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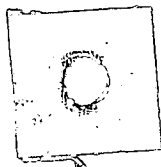
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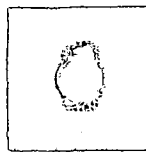
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WEEKLY SUMMARY

MM 509-C-TE advised that BENJAMIN HUSICK (MM 162-80), closed his South Beach Democratic Club, Miami Beach, because the rent, plus the "ice" was too high. He then opened up a card playing, bookmaking and gambling set-up at 715 Washington Avenue, Miami Beach. At this latter location, HUSICK has THEODORE SKORONSKI and EDDIE LONDON handling the bookmaking operation. Recently THOMAS ALTAMURA's (MM 92-410) white Cadillac automobile was observed in front of 715 Washington Avenue.

GEORGE HODGES, Chief of Police, North Bay Village, Florida, advised that THOMAS WHELAN (MM 92-725) recently moved into apartment 22, at 7915 West Drive, North Bay Village.

MM 848-C advised that Lehigh Acres, a land development company on the east and west coast of Florida, with offices at Miami Beach, has purchased property at

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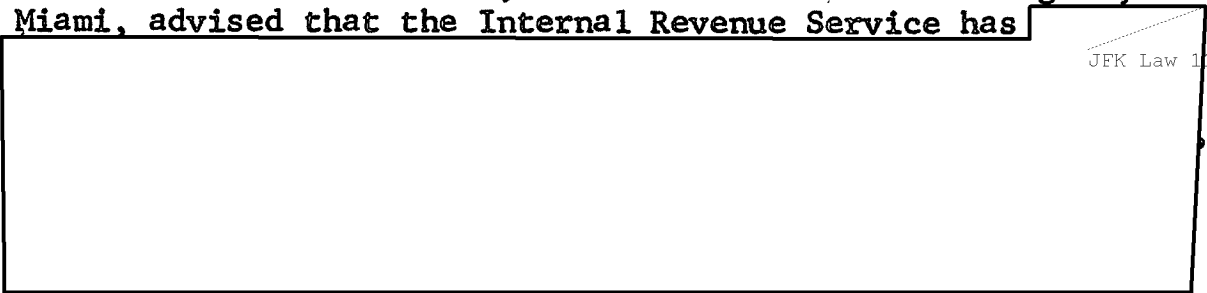
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Istanbul, Turkey, and plans to use the building, which has been described as a palace, as a gambling casino. This source also stated ~~JIMMY BAKER~~ of Miami, a former employee in Cuban gambling casinos as well as HARRY ROSENTHAL, an employee of Lehigh Acres, plan to go to Turkey in connection with this casino. In addition, this source related that he heard JOSEPH NESLINE (MM 92-187) will have a substantial financial interest in the above proposed gambling casino.

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FRANK KAPPEL, Chief Investigator of the Florida Racing Commission, Miami, advised that ROSE BLOCK of 10177 West Bay Harbor Drive, Bay Harbor Islands, Florida, made application as a horse owner to the Florida Racing Commission and listed her husband as CHARLES BLOCK. He said CHARLES BLOCK attended the horse races at Gulfstream Racetrack daily. CHARLES BLOCK, a number of years ago, was a partner of BERT GROBER, aka "Wingy" Grober and DAVE SINGER in the Park Avenue Restaurant and Lounge, Miami Beach. GROBER, subsequently became a partner in the Cal Neva Lodge, Lake Tahoe, Nevada, and later sold his interest to FRANK SINATRA. SINGER, a gambler, is a close friend of the hoodlum element.

JOE WUNDERSCHIED, Internal Revenue Service agent, Miami, advised that the Internal Revenue Service has



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[REDACTED] a PCI and bookmaker, advised JOE GURWITZ, a Miami Beach bookmaker, is now in Las Vegas, Nevada, taking some special training relative to gambling, as GURWITZ has prospects of employment at the Dunes Hotel and gambling casino in Las Vegas.

ROCKY POMERANCE, Chief of Police, Miami Beach Police Department, advised that recently JOHN PROKOS (MM 165-174) was arrested for the possession of Football Parlay Cards, run down sheets and a scratch sheet.

Detective BERT BERNSTEIN, Miami Beach Police Department, advised he received information that THOMAS ALTAMURA (MM 92-410) is now shylocking and now makes his hangout at the James DeEstro Fur Company, 939 Lincoln Road, Miami Beach.