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FORM No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **MIAMI**

REPORT MADE AT MIAMI	DATE WHEN MADE AUG 11 1956	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/6,7,9,10,16,21/56	REPORT MADE BY JOSEPH A. ARWINE dlp
TITLE NORMAN ROTHMAN			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF GAMBLING DEVICES

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:
 On 7/30/56, 32,800 lbs. gambling equipment shipped by NORMAN ROTHMAN, Chicago, Ill., to NORMAN ROTHMAN, Miami, Fla. Equipment arrived Miami 8/3/56, and was located at Tamiami Tours, Inc., Transport Co. Equipment was to be shipped to ALBERT ARCURA, Tropicanna Night Club, Havana, Cuba. Examination of equipment failed to reflect any markings whatsoever on any of the parts of the gambling machines. No machines were found to be completely in tact, no mechanical parts of the machines were located. Shipment consisted of 470 slot machine metal cabinets with handles, 299 slot machine frames, 24 drums of slot machine parts, and 5 drums of other miscellaneous parts. USA GUILMARTIN, authorized seizure of equipment and equipment seized 8/6/56, turned over to USM 8/7/56. Presently stored International Bonded Warehouse, Miami, Florida. T-1 advised that approximately 20 other shipments have been received in Miami and forwarded to Havana, Cuba. ROTHMAN is reportedly to have made arrangements to ship additional slot machines to Cuba from New Kensington, Pa. Equipment to be shipped from Miami to Havana, Cuba, by Rodville Forwarding Co. USA GUILMARTIN has not rendered decision in regard to prosecutive opinion of ROTHMAN. T-3 advised that equipment should be worth \$250. per completed shell, \$125. per frame, or approximately \$175,000.00 for all equipment. Recovery value, \$175,000.00.

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*cc: H&B
10-1-56, mjg/lt*

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United States Attorney JAMES L. GUILMARTIN advised that he desires a discreet inquiry be conducted regarding the manufacturers set out in this report but does not believe it proper to take any action against previous shipments that have left the United States. He desires this information to be available in case any additional shipments are forwarded to Miami for eventual shipment to Cuba.

Information received from T-1 on August 29, 1956, was not included in the synopsis of this report, inasmuch as the report had already been typed.

INFORMANTS:

T-1 is MIDIDO MARINO, Manager, Rodville Forwarding Company.

T-2 is [REDACTED] as reported in the Legal Attachee's Havana, Cuba letter to the Director, dated July 9, 1956 entitled, "AMERICAN GAMBLING ACTIVITIES IN CUBA, GIIF".

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T-3 is MM 501C, whose identity is known to the Bureau

LEADS:

CHICAGO:

AT CHICAGO, ILL.

Will determine through logical sources, owners of National Coin Machine Company, 1411 W. Dieversly Boulevard, and the Empire Coin Machine Company, address unknown. It is requested that attempts be made to determine if these corporations manufacture gambling equipment. No inquiry is to be conducted regarding

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