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Photographic copies of nine shipping documents; Four photographs of slot machine shipping cases and contents; One Photostat of the Uniform Time Charter for the vessel "Wappen Von Hamburg".

LEADS

CHICAGO:

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:

- 1. At the Jennings Manufacturing Company will determine if any slot machines have been ordered for delivery aboard the "Wappen Von Hamburg", aka "Empress of Bahamas" at Miami or Nassau, Bahamas.
- 2. Will determine if JOSEPH MANGONE, Miami, Florida, is a representative of that company and will obtain any background information regarding this individual which may be available. It is noted MANGONE is a target for development under the informant program in the Miami Division.
- 3. Will, if possible, examine any correspondence between JOSEPH MANGONE and this company regarding slot machines on the "Empress of Bahamas".

NEW YORK:

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK:

Will conduct credit, criminal and indices checks on HAROLD DERBER, 519 West 121st Street, New York, and REHAVAM S. ADIEL, aka Ray S. Adiel, a graduate of Columbia University, in an attempt to develop background information regarding these individuals.

WASHINGTON FIELD:

AT WASHINGTON, D.C.:

1. Will interview NEAL KELLY, 1024 Vermont Avenue,

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- 7. Will interview MORRIS LANSBURG, Deauville Hotel, regarding his knowledge of plans for gambling aboard the "Empress of Bahamas" and his payment for slot machines made at Las Vegas, Nevada, on November 30, 1962.
- 8. Will interview LEO ROBBINS, Atlantic Cruise Lines, regarding his knowledge of plans for gambling aboard the "Empress of Bahamas" or other vessels operating out of the Miami area.
- 9. Will maintain contact with Departmental Attorneys, Miami, for a prosecutive opinion in this case.

AT NASSAU BAHAMAS:

- 1. Through contact with appropriate Bahamian authorities will ascertain from J. LOWE, Assistant Controller of Customs, the details of LOWE's inspection of slot machines and documents aboard the "Wappen Von Hamburg" on 12/4 5/62, and LOWE's knowledge of any proposed gambling ventures involving this vessel or other vessels from the Miami area.
- 2. In a similar manner, will ascertain from JANET SANSO, General Manager, Empress Lines, Ltd., her knowledge of slot machines or other plans for gambling aboard the "Empress of Bahamas".

<u>ADMINISTRATIVE</u>

In view of the dual character of CHS and ITGD, three copies of this report are furnished to the Bureau so that one can be furnished to the Department of Justice.

The extended period in this report was necessary to include investigation relating to this matter previously conducted in Miami file 92-404, captioned "JOSEPH ANTHONY INDELICATO, aka, AR".

The following information was obtained from confidential informants.

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On October 19, 1962, MM 509-C advised SA ROBERT F. FETZNER that for the first time since the "Calypso Liner" has been operating, he noticed it has been a topic of conversation with some of the boys. No one individual or group of individuals appear to be deeply interested in it as yet, but comment has been going around that gambling games are about to be set up, meaning games such as take place in the gambling casinos. RUBY STRAUSS seemed to be the one who appeared more interested in gambling on ships than anyone else. It appeared as if the "boys" might be feeling around to see if they can get in on something like this for the coming winter season.

PCI FRANK A. CASE, Miami, advised SA DULANY J. DUPUY, on October 25, 1962, that on October 20, 1962, JOSEPH ANTHONY INDELICATO and RUBY STRAUSS had been at a marina near Alton Road and Mc Arthur Causeway trying to make arrangements to dock a 203 foot vessel.

It was the informant's opinion that the vessel was to be utilized as a gambling ship as RUBY STRAUSS had previously said he was going to operate a gambling ship during the coming winter season.

STRAUSS had also previously said he was going to be backed by JOE INDELICATO.

The informant said that he is not sure what boat STRAUSS and INDELICATO would use but it was thought to be possibly the "Franca C" or the "Orange Sun", not further identified.

On November 16, 1962, this informant advised SA PAUL A. SCRANTON that on October 20, 1962, RUBY STRAUSS had mentioned the figure of \$1,000.00 per month as the docking fee that they would be willing to pay for dockage of this 203 foot vessel. Informant further advised on this date that he believes that RUBY STRAUSS and JOE INDELICATO made some contact with the ROBBINS brothers of the Atlantic Steamship Lines in Miami regarding some vessel.

On December 7, 1962, PCI FRANK A. CASE advised

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SA DUPUY that he had learned of no new developments on the proposed gambling ship in which RUBY STRAUSS and JOE INDELICATO were interested.

On November 13, 1962, PCI DORIS M. MC CONNELL advised SA ROBERT F. FETZNER that in an effort to learn if anyone or group in the area are interested in gambling ships or if any new boats are going to be launched to cruise to Bimini or the Bahama Islands, she stated her inquiries revealed that the "Empress of Bahamas" sails from Pier 3, Miami and goes to Nassau and the Bahama Islands. She was told the ship leaves Miami on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday and returns here Monday, Wednesday She learned it was built at Hamburg, Germany; and Friday. is operated by the Empress of Bahama Travel Corporation, where JACK HOLTSBERG is the General Manager. luxury cruise ship; will accommodate 1700 passengers; acts as a hotel for those in a foreign port and has all extremely modern equipment. She understood the President is RAY ADIEL, formerly from Tel Aviv. Nothing was mentioned by her source which gave any indications that any hoodlums had a hold here or that it was to be considered as a gambling ship.

On December 3, 1962, BERNARD F. GALLAGHER, United States Customs Agent, Supervising Customs Agents Office, Miami, furnished SA PAUL A. SCRANTON with a copy of a letter which had been furnished in confidence by Mr. E. H. MC KINNEY, Comptroller of Customs, Nassau, Bahamas. This letter was written by EARL J. F. STEIN, 214 Southwest 1st Avenue, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. It is dated November 20, 1962, and reads as follows:

"Dear Mr. MC KINNEY

"With reference to the ORANGE STAR, - the equipment was transferred from the BAHAMA STAR, presumably some from the hold, and some from above.

"The ORANGE STAR has not commenced its proposed run yet and is at Pier 2, in Miami.

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