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TO : Director, FBI (92-3085)

DATE: October 13, 1958

FROM : Legal Attache, Havana (64-644)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM OTTO BISCHOFF, was.
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Re Havana letter dated August 21, 1958.

The subject has continued to reside in the Rosita de Hornedo Apartment Hotel (Apartment 721), First Avenue and Calle Zero, Miramar, Havana, Cuba.

On August 19, 1958, HAV-33 advised that at that time the subject was still operating the gambling casino in the Tropicana Night Club and that inquiry had failed to develop any information that subject had other interests in Havana.

On September 15, 1958, PCI ARTHUR NEWMAN, Credit Manager, gambling casino, Hotel Nacional (conceal), advised that the subject had become involved in an argument with MARTIN FOX and ALBERTO VARDURA MOYA, interest holders in the Tropicana Night Club, and, as a result of the argument, subject had quit his job as Manager of the gambling casino in the Tropicana. PCI NEWMAN said subject had made inquiry of SAM TUCKER concerning the possibility of buying into the gambling operation in the Hotel Nacional casino but that subject had been advised by TUCKER that negotiations with other individuals concerning the sale of the casino had already progressed too far for subject to be considered. Source said that subject indicated that in the two years he was affiliated with the Tropicana, the casino showed a net loss in operation, although he had at least been able to "clean up" the gambling operation in the casino. Source noted that, according to the subject, because of poor business MARTIN FOX, one of the owners, had become more and more concerned over even petty losses by the gambling casino, and as a result the subject decided to cease his affiliation with FOX.

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On September 30, 1958, PCI NEWMAN stated that the subject was trying to buy a gambling game, possible a dice table, in the gambling casino at the Hotel Capri and that, if he could get it, he would probably remain in Havana. On September 22, 1958, HAV-33 verified the fact that subject has discontinued his employment with the Tropicana Night Club gambling casino as a result of a disagreement he had had with MARTIN FOX. HAV-33 noted that subject, although not employed at the moment, continued to live in the Rosita de Hornedo.

Contact with additional sources has failed to develop further information concerning the subject.

Extra copies of this letter have been prepared for forwarding by the Bureau to Miami Office (92-89)

Havana will continue to follow subject's activities.

*To Miami
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[Signature]*

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