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ANGELO BRUNO

OFFICER IN - CASINO MONTECARLO, S.A.

Dr. LOPEZ MUNOZ, a Cuban attorney, was the officer in the Cuban corporation. CUBA

On January 1, 1959, the gambling casino in the Plaza Hotel was overrun by a mob on the occasion of CASTRO's entry into Havana, Cuba. This casino was insured for a sum of \$250,000. The casino, #152 Officof Street, Havana, was founded for an indefinite period by means of a Cuban public deed, dated August 6, 1957, and was registered in the Central Register of Stock Companies in Havana on Page 8460, File #25, of the 126th Volume. This casino was insured under Policy No. 303,806-F under the American International Insurance Company, S.A., of Cuba. Through negotiation, a final settlement was made in payment for damages to this casino in the amount of \$185,000.06, with adjustment for debts, etc., resulting in a check being issued in the amount of \$168,464.28.

CUBA  
The secretary of the Cuban corporation was a Cuban attorney, Dr. EVERALDO SILVA V. SANTANA. An agreement between the before-mentioned FRANK BURD and JOSEPH STASSI was such that the founders of the corporation were to establish the corporation for the purpose of sub-leasing the gambling casino in the Plaza Hotel, Havana, Cuba. It was agreed that the Panamanian Corporation would have an authorized capital of 100 shares of common stock with no par value, which were to be issued to the parties, their nominees, or assigns. SECRETARY - CASINO MONTECARLO, S.A.

From a confidential source it was ascertained that in April 1960 ANGELO BRUNO claimed he had been able to recover most of his investment in an undisclosed gambling casino in Cuba, but had difficulty in removing the money from Cuba. From an additional source, BRUNO later stated that he had been able to get this money out of Cuba and designated the sum he received as \$180,000 for the damage done to the gambling casino. He indicated that he was surprised that an unknown individual had refused to accept a \$20,000 offer for making this settlement even though the settlement was made at a time when the insurance premiums had lapsed.

JOSEPH STASSI is also known as JOE ROGERS.

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PRESIDENT - CASINO MONTECARLO, S.A.

PRESIDENT - LUCERNE INVESTMENT CORP.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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TO : Director, FBI (92-2717)

DATE: 8/28/61

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia (92-444)

SUBJECT: ANGELO BRUNO, aka.  
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Enclosed herewith are six copies of a letterhead memorandum regarding ANGELO BRUNO's alleged financial interests in the gambling casino, Hotel Plaza, Havana, Cuba.

By letter dated 3/22/61 it was requested that Lloyds of London be contacted by Legat, London, to establish if ANGELO BRUNO was paid, as alleged, a sum of money for damage done to the gambling casino, Hotel Plaza, Havana. (c)

By communication dated 4/27/61, the Legal Attache, London, advised of contacting [redacted] official of British Security Service, MI5, who contacted a confidential source of his in Lloyds of London to develop this information. (s)

The communication from Legal Attache stated, "On 4/24/61, [redacted] advised that MI5, confidential source, had stated that Lloyds of London had acted as the reinsurer for the American International Reinsurance Corporation of New York City to the extent of \$70,000 for a policy made out to the subject in connection with the gambling casino at the Plaza Hotel, Havana, Cuba." [redacted] was quoted further as stating, "In 4/59, a claim was paid to the subject for \$185,000, principally by the American International Reinsurance Corporation, in respect to a fire which had occurred at the gambling casino at the Plaza Hotel, Havana, Cuba, 1/59." (s)

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*Letter to Legat London re subject, by H. L. [redacted] AD [redacted]*

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It was requested that an additional inquiry be made by the Legal Attache, London, in recontact with their source to ascertain if ANGELO BRUNO possibly held other insurance besides that resulting in the \$185,000 claim being paid 4/59, \$70,000 of which was reinsured by Lloyds of London. (S)

Extensive inquiry in this regard has developed that there was a \$185,000 payment made by the American International Insurance Company, #258 Havana Street, Havana, Cuba. As set forth herein, this policy was No. 303-806-F. [However, the point of inquiry to Legal Attache, London, should be to establish if ANGELO BRUNO was the recipient of this \$185,000 payment, less adjustments, or if JOSEPH STASSI was recipient of this payment considering that Legal Attache, London, prior communication on 4/27/61 relates that [redacted] had advised that the subject had received the \$185,000 payment.] (S)

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[It is requested that the Legal Attache, London, clarify whether BRUNO or STASSI received the money and any additional information available that could possibly be developed further in the United States which could ultimately prove to be of evidentiary value against ANGELO BRUNO. IC It should be noted that BRUNO has been designated by the Bureau as the target of "early prosecution" under the Criminal Intelligence Program and therefore is the subject of concentrated Bureau investigative effort.

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