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REFERENCE: Report of SA JAMES J. KEARNEY, dated 12-19-62, at Miami.

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Two copies of informant characterization memorandum.

### ADMINISTRATIVE

A copy of this report is being furnished to New York and Boston for their information as they have conducted extensive investigation in the past and will undoubtedly conduct additional investigation in the future in this matter.

No specific leads are being set out as all leads are being handled by airtel and teletype as they arise.

<p>APPROVED _____ SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</p> <p>COPIES MADE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3-Bureau (92-2831) (Enc. 2)</li> <li>1-USA, Miami (Attn.: WILLIAM KENNEY)</li> <li>1-Boston (92-144) (Info.)</li> <li>1-New York (92-660) (Info.)</li> <li>3-Miami (92-102)</li> </ul> <p><i>1- [unclear] 3/18/63</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW</p> <p style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;">92-2831-68 REC-47</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MAR 6 1963</p> <p>COPIES MADE, DATE <u>6/9/78</u> BY <u>[unclear]</u></p> <p>RE <u>HSCA</u></p> <p>FOR REVIEW AT FBIHQ AND/OR DELIVERY TO HSCA RE REQUEST DATED <u>4/28/78</u></p> <p>(SEE BUFILE 62-117250)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>STAT. SECT.</b></p>
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- January 12, 1963 - No significant activity.
- January 13, 1963 - No significant activity.
- January 14, 1963 - TEDDY tells the maid that one of their closest friends is the Comptroller at the Fontainebleau. This is FRANK MARGULIES, who has been known to be an acquaintance of MEYER LANSKY.
- The maid tells Mrs. LANSKY that a Mr. GELTMAN called and wanted Mr. LANSKY to call him back.
- January 15, 1963 - HY ABRAMS visited TEDDY LANSKY at her home.
- January 16, 1963 - TEDDY tells JACK LANSKY that MEYER is coming in from Alma, Michigan, at 4:18 P.M., on January 18, 1963.
- January 17, 1963 - No significant activity.
- January 18, 1963 - TEDDY advises the maid that she is going out to the airport to pick up her husband.
- January 19, 1963 - No significant activity.
- January 20, 1963 - TEDDY tells MEYER that MIKE WASSELL wants to get in touch with him.
- January 21, 1963 - Technical interference causes the discontinuance of this informant.

The following information was furnished by the New York Office on January 14, 1963:

On November 20, 1962, NY 3586-C-TE advised SA LEONARD H. MC COY that in the afternoon of November 19, 1962, he visited the Greenwich Village area of New York City in the vicinity of Thompson and Bleecker Streets. The informant advised that he met JOE ROSS (JOSEPH DE NEGRIS) who asked him to visit with him at the San Remo Cafe located at 93

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MacDougal Street. After one-half hour or so at the San Remo, they were joined by BOBBY BLANCHE (ROBERT BELANGI) who made a telephone call shortly after his arrival. Within ten or fifteen minutes the informant stated that PAT RYAN (PASQUALE EBOLI) came in and held a conversation with BLANCHE. BLANCHE then requested that the informant play Gin Rummy with him, but stated that he had some business calls to make and invited the informant along. The informant stated that BLANCHE was driving a new (1962 or 1963) black Oldsmobile. They proceeded from the San Remo, according to the informant, to a garage located at Sheriff and Delancey Streets which the informant thought was called the Standard Garage. Here BLANCHE met one JACK GRILL whom the informant described as age 60-65, 5' 10", Jewish. The informant stated that GRILL had a metal box under his arm, and when he came into the garage, he opened the box and took out approximately ten white paper envelopes and then gave them to BLANCHE. From this location, according to the informant, BLANCHE drove to Lenox Hall, located at East 2nd Street near Avenue D (256 East 2nd Street), New York City. BLANCHE, along with the informant, got out of the car and met the Manager of the premises at this location, and BLANCHE handed him four or five of the envelopes.

After they got back into the car, the informant asked BLANCHE as to the purpose of the envelopes, and BLANCHE replied that he was paying off "their men". BLANCHE further explained that JACK GRILL was in charge of the payroll for MEYER LANSKY's men. From this location, BLANCHE then drove to the Ridgewood section of Queens where they stopped at a location on Palmetto Street near Myrtle Avenue (may be the Lounge Bar which has been previously described as a gambling and bookmakers' hangout). Here BLANCHE explained was the headquarters for the football and baseball pools which were within the exclusive control of the "Jewish mob". BLANCHE stated that the baseball and football pools were operated out of Queens because in this particular area they had the best police protection. BLANCHE further stated, after delivering several of his envelopes at the Palmetto Street location, that they had paid a lot of money to some very big men in Queens during the past.

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The informant stated that he and BLANCHE then drove back to Manhattan and stopped at Manny Wolf's at 49th and Third Avenue where they met two Jewish gamblers whom BLANCHE introduced as "HERBIE" and "KATZ". According to the informant, BLANCHE gave each one a white envelope. BLANCHE also gave "HERBIE" and "KATZ" the odds on the football games to be played on Thanksgiving Day. BLANCHE then invited him (the informant) to come with him to the Hawaiian Room at the Hotel Lexington. The informant protested that he was not dressed sufficiently well to enter the Hawaiian Room, but BLANCHE stated that he could come in overalls so long as he was with him (BLANCHE). At the Hawaiian Room, the informant stated that BLANCHE excused himself and went to a table where he met two couples and had a fifteen minute conversation.

When he returned, BLANCHE told the informant that one of the men he had been talking to was "HYMIE" SIEGEL, who, according to BLANCHE, was very close to MEYER LANSKY. BLANCHE stated that SIEGEL worked closely with MEYER LANSKY and was a very big gambler. According to BLANCHE, SIEGEL was a very fastidious person and lived in a hotel somewhere off Lexington Avenue in the 30s or 40s. According to BLANCHE, SIEGEL bathed at least three times daily, and would not wear a suit over six or seven times, and paid the hotel where he stayed to have the wallpaper in his room changed at least once every year. BLANCHE went on to state that "HYMIE" is a real gentleman and not like that "MUSTACHIO TOMMY (THOMAS EBOLI) who is your boss!" The informant stated that he then asked BLANCHE why he, being Italian, worked for the Jewish mob. BLANCHE stated that he had been with the Jewish mob for many years and found them to be more trustworthy and generous people to work with than the Italians. The informant further asked BLANCHE why it was that TOMMY RYAN was having meetings with the Jewish mob, and BLANCHE replied that "TOMMY" needed their assistance in handling labor matters, especially since he was interested in the garment industry. The informant also stated that he asked BLANCHE if they had come to any agreement with "NAT's" union, and BLANCHE replied that everything was settled and taken care of. BLANCHE further told the informant that he has an office located at Seventh Avenue and 50th Street, without giving a specific street number.

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The informant advised on November 23, 1962, that he had gone to Aqueduct Racetrack on November 23, 1962, with BOBBY BLANCHE (BELANGI) and there they had met JACK GRILL, PERRY FISHMAN from Philadelphia, and "LITTLE CARMINE" BATTAGLIA from Newark, New Jersey. The informant stated that most of the conversation was about the horses and he had nothing to report other than "LITTLE CARMINE" BATTAGLIA told him he could always be contacted at Sorrento's Restaurant in Newark.

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Informant advised on November 25, 1962, that he had gone to the Standard Garage on Delancey Street on November 24, 1962, and met RED LEVINE and JACK GRILL. The informant stated that RED LEVINE is an old strong arm man for the Jewish mob and had worked with MEYER LANSKY for many years. He stated that LEVINE told him that MEYER LANSKY is a very sick man. LEVINE further told the informant that JACK GRILL was leaving on a vacation in Florida, but would also travel to New Orleans and Phoenix. He stated that the Jewish mob controlled certain hotels in Miami, New Orleans, and Phoenix and all that it would cost GRILL was his transportation.

LEVINE further advised the informant that "they" had a very good year so far because the football pool had not taken any heavy "hits". He stated that they made a lot of money on the Green Bay Packers-Detroit Lions football game because almost everyone had bet on the Packers. LEVINE further stated that they had a bank of almost three million dollars and if the Packers had won, they would have broken the bank.

Informant stated that BOBBY BLANCHE (ROBERT BELANGI) also stopped at the Standard Garage on the same evening and told JACK GRILL that he would meet him later at Manny Wolf's on Third Avenue and 49th Street.

He stated that LEVINE complained of not being allowed to frequent Aqueduct and Belmont Racetracks since he had been ejected from the premises by Pinkerton guards on several occasions.

It is noted that JOSEPH VALACHI has described RED LEVINE as an old Jewish mobster who was one of the killers who impersonated police officers and were given the contract to kill SALVATORE MARANZO in 1931.

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The following information was furnished by NY 3386-C-TE on the dates indicated:

On December 15, 1962, informant advised that subject's wife, TEDDY LANSKY, remarked that subject had "a meeting" the previous evening (December 14, 1962) and that she had to remain in their hotel room by herself.

On December 23, 1962, informant telephonically contacted the New York Office and advised that MEYER LANSKY was moving out of the Drake Hotel and into HYMIE SIEGEL's apartment at the Peter Cooper Hotel. Informant did not know whether SIEGEL was staying in his apartment. Informant pointed out that no one was answering the phone. Informant went on to explain that TEDDY LANSKY went out to spend Christmas with her grandchildren on Long Island as previously planned. Informant stated that although TEDDY LANSKY's former husband, BILL SCHWARTZ, is living in the same house where she stays, this does not seem to bother MEYER LANSKY. Informant also stated that MEYER LANSKY always refers to TEDDY LANSKY's son of a former marriage, RICHARD SCHWARTZ, in a condescending manner when discussing SCHWARTZ with TEDDY.

Informant advised that MEYER LANSKY asked his daughter, SANDRA LANSKY, to meet him at the office of Dr. GREENBERG, the psychiatrist for MEYER's first wife, ANN CITRON LANSKY. Informant stated that Dr. GREENBERG has offices at the Institution for Research and Psychology, 440 East 80th Street, New York City.

On December 24, 1962, informant telephonically contacted the New York Office and advised that SANDRA LANSKY visited Dr. GREENBERG at nine o'clock that morning and that MEYER LANSKY was already in GREENBERG's office. According to informant, Dr. GREENBERG advised SANDRA LANSKY that she was mentally incompetent and that if she did not do what he instructed, he was going to have her confined to a mental institution. Informant said that SANDRA LANSKY was instructed by Dr. GREENBERG to return to him once a week. She was also

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ANN LANSKY did not state whether or not LANSKY and LEVINE were ever in business together, but she did remark they are still close associates.

According to statements of ANN LANSKY, "RED" LEVINE hates HYMIE SIEGEL for some unknown reason and whenever they are together, he openly insults him to his face.

LV 90-C\* furnished information from January 12, 1963, through January 30, 1963, which revealed that MEYER LANSKY is receiving a large share of the money from the skimming operations at the Fremont Hotel, Las Vegas, and that RICHARD KORNICK, EDDIE LEVINSON's brother-in-law, is the principal courier between the Miami, Florida, and the New Jersey areas. This information is fully reported in "Criminal Intelligence Program, Fremont Hotel, Las Vegas Division".

INFORMANTS

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