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Lt. ROBERTO VILA of SIM confidentially advised on March 18, 1958, that he had ascertained that the orders to bar JAKE LANSKY from Cuba had come from the Presidential Palace. (u)

Additional efforts are presently being made by the Legal Attache's Office to determine the basis for JAKE LANSKY's being barred from Cuba. (u)

On March 18, 1958, PCI GOFFREDO CELLINI (conceal) advised that an individual named JOSEPH BOCK of the Desert Inn, Las Vegas, Nevada, checked into the Hotel Nacional on March 17, 1958. He said that BOCK is a man of very small stature and immediately after his arrival he went into the casino for a private discussion with SAM TUCKER. He noted that BOCK appeared to be a person of definite importance. (u)

The Havana newspapers of March 14, 1958, carried an article indicating that BENJAMIN SMITH, a millionaire director of minign enterprises in Cuba and Canada and the owner of a hotel, had been arrested March 13, 1958, in Toronto, Canada, for robbery, fraud, and illicit association. The article indicated that he was released under \$50,000. bond, having been charged with "sacking the treasury" of the Brilund Mines, Ltd. in the amount of \$960,000.

On March 18, 1958, T. JAMES ENNIS, Manager, Hotel Havana Riviera, advised that this individual is identical with BEN SMITH, one of the owners of the Hotel Havana Riviera. He said that both BEN SMITH and his brother, HARRY SMITH, are presently in Toronto and that BEN is out under \$50,000. bond but believes BEN is unable to return to Cuba because of the Canadian law prohibiting the departure from Canada of an individual who is free under bond. (u)

Since this letter contains information concerning the LANSKY brothers, extra copies have been prepared for the following offices: Miami (3), New York (3), Salt Lake City (1). (u)

Salt Lake City Office is requested to furnish any information available concerning JOSEPH BOCK of the Desert Inn, Las Vegas, Nevada. (u)

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