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TO : Director, FBI (92-2717)

DATE: January 15, 1959

FROM : Legat, Havana (92-37)

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SUBJECT: ANGELO BRUNO, aka
Angelo Annalaro, A. Bruno,
Ange, Russo
ANTI-RACKETEERING

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Reason-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2
Date of Review 12/19/91

Reference Philadelphia letter to the Bureau dated 12/20/58.

Reference letter pointed out that information had been received that BRUNO was reported to have an interest in a gambling establishment in Havana, Cuba. The operation reportedly was identified as both the Sans Souci and the Hotel Nacional in Havana. CARL "POPPY" IPPOLITO, Trenton, New Jersey, racket figure was also identified by a source as a partner of BRUNO in this gambling operation.

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HAV-31 advised on 12/17/58, that BRUNO definitely did not have an interest in either the Sans Souci or the Hotel Nacional casinos. Source said there were a number of unknown individual holding interests in the Hotel Plaza casino and that it was possible BRUNO was one of these (u)

By letter dated 12/5/58, captioned "MIAMI WINTER SEASON, 1958-1959," the Miami office advised as follows:

"MM 665-PC stated he had dinner at the Luau, North Bay Village, on November 19, 1958, with ANGELO BRUNO, FBI #1045098, who operates a numbers racket in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He said BRUNO told him that he, BRUNO, CARL SAMUEL, 'PAPPY' IPPOLITO, FBI #773655, and RAMOND A. BRALYNSKI, with alias Harry Brown, have a piece of the Plaza Hotel gambling casino in Havana, Cuba. He said that BROWN and 'PAPPY' IPPOLITO, both gamblers from Trenton, New Jersey, are stated to be in control of the nickelodeons in Cuba. He also said BROWN owns the land on which the Luau Restaurant, North Bay Village, is constructed. He said BROWN is a close personal friend of PHILLIP YAWORSKY, with alias Jerry Brooks, FBI #220267, co-owner of the Luau Restaurant."

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On January 1, 1959, shortly after the departure of former President FULGENCIO BATISTA from Cuba, a mob entered and wrecked the gambling casino in the Hotel Plaza. Gambling equipment in the casino was taken out in the street and destroyed and burned by this mob. (u)

On January 9, 1959, PCI [redacted] a former inmate of Principe Prison in Havana, advised he had received information that JOE STASSI, aka Joe Rogers, one of the principal interest holders in the Hotel Plaza, had left Cuba by plane shortly after the sacking of the Hotel Plaza casino with a large amount of money and that he had returned two days later and was attempting to get more money out of Cuba. (u)

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Extra copies of this letter have been prepared for forwarding by the Bureau to the Philadelphia (2) and Miami (1) offices. Additional efforts will be made by Legat, Havana, to develop further information concerning BRUNO's interest in the Hotel Plaza casino. (u)

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