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SUBJECT: MEYER LANSKY

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TITLE OF CASE

MEYER LANSKY, was.

Report made by [redacted] b7C

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Synopsis:

Centennial Exposition, held 1937 on Council Bluffs, Iowa, Park Board property called Dodge Park Fairgrounds, immediately across Missouri River from Omaha, Nebr., was financial failure and creditors to amount of approximately $12,000.00 were largely Council Bluffs business men. Centennial Exposition Creditors obtained five-year lease on part of Dodge Park Fairgrounds from Council Bluffs, Iowa, Park Board in 5/41 and assigned lease to LANSKY and associates, dba Dodge Park Kennel Club in 5/41. Terms were $1000.00 per week for minimum of five weeks each season. Arrangements made so Creditors of Centennial Exposition were paid off from rental paid to Park Board. LANSKY and WILLIAM SYMS (said to be deceased) built track and facilities on this property spring of 1941, cost estimated $50,000.00 to $100,000.00, and operated dog-race track summers of 1941, 1942, and 1943; did not reopen thereafter. Iowa had anti-gambling law and there had been no dog-race track in Council Bluffs before that time. Council Bluffs attorney, who was County Attorney in 1941, states he questioned whether track would violate state law and checked with Attorney General of Iowa, who said it was all right; states if any payoff, would have been at state level; said Attorney General, above, deceased.

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SYNOPSIS CONT:

b7D [redacted] Persons interviewed say LANSKY and associates maintained excellent public relations, were lavish spenders, hired all local people except key employees, and ran a "clean track." LANSKY resided Council Bluffs while operating track. No record for LANSKY at PDs and SOs, Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Omaha, Nebraska. IN VIEW OF SUBJECT's BACKGROUND AND FORMER ARREST FOR HOMICIDE, HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED DANGEROUS.

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DETAILS:

The following information concerning MEYER LANSKY and the Dodge Park Kennel Club, a dog-racing track operated in Council Bluffs, Iowa, during the summers of 1941, 1942, and 1943, was obtained from the morgue of the Omaha World Herald newspaper by SA [redacted] on March 10, 1958, and April 7, 1958: b7C

July 23, 1941, Issue:

Dog races started July 11, 1941. "An 'option' system has been operated at the track. Spectators at the races under this plan can purchase an 'interest' in a dog. If the dog wins, the spectator turns his interest back at a profit since the dog's value has increased. If the dog loses, the spectator's 'interest' is forfeited because the dog is worthless."

The article mentions that the race track lease is producing money to pay off debts of the ill-fated Centennial Exposition of the late 1930's.

August 4, 1941:

A man by the name of JOE W. TRUE, Avoca, Iowa, filed a suit to halt the dog races.

August 5, 1941:

EDWARD WHITE, Carroll, Iowa, Attorney for JOE TRUE, asked for Grand Jury investigation, stating "Everybody knows the option is just a subterfuge." WHITE called it a "flagrant violation of the law," and said law enforcement officers in the county did not have the courage to enforce the law.

September 24, 1941:

A spokesman for the Centennial Exposition Creditors said $12,000.00 was owed to the Creditors and they received $8,000.00 during the first racing season in 1941. The article said the City Park Board leased the buildings and grounds to the Centennial Exposition Creditors Association, which in turn assigned the lease to the Kennel Club. The Park Board assigned a $12,000.00 interest in the lease to the Creditors Association.

October 14, 1941:

The track opened July 11, 1941, and ran fifty-six nights. The track was located at the old Centennial Grounds in Dodge Park, Council Bluffs, Iowa, and the operators paid $1,000.00 per week rental, of which $8,000.00 was paid to Creditors (62 Council Bluffs and Omaha business firms and individuals) who held unpaid bills for the financially unsuccessful Centennial Exposition in 1937. The track has a five-year lease with a five-year renewal option.

October 28, 1941:

MEYER LANSKY and WILLIAM SYMS built a permanent track estimated to cost $50,000.00. The suit by JOE TRUE, Avoca, Iowa, was dropped and TRUE was quoted as saying, "I am not convinced the enterprise (dog racing) is a gambling institution nor a racket."

October 29, 1941:

JOE TRUE dropped the suit which had asked a restraining order against the races. The defendants in the suit were the operators of the track (LANSKY and SYMS), the City of Council Bluffs and the Park Commission. TRUE's former attorney said TRUE could not dismiss the suit and that they would sekk to prove the "option" system was a "gambling nuisance."

November 8, 1941:

JOE TRUE dropped out as plaintiff in the suit to stop the dog races, but a district judge directed County Attorney ROY SMITH to prosecute the action to judgment. SMITH said he was ready to bring the case to the Grand Jury.

January 17, 1942:

County Attorney ROY SMITH said he would seek a court order at the March term of District Court on the request for an injunction filed by JOE W. TRUE. SMITH said, "It will be up to the court to decide whether or not the operations at the track constitute a parimutuel betting (prohibited by state law) or are option transactions."

March 12, 1942:

The Grand Jury failed to take action in January, 1942. County Attorney SMITH said he would wait until June, 1942, District Court Term to ask a court order on the injunction to halt the races.

December 31, 1942:

County Attorney ROY SMITH filed a motion for dismissal of the action regarding the dog-race track, saying the Grand Jury had looked into it. The article states the Grand Jury failed to hand in any finding. SMITH was to leave office January 1, 1943.

April 6, 1944:

An article stated the Centennial Exposition Creditors had received all of their money.

April 20, 1946:

Dodge Park Kennel Club operated in 1941, 1942 and 1943, and was closed in 1944 and 1945.

June 27, 1946:

State authorities warned operation of dog races at Council Bluffs would not be permitted and that any such operation would result in prosecution under the State Anti-Gambling Statute. The article noted the track had operated three seasons under the theory that options were not gambling. WILLIAM SYMS, Co-operator of the track, said in view of this, he would discontinue operating the track and leave.

April 9, 1948:

Plans were made to revive dog racing in Council Bluffs. WILLIAM SYMS and MEYER LANSKY, former co-owners of the Dodge Park Kennel Club, had been contacted regarding plans for a new dog track south of the limits of Council Bluffs. This was admitted by an officer of the Grenville M. Dodge Post #737 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The article said the track would face two obstacles: 1. The State Anti-Gambling ruling which closed the track in June, 1946. The track had operated three seasons by selling options on the Greyhounds. The owners contended selling and redeeming the option slips was not gambling. The question was brought to a District Court suit, but the case was never tried. 2. The County's own current gambling crackdown. The article said the VFW was scheduled to receive the gate receipts of the track before the crackdown in 1946. The Kennel Club was also to have paid the city a weekly rental of $1,200.00.

The morgue of the Council Bluffs Nonpareil newspaper was examined by SA [redacted] on March 20, 1958, and the following information concerning MEYER LANSKY and the Dodge Park Kennel Club was obtained: b7C

The July 6, 1941, issue had photographs of the grandstand, track and kennels at the Dodge Park Track. PAUL HARTWELL was presiding judge and FRANK HARTWELL was the scale clerk.

May 29, 1943:

The third season of Greyhound racing was to begin. WILLIAM SYMS was listed as general manager.

The following interviews were conducted by SAs [redacted] b7C unless otherwise stated:

On March 11, 1958, [redacted] b7C advised as follows:

[redacted] b7D someone told him a grandstand type building was being built on City Park land just north of the approach to the bridge across the Missouri River from Council Bluffs, Iowa, to Omaha, Nebraska. He said he had not noticed it and did not know what it was for. Shortly thereafter, Chief of Police PAT BANGS, now deceased, called him in and told him a grandstand and other facilities were being erected on city property as described above, and that dog races would be run there. [redacted] b7C b7D MEYER LANSKY and WILLIAM SYMS, both from Hollywood, Florida, where they were running a dog track, were to be the builders and operators of the track in Council Bluffs.

The track was built by LANSKY and SYMS and was operated by them for three seasons, the summer seasons of 1941, 1942 and 1943.

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[redacted] the races did not operate after 1943, but that in the spring of 1946, LANSKY and SYMS began to paint and repair the place for reopening. Some opposition arose, particularly in the press, and the dog track did not reopen. [redacted] said he heard that SYMS died a couple of years ago in Florida.

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[redacted] LANSKY and SYMS lived at the Chieftain Hotel in Council Bluffs while operating the track.

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advised on March 17, 1958, [redacted] the Dodge Park Kennel Club was operating in the early 1930's in Council Bluffs [redacted]

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He recalled the City Council and Park Board had some discussions and disagreements because the Council wanted some of the money being paid by the Kennel Club. He believed the track did not reopen after running for three years because of a "change of administration." [redacted] said the track was well run and there was no trouble in connection with it. He believed LANSKY and SYMS both lived at the Chieftain Hotel in Council Bluffs. (It is noted the Chieftain Hotel has no records for that period.)

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furnished the following information on March 17, 1958:

[redacted] The proposition concerning the operation of the dog-race track on Park Board property was brought up at a Park Board and City Council meeting about 1941 and was approved. [redacted] said the track was well operated and that no trouble was experienced whatsoever.

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[redacted] knew LANSKY and SYMS and said SYMS is deceased. [redacted]

He said they had come to Council Bluffs to work at the track from Hollywood, Florida, where he understood they had worked at dog-race tracks. He believed they had returned to Hollywood, Florida, when the track in Council Bluffs ceased operation.

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[redacted] furnished the following information [redacted] on March 20, 1958:

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[redacted] said arrangements had been made to operate a dog track on the same property and part of the money received was to go to the Creditors of the Centennial Exposition, who were leading Council Bluffs citizens [redacted]

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[redacted] asked LANSKY why he would start his operation in a "cow town" like Council Bluffs. LANSKY replied that it was not to make money in Council Bluffs, but rather to provide a track for his bookies on the east coast to take bets on. LANSKY explained his Florida track was closed during the summer and by having a Council Bluffs track, it would be in operation almost year round.

[redacted] recalled the track paid $1,000.00 a week to the City and the first $12,000.00 was to go to the Creditors of the Centennial Exposition.

[redacted] recalled LANSKY and SYMS stayed at the Chieftain Hotel in Council Bluffs with a couple of "broads" from New York until they moved to the home of a Dr. STERNHILL in Council Bluffs. He said LANSKY and SYMS spent money lavishly and tried to get along with everyone, obviously to keep anybody from complaining.

[redacted] He recalled LANSKY and SYMS were free spenders and they had two women with them. They moved from the Chieftain to the home of Dr. ISAAC STERNHILL, who was in the service for a time. The home was located at 729 Forest Drive, Council Bluffs. [redacted] heard about the vacant home and referred them to the STERNHILLs. LANSKY and SYMS, the two women, SYMS' fourteen-year-old son and a colored maid lived at the STERNHILL home. They paid $200.00 a month rent and gave STERNHILL an extra $100.00 when they left. [redacted] believed they stayed in this house for one summer while operating the dog track.

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[redacted] Council Bluffs, Iowa, on April 7, 1958, made available the official minutes of the Board of Park Commissioners, Council Bluffs, Iowa. The minutes for May 17, 1941, showed members of the Park Board as FRANK PETERSON, President; HENRY MEYER, Vice President; and WALTER GUGLER, Secretary. The minutes showed a lease agreement with the Centennial Exposition Creditors of Council Bluffs for part of the Dodge Park Fairgrounds for five years, starting June 1, 1941, weekly rental of $1,000.00 for a minimum period of five weeks between June 1 and October 31 of each year, for purposes of staging public exhibitions, shows and contests.

The minutes for May 29, 1941, showed the lease above was assigned from the Centennial Exposition Creditors of Council Bluffs to the Dodge Park Kennel Club.

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[redacted] recalled MEYER LANSKY and said [redacted] had worked at the track part of the time. He said LANSKY and SYMS were very good tippers and he thought they lived at the Chieftain Hotel in Council Bluffs most of the time and possibly at the Blackstone Hotel in Omaha, Nebraska.

[redacted] he Creditors of the Centennial Exposition and they were to get $12,000.00 from the operators of the Dodge Park Kennel Club. He said they received this amount during the three years that the dog track was operated.

[redacted] the Iowa Official Register for 1941 [redacted] The Register also showed Attorney General FRED D. EVERETT had died on June 17, 1940, and that JOHN M. RANKIN had been appointed Attorney General in his place. RANKIN was then elected as Attorney General in November, 1940, for a two-year term [redacted] said RANKIN is deceased.

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[redacted] furnished the following information on April 7, 1958:

A man named WILLIAM LONG came [redacted] in early 1941 and asked [redacted] draw up a lease between the Dodge Park Kennel Club and the City of Council Bluffs, and also to file the trade name Dodge Park Kennel Club [redacted]

He thought a man by the name of HUGH FINERTY, deceased, who was active in politics in Iowa at that time, had referred LONG [redacted] (It is noted FINERTY had previously been Mayor of Council Bluffs; also, GEORGE SPARKS, who was Mayor in 1941, is deceased.)

[redacted] He said LONG was apparently the front man for LANSKY and SYMS and left town after the races started. The dog track had very good public relations [redacted] They hired many local people, bought Iowa licenses for their cars and in general ran a "clean track [redacted] stated JOHN RANKIN was Attorney General in 1941. He had previously been District Judge in Keokuk, Iowa, and is now deceased.

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Records of the Pottawattamie County Recorder, Council Bluffs, Iowa, examined by SA [redacted] on April 7, 1958, showed the trade name Dodge Park Kennel Club was registered on May 19, 1941. The owners were WILLIAM SYMS, MEYER LANSKY, and WILLIAM LONG, Agent, address 42nd Street and Broadway (Dodge Park Fairgrounds). LONG's address was the Chieftain Hotel, Council Bluffs, Iowa; LANSKY's was New York City; and WILLIAM SYMS' was 980 Park Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey. The signature of LONG appeared on the record and DE VERE WATSON was the Notary. It was filed May 20, 1941.

The same records showed the trade name was registered on June 16, 1941, to delete the name WILLIAM LONG and to show MEYER LANSKY, 950 Sherman Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey, and WILLIAM J. SYMS as the operators. ~~It~~ was signed by LANSKY and SYMS and notarized by DE VERE WATSON.

As indicated in the interviews above, LANSKY and SYMS lived at the Chieftain Hotel, Council Bluffs, Iowa, and in a private home which they had rented there.

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[redacted] advised SA [redacted] on March 10, 1958, he had no records for the early 1940's and was not at the hotel then.

The following individuals were contacted for information concerning the possible residency [redacted] in early 1940 with negative results:

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All of these persons worked [redacted] in the early 1940's. They were contacted on March 10, 1958.

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On April 8, 1958, [redacted] advised he did not know of MEYER LANSKY or WILLIAM SYMS as having lived [redacted] in early 1940's. He said they have no records of guests for that period.

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[redacted] on March 20, 1958, advised SA [redacted] there was no criminal record in the files of his office for the subject under his name or aliases.

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[redacted], Associated Retail Credit Bureau, on March 20, 1958, advised SA [redacted] there was no record in the files of her office for the subject.

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On April 8, 1958, [redacted] Omaha Police Department, and [redacted] Douglas County Sheriff's Office, both Omaha, Nebraska, advised SA [redacted] they had no record regarding LANSKY or WILLIAM SYMS.

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Unless requested by the office of origin, no further investigation is being conducted at Council Bluffs, Iowa, and none will be conducted at Des Moines, Iowa.

REFERENCE:

New York report of SA [redacted] dated 2/27/58

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The Havana daily newspapers of February 22, 1958, published the fact that the Cuban Government by order of President Fulgencio Batista had officially prohibited the return to Cuba of MEYER LANSKY effective February 21, 1958. Inquiry by these newspapers of Cuban Minister of the Interior, Santiago Rey, resulted in confirmation of this order.

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[redacted] as well as information concerning MEYER [redacted] LANSKY, sufficient copies have been prepared for those three files as follows: Bureau - 3 copies, New York - 4 copies, Miami - 4 copies. In addition, copies of this letter have been placed in the same files in the Havana office.

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TITLE OF CASE

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Report made by [redacted] b7C

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CHARACTER OF CASE

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Synopsis:

Records of USDC, EDNY, reflect subject filed declaration of intention to become citizen on 8/9/21, naturalized on 9/27/28. Subject's denaturalization case still waiting for US Supreme Court decision. School records reflected subject attained 8th grade. Unable to verify subject's marriage to present wife in NY, or locate her previous employment here, both reported happened in Florida. [redacted] b7C Subject maintains residence in Hollywood, Florida, and Havana, Cuba. Subject arrived Florida from Cuba 2/10/58, arrived NY from Florida 2/11/58, arrested by NYCPD for vagrancy 2/12/58, dismissed 2/27/58, disposition sheet submitted, and left NY 3/1/58. [redacted] b7D

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[redacted] Subject still interested in gambling in Cuba, recently barred from there by Cuban Government, but reported ready to return there. IN VIEW OF SUBJECT'S BACKGROUND AND FORMER ARREST FOR HOMICIDE HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED DANGEROUS.

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DETAILS: The title is marked Changed to add the name of MEYER SUCHOWLANSKY, as reflected in records of the United States District Court, Eastern District of New York.

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A. PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

1. Birth and Citizenship

The records of the United States District Court, Eastern District of New York, were reviewed by SA [redacted] b7C on February 28, 1958, and reflected the following information:

Docket or Petition #74174 reflects Certificate of Arrival #209559 and indicates that MEYER SUCHOWLANSKY arrived on the KURSK, New York, New York, on April 4, 1911. His Declaration of Intention #100973 was filed on August 9, 1921, and reflects that MEYER LANSKY, age 19, occupation machinist, born July 4, 1902 at Grodna, Russia, was then residing at 6 Columbia Street, New York City.

Subject's Petition for Naturalization was filed on April 14, 1927, while subject resided at 125 South 3rd Street, Brooklyn, New York. His witnesses were JACOB KLEIN, Post Office clerk, of 1063 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, and IRVING SANDLER, occupation printer, of 359 South 2nd Street, Brooklyn. Both indicated they had known the subject since January 1, 1922, and knew him to be married.

Subject took his oath of allegiance on September 27, 1928, Certificate of Naturalization #2517814, issued on September 27, 1928.

The record at the court failed to indicate any change of name on the subject's part during his naturalization proceedings.

[redacted] in Charge of the Court Records, advised that it was common practice during the 1920's b7C for petitioners to simply change their names when they filed their petition for naturalization. It was not required of them to go to court to change their name, and this in no way would effect the subject's citizenship status.

On February 26, 1958, Assistant United States Attorney MORTON S. ROBSON, Southern District of New York, advised that there was no change in LANSKY'S denaturalization case, and that the government is still waiting for the United States Supreme Court decision in another case.

It is noted that the school records for the subject, set forth in detail later in this report, reflect his birth date as August 28, 1902.

The New York "Journal American" 7th Sports Edition, issue of February 21, 1958, on page 1, carried an article captioned "GAMBLER FACES OUSTER TO POLAND." The article reflected that the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) was preparing deportation proceedings against the subject. It also stated that the Immigration officers had compiled a file on LANSKY'S background, gambling activities, and association with leading racketeers.

2. Education

On March 18, 1958, the records of PS 165 at 76 Lott Avenue, Brooklyn, of former students, were checked and reflected that a MEYER LANSKY, born on August 28, 1902, whose father was MAX, entered PS 165 on March 1, 1912, and attended until June 30, 1914, when he was transferred to PS 34, Manhattan. The record reflects that his grades were all A's, with the exception of 2 B's. His residences were reflected as 546 Grand Street (appeared to be address in 1914), 894 Rockaway, and 33 Chester Street (appeared to be address prior to 1912).

The record reflected his prior attendance at PS 84 in Brooklyn from April 28, 1911 to January 31, 1912. His record showed considerable absenteeism and very little tardiness. This was the only record of a MEYER LANSKY. The only other record of a "LANSKY" attending the school was for a JACOB LANSKY, born February 17, 1904, whose father was MAX, and resided at the same addresses listed above for MEYER LANSKY.

On March 11, 1958, it was determined from the Board of Education that PS 84 was discontinued and that their records are now kept at PS 284 located at Osborn and Watkins Streets near Sutter Avenue, Brooklyn.

On March 18, 1958, [redacted] b7c
PS 284, 220 Watkins, Brooklyn, advised that the old records of PS 84 were just recently moved to his school and are in an unorganized manner in cardboard boxes and not available. He stated that they would be available for review in about a month.

On March 10, 1958, it was determined at the Board of Education that PS 34 was formerly located at Broome and Sheriff Streets, New York City, and was closed in 1928. These records are now kept at PS 4 at 203 Rivington Street, New York City.

On March 11, 1958, the records of PS 34 located at PS 4, 203 Rivington Street, New York City, were reviewed and reflected that only one MEYER LANSKY attended PS 34 and he was born on August 28, 1902, and his father was named MAX. He entered PS 34 on November 23, 1914, attending this school until 1917 when he graduated. While here he attended the 6th, 7th and 8th grades.

His residences were reflected as 894 Rockaway, 546 Grand 3rd floor, and 552 Grand 4th floor.

His records reflect that in the first 8 grades he received all A's and B's in his school work. His records reflect that he previously attended PS 165 and prior to that PS 84 in Brooklyn, having entered the first grade on April 23, 1911.

3. Previous Employment

It had previously been reported that the subject in the early 1940's was employed by Krieg, Spector and Citron Company, Hoboken, New Jersey.

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[redacted] stated he was familiar with the Krieg, Spector and Citron Company on Monroe Street. [redacted] advised this company dealt in produce and fruits and was always regarded as a clean company. He stated that it was never known, to his knowledge, as the Lansky Food Corporation. Due to rapid expansion, it moved from Hoboken to Jersey City, New Jersey, around 1945. They were considered a hard working, aggressive and hustling outfit that expanded very fast.

[redacted] indicated that he had no knowledge of anyone muscling in on the business or forcing them to pay protection money to operate. He stated that if such were true it would be likely that he would know about it [redacted]

[redacted] advised there was no known connection between MEYER LANSKY and that company.

[redacted] advised the company was first known as the Krieg and Spector Company and then MOSES CITRON joined the company as a partner.

[redacted] advised SAS [redacted] on March 10, 1958, that the Krieg, Spector and Citron Company had been a fruit and produce company on Monroe Street, in Hoboken, until around January, 1944, when it expanded to such an extent that larger quarters were necessary. Partners in the company were BENNY KRIEG, MO SPECTOR and MO CITRON. The company was regarded as a hard working, aggressive group of pushers and in [redacted] opinion, was not being muscled in on. [redacted] stated if there were any strong-arm tactics or muscling, he would likely have known of it.

[redacted] advised that he never knew the company as the Lansky Food Corporation and there was no known connection, to [redacted] knowledge, with MEYER LANSKY.

When the company moved from Hoboken, it was [redacted] recollection it changed its name to the Universal Food Corporation.

The records of incorporation for Hudson County, New Jersey, as checked by SAS [redacted] on March 11, 1958, failed to reflect subject's name as an incorporating officer of the following organizations: Krieg and Spector, which was incorporated on February 19, 1934; Universal Food Market, which was incorporated on October 1, 1934; Krieg, Spector and Citron Realty Company, which was incorporated on May 5, 1938.

[redacted]

The company was originally known as Krieg and Spector, then Krieg, Spector and Citron and now is the Universal Food Market, Incorporated.

[redacted] advised for a period of several months, around 1941, subject leased a store at 595 Broad Street, Newark, New Jersey, but was unsuccessful in the operation of the store; whereupon, the month to month tenancy was terminated.

[redacted] SES CITRON'S daughter, named ANNA, married subject and the marriage later ended in divorce. [redacted] advised two boys and one girl resulted from the marriage, but he was unable to furnish any current information concerning ANNA LANSKY, nee CITRON, and her children.

[redacted] should have knowledge of ANNA LANSKY, nee CITRON, and her children.

[redacted] advised his association with subject was very limited and except for the short time lease previously mentioned, subject was never an officer or invested any money in the company.

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4. Marital Status

It was previously reported that subject's current wife, THELMA TEDDY SCHWARTZ was to have married the subject in June, 1949, and prior to her marriage was employed as a manicurist at the Embassy Hotel.

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[redacted] the Hotel Embassy, 154 West 70th Street, New York City, advised that there is no barber shop located in this hotel, and to her knowledge, there has never been any manicurist employed in the hotel or a barber shop or beauty salon adjacent to it for many years. b7D

[redacted] stated that she knows of no THELMA TEDDY SCHWARTZ.

She suggested that it was possible that the person may have been employed at the Hotel Ambassador located on Park Avenue near 50th Street, and at times is confused with the Hotel Embassy.

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Ambassador Hotel, Park Avenue and East 52nd Street, New York City, advised [redacted]

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[redacted] do not recall a manicurist by the name of THELMA TEDDY SCHWARTZ as ever being employed there.

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On March 6, 1958, [redacted] advised that they had checked [redacted] for the years 1948 and 1949, and could locate no record for THELMA SCHWARTZ.

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On March 7, 1958, SA [redacted] checked the marriage records of New York City for a license of the subject and THELMA TEDDY SCHWARTZ for June, 1949. He reported he was unable to locate any such record.

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On March 17, 1958, SA [redacted] checked the marriage license records for Brooklyn for their marriage in June, 1949, with negative results.

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It was previously reported that the subject in his application for passport on June 10, 19[redacted] stated that he was married to THELMA SHEER SCHWARTZ on December 16, 1948, and that she was born in New York City on November 18, 1907.

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On March 20, 1958, SA [redacted] checked the birth records for New York City and reported he was unable to locate any record of THELMA SHEER SCHWARTZ or THELMA SHEER having been born on November 18, 1907.

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On March 19, 1958, SA [redacted] checked the marriage records of New York City and reported he could find no marriage record of a THELMA SHEER SCHWARTZ and the subject having been married on December 16, 1948.

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[redacted] advised on March 12, 1958, that the subject was married to THELMA SCHWARTZ somewhere in Florida and not New York City. She advised, however, that SCHWARTZ was a New York girl.

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It was previously reported that the subject was married to Mrs. ANNA CITRON.

On March 10, 1958, SA [redacted] checked the records of the Marriage License Bureau for Brooklyn, and reported the following information:

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Application #6697-29 was issued to MEYER LANSKY, white male, age 26, and ANNIE CITRON, white female, age 18. LANSKY'S parents were MAX, born in Russia, and YETTA, born in Russia, and his residence as 6 Columbia Street, and he was in the auto rental business.

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CITRON'S parents were MOSES, born in Russia, and SELMA, born in Russia, and they resided at 156 South 9th Street. The certificate reflected it was the first marriage for both, and they were married on May 9, 1929 before Rabbi ISAAC EPSTEIN.

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5. Residence

The Miami Division advised on April 9, 1958, that the subject continues to reside at the Tuscany Motel, 3800 South Ocean Drive, Hollywood, Florida.

Subject also maintains Post Office Box 1036 in Hollywood, Florida.

[redacted] b2 b7D

(a) Previous Residences

The subject's school records reflect that he had resided at the following addresses and at the approximate times indicated:

546 Grand Street
3rd floor
New York City
1914 - 1917

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552 Grand Street
4th floor
New York City
period unknown

894 Rockaway (probably Brooklyn)
1912 - 1914

33 Chester Street
appears to be prior to 1912

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MAX LANSKY, Father

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On March 7, 1958, SA [redacted] checked the records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Borough of Manhattan, for a verification of death around 1940 of subject's father. He reported that certificate #422 for 1939 reflects that one MAX LANSKY died on April 9, 1939, in Florida, at the age of 59. A transit permit, number 422-39, reflects that he died in Miami, Florida, of a coronary thrombosis, and was interred at Mt. Carmel Cemetery, presumably New York, on April 11, 1939.

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Dade County, Florida Removal Permit #131 shows that MAX LANSKY, age 59, white male, died on April 9, 1939 at Miami Beach of a coronary thrombosis. The funeral director was RUSSELL A. NICELEY or NICELEZ of Miami Beach.

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B. CRIMINAL RECORD

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On January 31, 1958, [redacted] Probation Officer, Saratoga County, Saratoga Springs, New York, advised SA [redacted] that he recalled the arrest of MEYER LANSKY on May 2, 1953 [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that although LANSKY had been placed on probation by Judge HAGERTY [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that such was the situation with all of those who had been arrested at the time LANSKY had been arrested. On February 3, 1958, [redacted] was recontacted to determine if he had located his copy of the presentence investigation conducted by him on the subject. He advised that after a check of his files he determined that he did not have a copy of this investigation.

He advised, however, that he felt certain that Judge HAGERTY would have a copy of the presentence investigation.

Investigation by the Buffalo Division revealed that Judge LEO J. HAGERTY resigned as a Supreme Court Justice in 1957

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b7C Judge LEO J. HAGERTY, former New York Supreme Court Justice, [redacted] advised SA [redacted] on February 26, 1958, that he does not have a copy of the presentence report concerning LANSKY, and no other type of record concerning the matter. He does not recall having kept a copy of the presentence report - it was the practice for the Probation Officer to furnish the Judge a report, then after the sentencing the Judge returned such reports to the Probation Officer for his files.

b7C [redacted]. He recalls sentencing LANSKY, and believes he sentenced LOUIS (DOC) FARONE the same date. He believes they were charged with gambling, and possibly conspiracy, in connection with their activity at Arrowhead, New York.

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The "new York Mirror", final edition, of February 21, 1958, on page 3, carried an article captioned

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"Cuba to Bar Lansky". The article datelined Havana, February 20, stated that according to Interior Minister SANTIAGO REY, MEYER LANSKY will not be readmitted to Cuba because of the recent charges placed against him in the United States. REY indicated that Cuba will take steps to prevent the entrance of persons wanted by other countries for criminal activities.

The "New York Mirror", final edition, issue of February 22, 1958, on page 5, carried an article captioned "Wanta Go Back; Lansky". The article stated that MEYER LANSKY, barred from Cuba by that Government as an undesirable, had stated yesterday that he wants to go back. "'No comment' was his first reaction to questions about the announcement of Interior Minister Santiago Rey at Havana. Then he said he'd like to return because of his gambling interests 'did the news surprise you?' He was asked, 'there are lots of things in this world that surprise me', he replied uniformatively".

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It is noted that from subject's photographs which were taken by the press in New York City during February, 1958, copies obtained by the New York Office, the subject is wearing built up heels on his shoes.

I. MISCELLANEOUS

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On February 27, 1958, SA [redacted] at the Hall of Records, 31 Chambers Street, New York City, reviewed tax liens for the years 1928-February 13, 1958. The following tax lien was located for the subject:

F1063 was filed against MEYER LANSKY of 1146 Harrison Street, Hollywood, Florida on September 1, 1953. This was for income and includes inserts and penalties as follows:

1944	$ 15,662.74
1945	187,726.70
1946	9,478.26
1947	35,923.21
Total	$248,791.51

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This tax lien was filed by the Upper Manhattan District of the Internal Revenue Service and was discharged on March 6, 1956.

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The Joint Legislative Watchdog Committee
New York City

The "New York Herald Tribune", late city edition, February 13, 1958, carried an article captioned "Call Lansky For Quiz at Apalachin." The article stated that on the previous day he had been served with a summons to appear before the Joint Legislative Watchdog Committee, which is investigation the November Gangland meeting at Apalachin, New York.

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[redacted] advised that LANSKY 's attorney MOSES POLAKOFF had requested a postponement of LANSKY's appearance before the Committee for a week and a tentative date was set for Friday, February 28, 1958.

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[redacted] understands there is a record in the Federal Bureau of Narcotics, New York City, indicating that MEYER LANSKY had at some unknown time been a user of narcotics.

[redacted] advised that LANSKY's hearing before this Committee had been postponed indefinitely because LANSKY's attorney, MEYER POLAKOFF, was still engaged in the trial of a narcotics case in the Southern District of New York.

[redacted] were contacted during the investigative period concerning the subject and his activities with negative results.

In view of subject's background and former arrest for homicide, he should be considered dangerous.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2831) DATE: 28 APR 1958

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK

SUBJECT : MEYER LANSKY, was
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Enclosed for the Bureau are three copies of NY report of SA [redacted] dated and captioned as above, and two copies of the report for Boston, Miami and Seattle.

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MIAMI

At Miami, Florida

Will check marriage license records for Miami and surrounding suburbs for any record of subject's marriage to THELMA SHEER SCHWARTZ on 12/16/48. Will obtain all pertinent background therefrom on both bride and groom.

Will locate and check records at the Hotel Embassy in Miami and attempt to locate the previous employment of subject's current wife.

Will check both hotel and any barber shop or beauty salon located in area adjacent to the hotel.

If above negative will check the same records of other Hotel Embassys located in surrounding suburbs of Miami.

Will at [redacted], Miami check the flights from there to New York City on the date of February 13, 1958 and determine if the subject's wife was a passenger. If negative will check [redacted] b7C

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Miami is requested to keep apprised of subject's travel between New York, Cuba and Florida and to report the period of times, dates, inclusive, that the subject is known to be at each.

Miami will notify NY as soon as there are indications that the subject may be leaving for New York so NY will be in a position to [redacted] afford subject coverage while in NY. This is very important [redacted] b7D

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Will check with the Funeral Director RUSSELL A. NICELEZ or NICELEY, Miami Beach and determine if the MAX LANSKY who died in Florida on 4/9/39 is subject's father. Will determine who paid for the services rendered.

Will furnish physical description and photograph if available of subject's wife to NY.

This lead was previously set forth in NY airtel to Miami 3/10/58.

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NEW YORK

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At Brooklyn, New York

Will at PS 284, 220 Watkins Street, review subject's school record while attending PS 84.

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At Queens, New York

Will at Mt. Carmel Cemetery review records for MAX LANSKY, who died in Florida on 4/9/39 and determine if identical to subject's father.

At New York, New York b7C

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Will make inquiries at the following places where subject was observed to visit during February, 1958, in an effort to determine subject's reasons for going there and person contacted.

Hoffritz Cutlery Store
New York City

A. Sulka and Company
405 Park Avenue
New York City

260 Madison Avenue
16th Floor
New York City

30 East 60th Street
New York City

1740 Broadway
New York City

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261 Broadway
New York City

Will [redacted] verify subject's leaving NYC on 3/1/58 [redacted] and determine if subject's wife was also on the same flight.

Will check the records of the US Narcotics Bureau for information the subject was a former user of narcotics.

Will make arrangements through the Internal Revenue Service "Inspection Service" to determine results of subject's tax lien filed in 1952 and dismissed in 1956 determining amounts paid.

Will contact the Joint Legislative Watchdog Committee and determine if and when subject is to appear.

REFERENCE New York report of SA [redacted] 2/27/58
Legat letter to Bureau, 2/24/58, 3/6 and 12/58
New York letters to Bureau 3/7 and 10/58.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

OFFICE MEMORANDUM. UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

DIRECTOR, FBI [redacted]

DATE: 5/5/58

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK [redacted] 67C

SUBJECT: [redacted]

ReNYlet to Bureau 3/20/58.

On 4/22/55, AUSA ROBERT J. WARD advised SA [redacted] that as a result of the decision of the US Supreme Court in US vs. FRANK COSTELLO, the Department has issued instructions to dismiss as promptly as possible all actions affected by the decision.

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Mr. Ward advised that among the cases so affected are denaturalization proceedings against [redacted]

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MEYER LANSKY.

WARD advised that in the COSTELLO case, the Supreme Court held that since an affidavit of good cause was not filed when the action was instituted, there was a jurisdictional defect and the action was fatally defective.

WARD stated that in compliance with the departmental instructions to dismiss the actions as promptly as possible, stipulations of dismissal have been sent to all opponents.

WARD further stated that the service files of the cases involved were being returned to the Department for review and that the cases would be held open, pending instructions from the Department as to any future action.

In view of the above, the NYO is placing the case of [redacted] in a pending inactive status.

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SAC, New York (92-660) May 14, 1958

Director, FBI (92-[redacted])

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SUBJECT: MEYER LANSKY, was.
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Please furnish current copy of subject's Identification Record under FBI number 791783 and NYCPD number B70258.

Please expedite and submit by airtel as it can reach NY to be used in summary report.

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Reporting Office	Office of Origin	Date	Investigative Period
NEW YORK	NEW YORK	8/24/58	6/14-19/58

TITLE OF CASE

MEYER LANSKY, was., Meyer The Bug, Bugsy Meyer, The Bug, Little Meyer, Myer Lansky, Meyer Lazansky, Morris Liederman, [illegible], Meyer Suchowltansky, Johnny Eggs, Meyer Suchowlansky

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CHARACTER OF CASE

ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

SUMMARY REPORT

Subject, FBI #791783, reported born on 7/4/02, and 8/28/02, in Poland, arrived US 4/4/11, naturalized 9/27/28, at NY, and attained 8th grade education. He resides Hollywood, Florida, and Havana, Cuba. [redacted] Second and present wife resides with subject. [redacted] Subject connected with crime and associated with other hoodlums in 1920's which he continued until present. Subject currently interested in gambling casinos in Havana, Cuba. Subject suffers from stomach ulcer. Identification record and physical description set forth. IN VIEW OF SUBJECT'S BACKGROUND AND FORMER ARREST FOR HOMICIDE, HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED DANGEROUS.

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DETAILS:

A. PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

1. Birth and Citizenship

MEYER LANSKY was born on July 4, 1902, at Grodno, Poland, according to the files of the Immigration and Naturalization Service and arrived in the United States on April 4, 1911. He was naturalized on September 27, 1928, in the Eastern District of New York, and is presently a United States citizen although the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York is still attempting to deport him.

It is noted that the school records for the subject, set forth in detail later in this report, reflect his birth date as August 28, 1902.

The New York "Journal American" 7th Sports Edition, issue of February 21, 1958, on page 1, carried an article captioned, "Gambler Faces Ouster to Poland." The article reflected that the Immigration and Naturalization Service was preparing deportation proceedings against the subject. It also stated that the Immigration officers had compiled a file on LANSKY's background, gambling activities, and association with leading racketeers.

2. Education

The subject was examined under oath on December 10, 1953, in the United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of New York, New York City, by Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) ROBERT W. SWEET, in the presence of MOSES POLAKOFF, Attorney for the subject. Hereafter in this report, information attributed to this examination, will be referred to as the examination by AUSA SWEET in 1953.

In the above examination, the subject stated that he graduated from Public School 34 in the lower East side of Manhattan in 1916 or 1917. He attended this school under the name of MEYER LANSKY.

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On March 18, 1958, the records of Public School 165 at 76 Lott Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, of former students, were checked and reflected that a MEYER LANSKY, born on August 28, 1902, whose father was MAX, entered PS 165 on March 1, 1912, and attended until June 30, 1914, when he was transferred to PS 34, Manhattan. The record reflects that his grades were all A's with the exception of 2 b's.

On March 11, 1958, the records of PS 34 located at PS 4, 203 Rivington Street, New York City, were reviewed and reflected that only one MEYER LANSKY attended PS 34 and he was born on August 28, 1902, and his father was named MAX. He entered PS 34 on November 23, 1914, attending this school until 1917 when he graduated. While here he attended the 6th, 7th and 8th grades.

3. Employment

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a. Previous Employment

Previous investigation has indicated that at one time or another the subject has previously been employed or connected with the following concerns:

Emby Distributing Company
later known as Manhattan Simplex
Distributing Company, Incorporated,
distributors of Wurlitzer automatic phonographs,
525 West 43rd Street
New York City, New York

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Krieg, Spector and Citron
now known as Universal Food Corporation
8 Concourse East
Jersey City, New Jersey

Dodge Park Kenel Club
Council Bluffs, Iowa

4. Residence

The Miami Division advised on April 9, 1958, that the subject continues to reside at the Tuscany Motel, 3800 South Ocean Drive, Hollywood, Florida.

Subject also maintains Post Office Box 1036 in Hollywood, Florida.

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a. Previous Residence

Investigation conducted has indicated that the subject at some previous time has resided at the following addresses:

1146 Harrison Street
Hollywood, Florida

745 Hollywood Boulevard
Hollywood, Florida

36 East 36th Street
Penthouse "D"
New York City

40 Central Park South
Apartment 14-C
New York City

211 Central Park West
Apartment 19J
New York City

411 West End Avenue
New York City

100 Beacon Street
Boston, Massachusetts

99th Street and Broadway
Northeast corner
New York City

268 Buffalo Avenue
New York City
(Probably Brooklyn, New York)

127 South Third Street
Brooklyn, New York

6 Columbia Street
New York City

482 Grand Street
New York City

546 Grand Street
3rd floor
New York City

5. Marital Status

Rel per State 7/2/84

The subject, in his application for passport on June 10, 1949, stated that he was married to THELMA SHEER SCHWARTZ on December 16, 1948, and that she was born in New York City on November 18, 1907. Ref to State

Efforts to verify this marriage through marriage license records in New York City and Brooklyn were met with negative results.

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advised on March 12, 1958, that the subject was married to THELMA SCHWARTZ somewhere in Florida and not New York City. She advised, however, that SCHWARTZ was a New York girl.

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MAX LANSKY, Father

On March 7, 1958, SA [redacted] checked the

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records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Borough of Manhattan, for a verification of death around 1940 of subject's father. He reported that certificate #422 for 1939 reflects that one MAX LANSKY died on April 9, 1939, in Florida, at the age of 59. A transit permit, number 422-39, reflects that he died in Miami, Florida, of a coronary thrombosis, and was interred at Mt. Carmel Cemetery, presumably New York, on April 11, 1939.

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C. ASSOCIATES

When the subject was examined in 1953 by AUSA SWEET, he identified the following as then being friends or close associates:

BUGSY SIEGEL
JOE ADONIS
FRANK ERICSON - TH
FRANK COSTELLO
LONGIE ZWILLMAN - TH

He further stated that he had seen the following men within the last two years (1952 and 1953) but stated that he had no "dealings" with them in the past two years:

FRANK COSTELLO
JOE ADONIS
FRANK ERICSON
LONGIE ZWILLMAN

BUGSY SIEGEL, before his death, was reputed to be a well-known hoodlum in the New York area as well as on the West coast of the United States.

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D. CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

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On October 12, 1950, LANSKY appeared before the Senate Crime Investigation Subcommittee, accompanied by his counsel, MOSES POLAKOFF. He admitted associating with FRANK COSTELLO, JOE ADONIS and FRANK ERICSON, but refused to elaborate on this association. He admitted travelling to Italy in 1949, but refused to admit whether or not he had contacted LUCKY LUCIANO.

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E. LEGITIMATE ENTERPRISES

Over the past 15 years, the subject has had some kind of interest in the following businesses, many of which are not now in existence or have not been in existence for a number of years:

Thunderbird Hotel
Las Vegas, Nevada

Colonial Inn
Broward County, Florida

Green Acres Club
Broward County, Florida

La Boheme Club
Broward or Dade County, Florida

F. PLACES OF AMUSEMENT AND HANGOUTS FREQUENTED

The subject, in the past, has been known to frequent the following places:

Hotel Nacional
Havana, Cuba

Casino International
Havana, Cuba

Montmarte Night Club
Havana, Cuba

Maxims Restaurant
Surfside, Florida

Post and Paddock Room
Bay Harbor Hotel
Miami, Florida

Tuscany Motel,
Hollywood Beach, Florida

He has been known to frequent the following places, all in New York City:

Dinty Moore's Restaurant
216 West 46th Street

Billy Gwon's Chinese Restaurant
128 West 52nd Street

Old Timers Restaurant
7 East 40th Street

Forum Restaurant
57 West 48th Street

Stouffer's Restaurant
666 Fifth Avenue

Italian Pavilian Restaurant
24 West 55th Street

Savoy Plaza Hotel Terminal Barber Shop
Fifth Avenue and 58th Street

Hotel Savoy Plaza
Fifth Avenue and 58th Street

St. Moritz Hotel
50 Central Park South

Residence of GEORGE WOODS
40 Central Park South

Office of subject's attorney
MOSES POLAKOFF
475 Fifth Avenue

G. TRAVEL

The subject, in 1949, went abroad to Europe with his second wife on a wedding trip. They left New York City on

June 28, 1949, and arrived back in the United States the end of August, 1949.

The subject, in the past several years, has travelled between Havana, Cuba, Miami, Florida, area, Las Vegas, Nevada, and New York City area. The subject usually flys by Eastern Airlines; however, he has been known to fly on at least one occasion by Northeast Airlines.

H. PERSONAL HABITS AND HEALTH

LANSKY is reportedly a good family man and remains friendly with his ex-wife and closely associates with his brother, JAKE LANSKY, in Florida. He is never seen with women other than his wife or close relatives and frequents night spots only in the Havana, Cuba, and Miami, Florida, areas.

The subject, in the past year or so, has been troubled with a duodinal ulcer. He was hospitalized for this at Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York City in December, 1957.

I. MISCELLANEOUS

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On February 27, 1958, SA [redacted] at the Hall of Records, 31 Chambers Street, New York City, reviewed tax liens for the years 1928 - February 13, 1958. The following tax lien was located for the subject:

F1063 was filed against MEYER LANSKY of 1146 Harrison Street, Hollywood, Florida, on September 1, 1953. This was for income and includes ~~interest~~ and penalties as follows:

1944	$ 15,662.74
1945	187,726.70
1946	9,478.26
1947	35,923.21
Total	$248,791.51

This tax lien was filed by the Upper Manhattan District of the Internal Revenue Service and was discharged on March 6, 1956.

J. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

The following is a physical description of the subject, obtained from investigation:

Name	MEYER LANSKY - Summary
Aliases	Meyer The Bug Bugsy Meyer The Bug Little Meyer, Myer Lansky Meyer Lazansky, Morris Lieberman, Bugs Meyer, Meyer Suchowltansky, Johnny Eggs, Meyer Suchowlansky
Sex	Male
Race	White
Birth dates	July 4, 1902 August 28, 1902
Birth place	Grodno, Poland
Residence	Tuscany Motel, 3800 South Ocean Drive, Hollywood, Florida, Calle 12 #20 Vedado Section Havana, Cuba
Height	5'4½" to 5'5"
Weight	140 pounds
Build	Small
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Dark
Peculiarities and/or Characteristics	Wears built up heels in shoes
Occupation	Gambler - executive
Marital Status	Married
Immediate Relatives	
Wife	THELMA (TEDDY) SCHWARTZ LANSKY
Sons	Lieutenant PAUL LANSKY, USAF BENJAMIN LANSKY, also known as Buddy

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Daughter	SANDRA RAPOPORT, nee LANSKY
Sister	Mrs. ESTHER CHESS, nee LANSKY
Brother	JACK LANSKY, also known as Jake
Father	MAX LANSKY, deceased
Mother	YETTA LANSKY
Social Security #	109-03-8534
FBI #	791783
New York City Police Department	#B-70258

IN VIEW OF SUBJECT'S BACKGROUND AND FORMER ARREST FOR HOMICIDE, HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED DANGEROUS.

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (92-660)

SUBJECT: MEYER LANSKY, was.
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REFERENCES

Bureau letter, 5/22/58, captioned, "TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM; AR."
Report of SA [redacted] 12/26/57, at NY.
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