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- (1) Will maintain contact with CIs and PCIs regarding the activities of the subject and his associates.
- (2) Will continue to follow the subject's activities through investigation and surveillance.

## ADMINISTRATIVE

Spot checks of subject's new residence conducted by SA PATRICK E. FARRELL.

It is noted the investigative period of this report is somewhat extended. The status of the investigation has been maintained through investigation and informant contact.

In view of the proximity of MM 1003-C-TE to the subject, most of the information furnished by him is being placed in the Administrative Section.

Informant advised on 4/27/66 that he is operating gambling on a new cruise vessel sailing between Miami and Bimini, and has as his partners, FRED FELICEand DOMINIC DI BELLA. PALMISANO learned of this arrangement and of the fact that he had been excluded and has threatened to have the informants (obscene). Informant states he is not particularly concerned with this threat, in that he has been in disagreement with PALMISANO before.

Informant advised on 5/5/66 that the name of the boat on which he and FRED FELICE, with DOMINIC DI BELLA of Chicago, have a gambling operation, including slot machines, is the "Caribe Queen", and sails daily between Miami and Bimini.

Informant met with FRED FELICE and "PUSSY RUSSO on 5/16/66 at a drug store located next to the Dragon Lady Beauty Salon on the 79th Street Causeway. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss gambling on the "Caribe Queen" and the "Orange Sun." RUSSO said that he controls, or would

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control, over GUY GULLY, owner of the "Orange Sun" and is attempting to gain control of the slot medium of this ship. FELICE states that GULLY is connected with ANGELO BRUNO. RUSSO plans to intercede on behalf of the informant and FELICE to regain the gambling concession on the "Caribe Queen" ordered closed last week by owner GEORGE HENRY.

Judge BARMACK visited FRED FELICE at the latter's home, 7710 Beachview Drive, North Bay Village shortly after the primary election, May, 1966, and asked FELICE if he could do anything for him. (BARMACK for FELICE). FELICE told the Judge not at this time, but perhaps in the near future.

Regarding recent arrest by the FBI of PALMISANO on the extortion matter in Hallandale, informat met with FRED FELICE and JIMMY DEE at the latter's restaurant on 5/21/66. FELICE told PALMISANO that the reason he had been arrested was that he "caused has own downfall by mouthing off to the FBI." FELICE referred in particular to Agents FARRELL and HILL and reminded DEE that he had been told that DEE had attempted to heap abuse on the Agents. FELICE said, "Why can't you keep your mouth shut? They're doing a job (referring to the Bureau) and if you aggravate them they will only put extra effort in seeing to it that you are going to jail."

DEE said that he had retained Attorney ED WHARTON (phonetic) for \$5,000 to represent him in this matter. WHARTON told DEE that he could get 20 years for the offense. DEE commented that he would settle for "a year", and said that the only thing he fails to understand is the jurisdiction of the FBI in a matter such as this, since he cannot see anything of an interstate nature.

FELICE later told the informant that the principal reason that DEE has not been "hit in the head" by other hoodlums is his (DEE's) relationship with CARLO GAMBINO.

FELICE was told by the informant of his recent problems with DEE wherein DEE had threatened the informant.

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FELICE said that he had discussed this with MIKE COPPOLA described by FELICE as "number one in Miami", and COPPOLA passed these instructions to FELICE, that "if JIMMY DEE, TONY (ESPERTI) or NICK (FARINELLA) give him (informant) trouble, bring all of them to my house (COPPOLA's) and I'll straighten them out."

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Informant advised on 5/23/66 that FRED FELICE reported to him that ANGELO BURNO is at this time in London, Engladd, involving an unidentified "business transaction." A member of the BRUNO organization, JOE MANGONE, is "in trouble" (unknown if this refers to authorities or hoodlums) because of stealing from slot machines which MANGONE had on the cruise ship "Orange Sun." MANGONE at this time is in Trenton, New Jersey, with an unidentified individual named "KEYS."

FELICE advised the informant on 5/18/66 that he is going to Puerto Rico in June, 1960, for a combination business-pleasure trip.

FELICE has shown to the informant that he is involved in the shylocking business; however, informant cannot state as to the degree of the involvement or whether it is direct or indirect. For example, informant advised on 5/18/66 that FELICE borrowed \$5,000 from ABE BROWN on 5/17/66 and in turn gave this money to a "friend."

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On 5/20/66, informant and FRED FELICE met with Attorney GEORGE HENRY regarding the possibility of the informant continuing on the cruise ship "Caribe Queen". HENRY was told by FELICE that "they" had connections, and that it would behoove him (HENRY) to reconsider his former refusal. HENRY said that he would settle for \$10,000 in cash and in advance, as a "loan" (no interest), repayable at \$100 per day in the form of allowing informant and FELICE to have gambling on the ship. If for any reason HENRY decides not to allow gambling, he would be subject to repay amount outstanding in cash. HENRY agreed to this, and FELICE made a phone call and obtained the money, which will be given to HENRY on 5/27/66. Informant learned that the person called was "JIMMY" (LNU), an Italian who at this time is in Albany, New York, and has a 12

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year old daughter being committed to an institution there for mentally retarded children.

Informant met with NORMAN ROTHMAN on 5/22/66, at the Albion Lounge, Albion Hotel, Miami Beach, regarding money which ROTHMAN owes to FELICE. ROTHMAN advised that he would make a payment of several hundred dollars to FELICE on 5/23/66.

FELICE advised the informant of 5/23/66 that he had an appointment to see SALVATORE FALCONE that date in Miami on "an important matter"; however, FALCONE did not make the appointment, and FELICE was told by JOE SKOOTCH that FALCONE was "out of town."

Informant advised on 5/29/66 that FELICE advised him that he, FELICE, had been a "contract man" for the organization in New York and New Jersey, and that this had been his primary responsibility in his younger days. Informant could not state if this was mere braggadocio on the part of FELICE or based upon fact.

## INFORMANT

MM T-1 is MM 1003-C-TE, who is contacted by SA RALPH R. HILL, Jr.

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