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FOLLOWING IS PRELIMINARY ANSWER KEYED TO REF PARAGRAPHS AND UNTIL SUCH TIME AS WE CAN CONTACT PERTINENT SOURCES:

A. DO NOT BELIEVE LEADER OF EITHER POLITICAL PARTY NOR EITHER PARTY AS SUCH IS DIRECTLY PROFITING OR RECEIVING MONEY FROM GANJA TRAFFIC.

B. & C. JAMAICAN LEADING FIGURES GENERLY ARE BELIEVED FREE OF INVOLVEMENT OR TAINT FROM UNDERWORLD SUCH AS GAMBLING OR SMUGGLING RINGS. HOWEVER, CLOSELY RELATED ARE RUMORS AND UNPROVEN REPORTS FROM TIME TO TIME OF PUBLIC INDIVIDUALS IN AND OUT OF OFFICE BENEFITTING PERSONALLY AND PRIVATELY FROM ILLICIT ACTIVITIES. FOR INSTANCE LUND HAS HAD CONFIRMED BY CONTACTS IN CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION OF CONSTABULARY AND THE HOME MINISTRY THAT SEVERAL JUDGES ARE SUSPECTED OF ACCEPTING BRIBES BY THOSE UNDER CONVICTION FOR GANJA TRAFFIC AND SMUGGLING. ALSO HIGH SOURCES INCLUDING IDENS A & B HAVE CONFIDED THAT THREE PARTICULAR INDIVIDUALS IN THE CONSTABULARY ARE UNDER A CLOUD FOR POSSIBLE

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INVOLVEMENT IN ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES OR ACCEPTING PAY OFFS. ^{(NONE} ~~NONE~~ ^{KNOW} OF THESE REPORTEDLY BEING RETIRED IS SUSPECTED OF SODOMY AND OTHER ABNORMAL RELATIONS WITH HIS UNDERLINGS). IDEN C IS CONTINUALLY RUMORED TO HAVE ORGANIZED PAY OFFS FOR OFFICIAL ACTS SUCH AS ISSUANCE OF WORK PERMITS (NOW ISSUED BY LABOR MINISTRY) AND OTHER AUTHORISATIONS. NONE OF THESE HAVE BEEN PROVEN, HOWEVER. ASSISTANTS TO MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WILTON HILL STATE THAT HE RECEIVES PAYOFFS FROM CONTRACTORS OF GOVT WORKS SUCH AS ROADS, SCHOOLS, ETC. AND THAT PORTIONS ARE DOLED OUT TO OTHER HIGH GOVT OFFICIALS AND THE PARTY. AGAIN THESE ALLEGATIONS ARE UNPROVEN.

IN DISCUSSIONS WITH IDEN A LUND HAS PROMISED TO INFORM HIM FIRST AND PRIVATELY WITH FULL COOPERATION SHOULD WE UNCOVER INFO OF THIS NATURE (INCLUDING TRAFFIC DRUG PARTICULARLY) INVOLVING A HIGH GOVT OFFICIAL. BOTH IDENS A AND B HAVE ADMITTED THEIR CONCERN OF A HIGH OFFICIAL BEING FOUND INVOLVED AND THE INFERENCE TO BE DRAWN IS THAT ONE OR MORE ARE UNDER SUSPICION. ANY ACTIVITY WITH UNDERWORLD FOR SMUGGLING OR GANJA WOULD IN ALL PROBABILITY BE FOR PERSONAL GAIN.

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D. GOVT FIGURES ARE OF COURSE IN BETTER POSITION TO TAKE COMMON "GRAFT". THE JAMAICAN LABOR PARTY (IN POWER) INCLUDED IN ITS PLATFORM OPPOSITION TO PUBLIC GAMBLING (CASINOS) ETC FOR FEAR OF THE "MAFIA" GAINING ENTRY AND SUBSEQUENT UNDUE INFLUENCE SIMILAR TO THE BAHAMIAN EXPERIENCE WHEREAS THE PEOPLES NATIONAL PARTY HAS OCCASSIONALLY ADVOCATED GOVT OPERATED AND CONTROLLED GAMBLING CASINOS. GOVT LEADERS PROCLAIM LOUDLY AND OFFICIALLY THEIR FEAR OF PROFESSIONAL GAMBLING MOVING IN, YET THEIR PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS MAKE YOU WONDER AS TO THEIR PRIVATE INCLINATIONS. OPPOSITION PARTY LEADERS GENERALLY ARE REGARDED AS BEING OF HIGHER ETHICAL STANDARDS LARGELY DUE TO THE ENORMOUS PRESTIGE AND IMMACULATE REPUTATION OF ITS FOUNDER NORMAN MANLEY. CONVERSELY THE PNP EXTREME LEFT WING VICE PRESIDENT (AND LEGAL ADVISOR TO PRIME MINISTER PINDLING OF THE BHAMAS AND A VARIETY OF CLOSE TIES THERE) HAS RECENTLY BEEN NAMED IN A MIAMI PAPER OF BEING ASSOCIATED WITH THE MAFIA REPS THERE LOUIS CHESLER AND MYER LANSKY FOR PURPOSES OF BRINGING ORGANISED PROFESSIONAL GAMBLING TO JAMAICA. THIS RAISED IN PARLIAMENT IN THE LATTER PART OF JULY APPARENTLY FOR POLITICAL MOTIVES. ALSO SEE PREVIOUS STATION

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TRAFFIC CONCERNING AARON GOLDSTEIN, MANAGER OF THE MOTEGO BAY HOTEL SUNSET LODGE RE CHESLER AND LANSKY AFFAIRS.

E. THE PRESENT GOVT SEEMS TO BE BY FAR THE MOST DETERMINED GROUP TO MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER AT ALL COSTS WHILE STILL RECOGNIZING THIS IS NOT THE CURE BUT IS ONLY BUYING TIME. CONVERSELY THE PNP IS REGARDED AS THE MORE LIBERAL, PERSONAL FREEDOM AND EXPRESSION ADVOCATE WITH A GOOD SPRINKLING OF RADICAL EXTREMISTS WHO HAVE PROMOTED DISSENSION AND CHANGE AT ALL COSTS. (THE PNP IN POWER MIGHT BE ENTIRELY DIFFERENT THOUGH IN ITS INTEREST OF SELF PRESERVATION).

F. THERE ARE RUMORS OF LOCAL POLICE IN VARYING LEVELS AND DEGREES REPORTEDLY INVOLVED IN GANJA TRAFFIC OR ACCEPTING BRIBES. (SEE PARAS B & C ABOVE). THE COP ON THE BEAT IN WEST KINGSTON AND DOWNTOWN KINGSTON REPORTEDLY WILL ADVISE TOURISTS WHERE TO GET GANJA. OTHER HIGHER RANKING POLICE OFFICERS SUCH AS IDEN D ARE REGARDED AS HAVING TOO EXPENSIVE HOMES AND CARS ETC. FOR THE MEAGER SALARY RECEIVED THEREFORE MUST BE TAKING IT ON THE SIDE. INDEED MOST HIGH GOVT OFFICIALS SEEM TO HAVE MORE WORLDY GOODS THAT THEIR SALARY WOULD PROVIDE BUT THIS SEEMS TO BE THE ACCEPTED WAY OF LIFE HERE.