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TO : Director, FBI
FROM : Legal Attache, Havana, Cuba (64-153)
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Reference Havana letter dated April 11, 1956, setting forth proposed plans of the Cuban National Police to fingerprint and photograph all American gamblers in Cuba who have criminal backgrounds and who are associated with gambling casinos presently operating in Cuba

Lt. HERIBERTO HERNANDEZ, Chief, Alien Control Section, Cuban National Police, advised on May 25, 1956, that no definite decision has been made to date concerning the above proposed plan. He advised that all of the gambling casinos which operated during the winter season are still operating, but that most of them are running on a smaller scale and that many of the Americans connected with them have returned to the United States until the beginning of the next winter season. (S) (u)

Identification records of those individuals known to the Havana Office who are living or working in Cuba have been furnished to Lt. HERIBERTO HERNANDEZ for his official use. Since Lt. HERNANDEZ is a close contact of this office, it is felt that should the present idea of the Cuban National Police to fingerprint and photograph all Americans who are connected with gambling be effected, it would provide a very valuable amount of information for the Bureau. (S) (u)

At the present time the International Casino of the Hotel Nacional, the Tropicana and the Sans Souci gambling rooms are all operating. The Hotel Nacional is having as equally successful a summer season as it did a winter season after the casino opened. The Tropicana continues to attract tourists through its extensive and elaborate shows and its reputation as a night club. The Sans Souci, although still operating, has cut every cost in order to keep open during the summer in hopes of building up trade for the next winter season. (S) (u)

The Jockey Club Gambling Casino at Oriental Park Race Track has been operating continuously under the direction of DINO CELLINI. The Cuban Racing Association, however, has plans to close its meet on 5-27-56, and it is not known if racing will be continued during the summer months under a cooperative plan proposed by the horse owners. Should racing continue, the gambling casino at Oriental Park will undoubtedly also continue its operation. (S) (u)

1-D PCI ANTONIO POUSA FRANKS advised on May 21, 1956, that the Havana Greyhound Kennel Club, which operates the dog track, plans to

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