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WEEKLY SUMMARY

MM 673-C advised that the Lucayan Hotel, owned by LOUIS CHESLER, a multimillionaire of Canada and the United States, has been granted a license to operate a gambling casino at Grand Bahamas Island and that the Jack Tarr Hotel, who operates the Grand Bahamian Club on the same island, is making preparations, indicating a gambling license will be issued sometime in the near future. He stated some individuals are contacting the latter representatives in the Bahama Islands concerning gambling equipment.

MM 752-PCI stated he received information that the United States racket elements will not operate or have any interest in the Bahama gambling casinos, as there were specific items in the license which require the casinos to employ European help. He said he heard MIKE McLANEY and RICHARD MELVIN have been putting out "feelers" relative to the Bahama gambling situation.

MM 509-C-TE advised the hoodlum element at Miami Beach have been talking about the forthcoming Bahama gambling

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prospects, but nothing positive has resulted as the Lucayan Beach Hotel is still under construction. He related it is generally felt that some of the hoodlums in the Miami area will be employed in the casinos or hotels before next year. According to his sources WILLIAM G. BISCHOFF (Miami file 92-98) is presently in the Bahama Islands, looking over the possibilities and situation. He said most of the hoodlums feel that their element will have some interest because of the close association of LOU CHESLER with ALLIE HARRIS, MICHAEL COPPOLA and others. He pointed out that LOU CHESLER's daughter married ALLIE HARRIS' son. This source stated the racket element is aware of the alleged restrictions placed on the issuance of a gambling casino license in the Bahama Islands but feel that may be just on the surface and that their contacts will see that they are taken care of.

MM 509-C-TE and MM 665-C have stated some rumors have begun to circulate concerning transportation by air and boat to the Bahama Islands. MM 673-C has stated he heard some comment that PETE DE MET, of Coral Gables, and WILBUR CLARK, of Las Vegas, have been talking about purchasing some airplanes. MM 665-C stated a boat owner at West Palm Beach, Florida, who operated a barge service some years ago between Key West and Cuba and Puerto Rico has been talking about establishing a commuter type boat service from West Palm Beach to the Bahama Islands.))