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"Miami Daily News", November 10, 1958, reported that JOHN W. TYLER, head of the Dade County Road Patrol of the Metropolitan Department of Public Safety, will be replaced on December 1, 1958, by Colonel GEORGE E. LEPPIG, a veteran Marine of 26 years service, who just retired from the United States Marine Corps. TYLER was previously director of the Dade County Sheriff's Office, Criminal Bureau of Investigation, from October 29, 1951 till May, 1951, when this position was abolished. Prior to 1951 TYLER was an employee of the FBI, Identification Division. This article reported that TYLER received a salary of \$9,000.00 a year as chief of the Dade County Road Patrol.

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GAMBLING

MM-509-C advised that CHARLES BRUDNER, wa. Charlie Broad, a New York gambler and close friend of FRANK "RED" REED and MAX COURTNEY, FBI Number 404732, just returned to Miami Beach and is staying at the Governor Evans Hotel.

He also advised that LOUIS HOFFMAN, a gambler and bookmaker from Brooklyn, New York, was presently in Miami Beach and driving a 1958 Cadillac Convertible. He stated HOFFMAN and BENEDICT PERILLO, wa., Ben Gatti, also a New York gambler and presently residing in North Bay Village, are

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working together as bookmakers and hang around the Esquire Tobacco Shop, Miami Beach.

He also stated that ~~JACK POSNER~~, ^{FLA} a bookmaker from Miami Beach, is presently hiding out in Las Vegas, Nevada, where he is also engaged in gambling activities. He related POSNER is alleged to have "welched" on about \$150,000.00 in bets. He said POSNER some years ago did the same thing and returned to Miami Beach about a year later and settled his bookmaking bets for one-half of the amount he owed to the individuals. He also related that POSNER's wife operates a dress shop next to the Dubrows Cafeteria, 3300 Lincoln Road, Miami Beach.

This informant further stated that there is a daily poker game at the Carlton Hotel, Miami Beach, and that the stakes are usually high.

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Confidential Criminal Informant

[redacted], PCI, stated ~~SIMON SCHUSTER~~, ^{FLA} Miami Beach Police Department Number A26673, a bookmaker and gambler who hung around the Esquire Tobacco Shop, Miami Beach, recently went to Chicago for the horse races, but stated he would return to Miami Beach in time for the opening of Tropical Park Race Track, Coral Gables. In April, 1957, SCHUSTER and ~~JAMES TEMMER~~ were arrested and ^{ILL.} charged with bookmaking and conspiracy to violate the state gambling laws. This occurred at the Midtown Bridge Club, 201 20th Street, Miami Beach. [redacted]

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[redacted] also stated that ~~BARNEY KULIK~~, ^{FLA} a gambler and bookmaker, carries on his activities at the Esquire Tobacco Shop, Miami Beach, and uses the telephones at that establishment to place some of his bets with other bookmakers.

[redacted] PCI, advised on November 12, 1958, he spoke to ~~JACK or JIM TAYLOR~~, a proficient handler of dice, and TAYLOR advised him that he had just arrived at Miami Beach

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from Montreal, Canada, where he had spent the summer. [] said TAYLOR was looking for TONY ROTHWELL, an officer of the Miami Beach Police Department who is a close friend of TAYLOR. [] also said that TAYLOR, six or seven years ago, was given permission by ROTHWELL to operate some gambling devices at a benefit given by the Elks Club of Miami Beach and after the benefit was underway, TAYLOR started a dice game which caused a great deal of surprise to the members and it also caused the organization some unfavorable publicity. He said it was rumored, but never proven, that ROTHWELL obtained a percentage of the winnings from this dice game started by TAYLOR. [] further advised that TAYLOR has or had a brother, WILLIAM JOSEPH TAYLOR, wa., Props. Taylor, FBI Number 513296, who was well versed in the handling of dice. *note*

This informant also advised that MICKEY BERNSTEIN, a bookmaker told him that "RED GREENBERG, a gambler and *CAL.* bookmaker was out on the west coast this past summer and obtained a small "bit part" in the movie "Party Girl" and also obtained a small part in some French movie, name not recalled.

[], PCI, advised that BEN SHERMAN, *FLA.* Miami Beach Police Department Number A17114, a gambler and bookmaker formerly from New York City who carries on his bookmaking activities at the Esquire Tobacco Shop, recently obtained the sales position with one of the men's furnishing stores on Lincoln Road, Miami Beach.

FLA MARTIN DARDIS, Chief of Police, North Bay Village, advised in Miami letter to the Bureau, October 3, 1958, that MICHAEL SANBOR, owner of Budgie's Sundry Store, 1897 North Shore Drive, North Bay Village, was taking race horse bets as well as selling bolita tickets to select individuals and colored persons who worked in the area. DARDIS stated that he has since learned that SANBOR telephones his bets into the 7-11 Sundry Store, 711 71st Street, Miami Beach, which is owned by JOSEPH GIAMO, Miami Beach Police Department Number A30155. He said since SANBOR keeps no written record of

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issued to the Gaslight Inn, Dade County, bears the name JAY WEISS, SAM WEISS, uncle of JAY, and STANLEY LAZAR, an attorney. He advised that JAY, SAM and JULIE WEISS owned the chain of Tiny Liquor Stores in the Miami area and that STANLEY LAZAR is a relative of BUDDY LAZAR, a Florida distributor for Schenley Liquors. He further advised that BUDDY LAZAR is a bachelor and associates closely with the gambling element in the Miami area, Havana, Cuba, and Las Vegas, Nevada. FLA

EARL VENO, partner in the Associated Detective Agency, Miami, and former Deputy Sheriff, Dade County, advised that JULIE WEISS has FBI Number 9448815 and is a former New York bookmaker and also the father of JAY WEISS. He mentioned that JAY WEISS is a very close personal friend of RICHARD GERSTEIN, Dade County States Attorney and that they frequently visit the gambling casinos in Havana, Cuba. VENO also stated that SAM WEISS has FBI Number 4832911.

He, in addition, mentioned that SAM WEISS has taken over the operation of the Admiral Vee Motel which was constructed the past winter season and is located at 79th Street and Biscayne Boulevard, Miami. He also said that the WEISS family operates the Down Beat Night Club in Miami and that they employ ROY YARBROUGH, FBI Number 1757667, as a bouncer. JFK Act 6 (4)

PCI, advised JOE MILSTEIN, owner of Joe's Bar and Little Jack Little Club, located on Highway 1 between North Miami Beach and Hallandale, and JOE SONKEN, owner of the Gold Coast Lounge and Restaurant, Hollywood, are engaged in shylock activities, loaning large sums of money to local racketeers for a ten per cent interest charge. Both of these establishments are hoodlum hangouts. FLA

PCI, advised that SAM MANNARINO, FBI Number 115840, racketeer who allegedly controls all forms of gambling in the New Kensington, Pennsylvania area, was in Miami Beach about a week ago with MICHAEL GIORANO, wa., Nick Jerome, FBI Number 217633B, a shylock and gambler. He advised that he presumed MANNARINO stayed at the Garden of Allah Motel, as MANNARINO was not staying at the Sea Gull Hotel, Miami Beach. FLA

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 [redacted] also stated that about two weeks ago, TONY SALERNO, wa., "Fat Tony", who allegedly handles the numbers racket in New York City for MICHAEL COPPOLA, FBI Number 677976, arrived in Miami Beach and visited the solarium at the Sea Gull Hotel. He said that about November 10, 1958, he saw SALERNO talking to JOE MASSEI, FBI Number 597894, in front of the Carib Hotel, Miami Beach. *FLO*

[redacted] further stated that he was told that DAN STROMBERG, a brother of HYMAN STROMBERG, Philadelphia Police Department Number 85824, arrived from New York and is staying at a hotel, name unknown, in Miami Beach. *FLO*

EARL VENO, partner in the Associated Detective Agency, Miami, advised that BARTON BROWNE, FBI Number 2157907, a burglar and ex-husband of DORIS BROWNE, Winnetka, Illinois *FLO* Police Department Number 70050, a thief, is presently in the Miami area and staying at one of the motels on Collins Avenue, Dade County. He said he was told BROWNE is hanging out at the Old Forge Restaurant, Miami Beach.

[redacted] PCI, stated that ANTHONY DE SPIRITO and GABRIEL GENOVESE, Miami Beach Police Department Number A27038, have opened a barber shop in the new Diplomat Hotel, Hallandale. He also stated both of these individuals are close personal friends of FRANKIE CARBO, FBI Number 187972, a hoodlum and former fight promoter of New York City. *FLO*

MARTIN DARDIS, Chief of Police, North Bay Village, advised that the Lil' Abner Barbeque Stand in that community was recently opened and is being operated by EDDIE BROOKS, who last season operated the Timbers Steak House located on the Broad Causeway, Dade County, and who was arrested on a narcotics charge with WILLIAM MANNING, FBI Number 1218200. *FLO*

HOWARD NELSON, Investigator, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Miami, advised that his office was contemplating denaturalizing MORRIS DIAMOND of 1875 Daytonia Road, Miami Beach, and owner of the Diamond Amusement Company, a dealer in juke boxes. *FLO*

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MM-509-C advised that YETTA YARMOCK, from New York City, a high-class shoplifter and hotel prowler is in Miami Beach and staying at the Webster Hotel. He advised that she is the wife of "BOTTLES" YARMOCK, a dealer in JACK FELDMAN's gambling establishment located between 6th Avenue and 28th or 29th Street, New York City. He stated "BOTTLES" YARMOCK is in New York City and will not visit the Miami area until later in the winter season. He also related YETTA YARMOCK presently is frequenting Hoffman's Restaurant and a card room at the Hotel Carlton, Miami Beach. He also said that she is a close friend of RUTH STONE, wa., June Sandor, another shoplifter who recently kept close company with JIMMY DEMCHICK, FBI Number 4862730, presently in Dade County Jail for issuing fraudulent checks.

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This informant also advised that ABRAHAM KATZ, FBI Number 315896, a jewel thief, is presently associated with JOSEPH KLEIN in a surplus property business at 2622 North Miami Avenue. He stated KLEIN is an old-time burglar from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, who presently resides at 870 West 43rd Court, Miami Beach. He related that in past years, KATZ and KLEIN operated together in various types of burglaries.

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MM-509-C reported that GEORGE STERN, who in the past was known as a finger man on jewelry thefts that involved jewelry salesmen, has recently purchased a home in Miami Beach. He said STERN was associated with JACK RUBIN, a fence formerly from New York City and who presently is residing on one of the islands in the Miami Beach area.

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[redacted] PCI, advised that JOSEPH BOMMARITO, FBI Number 145941, is presently in Miami and is contemplating purchasing a new Cadillac automobile from a friend of his in Detroit. He advised that BOMMARITO desires to sell his 1958 Cadillac Convertible for \$3,000.00, but will take \$2,800.00 for it. [redacted] stated that insofar as he knows, BOMMARITO considers this a vacation area and only knows of him playing golf.

[redacted] also stated he was told THOMAS ALTAMURA, FBI Number 511563, a hoodlum who served time in Sing Sing

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Prison for armed robbery subsequently became a gambler and burglar, recently purchased a 1959 Cadillac from RICHARD MC MAHON Motors, Miami.

MM-656-C advised that BRUCE BENNETT, Attorney General for the State of Arkansas, on November 8 and 9, 1958, visited with JOE MASSEI and JOSEPH BOMMARITO at the Carib Hotel, Miami Beach, and on November 8, 1958, BOMMARITO and BENNETT went to MASSEI's home, Miami Beach, reason unknown.

[redacted], PCI, advised that MICKEY GRASSO, FBI Number 1164523, a gambler, burglar and stick-up man, originally from Chicago, but who has lived in Miami Beach for some years, left the Miami area with his girl friend for Las Vegas, Nevada. [redacted] said when they stopped to bid him farewell they had their automobile packed with personal items and commented they were unable to make a living in the Miami area and were going to take up residence in Las Vegas.

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