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On September 28, 1957, PCI Pedro P. Tapia, who is employed as racing director at the Oriental Park Race Track outside of Havana, advised that approximately three weeks ago GEORGE LEVINE, who is an associate of SALVATORE GRANELLO, a known associate of CARMINE DI BIASE, IO #2871, subject of Bufile 88-8893, had taken over the gambling concessions in the casinos in the grand stand and in the Jockey Club at the Oriental Park Race Track. Tapia indicated that LEVINE had squeezed out FREDESVINDO BOSQUE, the Cuban gambler who formerly operated these two casinos.

Rene Alarcon, a representative of the Bureau for the Repression of Communist Activities (BRAC) who is assigned to duty at the Oriental Park Race Track during the racing season, advised that LOWELL BIRRELL has leased the track in its entirety from the owners and that BIRRELL, in turn, has leased the track to an individual named JACK PURCELL. Havana files reflect that BIRRELL is a known associate of GEORGE LEVINE, but reflect no information concerning JACK PURCELL. Alarcon said that LEVINE had apparently put up \$50,000 for the right to take over the operation of the two gambling casinos at the track and that this money had gone to PURCELL. Alarcon said it was not known from what source LEVINE might have obtained this money since LEVINE was not known to have any money of his own. Alarcon informed that LEVINE was being assisted in his operation of the casinos by MICHAEL LORIA, FBI #521961. It should be noted that LORIA has previously been observed working at the Hotel Nacional gambling casino and, therefore, the possibility exists that MEYER LANSKY's money may be behind LEVINE.

Extra copies of this letter have been prepared for forwarding by the Bureau to the New York and Miami offices. The Bureau is requested to furnish Havana with any available information concerning JACK PURCELL. In this regard it should be noted that the racing program of the Oriental Park Race Track indicates that PURCELL is the general manager of the Cuban Racing Company, Inc.

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