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While contacting Mr. HUNTSINGER, Bank of Miami Beach, Miami Beach, Florida, on March 25, 1958, in connection with another matter, it was determined that both the Hotel Riviera and the Hotel Nacional, Havana, Cuba, maintain bank accounts in that bank for both the hotels and gambling casinos. According to this record, the account for the Hotel Rivera was under the name Compania de Hoteles La Riviera de Cuba. The persons authorized to sign checks on the hotel account were HARRY SMITH, President, and JULIUS E. ROSENGARD, Treasurer, and IRVING FELDMAN, Director, whereas the persons authorized to sign for the gambling casino were SMITH and ROSENGARD, only. With respect to the Hotel Nacional, it was noted that this account is under the name of the Mohawk Securities and the persons authorized to sign for checks drawn both against the hotel and the gambling casino accounts were THOMAS J. MC GINTY, President, SAM TUCKER, Treasurer, and HARRY GOLDBERG.

On March 18, 1958, DAVID GODFREY, who is attached to the Security Police at Jamaica, advised that the Arawak Hotel was opened in December, 1957, and that one AL RICHMAN was the chairman of the board for that hotel. According to GODFREY, RICHMAN is a "Liverpool Jew" by origin, came to Jamaica from Canada and is alleged to have been in some difficulty with the law in New York City in 1953 on some sort of bond violation.

According to GODFREY, during the latter part of February, 1958, a number of gamblers from Miami appeared at the Arawak Hotel and set up a gambling operation. He mentioned, however, that this operation was closed down by the authorities after approximately two nights. He stated

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that he had not received the information as to the identity of the Miami gamblers who were involved in attempting to set up this operation. ~~SM~~

According to GODFREY, the real manager of the Arawak Hotel is believed to be a man named "BUGSIE" ~~BORGMAN~~, a front man for HARRY and BEN ~~SMITH~~. He further advised that ~~BORGMAN~~ is alleged to have gone to London, England, recently in order to supervise the building of a new airport hotel. ~~SM~~ FLA

It was noted with respect to the information indicating Miami gamblers were attempting to set up a gambling operation in the Arawak Hotel that a check of long distance phone calls of one HAL ~~STANGER~~, a known gambler from the Miami area, that several telephone calls were made from his number to ~~STANGER~~ himself who was at the Arawak Hotel during latter part of January, 1958. ~~SM~~ Fm.
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During an interview on March 19, 1958, with BILL KAPLAN, a sports handicapper who was residing at the Peter Miller Hotel, Miami Beach, he advised that he is acquainted with HAL STANGER who, according to his information, is presently in Cuba in one of the gambling casinos, possibly the Capri. He mentioned that he had learned from STANGER that STANGER had recently been in one of the islands setting up a gambling operation recently, but that the operation was closed down by the authorities. ~~SM~~

The above information is being furnished to the Bureau and additional copies are being furnished for possible reference to the Legat, Havana, Cuba.

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