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SAMUEL MANNARINO, was.,
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GABRIEL MANNARINO, was.,
ANTI-RACKETEERING

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Reference Havana letters dated May 27, 1958.

On July 21, 1958, PCI Arthur Newman (conceal), Credit Manager of the gambling casino at the Hotel Nacional, advised that inquiry by him has failed to develop any information that the MANNARINOS presently have any gambling interests in Cuba. Source said that sometime ago SAM MANNARINO told him that he had lost a large sum of money in Cuba in the old Sans Souci Night Club operation and that he had no intention of investing more money in gambling operations in Cuba in the near future. Source noted that in the past the MANNARINOS have shipped slot machines to Cuba. Source believed that most of these shipments have been through ALBERTO ARDURA MOYA. Source noted that ARDURA is the "bag man" for ROBERTO FERNANDEZ MIRANDA, the brother-in-law of Cuban President, FULGENCIO BATISTA. Source said that since FERNANDEZ MIRANDA receives 50% of the "take" from all slot machines operating in Cuba, ARDURA usually is the individual to whom slot machines are exported from the United States. Source said this is done by ARDURA to insure control of the slot machines.

Havana sources have been instructed to be on the alert for any information that the MANNARINOS have gambling interests in Cuba. (u)

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