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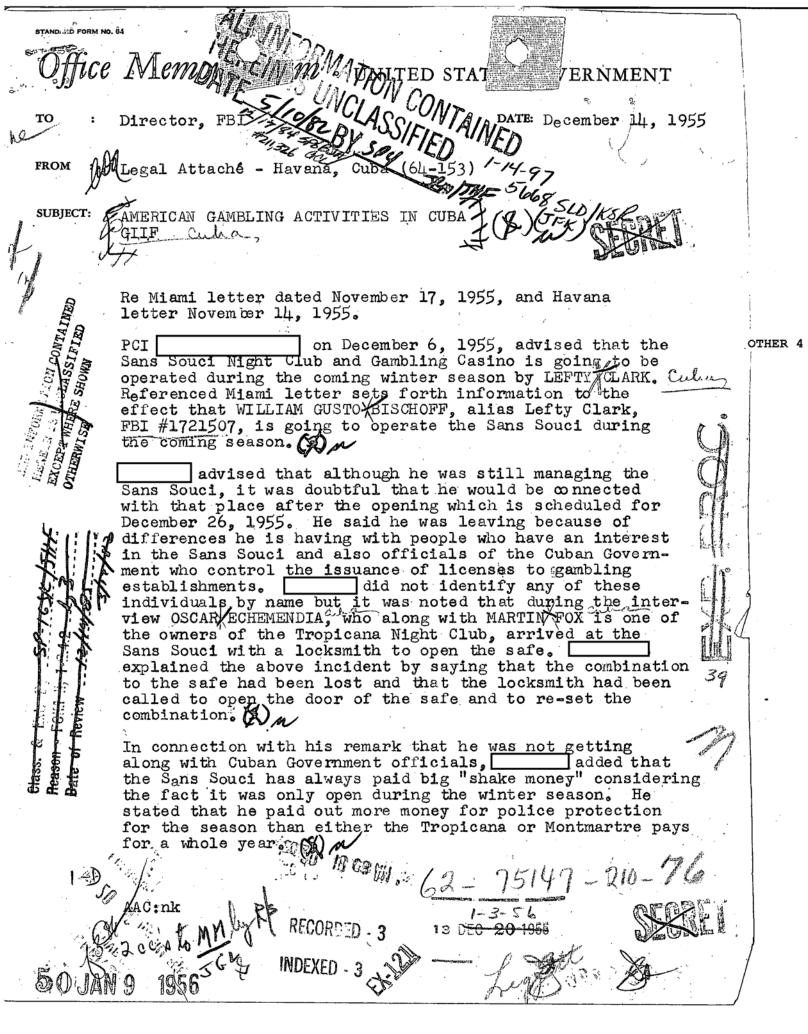
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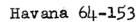
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stated that in connection with the proposed new gambling casinos in Havana, many investors have been led to believe that the government was interested in opening these places in order to attract tourist trade to Cuba. He explained that after large amounts of money were spent in planning these places and buying and installing equipment, the government then assessed each place that wanted to open a large "donation" in addition to the \$25,000.00 license fee.

added that the new casino at the Hotel Nacional had originally been assessed \$100,000 in addition to the license fee but that this figure had later been lowered to between \$25,000 and \$50,000.

added that plans for opening a gambling casino in the Hotel Comodoro have been dropped for the present because of the prohibitive amount of graft which would have to be paid in connection with obtaining a license.

Mr. H. Lindsay/Gatty, who on December 1, 1955, left his position as manager of the Sevilla-Biltmore Hotel and who is now executive assistant manager at the Hotel Nacional, advised on December 9, 1955, that the Sans Souci is presently owned by Tropicana interests and that through arrangements with government officials a permit has been granted to open Sans Souci on December 26, 1955. Gatty advised it is his belief that the Sans Souci has not had a license to operate since the time took it over but has only been allowed to run because of the heavy graft it affords the Cuban police.

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