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He identified TONY BARNAB (CAPONIGRO), TONY
VINIENI, TONY KALISZAKI, and ABE COHEN from Newark;
PAPPY (CARL) IPIOLITO and JOHN (LEO) from the Trenton
area; JOE BRUND from the Philadelphia area; and CHARLES
"THE BLADE" TOURINE from Miami. Philadelphia has no
information regarding a JOE BRUND of the Philadelphia
area.

On 6/19/59, ABE CLARONIA, a self-confessed
local bookmaker, advised SA'S J. ROBERT PEARCE and ROBERT
W. ROEMER that the only Joe Bruno he knows in his forty
years of experience was JOSEPH BRUND, deceased, formerly
of Trenton and New Brunswick, N. J.

It should be noted, however, that Philadelphia
Top Hoodlum ANGELO BRUND, aka., office of origin Phila-
delphia, has recently returned to the Philadelphia area
after spending approximately two years in the Miami, Fla.,
and Havana, Cuba, vicinities.

On 6/11/59, PH 583-2 advised of learning on the
previous day from a distant relative of ANGELO BRUND that
he apparently was liquidating investments in Cuba and
Florida to return permanently to Philadelphia. This infor-
mation was substantiated by information received 6/18/59
from PH 269-C, who on the previous night partied with
ANGELO BRUND and others, including Philadelphia Top
Hoodlum MAX "WILLY" WEISSBERG and SAMUEL "CAPTY" HOFFMAN.
PH 269-1, however, believed that ANGELO BRUND had no
immediate plans to go to New Jersey for any purpose.
The only activity in which ANGELO BRUND has engaged since
returning from Florida has been continuation of the opera-
tion of his numbers racket.

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Newark letter to Philadelphia, no cc Bureau or Miami, 11/5/58, captioned "ASQUILA BIVINO, was.; AR," reported information received 10/29/58 from JOSEPH MICHAEL CLAVIERO, former BK 1979-C, to the effect that approximately 35 racket men had organized a group to establish a gambling casino in Havana, Cuba. CARL PAPPY IPPOLITO was one of the principal New Jersey racketeers involved in this group according to this informant.

Informant further said that IPPOLITO when in Havana, approximately ten days previously (10/7/58), had contacted CHARLES "THE BLAKE" TORRINE, aka., THE BLAKE, who was identified as one of the mob's contacts for gambling interests in Havana. The gambling casino was unknown to the informant.

This same informant, as reported in Newark letter to Philadelphia, no cc Bureau or Miami, 6/2/59, advised on 4/23/59 and 5/19/59, that he had been employed in the winter of 1958 at the Plaza Casino, Havana, Cuba, as a gambling instructor, which he said had previously been set up by a group of New Jersey gamblers as well as a few individuals from the Philadelphia, Pa., area.

This informant again identified the gambling syndicate from New Jersey and Philadelphia, Pa., as having secured their gambling license from the Cuban Government through CHARLES "THE BLAKE" TORRINE. The informant said he did have contacts with ANTONIO BRUNO at the Plaza Casino in Havana, Cuba, and that BRUNO had stayed at the Copri Hotel during his stay in Cuba.

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Havana Legat letter to the Director, 3/12/59, reports information received 2/26/59 from RAV-31 relating that ANSELMO BUNO had purchased the interest of JOE BIANCHI, aka., Joe Roberts, in the Hotel Plaza gambling casino, Havana. (X)(u)

Havana PCI Office DE PHILLIPS, on 1/10/59, identified BUNO as being one of the interest holders of the gambling casino in the Hotel Plaza. This informant said that the casino had permission to reopen, but that a "pay-off" of \$25,000 had been made to an unidentified Cuban Government Official to obtain this permission. DE PHILLIPS said that the interest holders in the gambling casino found themselves without a bankroll and were attempting to obtain funds to reopen the casino. (X)(u)

It is suggested that in view of the above information provided, that a meeting is to occur in Newark, the meeting may be for dividing funds derived from a possible disposal of the gambling casino interests of ANSELMO BUNO and New Jersey racket figures in Havana, Cuba.

The above is for the information of the Bureau and interested Offices.

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