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NORMAN ROTHMAN, ITGD, INFORMATION RECEIVED THIS DATE THAT A

TRAILER LOADED WITH SLOT MACHINES WAS PRESENTLY AT THE TAMEAMI

TOURS, MIAMI, FLA. TYSON STEELE, MANAGER TAMIAMI TOURS ADVISED

HE HAD RECEIVED WAY BILL INDICATING SHIPPER TO BE NORMAN ROTHMAN

AND CONSIGNEE NORMAN ROTHMAN. HE BROKE SEAL TO DETERMINE WHERE

MERCHANDISE SHOULD BE SENT, INASMUCH AS NO ADDRESS ON

WAY BILL. AFTER BREAKING SEAL HE OBSERVED TRAILER LOADED WITH

SLOT MACHINE PARTS AND IMMEDIATELY NOTIFIED SO. SO NOTIFIED

MM OFFICE. INVESTIGATION PASK REFLECTS THIRTYTWO THOUSAND EIGHT

HUNDRED LBS. EQUIPMENT SHIPPED CHICAGO, ILL. TO MM. NO MARKING

LISTED ON CARTONS INDICATING SHIPPPER OR CONSIGNEE.

NO DESCRIPTIVE DATE RE CONTENTS OF CARTONS. USA GUILMARTIN

AUTHORIZED SEIZURE EQUIPMENT. EQUIPMENT SEIZED BY SAC

CHARLES WEEKS. EQUIPMENT TO BE INVENTORIED EIGHT SEVEN NEXT AND

TURNED OVER TO USM. USA WITHHOLDING PROSECUTIVE OPINION ON

ROTHMAN UNTIL DETERMINED IF ANY MACHINES WERE COMPLETE.

SO MM ESTIMATES VALUE MACHINES APPROXIMATELY FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS

PER MACHINE AND APPROXIMATELY FOUR HUNDED MACHINES TOTALS 9 1956

RECOVERY VALUE TWO HUNDED THOUSAND DOLLARS INVESTIGATION

RECOVERY VALUE TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS. INVESTIGATION

CONTINUING. CHICAGO ADVISED.

END AND ACK PLS

10-53 PM OK FBI WA JG

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NORMAN ROTHMAN

SAC Weeks advised that Rothman is undoubtedly identical with the Norman Rothman who has been in the past the manager of the Sans Souci nightclub and gambling casino in Havana until the latter part of 1955. Weeks stated that investigation is continuing to definitely establish the indicated identity, but in view of the Norman Rothman connected with the Sans Souci he feels he is identical with the consignee.

The Rothman previously connected with the Sans Souci has furnished information off and on of a general investigative intelligence nature to the Legal Attache. He has a New York City and Miami, Florida, background although he has spent the majority of his time in Havana since 1949. Earlier, while in New York in the 1930s, he was a bookmaker. He subsequently was in the Army in 1946. He went to Miami where he became interested in gambling in Cuba.

Weeks has advised that investigation is continuing and he will keep the Bureau fully informed.