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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-5714-29) ATTENTION: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR A. ROSEN

DATE: December 19, 1958

FROM : SAC, MIAMI (62-1273)

SUBJECT: MIAMI WINTER SEASON 1958 - 1959

Top Hoodlum Program

Re Bureau airtel dated 8/13/58.

GAMBLING

MM-647-PC advised he received information that FRANK DIOGUARDI, wa., Frankie Dio, Miami Beach Police Department Number 29553, is connected with JOHN FLINK in the operation of bookmaking and shylocking operation. He stated FLINK operates the Ande Hill Bar near Dore's Restaurant on Sunny Isles Boulevard, Dade County, and also contemplates opening a store on Sunny Isles Boulevard for the purpose of having card-games and gambling. He related FLINK claims his bookmaking operation is successful and further claims that he has some connection with the Sheriff's Office. This connection was not amplified, according to MM-647-PC.

With respect to DIO, he stated NICK LUISTI owner of the La Rosa Restaurant on Sunny Isles recently paid off DIO with the sum of \$3,000.00 for the latter's previous interest in that restaurant.

MM-509-C stated MICHAEL COPPOLA, wa., Trigger Mike, FBI Number 677976, a New York hoodlum connected with the numbers rackets there, who is now a resident of Miami Beach, continues to spend the greater portion of the day playing cards at the new Middown Social Club, 2218 Collins Avenue, Miami Beach, which is being operated by an individual known only as LIVELY. The informant stated that he has observed that

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at the present time there is very little horse booking taking place at this club. He said the various bookies and bettors who frequent the club do not use the telephones there but leave and use the telephones in the drug stores and barber shops located in the immediate area and further they use the bookmaking facilities of George's Newsstand, 23rd and Liberty, Miami Beach.

It was determined that although the telephone is listed to the Midtown Social Club, the name of HERMAN BERNSTEIN is listed as having some interest in this club. According to MM-509-C, one HERMAN BERNSTEIN has been playing cards at this club. He stated that BERNSTEIN resides in the vicinity of 21st and Park Avenue, Miami Beach, and was formerly a partner of the deceased HARRY LEVINSON in a gambling operation in New York City. *F12*

This informant also advised that ELI CAMEL, wa., *F12* Eli Campbell, a gambler who formerly served as a strong-arm man and was on the payroll of the deceased ALBERT ANASTASIA, is hanging around George's Newsstand and the card room of the Carib Hotel, Miami Beach. He advised that CAMEL now makes Miami Beach his home.

F12 DICK FINCHER, owner of Fincher's Oldsmobile Company, Miami, advised MIKE MC LANEY, allegedly in control of the gambling casino in the Nacional Hotel, Havana, Cuba, is presently staying at the Fontainebleau Hotel, Miami Beach.

Potential Criminal Informant
DONALD FLEMING, PCI, advised he received information that ROCCO PAUL SEDITA of New York City, suspected of transmitting race wire information from race tracks, is presently in the Miami area with the intention of operating at the three horse race tracks in this area. A photograph of SEDITA was obtained and furnished to HENRY BEARDSLEY, in charge of track security at Tropical Park Race Track, Coral Gables, Florida, and according to BEARDSLEY, SEDITA on December 15, 1958, was located at the track and ejected. BEARDSLEY stated SEDITA told him he was residing at 625 75th Street, Miami Beach. *F12*

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HOODLUMS IN MIAMI AREA

MM-656-C advised JOSEPH MASSEI, FBI Number 597894, a former Detroit hoodlum who for years has made Miami Beach his residence, each day spends most of his time hanging around the Carib Hotel, Miami Beach. He also advised that JOSEPH BOMMARITO, wa., Scarface, FBI Number 145941, another Detroit hoodlum who winters at Miami Beach, comes to the Carib Hotel approximately at 12:30 each day, has a few drinks with MASSEI and that they then play hearts in the card room of the Carib Hotel.

WILLIAM ANTHONY CARNEY, PCI, advised that MURRAY LAWRENCE SAPOSSNEK, Miami Beach, was found in Room 253 of the Sun City Motel, Dade County, with a number of Sun City Motel master keys in his possession. He stated SAPOSSNEK is a narcotic and lives at 8400 Harding Avenue, Miami Beach, Fla. where his mother operates a gift shop. He also stated that SAPOSSNEK associates with JOHNNY TOLEDO, a former page boy who worked in the Sunny Isles area and a BURT GIESCKE, allegedly from Austin, Texas. Fla. Tex., Fla.

MM-647-PC stated EDDIE CARFANO, brother of ANTHONY CARFANO, FBI Number 652552, New York hoodlum, told him that ANTHONY CARFANO is presently in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

N.Y. He also stated that BENNY ROBILOTTO, a brother of JOHN PASQUALE ROBILOTTO, New York Police Department Number B315641, a former body guard of VITO GENOVESE, FBI Number 861267 and ANTHONY STROLLO, wa., Tony Bender, FBI Number 4282858, who was killed in New York City this year, is presently in New York for the purpose of handling some of ROBILOTTO's business and making other arrangements necessary due to the death of his brother. He said BENNY ROBILOTTO recently built a fabulous home on Hollywood Boulevard near Hollywood Beach, Florida. He also said BENNY ROBILOTTO is in the shylock business in the Miami area and recently purchased Dixie Dunbar's Restaurant in Hallandale, Florida, for approximately \$11,000.00. He further stated that ROBILOTTO is a close personal friend of FRANKIE DIO.

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MM-509-C stated that he observed SALVATORE *N.Y., Fla.*
~~X~~ GRAFFAGINO, wa., Blackie ~~X~~ Graffagino, FBI Number 31269, a
 strong-arm man, shylock and bookmaker from Brooklyn, New
 York, who served ten years in Sing Sing for a stick-up.
 He said on one occasion he saw GRAFFAGINO talking to CHARLES
~~X~~ KARPF, FBI Number 670712A, a local strong-arm man at Miami
 Beach and on another occasions he saw GRAFFAGINO talking to
~~X~~ JOE MASSEI. He said he also observed GRAFFAGINO hanging
 around the Tahiti Bar, Miami Beach.

Fla.
 DONALD FLEMING, PCI, advised that SAM SANDACK, *Fla.*
 owner of Gems Limited, a jewelry store in Miami with a
 branch in the Breakers Hotel, Palm Beach, is suspected
 of being a jewelry fence. He also stated that MILT DRYFUSS
 a traveling jewelry salesman in the South Florida area is
 a close personal friend of SANDACK and is also suspected of
 being a fence.

Fla.
 The "Miami Daily News" of December 18, 1958,
 reported that JULES JAY WEISS, FBI Number 9048815, owner
 of the Florida Beverage Corporation, a wholesale liquor
 company, 20 N. W. 15th Street, Miami, was beaten with a
 baseball bat by unknown assailants as he stepped from his
 automobile at his home, 11 North Venetian Drive, Miami Beach, *Fla.*
 early that morning. WEISS is in the Mount Sinai Hospital,
 Miami Beach, suffering from multiple bruises and possible
 fracture of the left leg. The article pointed out that
~~X~~ WEISS, his son JAY WEISS, and brother SAM WEISS, FBI Number
~~X~~ 4832911, are co-owners of a chain of 25 retail package *Fla.*
 liquor stores known as the State and Tiny's Liquor Stores.
 The article further recorded that for the past six months,
 a liquor price war has been in existence in Dade County and
 the WEISS liquor stores have been undercutting prices.

POLITICAL TIE-UPS WITH CRIME

MM-509-C advised that BERNIE FRANK, *Fla.* a Miami Beach
 Councilman, had dinner at the Midtown Social Club, Miami
 Beach, with MICHAEL COPPOLA, his close personal friend, the

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past week. He said he understood that COPPOLA put up a great deal of money at the time FRANK ran for election and put out the word among the "boys" to vote for FRANK.

Information relative to numerous questionable concession contracts awarded by the Port Authority for the new International Airport Terminal in Miami has been set forth in Miami letters to the Bureau of October 10, 17, 31; November 21, 1958.

Fla The "Miami Herald" of December 10, 1958, reported that Port Authority Director GEORGE MC SHERRY, admitted the second Metropolitan concessions contract awarded hotelman SAUL COHEN under the name Airways Parking Company for the parking lot concession was irregular. The article related that COHEN's bid, which was approved by the County Commissioners, was the poorest of seven bids in percentage of estimated revenue to be paid back to the Port Authority, as it was \$3,849,484.00 beneath the top bid, but the COHEN minimum guarantee of \$2,900,000.00 was the highest of seven bids on a ten year contract. It was also alleged that all bidders were not treated uniformly. *Fla N.Y.*

Fla FLOYD MINER, PCI, advised that COHEN's firm, the Airways Parking Company, employed FRED GLASS, a close personal friend and former employer of GEORGE MC SHERRY, to act as consultant on this deal. GLASS now manages the Empire State Building in New York, but previously was New York Aviation Director and MC SHERRY was his assistant. He also advised that BURTON COHEN is the attorney for SAUL COHEN and HENRY GARFINKEL, owners of the Airways Parking Company. He also said that the owners had no previous experience in airport parking. MINER also stated that one of the seven rejected bidders on the airport parking contract, RICHARD NORMAN, filed an injunction suit alleging that the contract awarded Airways Parking Company was illegal and asked the court to throw out all seven bids for that concession. *Fla*