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By communication dated 11/7/67, the New York Office set forth information relative to the receipt of telephone toll tickets for calls made from the Warwick Hotel, New York, New York, from a room listed to RUBY LAZARUS. FD 302's concerning these telephone receipts are contained in the details of this report.

By communication dated 11/3/67, the Miami Office advised that on 10/30/67, inquiry was made with an official of the Southern Bell Telephone Company, Miami, Florida, as to the availability of certain telephone records. It was ascertained that the records for telephone numbers 531-1547 and 531-5611, subscribed to by RUBY LAZARUS, had been destroyed in the normal course of operating procedures.

On 10/26/67, MM 886-C advised SA's NORMAN E. BLISS and WARREN R. WELSH that RUBY LAZARUS owed him approximately \$1,200 for gambling debts and LAZARUS also owed approximately \$25,000 to MICKEY ZION for gambling debts. Source added that LAZARUS was also heavily indebted to the bookmaking office of JOHN PROKOS.

MM 886-C related that he would not testify in any judicial proceeding regarding these gambling debts.

On 10/27/67, MM 1250-PC (former employee of the PROKOS bookmaking office) related that LAZARUS did and still owes a considerable amount of money to the PROKOS Office which is now inoperative. Source corroborated information gained from a review of the PROKOS bookmaking records to the effect that LAZARUS, as of 11/28/65 had account No. 45 and that as of that date, LAZARUS owed \$1,155 to the bookmaking office. It is noted that records seized at the PROKOS bookmaking office contain the home telephone number of LAZARUS and telephone number of the Seville Hotel, Miami, Florida.

On 10/30/67, MM 1250-PC advised that he had contacted the PROKOS brothers in regard to their testifying before a FGJ in Los Angeles concerning the indebtedness of LAZARUS to them. According to source, the PROKOS brothers would have no qualms about testifying against LAZARUS, however, they would not testify in any case because of the "moustaches" behind the interest that LAZARUS formerly represented. Source related there was no question that LAZARUS was an active bookmaker in the Miami, Florida area.

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Date: 11/20/67

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Synopsis: appeared before FGJ, at Los Angeles, California, 8/31/67. Immigration and Naturalization Service and Royal Canadian Mounted Police data regarding citizenship and results of passport status inquiry of GERTRUDE ZAROWITZ set forth. Interview of ALVIN WEISBERG, former employee of FRANK "LEFTY" ROSENTHAL's bookmaking office, Miami, Florida, set forth, concerning bookmaking activity of RUBY LAZARUS. FGJ reconvened at Los Angeles, 11/16/67, and returned a true bill charging LAZARUS with a seven count perjury indictment. Federal bench warrant issued 11/16/67 and bail set at \$10,000. AUSA, Los Angeles, made arrangements, through attorney of RUBY LAZARUS, for LAZARUS to surrender to USM, New York, New York.

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The records of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Passport Office, Ottawa, Canada, revealed that one GERTRUDE ZAROWITZ, nee APPLETON, born March 20, 1911, at Toronto, and residing at 2998 Prairie Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida, was issued Canadian passport No. 4-953559 on December 29, 1959. This passport was renewed on March 9, 1965, at which time she was residing at 180 Tropicana Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada. According to the passport records, GERTRUDE ZAROWITZ claimed she was visiting her daughter in New Orleans who attended Sophie Newcombe College.

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