worried about it. ECHEMENDIA stated that ALBERTO LARRAIN-MAESTRE was not presently in the Miami area.

15. On July 13, 1967, SA WELSH contacted AUSTIN HORN, CIA, Miami. (>>)//()

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

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.

POSADA at Dinner Key, Coconut Grove, Florida.

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

POSADA said that he had heard nothing more from ROSENTHAL.

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.

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17. On July 15, 1967, (LUIS POSADA) was telephonically contacted by SA WELSH. (\*\*)

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 Marter this meeting ECHEMENDIA would contact him regarding the volume and type of explosives wanted by MAESTRE.

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

POSADA Stated that he had just finished talking to DOMINGO ECHEMENDIA. He ascertained that ALBERTO LARRA IN-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.

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

19. On July 24, 1967, LUIS POSADA Was telephonically contacted by SA WELSH.

POSADA stated that on July 20, 1967, FRANK ROSENTHAL had contacted him at his residence. [POSADA] (W) at this time told ROSENTHAL that he was no longer interested

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in obtaining explosives for him and that he wished to have no further dealings with him. After hearing W this, ROSENTHAL became very irate and gave back to POSADA a number of pencils that he had previously secured from him.

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 (1) told him "that someday when he was playing gin rummy POSADA would be killed".

20. On August 1, 1967, [LUIS POSADA] was contacted telephonically by SA WELSH.

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.

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.

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

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.

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POSADA stated that he had heard nothing during the past week from FRANK ROSENTHAL and has told DOMINGO ECHEMENDIA not to contact him.

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

The Federal Bureau of Narcotics, Miami, Florida, made available telephone toll calls from telephone numbers to which ROTHMAN had access. The following toll calls are from telephone number 866-4030, a non-published number, in the name of ETHEL ROTHMAN, wife of NORMAN ROTHMAN:

	Date	Location	Number
	11/10/66	Hollywood, Florida	923-8111
	11/12/66	Hollywood, Florida	923-8111
	11/20/66	Bronx, New York	OL 2-6779
	11/27/66	Bronx, New York	OL 5-4299
	12/9/66	Bronx, New York	OL 5-4299
	12/31/66	Cincinnati, Ohio	731-8246
	1/22/67	Hollywood, Florida	922-4993
	1/22/67	Hollywood, Florida	922-4993
	2/16/67	Ft. Lauderdale, Florida	LO 5-7433
	2/16/67	Bayville, New York	UN 6-4030
	2/26/67	Hollywood, Florida	983-5669
	3/5/67	Bronx, New York	OL 2-6779
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Date	Location	Number Other Data
3/27/67	Queens, New York	BA 5-2542
3/31/67	Hollywood, Florida	989-9676
4/7/67	Hollywood, Florida	989-9576
4/11/67	Queens, New York	TW 7-7370
4/26/67	Hollywood, Florida	923-8471
4/28/67	Hollywood, Florida	983-5669
5/2/67	Pittsburg, Pennsylvania	391-8800

The following toll calls are from telephone number 226-1203, a non-published number in the name of OLGA CHAVIANO, ROTHMAN's mistress:

Date	Location	Number	Other Data
12/8/66	New York, N.Y.	CO 5-3910	
12/19/66	Ebensburg, Pa.	472-9540	
12/25/66	New York, N.Y.	PL 7-2034	
1/2/67	Tallahassee, Fla.	224-5959	
1/8/67	Capitol Heights, Md.	423-8594	
1/18/67	New York, N.Y.	781-9683	
1/19/67	New York, N.Y.	CI 7-1587	
1/20/67	Miami collect from	247-1587	New York, N.Y.
2/12/67	New Kensington, Pa.	335-7571	
2/27/67	Hollywood, Fla.	989-9576	

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## SECRET

Date	<u>Location</u>		Number	Other Data
3/3/67	Miami, collect	from	226-1203	Houston, Texas to NORMAN ROTHMAN
3/19/67	Hollywood, Fla.		989-9576	
3/26/67	New York, N.Y.		AU 6-9335	·
4/2/67	New Kensington, Pa.		335-7571	
4/11/67	Chicago, Ill.		RO 1-0449	
4/19/67	New Kensington, Pa.		335-4371	

The following toll calls are from telephone number 538-7871, a number listed to International Lithographers, 1771 West Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida, ROTHMAN's former place of employment:

Location	Number	Other Data
New Kensington, Pa.	412 335-4371	
New York, N.Y.	212 LO 4-5760	
Los Angeles, Calif.	213 OL3-9610	
New Haven, Conn.	203 865-9775	
Detroit, Mich.	313 965-2426	
Atlanta, Ga.	404 873-4941	•
Greenville, S. C.	803 235-8955	
New York, N.Y.	212 0X7-4870	
Queens, N.Y.	212 937-3800	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Las Vegas, Nev.	702 382-4925	to JOE VALEN

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Location	Number	Other Data
Las Vegas, Nev.	702 734-7110	to J. SAINO from N. ROTHMAN
Las Vegas, Nev.	702 734-4110	to ART. ROCCO from ROTHMAN
New York, N.Y.	212 LO4-0022	to STEVE MORRIS
New York, N.Y.	212 MO1-8282	to DELK from ROTHMAN
Las Vegas, Nev.	702 735-1363	to BURTON COHEN
Las Vegas, Nev.	702 734-7110	to ED GAMBARANA
Las Vegas, Nev.	702 734-6947	to ED GAMBARANA from ROTHMAN
Washington, D. C., collect	from 666-6103	
Chicago, Ill.	312 527-3730	
New Kensington, Pa.	412 335-1244	
New York, N.Y.	212 PL 1-7300	
Indianapolis, Ind.	317 898-1010	
Los Angeles, Calif.	213 OL 6-2055	
Las Vegas, Nev.	702 734-7110	to ELLIOT PRICE
Westport, Conn.	203 226-4227	to FRED THOMPSON from ROTHMAN
New York, N.Y.	212 972-5597	to IRVING HOLME from ROTHMAN
Las Vegas, Nev.	702 734-7110	to JAY ZUNNO from ROTHMAN

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Location	Number	Other Data
Palmer, Mass.	413 283-3431	to HERBERT TOLZMAN from ROTHMAN
Las Vegas, Nev.	702 734-1212	to T. W. RICHARDSON from ROTHMAN
Chicago, Ill.	312 CA 6-5300	to CRONIN
Stamford, Conn.	203 325-3581	
New York, N.Y.	212 JU 2-1441	
Capitol Heights, Md.	202 423-8594	
Las Vegas, Nev.	702 735-1855	
Las Vegas, Nev.	702 734-7110	to N. ROTHMAN Rm. 1275
Oklahoma City, Okla.	405 CE 6-5455	to JUDY CLAYTON
Chicago, Ill.	312 MO 6-8300	
Las Vegas, Nev.	702 735-7317	
Las Vegas, Nev.	702 734-7110	to LES CRAWFORD
Las Vegas, Nev.	702 735-8586	J. SANO or J. SARNEAU
Las Vegas, Nev.	702 735-9111	to CARL COHEN
Las Vegas, Nev.	702 734-7110	to JERRY ZAROWITZ from ROTHMAN
Cartersville, Va.	5-4334	to CARRIE GERPERSA
Bridgeport, Conn.	367-4404	collect to Miami
Las Vegas, Nev.	702 735-0330	to Miss EYRA from ROTHMAN

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Location	Number	Other Data
Atlanta, Ga.	404 355-3375	
New York, N.Y.	212 CA 6-9345	
Queens, N.Y.	212 TW 7-3617	
Las Vegas, Nev.	702 735-9111	to JACKIE HELLER from ROTHMAN
Las Vegas, Nev.	702 735-1122	to GIL COLEMAN
New York, N.Y.	212 PL 9-3000	
Brooklyn, N.Y.	212 TW 1-2500	
Las Vegas, Nev.	702 734-7110	to ERWIN HARRIS
Las Vegas, Nev.	702 382-3657	from ROTHMAN
Las Vegas, Nev.	702 736-0380	to HUGO from ROTHMAN
New York, N.Y.	212 679-5891	
New York, N.Y.	212 PL 7-3600	
New York, N.Y.	212 PL 2-5890	to VIC POSNER
New York, N.Y.	212 YU 6-0630	to COHEN
New York, N.Y.	212 AC 2-7263	
Los Angeles, Calif.	213 но 5-7158	
New Kensington, Pa.	339-9371	to SAUL SILVERMAN from ROTHMAN
Indianapolis, Ind.	317 545-2421	

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Location	Number	Other Data
Las Vegas, Nev.	702 735-6614	
Las Vegas, Nev.	702 735-0830	to TERRY DEUTSCH
New York, N.Y.	222 581-1000	to TERRY DEUTSCH
New Kensington, Pa.	412 335-7571	
New Kensington, Pa.	412 335-4371	
New York, N.Y.	212 244-0642	
New York, N.Y.	212 YU 8-7513	
Atlanta, Ga.	404 351-6324	
Los Angeles, Calif.	213 но 5-5588	
New Kensington, Pa.	412 337-7196	
Charlotte, N. C.	704 334-3061	
Charlotte, N. C.	704 375-8444	
Unknown	444 566-0592	

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On September 26, 1967, Phoenix advised that JONATHAN CURTIS, former PCI and CI of the New York Division, who resides at 1500 Bay Road, Morton Towers South, Apartment 1406, Miami Beach, Florida, was in contact with the Phoenix Division on three recent occasions. He advised on September 25, 1967, that he is presently on assignment for NORMAN ROTHMAN, owner, Albion Hotel, Lincoln Road, Miami Beach, Florida. ROTHMAN is acting as a "buffer" between SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR. and CURTIS to bring a reported six million dollars in "hot" securities of jewelry into the United States through Nogales, Arizona, in the immediate future.

CURTIS contends he will be staying at the El Dorado Hotel, Nogales, Arizona, and is to await contact from an unknown individual or individuals whom he is to act as a bodyguard for, in bringing "hot" items to undisclosed destination in the United States. CURTIS recalled he has been paid \$2,000 to date by ROTHMAN and allegedly is to receive \$8,000 upon completion of the assignment. CURTIS advised ROTHMAN has been giving him instructions by "bits" and therefore he is not in a position to furnish additional details.

On September 27, 1967, Phoenix advised that JONATHAN CURTIS was interviewed on the evening of September 26, 1967. He again claimed that his "principal" gave him \$2,000 as advance on this deal but claimed that he is a compulsive gambler and that he lost most of the money at a dog track in Phoenix. He again demanded that the Bureau advance him money in this matter and was advised that he could only be paid on a C.O.D. basis. CURTIS then stated he planned to forget the whole deal and would call his "principal" in Miami and try to give him some excuse for asking him

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for money to enable him to return to Miami. He stated no one had contacted him to date regarding this deal.

In view of the possible Customs violation, Phoenix disseminated this matter to U. S. Customs, Nogales, Arizona.

SERGIO CASTRO is presently incarcerated in the Hudson County Jail, Jersey City, New Jersey, for bank robbery. There is also a case on CASTRO in New York on federal counterfeiting charges.

This case was placed in a pending inactive status on June 22, 1967, and Departmental Attorney WALLACE H. JOHNSON, JR. advised that agents of the Federal Narcotics Bureau in Miami, Florida, would conduct an investigation in Miami relative to the possibility of ROTHMAN being engaged in narcotics and that the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Unit would conduct an investigation of the Albion Lounge. REMAINS ANCHASS PERCENTION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPER

The Federal Narcotics Bureau in Miami conducted an SUDJICSE investigation of ROTHMAN and is still conducting its investigation in an effort to prove that ROTHMAN is engaged in narcotics.

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On December 12, 1967, ROBERT NICKOLOFF, Agent in Charge of the Miami Branch of the Federal Narcotics Bureau, advised that ALBERTO LARRAIN-MAESTRE had been arrested in Spain on or about December 4, 1967. A copy of the interview of this individual will be furnished to the Bureau.

The Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Unit did not conduct an investigation of the Albion Lounge.

#### INFORMANTS

MM T-1 is MM 1124-PC.

MM T-2 is MM 725-C.

MM T-3 is MM 1176-PC.

MM T-4 is PCI JOANNE HALL.

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MM T-5 is PCI BERNARD SHAFFER.

MM T-6 is LV 121-C-TE.

MM T-7 is SERGIO CASTRO.

MM T-8 is THOMAS LOPEZ, Internal Revenue Service, whose identity is concealed at his request.

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## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

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(Attention: Departmental Attorney WILLIAM EARLE)

Report of:

ALLAN M. TRANKLEY

Office: Miami, Florida

Date:

December 26, 1967

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Field Office File #:

92-1870

Bureau File #:

92-9844

Title:

NORMAN ROTHMAN

Character:

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Synopsis:

Subject continues to reside Surfside, Fla. Reportedly now employed organizing junket flights to New Frontier Hotel and Casino, Ias Vegas, Nev. Also still owns Albion Lounge, Miami Beach, Fla. Subject continues to associate with PATTY ERRA and reportedly with SANTO TRAFFICANTE.

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DETAILS:

RESIDENCE

On December 14, 1967, it was determined that ROTHMAN continues to reside at 425 Surfside Boulevard, Surfside, Florida.

#### **HANGOUTS**

On June 6, 1967, MM T-1 advised that ROTHMAN occasionally visits the Fontainebleau Hotel and is a good friend of MAX EDER. He occasionally cashes checks at the Fontainebleau Hotel.

#### **EMPLOYMENT**

On August 24, 1967, MM T-2 advised that ROTHMAN was no longer connected with the International Lithographers Company.

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On October 2, 1967, MM T-4 advised that NORMAN ROTHMAN travelled to Las Vegas, Nevada, on September 27, 1967, for the purpose of meeting with ED#HUMMELSTEIN and GENE/EDWIN, both of Memphis, Tennessee. HUMMELSTEIN is the president and founder of Faith Memphis Plates, while EDWIN is a building contractor in that city. This trio met for the purpose of finalizing the organization of junket flights to the New Frontier Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada. They will be equal partners with one-third each, however, ROTHMAN will not be carried on the books as a member of this organization.

ROTHMAN's function is that of making the proper connections with the people in Las Vegas to honor these junkets. He is also working on trying to obtain the junkets for Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas.

On November 3, 1967, MM T=2-advised that he heard that ROTHMAN acquired IRVING BRENNER's interest in the Albion Hotel Lounge. ROTHMAN paid BRENNER a certain amount of money but owes BRENNER a considerable sum which ROTHMAN will not pay.

#### CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

On August 25, 1967, MM T-2 advised that <u>FABIO O.</u>
DE/CRESTOFARO is still pushing and collecting shylock money
for NORMAN ROTHMAN who in turn works for <u>PATTY/ERRA</u>

On November 1, 1967, MM T-7 advised that his knowledge of SANTO TRAFFICANTE dates back to the BATISTA regime and up to 1963. He continued that he was closely associated with OSCAR ECHEMENDIA and MARTIN FOX, co-owners of the Tropicana Casino, Havana, Cuba. During his days in Havana, Cuba, OSCAR ECHEMENDIA hired him on occasions as a bodyguard and chauffeur. He stated he learned through OSCAR that Italian racketeer, SANTO TRAFFICANTE, had a large interest in the Tropicana Casino, and that he was considered one of the "big bosses" there.

MM T-7 advised that prior to the revolution, he was contacted by an American, named NORMAN ROTHMAN, who was allegedly a close friend of SANTO TRAFFICANTE. He met

ROTHMAN at an expensive motel in Havana, Cuba, with another Cuban and ROTHMAN offered them \$5,000.00 to kill an unknown American, who was to arrive in Havana, Cuba. MM T-7 did not know ROTHMAN, and he refused to make the "hit" for ROTHMAN. MM T-7 did not know if this "hit" was ever made.

Sometime during 1961, he met OSCAR/ECHEMENDIA in Miami, Florida, where informant was now laving. hired him again to drive him around on occasions. He added most of his trips with ECHEMENDIA were at night, since OSCAR enjoyed drinking and partying. He learned at this time that OSCAR's partner was still MARTIN FOX, and that they had the largest Bolita bank in Miami, Florida. This business had been made possible through their friend, SANTO TRAFFICANTE. ECHEMENDIA told informant that SANTO received a percentage of their weekly Bolita operation for protection against police or anybody moving in. MM T-7 added that he believes ECHEMENDIA's operation took in about \$50,000.00 or \$60,000.00 weekly in Bolita gambling. ECHEMENDIA often told informant that if it was not for SANTO TRAFFICANTE, he would not have anything nor could he possibly operate.

MM T-7 advised that he observed SANTO TRAFFICANTE, sometime in 1962, at the Bel Air Hotel Cocktail Lounge, Miami Beach, Florida, with owner of this club, NORMAN ROTHMAN. SANTO was with a big Cuban politician named MACHO GEENER, who was an important Cuban during the Batista regime. Informant learned at this time that ROTHMAN was very close to SANTO TRAFFICANTE and that ROTHMAN was also involved in many illegal activities. Informant stated that ROTHMAN at this time was allegedly masterminding big robberies of wealthy homes in the Miami area, which involved large jewelry thefts. ROTHMAN would hire Cuban holdup men, who would take all their orders from him on the particular home to be hit, and then ROTHMAN would fence the hot "goods" or "ice."

MM T-7 further advised that he attended a big wedding reception given by NORMAN ROTHMAN, in 1962, for his son. MEYER LANSKY was seen at this party with other big shot hoodlums from the Miami area.

MM T-7 advised that OSCAR ECHEMENDIA received large shipments of Puerto Rican lottery tickets weekly

through the U. S. Mails. Informant stated he personally observed RAFAEL LORETO (deceased), during 1963, pick up a large package addressed to him at the Post Office in Miami, Florida, which contained a large shipment of the above tickets. LORETO told him that ECHEMENDIA assigned about eight of his operators to handle these tickets, but each one was given a different week to pick up the shipment at the U. S. Post Other known operators for ECHEMENDIA were RAUL \*\*FERNANDEZ; OSCAR'S SON, DOMINGO ECHEMENDIA; PEDRO FOX, brother of MARTIN FOX. He continued that since OSCAR and MARTIN FOX's deaths, PEDRO FOX and DOMINGO ECHEMENDIA were left the bolita business. He advised that he doubts if DOMINGO/ECHEMENDIA can handle this operation, since he does not have the knowledge or personality to handle such a large operation. FLA

MM T-7 stated that other large Cuban Bolita operators, during 1963, in Miami, Florida, were MIGUEL ANGEL CANO and his brother, ARMANDO CANO. He added that these Cubans owned a large hotel, which contained the Toledo Restaurant. He stated that ARMANDO has been arrested for gambling, but he believes MIGUEL CANO, may still be a big operator in Bolita and the Puerto Rican lottery.

### TRAVEL

On June 7, 1967, MM T-2 advised that around May 10, 1967, NORMAN ROTHMAN went to New York City reportedly to handle some business for PATTY ERRA. He stated that ROTHMAN usually checks into the Americana Hotel. MM T-2 further advised that ROTHMAN went to Pittsburgh to attend the funeral of SAM MANNARINO.

On June 16, 1967, MM T-2 advised that ROTHMAN went to MANNARINO's funeral with PATTY ERRA.

Files Passport Office, Department of State, reviewed by SA KENNETH J. HASER on July 3, 1967, disclose that NORMAN ROTHMAN was last issued passport G-308507 at Washington, D. C. on March 21, 1966, for proposed vacation travel to Portugal and Spain for approximately one month. On application dated March 9, 1966, at Miami, he stated he

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intended to depart New York City about March, 1966, by unnamed airline, not by organized tour. Stated he expected to take another trip abroad within the year. This passport was valid for three years' travel to all countries except Albania, Cuba and those portions of China, Korea and Viet Nam under Communist control.

ROTHMAN stated he was born December 26, 1914, at New York City, and file contains sworn birth statement dated August 21, 1959, at Dade County, Florida, by BESS WEINBERG, 540 74th Street, Miami Beach, Florida, aunt of NORMAN ROTHMAN of the Biltmore Terrace Hotel, stating that she was present at his birth.

ROTHMAN originally furnished permanent residence and mailing address in March, 1966, as 425 Surfside Boulevard, Surfside, Florida, but later changed this to 2305 Bruner Avenue, Bronx, New York, in care of LEIGHTON. ROTHMAN listed parents as LEON ROTHMAN and BETTY/TANENBAUM, born in Rumania and both United States citizens. He stated last married in December, 1936, to ETHEL HUREWITZ, born at New York City, May 26, 1915, marriage not terminated. In the event of death or accident, he requested his wife, Mrs. ETHEL ROTHMAN, be notified at his address.

File shows ROTHMAN was first issued passport 1515395 at Miami, Florida, on August 25, 1959, for proposed six weeks' pleasure travel to South America. He stated he intended to depart Miami about September 1, 1959, by unnamed airline, not by organized tour. He stated he had made one trip abroad in preceding twelve months. This passport was valid for two years. Permanent residence then given as Biltmore Terrace Hotel, 87th Street and Collins Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida. In application, he stated he had been in Cuba from 1951 to 1959 (it being noted that no passport was then required for travel to Cuba).

The following description appeared in his file:

Height Hair Eyes Occupation

5'11"
Black/grey
Green
Executive

It is pointed out that, under passport regulations, ROTHMAN may use passport for lawful travel within period of its validity whenever and as often as desired without further notification to Department of State or other government agency. Passport Office does not receive information as to whether or when a passport is used for foreign travel.

On July 7, 1967, MM T-2 advised that NORMAN ROTHMAN and ALBERTO (last name unknown) left Miami on June 27, 1967, for Las Vegas, Nevada, and returned to Miami on July 1, 1967. Informant stated that ROTHMAN and ALBERTO spent considerable time at Caesar's Palace Hotel and Gambling Casino.

On July 7, 1967, MM T-3 advised that he heard that ROTHMAN makes several trips a year to visit BATISTA in Spain.

On July 17, 1967, FRANCIS SMITH, Internal Revenue Service, advised that an informant had advised him that NORMAN ROTHMAN was to leave for Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on the night of July 17, 1967. United Airlines flights 578 departed Miami at 6:40 p.m.; 598 departing Miami at 12:55 a.m. and 454 departing Miami 1:10 a.m. were checked and ROTHMAN was not among the passengers.

On August 24, 1967, MM T-2 advised that NORMAN ROTHMAN has not been travelling as much as he did in the past.

On September 14, 1967, MM T-6 advised that on September 12, 1967, ROTHMAN had stayed at the Caesar's Palace Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada.

### **ASSOCIATES**

On December 5, 1967, MM T-2 advised that PATTY ERRA and NORMAN ROTHMAN have been seen together on several occasions at the Hilton Plaza Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida. Informant further advised that the opening of the Hilton Plaza Hotel will be on December 15, 1967, and that PATTY ERRA, MAXXEDER and NORMAN ROTHMAN have reservations for the opening.

On December 6, 1967, MM T-8 advised that on December 4, 1967, about 5:45 p.m., he observed the green

Chevrolet Chevelle of SANTO TRAFFICANTE parked in the driveway of the TRAFFICANTE residence at 740 N. E. 155th Street, Miami, Florida. At approximately 7:10 p.m., TRAFFICANTE, dressed in a business suit, entered the bar at VINCENT CAPRA's restaurant, 8400 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami. He walked through the bar and into a rear dining room. About ten minutes later, PATSY ERRA, NORMAN ROTHMAN, and two unknown males, all dressed in business suits, entered the bar and walked into the rear dining room.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

On August 2, 1967, MM T-3 advised that NORMAN ROTHMAN had cashed a great number of checks at the Fontainebleau Hotel varying in amounts up to \$1500 and reportedly used ten different names in cashing the checks.

On August 24, 1967, MM T-2 advised that NORMAN ROTHMAN is trying to sell the Albion Hotel Lounge and that his asking price is \$13,000 plus the cost of the liquor on hand.

On August 25, 1967, MM T-2 advised that JOE AINDELICATO, RALPH/SORRENTINO and NORMAN ROTHMAN have been discussing the construction of a motel with a Holiday Inn label.

On September 28, 1967, MM T-5 advised that NORMAN ROTHMAN made a shylock loan from THOMAS ALTAMURA, purpose not known.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA MICHAEL E. DILL:

## A'T EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, FLORIDA

On September 20, 1967, JOSEPH SUMMERS, Records Office, Eglin Federal Prison Camp, furnished the prison file for NORMAN ROTHMAN, number 389EF. This file reflected the following background and descriptive data concerning the subject:

ROTHMAN was convicted in the Western District of Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on February 4, 1960, for conspiring, aiding and abetting to transport stolen property in interstate and foreign commerce, and using interstate and foreign wires to defraud. ROTHMAN was sentenced to five years and a \$10,000 fine on this charge. ROTHMAN began serving his sentence at the Federal Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, on August 28, 1951. On July 10, 1962, he was transferred from Atlanta to Federal Correctional Institution, Tallahassee, Florida. On September 12, 1963, subject was transferred to the Lglin Federal Prison Camp, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, where he remained until his release on February 18, 1965. The following individuals were listed as co-defendants with ROTHMAN:

JOSEPH MEROLA

STUART SUTOR

VICTOR CARLUCCE

JOSEPH/GIORDANO

DANIEL HÁNNA

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ROTHMAN's file contained a copy of a letter, dated September 22, 1961, from the Director, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Division, which reflected that on November 4, 1958, inspectors of the Immigration and Naturalization Service and state officers detained an airplane which had landed at the Morgantown Airport, Morgantown, West Virginia, The pilot of this aircraft was determined to be STUART SUTOR.

A search of this aircraft reflected that there were 135 rifles and guns located on the aircraft. Subsequent investigation revealed that 121 of these weapons had been stolen from the National Guard Armory in Canton, Ohio. As a result of the seizure of these weapons, investigation resulted in a conspiracy case being presented against SUTOR, NORMAN ROTHMAN, and others. Upon his arrest, SUTOR reported that the aircraft he was piloting had been rented from DuPont Air Interest, Miami, Florida.

Further investigation into this matter revealed that in August 1958, JOE and SAM GIARUSSO had contacted a LEONARD RICCI, a licensed firearm dealer, and told him they had a contact from Florida who wanted all the United States Army type rifles he could get. In October 1958, ROTHMAN, who was described as a well known gambler formerly of New Kensington, Pennsylvania, and who allegedly represented the Mannarino Gambling Interest in Cuba, contacted a Doctor LEWIS C. PESSOLANO in Miami Springs, Florida. ROTHMAN was reported to have asked PESSOLANO to purchase an airplane for the purpose of going north to pick up a load of firearms and to obtain the services of a pilot who could be trusted for the flight. A short time later, PESSOLANO contacted STUART SUTOR and made arrangements for SUTOR to pilot this SUTOR was subsequently introduced to JOSEPH/MEROLA at Miami, Florida, who with SUTOR left for Pennsylvania to pick up the weapons. On October 26, 1958, SUTOR and MEROLA landed their plane at the Alleghany Valley Airport. near New Kensington, Pennsylvania, where they were met by three men who arrived at the field in a 1958 Oldsmobile and panel truck with the name S and S Distributing Company written on the side. The stolen weapons were apparently transferred to SUTOR's plane at that time.

This letter further reflects that CABRIEL and SAMMANNARINO, who were listed as co-conspirators in this matter, were the owners of the S and S Distributing Company and that their truck was used to transport the stolen weapons. MANNARINO was reported to have made a telephone call to PESSOLANO a short time later and inquired if SUTOR would keep his mouth shut in reference to the law enforcement officers. ROTHMAN was reported to have described SAM MANNARINO as a "very dear friend."

ROTHMAN's file further reflects a summary report prepared in 1961 by the Federal Prison authorities. Information contained in the personal history and family background portion of this report was reported to have been accumulated from social letters received from the subject's wife and from initial interview with the subject. At that time information reflected that the subject was born December 26, 1914, in New York City, New York. His father, LEON ROTHMAN, was born in Rumania and died in 1954. His mother, BETTY ROTHMAN, was also born in Rumania and died in 1953. ROTHMAN's brother, IRVIN G. ROTHMAN, was reported to be residing at 9825 64th Street, New York City, New York, and at the time was 45 years of age. ROTHMAN's other brother, SANFORD ROTHMAN, was reported to be residing at 1756 166th Street, New York City, New York, and was listed as being 42 years of age. ROTHMAN claimed that he attended school in the New York area, completing the eighth grade. He also reported that the entered the United States Army in 1945, served about seven months and was honorably discharged in 1945.

Subject was further reported to have been a case manager and owner in Cuba. He claimed that he was a nightclub owner in Havanna, Cuba, and lest his club when the communist took over, led by FIDEL CASTRO. ROTHMAN also claimed to have managed Mother Kelly's Nightclub in Miami, Florida. ROTHMAN also reported that he was the business manager of the Alborn Lounge and Alborn Hotel in Miami, Florida. He also furnished information concerning his having operated gambling houses in Cuba and having participated in gun running.

ROTHMAN was reported to have married ETHEL HUREWITZ in New York City, New York, in 1936. ROTHMAN and his wife have three sons, namely, CAPPY ROTHMAN, age 23 (1961), 425 Surfside Building, Miami Beach, Florida; SANFORD ROTHMAN, age 21 (1961), 7353 Gary Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida; and ROLAND ROTHMAN, age 16 (1961), who at the time was a student at the Staunton Military Academy Staunton, Virginia.

The following listed individuals were reflected in the subject's prison file as individuals who were on his approved correspondence and/or approved visitor list:

WILLIAM F. SMITH (friend) Limestone, Tennessee

MYRON WIDETT (friend)
Summit Hotel, New York City, New York

ALBERTO ARDURA (friend)
Bel Aire Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida

MANOLITA REVYELTA (friend)
Bel Aire Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida

Mr. and Mrs. CESAR ALONZO 74 Northeast 24th Street Miami, Florida

Mr. and Mrs. OSCAR ECHEMEDIA (friends)
1211 Southwest 19th Street
Miami, Florida

Mr. and Mrs. MICHALL GIORANO (friends)
1710 Meridan Avenue
Miami Beach, Florida
(GIORANO, FBI number 217 633 B, was
reported to have been arrested on July 6,
1962, at Miami Beach, Florida, for
possession of gambling equipment.)

The following description of NORMAN ROTHMAN was obtained from the subject's prison file:

Name
Race
Sex
Date of Birth
Place of Birth
Height
Weight

NORMAN ROTHMAN
White
Male
December 26, 1914
Brooklyn, New York
5 feet 11 1/2 inches
200 pounds

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> Hair Eyes FBI Number Residence

Previous employment

Relatives Wife

Sons

Brothers

Associates

Education Religion

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1949 - 1961, 425 Surfside Boulevard, Miami Beach, Florida

1959 - 1960, Baltimore Terrace Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida;

1948 - 1959, self-employed, Havanna, Cuba (manager of restaurant and club); Mother Kelly's Nightclub, Miami Beach, Florida, bar manager;

Alborn Hotel and Lounge, Miami, Florida, business

manager

ETHEL ROTHMAN

425 Surfside Boulevard Miami Beach, Florida (1961) CAPPY M. ROTHMAN

SANFORD S. ROTHMAN RONALD H. ROTHMAN IRVIN G. ROTHMAN .

New York City, New York SANFORD, New York City, New York

Doctor ALBERT REINHARZ 519 Seybold Building

Miami, Florida (proposed advisor)
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Southwestern Steel Corporation,

350 Lincoln Road Miami, Florida (proposed

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## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Miami, Florida December 26, 1967

Title

NORMAN ROTHMAN

Character

ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference

Report of Special Agent Allan M. Trankley dated and captioned as above at Miami, Florida.

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REFERENCES:

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**ENCLOSURES** 

TO BUREAU

Enclosed for the Bureau is an original and one copy of a Letterhead Memorandum characterizing the informants utilized in this report.

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### **ADMINISTRATIVE**

Departmental Attorney WALLACE H. JOHNSON, JR. advised on May 26, 1967, that Agents of the Federal Narcotics Bureau in Miami, Florida, will conduct an investigation in Miami relative to the possibility of ROTHMAN being engaged in narcotics. The Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Unit will conduct an investigation of the Albion Lounge. Mr. JOHNSON stated that he has instructed both agencies to keep the FBI informed as to the progress of the investigations. He stated further that should a narcotics violation against ROTHMAN be proved, he would endeavor to use ROTHMAN to give him MAX EDER or PASQUALE ERRA. REMAINS UNCLASS PER DOJ ON SUPPLY SUPPLY

In view of the above, this case has been placed in a pending inactive status for six months.

The period of investigation of this report predates the date of referenced report. The information secured on those dates which predate the investigative period was not available at the time referenced report was prepared.

### **INFORMANTS**

MM T-1 is MM 492-S.

MM T-2 is MM 1176-PC.

MM T-3 is MM 725-C.

MM T-4 is HO 1196-PC.

MM T-5 is LV 297-C.

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MM T-6 is ALBERT GAROFALO, Agent, Bureau of Narcotics.

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MM T-7 is MM 673-C.

MM T-8 is LV 117-C-TE.

MM T-9 is DONALD CHAPPEL, National Airlines, Miami International Airport.

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Copy to:

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(ATTN: Departmental Attorney WALLACE H. JOHNSON, JR.)

Report of:

ALLAN M. TRANKLEY

Office: Miami, Florida

Date:

6/22/67

Field Office File #:

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Bureau File ∦:

92-9844

Title:

NORMAN ROTHMAN

ANTI-RACKETEERING

Character:

Synopsis:

Subject continues to reside Surfside, Fla., and still employed with International Lithographers, Inc., Miami Beach, Fla. Subject may be involved in the handling of narcotics. Subject continues to associate with PATTY ERRA and MAX EDER. Identities of individuals Miami area contacted by subject while in Las Vegas, Nevada, set out. INTO FROM DOJ PETMAINS UNCLASS PER DOJ ON 6-17-99

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**DETAILS:** 

PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

Marital Status

On March 2, 1967, MM T-1 advised that OLGA CHAVIANO is now back with NORMAN ROTHMAN. MM T-1 advised that ROTHMAN had stated that he wished to resume his relationship with CHAVIANO and that he now had plenty of money.

Residence

ROTHMAN continues to reside at 425 Surfside Boulevard, Surfside, Florida.

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## **Employment**

On May 4, 1967, at 10:20 A. M., NORMAN ROTHMAN was observed arriving at International Lithographers.

On May 12, 1967, an automobile belonging to NORMAN ROTHMAN was observed at International Lithographers at 3:05 P. M.

### **ASSOCIATES**

On March 6, 1967, MM T-2 advised that on the night of March 2, 1967, NORMAN ROTHMAN with a party of four saw the FRANK SINATRA show at the Fontainebleau Hotel. One of the individuals in the ROTHMAN party was FABIO DE CRESTOFARO.

On March 2, 1967, MM T-3 advised that KELLY
MANNARINO, PATTY ERRA and NORMAN ROTHMAN had dinner together
at Dean Martin's Restaurant either on the night of
February 27 or 28, 1967. MM T-3 further advised that
PATTY ERRA frequents the Albion Hotel Lounge at irregular
times.

MM T-3 advised that on March 2, 1967, ROTHMAN spent the greater portion of the day with KELLY MANNARINO.

On April 25, 1967, MM T-4 advised that he had no further information concerning the subject and his associates. He stated FABIO DE CRESTOFARO is still an associate of ROTHMAN and can be contacted at the following Miami, Florida, telephone numbers:

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On April 3, 1967, MM T-3 advised that SAM MANNARINO attended the wedding of RONNIE ROTHMAN, NORMAN ROTHMAN's son, on March 21, 1967.

On April 21, 1967, MM T-3 advised that NORMAN ROTHMAN and FABIO DE CRESTOFARO are reportedly in good financial condition. These two individuals plus one ALBERTO (Last Name Unknown) are supposed to have made some money in real estate, further details not known. ALBERTO associates constantly with ROTHMAN and is seen frequently at the Albion Lounge. ALBERTO is described as white male, age 33-35, 5 feet 10 inches, 185 pounds, wavy black hair, protruding front teeth.

MM T-3 advised that DE CRESTOFARO appears to be the boss at the Albion Lounge. MM T-3 further advised that PATTY ERRA was at the Albion Lounge several times within the past two weeks.

MM T-3 advised that PATTY ERRA, NICK FEROME and MAX EDER reportedly attended the wedding of RONNIE ROTHMAN, NORMAN ROTHMAN's son. MM T-3 stated that NICK JEROME is rarely seen with the "boys" but regularly talks to NORMAN ROTHMAN on the telephone.

CONTACTS

On March 24, 1967, MM T-5 advised that ROTHMAN on December 3, 4 and 5, 1966, telephoned from Las Vegas, Nevada, to Miami, Florida, telephone number 226-1203. MM T-5 further advised that on December 2, 1966, ROTHMAN telephoned from Las Vegas, Nevada, to Miami, Florida, telephone number 758-1337, and on December 3, 1966, made a telephone call to Miami, Florida, telephone number 949-0044 from Las Vegas, Nevada.

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MM T-5 advised that on December 5, 1966, ROTHMAN called Miami, Florida, telephone number 373-3089 from Las Vegas, Nevada.

On April 14, 1967, a review of the Miami criss-cross directory revealed that telephone number 373-3089 is listed to SIMON CAMACHO, Camacho Cigars, 1761 West Flagler Street, Miami, Florida.

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The records of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company were reviewed and the following information obtained for telephone number 226-1203:

Listed to: Billed to: Address:

Date Connected:

Employment:

References Given:

OLGA CHAVIANO

Same

3020 S. W. 78th Court

July 19, 1966

Self - entertainer -

vocalist

Ex-husband, NORMAN ROSSMAN,

538-7871

(Non-Published)

The above records are confidential and can be obtained only through the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum. This subpoena should be directed to Mr. GEORGE LESTER FREEMAN, South Florida Manager, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, Miami, Florida, or his authorized representative.

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### CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

On March 23, 1967, MM T-6 advised that GEORGE VARSA, Export Sales Manager for Foreign Trade Representations, 90 West Street, New York City, had been arrested on March 22, 1967, for having facilitated the smuggling of six kilograms of heroin into the United States. The intended recipients for the heroin were ALBERTO LARRAIN-MAESTRE and PHILIPPE SPADARO.

MM T-6 stated that at the vacated apartment of LARRAIN-MAESTRE, among various papers seized, were the following addresses and business cards:

Albion Cocktail Lounge Albion Hotel 1650 James Avenue Miami Beach, Florida SANFORD ROTHMAN, Manager

A business card for International Lithographers, 1771 West Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida, telephone 305-538-7871, NORMAN ROTHMAN, account executive.

An identical business card was also found with the embossed name of BEN LEVIN.

Found also was a receipt for a Western Union money order, March 6, 1967, issued to SANFORD ROTHMAN, 153 D 57th Street, telephone 935-0416, for \$1,100 sent to ETHEL ROTHMAN, 425 Surfside Boulevard, Miami Beach, Florida. It is noted that 153 D 57th Street is the residence of ALBERTO LARRAIN-MAESTRE with telephone 935-0416 listed to him.

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On April 3, 1967, MM T-3 advised that FABIO DE CRESTOFARO is now shylocking and pushing out money for NORMAN ROTHMAN who in turn has the backing of PATTY ERRA.

## LEGITIMATE ENTERPRISES

MM T-3 advised on March 2, 1967, that NORMAN ROTHMAN and his son, SANFORD ROTHMAN, are stealing IRVING BRENNER blind with respect to the Albion Hotel Lounge.

MM T-3 stated that ROTHMAN and his son hope to make BRENNER so disgusted with the lounge that he will sell out his interest to them.

### TRAVEL

MM T-3 advised on March 9, 1967, that NORMAN ROTHMAN had flown to Las Vegas, Los Angeles and Chicago and had returned to Miami, Florida, around March 10, 1967.

On April 20, 1967, stops were placed with JOSEPH A. FRASCA, Station Manager, National Airlines, Miami International Airport, and with R. W. GABLE, Reservations Manager, National Airlines, regarding NORMAN ROTHMAN's travel to Las Vegas, Nevada.

On April 22, 1967, MM T-9 advised that NORMAN ROTHMAN was scheduled to arrive Sunday, April 23, 1967, on BOAC Flight 447 from Nassau and to depart the same date for Los Angeles, California, on Flight 51 leaving at 5:00 P. M.

The departing passengers of BOAC Flight 447 were observed at the Miami International Airport on April 23, 1967, as well as the boarding passengers of Flight 51 and ROTHMAN was not observed in either group of passengers.

MM T-7 advised on May 5, 1967, that NORMAN ROTHMAN has a "cover" to some of his trips around the country used at International Lithographers claiming he is securing business for this company.

On May 19, 1967, MM T-3 advised that he received information that NORMAN ROTHMAN had some kind of business at the Americana Hotel in New York City on or about May 4, 1967.

On May 26, 1967, MM T-8 advised that he had no additional information concerning NORMAN ROTHMAN's travels to Las Vegas, Nevada.

### MISCELLANEOUS

MM T-3 advised on March 9, 1967, that ROTHMAN had received between \$4,000 and \$5,000 on March 2, 1967, and reportedly is paying off some of his debts and shylock loans. The source of the money was not known to MM T-3.

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HARRY SOLOMON was interviewed at 17th Street and Meridian Avenue. He advised that he has been employed at the Albion Lounge for the past 14 years as the night bartender. He further advised that to all intents and purposes, SANFORD ROTHMAN, son of NORMAN ROTHMAN, is the manager of the Albion Lounge. He stated that NORMAN ROTHMAN appears at the Albion Lounge from time to time, orders a few drinks and then leaves. He has never observed any type of meeting taking place in the Albion Lounge and NORMAN ROTHMAN is usually alone when he visits this lounge. SOLOMON stated he does not know NORMAN ROTHMAN on a social basis and knows nothing regarding his activities.

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Date dictated 4/13/67

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On May 8, 1967, ROTHMAN's Pontiac was observed at his residence at 425 Surfside Boulevard, Surfside, Florida, at 3:15 P. M.

On May 9, 1967, ROTHMAN's white Bonneville Pontiac was observed in front of his residence at 1:00 P. M. and 3:45 P. M.

On May 10, 1967, ROTHMAN's car was observed at his residence at 3:00 P. M.

On May 15, 1967, there was observed at 425 Surfside Boulevard at 3:00 P. M. a 1967 maroon Bonneville two door Pontiac with black vinyl top bearing 1967-68 Florida license 1W-28716.

A check of the records of the Dade County Tag Agency revealed that this automobile is registered to ETHEL ROTHMAN, 425 Surfside Boulevard, Surfside, Florida.



### UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Miami, Florida June 22, 1967

RE: NORMAN ROTHMAN
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference is made to report of Special Agent Allan M. Trankley, dated and captioned as above, at Miami, Florida.

The following is a characterization of the informants utilized in above-referenced report:

MM T-1 is an individual who has some knowledge of some of the Cuban people in Miami, Florida.

MM T-2 is an individual who has knowledge of some of the criminal element in the Miami, Florida, area.

MM T-3 is a businessman who has wide association in the criminal element in the Miami, Florida, area.

MM T-4 is an individual who is in contact with the criminal element.

MM T-5 is an individual who has some knowledge of the people who frequent the gambling casinos in Las Vegas, Nevada.

MM T-6 is an employee of another Federal investigative agency.

MM T-7 is an individual who is in contact with the criminal element.

### RE: NORMAN ROTHMAN

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MM T-9 is an individual who has some knowledge of scheduled airline flights.

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## At Atlanta, Georgia:

Will review subject's file at the Federal Penitentiary and furnish all background information.

### MIAMI

## At Miami, Florida:

Will follow and report activities of subject.

### - ADMINISTRATIVE -

The files of the Miami Division contain a great deal of information regarding subject and his activities relating to Cuba, both before and after the CASTRO Regime. None of this information has been set out in this report.

Only the most recent dates involving the investigation of subject are included in the period of investigation.

### - INFORMANTS -

MM T-1 is Dun and Bradstreet records.

MM T-2 is MM 761-S.

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MM T-9 is PCI JOHN K. KERNAN.

MM T-10 is MM 675-C.

MM T-11 is Legal Attache, Havana, Cuba.

MM T-12 is MM 334-C.

MM T-13 is HERB RAU, PCI.

MM T-14 is former MM 647-C.

MM T-15 is MM 676-PC.

MM T-16 is PCI WILLIE SHULMAN.

MM T-17 is MM 764-C-TE.

MM T-18 is LV 117-C-TE.

MM T-19 is LV 121-C-TE.

MM T-20 is MM 342-PC.

MM T-21 is PCI MURRAY LENCHNER.

MM T-22 is MM 1116-C.

MM T-23 is JOHN P. DADES, PCI.

MM T-24 is HO 1196-PC.

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Field Office File #:

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Title:

NORMAN ROTHMAN

Character:

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Synopsis:

Subject, a resident of Miami Beach, Fla., was born 12/26/14, in NYC; was active in gambling in Cuba in the Sans Souci Nightclub and reportedly controlled all slot machines in Cuba except those in Havana. Subject's gambling activity in Cuba reportedly backed financially by MANNARINO brothers from New Kensington, Pa., and PATSY ERRA, all LCN figures. Subject convicted in 1960 with others attempting to smuggle guns, stolen from a National Guard armory in Ohio to Cuba and received 5-year prison term and \$10,000 fine. Subject reportedly an associate of SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR., LCN figure from Tampa, Fla. Subject currently reported to have undisclosed interest in Albion Lounge, Miami Beach, and to be employed with International Lithographers. Also reportedly deeply involved in shylock business with PATSY ERRA. Physical description set out.

## **DETAILS**

### PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

### Birth Data

On February 8, 1960, IC WALTER P. QUIGLEY checked the birth records in Bronx, New York, which reflected under Record No. 15680/14 that NORMAN ROTHMAN, white male, was born December 26, 1914, at Bronx, New York.

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### Marital Status

A review of the records of the Passport Office, State Department, First National Bank Building, Miami, Florida, on September 2, 1959, revealed that on December 26, 1936, ROTHMAN married ETHEL HURWITZ

## Citizenship Status

ROTHMAN is a US citizen by virtue of his birth in this country.

### Children

On November 9, 1959, MM T-1 advised that ROTHMAN has a son named CAPPY MILES ROTHMAN.

On February 23, 1967, ROTHMAN advised that he has a son named SANFORD ROTHMAN.

On January 13, 1960, MM T-2 advised that ROTHMAN has a son named JORGE ROTHMAN whose mother is OLGA CHAVIANO.

### Other Relatives

Birth records, as checked by IC WALTER P. QUIGLEY on February 8, 1960, reveal ROTHMAN's parents as LEON ROTHMAN, born in Rumania, and BETTY TANNENBAUM, also born in Rumania.

Records of the Passport Office, State Department, First National Bank Building, Miami, Florida, reviewed by SA GEORGE E. DAVIS, JR. on September 2, 1959, revealed that ROTHMAN has an aunt, BESS WEINBERG, 540 74th Street, Miami Beach, Florida. Remain unlines pin State Dept. on 9-16-97 SUDKSR 6-23-98 (JFR)

### Residences

ROTHMAN presently resides at 425 Surfside Boule-vard, Surfside, Florida.

Birth records reveal that ROTHMAN formerly resided at 1155 Prospect Avenue, Bronx, New York.

## **Employments**

On July 25, 1952, MM T-11 advised that NORMAN ROTHMAN was the front man for the gambling concession at the Sans Souci Nightclub in Havana, Cuba, and was backed by money of SAM and GABRIEL MANNARINO of New Kensington, Pennsylvania.

On August 31, 1959, MM T-4 advised that NORMAN ROTHMAN was managing the Biltmore Terrace Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida.

On October 12, 1959, IC CLIFFORD M. WERNER reviewed the records of the Credit Bureau of Greater Miami which revealed that NORMAN ROTHMAN formerly owned the Royal Palm Sportswear, Hollywood, Florida.

On August 9, 1960, JOHN MAN DEVIR, Customs Agent, advised that NORMAN ROTHMAN was operating the cocktail lounges in the Bel-Aire Hotel, and the bar in the Surfside Plaza Hotel. REMAINS UNUASS OF CASTOMS ON 9-19-67

On September 12, 1960, MM T-5 advised that NORMAN ROTHMAN, HARRY COHEN and SAMUEL "STRETCH" RUBIN were partners in the operation of the cocktail lounges at the Bel-Aire and Surfside Plaza Hotels.

On February 23, 1967, ROTHMAN was interviewed on another matter by SAs JACK LOUIS MARSHAL and ALLAN M. TRANKLEY and advised that he is presently employed by International Lithographers, Inc., 1771 West Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida.

On March 3, 1967, MM T-3 furnished the following information:

In June, 1966, he received information that the International Lithographers, 1771 West Avenue, Miami Beach. telephone 538-7871, was chartered as a Florida corporation on April 21, 1966. This firm assumed the functions of the Personally Yours Stationers, Inc. The International Lithographers originally began in 1948 as a partnership of BEN LEVIN and members of his family; in 1953, he incorporated as Personally Yours Press Inc., which was subject to a great deal of litigation and suits all of which allegedly took place after BEN LEVIN, the principal, left the firm; and it was under the operation of LEVIN's divorced wife, MILDRED LEVIN. In 1963, Rersonally Yours Press, Inc., was discontinued and the premises were occupied by Mastercraft Printers who in turn sold the assets to the present owners of International Lithographers, which are BEN LEVIN. Mrs. OLIVE LEVIN, wife of BEN LEVIN, and JOSEPH MALEK.

BEN LEVIN was born in 1910 at Fargo, North Dakota. For a number of years prior to 1940, he operated as a manufacturer's representative; 1940-1941, was in the US Armed Forces; 1941-1942, he again became a manufacturer's representative, but returned to the Armed Services from 1942-44. He came to Miami in 1944, and promoted Chefs Frozen Food Products and other frozen food lines, but discontinued this in 1948. He then organized the partnership known as Personally Yours Press.

JOE MALEK is a local attorney, and OLIVE LEVIN is listed primarily for corporate purposes.

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### **ASSOCIATES**

On October 22, 1962, MAX LURIE advised he represents NORMAN ROTHMAN. LURIE stated he recently received a letter from NORMAN ROTHMAN, who was in the Federal Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, telling him that he, ROTHMAN, had made a statement to the FBI in Atlanta, that he had loaned PATSY ERRA approximately \$100,000. LURIE stated that he prepared a mortgage for ROTHMAN to cover a loan from ROTHMAN to ERRA in 1959. LURIE stated that he knows of no other loans made by ROTHMAN to ERRA, and that he has no record of any other loans made by ROTHMAN to ERRA.

Recorded in Official Record Book 1503, Page 35, Records of Dade County, Florida, is a mortgage deed executed June 26, 1959, by PATRICK ERRA and FRANCES ERRA, his wife, Mortgagors, to NORMAN ROTHMAN, Mortgagee. The deed was given to secure a promissory note dated June 26, 1959, for \$59,000 payable in five years with no interest. The deed was signed by PATRICK and FRANCES ERRA, witnessed by MAX LURIE and one other witness, name illegible. It was notarized before STANLEY HILLMAN, Notary Public, State of Florida at Large, and filed for record June 29, 1959.

On August 20, 1965, ROTHMAN was interviewed by Agents of the Miami Office. During the course of this interview, ROTHMAN related quite readily that among his closest associates and friends are SANTOS TRAFFICANTE, JR., DAVID YARAS, PASQUALE MICHAEL ERRA and SAMMY MANNARINO. SANTOS TRAFFICANTE, JR. and PATSY ERRA are reported members of the La Cosa Nostra (LCN).

MM T-6 advised on November 4, 1966, that he learned that a close friend of NORMAN ROTHMAN is "CHUBBY" GREEN, a route supervisor for Budweiser Been Company, who also runs the coffee shop in the Sea Brook Motel in Surfside, Florada.

On November 8, 1966, MM T-6 advised that NORMAN ROTHMAN's associate in the Albion Lounge is IRVING BRENNER, the bolita operator.

MM T-7 advised on November 18, 1966, that NORMAN ROTHMAN had not been observed with close associate MAX EDER for the past two weeks.

On December 16, 1966, MM T-8 advised that BEN LEVIN, an associate of NORMAN ROTHMAN, had sunk close to one-half million dollars into Copa City, which LEVIN is renting out for feature films, sound recordings and commercial films.

MM T-6 advised on December 26, 1966, that FABIO O. DE CRESTOFARO, a bolita counting house operator and bartender, is an associate of NORMAN ROTHMAN. MM T-6 advised further that RALPH SORRENTINO and JOE INDELICATO are also associates of NORMAN ROTHMAN.

On December 22, 1966, MM T-5 advised that NORMAN ROTHMAN spends a great deal of time with BEN LEVIN, owner of the International Lithographers, Inc., and Copy City, and allegedly has some kind of pproposition with LEVIN.

On January 6, 1967, MM T-6 advised that RALPH SORRENTIONO and JOE INDELICATO are attempting to form a painting contracting firm which will have as its front AL HARRIS. This firm allegedly is going after big painting contracts and SORRENTINO and HARRIS are attempting to procure contracts through NORMAN ROTHMAN, who has agreed to get this firm some contracts through his contacts and the contacts of BEN LEVIN.

On February 3, 1967, MM T-9 advised that he understands NORMAN ROTHMAN is extremely close to BEN LEVIN, owner of Copa City, and International Lithographers and that ROTHMAN is making trips out of the city, reasons unknown, in connection with his association with LEVIN.

On January 20, 1967, MM T-7 advised that NORMAN ROTHMAN spent some time with MAX EDER at the Fontainebleau Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida.

### CONTACTS

On March 27, 1961, MM T-5 advised that SAM MANNARINO and NORMAN ROTHMAN visited the Midtown Social Club, Miami Beach, Florida, on March 14, 1961, and talked to MIKE COPPOLA and JOE MORRISON.

On December 3, 1965, MM T-5 advised that ROTHMAN was in contact with RUBY LAZARUS at the Sea Gull Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida.

On March 10, 1966, MM T-5 advised that ROTHMAN contacted JOE SILESI at the Sea Gull Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida.

On October 3, 1966, MM T-10 advised that NORMAN ROTHMAN was contacting MAX EDER at the Fontainebleau Hotel, Miami Beach, late at night on several occasions.

On October 19, 1966, MM T-6 advised that ROTHMAN had a meeting with SAM MANNARINO in Chicago, Illinois, date and place unknown. MM T-6 stated that ROTHMAN and MANNARINO reportedly get together rather frequently but do not meet each other in the Pittsburgh or Miami areas.

On October 25, 1966, MM T-6 advised that NORMAN ROTHMAN is reportedly on call to run errands and make trips around the country for PATTY ERRA or SAM MANNARINO.

# CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

On July 25, 1952, MM T-11 advised that the gambling concession at the Sans Souci Nightclub in Havana, Cuba, was backed by the money of SAM and GABRIEL MANNARINO of

New Kensington, Pennsylvania, and that the front name for the concession was NORMAN ROTHMAN. SAM and GABRIEL MANNARINO are reported members of the LCN.

On November 16, 1955, MM T-12 advised that SANTOS TRAFFICANTE, JR. had taken over the Sans Souci Nightclub in Havana, Cuba, and left ROTHMAN in as manager.

On October 10, 1955, CARL HACKER furnished the Albany Office of the FBI with the following information:

He is former international representative of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees & Bartenders International Union. Information which HACKER has furnished has been accurate and reliable.

HACKER stated he was sent to Miami Beach in May, 1954, as International Representative to take over Local 255, which local was in trusteeship.

He stated he was approached by one NORMIE ROTHMAN and ROTHMAN told him that it was necessary for him and his associates to control the political situation in Miami Beach. ROTHMAN propositioned HACKER as follows:

ROTHMAN would be appointed International Representative of the Hotel Workers Union, and three organizers, of ROTHMAN's designation, would be appointed in Local 255. These individuals were to be on the Union payroll. ROTHMAN and these organizers would then organize for the Hotel Workers Union in Miami Beach. ROTHMAN stated that he and his associates had "something" on every hotel operator in Miami Beach and they would be forced to permit him to organize their workers. ROTHMAN indicated that he and his associates would benefit in that they would have the sizeable block of votes which could be controlled through the union. ROTHMAN indicated at the end of a one-year organizational period he and his associates would expect a fixed annual contributtion from the Hotel Workers Union.

HACKER said he listened to the proposition only to ascertain the extent of ROTHMAN's interest in muscling in on the Hotel Workers Union. He said he then presented this proposition to JACK WEINBURGER, formerly Organizational Secretary, now General Secretary of the Union. WEINBURGER stated that this must be discussed with ED MILLER, who agreed with the proposal, except the appointment of ROTHMAN as International Representative. MILLER indicated he would get around this somehow. In December, 1954, HACKER was telephonically contacted by ED MILLER and instructed to turn over the affairs of Local 255 to one ALBERT BERLIN, a former associate of the gangster element. This appointment in HACKER's opinion indicated ROTHMAN had gotten to MILLER, apparently through ROGER LEBENNER, Business Agent for Local 133 of the Hotel Workers Union, and that MILLER was working with ROTHMAN. HACKER stated he could never work with MILLER and resigned on December 13, 1954. HACKER stated that in April, 1955, the first hotel in Miami Beach was struck by the Hotel Workers Union, and the strike which presently involves 22 hotels is still going on. The Hotel Workers Union is pouring \$120,000 a month into this strike. He can only conclude the hotel operators did not accede to ROTHMAN's shakedown. He is convinced, however, that ROTHMAN made the attempt, and that MILLER is cooperating with him.

On July 30, 1956, AL MANHEIM advised that ABE GOODMAN was in the bolita business in Cuba with ELI QUAIN and NORMAN ROTHMAN.

On July 30, 1956, NORMAN ROTHMAN, Chicago, Illinois, shipped 32,800 pounds of gambling equipment to NORMAN ROTHMAN, Miami, Florida. The equipment arrived in Miami, Florida, on August 3, 1956, and was located at Tamiami Tours, Inc., Transport Company. The U. S. Attorney, Miami, Florida, authorized the seizure of this equipment; and the equipment was seized on August 6, 1956, and turned over to the US Marshal on August 7, 1956. Prosecution of ROTHMAN was declined by the US Attorney's Office, Miami, Florida, and the gambling equipment was destroyed.

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In December, 1957, MM T-13 advised that NORMAN ROTHMAN controlled all of the slot machines in Cuba with the exception of those in Havana.

The Brockville Trust and Savings Company located at Brockville, Ontario, Canada, was burglarized between the hours of 7:30 PM, May 3, 1958, and 8:30 AM, May 4, 1958. Taken in the theft were bearer bonds, registered bonds, jewelry and cash. A Federal Grand Jury at Chicago returned a suppressed indictment against ROTHMAN on June 30, 1959, charging him with aiding and abetting on one count of Title 18, Section 2315, US Code, and all counts of Title 18, Section 1343, US Code. Warrant was issued by the US District Judge, Chicago, and bond set at \$5,000. ROTHMAN was apprehended by Bureau Agents, Miami, Florida, on July 2, 1959, and released on \$5,000 bond. He was not convicted on these charges.

On May 14, 1958, MM T-14 advised that PATSY ERRA had an interest in the Sans Souci Nightclub along with ROTHMAN and SAM MANNARINO.

On September 2, 1959, MM T-15 advised that NORMAN ROTHMAN appears to be the individuals who arranges all illegal deals at the Biltmore Terrace Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida, and that this hotel is headquarters for narcotics and call-girl operations.

On October 26, 1959, MM T-16 advised that ROTHMAN appears to be working with PASQUALE MICHAEL ERRA and possibly with SAM and GABRIEL MANNARINO.

In 1960, subject, along with others, was convicted attempting to smuggle guns, stolen from a National Guardyarmory in Ohio to Cuba and received a five-year prison term and a \$10,000 fine.

On May 21, 1966, MM T-6 advised that ROTHMAN is deeply involved in the shylock business and is looking out for some of PATTY ERRA's interests in this field and likely is closely tied in with MAX EDER as he holds conferences with EDER on behalf of ERRA. MM T-6 also advised that he received information that ROTHMAN as either a representative of ERRA or EDER or both, has some arrangement whereby items which are taken as security from time to time when a shylock loan is made are pawned. MM T-6 stated he further learned that stolen jewelry enters into the picture but could furnish no additional information regarding this phase of the business. Reportedly, EDER, ERRA and ROTHMAN deal with the Simpson Pawn Shop, North Miami Avenue, Miami, Florida.

MM T-17 advised on September 26, 1966, that NORMAN ROTHMAN is trying to get a foothold in either aaSanuJuan, Puerto Rico, or Caribbean gambling casino set up through some Cubans he was acquainted with in Havana, Cuba.

On October 19, 1966, MM T-6 advised that he learned NORMAN ROTHMAN had arrived back in Miami from a trip to Houston, Texas; Las Vegæ, Nevada; Los Angeles, California, and Chicago, Illinois, to handle some business for PATTY ERRA. ROTHMAN was described to MM T-6 as a "trouble shooter" for ERRA.

On October 25, 1966, MM T-6 advised that he heard that ROTHMAN and his superiors finance and set up Cubans in business and get a piece of the business or make the Cubans a shylock loan. Cubans that do business with ROTHMAN and his associates meet him at the Albion Lounge, Miami Beach, Florida.

MM T-6 advised on October 25, 1966, that NORMAN ROTHMAN regularly meets with MAX EDER at the Fontainebleau Hotel; that EDER is a part of ERRA's operation and that ERRA and EDER meet at least once daily.

On November 15, 1966, MM T-6 advised he was told that NORMAN ROTHMAN, MAX EDER and PATTY ERRA promote or put up money for Latin individuals in and out of the United States.

On November 26, 1966, MM T-6 advised that NORMAN ROTHMAN is handling the necessary collections for the shylock operation of PATTY ERRA and that these collections are handled out of the Albion Lounge, Miami Beach, Florida.

On December 12, 1966, and December 13, 1966, MM T-18 and pMM T-19 respectively advised that NORMAN ROTHMAN of Miami, Florida, had been in the Caesars Palace Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada, and was receiving "favored treatment" by the Caesars Palace Casino executives and that ROTHMAN was some important person who was reportedly in the market for, or had already obtained, some undisclosed interest in a Las Vegas gambling operation.

### LEGITIMATE ENTERPRISES

On April 22, 1966, MM T-6 advised that NORMAN ROTHMAN and his friends wished to purchased the Albion Hotel Lounge, Miami Beach, Florida, but wouldnot pay the price asked by RALPH SORRENTINO. MM T-6 further advised that JOE INDELICATO talked to SORRENTINO and that as a result of this talk the purchase price was lowered, and ROTHMAN and his friends bought this lounge.

On October 10, 1966, MM T-20 advised that PATSY ERRA aided ROTHMAN financially in the purchase of the Albion Lounge.

On October 12, 1966, MM T-6 advised that NORMAN ROTHMAN had an interest in the Albion Lounge.

On December 14, 1966, MM T-21 advised that the Albion Lounge is a well-known local hangout for hoodlums and police characters and that NORMAN ROTHMAN has the major interest in this lounge.

On December 19, 1966, MM T-7 advised that NORMAN ROTHMAN represents PATSY ERRA's interest in Dean Martin's Restaurant on the 79th Street Causeway, Miani, Florida.

On December 26, 1966, MM T-6 advised that IRVING BRENNER is associated with NORMAN ROTHMAN in the Albion Lounge, and that both BRENNER and ROTHMAN's interest in this lounge are undisclosed.

On December 29, 1966, MM T-6 advised that he heard ROTHMAN had made some overtures to take over the lounge at the Bahama Steak Lounge on the 79th Street Causeway in North Bay Village, Miami, Florida.

On January 1, 1967, MM T-22 advised that he was told that NORMAN ROTHMAN and IRVING BRENNER operate the Albion Hotel Lounge.

# TRAVEL

On April 8, 1966, MM T-25 advised that ROTHMAN made a trip to Spain.

On October 12, 1966, MM T-6 advised that he heard that NORMAN ROTHMAN was traveling in Europe part of the summer. ROTHMAN reportedly was in Spain and Portugal.

On October 19, 1966, MM T-6 advised that he learned NORMAN ROTHMAN arrived back in Miami from a trip to Houston, Texas; Las Vegas, Nevada; Los Angeles, California, and Chicago, Illinois, where he handled some business for PATTY ERRA.

On November 4, 1966, MM T-6 advised that ROTHMAN was supposed to leave for New York and Philadelphia that day and return to Miami, Florida, on November 8, 1966.

On December 20, 1966, MM T-6 advised that he was told that NORMAN ROTHMAN had been on a three-week trip to Las Vegas, Nevada, and Chicago, Illinois, and had returned to Miami on December 5, 1966. On December 10, 1966, ROTHMAN reportedly left Miami, destination unknown, and returned to Miami on December 18. 1966.

On December 26, 1966, MM T-6 advised that he heard that NORMAN ROTHMAN had recently been in Jacksonville, Florida.

On December 28, 1966, MM T-9 advised that he was told that NORMAN ROTHMAN and PATTY ERRA attended the wedding of SAM MANNARINO's niece in New Kensington, Pennsylvania.

On January 3, 1967, MM T-23 advised that NORMAN ROTHMAN was a guest at the Caesar's Place Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada, for the period November 21, 1966, through December 6, 1966, and that the hotel bill of \$545.93 was "comped" by the hotel and that ROTHMAN paid \$163.58 for items such as tips and long distance telephone calls made against his room.

On January 11, 1967, MM T-6 advised that he understood that NORMAN ROTHMAN and BEN LEVIN planned to go to the Bahama Islands on January 11, 1967, and returns the next day.

On January 27, 1967, MM T6 advised that ROTHMAN left for Las Vegas, Nevada, on January 24, 1967, and was expected back in Miami on January 28, 1967. MM T-6 further advised that ROTHMAN's traveling is becoming a topic of conversation in racket circles as to the cause and purpose of same.

On March 7, 1967, MM T-24 advised that NORMAN ROTHMAN had in the past month made three trips to Las Vegas, Nevada. MM T-24 stated that ROTH and MAX EDER, who has the parking concession and the card room at the

Fontainebleau Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida, are believed to be setting up something big. MM T-24 stated that they have had one FAB DECRISTIFARO making numerous trips throughout the United States and to Puerto Rico. In fact, DECRISTIFARO left Miami on Thursday, March 2, 1967, for San Juank Puerto Rico, pursuant to the same operation. MM T-24 stated that while it was possible this operation was in connection with some new gambling setup, he felt something else was involved.

### MISCELLANEOUS

On December 9, 1966, MM T-19 advised that NORMAN ROTHMAN of Miami, Florida, had been at the Caesars Palace, Las Vegas, Nevada, and has "juice" with the Caesars Palace Casino executives.

On October 27, 1966, MM T-26 advised that at the present time NORMAN ROTHMAN is driving two automobiles. They are a 1961 Ford, bearing 1966 Florida License 1W58564, and a 1959 Chevrolet, bearing 1966 Florida License 1W58566. Both are listed to ETHEL ROTHMAN, 425 Surfside Boulevard, Surfside, Florida.

On January 6, 1967, MM T-6 advised that NORMAN ROTHMAN is indebted to THOMAS ALTAMURA on a shylock loan and ALTAMURA recently put out word that he wanted ROTHMAN to pay up on his delinquent loan.

On January 27, 1967, MM T-27 advised that NORMAN ROTHMAN has a Cuban mistress who had a child by him and who is now living in Miami. She was the famous television singer in Cuba named OLGA CHAVIANO.

On February 14, 1967, MM T-18 advised that NORMAN ROTHMAN of Miami had been seen around the Las Vegas gambling casinos during the early partof February, 1967, and that NORMAN ROTHMAN is extremely influential with the Caesars Palace Casino employees and executives.

# PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

White Race: Male Sex:

Date of Birth: December 26, 1914 Place of Birth: Bronx, New York

LEON ROTHMAN born Rumania Father: BETTY ROTHMAN, born Rumania ETHEL HURWITZ born Mother:

Wife: May 26, 1915, New York

City

Black-greying Hair: Green

Eyes: 61 Height: Dark Complexion:

425 Surfside Boulevard Residence:

Surfside, Florida.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Miami, Florida
March 31, 1967

Title

NORMAN ROTHMAN

Character

ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference

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#### Re: NORMAN ROTHMAN

MM T-9 is an individual who has some knowledge of the criminal element in the Miami, Florida, area.

MM T-10 is a businessman who has knowledge of some of the activities of the criminal element.

MM T-11 is a Confidential Source Abroad.

MM T-12 is an individual who had some knowledge of the activities of the criminal element in the Miami, Florida, area.

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MM T-14 is an individual who was associated with members of the criminal element in the Greater Miami, Florida, area in several business ventures. During this association he was able to learn of the activities of certain individuals.

MM T-15 is a businessman and ex-convict associated with the criminal element and gamblers in the Greater Miami, Florida, area.

MM T-16 is an individual who has some knowledge of the criminal element in the Miami, Florida, area.

MM T-17 is an individual formerly connected with the gambling industry in Havana, Cuba.

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MM T-19 is an individual who has some knowledge of the people who frequent the gambling casinos in Las Vegas, Nevada.

 $\,$  MM T-20 is a Miami businessman known to be in contact with the local criminal element.

Re: NORMAN ROTHMAN

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MM T-22 is a businessman who on occasions comes into receipt of information regarding the criminal element.

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MM T-24 is an individual who is in contact with the criminal element.

MM T-25 is a businessman who on occasions comes into receipt of information regarding the criminal element.

MM T-26 is a businessman who on occasions comes into receipt of information regarding the criminal element.

MM T-27 is an individual who formerly resided in Havana, Cuba, now residing in Miami, Florida, who has some knowledge of criminal activities among the Cuban element in Miami.

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