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## Synopsis:

Greater Miami and Broward County (Fort Lauderdale, Fla.) located on so-called "Gold Coast" section at Southern tip of Florida. Industry has risen during past decade, but vacation atmosphere predominates and draws in excess of two million visitors each year. Gambling, although not wide open, appears to flourish in view of the number of bookies operating in Greater Miami. Handbook and Bolita type operations especially popular. Prostitution on large organized scale, non-existent; however, influx of Cuban refugees has taken over this vice. Sheriff's Office, Broward County, under investigation by Fla. State Attorney General's Office for permitting gambling in that area. Dania, Fla. police, also Broward County, alleged to turn its back on Bolita operations. Miami Beach Police Dept. alleged to be influenced by BEN COHEN, noted criminal attorney who represents gambling element in Miami area, and who allegedly influences certain Criminal Court Judges in Dade County (Miami area). Dade County State Attorney and Director of Public Safety Dept. allegedly receive pay-offs for permitting local prostitution and other vice. Criminal activity re individuals in area determined, and set forth, which relates primarily to gambling. Greater Miami Crime Commission acts as a watch-dog over law enforcement and publicizes corruption.

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15. ~~X~~ South Beach Democratic Club  
544 Collins Avenue (upstairs)  
Miami Beach, Florida.

MM T-1 on May 27, 1960 advised that BENNY HUSICK is operating the South Beach Democratic Club; that bookmaking, betting and card playing takes place here. He said this establishment, in so far as he knows, is the only place on Miami Beach which possesses a Western Union Ticker Tape.

On July 8, 1960 he said this club is very active; that in addition to the usual card games being played daily, which are generally poker and blackjack, the principal activity is in bookmaking both in horse racing and sporting events. According to his information, IRVING and AL (LNU) handle most of the bookmaking. He understood they receive \$100. a week, plus a percentage of the winnings.

He stated on December 2, 1960 that HUSICK had a heart attack and was in the St. Francis Hospital, Miami Beach. He learned that ABE ~~X~~ COHEN has been handling <sup>for</sup> HUSICK's bookmaking activities at this club. He also learned that a great number of those who play cards here and bet are postal employees, cab drivers and business people in the area.

On January 29, 1961 he said the activity at this club has increased since the raids of December 14, 1960. However, he pointed out that no big bookmakers or gamblers operate out of here; that most of the individuals who frequent here are working people and small or medium bookmakers, bettors and card players. At times he said there are 30 to 40 persons in the club at one time. The telephone used for bookmaking is JE 1-9180.

On March 22, 1961 he advised he learned a large number of bookmakers call this club to get the sporting events results as they have a ticker tape and have a large blackboard which sets forth a running record of the

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ball games. He learned that ~~SLIM~~ SHORONSKI (phonetic) FLA works for BEN HUSICK; that SHORONSKI pays off to the book-makers or individuals when he or the club loses.

He advised on May 9, 1961 that he learned BENNY HUSICK now has a partner, namely DAVE YARAS and that IRVING KRAMER takes some of the bookmaking action at the club.

On July 29, 1961 this source related he was told that SHORONSKI still takes the bookmaking action for HUSICK at a salary of \$25. a day. ~~HERKIE~~ WILENSKY handles FLA collections from those who do not pay off and that WILENSKY receives a salary of \$200. per week. He was also told that ~~AL~~ SHERMAN is an employee of HUSICK and that SHERMAN handles the bookmaking pay offs and collections. He further was informed that HUSICK has a piece of the blackjack game, going at the Patio Bridge Club.

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27. FRANK LANG "~~LEFTY~~" ROSENTHAL, aka  
~~Frank Larry Rosenthal, Norman~~  
~~Rosenthal, Frank Larry, Frank~~  
~~Carpenter~~

On December 28, 1960, MARTIN DARDIS, then Chief of Police at North Bay Village, Florida, advised that he had learned that an individual known as FRANK CARPENTER, a bookmaker who was tied in with some syndicate, was active and was residing at the Beaux Arts Apartments, North Bay Village. FLA

DARDIS, on January 3, 1961, advised that his Department, in conjunction with the Dade County, Florida, Sheriff's Department and the State Attorney's Office, had arrested FRANK LARRY ROSENTHAL, aka. FRANK CARPENTER, on December 31, 1960, in Apartment 218 at 8020 West Drive, Beaux Arts Apartments, and charged him with bookmaking and operating a gambling establishment. He stated that ROSENTHAL had three telephones in this apartment. Arrested with ROSENTHAL was BERTRAM HIRSCH and JOE STRAUSS of Apartment 211, 8000 West Drive.

DARDIS stated he determined ROSENTHAL carried on a layoff bookmaking operation out of his apartment, and did business with other bookmakers in Cleveland, Chicago, New York City, Detroit, Oak Park, Illinois, Brookline, Massachusetts, Covington, Kentucky, Freeport, New York, and Windsor, Ontario.

FLA DARDIS stated that ROSENTHAL had informed him he had been instructed to contact SAM "RADIO" WIENER, operator of the Bonfire Restaurant in North Bay Village, and BEN COHEN, Miami Beach attorney, to

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get matters straightened out. DARDIS stated ROSENTHAL seemed extremely surprised at the raid, and claimed that he had made two payments of \$500.00 each for the privilege of operating. He did not indicate to whom the payments were made. DARDIS also stated that ROSENTHAL was reported to own thirteen race horses, all yearlings.

According to the Chicago Police Department, ROSENTHAL, in November, 1960, was in contact with ~~FRANK~~ ~~BUCCIERI~~, 1028 S. Greenwood, Park Ridge, Illinois, who has been operating a gambling establishment for his brother, FIORE BUCCIERI. The Chicago Police Department also indicated that ROSENTHAL had also been in contact with FIORE ~~BUCCIERI~~, 3004 Maple Avenue, Berwyn, Illinois, who, according to that Department, was one of the two top men in organized gambling on the West Side of Chicago.

MARTIN DARDIS, above, advised on July 13, 1961, that when he was arresting ROSENTHAL on December 31, 1960, GIL BECKLEY, a well-known gambler, had called ROSENTHAL's number from Newport, Kentucky. DARDIS stated that ROSENTHAL was a former employee of the Angel - Kaplan Sports Service, Chicago, Illinois.

He advised further, that the State's Attorney's office in Miami had not prosecuted ROSENTHAL for the December 31, 1960, arrest, but that the Florida Racing Commission had subsequently barred ROSENTHAL from Florida race tracks for life, and his Racing Commission owner's license had been revoked.

DARDIS stated that according to his information, ROSENTHAL was an associate of GILBERT BECKLEY, CHARLES TOURINE, THOMAS ~~WHALEN~~, and ANTHONY "MURPHY" ~~ALCATERRA~~.  
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who committed the swindle. He identified the individuals as LEO ~~SAGAL~~ (FBI No. 2509323); JOSEPH DOMINICK ~~PATERN~~O, and MILTON ~~BARNES~~S. N.J.

KAY said that in this deal he was supposed to have transferred millions of Cuban pesos. He refused to furnish details concerning principals that he had done business with in obtaining the pesos in Cuba.

The principal hotels and motels which are owned or influenced by the criminal element are as follows:

- A. ~~Albion Hotel~~  
1650 James Avenue.  
Miami Beach, Florida

~~THA~~ MM T-20, advised SA ROBERT F. FETZNER on May 5, 1958, that ROBERT ~~SORRENTINO~~, (FBI No. 1371001), owns this hotel.

- B. ~~Biltmore-Terrace Hotel~~  
8701 Collins Avenue  
Miami Beach, Florida

~~FWA~~ MM T-1 advised SA FETZNER that NORMAN ~~ROTHMAN~~ (FBI No. 1521585), is the owner of this hotel.

The source also advised that although the Biltmore-Terrace has changed hands several times in the recent past, SAM KAY still holds influence on the hotel through investments in the hotel and by holding the lease on the land.



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3. WILLIAM OTTO BISCHOFF, Aka William Gusto  
Bischoff, H. Bishop, William Bishop,  
Gustav Bischoff, Frank Bischoff, Harry  
Bischoff, Harry Frank Baker, Harry Clark  
Lefty Clark, FBI Number 1721507

WILLIAM OTTO BISCHOFF, born November 10, 1889, New York, New York, is widely known as "LEFTY CLARK", a professional gambler. BISCHOFF resides with his wife at 3927 Garden Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida. BISCHOFF has an arrest record dating back to 1914; however, there is no indication that he served any time for such arrests.

DANIEL P. SULLIVAN, Director, Crime Commission of Greater Miami, has advised on various occasions that BISCHOFF was connected with the following gambling establishments:

Dill's Monkey Farm, Linden, New Jersey

The Lookout House, Covington, Kentucky

Smith's Interlocken, Saratoga Springs,  
New York

Frolics Club, Miami, Florida

Club Greenacres, Broward County, Florida

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From 1955 to 1958, BISCHOFF was connected with gambling casinos in Havana, Cuba, where he was associated to some extent with SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR. TRAFFICANTE attended a much widely publicized meeting at Apalachin, New York, November 14, 1957.

After CASTRO's rise to power in January of 1959, BISCHOFF returned to Miami, Florida.

In January of 1960, BISCHOFF suffered a fractured hip, was hospitalized for several weeks, and since that time, has been confined to his residence at 3927 Garden Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida.

ELIZABETH KLEIN, owner of the apartment building located at 3927 Garden Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida, has advised BISCHOFF has very few visitors.

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10. ~~PASQUALE MICHAEL ERRA~~, aka.,  
~~Patsy Erra~~, ~~Patrick Erra~~,  
~~Patsy Erra~~  
FBI Number 1593543

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PASQUALE MICHAEL ERRA resides at 3720 Chase Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida, with his wife, FRANCES INTANA ERRA, and four children. The residence at this address was purchased by ERRA June 20, 1952, as reflected by Public Records, Dade County, Florida, Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Deed Book 162, Page 223.

MM T-34 advised prior to April 15, 1956, that MIKE COPPOLA's number one man in the Miami, Florida area is PATSY ERRA, who was formerly associated with COPPOLA and ANTHONY SALERNO in East Harlem, New York, and who is currently reported to be handling COPPOLA's affairs in Miami. He stated that COPPOLA continued to be the boss of the East Harlem area of New York, but currently resides in Florida.

MM T-35 advised prior to January 11, 1952, that PASQUALE MICHAEL ERRA was leaving New York for Miami, Florida, on January 13, 1952, or the following weekend. Informant advised that ERRA hung out at the Eaglette Tavern, 2nd Avenue and East 109th Street, New York City, and that his rackets were narcotics, numbers and gambling.

MM T-1 advised on April 18, 1958, that MAX RAYMOND, also known as MAX EDER, and PAT ERRA had purchased the Dream Bar and Lounge, Johnina Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida, three years previous to that time, and that MICHAEL COPPOLA had put up the necessary money.

MM T-9 advised on December 6, 1957, that the Dream Bar on 71st Street, Miami Beach, Florida, is

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owned by MAX RAYMOND, also known as MAX EDER, and PATSY ERRA. He stated that EDER and ERRA are closely associated with MIKE COPPOLA and JOSEPH FISCHETTI. He advised that EDER and ERRA are active in gambling activities at the Fontainebleau Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida, and that BARNEY BARNETT merely serves as their errand boy at that hotel. f h A

On October 31, 1960, informant advised that CHARLES TOURINE, also known as CHARLIE THE BLADE, JOE COHEN and JERRY BROOKS were interested in getting a gambling concession in San Juan, Puerto Rico. He said PATSY ERRA has made a trip to Puerto Rico to look over the gambling possibilities. He said he was told that MAX EDER, ERRA, TERRY (Last Name Unknown) and "BIG PAT" SANTELLI contemplated spending over \$8,000.00 making improvements at the Johnina Hotel. He understood they will operate a shylock and bookmaking office at the hotel, and that they will make a play room in the basement where gambling games will take place. f h A

MM T-33, on May 14, 1958, advised that MICHAEL COPPOLA frequents the Dream Lounge, Johnina Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida, which is owned by his close associates, PATSY ERRA and MAXIE RAYMOND. He advised that TERIACA, who has recently taken over as manager of the Dream Lounge, was formerly a bookmaker in New York. He advised in years past ERRA made numerous trips to New York and Havana, Cuba, that he had an interest in the Sans Souci, Havana, Cuba, with NORMAN ROTHMAN and SAM MANNERINO.

On January 6, 1961, DONALD MURRAY LARSON, Little River Hotel, 7939 Northeast 2nd Avenue, Miami, Florida, advised he was employed as night bellboy at the Johnina Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida, until he quit on December 27, 1960. He stated that PATSY ERRA is around the Dream Bar in the Johnina Hotel, where he appears to be one of the owners. He said the new owners of the hotel are VINCENT TERIACA, PAT CARANO and RALPH KNAPP. He stated he had observed no bookmaking activities at this hotel, but noted that this group did a great deal of shylocking. f h A

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MM T-9, on April 7, 1961, advised that ~~AL~~ GONZALES, President of the bartenders and waitresses local #133, Miami, Florida, is very close to JOE FISCHETTI, PATSY ERRA and MAX EDER, and these three just about dictate who can work at the Fontainebleau Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida.

He stated he has also heard that EDER and ERRA have been middle men between the laborers union, the plasterers union, the carpenters union and various contractors. He stated he could point out no specific jobs, but understands they have "ironed out" disputes that arose between unions and contractors.

ERRA was received at the Federal Correctional Institute, Milan, Michigan, on March 6, 1943, under sentence of one year and one day from the Southern District of New York for possession of narcotics. He was conditionally released on December 2, 1943.

On September 8, 1961, Lieutenant A. H. (RED) LEONARD, Detective Bureau, Miami Beach, Florida Police Department, stated he has known PAT ERRA for a number of years and knows a lot about his activities. He said he knows of no activity ERRA is in at the present time in the Miami area, and if he is doing anything either legal or illegal, he believes the activity to be in New York.

On August 29, 1961, DANIEL P. SULLIVAN, Operating Manager, Crime Commission, Miami, Florida, advised his files contain a memorandum dated February 15, 1958, to ROBERT F. KENNEDY from SHERMAN S. WILSE regarding Appalachian gangsters. This memorandum shows that the home telephone number of PATRICK ERRA, 3720 Chase Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida, was called five times between June and August, 1957, from telephone number EDison 7-8872, which is the telephone listed to GABRIEL MANNARINO, one of the Appalachian group of 540 Charles Avenue, New Kensington, Pennsylvania.

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MASSEI is reported to associate with the following individuals in the Miami area:

JOHN ANGERSOLA, also known as JOHN KING, FBI Number 98146;

WILLIAM GUSTO BISCHOFF, also known as LEFTY CLARK, FBI Number 1721507

JOSEPH BOMMARITO, also known as, FBI Number 145941

MICHAEL COPPOLA, also known as, FBI Number 677976

DAVE GLASS, FBI Number 378399

RALPH ~~SORRENTINO~~, FBI Number 1371001 *Chg*

JOHN "PEANUTS" TRONOLONE, FBI Number 45304

DAVE ~~TARAS~~, FBI Number 655697 *FLA*

MASSEI has been arrested for armed robbery, murder, vagrancy, disorderly person, investigation - conspiracy to violate state gambling laws, carrying pistol in motor vehicle, and has served no sentences because of these arrests.

MM T- 7, on April 5, 1961, advised that JOE MASSEY, FBI Number 597894, and MICHAEL COPPOLA, FBI Number 677976, are rumored to be the leaders of all hoodlum and gambling activity in the greater Miami area, and control activities centered around 23rd Street, Miami Beach, Florida.

He stated there are groups in Miami representing the hoodlum elements from major cities in the United States such as Brooklyn, New York City, Detroit, Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati, etc., but he heard these groups clear their business with MASSEY.

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22. ~~STEFANO ANTHONY RANDAZZO~~, Aka Anthony  
Stefano Randazzo, Tony Randazzo, Helpuis A.  
Randazzo, Steve Randazzo, Stephen Randazzo 500  
FBI Number - None

RANDAZZO, born July 15, 1900, at Carini, Italy, entered the United States August 5, 1922, and was naturalized an American citizen on December 31, 1934. RANDAZZO presently resides at 8865 Northeast Ninth Court, Miami, Florida.

The police records at Cleveland, Ohio, where RANDAZZO lived prior to coming to Miami, Florida, in 1952 or 1953, reflected several traffic violations, and listed his previous occupations as a barber, tavern owner and laborer. When interviewed by FBI Agents in Miami, RANDAZZO stated he still had an interest in the J & J Bar, Cleveland, Ohio.

DANIEL P. SULLIVAN, Operating Director, Crime Commission of Greater Miami, advised on October 9, 1958, that RANDAZZO was selling protection for the pinball and vending machine operators in the Miami area.

RANDAZZO has owned several Italian-type eating places in the greater Miami area, and when interviewed on August 30, 1961, by Agents of the Miami Office, stated he was presently unemployed and contemplates returning to Cleveland, Ohio.

RANDAZZO admitted friendly relations with SANTO  
TRAFFICANTE, JR., FBI Number 482531B, of Tampa, Florida,

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and that when TRAFFICANTE ran the San Souci gambling casino, Havana, Cuba, RANDAZZO acted as a public relations man for TRAFFICANTE, in that he contacted various travel agencies to push the San Souci gambling casino when the travel agencies offered package deals for vacations in Havana.

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24. ~~CHARLES TOURINE, Aka Charles Dallas, Dallas~~  
~~The Blade, Daniels, Charles Daniels, Charles~~  
~~Danna, Charles Daurin, Charles Delmonico,~~  
~~Charles Rice, John Ryan, Charlie The Blade,~~  
~~Charles Touraine, Charles Tourane, Charles~~  
~~Tourin, Charley Tourine, Charlie Tourino,~~  
~~Charles Turine, Charles Turino, Charles White~~  
FBI Number 695716

CHARLES TOURINE, Aka, born March 26, 1906,  
Matawan, New Jersey, received no more than a fourth grade  
education, and has been stated to be unable to read or  
write. He has an arrest record dating back to 1926, which  
relates in most part to illegal liquor violations. TOURINE  
maintains a residence at the Beaux Arts Apartments, North  
Bay Village, Florida, which is part of the Greater Miami Area.

TOURINE was part-owner of the gambling casino in  
the Hotel Capri, Havana, Cuba, and maintained residence in  
Havana, Cuba until approximately May of 1959, when he  
returned to Miami, Florida, after the rise to power of the  
CASTRO Government in Havana, Cuba.

TOURINE was in frequent contact with JOSEPH NESLINE,  
Washington, D. C., who was a self-admitted bookmaker in the  
Washington, D. C. area. During the Summer of 1960, according  
to MARTIN DARDIS, then Chief of Police of North Bay Village,  
Florida, TOURINE spent several months touring Europe and  
spending a great deal of time in Naples, Italy, where DARDIS  
advised he, TOURINE, had been in contact with LUCKY LUCIANO.

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In April of 1961, TOURINE spent considerable time in the New York City area. TOURINE was interviewed by New York Agents on June 9, 1961, and claimed he is presently retired and was last employed as a casino manager at the Hotel Capri, Havana, Cuba, until the middle of 1959. TOURINE admitted receiving several offers to manage various casinos since then, but has turned all offers down. TOURINE admitted he cannot read or write, and has been married and divorced four times.

TOURINE was reported to have again gone to Europe in July of 1961, and there has been no information received indicating his return to the United States.

B. BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

1. ~~VINCENT ALO~~, aka  
~~Vincenzo ALO~~, "~~Jimmy Blue~~  
~~Eyes~~", ~~Jimmy Carsale~~, ~~Jimmy~~  
~~Cicella~~, ~~Jimmy Cucella~~,  
~~V. James~~, ~~Vincent James ALO~~  
FBI No. 554810

1228 Monroe St  
Hollywood, Fla

ALO was born as VINCENZO ALO on May 26, 1904, in  
New York City, New York. ALO attended public schools in the  
Bronx, New York, quitting at the age of 14 years.

The records of New York State Division of Parole,  
320 Broadway, New York City, dated 1931, under No. N4376,  
reflect ALO was received at Comstock Prison, November 28,  
1923, to serve five to twelve years sentence after a  
conviction in the Bronx County Court, New York, on a charge  
of robbery, second degree.

As a result of testimony given before the  
Kefauver Committee in July, 1950, a Grand Jury undertook an  
investigation of gambling activities in Broward County,  
Florida. On August 24, 1950, this body returned indictments  
for violations of local gambling statutes. Among those  
listed in the indictment was VINCENT ALO. The individuals  
indicted were charged with operating gambling houses in Broward  
County; The Colonial Inn, Club Greenacres, and Club La Boheme.  
On September 16, 1950, ten of the individuals indicted appeared  
in Criminal Court, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and entered  
pleas of guilty. VINCENT ALO, on that date, was fined \$1,000.00.

In January, 1956, ~~JOE~~ ADONIS, true name Joseph Doto, a notorious New York City racketeer, voluntarily left the United States for Italy to avoid actual deportation and prosecution. ALO, who was described as ADONIS' right hand man, was reported to be taking over ADONIS' gambling empire. Various sources have described ALO as one of the top gambling figures in the New York City area. One source described ALO's action as having direct control of sport betting, numbers and shylocking in the Bronx, New York.

Prior to the advent of FIDEL CASTRO, ALO was reported to be connected with the operation of the gambling casino at the Sans Souci Night Club, Havana, Cuba.

In the past, ALO has been a known associate of the following:

ALBERT ANASTASIA (deceased), acknowledged to have been one of the top hoodlums in the United States;

ROBERT BLANCHE, true name Robert Blanche, New York City Police Department No. 59746;

~~SAM~~ BRATT, FBI No. 5036886, associated with ALO in the operation of gambling casinos in Hallandale, Florida, presently working in the gambling casino in the Sans Souci Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada;

"LITTLE AUGIE" PISANO, true name Anthony Carfano (deceased), described in 1953 as a top man in the underworld syndicate in the United States, who was murdered in gangland style in New York in 1959;

FRANK ERICKSON, FBI No. 172258, described as one of the largest bookmakers and gamblers in the United States during the 1940's and early 1950's;

MEYER LANSKY, FBI No. 791783, described as a big-time gambler who had extensive gambling interests in Cuba prior to the advent of the CASTRO regime;

EDWARD J. MC GRATH, who reportedly controlled all racketeering activities in the Manhattan waterfront during the 1940's, up to the present date;

JERRY ~~RYAN~~, true name August ~~Laietta~~, FBI No. ~~57-701~~, described as a big-time New York gambler and shylock;

ANTHONY ~~STROLLO~~, also known as Tony ~~Bender~~, FBI No. ~~4282858~~, described as controlling all illegal activities in the Greenwich Village area, New York.

ALO reported the following income for the years indicated:

|      |             |
|------|-------------|
| 1957 | \$20,546.42 |
| 1958 | \$27,670.50 |
| 1959 | \$28,420.00 |
| 1960 | \$31,136.00 |

ALO stated the above income consisted wholly of "winnings".

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2. JACK LANSKY, aka

JACK LANSKY was born February 17, 1905 at Grodno, Poland. He was naturalized in the Southern District of New York on August 20, 1936. sub A

Denaturalization proceedings were brought against him but did not succeed.

LANSKY was married to ANA GORELICK on October 19, 1930. He has two children, ROBERTA LEE LANSKY now married to JOHN SZYPERSKI, and LINDA LANSKY, a graduate of Boston University, who is presently living with her parents at 1146 Harrison Street, Hollywood, Florida.

JACK LANSKY has long time been regarded as the right arm of his brother, MEYER LANSKY, FBI No. 791783.

The files of the FBI Identification Division were searched January 21, 1958, but failed to reveal a prior arrest record for JACK LANSKY.

The files of the New York City Police Department reflect he was arrested April 16, 1921 in New York City for shooting dice and was fined \$1.00. He was arrested February 11, 1922 in New York City for playing cards, but no disposition of the case was shown. He also had two traffic arrests in New York City. He was also fined \$1,000.00 in Broward County, Florida, after he had been indicted for operating a gambling house in Broward County on August 20, 1950.

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Known associates are SAMUEL BRATT, also known as Sam Lawrence, well known gambler in the Hollywood, Florida area; GEORGE SADLOW, long associated with the FLA LANSKYs in gambling activities; JOSEPH FLAK, a known Hollywood, Florida bookie; VINCENT ALO, FBI No. 554810, a New York and Florida gambler and racketeer.

JACK LANSKY has long been associated with his brother, MEYER, in gambling activities, but has managed to stay clear of any arrests, other than those cited above.

He was connected with gambling in Cuba from 1950 until forced to leave by the CASTRO regime, and since then has been associated with the Carlsbad Spa, a hotel operating as a health resort in Hallandale, Florida.

Active investigation has failed to indicate that JACK LANSKY is engaged in gambling or other illegal activities at this time.

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3. ~~MEYER~~ LANSKY, aka  
FBI No. 791783

LANSKY was born July 4, 1902 in Grodno, Poland. He received a grammar school education in New York City, New York. He was naturalized September 27, 1928 in <sup>NY</sup> New York City. His parents are deceased.

He was married on May 9, 1929 in New York City to ANN CITRON. Three children were born of this union, BERNARD, born January 15, 1930; PAUL, born September 22, 1932, and SANDRA, born December 6, 1937. LANSKY was divorced by ANN CITRON February 14, 1947.

In an application for passport, June 10, 1949, LANSKY stated he was married to THELMA SCHWARTZ. Efforts to verify this marriage have met with negative results. LANSKY is living with THELMA SCHWARTZ as man and wife at 612 Hibiscus Drive, Golden Isles, Hallandale, Florida.

LANSKY is in poor physical condition and is currently suffering from stomach ulcers. He has been treated for heart disease in the past.

LANSKY is not employed at present, but has been in the gambling business legally and illegally most of his life.

LANSKY started his criminal career in the 1920's, as a muscle man in the alcohol wars. He graduated into gambling, and after World War II dealt exclusively in gambling. Since CASTRO drove him out of Cuba, his activities have been quiescent.



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Denaturalization proceedings against the subject have been unsuccessful. At present, there is no prosecutive action pending against him.

When the subject was examined in 1953, by Assistant U. S. Attorney ROBERT W. SWEET, Southern District of New York, New York City, relative to deportation proceedings, he identified the following as then being friends or close associates:

BUGSY SIEGEL  
JOE ADONIS  
FRANK ERICSON  
FRANK COSTELLO  
LONGIE ~~ZWILLMAN~~

NY

BUGSY SIEGEL before his death was a well known hoodlum from the New York area and was also well known on the West coast of the United States. He was shot-gunned to death by unknown assailants.

JOE ADONIS, FBI No. 500203, formerly of New York, New Jersey, has been deported to Italy.

FRANK ERICSON, FBI No. 1762258, was a bookmaker nationally known who has been convicted for bookmaking and Federal income tax evasion.

~~FRANK COSTELLO~~

FRANK COSTELLO, FBI No. 936217, has long been reported as the czar of the criminal rackets in the New York City area. He has been convicted for Federal income tax evasion.

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Active investigation of LANSKY fails to reflect that he is engaged in any employment at this time.

MM T-52 advised on November 20, 1951, that MEYER LANSKY advised him that he and his brother, JACK, had an interest in the Thunderbird Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada, and that they were going to try to get JACK's name on the license of the hotel.

The "Las Vegas Sun", a daily newspaper, in the issue of October 28, 1954, contained an article reflecting that the Nevada State Tax Commission was conducting a hearing into the alleged interests held by JACK and MEYER LANSKY in the Thunderbird Hotel. This article reflects that MARION HICKS, President of the Thunderbird Hotel, stated in testimony that he used money advanced by JOE SADLOW in the operation of the Thunderbird Hotel. The article described SADLOW as a long-time lieutenant of MEYER and JACK LANSKY. N.P.V.

MM T-22 advised in 1945 that MEYER LANSKY and FRANK COSTELLO and VINCENT ALO and JACK LANSKY, ran the Colonial Inn in Broward County, Florida, as a gambling casino, and they also operated the Club Greenacres in Broward County.

MM T-22 also advised that LANSKY and his associates operated the La Boheme Club and the Shore Club in Broward County from 1948 to 1950.

On August 20, 1950, LANSKY was indicted for operating a gambling house at the Club Greenacres, Hallandale, Florida. On a guilty plea, he was fined \$1,000.00.

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It is well known from many sources, including MM T-22 that LANSKY and his brother, JACK, were active in the operation of gambling in Cuba. From 1950 until the time CASTRO drove the American gambling interests out of Cuba, the LANSKYs operated the Hotel Havana-Riviera gambling concession.

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CHARACTERIZATION OF INFORMANTS

MM T-1 is an individual who mingles with the criminal element on a daily basis in the Miami area.....

MM T-2 is a daily associate of thieves and gamblers in the Miami area. He is well acquainted with thieves from New York and Canada.....

MM T-3 is a self-employed bail bondsman who has knowledge of the activities of the criminal element....

MM T-4 is a businessman who on various occasions comes into contact with the criminal element in the Miami area.....

MM T-5 is a businessman in the Miami area who on occasions also comes into contact with the criminal element.....

MM T-6 is a legitimate businessman in the greater Miami area; however, through his social activities he has come into contact with the criminal element.....

MM T-7 is a bartender who through his work has come into contact and is acquainted with the gambling element in the Miami area.....

MM T-8 is a part owner of a service station formerly used as a hangout by race track touts and confidence men.....

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MM T-9 is a businessman who frequently associates and mingles with the criminal element.....

MM T-10 is owner of a car rental agency, who gambles and does business with the gambling element in the Miami area.....

MM T-11 is an individual who has knowledge of activities of criminals in the Miami area.....

MM T-12 is a Hollywood, Florida gambler and bookmaker, who associates with the gambling element.....

MM T-13 is a Madam who has operated a house of prostitution in Miami for a number of years.....

MM T-14 is the owner and operator of a house of prostitution in the Miami area.....

MM T-15 is a Cuban Madam for Latin American prostitutes.....

MM T-16 is a Miami businessman known to be in contact with the local criminal element.....

MM T-17 is a private detective in the Miami area.....

MM T-18 is a Miami attorney who comes into contact with the local gamblers and criminal element.....

MM T-19 is an employee of the U. S. Government.....

MM T-20 is an individual who has knowledge of activities and criminals in the Miami area.....

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MM T-21 is a supervisor of an agency which conducts credit investigations and can obtain information as to financial and business interests of hoodlums and racketeers.....

MM T-22 is a legitimate businessman who has been in contact with the criminal element in Hollywood, Florida since the late 1940's.....

MM T-23 is an individual who is in a position to observe criminals and ascertain certain influence in the Miami area.....

MM T-24 is a U. S. Government agency.....

MM T-25 is a source who is in a position to know the activities of CHARLES FREED.....

MM T-26 is a former thief who has had a wide acquaintance with local gamblers and shylocks.....

MM T-27 is a businessman who on occasion comes into contact with the criminal element.

MM T-28 is a professional handicapper of sporting events and is associated closely with members of the gambling element.....

MM T-29 is an individual who has been intimately acquainted with the gambling element in the Louisville, Kentucky area for a number of years.....

MM T-30 is a gambler who is closely associated with the gambling and criminal element in the Cincinnati, Ohio and Northern Kentucky areas.

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MM T-31 is Newport, Kentucky Criminal Attorney who has had intimate knowledge of gambling activities in Newport for many years, and who has represented a number of major gamblers.....

MM T-32 is a former tavern operator and vending machine distributor, who at one time was in a position to furnish information on gamblers and criminals in the Buffalo area.....

MM T-33 is a former businessman and associate of the top criminal element in the Miami area.....

MM T-34 is a source who is familiar with criminal activities in midtown Manhattan, New York, particularly the operations of jewel thieves and confidence men..

MM T-35 is an individual who was active and familiar with the criminal element in the East Harlem section of New York City.....

MM T-36 is the records of an agency of the U. S. Government.....

MM T-37 is a former employee of the Ohio Villa, a large gambling establishment near Cleveland, Ohio.....

MM T-38 is an individual who through his family connections was well acquainted with the Italian criminals in the Cleveland area.....

MM T-39 is a businessman and ex-convict, associated with the criminal element and gamblers in the greater Miami area.....

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MM T-51 is an individual whose restaurant is frequented by the criminal element.....

MM T-52 is an individual associated with known gamblers in Las Vegas, Nevada.....

MM T-53 is the owner and operator of a Miami Beach motel frequented by the criminal element.....

MM T-54 is the owner of a private detective agency.....

MM T-55 is an individual who is in a position to furnish confidential information regarding the Miami Beach Police Department.....

MM T-56 is a former city employee of North Bay Village, Florida.....

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