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Re Newark airtel to Director 4/5/61, no ccs New York or Washington Field.

Daily airtel.

On 3/22/61 ANGELO BRUNO questioned by Philadelphia PD. The PD obtained copies of ANGELO BRUNO's address book and personal papers in his possession. A business card carried by BRUNO reads as follows:

"#10 - Maquinas de Diversiones, C. PORA.  
~~Norman Fromkin~~  
Administrator General-Tesorero  
Isabel La Catolica No. 23  
Ciudad Trujillo, RD Dom. Rep.  
telephone: 2-9944  
handwritten - 29211  
31249  
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DOB: 1/1915  
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Stationery in BRUNO's luggage headed MAQUINAS de DIVERSIONES C. par A. Ciudad Trujillo, Distrito Nacional Republica Dominicana. The address appearing on the stationery was Isabel La Catolica No. 23, Telefono 2-9944. This stationery had typed thereon, "Report on the Distribution of Machines for the Month of February," indicating cash deposited \$25,461.10, and itemized expenses totaling \$25,306.95. The first item of expense was listed "Paid to Government 40%, \$10,184.76." Other items of expense were "Native salaries and wages, \$2,052.80; American salaries \$1,650."

Newark by airtel 4/5/61 advised that Export 2-6715 was listed for NORMAN FROMKIN, 27 La Clede Avenue, Trenton, N. J., and listed under the name of C. P. RUDLIN of the same address (instant telephone and address book of ANGELO BRUNO). City Directory, Trenton, N. J., indicated listing for Mrs. MARTHA FROMKIN at above Trenton address, but no listing for a NORMAN FROMKIN.

Records, Credit Bureau of Trenton, N. J., in a report dated 1957 lists NORMAN and MARTHA FROMKIN reside 525 - 88th Street South, Surfside, Fla., and former residence 27 La Clede Avenue, care of CLAIRE RUDLIN, MARTHA FROMKIN's sister. This credit report showed FROMKIN employed 1957 "by U. S. Government in Dominican Republic for vending business."

List Foreign Consular Offices in the United States dated 1960, Department of State Publication 6982, released June 1960, does not contain name NORMAN FROMKIN as consul or honorary consul for the Dominican Republic in the United States. FROMKIN was indicated as being formerly in confectionary and vending business with last employment shown as manager, Eagle Vending Company, 355 Bernard Street, Trenton, N. J., during 1955, which was operated by "BEN GOLOB," whose last recorded address was 405 East San Marino Drive, Miami Beach, Fla. ("BEN GOLOB" believed identical to BEN GALOP - phonetic- who PH 269-C previously indicated as very close associate of captioned subject in the Miami, Fla., area).

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Records New Jersey BMV, Trenton, described NORMAN FROMKIN as being born 1/1915, Philadelphia, 5'8", 141 - 160 pounds, brown hair, self employed as executive.

On 4/7/61 PSI Dr. ~~JUAN SANTONI~~ (protect identity) who was formerly a leader in the Dominican Republic Underground, advised SA EDWARD A. SMITH that all slot-machine operations in the Dominican Republic must be personally approved by VIRGILLO ALVAREZ PENA, the uncle of Generalissimo RAFAEL TRUJILLO. SANTONI stated that in order for a foreign company to operate in the Dominican Republic, it is necessary to "kick back" to the government anywhere from 30% to 60% of the profits. SANTONI advised that Maquinas de Diversiones C. par A. is the leading distributor and sole operator of slot machines in the Dominican Republic.

SANTONI advised that he was not personally acquainted with NORMAN FROMKIN, but that in the summer of 1960, an individual from this company assisted him in repairing his car when it broke down in front of the company's headquarters on Calle Isabel La Catolica. SANTONI described this individual as a large, heavy-set, balding American with blond hair who constantly smoked cigars. During the course of the conversation, SANTONI learned that this individual had an apartment near the Marian Hospital, Ciudad, Trujillo, and that he was married and had at least one child. It is not known if this individual is identical with FROMKIN.

On the reverse side of the above-mentioned stationery was a roughly sketched map and Spanish names which the informants believed were written by a non-Spanish individual. Analysis of the handwriting reflected the names to be the following cities in the Dominican Republic:

Santiago, San Francisco de Macoris, La Vega  
Barahona, Puerto Plata, Casa Blanca, Independencia.

It should be noted that the word arcade or casino arcade is written after some of these names. Dr. SANTONI advised that a large amusement park in Ciudad Trujillo is Independencia, which is controlled by the TRUJILLO family.

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Analysis of the rough draft map by Dr. SANTONI was inconclusive, but a rough guess by him indicated the possible location of many guard posts at intersections in Ciudad Trujillo. Dr. SANTONI advised that hundreds of these guard posts are located throughout the Dominican Republic and manned by TRUJILLO's soldiers who stop and search every vehicle that passes.

Dr. SANTONI advised that a well-known Dominican businessman whom he knows personally to be opposed to the Trujillo Regime had recently arrived in Philadelphia for treatment by Dr. SANTONI at St. Joseph's Hospital.

On 4/10/61 Dr. SANTONI stated that after a discussion with his patient from the Dominican Republic, he ascertained that Maquinas de Diversiones C. par A. was expanding its operations both in Ciudad Trujillo and other towns throughout the Dominican Republic. He advised that his source told him that the company was building new headquarters near Independencia Park near the former Presidential Hotel. The source further advised that additional buildings were being constructed by this company on Mercedes Street and Palo Hincado. Dr. SANTONI stated his source told him that the company was building a new office in the Casa Blanca section, which is located in the poor neighborhood of Ciudad Trujillo on Braulio Alvarez Street. SANTONI's source advised him that the main headquarters for the company were located on Calle Isabel La Catolica, and that all slot machines in the Dominican Republic are repaired at this location.

Dr. SANTONI stated that both he and his source were of the opinion that Dictator TRUJILLO encouraged this company to expend in order to increase their own personal revenues by taking a larger cut of the profits. Dr. SANTONI advised that he would discreetly attempt to obtain additional information concerning this company and its officers through his sources in the Dominican Republic Underground.

#### LEADS

#### MIAMI:

(1) Miami is requested to expedite investigation requested in referenced airtel to further identify NORMAN FROMKIN.