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NO 1126C advised SA RAY E. ROCKHOLD on June 29, 1959, that McLANEY was formerly a resident of New Orleans, having departed this city about fifteen years ago, about the time he completed college. He stated McLANEY was a very good athlete, excelling in tennis and golf, moved to Florida where he made some excellent connections. For years McLANEY served as more or less a personal pro for DAN TOPPING and DEL WEBB, and through them has been able to get into various ventures with result he is now considered a millionaire. Informant advised that probably the biggest source

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of income is the wide-spread concession he has at numerous race tracks throughout the country, primarily in Florida and New Jersey but including the Fairgrounds in New Orleans, for the seat cushions. Informant stated the seats are fixed with a twenty-five cent slot, which, for that price, will release a seat cushion, this device being extremely lucrative; and while McLANEY is not believed to own the concession, he has control at some of the main tracks in the country.

Informant related that he has not seen McLANEY personally for a number of years but last spoke with him some two months ago, at which time the conversation was by radio-telephone, McLANEY being at sea in his yacht. McLANEY at that time related the trouble he has been having in Cuba and wants desperately to unlead, claiming that it is now impossible to do business in Cuba due to the many regulations being put out. Informant feels that McLANEY is the front man for TOPPING and WEBB and feels that they have an interest in the entire Hotel Nacional in Havana, not just the gambling concession. He stated that this is the nature of McLANEY's connections, always with better-class persons, wealthy and independent of any mob control, and he has never been known to have been involved in any violence, extortion or trouble of any kind, although he has always been an inveterate gambler and bets very heavily on any type of sporting venture. Informant advised that he knows of only one other member of the family, a brother, WILLIAM McLANEY who is supposed to be looking after the business in Havana, another person who has never had any criminal connections that informant knows of. He stated that McLANEY would be a man of about forty-five years of age at this time, is married to a wealthy girl from Philadelphia and not known to have any family ties in New Orleans any more.

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