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Field Office File No.: 92-46 Bureau File No.: 62-9-48

Title: CRIME CONDITIONS IN PUERTO RICO

Character: ANTIRACKETEERING

Synopsis:

Illegal gambling confined primarily to bolita (numbers racket). FELICIANO ADORNO MEDINA, aka "Chiquitin," JOSE and MIGUEL SOTO ZARAGOSA, in the San Juan metropolitan area; and JOHN MOISES BRAVO MONAGAS, FELIX PELLESTIER and FRANCISCO SANCHEZ AGUILA, aka "El Veterano," in the other areas of the island, continue to be the larger operators. BEN GAINES, former owner of Skyways Motel, International Airport, Miami, Florida, and MYRON DAVID LEWIS, former owner, Silver Palace Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada, prior to May 1964, were in San Juan, Puerto Rico, separately and exhibited an interest in purchase of Americana Hotel and Ponce de Leon Hotel, both of which have gambling casinos authorized by the Commonwealth Government of Puerto Rico. Narcotics a continuing problem in Puerto Rico. Most prominent suspects for importation and sale of narcotics are BENJAMIN RODRIGUEZ BERNARDINI, owner, Intermezzo Club, Santurce, Puerto Rico, and JESUS MARIA ROLON MARXUACH, aka "Boxey," owner, 21 Club, Isla Verde, Puerto Rico. Prostitution continues to flourish in Puerto Rico because of lack of local laws to control; however, most prostitutes are local girls, with some Cuban prostitutes. No information of graft or corruption in politics with exception of isolated payoffs to small group of police officers, as alleged by informants. No information developed that racketeering figures are connected, directly or indirectly, with union activities, with perhaps exception of Local 901, Teamsters

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