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Re Legat letter to Director dated 6/11/58, and Newark letter to Director dated 7/23/58.

During contacts with PCI [redacted] by SA EDMUND FLANAGAN on 8/18/58, the informant advised the following:

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[redacted] who was affiliated with the Sans Souci Gambling Casino for several months in the fall of 1957, stated that SID JACOBS, a roulette dealer at the Sans Souci, arranged through SAN DIEGO REY (PH), a Cuban Government official, to legalize the operation of a punchboard game called "Lucky Punch". [redacted] stated that in the past, all punchboard games had been illegal in Cuba. Prizes for the "Lucky Punch" game are Cuban lottery tickets. According to [redacted] REY has it arranged for the operators of "Lucky Punch" to buy the lottery tickets for 20 per cent of the wholesale price. Because REY had "Lucky Punch" legalized, he gets a 50 per cent share in the profits of the game. [redacted] explained that Cuban lottery tickets are made up of 100 squares and each square sells for \$.25. He said that the usual wholesale price for the lottery tickets is \$21. [redacted] stated that about \$25 or \$30 is made for each "Lucky Punch" board sold.

Referenced letter from the Legat Havana advised NYC telephone number DA 8-8971 as one which was mentioned by an individual named DI MARCO in connection with a narcotics operation of which he was a part.

On 8/4/58, Mr. EDWARD L. BRAUNE of the NYCPD advised SA PAUL F. ROWLANDS that telephone number DA 8-8971 is subscribed to by EDUARDO BERRY, 930 Fox St., Bronx, NY, apartment number 64.

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