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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
Re: Gambling Activities - Bahamas

him by the Bureau. By airtel dated February 9, 1967, the Miami Office was instructed only to accept that information which McLaney volunteers and in the light of his active participation in the political situation in the Bahamas, his activities should not be directed in any way by the FBI and all contacts with him should be handled most discreetly.

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McCrary further advised that he interviewed McLaney on March 1, 1967, and McLaney denied he had hoodlum ties, but said he had a deal "with the little man." It is to be noted that the name "the little man" is commonly used by key racket figures to refer to Meyer Lansky, nationally known racketeer and gambling operations boss. McCrary related that McLaney claimed to have spent over \$100,000 in Pindling's Progressive Liberal Party campaign, but refused to identify his financial backers. McLaney also told McCrary that Pindling has promised that he (McLaney) will be named manager of all gambling in the Bahamas. McLaney has also charged McCrary with the responsibility for attacks made by the United States press on McLaney due to his hoodlum connections and McLaney has alleged that he cooperated with the FBI over several years.

McCrary also stated Departmental Attorney Robert Peloquin has given all the information the United States Government knows about McLaney to Premier Pindling. Pindling later referred to this as "double talk" and indicated an intention to retain McLaney.

[We have also furnished complete background information on McLaney to the Commissioner of Police, Bahamas,] (G-1)(u) and to the Washington representative of MI-5. (S)

ACTION:

Special Agent in Charge, Miami, has advised that details of interview with McCrary are being submitted by airtel. When this information is received, it will be analyzed and you will be advised about any further pertinent matters in this situation.

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