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The extensive and overlapping period is due, in part, to the receipt of results of investigation in other divisions after the last report was submitted.

By letter dated March 19, 1968, the New Orleans office advised that PETER GUARISCO, aka Pete Guarisco, Motel Pete, is the owner and operator of the Newport Motel in M rgan City, Louisiana. GUARISCO is a gambler and is well known at the Sands in Las Vegas. GUARISCO has been interviewed seweral times in connection with gambling and his alleged association with MARCELLO, LCN Boss of New Orleans. GUARISCO has continued to deny any business association with CARLOS MARCELLO or that MARCELLO has any investment in the Newport Motel.

By letter dated March 27, 1968, the Los Angeles office furnished the following information:

The Los Angeles indices contain no reference to a MATH or MATT DRAGNA. The following sources, all of whom have known JACK and TOM F. DRAGNA families for many years were contacted on the dates indicated below by SA NEWTON E. YOST, and none of them were acquainted with MATH or MATT DRAGNA.

LA	4448-C-TE	2-28-68
LA	4412-C-TE	3-22-68
LA	4739-PC	3-14-68

The Los Angeles indices contain numerous references to SAM CUDA, who was arrested with JOSEPH COLLETTA in Los Angeles in 1940. CUDA has been a known bookmaker for many years, associating at one time with most of the better-known bookmakers in that area. At one time or another, too, he has been seen with or associating with most of the better-known Los Angeles area hoodlums.

SAM CUDA was born March 27, 1913 in Illinois. He currently resides at 3132 San Marino Street, Los Angeles, although he generally lists his address as 2829 Ross Avenue, Alhambra, California. This is the address of his sister, MRS. JACK STRICKLAND. His telephone number is 388 5491, listed to STANLEY GIBSON. CUDA is currently unemployed, and appears to have no legitimate means of support. Numerous sources have and continue to advise that he is currently active as a bookmaker in the Los Angeles area.

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