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In connection with information previously reported that Charles Tourine and Joseph Nesline, a well-known gambler in the Washington, D. C., area, had reportedly traveled to Bermuda during July, 1962, in connection with establishing a gambling operation, inquiry through appropriate Liaison channels has developed no information substantiating this reported trip.

It was noted, however, that it has previously come to the notice of authorities in Bermuda that attempts to establish a casino in Bermuda were being made. An approach was made to an unidentified Bermuda businessman while in Canada in late July, 1962, to establish a gambling casino in Bermuda. The person making the approach was identified as "Ossie" Gelfan, described as a Canadian aged 45-50, height 5'5" to 5'6" and thick set. Gelfan is a furniture manufacturer and a proprietor of the Gelco Furniture Manufacturing Company, 3510 St. Joseph Boulevard East, Montreal 36, Canada. Gelfan identified himself as representing a syndicate who had \$300,000 available to invest in a casino. The Bermuda Police are making inquiries through RCMP requesting to be advised of any available information, however, it was requested that no direct inquiries of any kind be made in order to protect the source of their information. Bureau records contain no identifiable information.

The Bermuda Police are making further inquiries concerning Nesline and Tourine and any information developed will be immediately forwarded to appropriate offices.

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