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Re Legat, Havana, letter dated 12/29/58.

The following inquiry was conducted by SA CHARLES B. FLACK, JR., on 2/4/58, at Atlantic City, N.J.

Fla Cuba
HERMAN ORMAN, a PCI of the Newark Div., advised he has withdrawn any interest in the Casino of the Hotel Nacional, Havana. CHARLES SCHWARTZ is presently in Miami and may return to manage the Casino when operations are resumed. JOSEPH MORISI is believed to be at his home near Washington, D.C. He may return as Day Boss of the Casino. FRED MASUCCI is believed to be at his home in Margate, N.J. There is some question as to whether he will return to Havana. *Cuba*

Insofar as the PCI knows, MIKE MC LANEY is President of the operating company of the Casino. He is assisted by his brother, WILLIAM. MIKE and WILLIAM are from New Orleans, La., where MIKE has a reputation as an excellent golfer. *La Cuba*

A friend of ORMAN, WILLIAM O'BRIEN, Boston, Mass., has withdrawn his interest in the Casino. The PCI stated he is not acquainted with other persons mentioned in the referenced letter under the heading Hotel Nacional. He has met MEYER LANSKY in past years. *Cuba*

PAUL D'AMATO, a PCI of the Newark Div., advised he was in Havana in 12/58. He said he had been offered a chance to invest in the Casino of the Hotel Havana - Riviera through a New York booking agent that engages talent for D'AMATO's 500 Club in Atlantic City. He declined the offer. He provided the following information regarding persons mentioned in the referenced communication. *ri*

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MIKE MC LANEY is President of the Casino of the Hotel Nacional, Havana. There is a name plate on the door leading to the Casino bearing the wording, "MIKE MC LANEY's International Casino." MC LANEY is a close friend of LOU CHESTER. MC LANEY operates the L'Aiglon Restaurant in Miami Beach. CHESTER owns the property and also owns the property in which the Copa City is located in Miami Beach. Copa City, according to D'AMATO, is the largest night club in Miami Beach.

CHESTER is from Toronto, Canada. Among other things he is President of the General Development Co., Inc. He is reported to be worth millions. CHESTER approached D'AMATO several months ago and advised the L'Aiglon and Copa City were losing money. He offered the management to D'AMATO. D'AMATO declined since his full time is taken in the operation of the 500 Club, Atlantic City's largest night club.

Cuba
The PCI stated he is acquainted with HARRY and BEN SMITH, twins, from Toronto, Canada, and recently principal investors in the Casino of the Havana - Riviera. It is the PCI's understanding that the SMITH brothers became involved in some stock fraud matter in Canada. They are reported to have sold their interest in the Havana - Riviera.

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The PCI stated that about 3 years ago he met DINO CELLINI at the Tropicana Night Club and Casino. He knows nothing concerning CELLINI. *RUC*