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WEEKLY SUMMARY

MM 836-PCI has advised that Puccini's Restaurant, located at 991 N. E. 79th St., Miami, Fla., and operated for the past two seasons, has cancelled its lease and disposed of its equipment and will not reopen in the fall. The restaurant has been operated by ROCCO and JOE FISCHETTI (92-140; 92-99). The informant has confirmed the fact that the building was leased by FISCHETTE for ten years and still had eight years to run. The restaurant was operated through a front known as the Lee and Mary Corporation. The restaurant has operated at a financial loss since it has opened.

On 7/23/63, MM 865-PC advised that THOMAS ALTAMURA (92-410) continues to be out of the Miami area and it is reported that ALTAMURA plans to move from Miami to take up permanent residence in California.

PCI on 7/23/63 advised that LESLIE EARL MRUSE (92-749), Chicago hoodlum and gambler, passed through Miami en route from Chicago to Santo Domingo, D. R. KRUSE reportedly will continue negotiations in connection with the operation of a gambling casino in the Paz Hotel, Santo Domingo.

MM 877-C* has advised that State Attorney RICHARD GERSTEIN is a stockholder in the L. F. Popell Co., Inc. of Miami. This company is presently being investigated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) for misrepresentation of its financial status and the fraudulent sale of securities.

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