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The Legat Attache, Havana Cuba, on 12/5/57 advised that the Hotel Capri, which opened for business on November 29, 1957, was supposedly owned and operated by Jack Lieberbaum and J. J. Sheppard.

One source (not identified) indicated that Charles Taurine, alias Charlie White, "Charlie The Blade," had a piece of the casino at the Capri. He was also said to have been an associate of Jimmy Alo.

62-75147-210-98 p.2  
 (9,25,70)  
 SI 62-100008-442  
 (10,25,70)(Add. info.)

NH-292-C advised on 2/3/58 that Midge Renault (92-2980) was in Florida, and had made the trip there with the purpose in mind of going to Cuba to contact a man known only to informant as "The Blade". The informant did not know the purpose of this contact. (Charles "The Blade" Tourine, Miami Top Hoodlum)

PCI  (protect identity) advised on 2/11/58, that he was at Connecticut State Police, Wethersfield, at the same time that Charles "The Blade" Tourine and Salvatore Annunziato were there.

92-2980-8X1 p.80,170  
 (34)

This reference sets out information in connection with a program in the Criminal Division (62-28280) of the Department of Justice in which efforts were being made to combat organized crime. In this connection Milton Wessell of the Organized Crime and Racketeering Section on 6/17/58 made available a list containing 250 names and requested that he be furnished information regarding these individuals. The name of Charles Tourine, 7927 West Drive, Apt. A-6, Harbor Island, Fla. appeared on this list.

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Wessel stated that some of these individuals attended the Apalachin meeting. He also stated that he would be interested in having information concerning these individuals. Wessel was advised that if any information came to our attention indicating that these individuals were the subject of an investigation pending, and in the event reports were being furnished concerning these individuals to the USA's office and to the Criminal Division, we would in future reports indicate to the Criminal Division that Wessel had expressed an interest in it.

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List enclosed  
62-28280-333 encl. p.9  
(8)

PCI [redacted] (protect identity) advised that on 8/17/58, Charles Tourine, wa. Charles White, and Nicholas Di Costanzo had been observed in the gambling casino in the Hotel Capri, Havana, Cuba.

92-2781-77 p. 6  
(12,62)

HAV-33 advised that on 11/17/58, Nicholas Di Costanzo, Charles Tourine, Anthony Williams, Santos Trafficante (92-2781) and other individuals had a meeting with other casino operators in Havana but that the purpose of this meeting was not known.

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Add. info.

92-2781-86 p.5  
(12,62)

MM-509-C advised on 11/21/58 that Mario Lombbarri, strong man for top hoodlums Frank Costello and Joseph Rao, had been in recent years associating with former Miami top hoodlum Charles Tourine.

92-2908-53 p.3  
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A review of the Newark files revealed that on 1/18/60 an Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Division (not further identified) agent furnished information that the last girlfriend of Charlie "The Blade" Tourine was a girl named Evelyn Archer (105-95507) of Houston, Texas. U

105-95507-1 p.2  
(23,33)  
SI 105-95507-4 p.2  
(23,33)

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[redacted] PCI (protect identity) advised that on 10/27/60, he was contacted by one Baptiste, a former Havana banker, who stated that two men had been to see one Maties M. Vildostegui, Florida National Bank and Trust Company, Miami, Fla., regarding the purchase of pesos to send to Cuba. U

This informant stated that during a meeting in Attorney Leon Borden's office regarding the pesos transaction, one "Jimmy", recognized by the informant as previously associated with the gambling casino at the Capri Hotel in Havana, made a private telephone call which he stated was made to his contact in Louisiana to send two men to Miami to confirm the deal with Vildostegui. U

This informant was of the opinion that one Charley White, formerly of the Capri Hotel in Havana was the individual "Jimmy" was representing. U

62-105411-152 p.2  
(66)

Detective Philip Elfman of the Miami Beach Police Department stated that it was his understanding that Ida Puente\* brought Susan Clary from NY to Miami Beach in the Fall of 1959 and that Clary later became the girl friend of Charles "The Blade" Tourine, underworld figure of Miami Beach and NY. Elfman further advised that Clary was back in Miami Beach after two months in NY. He also stated that Tourine was still in NY but when in Miami, resided at the Beaux Apartments, 7116 Bay Drive, Miami Beach. U

66-2341-29-121 p.7  
(11,31)

\*Connected with prostitution activities in Miami area. U

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MM-509-C advised that the following individuals held a meeting at the Seagull Hotel in Miami, Fla., on 2/30/60, for the purpose of forming a so-called gambling syndicate with a view toward opening up a gambling establishment somewhere outside of Miami proper: Nicholas Di Costanzo, Eddie Gold, William Gusto Bischoff, Wingy Grober, Joe Silesi (166-132) and Charles Tourine.

166-132-2 p.R  
(20)

By letter dated 12/19/60, Robert L. Moore, Chief, Investigations, State Gaming Control Board, Carson City, Nev., requested FBI Identification Records on 35 "known hoodlums and racketeers", these records were to be used for defense purposes for the Gaming Control Board in an action filed in the US Court for the District of Nevada against the above board by Louis Tom Dragna for an alleged infringement on his civil rights. Charles Tourine, FBI #695716, was among the names listed in this letter.

32-3327-1054  
(2)

Detective Nat Laurendi, NY County DA's office (protect identity) on 2/23/61 advised that information had come to his attention indicating that Anthony Salerno (92-3905) with others, (including Gilbert Beckley and Charles "The Blade" Tourine) may be directly responsible for the operation of large scale gambling of all types in the Eastern half of the US. According to this informant, this included all lay off bets.

92-3905-23 p.2  
(15,31)

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On 5/18/62, NH-415-PC (137-8135) advised that one of the biggest gamblers and operators in Washington, DC was an individual named "Nesselin", and that Charlie the Blade Tourine reportedly had a piece of "Nesselin's" operation.

This informant also advised that he had heard at one time that Tourine had won over \$300,000 from Lou Wallace, owner of the Latin Quarter in NYC. Tourine was supposed to have won this money in a crap game with Wallace about 3 years ago.

137-8135-2 p.7,9  
(27)

RH-95-C on 10/5/62 advised that "Jiggs" Simpson told him on that date that Joseph Nesline was actively engaged in "shylocking" operations in Washington, DC area.

RH-95-C advised further that Nesline's partner in this work appeared to be a person known to Simpson as Charlie White. White was supposed to be obtaining a lot of money from hoodlum sources, and, according to Simpson, was considered to be one of the top four hoodlums in the country.

This informant stated that Charlie White had taken over the apartment of Langhorne Carter Rorer and was residing at this place. The exact location was not made known to the informant, however, it was possible it could have been apartment 339, 1500 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington, DC.

165-138-442 p.3  
(19-72)  
SI 165-138-444 p.2  
(19-72)

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Stephen J. Dineen, 345 Cypress Drive, Key Biscayne, Fla. (protect identity), a former business contact of Charles Ralph DuBois (105-111459) and Steve Van Gelder, advised on 12/21/62 that he had recently talked to Leon Ross and Ross related that DuBois had been in touch with him and that DuBois was in Europe with Van Gelder. U

Ross further informed the informant that one Charlie White, who used to have the gambling concession at the Capri Night Club in Havana, Cuba, was possibly with DuBois and Van Gelder in Europe. U

105-111459-13 p.2  
(72)

MM-509-C advised that the owners of Ciro's Restaurant\* were preparing for a big dice game to be held during the week of 1/8/63 and which was scheduled to take place in a separate building just beyond the restaurant. U

This informant advised that this dice game was scheduled to take place on 1/10-13/63 at Ciro's however, it had been called off at the last minute because those involved were not able to obtain a solid "okay" to operate. Charles Tourine was one of those scheduled to participate in the game. U

166-132-10  
(20)

\*No address given.

On 2/11/63, Paul Phillips, Deputy Sheriff, Intelligence Unit, Dade County Department of Public Safety, Florida, advised that he had received information that Charles Tourine paid Benjamin Husick (162-432) \$250 a week for wire service information. U

162-432-14 p.5  
(19)

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MM-833-PC advised that Robert Shelton Becker (162-1086) was acquainted with (FNU) Miller who was staying in one of Charles Tourine's apartments at the Beaux Arts, North Bay Village, Fla. This informant also stated that Becker had been seen with Charles Tourine. u

Information submitted by Miami report dated 4/3/63. u

162-1086-1 p.7  
(19)

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[redacted] (92-4157) testified before a Federal Grand Jury at Los Angeles, Calif. on 5/14/63. During this testimony he stated that [redacted]

[redacted] During this testimony, [redacted] related quite a bit of information regarding [redacted] u

92-4157-71 p.C  
(15,71,80)

NY-3920-C on 4/1/64, advised that Joe Rivers (166-132) during the period January-March 15, 1964, had frequented the Hialeah and Gulfstream Race Tracks in Florida. Rivers claimed he was broke and that during the past winter he had twice borrowed \$25,000 from Charlie White, aka, Charlie The Blade. u

166-132-14 p.C  
(72,87)

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The following references appearing in the file captioned "CRIMDEL" (63-4296) contain information pertaining to the activities of Charles Tourine, in Miami, Fla. and Havana, Cuba, Newark, NJ. U

REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
63-4296-29-97 p.2	(10,30)
-127 p.3,4	(10)
-143 p.1	(10)
-160 p.3	(10)
-162 p.2	(10)
-185 p.1	(10,66,67)
-194 p.2	(10)
-208 p.1	(10)
-347	(10,30)
63-4296-31-213	(11,30)
63-4296-34-259 p.1	(11,30)

The following references in the file captioned "Meeting of Hoodlums, Apalachin, NY, 11/14/57", file No. 63-4426, set out information concerning an interview program which was established to insure that logical sources of information were interviewed to ascertain the purpose of the above meeting. Charles Tourine, alleged top associate of Joseph Silesi\* was being considered for interview and on 6/24/59, Miami advised that MM-665-PC, a close friend of Tourine's, was being utilized for the purpose of determining information as to Tourine's activities. U

Miami also advised that there was no indication that Tourine was either invited to attend or did attend this meeting and that in view of the efforts being made to obtain information concerning this meeting through MM-665-PC no direct effort would be made to interview Tourine at that time. U

SERIAL	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
254 p.1	(11)
305 p.46	(11)
327 p.2	(11,26)

\*According to serial 216 of above file Joseph Silesi was reportedly present at the meeting of 11/14/57. U

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The following references in the file captioned "General Investigative Intelligence File," contain information pertaining to the activities of Charles Tourine. Set out below is a synopsis of the information contained in each reference.

## SYNOPSIS

REFERENCE AND SEARCH  
SLIP PAGE NUMBER

[redacted] PCI advised he met Charles Tourine was. Charles White, "The Blade" while in Havana, Cuba. [redacted] stated Tourine left no doubt that he was boss of the casino at Hotel Capri in Havana. (letter from Miami 12/13/57) Add. info.

62-75147-29-714 p.2,3  
(8,30,61)

Rod Goeriz, Special Agent, National Board of Fire Underwriters, advised that Phil Harris was a gambler who was engaged in a gambling and book-making operation with Charles Tourine wa. Charles White, at the Americana Hotel, Bal Harbour, Florida during the 1957-58 season. Add. info.

62-75147-29-730 p.3  
(8,62)

The "Havana Daily Post" on 1/8/58 contained a photograph of one C. White with George Raft and a Cuban lawyer, Dr. Magin Benach at the Oriental Park Race track in Havana, Cuba on 1/5/58. C. White was identical with Charles Tourine.

62-75147-210-100 p.1,2  
(9,25,62)

MM-509-C advised that one Charles White arrived in Miami Beach from Myrtle Beach, SC about 8/18 or 19/58. Informant stated that White was formerly a gambling partner of Charles Tourine, was. "The Blade." (Add. info. according to MM-509-C)

62-75147-29-740 p.3  
(9,30)

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Norman Tainsley, Detective, Miami Beach, Police Department advised that Charles Tourine was. Charlie White, "The Blade" left his post at the Capri Hotel, Havana, Cuba, for a visit to Mexico for the purpose of exploring the possibilities of opening a gambling casino in Mexico as there appeared to be some indication that Mexico would permit opening gambling. (Letter from Miami 8/29/58) u

62-75147-29-737 p.3  
(9,30,70)

MM-665-PC advised that he had recently visited Charles Tourine and his wife in Havana, Cuba. Tourine told informant that he would have liked to visit the Pope in Rome, when he and his wife were on a world tour during the past summer. u

62-75147-29-742 p.1,2  
(9)

Informant advised that on 9/9/58 Harry Brooks was going to Cuba to discuss with Tourine the opening of a gambling casino in Mexico, which was approved by Mexican authorities. u

The following references appear in the main files of the criminal hoodlums listed below. Information was set out regarding the activities and association of Charles Tourine with these individuals and other hoodlums throughout the US. Some of these individuals were closely associated with Tourine. u

INDIVIDUAL	REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
Vincent Alo	92-2815-25 p.16	(26)
Gilbert Lee Beckley	87-59855-93 p.54	(11, 26, 70)

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