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SAMUEL BENTON

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Benton was born on July 4, 1920, at Ludwipol, Poland, under the name of Szmul Finkielman; but he commonly used Samuel Finkelman until he changed his name officially in 1943 to Samuel Fink.

He has alleged that he traveled as a stowaway from Poland to France and then to Cuba in 1935 and from Cuba to Panama in 1939. He was arrested as a stowaway by the Canal Zone Police Department and deported to Cuba. He was lawfully admitted to the United States in 1943 while serving in the U. S. Army.

(105-116857-2)

In 1962 Benton was working for Michael McLaney in the operation of slot machines on board a cruise ship. He has been identified as a private investigator and promoter. In 1963 he was involved in the attempt of five Cuban exiles to carry out a bombing raid over Havana, Cuba. An allegation was received that McLaney had supplied the money and the plane to stage this proposed raid which was prevented when the Cubans were arrested by the United States Customs Service. (45-10253-11 pg. 55,56) (2-1810-8)

Benton, in early 1966, was declared to be a prohibited immigrant by the Bahamian authorities as he had been active currently in peddling fraudulent securities. (64-175-202-25)

In 1965 he was the President of the Sari-C Corporation in association with one Michael Raymond, who had the reputation of being a confidence man and swindler. (58-6029-4)

He resided at 1800 South Treasure Drive, Miami Beach, Florida, in 1965, and maintained a business office at 507 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami, Florida. (163-16117-5)

NOTE: Benton was the subject of an ITSP investigation in 1966 when information was received from the Paris, France, Police Department that he was associated with an individual suspected of being involved in the theft of stock certificates in New York City. (163-16117) He has FBI #396 754.

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