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**Synopsis:**

**REFERENCES:** Report of SA ROBERT F. FETZNER dated 1/23/61, at Miami.  
Bureau airtel to Miami dated 5/26/61.

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AT MIAMI, FLORIDA

1. Will report additional information furnished by MM 509-C.
2. Will follow and report contemplated trial of subject on Internal Revenue indictment.
3. Will attempt to determine activities of COPPOLA.

Approved <i>[Signature]</i> Special Agent in Charge	Do not write in spaces below		
Copies made: ③ - Bureau (92-2820) 1 - New York (92-647) (Info) 2 - Miami (92-101) <i>1 Cir. Div. Dept 6/21</i> <i>1 Rm 4710</i> <i>2/14/78 JS</i> <i>re Rothman</i>	<b>92-2820-90</b>		<b>REG-24</b>
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alleged that SILVERS absconded with approximately \$80,000.00 of the mob's money and after taking the money turned up with SCHAEFFER and went to Florida. LOMBARDOZZI allegedly ordered them executed and they reportedly were murdered and their bodies buried near Miami, Florida.

On February 10, 1961, GEORGE SCHAEFFER, who allegedly was murdered with SILVERS, was located by Bureau Agents and interviewed in Brooklyn, New York, but denied knowing LOMBARDOZZI, SILVERS and other Brooklyn hoodlums. Investigation by New York Office has not established association between LOMBARDOZZI and SCHAEFFER. Information was received by the New York Office that SILVERS and MAX GOLOB, also known as "MAXIE THE JERK", probably identical with MAX GOLOB, FBI Number 175052, stuck up AL STRAUS, also known as "CAPTAIN BLY" in Miami Beach, Florida, date unknown, and took \$30,000.00 from him. STRAUS was allegedly working for MIKE COPPOLA in Miami at the time of the hold up. SILVERS and GOLOB were called in by COPPOLA for a meeting, also attended by NAT RAYMOND. COPPOLA told SILVERS and GOLOB the money they had taken from STRAUS was his and he wanted it back. SILVERS apparently made no effort to comply and was taken to North Miami Shores, where he was killed and his body dumped into "the gulfstream". GOLOB was given time by COPPOLA to return the money. Subsequently, GOLOB returned to Brooklyn, New York, where he is presently living. COPPOLA allegedly brought in an individual from Hollywood, Florida, who with AL STRAUS murdered SILVERS. AL STRAUS is presently residing in the vicinity of Riverhead, Long Island.

On May 9, 1961, MM 722-C advised that while in New York City during the past week, he inquired about a business matter involving some movie film available to him for about \$50,000.00 while worth approximately \$300,000.00, allegedly legitimate film for sale by a business firm going out of business. CI decided that LOU CHESLER, a Canadian multimillionaire who lives in Long Island, New York, and has extensive business enterprises, including one in which he could well use such movie film, might be interested in buying this film through CI. CI said that MIKE COPPOLA of Miami Beach, who is also worth a million or so dollars, is a "secret partner" of LOU CHESLER's. CI advised that COPPOLA owes a favor to a friend of CI, in view of which CI had asked this friend to have COPPOLA contact LOU CHESLER to ascertain whether CHESLER might be interested in buying the film.

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*CANADA*  
*FLA*

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MM 722-C advised that while in New York City, he and a friend had telephoned CHESLER's residence on Long Island, asked to speak to CHESLER, but they were told that CHESLER departed New York for Nassau, Bahamas last week. CI said that he understood from various sources around New York City that CHESLER has been traveling between New York City and Nassau rather frequently during recent weeks, reportedly having an interest in setting up some gambling casinos in the Bahamas. CI heard that the story had been circulated around New York City that Princess MARGARET of England and her husband ARMSTRONG JONES might come to the Bahamas permanently; that both of them like "to play" and gamble; and that CHESLER and others interested in setting up gambling establishments there feel that under these circumstances it will be relatively easy to obtain permission to open gambling casinos in Nassau and the Bahamas. While in New York City, he also heard that LOU CHESLER would be in Miami Beach next week (week of May 14, 1961), and although he has not heard definitely from his friend who was to contact COPPOLA, CI expects to learn when CHESLER arrives in the Miami area and where he will be staying.

CI said that LOU CHESLER formerly had an apartment and stayed at the Harbor Island Spa, had one or more automobiles available at all times, and in the past had kept a large boat docked at the pier at the Harbor Island Spa.

MM 675-C advised on January 20, 1961, that he the informant made bond for all the individuals arrested in the gambling raid on December 14, 1960, at the Mid-Town Social Club and further MICHAEL COPPOLA paid him \$770.00 cash from a large roll of bills he had to cover the bonds of all those arrested in the club.

The informant advised that as far as he knows he and COPPOLA are the only two that know COPPOLA actually paid for these bonds, although, some individuals suspect COPPOLA.

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