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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION

SUBJECT: MEYER LANSKY

FILE NUMBER: 62-97928

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September 5, 1952

MEMORANDUM

Re: MEYER LANSKY, was
Bugsy Meyer
Bugsy Meyers
Morris Lieberman
"Meyer the Bug"
"The Bug"
"Little Meyer"

Information has been received that Meyer Lansky *Sumner*
was born July 4, 1902, at Grodno, Russia. He is reported
to be a naturalized citizen and to reside at 911 Central
Park West, Apartment 9-G, New York City

Lansky has been reported to be a close associate
of the leading gamblers and racketeers in this country,
and has gambling interests in Hollywood and Miami, Florida,
Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Las Vegas, Nevada. He is reported
to have been one of the leading bootleggers in New York City
during prohibition.

Attached hereto is the arrest record of Meyer Lansky.

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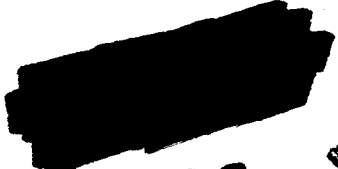
RE: MEYER LANSKY, was :
"Meyer the Bug",
"Bugsy" Meyer,
"Bugsy" Meyers,
"The Bug", "Little Meyer"

Information has been received that MEYER LANSKY was born July 4, 1902, at Grodno, Russia, and he is believed to be a naturalized citizen. His last known address was 36 East 36 Street, New York City.

MEYER LANSKY has been reported to be an overlord of international racketeers and gangsters; to have national connections in gambling circles; and a close associate of the most notorious gangsters and racketeers in the United States; and is considered among this element to be a leader.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Friday, December 19, 1952

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Attorney General James P. McGranery announced today that he has directed the filing of a petition seeking cancellation of the naturalization of Meyer Lansky of New York City. 6-1

The petition will be another step in Mr. McGranery's program of denaturalization and deportation of aliens engaged in racketeering and other criminal activities. G. I. R. 3

Based on investigations conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the petition will be filed by U. S. Attorney Myles J. Lane of the Southern District of New York.

It will charge that Lansky obtained his naturalization through fraud in that during proceedings which led to naturalization he deliberately and intentionally concealed his criminal record.

Lansky was born July 4, 1902, at Grodna, Russia, and arrived in the United States April 4, 1911. He was naturalized in the Federal court in Brooklyn, New York, September 27, 1928.

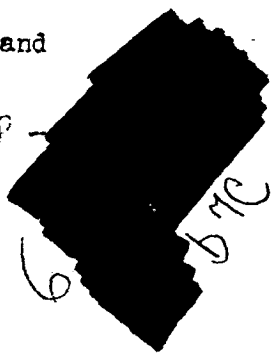
Lansky allegedly has been a close associate of leading gamblers and racketeers in this country and allegedly has gambling interests in Hollywood, Miami, Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Las Vegas, Nev. He was alleged to have been a leading New York bootlegger during prohibition. It also has been alleged that he was a member of a syndicate which included Lucky Luciano and Bugsy Siegal, among others.

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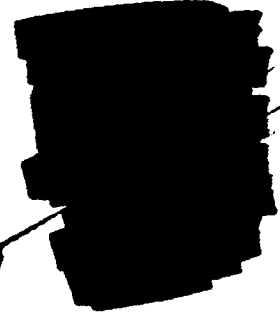
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 OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
 to
 Official indicated below by check mark

Mr. Jones
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Mr. Louis B. Nichols
Room 5640

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
 FROM : SAC, Miami (62-2519)

DATE: September 30, 1953

SUBJECT: MEYER LANSKY, was.,
 "Meyer the Bug", "Bugsy Meyer",
 "Bugsy Meyers", "The Bug",
 "Little Meyer";
 GIIF (TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE).

Re SAC Letter No. 53-58 dated August 25, 1953.

In the matter entitled, "SURVEY CONCERNING PROMINENT UNDERWORLD FIGURES BEING MADE BY THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS; CRIME SURVEY", the Bureau, by letter dated May 12, 1950, furnished Miami and other offices with "the Attorney General's list" of "certain prominent underworld characters". MEYER LANSKY, FBI Number 791783, was included on that list. A summary memorandum was submitted to the Bureau under date of July 6, 1950. A similar memorandum was submitted to the Bureau and Miami by the New York Office under date of June 20, 1950.

In the matter entitled "FEDERAL GRAND JURIES INVESTIGATING LOCAL CRIME", [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] furnished [REDACTED] with a list of 59 "key figure" criminals in South Florida. By letter dated April 17, 1952, Miami furnished the Bureau a memorandum on each of these persons setting forth a summary of information contained in the files of the Miami Office. After changes suggested by the Bureau had been made, copies of these memoranda were made available to the Federal Grand Jury at Miami. One of these memoranda pertained to MEYER LANSKY.

SAC Letter Number 100 dated October 7, 1952, set forth instructions relative to furnishing information to the Immigration and Naturalization Service on each notorious criminal or racketeer of foreign birth. Inasmuch as MEYER LANSKY was reportedly born on July 4, 1902, at Grodno, Russia, a summary memorandum concerning him was submitted to the Bureau

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by cover letter dated October 15, 1952, which was entitled, "DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION".

A review of Miami files reflects the following supplemental information:

In the matter entitled, "MEYER LANSKY; FOREIGN MISCELLANEOUS", (Miami File 62-2519-26),

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The Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, "Daily News" under date of December 16, 1952, reported that steps were being taken to return SEYMOUR EISEN, an associate of some of the nation's top racketeers, to testify at a New York State criminal action against seven operators of a Saratoga gambling establishment. EISEN, who resides at 1607 Wiley Street, Hollywood, was listed as the bookkeeper in a gambling casino during 1947 known as the Arrowhead Inn, Saratoga. One of the defendants named in this criminal action was MEYER LANSKY. After some effort on the part of SEYMOUR EISEN to avoid appearing at the criminal action, Broward County Judge BOYD H. ANDERSON ruled on December 18, 1952, that EISEN would have to appear at the New York State trial.

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The Miami "Daily News", under date of February 18, 1953, reported that MEYER LANSKY had pleaded guilty to five counts of the gambling conspiracy indictment returned in Saratoga, New York, but stated that the defendant's sentence

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was deferred and he was continued under \$10,000.00 bail. The Ft. Lauderdale "Daily News" under date of May 2, 1953, reported that MEYER LANSKY was sentenced to serve three months in the Saratoga County, New York, jail. It also said that Justice LEO J. HAGGERTY, who imposed the sentence, could have given LANSKY a maximum sentence of five years, and that he also imposed a fine of \$2,500.00.

The Miami "Herald", under date of December 20, 1952, reported that the then Attorney General, JAMES P. McGRANNERY, had announced that he was starting proceedings to take away the American citizenship of Russian-born MEYER LANSKY of New York City, alleged big-time gambler and former bookmaker. He stated that LANSKY would be charged with having obtained his naturalization through fraud, in that he deliberately and intentionally concealed his criminal record.

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The following is quoted from an article which appeared in the Miami "Herald" issue of September 6, 1953:

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"MIKE SPINELLA, the former rackets figure recently deported to Italy, is the real owner of the lush \$500,000. Plantation Largo, The Herald learned Saturday.

"And there was strong indication that SPINELLA's junior partner in the operation is MEYER LANSKY, notorious gambler. SPINELLA and LANSKY, who just finished a three-month jail term, bought into the Plantation Key Properties, Inc., in 1951, but nothing has ever shown up in public court and government records to reveal their connection.

"However, there has been no indication that SPINELLA and LANSKY ever attempted anything but a legitimate resort business there.

"An investigation by The Herald has uncovered the fact that the corporation's officers of record are little more than figureheads.

"The swank resort facility was incorporated in Florida in May, 1951, under the name of Plantation Key Properties.

"JOSEPH A. VARON, Hollywood attorney, handled the incorporation and has served as the nominal president-treasurer ever since.

"But VARON said Saturday he isn't the owner and 'I don't know who the owners are'. He declined to comment when asked if SPINELLA and LANSKY had an interest in the company.

"'I was paid in 1951', VARON stated, 'to set up the corporation. Ever since then I have been the nominal head--nothing more. I don't even sign the checks'.

"VARON said he was originally retained by LARRY KNOHL, President of Atlantic Investors, Inc., of Washington, D. C., an oil firm, when KNOHL purchased the place from a Miami real estate firm. The reported purchase price was \$150,000.

"KNOHL apparently stepped out of the picture shortly thereafter when it became known that he was convicted of

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"embezzlement about 17 years ago. He denies he ever got any money out of the deal.

"Subsequently, KNOHL figured prominently in the income tax scandals that rocked the Internal Revenue Bureau during the TRUMAN administration and in October, 1952, was indicted by a Federal Grand Jury in Washington, D. C., on charges of making false statements to the Reconstruction Finance Corp.

"KNOHL's former ties with the Key Largo Motel and Yacht Harbor have never before been revealed.

"His name came into the congressional investigation of T. LAMAR CAUDLE, former Assistant Attorney in Charge of Tax Cases, in connection with an airplane sale on which CAUDLE received a \$5,000. commission.

"KNOHL sold out to SPINELLA who has already poured in excess of \$200,000. in the place.

"SPINELLA added 32 air-conditioned units to the motel, which contained 18 when he bought it. There also is a swimming pool, restaurant, cocktail lounge, fishing facilities and docks.

"LANSKY, who still maintains a home in Hollywood and formerly operated three luxurious gambling houses in Broward County, has been a good friend of SPINELLA and reportedly joined him in the Plantation Key deal to the extent of at least \$50,000.

"In the Nov. 15, 1951, corporate report filed with the Secretary of State's office in Tallahassee, SEYMOUR EISEN of Hollywood is listed as Vice-President.

"EISEN was LANSKY's bookkeeper when the latter ran the old Colonial Inn in Hallandale.

"The Kefauver Senate Crime Investigating Committee cited EISEN as a close associate of LANSKY and identified him as the keeper of LANSKY's records.

"But by Jan. 2, 1952, when another corporate report was filed, a CHARLES KLEIN of Miami Beach replaced EISEN as Vice-President.

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"The following September, LANSKY was indicted on 21 counts of gambling, forgery and conspiracy by a Grand Jury investigating gambling and corruption in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., one of LANSKY's favorite haunts.

"Listed as Secretary in the Jan. 2, 1952, report was THOMAS LAVIN, an employee at Plantation Key. KLEIN managed the place and signed the checks.

"KLEIN, it was learned, has since been replaced by a WILLIAM DAVIS, identified as a 'restaurant man from New York' who is managing the business and apparently handling the finances. The corporation maintains an account in a Homestead bank.

"Reliable sources close to SPINELLA said he and LANSKY put their money into Plantation Key Properties as a 'sound legitimate business investment'.

"With SPINELLA, the majority owner, in Italy and with no immediate likelihood of his being permitted to return to appeal his deportation to the courts, it appears that VARON may be instructed to sell out.

"SPINELLA, who still owns a plush home at Miami Beach, was given the bum's rush out of the country by the Immigration Service in June before he was able to seek judicial review of the deportation order. He may be brought back and given that opportunity.

"LANSKY, too, is in trouble with the Immigration Service. Last December, the government started proceedings to take away the American citizenship of the Russian-born gambler.

"He is charged with having obtained his naturalization in 1928 through fraud in that 'he deliberately and intentionally concealed his criminal record'. That case is awaiting trial."

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at Las Vegas, Nevada. It stated further that they were apparently interested in gambling enterprises in Las Vegas.

MEYER LANSKY is one of the country's well-known criminals and he has visited Miami each Winter for many years. He has been engaged in various illegal gambling activities in Florida for many years and is definitely a top hoodlum in the Miami area.

New York, N. Y.
September 23, 1953

Mr. Hoover:

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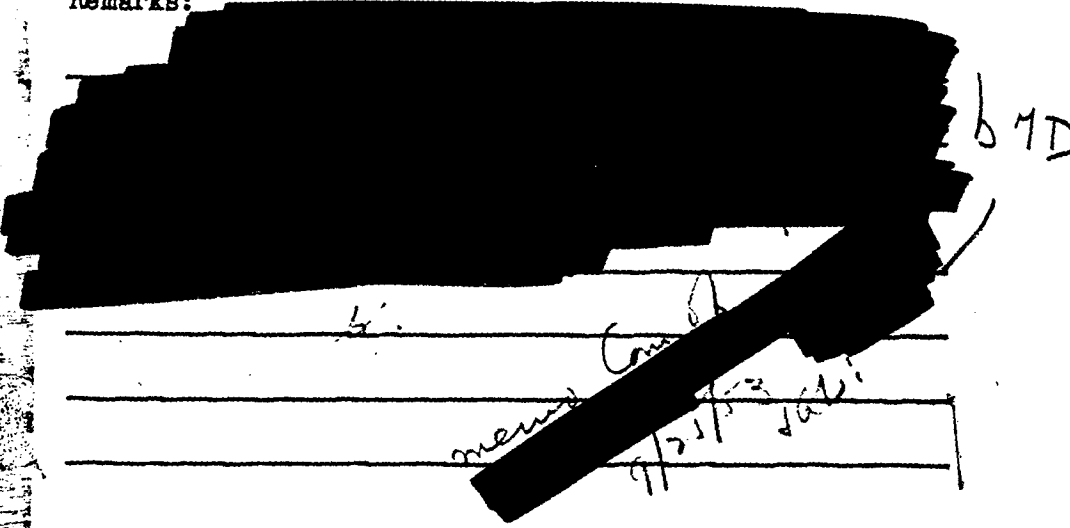
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Assistant Attorney General H. Brian Holland
Tax Division

December 21, 1953

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MEYER LANSKY

1146 Harrison Street
Hollywood, Florida

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Formerly: 211 Central Park West, New York, New York

You will find attached two copies of the identification record of Meyer Lansky, FBI # 791 783, which you requested in your memorandum dated December 16, 1953, your reference [redacted] ss, 5-18-3167.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
FROM : SAC, New York (94-419 Subfile 29)
SUBJECT: MEYER LANSKY
DENATURALIZATION PROCEEDINGS

DATE: 1/11/54

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By letter dated 12/28/53 in the above captioned matter, received in this office on 1/6/54, USA J. Edward Lumbard, SDNY, as an enclosure, submitted a list of [Redacted] persons captioned "LIST OF ALLEGED BOOTLEGGERS AND RUM RUNNERS KNOWN BY MEYER LANSKY". (Copy of letter of 12/28/53 and list of [Redacted] names submitted to the Bureau herewith as enclosures.) In brief, the USA's office, by this letter, requested to be furnished with any information with respect to the [Redacted] individuals on the list which would indicate their occupations from 1926 until the early thirties, particularly with respect to rum running and bootlegging, and in addition any information concerning their present whereabouts, their criminal records and the existence of any actions of a criminal nature which are now known to be outstanding against them. The USA also requested, as to any of the persons on the list who are now deceased, that he be furnished any information which would have any bearing upon the particular problem for use in the denaturalization trial of MEYER LANSKY.

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The USA's office advised in this letter that it was necessary for the government to establish upon the denaturalization trial that the defendant MEYER LANSKY was primarily engaged in criminal activities from 1926 until the early 1930's. The letter closed as follows: "Please do not hesitate to notify Robert W. Sweet, Assistant United States Attorney, if this request presents any problems."

On 1/8/54, ASAC E. J. McCabe had a conference with AUSA Robert W. Sweet at which time it was pointed out to him that a review of the files of the New York office on the [Redacted] individuals listed in his letter would entail considerable work on the part of this office and would be of little value to him in connection with the denaturalization proceedings. His attention was called to the fact that the USA's office, SDNY, was in possession of reports on the individuals listed by him who were investigated by this office as subjects in criminal cases and that any information obtained in the course of investigation of other subjects concerning these individuals would be of such a nature that the information would probably be inadmissible.

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RE NY 94-419 Subfile 29

AUSA Sweet frankly stated that he had directed the letter to the New York Office without a full realization of the work it would entail and with the hope that possibly the FBI might be in a position to conduct the investigation in the case although he knew that it was within the primary jurisdiction of Immigration and Naturalization Service.

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After a further discussion, AUSA Sweet stated that he would review the files in the USA's Office on the [REDACTED] named individuals and would also review the transcript of the grand jury proceedings held in connection with [REDACTED] which was brought to his attention in the course of the conference. He stated further that he would suggest to I&NS that they obtain, if possible, the FBI Identification Number, Arrest Number or other identifying data concerning any of the [REDACTED] individuals on whom it was desired that a criminal record be obtained, and that such request be made directly by I&NS to the Bureau Identification Division.

AUSA Sweet advised that the request for the information from this office, as set forth in the USA's letter of 12/28/53, should be disregarded and the matter be considered closed by this office. A letter has been directed to USA Lumbard, attention AUSA Sweet, to this effect. AUSA Sweet expressed his appreciation for the suggestions made during the conference as outlined above.

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December 28, 1953

Leland V. Boardman
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
290 Broadway
New York 7, N.Y.

Re: United States v. Meyer Lansky
(S.D.N.Y., Civ. No. 81-205)

Dear Mr. Boardman:

The above entitled action is a denaturalization proceeding in which an examination before trial was recently conducted by the United States.

The Government will seek to establish upon the trial of the action that the defendant Meyer Lansky was primarily engaged in criminal activities from 1926 until the early thirties, particularly with respect to rum running and bootlegging. Proof of this occupation is considered vital to the success of the action. During the examination before trial the defendant acknowledged knowing certain individuals whom it is believed were engaged in the bootlegging business during the period in question.

I am anxious to obtain any information with respect to these individuals, a list of whose names is attached, which would indicate their occupations during the period in question. In addition, it would be most helpful to learn their present whereabouts, their criminal record, if any, and the existence of any actions of a criminal nature which are now known to be outstanding against them. Needless to say, this request is limited only to those now living. As to those persons on the list who are now deceased, I would be grateful for any information which you may have bearing upon the particular problem which I outlined above.

It may well be that for your own purposes you may wish to have an Agent examine the examination before trial in order to obtain any background material or factual data which may exist there.

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Please do not hesitate to notify Robert W. Sweet,
Assistant United States Attorney if this request presents
any problems.

Very truly yours,

/s/ J. Edward Lumbard

J. EDWARD LUMBARD,
United States Attorney.

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LIST OF ALLEGED BOOTLEGGERS AND RUM RUNNERS KNOWN BY MEYER LANSKY

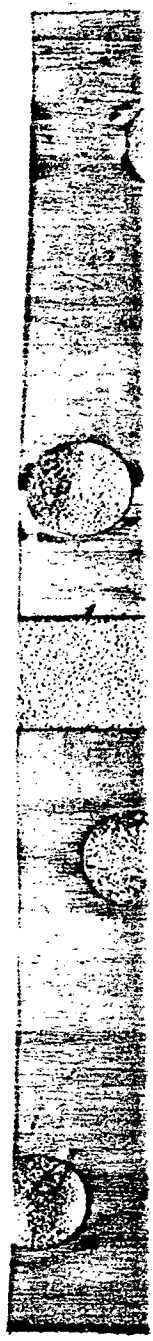
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director, FBI
FROM: SAC, New York (94-419 Sub 29)
SUBJECT: GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE INTELLIGENCE FILE
MEYER LANSKY, was
FBI # 791782

DATE: 4/9/54

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Enclosed herewith are two copies of Summary Memorandum prepared from a review of the files of this office.

As additional current information is developed concerning LANSKY, the Bureau will be advised.

Copies of the Memorandum are being designated for offices listed below inasmuch as LANSKY is known to operate in these areas.

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GENERAL INVESTIGATION INTELLIGENCE FILE

MEYER LANSKY
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MEYER LANSKY, with aliases:
Meyer The Bug, Bugsy Meyer,
The Bug, Little Meyer,
Meyer Lazansky, Meyer Lensky,
Myer Lansky, Bugs Meyer,
Morris Lieberman
Federal Bureau of Investigation Number 791783
New York City Police Department Number B 70258

This summary reflects a complete review of the files of this office and other investigation conducted concerning the captioned subject.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Birth Data

The subject was born July 4, 1902 at Grodno, then in Poland, Russia. No other birth date of conflicting measure has been noted through instant review.

Family History

LANSKY arrived in the United States on April 4, 1911. He was naturalized on September 27, 1928, in the Eastern District of New York. His wife for a good number of years was ANNA CITRON LANSKY, who would now be forty-three years of age, and who has apparently been divorced by the subject, since he now claims to be married to THELMA (Teddie) LANSKY. By his first wife he had two sons BENJAMIN or BUDDIE, age twenty-five, and PAUL age twenty-three, and one daughter SANDRA, now seventeen years of age. He also has a brother JACK, who will be further identified hereinafter.

Addresses

Over the past twenty-five years the subject has resided in the major cities of the United States for short periods of time, especially in Miami Beach, Florida,

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Las Vegas, Nevada, Los Angeles, California, New Orleans, Louisiana, Chicago, Illinois, and Omaha, Nebraska. In addition to these outside periods of residences LANSKY has resided at the following addresses in Greater New York City:

125 South Third Street
Brooklyn, New York

240 Ocean Parkway
Brooklyn, New York

211 Central Park West
New York City

911 Central Park West
New York City

40 Central Park South
New York City

411 West End Avenue
New York City

30 Central Park South
New York City

He is presently residing at 36 East 36th Street, New York City.

Business and Employments

Over the past twenty-five years LANSKY has been associated in the following businesses, many of which have since been discontinued:

Emby Distributing Company
Consolidated Television
Krieg Spector and Citron
Dodge Park Kennel Club
Manhattan Simplex Distributing Company
Kings County Buick

Lansky Food Company
Colonial Inn
Thunderbird Hotel
Arrowhead Inn
La Boheme
Green Acres
Panuth Real Estate Corporation
Rosbel Real Estate Corporation

Associates

The following individuals are present and past associates of LANSKY. All are well known in the criminal underworld:



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Independent investigation in 1950 reflected that MEYER LANSKY, a reputed "traveling envoy" of the Eastern Criminal Syndicate, surrendered on August 24, 1950 at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, following his indictment on charges of violating the Florida gambling laws. LANSKY with his brother, JACK, and GEORGE SADLOW, partners in the operation of the swank Colonial Inn and the equally swank Green Acres Club, were released under bonds of \$2500 each. Also indicted with these individuals were VINCENT ALO, notorious Bronx hoodlum, SAM BRATT, reputed Florida friend of FRANK ERICKSON, and WILLIAM BISCHOFF, operator of a crap game at the Green Acres Club.

As a result of testimony given at public hearings of the so-called Kefauver Committee in Miami during May and July of 1950, Sheriff WALTER CLARK of Broward County, Florida, was removed from office by Governor FULLER WARREN and his successor was AMOS HALL. As a result of these hearings, the grand jury for that county undertook an investigation of gambling activities and indicted 22 persons for violation of the statute. Among the 22 were the aforementioned individuals.

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LAN SKY was subpoenaed to testify in Saratoga in relation to his affiliation with the Arrowhead Club, Piping Rock Club,

and Riley's Casino, all gambling casinos which have been closed in recent years. These hearings were held by the New York State Crime Commission at Ballston Spa until recently.

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In December, 1952, the United States Attorney General began denaturalization proceedings against LANSKY with the view in mind of deporting him to his native Russia. The basis of the summons and complaint alleged that LANSKY concealed a criminal record in obtaining his citizenship.


b7C It may be interesting to note that in a recent interview of LANSKY on January 2, 1953, in the office of his attorney, MOE POLAKOFF, 475 5th Avenue, LANSKY refused to answer any questions concerning anything when interviewed concerning [REDACTED] well known associate of his in a deportation case. The only thing he did admit was that he knew [REDACTED]. He stated that he was in enough trouble being under indictment in Albany, and facing denaturalization in New York, and any question, no matter how unimportant it may sound, may turn out important and involving him. He said he never did anything illegal except a little gambling, if one wanted to call that illegal. He also stated that his son, PAUL, was a cadet at West Point and remarked that if he had not been successful in being accepted into West Point, he was going to become an FBI Agent.

The New York "World Telegram" of February 17, 1953, under a Ballston Spa dateline, carried an article announcing that the Russian-born MEYER LANSKY, big-time gambler, former bootlegger and associate of deported vice czar, CHARLES "LUCKY" LUCIANO, pleaded guilty in Supreme Court to five misdemeanor charges of conspiracy and gambling.

At the time of his arrest, the associates indicted with him were JOSEPH STACHER, alias DOC STACHER; JAMES LYNCH, alias PIGGY; HERMAN WEINER, GEORGE BROWN, CHARLES MANNEY and JOHN COAKLEY, LANSKY'S attorney, MOSES POLAKOFF, surrendered LANSKY to the New York State Police on September 10, 1952 and on February 18, 1953.

LANSKY pleaded guilty to five counts, all of which were misdemeanors, on May 2, 1953, he was sentenced to serve 40 days in the Saratoga County Jail and fined \$2500. He was also placed on three years probation. During his incarceration, he was treated for a kidney infection in the Saratoga Hospital in July 1953.

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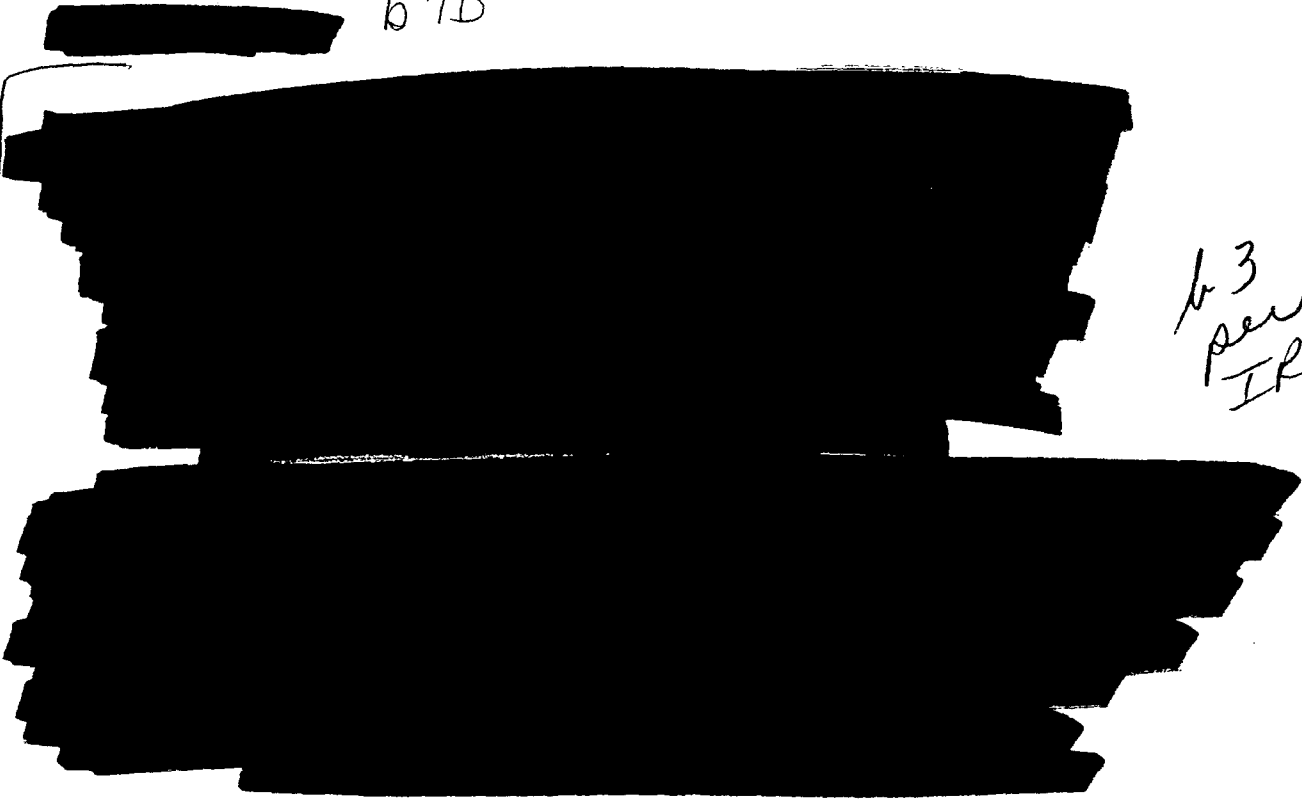
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Selective Service Board 27, 201 West 72nd Street, advised that MEYER LANSKY, 411 West End Avenue, telephone Schuyler 4-5987, under Order Number 10902, registered February 14, 1942, at Local Board Number 242, Los Angeles, California. A change of address was given to the Local Board from 411 West End Avenue to 211 Central Park West, on March 11, 1943. The questionnaire was filed by LANSKY on July 15, 1942, in which he gave his education as eight years grammar school. His occupation as manager of a Dog Race Track and states his income for the previous twelve months was approximately \$20,000, of which \$7,500 was said to be from profits of the firm of KRIEG, SPECTOR and CITRON. He listed the property owned by him as two tenement houses, under the direct ownership of two holding corporations, the Paruth Real Estate Corporation, and the Rospol Real Estate Corporation. He listed as dependents his wife, ANNA, sons, BENJAMIN and PAUL, and daughter SANDRA LANSKY. In his occupational Questionnaire of May, 1942, he

stated that he was the Vice President of the firm of Krieg, Spector and Citron, a retail grocery organization, located at 727 Monroe Street, Hoboken, New Jersey, and that this connection began in 1934. He stated that his duties in this position consisted of "looking after operation of sales and employment situations. LANSKY's notice of change of address of November 11, 1943, was contained on the letterhead of the Manhattan Simplex Distributing Company, Inc., 525 West 43rd Street, telephone CHickering 4-5050. The letterhead indicated that this firm was distributor of Wurlitzer Electric Automatic phonographs. By letter of July 9, 1942, LANSKY advised the Local Board of a temporary change of address to the Fontenelle, Omaha, Nebraska, the letter being written on the letterhead of the Dodge Park Kennel Club, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

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It was reported in the newspapers (date not known) that on June 28, 1949, MEYER LANSKY sailed from New York City bound for what he said was to be a vacation in Italy. All of the reports at the time indicated he was to visit CHARLES "LUCKY" LUCIANO in Italy. LANSKY was accompanied on the trip by his wife the former TEDDY SCHWARTZ, whom he married during the Winter of 1948. Before sailing, the LANSKYS were visited aboard ship by MICHAEL LASCAMI, who is reportedly a well-known racketeer.

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On October 12, 1950, LANSKY appeared before the Senate Crime Investigation Sub-Committee, accompanied by his counsel MOSES POLAKOFF. He admitted associating with FRANK COSTELLO, JOE ADONIS, FRANK ERICKSON and CHARLES FISCHETTI, 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.

It was brought out in recent press reports on the investigation of the Kefauver Committee that FRANK COSTELLO and MEYER LANSKY were at one time investors in Tele-King and POKRASS was identified as an associate of COSTELLO and JOE ADONIS during prohibition days and a partner of BUGSEY SIEGEL in the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas. The Robbins Electronics Corporation is reportedly being set up to handle contracts for the Army Signal Corps and the Air Force.

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On September 15, 1952, DREW PEARSON in his syndicated column stated that FRANK COSTELLO had not been deported because he had friends in high places. He said that COSTELLO's lobbying tactics included the entertaining of Congressmen at various dinners and parties, and that MURRAY OLF, a former prison mate of GREASY JAKE GUZIK occupied a suite at the Congressional Hotel where he held court for Congressmen. In addition the nation's top mobsters were alleged to use his apartment overnight and LANSKY utilized the hotel garage and charged his bill to OLF's account.

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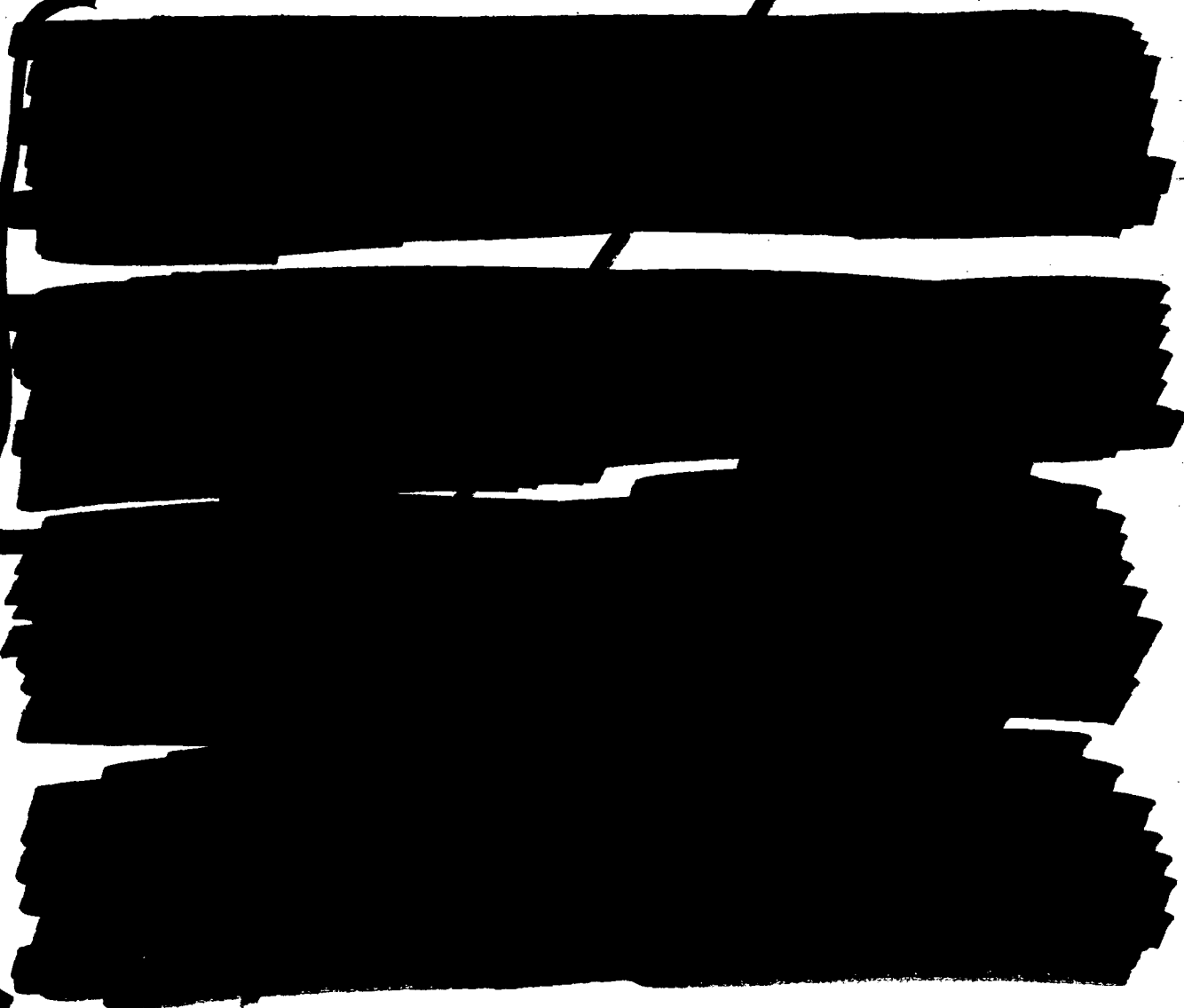
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Description

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MEYER LANSKY
MEYER THE BUG
BUGSY MEYER
BUGSY MEYERS
"THE BUG"
LITTLE MEYER

Date of Birth	July 4, 1902
Place of Birth	Grodno, Russia
Height	5' 4½-5"
Weight	145 pounds
Build	Small
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Dark
Dress	Clothes expensive, neat
Social Security No.	109-03-8534
FBI Number	791783
Marital Status	Married
Relatives	Wife - TEDDY (THELMA) SCHWARTZ LANSKY Former Wife - ANN LANSKY Children - "BUDDIE" LANSKY, son PAUL LANSKY, son SANDRA LANSKY, daughter Brother - JACK LANSKY

Judicial Proceedings

LANSKY is presently the subject of a denaturalization proceeding in the Southern District of New York and the United States Attorney is conducting an investigation into the numerous criminal associates of LANSKY for whatever assistance such an investigation might be in these proceedings.

In addition, LANSKY is the subject of an lien in the amount of \$248,791 for back income taxes and penalties thereof, for improper filing. The years in question are 1944 through 1947.

DIRECTOR, FBI

April 8, 1954

SAC, MIAMI (62-1273 Sub Section E)

MIAMI FIELD DIVISION
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE INTELLIGENCE FILE
TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE

Re SAC Letter Number 53-58.

Enclosed will be found individual memoranda on each of the 50 persons who are currently classified as top hoodlums by the Miami Field Division, which memoranda contain information that has been brought to our attention regarding these persons in the past six months.

Copies of the memoranda prepared on [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MEYER LANSKY are being forwarded herewith to the New York Office inasmuch as those individuals have been classified as top hoodlums in the New York Field Division.

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Miami, Florida
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RE: MEYER LANSKY
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II. CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

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III. ASSOCIATES

No new associates on the part of MEYER LANSKY have been noted since the submission of the last memorandum covering his activities.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 9/30/54

FROM : SAC, New York (94-419 Sub 29)

SUBJECT: GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE INTELLIGENCE FILE
MEYER LANSKY, was
FBI # 791782

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Rebulet 53-58.

Attached hereto are two copies of a supplementary summary of information obtained pertaining to information developed on MEYER LANSKY since the date of the last Summary Memo dated 4/9/54 and carbon copies to Albany, Miami, Newark, New Orleans, and Salt Lake City.

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GENERAL INVESTIGATION INTELLIGENCE FILE

MEYER LANSKY
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MEYER LANSKY, with Aliases
Federal Bureau of Investigation Number 791783
New York City Police Department Number B 70258

The following is a supplementary summary of information concerning LANSKY since the date of the last summary of information on April 9, 1954.

MEYER LANSKY continues to be one of the group of top hoodlums, who controls the rackets, specifically the Eastern District of the United States. He also continues to act in an advisory manner for racketeers throughout the country.

LANSKY continues to reside at 36 East 36th Street, New York City in a penthouse and at the present time, is the subject of a pending deportation case by the Immigration Service.

This case has not been brought to a conclusion to date, but he is deportable as he was born in Russia on July 4, 1902 and naturalized on September 27, 1928 in the Eastern District of New York.

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Efforts are being made to obtain further information on the developments in this matter.

LANSKY still travels extensively on business to Chicago, Miami, Las Vegas and Hot Springs.

The Bureau of Internal Revenue still maintains its lien of \$248,000.00 against LANSKY'S property for a pending income tax case against him.

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LEE MORTIMER, Columnist, New York Daily Mirror of unknown reliability, reported in his column on July 19, 1954 that most recent "directors meeting" of the "Syndicate" took place in a plush gambling lodge at Lake Tahoe on the California-Nevada line. According to MORTIMER, among those present were the CAPONE boys, JOE FISCHETTI and TONY ACCARDO, from Chicago, MEYER LANSKY from New York and Newark's prominent "DOC" STACHER. 111

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Investigation continuing in this regard and all information developed will be furnished the Bureau and Miami if and when developed.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, New York (94-419 Sub File 29)

SUBJECT: GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE INTELLIGENCE FILE

DATE: 3/30/55

MEYER LANSKY, was.
 FBI #791783
 TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE

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Enclosed herewith are two copies of a supplementary summary of information obtained concerning MEYER LANSKY.

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE INTELLIGENCE FILE

MEYER LANSKY, with aliases:

Meyer the Bug

Bugsy Meyer

Little Meyer

Little Myer

Meyer Lazansky

Morris Lieberman

FBI #791783

New York City Police Department #B-70258

TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE

March 30, 1955

MEYER LANSKY has not been the subject of much notoriety in the past six months. The only item of interest concerning LANSKY was an article in the "New York Daily News" for December 2, 1954, wherein LANSKY with ABNER "LONGY" ZWILLMAN, EDDIE MC GRATH, ALBERT ANASTASIA, CORNELIUS "CONNIE" NOONAN and others met at the Riviera Motel in Fort Lee, New Jersey to discuss current problems along the New York, New Jersey waterfront.



LANSKY is the defendant in a suit by the United States Government to deport him for obtaining his citizenship fraudulently through false representations as to his background.

His attorney is MOSES POLAKOFF, 475 Fifth Avenue, New York City, in this trial which is set for May, 1955 but will probably not be heard before the Fall of 1955.

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Miami, Florida
March 31, 1955

RE: MEYER LANSKY, was.
FBI #791782
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PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

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LANSKY was last observed in the Miami area on March 19, 1955, when he was at Maxin's Restaurant, Surfside, Florida, with his wife.

CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

No new information known.

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ASSOCIATES

No new data developed in this regard during past six months.

LEGITIMATE AND ILLEGITIMATE BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

No new data.

HANGOUTS AND PLACES OF AMUSEMENT FREQUENTED

Other than Maxim's Restaurant, Surfside, Florida, where LANSKY was observed, no new data learned.

DIRECTOR, FBI (Encls - 78)

April 5, 1955

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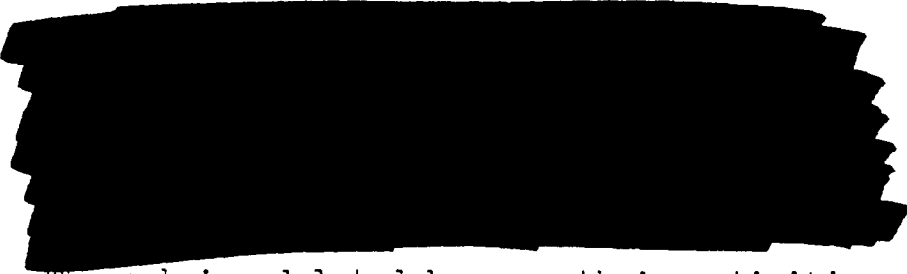
Re SAC letter 53-58.

Major WANSKY

Enclosed herewith are individual supplementary memoranda on each of the 39 individuals who have been carried as top hoodlums residing within the territory of the Miami Division.

Of these, 17 are being deleted from the list since their activities are not such that they can properly be regarded as top hoodlums or because they reside within the territories of other divisions and are inactive within the Miami Field Division.

In the latter classification are:



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Those being deleted because their activities do not warrant their being carried as top hoodlums are as follows:

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A current list of top hoodlums of the Miami Division consists of 22 individuals.



The New York Office was furnished with copies of the supplementary memoranda prepared on the following individuals who are believed to be active in the Greater New York area:

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MEYER LANSKY, was., FBI No. 791782

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Copies of the memoranda prepared on the following were furnished the Newark Office for information to complete their files on these individuals, who are believed to have been active within that division:

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Justice Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 9/14/55

FROM : SAC, New York (94-419 SUB 29)

SUBJECT: GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE INTELLIGENCE FILE
MEYER LANSKY, was
FBI #791782

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TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE

Enclosed herewith are two copies of a supplemental summary concerning LANSKY.

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE INTELLIGENCE FILE

MEYER LANSKY, with aliases:

Meyer the Bug

Bugsy Meyer

Little Meyer

Little Myer

Meyer Lazansky

Morris Lieberman

FBI #791783

New York City Police Department #B-70258

TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE

September 14, 1955

Although LANSKY has continued to maintain a residence in New York City, at East 36th Street, he has not been very active and has not been the subject of discussion in local newspapers. He is still the subject of an investigation here by the Immigration and Naturalization Service which is trying to deport him from this country. However, since he came from Poland, there is not much chance that he will be deported even if a deportation order is obtained.

Information has been received from the Bureau representative in Cuba to the effect that MEYER LANSKY and his brother, JAKE, were attempting to set up a gambling operation in Havana, Cuba. This gambling combination was reputedly consisting of the two LANSKYS, DANDY PHIL KASTEL, and a group from Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Agents of the Havana Office observed MEYER LANSKY in the company of DINO CELLINI, American credit manager at the gambling concession in the Tropicana Night Club in Havana, Cuba. Others with them were CELLINI's wife, and BEN KRAPOWER who has worked as a shill in gambling games in Havana, Cuba.

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September 30, 1955

Director, FBI

FROM: SAC, Miami (62-1273-Sub E)

SUBJECT: MIAMI FIELD DIVISION
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE
INTELLIGENCE FILE
(TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE)

Major Harvey
Re SAC Letter 53-58.

Enclosed herewith are individual supplementary memoranda on each of the twenty-two individuals who have been carried for the past six months as Top Hoodlums within this Division.

Of the twenty-two individuals previously carried as Top Hoodlums, nine are being deleted because it is not believed that their activities are such as to further qualify them as Top Hoodlums within this Division. The reasons for deleting them are set forth in the individual memorandum on them.

Those deleted include:

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- cc: 1 - Chicago (Enclosure - 1)
- 1 - Cleveland (Enclosure - 1)
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The following fifteen individuals for the next six months period will be regarded as Top Hoodlums within this Division:



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MEYER LANSKY, was.,
FBI # 791782.



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The New York Office is hereby furnished with copies of the supplementary memoranda prepared on the following individuals, who are also believed to be active in the Greater New York area:

MEYER LANSKY, was.,
FBI # 791782.

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Copies of the memorandua prepared on the following individuals are being furnished to the Newark Office:

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Miami, Florida
September 30, 1955

RE: MEYER LANSKY, was.,
FBI # 791782
GIIF (TOP HOOCLUM COVERAGE)

PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

No new information.

CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

No information has been received during the past six months indicating that MEYER LANSKY has participated in any criminal activities.

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On Sunday night, May 8, 1955, MEYER LANSKY was observed by Special Agent [REDACTED] having dinner at the Post and Paddock Room of the Bay Harbor Hotel, Bay Harbor Island, Miami Beach, Florida, with GEORGE SHERMAN, a well-known Miami Beach bookmaker. A third unknown man was with LANSKY and SHERMAN.

[REDACTED] advised on July 25, 1955, that MEYER LANSKY was at the Tuscanny Hotel and had been visited there by one LOU GREEN, further unidentified, from New York City.

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HANGOUTS AND PLACES OF AMUSEMENT FREQUENTED

The only new places known to have been frequented by MEYER LANSKY since the submission of the last semi-annual memorandum have been the Post and Paddock Restaurant, Bay Harbor Island, Miami Beach, Florida, and the Tuscanny Motel, Hollywood Beach, Florida, operated by his son BARRY LANSKY.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO :
FROM :
SUBJECT:

DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 3/15/56

SAC, NEW YORK (94-419 Sub File 29)

MEYER LANSKY, was "Meyer the Bug"
FBI# 791783
G.I.I.F
TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE
"LITTLE MEYER"

Enclosed find two copies of a supplemental summary on MEYER LANSKY covering the period 9/30/55 to 3/30/56.

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MEYER LANSKY, with aliases:

Meyer the Bug

Bugsy Meyer

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Meyer Lazansky

Morris Lieberman

FBI Number 791783

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(TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE)



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Lansky continues to maintain a residence at 36 East 36th Street, New York City, and is concerned only with gambling operations at the present time.

Miami, Florida
March 30, 1956

RE: MEYER LANSKY, was.,
~~FBI # 781782~~
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PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

No new information has been learned during the past six months.

CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

No new data learned.

ASSOCIATES

No new information learned.

LEGITIMATE AND ILLEGITIMATE BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

No new data.

HANGOUTS AND PLACES OF AMUSEMENT FREQUENTED

Nothing new developed during the past six months.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (94-419 Sub File 29)

SUBJECT: MEYER LANSKY, was
 FBI #791783
 G.I.I.F.
 TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE

DATE: 9/24/56

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Enclosed find two copies of a supplemental summary on MEYER LANSKY covering the period 4/1/56 to 9/30/56.

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MEYER LANSKY, with aliases:

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Meyer Lazansky

Morris Lieberman

FBI Number 791783

TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE

September 24, 1956

The New York Office received a copy of a communication, dated March 21, 1956, to the Director from the Legal Attache at Havana, Cuba.

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Miami, Florida
September 28, 1956

RE: MEYER LANSKY, was.
FBI # 791782
GIIF (TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE)

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PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

The Fort Lauderdale Daily News under date of April 1, 1956 reported that MEYER LANSKY paid a \$248,791.51 Federal Government tax lien.

CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

None.

ASSOCIATES

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LEGITIMATE AND ILLEGITIMATE BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

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HANGOUTS AND PLACES OF AMUSEMENT FREQUENTED

No new data.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, MIAMI (62-2519)
SUBJECT: MEYER LANSKY, was.
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DATE: March 25, 1957

PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

Nothing new developed in past six months.

CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

None.

ASSOCIATES

No new associates noted.

LEGITIMATE AND ILLEGITIMATE BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

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Tuscanny Motel, 3800 S. Ocean Drive, Hollywood, Florida!

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 3/29/57

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (94-419)

SUBJECT: MEYER LANSKY, was
FBI #791783
G. I. I. F.
TOP MODELUM COVERAGE

Enclosed find two copies of a supplemental summary on MEYER LANSKY covering the period 10/4/56 to 4/31/57.

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MEYER LANSKY, with aliases:

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Bugsy Meyer
Little Meyer
Little Myer
Meyer Lazansky
Morris Lieberman

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March 21, 1957

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The New York "Journal American" for January 11, 1957, in DONALD HIGGINS' column noted that MEYER LANSKY's daughter, Mrs. MIRIAM RAPOPORT, was separated from her husband who is a partner in the Spindietop Restaurant, which restaurant is in the Forrest Hotel, a notorious hoodlum hangout in the New York area.

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LANSKY continues to maintain residence in midtown Manhattan and most of his activities continue to be outside the New York area.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM *AW* SAC, MIAMI (62-1273 Sub E)

SUBJECT: MIAMI FIELD DIVISION
 GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE
 INTELLIGENCE FILE
 (TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE)

DATE: March 29, 1957

Re: SAC Letter 53-58.

There are enclosed herewith individual supplementary memoranda on each of the thirteen individuals who are regarded as the Top Hoodlums within the Miami Division.

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MEYER LANSKY, Was.,
FBI Number 791783

PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

MEYER LANSKY was born July 4, 1902 at Grodno, which was then in Poland, Russia. LANSKY arrived in the United States on April 4, 1911, and was naturalized on September 27, 1928 in the Eastern District of New York. His wife for many years was ANNA CITRON LANSKY, who has apparently been divorced by the subject since he now claims to be married to THELMA LANSKY. By his first wife he had two sons, BENJAMIN, age about twenty-eight years, and PAUL about twenty-six, and one daughter, SANDRA, now about twenty. PAUL LANSKY is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland. LANSKY has resided in several major cities of the United States for short periods of time, these including New York City, Hollywood, Florida, Las Vegas, Nevada, Los Angeles, California, New Orleans, Louisiana, Chicago, Illinois, and Omaha, Nebraska. For the past several years, LANSKY has usually spent his winters at various rented homes in Hollywood, Florida, and has resided during the summer at 36th East 36th Street, New York City. He has also made frequent visits to Havana, Cuba.

CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

As a result of testimony given at public hearings by the Kefauver Committee in Miami during the summer of 1950, a Broward County, Florida, Grand Jury undertook an investigation of gambling activities and on August 24, 1950, the Grand Jury returned indictments against twenty-two persons for violations of local gambling statutes. MEYER LANSKY was one of those indicted, due to his connection with the Colonial Inn, Club Greenacres, and Club La Boheme, all of which were known as gambling casinos.

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RE: MEYER LANSKY, Was.,

On September 16, 1950, LANSKY appeared in Criminal Court, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and entered a guilty plea to the indictment. He was fined \$2,000.00.

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In 1947, information developed that MEYER LANSKY resided at the Martinique Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida, from December, 1947 to February 22, 1948, when he moved to the Hampshire House, Hallandale Beach, Florida, where he resided until March 15, 1948. This information stated that MEYER LANSKY supervised operations at the Colonial Inn during the 1947-1948 winter season, and that he is actually the one in charge of all of the operations of the so-called New York or Eastern Syndicate in their gambling activities in Broward County, Florida.

The Miami Daily News of February 18, 1953 reported that MEYER LANSKY had pleaded guilty to five counts of a gambling conspiracy indictment returned in Saratoga, New York. The Daily News on May 2, 1953 reported that LANSKY was sentenced to serve three months in the Saratoga County, New York Jail.

The Miami Herald on December 20, 1952 reported that the Department of Justice was starting proceedings to take away LANSKY'S American citizenship. LANSKY described as a big-time gambler and bookmaker was alleged to have obtained his naturalization through fraud in that he deliberately and intentionally concealed his criminal record.

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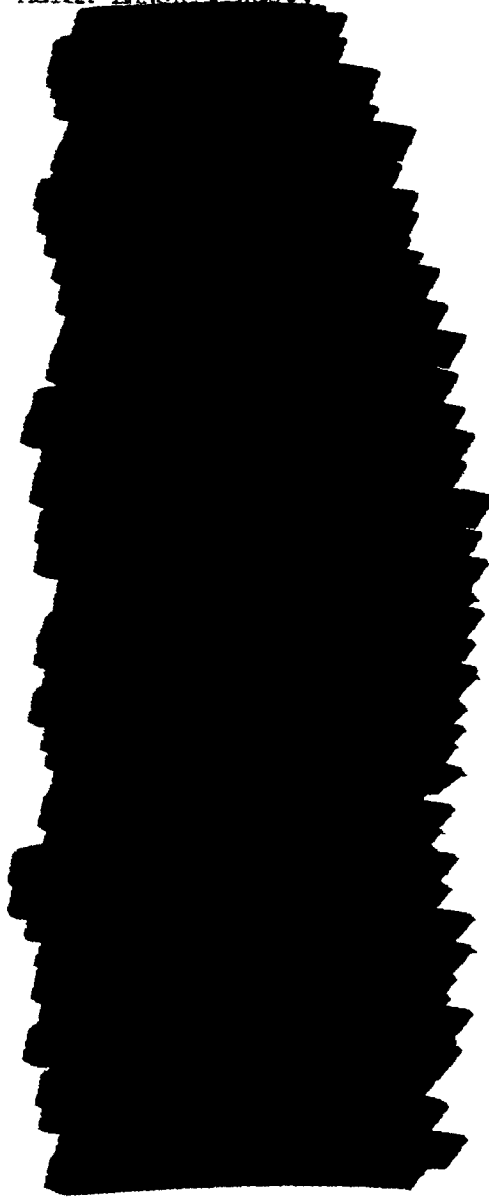
ASSOCIATES

The following individuals are present and past associates of LANSKY. All are well known in the criminal underworld:



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RE: MEYER LANGSKY, Was...



LEGITIMATE AND ILLEGITIMATE BUSINESS ACTIVITY

On September 9, 1953, the Miami Herald reported that the Federal Government had placed an income tax lien in the

RE: MEYER LANSKY, Was.,

name of MEYER LANSKY on the Plantation Yacht Club at Key Largo, Florida. The lien was reported to be in the amount of \$248,71.00, and came two days after a Miami Herald story revealed that LANSKY, notorious gambler, and MIKE SPINELLA, deported former rackets figure, were the real owners of the swank resort. The Government claimed LANSKY owed income taxes for 1944 through 1947. LANSKY was reported to have the money invested in the Plantation Yacht Club as a sound, legitimate investment.

On April 1, 1956, the Fort Lauderdale Daily News reported that LANSKY had paid a Federal Government Tax Lien in the amount of \$248,791.51.

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HANGOUTS AND PLACES OF AMUSEMENT FREQUENTED

Tuscanny Motel
3800 South Ocean Drive
Hollywood, Florida

Post & Paddock Restaurant
Bay Harbour Island
Miami Beach, Florida

RE: MEYER LANSKY, Was.,

Maxims Restaurant
Surfside, Florida



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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201 East 69th Street
New York, New York

July 29, 1957

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Meyer Lansky, with aliases:
Meyer The Bug, Bugsy Meyer,
The Bug, Little Meyer,
Meyer Lazansky, Meyer Lansky,
Myer Lansky, Bugs Meyer,
Morris Lieberman
Federal Bureau of Investigation Number 791783
New York City Police Department Number B 70258

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Birth Data

Lansky was born July 4, 1902 at Grodno, then in Poland, Russia. No other birth date of conflicting measure has been noted.

Family History

Lansky arrived in the United States on April 4, 1911. He was naturalized on September 27, 1928, in the Eastern District of New York. His wife for a good number of years was Anna Citron Lansky, who would now be forty-six years of age, and who has apparently been divorced by Lansky, since he now claims to be married to Thelma (Teddie) Lansky. By his first wife he had two sons Benjamin or Buddie, age twenty-eight, Paul, age twenty-six, and one daughter Sandra, now twenty years of age. He also has a brother Jack.

Addresses

Over the past twenty-five years Lansky has resided in the major cities of the United States for short periods of time, especially in Miami Beach, Florida, Las Vegas, Nevada, Los Angeles, California, New Orleans, Louisiana, Chicago, Illinois, and Omaha, Nebraska. In addition Lansky has resided at the following addresses in Greater New York City:

125 South Third Street
Brooklyn, New York

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240 Ocean Parkway
Brooklyn, New York

211 Central Park West
New York City

911 Central Park West
New York City

40 Central Park South
New York City

411 West End Avenue
New York City

30 Central Park South
New York City

Essex House
New York City

He resides at the St. Moritz Hotel, New York
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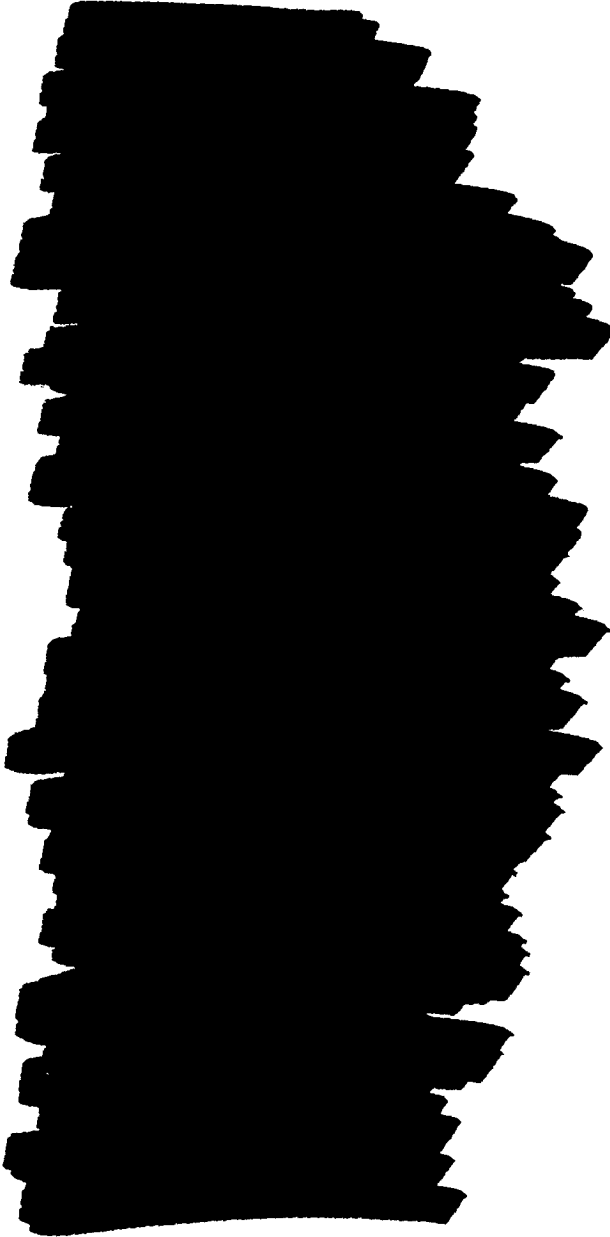
Business and Employments

Over the past twenty-five years Lansky has
been associated in the following businesses, many of which
have since been discontinued:

Emby Distributing Company
Consolidated Television
Krieg, Spector and Citron
Dodge Park Kennel Club
Manhattan Simplex Distributing Company
Kings County Buick
Lansky Food Company
Colonial Inn
Thunderbird Hotel
Arrowhead Inn
La Boheme
Green Acres
Panuth Real Estate Corporation
Bosbel Real Estate Corporation

Associates

The following individuals are present and past associates of Lansky. All are well known in the criminal underworld:



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CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Meyer Lansky and Benjamin "Bugs" Siegel had their first big start in the early 1920's at which time they were hired by Dutch Goldberg, Charlie Kramer and Bill Heisman as convoy guards for alcohol trucks running from New York City to Chicago, Illinois.

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Lansky was subpoenaed to testify in Saratoga in relation to his affiliation with the Arrowhead Club, Piping Rock Club, and Riley's Casino, all gambling casinos which have been closed in recent years. These hearings were held by the New York State Crime Commission at Ballston Spa.

Lansky had always spent considerable time in Saratoga, and was part owner of the Arrowhead Club which cheated the American public out of approximately \$4,000,000 the last season it operated at Saratoga which was 1947.

In December, 1952, the United States Attorney General began denaturalization proceedings against Lansky with the view in mind of deporting him to his native Russia. The basis of the summons and complaint alleged that Lansky concealed a criminal record in obtaining his citizenship.

The New York "World Telegram" of February 17, 1953, under a Ballston Spa dateline, carried an article, announcing that the Russian-born Meyer Lansky, big-time gambler, former bootlegger and associate of deported vice czar, Charles "Lucky" Luciano, pleaded guilty in Supreme Court to five misdemeanor charges of conspiracy and gambling.

At the time of his arrest, the associates indicted with him were Joseph Stacher, alias Doc Stacher; James Lynch, alias Piggy; Herman Weiner, George Brown, Charles Manney and John Coakley. Lansky's attorney, Moses Polakoff, surrendered Lansky to the New York State Police on September 10, 1952 and on February 18, 1953.

Lansky pleaded guilty to five counts, all of which were misdemeanors. On May 2, 1953, he was sentenced to serve 40 days in the Saratoga County Jail and fined \$2,500.

He was also placed on three years probation. During his incarceration, he was treated for a kidney infection in the Saratoga Hospital in July, 1953.

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On October 12, 1950, Lansky appeared before the Senate Crime Investigation Sub-Committee, accompanied by his counsel Moses Polakoff. He admitted associating with Frank Costello, Joe Adonis, Frank Erickson and Charles Fischetti, but refused to elaborate on this association. He admitted traveling to Italy in 1949, but refused to admit whether or not he had contacted Lucky Luciano.

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On September 15, 1952, Drew Pearson in his syndicated column stated that Frank Costello had not been deported because he had friends in high places. He stated that Costello's lobbying tactics included the entertaining of Congressmen at various dinners and parties, and that Murray Olf, a former prison mate of Greasy Jake Guzik occupied a suite at the Congressional Hotel where he held court for Congressmen. In addition the nations top mobsters were alleged to use his apartment overnight and Lansky utilized the hotel garage and charged his bill to Olf's account.

The "New York Daily News" for December 2, 1954, reflected that Lansky was with Abner "Longie" Zwillman, Eddie Mc Grath, Albert Anastasia, Cornelius "Connie" Noonan and others at the Riviera Motel in Fort Lee, New Jersey to discuss current problems along the New York, New Jersey waterfront.

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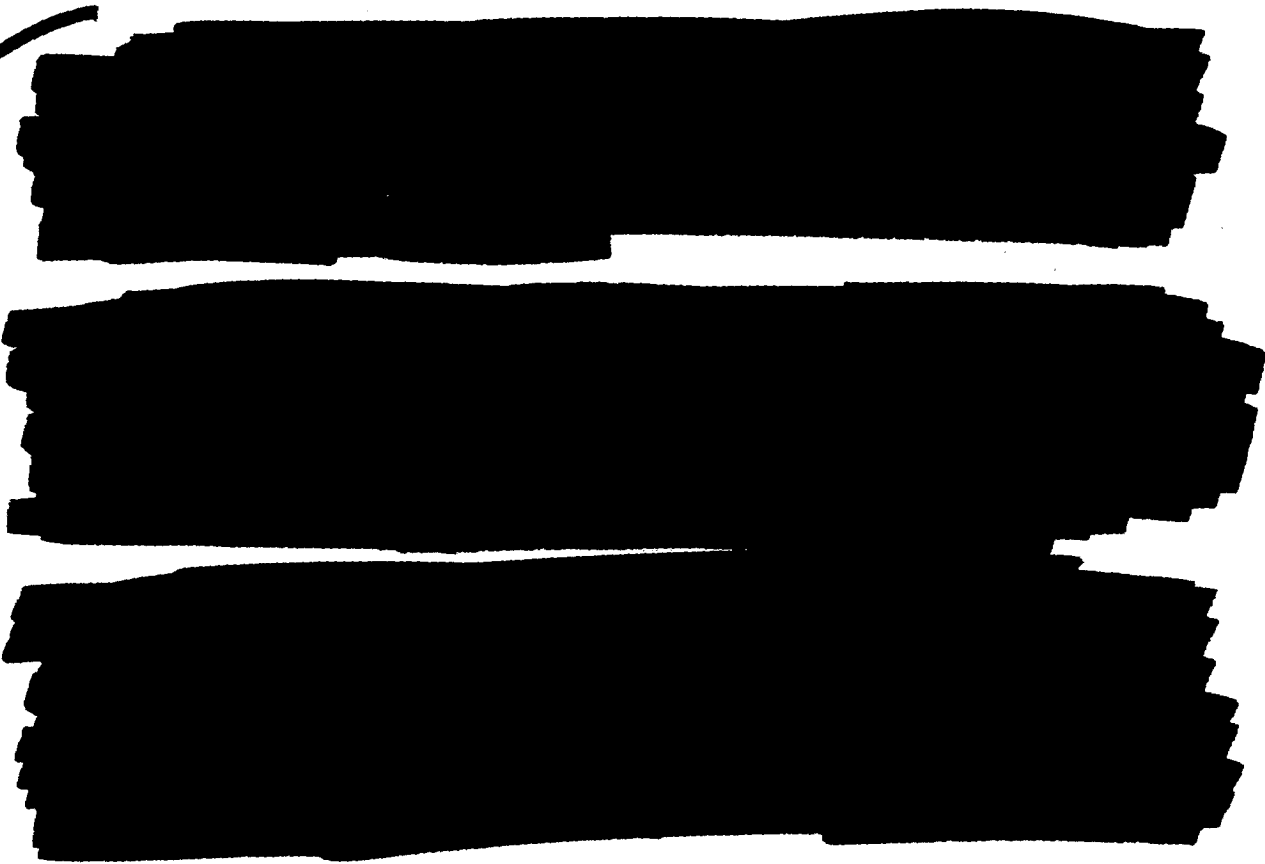
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Description

Name	Meyer Lansky
Aliases	Meyer The Bug Bugsy Meyer Bugsy Meyers "The Bug" Little Meyer
Date of Birth	July 4, 1902
Place of Birth	Grodno, Russia
Height	5'4½"
Weight	145 pounds
Build	Small
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Dark

Dress
Social Security Number
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Marital Status

Clothes expensive, neat
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Wife-Teddy (Thelma) Schwartz
Lansky
Former wife-Ann Lansky
Children-"Buddie" Lansky, son
Paul Lansky, son
Sandra Lansky, daughter
Jack Lansky

Brother

Judicial Proceedings

Lansky is presently the subject of a denaturalization proceeding in the Southern District of New York and the United States Attorney is conducting an investigation into the numerous criminal associates of Lansky for whatever assistance such an investigation might be in these proceedings.

In addition, Lansky is the subject of an lien in the amount of \$248,791 for back income taxes and penalties thereof, for improper filing. The years in question are 1944 through 1947.

GIR

Miami, Florida
September 30, 1957

RE: MEYER LANSKY, with aliases;
FBI Number 791743

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No new information learned.

CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES:

No new data known.

ASSOCIATES:

No new data.

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