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Rebulet November 4 last with which was transmitted a copy of Miami airtel to the Bureau dated 10-22-53. This latter requested information on Havana telephones B9-4450 and B0-7979, called by MANUEL FERNANDEZ MADARIAGA from Miami. *Fla*

The files of this office reflect that B9-4450 is the unlisted telephone in the apartment of NORMAN ROTHMAN, American gambler and manager of the Sans Souci night club and gambling casino in Havana. A confidential source in the Cuban Telephone Company advised that this phone is located at Calle 34 No. 14, Apt. 3, Miramar, Marianao, Havana, and that it is in the name of OLGA CHAVIANO. The latter is a mulatto dancer with whom ROTHMAN lives.

Telephone No. B0-7979 is located at the Sans Souci night club.

In the report of SA GEORGE E. DAVIS, Jr. dated 8-21-53 at Miami in instant case, information is set forth on Page 90 that NORMAN ROTHMAN was a visitor at the home of CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS in Miami on June 22, 1953.

At one time one of the silent partners in the Sans Souci was EUFEMIO FERNANDEZ FORTEGA, former Chief of the Secret Police here during a part of the PRIO regime and one of the persons most frequently mentioned as planning revolutionary action against the BATISTA Government. He was forced to go into exile after March 10, 1952.

ROTHMAN, who is a PCI of this office, has at different times indicated that he was in touch with followers of EUFEMIO FERNANDEZ and on one occasion more or less admitted that the Sans Souci was being used as a mail drop and message center by various revolutionary elements.

More recently, ROTHMAN has been most bitter about treatment of him and his club by certain people within the BATISTA government and has indicated his strong desire to see this government overthrown. Therefore, it would appear to be entirely possible that the calls to the two Havana numbers of ROTHMAN by MADARIAGA may have had to do with some phase of the revolutionary planning.

Two extra copies of this letter are attached for forwarding by the Bureau to the Miami office.

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