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the United Nations prior to the election and complained that "American gangsters" infiltrated and partially controlled the Bahamas Government. He also made a trip to London, England, and reportedly conferred with the Secretary of State for Colonial Affairs and demanded a probe by a Royal Commission of Bahamas gambling.

In an article in the "Miami Herald", 1/23/67, "Herald" Staff Writer JAMES BUCHANAN reported that the Premier "told the 'Herald' this week" that "my Government is concerned about the influx of undesirable elements in the gambling picture".

In the article BUCHANAN reported that the Premier will carry out his campaign promise to rid the Bahamas of the conflict of interest in Government and clean up gambling operations. He reported that the current yearly income from two gambling casinos amounts to \$77,000,000. Each of the two casinos he reported pays \$280,000 yearly taxes.

NIGEL MORRIS, Commissioner, Bahamas Police Force, Nassau, on 1/18/67, advised that it is probable that the PLP Premier PINDLING will make a major issue out of the alleged gangster influx in the Bahamas gambling casinos. He said that it is probable that ~~MAX COURTNEY~~ and ~~FRANK RITTER~~, aka Reed, former managers of the Monte Carlo Casino, and ~~CHARLES BRUDNER~~, former Casino Supervisor, will be asked to leave the Bahamas. He pointed out that the previous Government was responsible for the three individuals being released from the casino operations but had agreed to permit these men to remain in the Bahamas as tourists on a temporary basis. Commissioner MORRIS advised that he has received information that MICHAEL MC LANEY may receive a gambling license from the Premier

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to repay him for the support he gave the PLP in the past election. He said that since the election, MC LANEY has "settled himself" in to the Ministry of Tourism. It is noted that Sir STAFFORD SANDS currently a Minority Member of the Bahamas Cabinet and a Member of the United Bahamian Party was formerly the Minister of Finance and Tourism.

MORRIS has requested information concerning the background activities and associations of MC LANEY. The Miami Office is at present preparing a memorandum to be submitted to Commissioner MORRIS. This memorandum will be submitted to the Bureau prior to submission to Commissioner MORRIS.

For the immediate information of the Bureau, the following concerning MC LANEY is submitted:

In October, 1958, he managed the International Casino at the Hotel Nacional in Havana, Cuba. He was arrested by CASTRO in March, 1959, and deported from Cuba. Informants have reported that MC LANEY has in the past closely associated with hoodlums JAKE LANSKY, GEORGE GORDON, ARAMAND CERAMI and FRANK ERICKSON. In an interview with MC LANEY he advised agents that he managed the L'aiglon Club in Miami Beach for LOUIS CHESLER during 1955 and 1956. USA

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MM 764-C-TE, who is closely identified with MC LANEY, has since the opening of the Monte Carlo Casino in Freeport furnished information concerning casino managers MAX COURTNEY and FRANK RITTER. He has also furnished information on individuals identified as close associates of RITTER and COURTNEY. He advised that LOUIS CHESLER had a financial interest in the Monte Carlo Casino, but did not furnish information reflecting CHESLER was associated with MEYER LANSKY. He has on one occasion reported that he heard that CHESLER was not a hoodlum but had been misled. He said that CHESLER first USA