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He identified TONY BARANAS (CAPONIGRO), TONY VENIERI, TONY KALISZSKI, and ABE COHEN from Newark; PAPPY (CARL) IPIOLITO and JOHN (LEO) from the Trenton area; JOE BRUND from the Philadelphia area; and CHARLES "THE BLADE" TROBINE from Miami. Philadelphia has no information regarding a JOE BRUND of the Philadelphia area.

On 6/19/59, ABE BLAZEMAN, a self-confessed local bookmaker, advised SA'S J. ROBERT PEARCE and ROBERT W. HOLMES that the only Joe Bruno he knew in his forty years of experience was JOSEPH BRUND, deceased, formerly of Trenton and New Brunswick, N. J.

It should be noted, however, that Philadelphia Top Hoodlum ANGELO BRUND, aka., office of origin Philadelphia, has recently returned to the Philadelphia area after spending approximately two years in the Miami, Fla., and Havana, Cuba, vicinities.

On 6/21/59, PH 523-C advised of learning on the previous day from a distant relative of ANGELO BRUND that he apparently was liquidating investments in Cuba and Florida to return permanently to Philadelphia. This information was substantiated by information received 6/18/59 from PH 269-C, who on the previous night partied with ANGELO BRUND and others, including Philadelphia Top Hoodlum MAX "MILAN" WEISBERG and SAMUEL "CAPT" HOFFMAN. PH 269-C, however, believed that ANGELO BRUND had no immediate plans to go to New Jersey for any purpose. The only activity in which ANGELO BRUND has engaged since returning from Florida has been continuation of the operation of his numbers racket.

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Newark letter to Philadelphia, no cc Bureau or Miami, 11/5/59, captioned "ARBUJO BUSTO, was.; AR," reported information received 10/29/58 from JOSEPH [redacted] former BK 1979-C, to the effect that approximately 35 racket men had organized a group to establish a gambling casino in Havana, Cuba. CARL PAPPY IPPOLITO was one of the principal New Jersey racketeers involved in this group according to this informant.

Informant further said that IPPOLITO when in Havana, approximately ten days previously (10/7/58), had contacted CHARLES TORRES, aka., "THE BLAKE", who was identified as one of the mob's contacts for gambling interests in Havana. The gambling casino was unknown to the informant.

This same informant, as reported in Newark letter to Philadelphia, no cc Bureau or Miami, 6/2/59, advised on 4/23/59 and 5/19/59, that he had been employed in the winter of 1958 at the Plaza Casino, Havana, Cuba, as a gambling instructor, which he said had previously been set up by a group of New Jersey gamblers as well as a few individuals from the Philadelphia, Pa., area.

This informant again identified the gambling syndicate from New Jersey and Philadelphia, Pa., as having secured their gambling license from the Cuban Government through CHARLES "THE BLAKE" TORRES. The informant said he did have contacts with ARTHUR BUSTO at the Plaza Casino in Havana, Cuba, and that BUSTO had stayed at the Capri Hotel during his stay in Cuba.

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Havana Legat letter to the Director, 3/12/59, reports information received 2/26/59 from MAY-31 relating that ANSELMO BRUNO had purchased the interest of JOSE BRUNO, aka., Joe Brown, in the Hotel Plaza gambling casino, Havana. (X)(u)

Havana NY [redacted] on 1/10/59, identified BRUNO as being one of the interest holders of the gambling casino in the Hotel Plaza. This informant said that the casino had permission to reopen, but that a "pay-off" of \$25,000 had been made to an unidentified Cuban Government Official to obtain this permission. [redacted] said that the interest holders in the gambling casino found themselves without a bankroll and were attempting to obtain funds to reopen the casino. (X)(u)

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It is suggested that in view of the above information provided, that a meeting is to occur in Newark, the meeting may be for dividing funds derived from a possible disposal of the gambling casino interests of ANSELMO BRUNO and New Jersey racket figures in Havana, Cuba.

The above is for the information of the Bureau and interested Offices.

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