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FROM : SAC, Miami (62-1273)

ATTENTION: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR Mr. ROSEN

SUBJECT: MIAMI WINTER SEASON,  
1957 - 1958,  
CRIMINAL SECTION,  
INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION.

*O.P.I.F. - MIAMI*

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Boardman \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_
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- Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Winterrowd \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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### LAW ENFORCEMENT

GERALD FARRELL, age 56, Chief of Police, Bay Harbor Island, advised he retired as of January 1, 1958, as Chief of Police from that law enforcement agency. FARRELL, who has thirty years of law enforcement experience, said he spent the past nine years with the above Department. He also stated that he has been succeeded by Sergeant JAMES T. KENNY who will head the Department until the end of the fiscal year, April 30, 1958.

### CRIMINAL RACKET ACTIVITIES

PAUL BRUUN, PCI, advised that SAM KAYE, a wealthy hotel owner, built the Havana-Deuville Hotel, Havana, Cuba, and leased it out to RAY BROWN, a real estate man of Cincinnati, Ohio. BROWN, he related, is a brother-in-law of the attorney for the international organization of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees' Union, Cincinnati. BRUUN said that AL BERLIN of Miami Beach, a local representative of that union in the Miami area and a close friend of EDWARD MILLER, one of the officials of the union, owns a part of this hotel lease. Similar information was furnished by PCI HERB RAU.

~~AL~~ BERLIN, FBI Number 895806, is a former book-maker and union racketeer. BERLIN was very close to MAX CALDWELL, FBI Number 1958326, a deceased union racketeer.

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over the telephone at UN-6-3707. DARDIS subsequently advised that this telephone was issued to ROBERT L. BARNES, 1794 Normandy Drive, Miami Beach. ~~DARDIS~~ again subsequently advised that he furnished this information to the State's Attorney's office, and on January 2, 1958, BARNES, a former member of the old S & G Syndicate of Miami Beach, was arrested by the investigators of the State's Attorney's office and an agent from the State Hotel Commission. DARDIS related that BARNES was charged with bookmaking and was released under a \$1,500.00 bond.

DARDIS further advised that a male individual, known only to date as RUBY and who is from Chicago, Illinois, is operating as a sneak bookie from the lobby of the Treasure Isle Motel, North Bay Village.

The <sup>FBI</sup> "Miami News" newspaper of January 2, 1958, related that BEN COHEN, a criminal attorney in the Greater Miami area and former attorney for the defunct S & G Gambling Syndicate at Miami Beach, settled his income tax difficulties with the Bureau of Internal Revenue for approximately \$90,000.00. The article related that the tax claim was in the nature of a jeopardy assignment for a delinquent bill submitted by the Internal Revenue Service covering the years of 1943 through 1951. The same BEN COHEN during 1957 filed a \$10,000.00 libel suit in Federal Court at Miami against the "Readers Digest".

<sup>FBI</sup> PAUL BRUUN, PCI, advised that WILLIAM GUSTO BISCHOFF, Wa. "Lefty Clark", FBI Number 1721507, operator of the Tropicana Gambling Casino, Havana, Cuba, no longer maintains a residence in Miami. He related that CLARK resides in the Rosietta Apartments, Havana, Cuba.

BRUUN also stated that he spoke to MEYER LANSKY in Havana, Cuba, recently and learned that LANSKY was not feeling well and contemplated entering a hospital for a checkup and rest. He said he also gathered from observation and conversation that LANSKY is interested in the operation of the hotel rather than the operation of the gambling casino in the new Riviera Hotel. He said there was no doubt in his mind that EDMUND LEVINSON was in charge of the casino. <sup>CUBA</sup>

LEONARD SOLOMON, detective, Miami Beach Police Department, advised that FRANK RED FREED and MORRIS SCHNERTZLER, Wa. Max Courtney, FBI Number 4047323, bookmakers and gamblers <sup>NY</sup>

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out of New York, are presently in Havana, Cuba.

SOL JAFFE, PCI, advised that when he was in Havana, Cuba, from December 27 through December 29, he was reasonably certain he saw FRANK ERICKSON, FBI Number 1762258, a nationally-known bookmaker and gambler, in the gambling casino at the Riviera Hotel, Havana.

JAFFE also advised he saw ABRAHAM BECKER, Wa. Ad Becker, FBI Number 593068, operating as a card dealer in the casino of the Riviera Hotel, Havana. He said BECKER advised him that he was living at the St. Johns Hotel in Havana. BECKER is separated from his wife who is employed at the Saroze Dress Shop, Miami Beach. CUBA

#### HOODLUMS IN THE MIAMI AREA

FLA A. A. ORREI, owner of the Colonial Furniture Store, West Dixie Highway, North Miami, advised that ABRAHAM KATZ, Wa. "Red" Katz, FBI Number 315896, a burglar, several months ago purchased the financial interest in the firm known as the Surplus Carpet Company in North Miami from HENRY "HANK" BRODSKY, former Constable, Miami Beach. ORREI said that very recently ABRAHAM KATZ purchased the financial interest in this firm formerly held by ALBERT JULIUS BERMAN, FBI Number 659331, a burglar. FLA He related that KATZ now is sole owner of this company which sells carpets and furniture on a retail basis.

Sergeant TED KIEDEREWski, FLA Miami Beach Police Department, advised that RALPH BUGLIO, FBI Number 615866, purchased the old AL CAPONE home on Palm Island, Miami Beach. BUGLIO is a former member of the old CAPONE Gang of Chicago, Illinois.

Chief of Police GULA W. OWENS, Bal Harbour, advised that SIDNEY HANDWIELER and WILLIAM D. SONKEN, both bookmakers, are temporarily residing at the Colonade Hotel, Bal Harbour. FLA OWENS also advised that MANNING SHERMAN, FBI Number 447418, a New York gambler, card shark and bookmaker, FLA maintains a cooperative apartment at the Carlton Arms, Bal Harbour. OWENS also advised that in the same apartments resides HARRY SMITH, hotel owner from Toronto, Canada. He said HARRY SMITH is a brother of BEN SMITH who constructed the Havana Riviera Hotel, Havana, Cuba. He also remarked that on occasions when MEYER LANSKY is in the Miami area, LANSKY will stay at the SMITH apartment.

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Detective LOCKHART GRACEY, Miami PD, advised that he received information that ~~SAM MANNARINO~~, FBI Number 115840, and his brother, ~~GABRIEL MANNARINO~~, were in the Miami area a few days. He said he was unable to learn where they had been staying in the area. The MANNARINOs head the MANNARINO Gang of New Kensington, Pennsylvania, and operate the New-Ken Novelty Company of that city. They are also engaged in the numbers racket, slot machines and gambling activities. FBI PA  
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GRACEY also advised that ~~WILLIAM VITO DENTAMARRO~~, FBI Number 394200A, a burglar recently released from the Florida State Penitentiary, has moved from the home of ~~ROMEO CIVETTA~~, Cleveland, Ohio, PD Number 49372, and is residing at the Kingston Hotel, Miami Beach. FBI

~~PETER ARNSTEIN~~, Wa. Pete Arnold, FBI Number 394195, a pimp and burglar from Chicago and now a resident of Miami Beach, operates a cocktail lounge in this hotel. H.L.  
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ROD GOERIZ, Special Agent, National Board of Fire Underwriters, advised that ~~DONALD J. O'BRIEN~~, FBI Number 502859C, a burglar and resident of Pompano Beach, Florida, recently sold his late model Chrysler automobile to WILLIAM VITO DENTAMARRO.

~~SID WILD~~, PCI, advised that ~~IZZY COHEN~~, Wa. Izzy Cain, who has a criminal record, now operates two shoe stores in the Miami area known as Harvey's Shoe Stores. He said one store is located in Miami and the other in Miami Beach. He further advised that ~~IZZY COHEN~~ resides in an apartment on Normandy Drive, Miami Beach, and is a brother of ~~LOUIS COHEN~~ with whom he has spent some time in the U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia. FBI

Two extra copies of this letter are being furnished to the Bureau so they may be forwarded to the Legat at Havana, Cuba.