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DAVE YARAS

ITSP - TOP JEREL THEFT

Re: airtel 2/10/58.

On 2/6/58 CLARENCE HUDDLESTON (NA), Detective, Miami Beach, Fla., Police Department, advised he knows that in the past YARAS has backed bookies financially and he believes YARAS still does. He said YARAS has always had the reputation of being able to lay off big bets via a telephone call to Chicago.

Chicago airtel to Bureau 2/28/58 (Bureau file 87-32752) captioned "DAVID YARAS, ITSP - TOP JEREL THEFT; URSULA (2); Theft of \$75,000.00 Worth of Diamonds from JACK LITWIN, Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, Cal., 3:40 P.M., 1/26/58. ITSP - MAJOR THEFT," noted that on 1/31/58 PCIE advised SA ROBERT L. BAKER that YARAS arrived in Chicago afternoon of 1/30/58 for purpose of discussing YARAS' gambling interests in Chicago. PCIE said on night of 1/30/58 YARAS met with small group of top Chicago gamblers at Drake Hotel, Chicago.

On 2/4/58 above PCIE advised that YARAS and Chicago gambler BEN EPSTEIN left Chicago that date en route Las Vegas, Nev., where they hoped to negotiate purchase of a large resort located on Nevada side of Lake Tahoe to be used for gambling purposes.

Chicago and Salt Lake City requested to ascertain YARAS' activities and associates re gambling

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