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FROM : SAC, MIAMI (62-3398)

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On November 15, 1955 MM 501-C advised that it is his understanding that NORMAN ROTHMAN, FBI #152585 B, no longer has a financial interest in the Sans Souci Night Club and Gambling Casino in Havana, Cuba.

He stated that SANTOS TRAFFICANTE, JR., FBI #482531 B, has invested in the Sans Souci and heard that WILLIAM GUSTO BISCHOFF, alias "Lefty" Clark, FBI #1721507, will operate the place during the coming season. "Lefty" Clark has always been very closely associated with JOSEPH MASSEI, FBI #597894, the leading Italian hoodlum in the Miami area, and the informant believes Clark will probably be fronting for and protecting an investment by MASSEI.

He further stated that they plan to run an "up and up" (honest) crap game for professional gamblers.

MM 501-C also stated that it is official that Cuba will be open to legalized gambling this winter and that TOM MC GINTY, the well-known Cleveland, Ohio and Las Vegas, Nevada gambler, will open a casino at the Hotel Nacional in Havana. It is the informant's understanding that MC GINTY's organization will also operate gambling at the Nacional Casino outside of Havana.

On November 16, 1955 MM 334-C advised that some time ago NORMAN ROTHMAN, FBI #152585 B, told him that SANTOS TRAFFICANTE, JR. of Tampa, Florida, had taken over the Sans Souci in Havana and left ROTHMAN in as manager. He stated that he had heard that "Lefty" Clark was going to Cuba but was to operate a new night club and gambling casino which he believes is named the "Copa". He was unable to furnish any further specific data.

Extra copies of this memo have been prepared for transmittal to the Legal Attache, at Havana, Cuba.

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