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On September 12, 1970 MM 1429-PC advised SA JERRIS A. ARMSTRONG that RON YARAS, son of DAVE YARAS, is partners with MIKE BENJAMIN, former bartender at the Singapore Hotel, in Top Hat Premiums, engaged in selling trinkets. This business is located at the Harvey Building, 406 14th Street, Miami Beach, Florida, telephone numbers 532-7331 and 532-7332.

On September 2, 1970 MM 1401-C-TE advised SA THOMAS J. STICKNEY that DAVE YARAS has some interest in the Bahamas, and also an interest in JOE SONKEN's Restaurant. MM 1401-C-TE advised that YARAS owns 5 or 6 motels in Miami, one being the Voyager. The informant stated that YARAS was formerly with HARRY WILENSKY, and is WILENSKY's "rabbi", but there are no longer any business connections between them. The informant had no information concerning YARAS' son. The informant did not believe YARAS had any gambling association with JOEY MORRISON. On September 9, 1970 MM 1401-C-TE advised SA STICKNEY that YARAS gets income from several sources: shylocking; his several motels; had some income shown with a printing company. He was connected with a man named JIMMY GINSBERG, and gambler SAMMY NEWBERG (phonetic). NEWBERG was with BENNY ZAMREN.  
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After having inquired, informant said he learned that YARAS had been buying Bahamas land through a company. YARAS is friendly with LEE RATNER.

On June 2, 1970 MM 869-PC advised SA WILLIAM F. HEIST that ABE KATZ and Bookie MAC (HOKE MC CLELLAND) have sold their carpet store on 125th Street in North Miami, Florida and recently purchased a printing company known as Best Graphic Arts, Incorporated, 1260 N. W. 29th Street.

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MM 869-PC knows nothing further concerning their business in this printing company.

On June 18, 1970 MM 676-C-TE advised SA WILLIAM F. HEIST that BENNY HUSICK claims to be a sales representative for Best Graphic Arts, located in the 1200 block of N. W. 28th Street.

On September 17, 1970 MM 1323-PC advised SA WENDELL W. HALL, JR. that BERNARD HOROWITZ and RONNIE YARAS, son of DAVE YARAS, and (FNU) RASKING, principals in the First American Mutual Fund based in Miami, are "milking" the investors out of hundreds of thousands of dollars. The company is allegedly an "off-shore" mutual fund limited to foreign investors only. However, many Americans are investing heavily in order to escape high taxes in the United States. One of the large investors in Miami is HOKE MC CLELLAND, well-known bolita banker. After a recent audit over \$300,000 was found missing backed by a personal IOU from HOROWITZ. When confronted by the board of directors, HOROWITZ admitted taking the money and defied them to do anything about it.

On October 1, 1970 JOHNATHAN CURTIS, PCI, advised SA H. PAUL RICO that BERNARD HOROWITZ, who is the president of the Sea Board Holding, Incorporated, 1451 North Bayshore Drive, Miami, just arrived back in New York City, having flown in from Milan, Italy, that HOROWITZ is a very big gambler and has made millions of dollars in business deals that he believes are not completely legitimate. He has learned that HOROWITZ is a close friend of RON YARAS, the son of DAVE YARAS, who CURTIS advised is a very prominent member of organized crime in the Miami area.

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He advised he personally knows DAVE YARAS and knew that he had stolen jewelry and for years has had a piece of a gambling operation in Chicago, Illinois,

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and that he has been given to understand that he currently is involved in gambling activities in this area.

CURTIS stated that YARAS normally hangs out at the Normandy Isle Golf Course.

On April 9, 1970 Captain LARRY COTZEN, Miami Beach Police Department, advised SA FRANCIS J. DUFFIN that he had received information that MURRAY YUNES had been taking money up to the center of the State of Florida to HARLAN BLACKBURN for DAVE YARAS.

On October 20, 1970 the Los Angeles Division advised that LA 4711-C-TE, on October 19, 1970, had met in Florida with DAVE YARAS, Chicago and Miami hoodlum, and WILLIE WEISBERG of the ANGELO BRUNO "family" in Philadelphia. The source advised that while in Miami he was told that LANSKY is already in Israel and definitely has no plans to return. He was advised that for any contacts with MEYER LANSKY he should contact DANNY STROMBERG. Source stated that DANNY was the brother of HARRY STROMBERG and was known by the alias of "NIGGER DAN".

Los Angeles indices indicate that <sup>A.K.A.</sup> ~~NIGGER DAN~~ is probably identical to DANNY STROMBERG, former bodyguard of LANSKY, FBI Number 791 783. Fla.

Source advised that it is his understanding that LANSKY fled because of his fear of being brought before Federal Grand Juries concerning his gambling and hoodlum connected activities.

On October 27, 1970 MM 1398-C advised SA WELTON F. MERRY that DAVE YARAS was in no way connected with the Voyager Motel, 12350 Biscayne Boulevard. MM 1398-C stated YARAS may have an interest in the Sun

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City Motel, telephone 947-6511. MM 1398-C advised that GEORGE RUBIN is the sole owner of the Voyager Motel.

On November 10, 1970 CHRISTIANA MARIA BROWN, PCI, advised SA CHARLES D. LUMMUS that DAVE YARAS is at the Bayshore Golf Course on a daily basis, usually from 7 - 8 a.m. until late in the evening. She stated he is usually with his son, RON YARAS or JOEY MORRISON. She stated that he usually plays golf and spends time in the restaurant talking with various individuals. She stated that YARAS also is friendly with FRANK OLIVER, the club manager, and with CHICO MIARTUZ, who is no longer a pro at the club.

BROWN advised that BEN HUSICK, who operates a bingo game at an American Legion Hall on Alton Road, is also in the Bayshore frequently to talk with YARAS.

CHRIS BROWN advised that she had dated RON YARAS for approximately one year. She stated they were still good friends, but seldom dated. She stated that RON YARAS and MIKE BENJAMIN are in business together on 14th Street selling advertising novelties. She stated she did not know the name of the business, but knew RON YARAS was the President. She stated that BENJAMIN was running the business. She stated that RON YARAS is approximately 32 years old. She stated that he has three children, aged 15, 13 and 4. She stated that the two oldest children live with DAVE YARAS and the youngest lives with RON's second wife in Chicago. She advised that RON is always going to Chicago and often has friends visiting him from Chicago. She also advised that DAVE YARAS had been out of town for several days and had not been in the Club. She stated she had heard he had gone to Chicago.

On November 19, 1970 the Tampa Division furnished the following background information concerning MAX ROTHFIELD, 1852 Balboa Lane, Largo, Florida:

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