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MM 509-C on July 24, 1959, advised he learned during the past week that JACK FRIEDLANDER, FBI Number 3716605, formerly a gambling casino employee in Havana, Cuba, is now manager of the International Gambling Casino in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

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On July 31, 1959, he advised that WILLIAM GUSTO BISCHOFF, aka., LEFTY CLARK, FBI Number 1721507, left Miami Beach for Haiti on July 26, 1959, for the purpose of looking over a gambling set up there. FLA.

On September 11, 1959, MM 509-C related BISCHOFF returned to Miami on September 9, 1959, from Haiti and advised him that negotiations are still pending relative to the gambling operation in Haiti. This informant said BISCHOFF told him he had seen JACK FRIEDLANDER in Haiti and that FRIEDLANDER was doing satisfactorily.

This informant also said he was told JOE SILESI, aka., JOE RIVERS, was in town, visiting and had commented to some of his friends that he, SILESI, would like to get back into Cuba gambling, but the Cubans would not take him back. MM 509-C related he did not know where SILESI was staying.

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MM 673-C advised on July 20, 1959, that CLIFF JONES, Ex-Lieutenant Governor of Nevada and JAKE KOSLOFF, an ex-Las Vegas casino operator, are operating the gambling concession in the New Aruba Caribbean Hotel, Aruba, Netherlands, West Indies.

NEV.

On September 2, 1959, MM 673-C said he understands LOUIS BANDEL, of Miami, an attorney and treasurer as well as general counsel for the Havana, Cuba, dog track contemplates running for Circuit Judge in Dade County, Florida in the next election.

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MM 62-3398

MM 334-C on September 4, 1959, advised that he heard MIKE MC LANEY of the Hotel Nacional Gambling Casino, Havana, Cuba, has purchased a home at 4855 Pine Tree Drive, Miami Beach, FLA.

He said he also understood JACK LANSKY still travels back and forth from Miami to Havana, as he still handles MEYER LANSKY's interest in the Riviera Hotel gambling casino, Havana, Cuba.

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MM 665-PC on August 12, 1959, advised CHARLES TOURINE, FBI Number 695716, who resides at Bay Harbor Islands, Florida, made a short trip to Europe and returned to the Miami area the past week end. Prior to the trip, MM 665-PC said TOURINE spoke of going to Beirut in Lebanon, having been contacted by someone relative to the new hotel and gambling casino that CONRAD HILTON was building. He said he did not know whether or not TOURINE went to Beirut. MM 665-PC also said TOURINE remained in Miami only a short time and then flew to New York City where he intended to stay at the Navaro Hotel.

N.Y.

On September 9, 1959, LOUISE SACCAROMA, PCI, advised through his father-in-law who is from Cuba and presently residing with him in Miami, he learned that SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR., and some of the other American gamblers are again operating gambling casinos in Havana, and have apparently made an agreement with FIDEL CASTRO.

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On September 10, 1959, FLOYD MINER, PCI, advised he learned ALBERT VARDURA MOYA, who was in partnership with MARTIN FOX at the Tropicana Night Club, Havana, Cuba, when BATISTA was in power, allegedly has the main interest in the Biltmore Terrace Hotel, Miami Beach, having purchased it in a peso exchange deal with SAM KAY, the previous owner. He also advised he understood MOYA is as close as two persons could get with ROBERT FERNANDEZ MIRANDA, who is BATISTA's brother-in-law, has an interest in the same hotel under his, MOYA's name. He said the hotel allegedly is managed by NORMAN ROTHMAN, FBI Number 152585B and the assistant manager is TEDDY WHITEHOUSE who in BATISTA's reign was a pilot for Cubana Airlines and who was former chairman of the Air Traffic Commission Ministry, Havana, Cuba, and

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