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FROM : LEGAT, MEXICO CITY (92-13) (P)

SUBJECT: SAMUEL M. GIANCANA, Aka

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It is noted that separately reported in the case entitled "JOHN LANE, Aka Jack S. Lane" is information received by the American Embassy at Mexico City from JOHN S. EWING, 27811 Lupine Road, Los Altos Hills, California to the effect that LANE had rented his house in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico and he had heard from police sources that LANE may formerly have been known as "SAMMY GIANCANO".

Mexico City had other information available concerning the LANE family and it is not considered that this could be the subject but results of inquiry in that matter will be reported to the Bureau and Chicago if pertinent.

On 6/2/69, the following information was received from JOAN BANNISTER, Secretary, Bureau of Narcotics, American Embassy, Mexico City:

Her mother is a realtor in Cuernavaca, Mexico and well acquainted with Mrs. BRUCE VICKERS who has handled most of the property in the Rancho Tetelo section of Cuernavaca. The house at Nubes #2 is in that section. Mrs. VICKERS indicated to her that the house at Nubes #2 was available for sale and that if she wished to list or show the property she should contact JORGE CASTILLO, an attorney in Mexico City. She said that CASTILLO could be contacted and would probably give authority to list the property.

The following information was received 6/17/69, from

PCI [redacted]

Source was in Cuernavaca 6/17/69, and attempted to contact ELIZABETH GIMBEL, Aka "Cantamaya" Persons at her residence refused to furnish any information concerning her.

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 - (2 - Chicago)
- 1 - Mexico City

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Source contacted SALVADOR CASTANEDA who was formerly Associate Manager of the Las Mananitas Restaurant and now manages the Hosteria Las Quintas. CASTANEDA admitted knowing the subject but claimed he had no relationship with the subject and had not seen him for some time. He knew the subject as Mr. SCALZETTI. * *ku*

Source recontacted RUTH DORNBERG, Cuernavaca realtor, and she disclaimed any knowledge of the subject. She said the house at Nubes #2 has been rented to various persons. * *ky*

Apparently as a result of one or more of these contacts the Mexico City attorney JORGE CASTILLO called source and made an appointment with him. CASTILLO wanted to know what the inquiries were about and claimed he desired to be cooperative. He said he wanted to save source time by telling him that the subject was definitely not in Mexico and had not been for some time. He did not say where subject was located but let slip that he himself had recently been in the U.S. and made passing reference to the fact that the subject was in the U.S. but only for 7 days. Source drew the definite inference that CASTILLO had talked to the subject in the U.S. * *ku*

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will be alert to the possibility that subject has recently been in that area. U

MEXICO CITY *I ky*

AT CUERNAVACA, MORELOS. Will, through PCI attempt to develop further information as to subject's whereabouts. * *ku*

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
ADVISED BY ROUTING
SLIP (S) OF THIS MEMORANDUM

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-3171)

FROM : LEGAT, MEXICO CITY, (92-13) (P)

SUBJECT: SAMUEL M. GIANCANA, aka

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PCI [redacted] has made regular trips to Cuernavaca in this matter. AS of 5/26/69 he advised that there has been no indication that the house at Nubes No. 2 is inhabited by other than servants. Persons in the vicinity have been contacted and are of the opinion that the house is not currently occupied. (Hw)

Source, on a very confidential basis, furnished a copy of a letter from subject's attorney dated 11/14/68 to the Mexican Immigration Department, requesting that subject be granted limited immigrant status to Mexico. Subject, whose name was given as SAM GIANCANA, was described as an American, age 60, male, address Plaza de la Republica No. 32, Mexico City. Immigrant status was based on an income of 3,000 pesos (\$240) a month from funds which would be deposited in the Banco Nacional de Mexico in order to insure this income for five years. He would live from these funds and other funds received outside Mexico. (Hw)

A complaint was made that for several years the subject has been the target of harassment on the part of the U. S. Government and American newspapers and for this reason subject was seeking refuge in Mexico from this persecution, for which there was no legal basis. (Hw)

The request was made that the Mexican Consul in Laredo, Texas, be instructed to issue appropriate documentation for the subject and that Mexican Immigration officials in Nuevo Laredo and the Mexico City Airport be informed so that subject could be permitted to enter Mexico. (Hw)

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- 1 - Mexico City

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Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Bishop	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. Felt	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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The petition enclosed a memorandum to the effect that SAM GIANCANA, an American citizen, age 59, was desirous of immigrating to Mexico and for that purpose would establish an account with a guaranteed monthly income in Mexico under Mexican Immigration law. *fu*

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It cited that on 8/23/66 GIANCANA requested a change of status from tourist to immigrant and this petition was denied on 9/8/66, and he was ordered to leave the country. It is alleged that this denial was based on the intercession of the American FBI, who falsely accused GIANCANA of being one of the heads of the Mafia, an organization which has been subject to fierce persecution in recent years. *fu*

The memorandum continues:

1. It is true that Mr. GIANCANA was involved in gambling activities in the United States in the form of bets on horses (bookies). Nevertheless, Mr. GIANCANA has not been involved in such activities since 1950 and has remained outside of this activity since that date. *fu*

2. Because of such activities in the past, Mr. GIANCANA has been the object of a publicity campaign, against him largely instigated by the FBI. *fu*

3. One of the reasons that this persecution has increased in recent years is because about four years ago Mr. GIANCANA backed a candidate for Chicago City Council against a candidate proposed by the mayor, and the candidate backed by GIANCANA, who was representative of the Italian community in Chicago, won. *fu*

4. Since that time the FBI has initiated a campaign of persecution and surveillance of Mr. GIANCANA with the result that he finally had to seek an injunction from the Federal Judge in Chicago. The Judge ordered the FBI to terminate their activities against Mr. GIANCANA. The FBI appealed this judgment but it was confirmed and the head of the FBI in Chicago was fined \$500. This action infuriated the FBI which, in spite of the judicial decision, has continued to this day its persecution. *fu*

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5. Because of the foregoing the Federal District Attorney [redacted] Grand Jury. He utilized this opportunity to ask questions concerning [redacted]

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Because of this the judge declared him in contempt of court and sentenced him to a year in jail, [redacted] Finally he was released because no prosecutable offense was developed. (u)

to Because of the foregoing, Mr. SAM GIANCANA desires to remove himself from these harassments on the part of the FBI and the newspapers and seeks refuge in Mexico to live a tranquil life without dedicating himself to any financial or remunerative activity, living solely from his investments. As is shown by the foregoing there are no criminal charges against Mr. GIANCANA and no legal grounds for his detention. If there were, the FBI would apprehend him immediately because they are constantly aware of his location in the United States. (u)

Source commented that apparently the Mexican Immigration Department did not accede to this petition. (u)

Source advised that he was personally acquainted with subject's attorney, JORGE CASTILLO, and CASTILLO learned that he had made inquiry in Cuernavaca concerning subject. He believed this was through his contact with RUTH DORNBERG. He had contacted RUTH DORNBERG, but she claimed to have no knowledge of subject. (u)

CASTILLO claimed that inquiry concerning subject was not necessary and that he was willing to cooperate. However, he did not furnish information as to subject's whereabouts, indicating only that subject was not in Mexico. (u)

Source and SA ALLEN F. RUST were in Cuernavaca 4/8/69 and observed the house at Nubes No. 2. The place looked well cared for but there was nothing to indicate anyone was living there. (u)

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ROBERT L. KRAUSE, owner of the Las Mananitas Restaurant in Cuernavaca, said that he had not seen subject for several years. He suggested that DAN S. LAWSON and ALBERT ABKARIAN, local realtors, might have some information concerning the house at Nubes No. 2. He also suggested that his former assistant, SALVADOR CASTANEDA, who now operates Las Quintas, and HOWARD ARCHER, a retired American newspaperman, might have some information on this matter. *ccu*

Mr. ABKARIAN was contacted and had no pertinent information. *ccu*

SA RICHARD S. CLARK of this office was in Cuernavaca on 5/17/69 and observed no sign of occupancy of this house at Nubes No. 2. Attempts were made to contact Colonel JOHN BENNER, who has a house in that vicinity, but it was determined that he was not in town. *ccu*

Continual contact with JOAN BANNISTER, Secretary, U. S. Bureau of Narcotics, American Embassy, Mexico City, has produced the same information previously reported; that is, that her mother, who is engaged in the real estate business in Cuernavaca, continues to claim that the house at Nubes No. 2 is unoccupied and for sale. *(u)*

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- [MEXICO CITY OFFICE] ~~ccu~~
- [AT CUERNAVACA, MEXICO] ~~ccu~~
- [POTENTIAL CRIMINAL INFORMANT] ~~ccu~~

1. Will continue efforts through PCI [redacted] to develop information as to subject's whereabouts. [redacted] will be requested to intensify his efforts and consider contacts with BRUCE VICKERS, SALVADOR CASTANEDA and ELIZABETH GIMBEL. *(u)*

2. Will contact HOWARD ARCHER, DAN LAWSON and Colonel JOHN BENNER for any information as to subject's whereabouts. *(u)*

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