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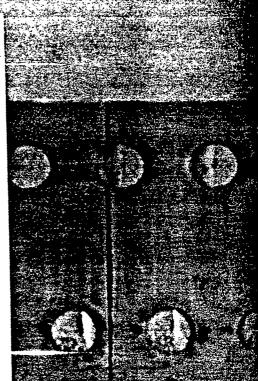
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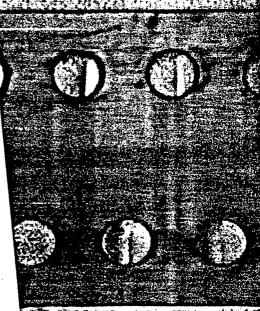
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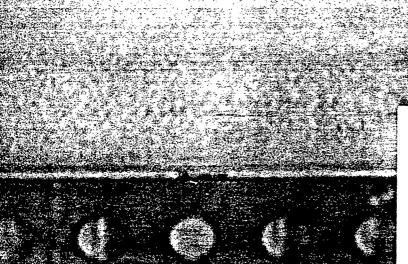
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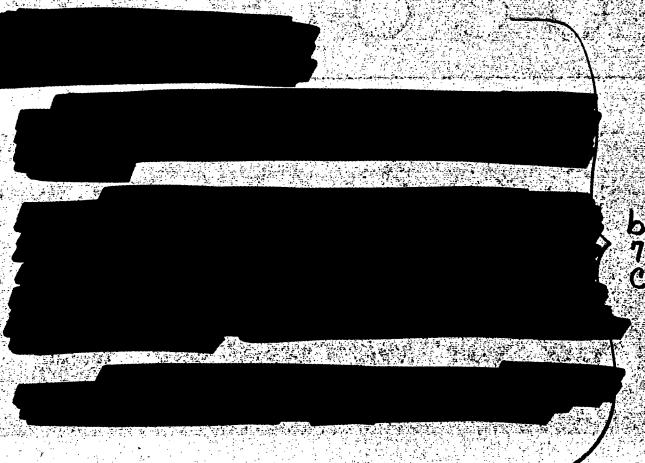
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A. PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

1. Citizenship

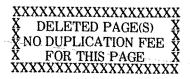
On April 22, 1955, Assistant United States Attorney
ROBERT J. WARD, Southern District of New York, advised SA
that as a result of the decision of the United
States Supreme Court in United States versus FRANK COSTELLO,
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as possible, all actions affected by the decision. Mr. WARD
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Cemetery, 83-45 Cypress Hills Street, Queens, New York,
advised their records reflect/that MAX LANSKY was buried
there on April 11, 1939. The person with whom they correspond
concerning the care is Mrs. YETTA LANSKY, 240 Ocean
Parkway, Brooklyn 18, New York. The latest correspondence
with this person was in 1957.

stated that others buried in the same "society" grounds are ROSE and LENA LANSKY. LENA LANSKY was nine months old when buried on March 28, 1915. ROSE LANSKY was sixteen years old when buried on April 29, 1928.

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E. TRAVEL

On May 13, 1958, inquiry was made of
International Airport, New York, as to the subject's reported departure from New York on March 1, 1958, stated it would take some time to check the records and as soon as it was completed, he would advise the New York Office the results.

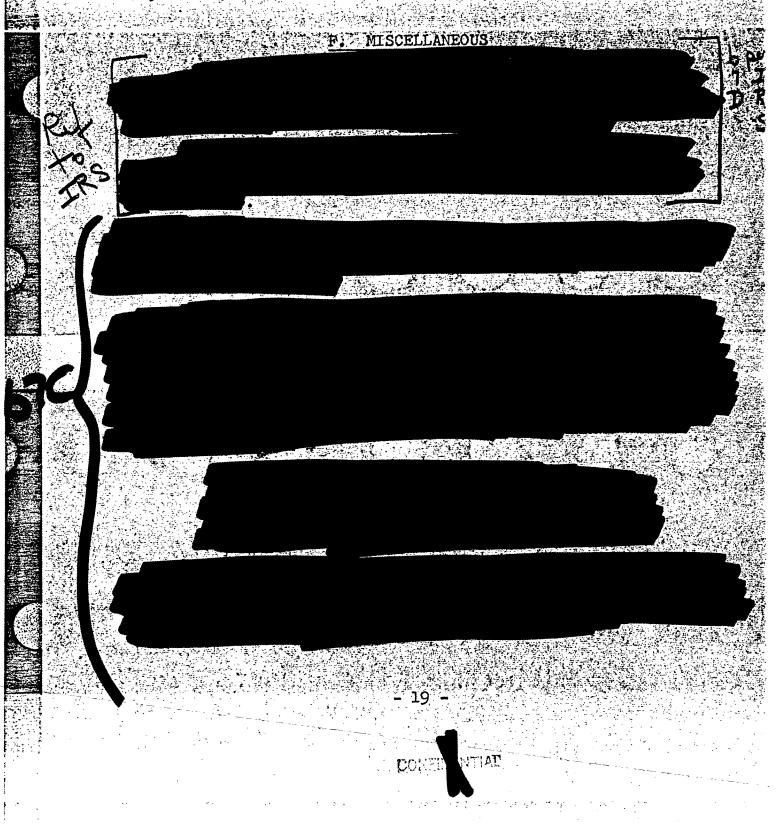
On May 19, 1958, advised that on February 11. 1958, the subject purchased

an airplane ticket for passage from Miami to New York and return and then from Miami to Havana, Cuba.

firmed the subject flew to New York on February 11, 1958, and returned to Miami from New York on Flight 89, which left New York at 10:00 p.m. on March 1. 1958. As of May 13, 1958, had no record of subject using the portion of ticket from Miami to Cuba.

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	Enclosed herewith are three copies of New York
	report of SA dated and captioned as above, for the Bureau and two copies for Miami.
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	New York summary report of SA 6/24/58 and investigative report, 4/28/58.
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	At Miami, Florida Will cover leads set forth in New York airtels,
	7 7/19 and 20/00, and referenced investigative report.
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FROM :	SAC, NEW YORK (92-660)	
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	Re NY report of SA	7/10/58.
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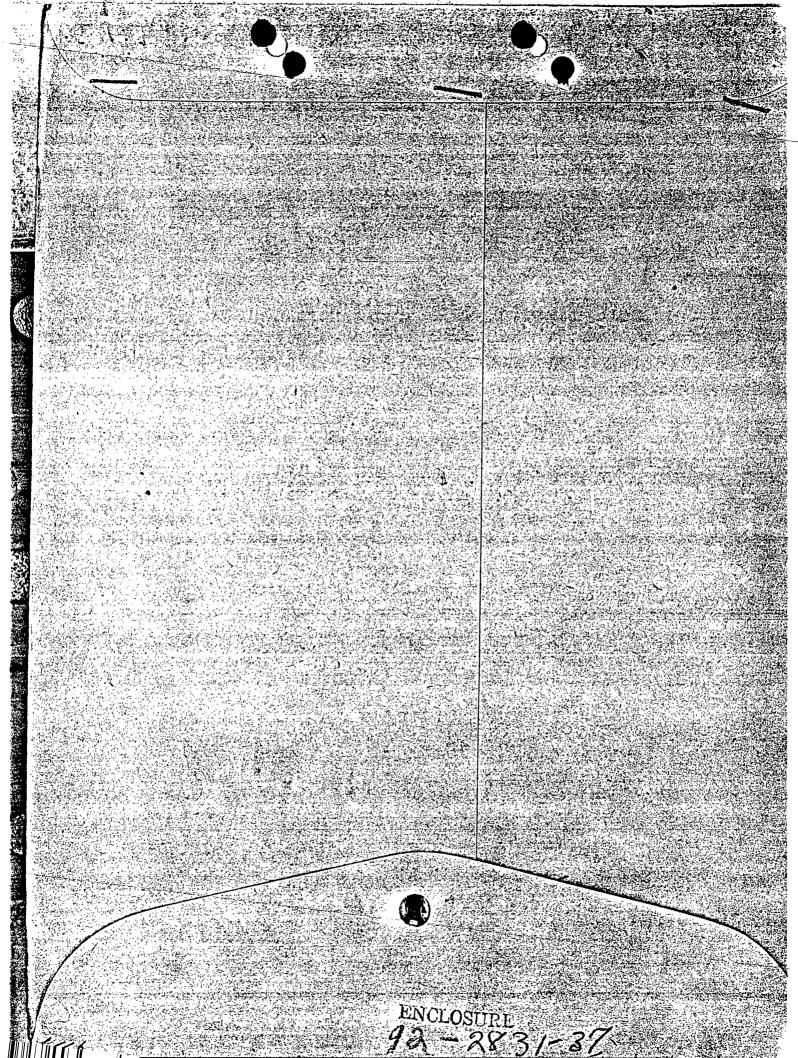
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#### At Miami, Florida

Will check at either the airport or if deemed advisable, Central Office in the Miami area and determine if the subject and or wife left Miami form York, or other Eastern city on April 9, 10, 20, 21, 23 or 24/58.

If records located, will determine if they purchased round-trip tickets and the date of returnto Miami if available.

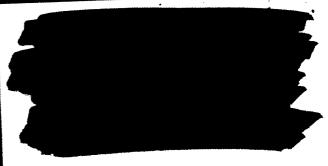
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### Office Memorandum . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Director, FBI (92-2831)

8/8/58 DATE:

SAC, Miami (92-102)

SUBJECT: MEYER LANSKY, was

Re New York letter 7/31/58.

Reflet reported that subject stayed at NYC, on April 10-15, 1958; April 21-24, 1958; and May 24-27, 1958.

A lead was set forth in reflet for Miami office to check at airport or central office determine if subject and/or his wife left Miami for New York or any other eastern city on April 9, 10, 20, 21; May 23 or 24, 1958.

Inquiry has been made of authorities

which service New York. This office has been advised that for the periods in question, there have been about 23,380 passengers leaving on these three airlines. Necessarily, a review must be made of 23,380 cards to comply with the lead set forth from New York.

Inasmuch as New York has already verified subject was in New York on the dates in question, unless there is some additional reason for making the detailed check of the airline records here in Miami no further action will be taken to cover this lead.

In the event New York has some specific reason and still desires this lead covered, please advise.

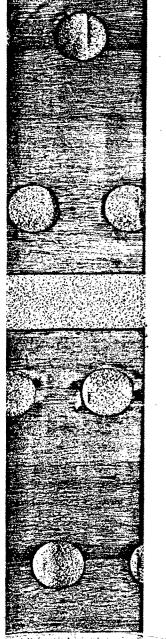
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SUBJECT:

Meyer Lansky 4R (TH)

should make a notation of the date on which it was submitted The deadline in this case has passed and the Bureau has not received a report. You are instructed to immediately submit a report. In the event a report has been submitted, you on this letter and return it to the Burbau,

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Reason for delay.

Advise Bureau re status of this case.

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SYNOPSIS:

Denaturalization proceedings against subject dismissed 5/28/58. Subject in NYC 4/10-14, 21-24;5/24-28/58 and reported NYC middle June, 1958.

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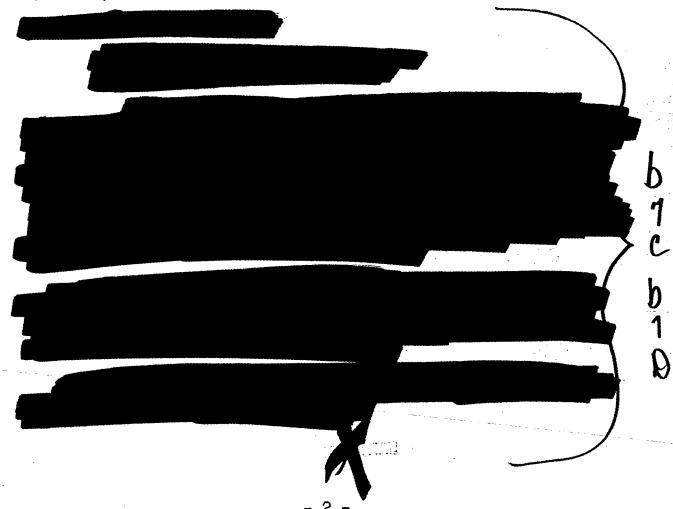
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#### DETAILS:

#### A. PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

#### 1. Citizenship

On July 25, 1958, MORTON ROBSON, Assistant United States Attorney, Southern District of New York, advised that the denaturalization proceedings against the subject were dismissed on May 28, 1958, for lack of prosecution. Mr. ROESON stated that it cannot be reinstituted in New York since subject is now a resident of Florida. He stated that there is a possibility that a denaturalization case may be brought against the subject at some future date which would be by Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) in Florida.







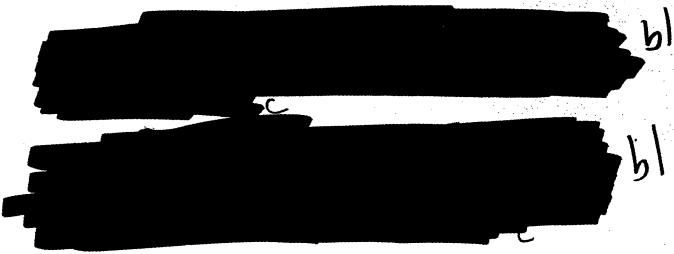


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The New York "Journal American" issue of August 14, 1958, seventh sports edition, on page 18, carried an article by DOROTHY KILGALLEN. The article, in part, read as follows:

"WITNESSES TO MEYER LANSKY'S return to Havana say it was nothing less than triumphal, with high-ranking members of the police force embracing him as if he were a brother. To quote one observer: 'The way they greeted him, you'd think he'd captured Castro.'"









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Building at 261 Broadway New York, New York

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> Building at 1740 Broadway New York, New York

It was determined on July 9, 1958, that this is a large business building housing numerous business offices. The building directory reflects several hundred different companies are space holders. However, it is noted that the building occupies the William Morris Agency



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It was determined from the elevator operators that this agency occupies the 20th, 21st, and 26th floors.

Building at 30 East 60th Street New York, New York

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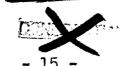
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all advised subject's photograph was not familiar to them.

Building at 260 Madison Avenue New York, New York

On July 9, 1958, it was determined by personal observation that this is a large office building of which the building directory failed to reflect any names on the 16th floor familiar to this investigation. It was further noted that there were four firms listed for the 16th floor and they were Molesworth, National Dairy, law firm of RABIN and MESSINGER, and the "Detroit News." Subject's photograph was unfamiliar





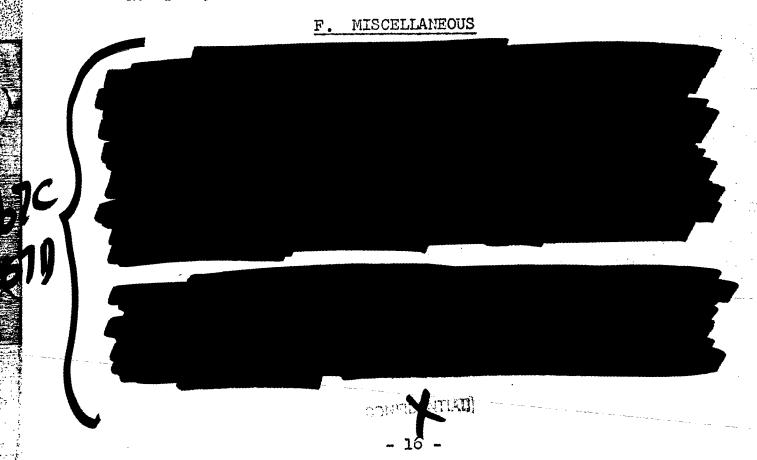
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#### E. TRAVEL

Inquiries were made in August, 1958, by the Miami Division at to determine if the subject and/or his wife left to determine if the subject and/or his wife left Miami for New York or any other city on April 9, 10, 20, 21; May 23 or 24, 1958. Miami advised that the airlines had advised them that for the periods in question, there have been about 23,380 leaving on these three airlines. Necessarily, a review must be made of the 23,380 cards in order to determine if subject and wife flew from Miami to New York.



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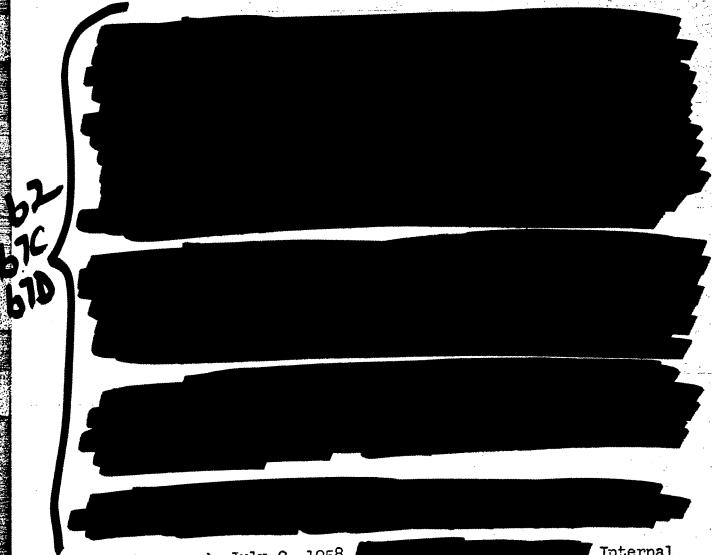
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advised he has not seen the subject around these premises.

stated that all that he could say from personal knowledge was that he has some connection with gambling and knows nothing of his associates.

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On July 2, 1958, Internal Revenue Service, Inspection Branch, 346 Broadway, advised that concerning the tax lien filed against the subject, the subject paid \$8,850.10 on December 30, 1955. The remaining amount was abated by the tax court. The tax lien was dismissed on February 28, 1956, and was filed by Attorney MOE POLAKOFF of Fifth Avenue, New York.

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Federal Bureau of Narcotics Agent

90 Church Street, New York, New York, advised SA on July 29, 1958, that to his knowledge no information was ever developed by that Eureau to the effect that the subject was a narcotics user or addict.

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

TO CINCINNATI ENCLOSURES:

Two (2) photographs of subject

Two (2) photographs of subject and wife

TO DETROIT ENCLOSURES:

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO:

DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2831)

DATE 9/25/58

FROM:

AC, NEW YORK (92-660)

APPROPRIATE ACERCIES AND FIRTH OFFICES

SUBJECT:

MEYER LANSKY, was.

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Enclosed herewith are three copies of the report dated and captioned as above, at New York.

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who can The following are furnish information regarding subject's activities and the type of information they can furnish:

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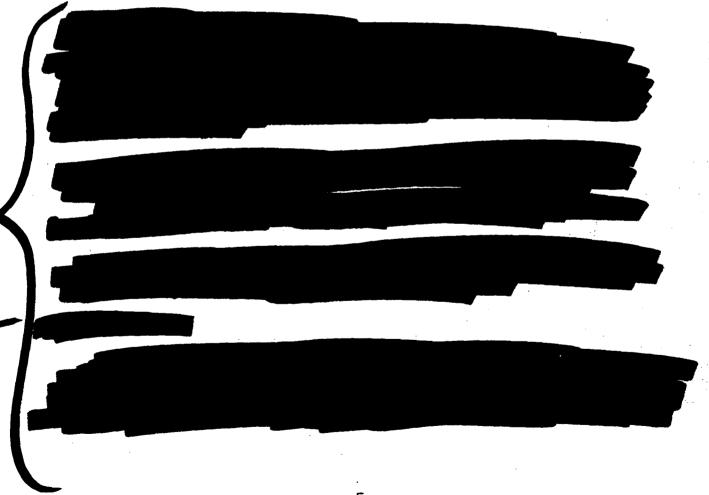


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### Future Plans

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### At Mismi, Florida

- 1. Will cover and report the results of lead set forth in New York report of 4/28/58 and New York airtel of 5/19/58.
- 2. Will check with INS to determine if they anticipate start ing denaturalization proceedings against the subject in Florida.

### NEW YORK

At New York, New York

1. Will interview

3. Will keep in contact with

4. Will determine

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LEADS (CONT'D)

5. Will check with

6. Will interview the following



7. Will in conducting additional investigation make every effort possible to determine where the subject is

#### Office Memorandum UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO

DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2831)

DATE: 10/17/58

SAC, NEW YORK (92-660)

SUBJECT:

MEYER LANSKY was.

(OO:NY)

The subject maintains his permanent residence at the Tuscany Motel, 3800 South Ocean Drive, Hollywood, Fla., and also maintains P.O. Box 1036 in Hollywood.

A review of the subject's file reflects that he has had Hollywood, Fla., as his permanent residence as far back as 1953 when he was interviewed in the US Attorney's Office, SDNY, He has not maintained any NY residence since prior to 1953.

Current investigation has determined that the subject visits NYC infrequently and these visits are for short; periods of time.

It is therefore requested that the Bureau designate Miami as Office of Origin.

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#### Reurlet 10/17/58.

Your recommendation that Miami be designated as the office of origin in this case is not being followed at the present time in view of Lansky's extensive New York background and connections and that substantially most of his time is now spent in Havana, Cuba. Of course, Miami should continue to be alert for any and all information concerning Lansky that might come to its attention.

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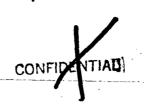
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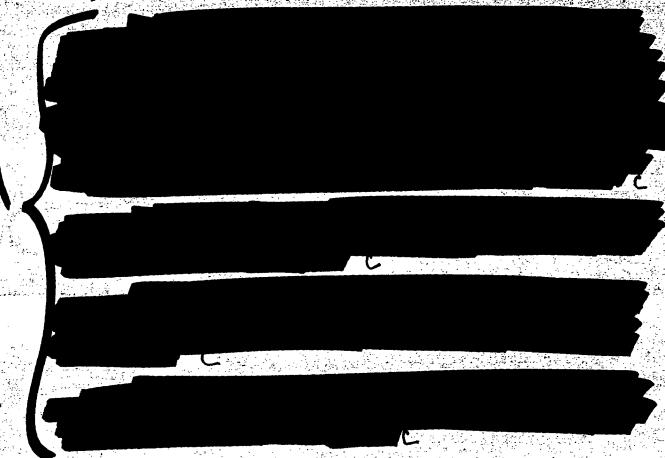
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#### B. CRIMINAL RECORD

The Bureau furnished a copy of subject's identification record under FBI #791 783, received at the New York Office on October 15, 1958. This reflected that a copy of his identification record was furnished to

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and that his record was identical to the subject of their inquiry. It is noted that this was not set forth on the subject's identification record furnished the New York Office by the Bureau on June 16, 1958.

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#### F. TRAVEL

advised they had no information that the subject had been recently in Las Vegas.

#### G. PERSONAL HABITS AND HEALTH

The "New York World Telegram," night edition, issue of September 23, 1958, in an article called "Day by Day" by FRANK FARRELL mentioned the subject and stated "MEYER LANSKY, former czar of gambling in Miami Beach, is now seriously ailing with ulcers in a Florida hospital."

Boston, Massachusetts, the latter part of August or first of September, 1958, for treatment for his ulcers.

subject was then residing at the Tuscany Motel in Hollywood, Florida, and did not appear to be in ill health.

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#### Future Plans

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#### LEADS

#### MIAMI DIVISION

Miami is requested to cover and report the numerous outstanding leads which have been submitted previously to them by reports and airtels.

#### NEW YORK DIVISION

#### AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

1. Will interview the following persons who have been associated or in contact with the subject in New York:

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SAC, New York

December 9, 1958

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Director, FBI

SUBJECT:

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S SPECIAL GROUP INFORMATION CONCERNING

The Bureau has previously furnished information of a pertinent nature to the Department concerning leading criminal figures, and it is intended that such information will be supplemented at this time.

Accordingly, the appropriate office of origin is instructed to prepare letterhead memoranda concerning each of the individuals listed below. These memoranda should be prepared in accordance with the instructions set forth here and an original and 4 copies should be submitted to reach the Bureau no later than December 18, 1958, and should bear The above caption should be used on the letter that date. submitting these memoranda and it should be marked "Attention Investigative Division."

The letterhead memoranda should be prepared in the following form:

- Caption should include the master name and all No classification or character of case aliases. should be shown.
- The memoranda should contain only current background data regarding the individuals listed below and such material as may have been gathered from checks of records and other sources exclusive of surveillances, confidential sources, confidential techniques, etc. Items which have been disseminated to other agencies in writing should also be set Information which could be extracted from any inquiry, which information reflects the results

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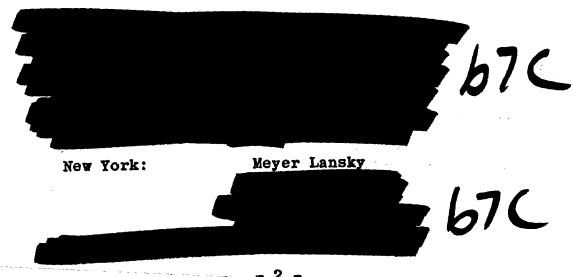
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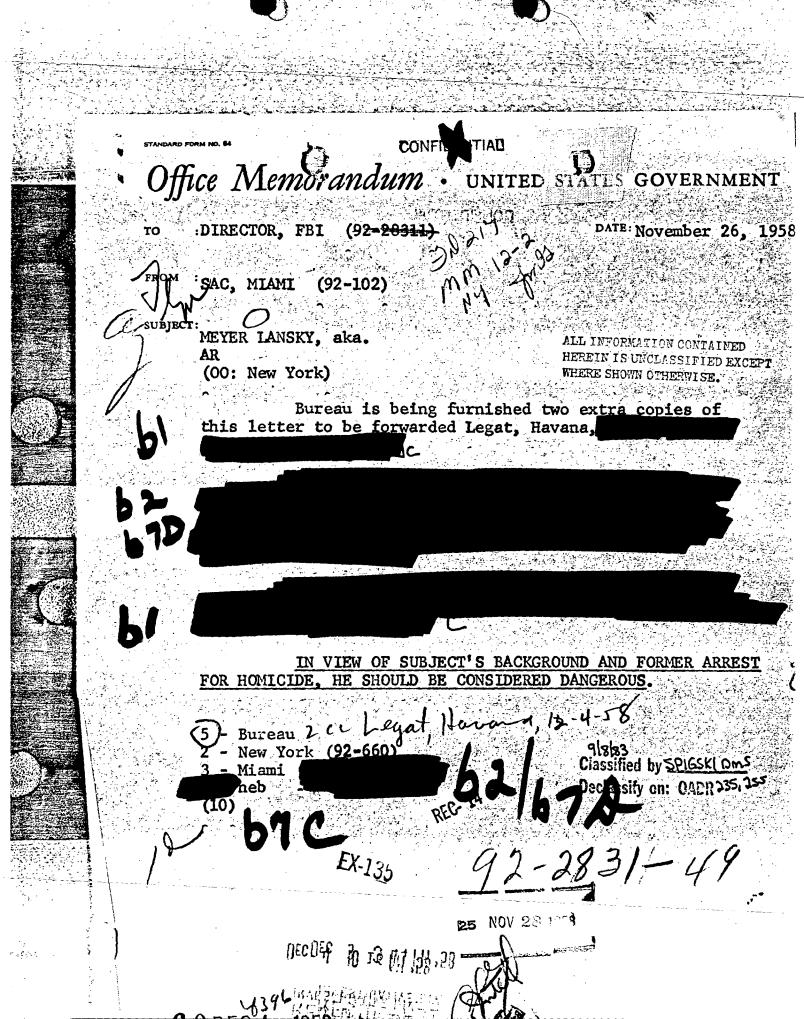
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> of contacts with local police departments or other Federal agencies, such as Immigration and Naturalization Service, Federal Bureau of Narcotics and Bureau of Customs, should be included. If sources, such as the above named, have labeled the information as confidential or restricted its further dissemination, the material should still be set out together with the restrictions placed upon its use by the other agency.

- The information should be phrased in a manner which will not make it appear that active investigation has been conducted with respect to the individual. Such language should be employed that the memoranda could be disseminated without disclosing where we may have obtained such information
- On the original and one copy only, there should be set forth identification of the sources of the information utilized in preparing the memoranda.
- Any data secured under conditions of confidence from informants should not be included, and great care should be taken to avoid any disclosure of confidential sources or techniques.

The memoranda should be prepared on the following individuals: ....





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Consideration has also been given to placing a highly confidential source on subject when residing at the Tuscany:

Due to this and unpredictability of subject's residence at the motel, the opportunity for such a source has not presented itself; Possibility of such installation is constantly in mind and any opportunity will be actively pursued;

This cover failed to produce any information pertaining to activities of subject:

Liaison has been established with the event subject returns to Hollywood, Fla:, following which New York will be notified:

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

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# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA

Date: 12/10/58

File Number: 92-102 (Bufile 92-2831)

Title: MEYER LANSKY, aka:

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

Subject divorced ANNE CITRON, Miami, Fla., 2/14/47; terms of support set out. No record subject's marriage Dade County, Fla., 1948-50. INS, Miami, not intending new denaturalization proceedings. Subject resided Tuscany Motel, Hollywood, Fla., 10/19-11/15/58; departed for Cuba. Associates, background and legitimate enterprises 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: Marital Status

#### ANNE CITRON LANSKY

On June 9, 1958, files of the Dade County Circuit Court, Miami, Florida, were reviewed by SA Under No; 106443, they reflect the following:

On January 29, 1947, ANNE CITRON LANSKY, plaintiff, filed Bill of Complaint in Action for Divorce against MEYER LANSKY, defendant. She claimed more than ninety days residence in Florida; defendant named as resident of New York. They were married May 9, 1929, at New York City. They had three children: BERNARD, born January 15, 1930; PAUL, born September 22, 1932, and SANDRA, born December 6, 1937. Plaintiff states they were happily married until 1933 when subject began nagging, berating and criticizing her actions, particularly in raising the children. He once threw a hot potato at her. She left subject in 1946, charges extreme cruelty and seeks divorce. BERNARD A. FRANK was attorney for plaintiff.

On February 3, 1947, defendant answered through his attorney, ALDERT M. LEHRMAN. He denied each and every allegation, denied plaintiff is entitled to any relief and asked dismissal of the complaint.

Lincoln Road, Miami Beach, Florida, was appointed Special
Master in Chancery to take testimony and make recommendations.
AEBOTT filed a report on February 11, 1947, finding for the
plaintiff and recommending a divorce be granted. He also
recommended court approval of a written agreement entered
into by both parties on September 13, 1946, providing for
custody and support of the minor children. This agreement
was between MEYER LANSKY, 240 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, New
York, and ANNE LANSKY, 211 Central Park West, Manhattan, New
York, providing they live separately and custody of minor
children be given the mother, provided she shall keep subject
(father) advised of their whereabouts. The father was to
have free and unhampered visits with the children at a reasonable hour at any place of residence. Subject is to select
schools and camps for the children and pay therefor. There
are no claims for property. ANNE is to receive \$300.00 every

Monday from subject during his lifetime until the children reach maturity, or she re-marries, whichever occurs first. This is to be reduced by \$50.00 per week if a child, by its own wish, returns to subject.

In addition, subject will continue to pay ANNE's rent in New York or up to \$300.00 a month elsewhere. She is to keep the apartment furniture and a new agreement is to be made when the children reach maturity.

A final decree of divorce was signed by Judge M. C. WISEHART on February 14, 1947.

Plaintiff resided at the Wofford Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida. It is known from past inquiries that management of this hotel has changed numerous times in the past ten years and records are not available for more than three years back.

#### THELMA SHEER SCHWARTZ

On June 9, 1958, Dade County, Florida, marriage records were checked for the period September 1, 1948, through August 1, 1950, and failed to reflect a marriage for subject to THEIMA SHEER SCHWARTZ.

It is noted the Embassy Hotel is in a section which has substantially changed in the past five years. New restaurants and hotels have been built in this area.

2. Citizenship





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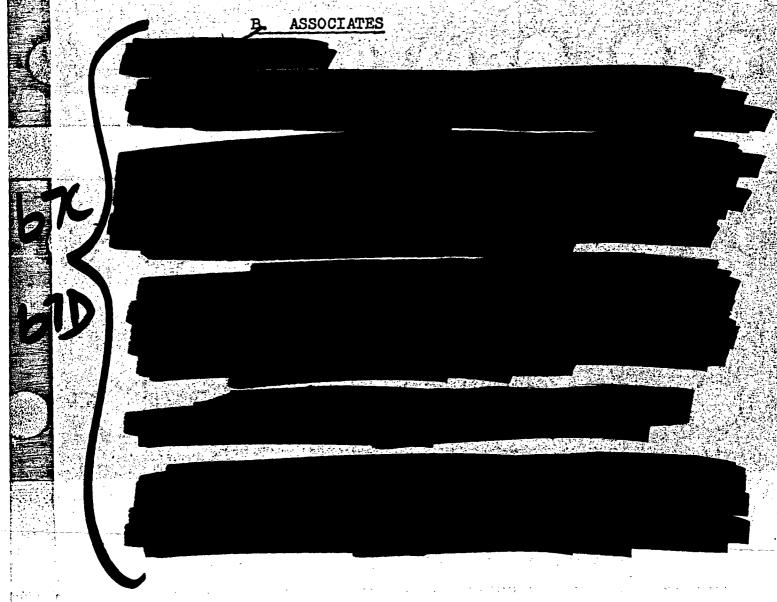
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MM 92-102 Residence The following investigation was conducted by SA he had heard MEYER LANSKY, on brief occasions, had stayed at Miami, Florida, avised MRYER LANSKY is not a resident of the hotel although on infrequent occasions, LANSKY has been a guest of the hotel. LANSKY last stayed at the hotel approximately six months ago, and then only for a few days. believed LANSKY was spending most of the time at advised MEYER LANSKY had been residing at the Tuscany Motel, Hollywood, Florida He stated LANSKY did not appear to be in ill health.

Spot surveillances were maintained at the Tuscany Motel, 3800 South Ocean Boulevard, Hollywood, Florida, on the following dates:

October 24, 27, 29, 30, 1958 November 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 11, 13, 14, 1958

Subject was observed in the Tuscany Motel area on the majority of these dates. No unusual activity was noted and he did not appear to be in contact with any individuals other than relatives and motel employees.









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MM 92-102 CRIMINAL ACTIVITY On October 20, 1958, New York advised the Bureau, on October 13, 1958, furnished New York a copy of subject's

identification record under FBI No. 791783, which reflected that recently the Bureau furnished a copy of subject's record to

and stated it was identical with the

subject of their inquiry.

On November 25, 1958, New York advised the Bureau had furnished a copy of subject's identification record under FBI No. 791783 to

per their inquiry of November 12, 1958.

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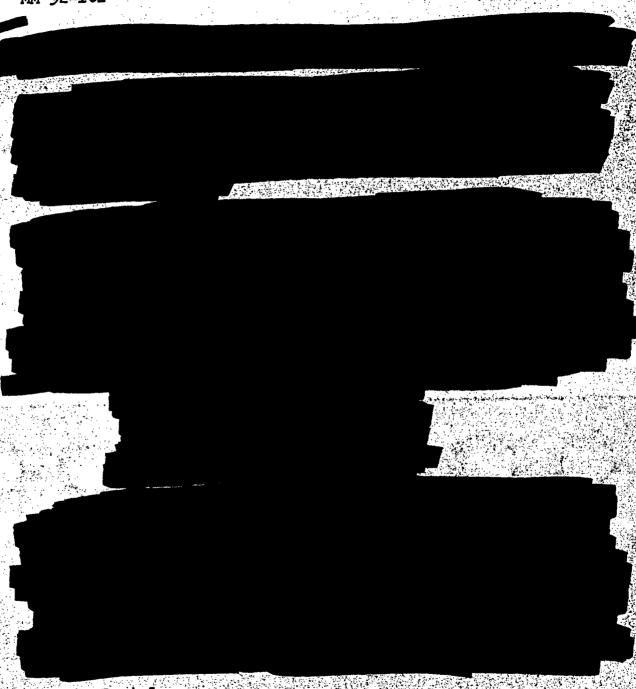
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#### E. TRAVEL

On June 10, 1958,

that a check of ticket coupons for flights from Miami to New York City on February 13, 1958, was negative with regard to subject's wife.

It is noted passenger manifests.

does not maintain

On June 16. 1958, advised this company keeps passenger manifests for sixty days and then destroys them. He said he that no records for February 13, 1958.

1958, advised MEYER LANSKY is known to him by name and reputation. He stated on occasion MEYER LANSKY has purchased or caused others to purchase airline reservations

He stated this has been infrequent and LANSKY could not be considered a steady customer. He advised the would be willing to furnish any information regarding reservations made by LANSKY in the future.

# F. PERSONAL HABITS AND HEALTH

a peptic ulcer.

LANSKY has suffered severely from this condition and is presently under instruction to rest for at least one more month before attempting to continue regular activity. He stated during his enforced rest, he has been residing at the Tuscany Motel, Hollywood, Florida.

condition, LANSKY is anemic. has no knowledge of a cardiac condition, but stated such is possible as a secondary effect caused by the ulcer and anemic condition.

LANSKY has not been operated on for the ulcer is unaware of any current travel activities on the part of LANSKY inasmuch has instructed LANSKY to rest quietly in Hollywood.

G. MISCELLANEOUS

New York previously advised subject, at the time of his detention by Eebruary, 1958, had in his possession papers reflecting Post Office Box 1036, Hollywood, Florida.

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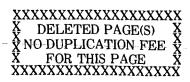




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NEW YORK

Subject returned to Hollywood, Florida, from Cuba, on 11/30/58

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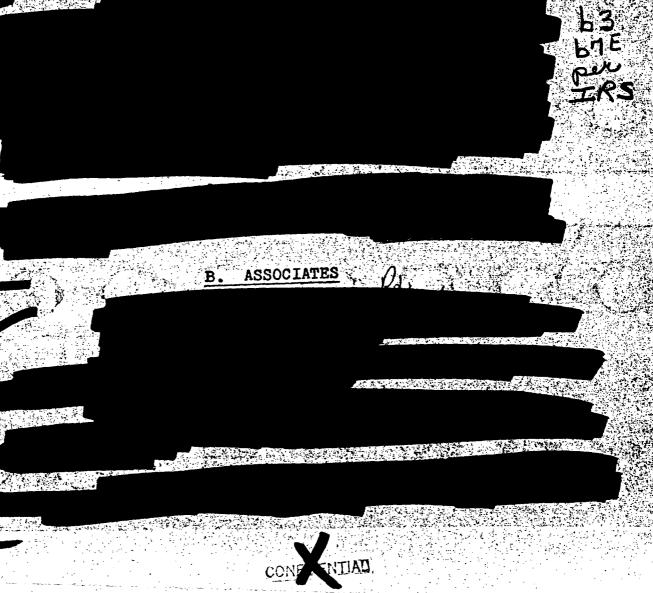


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DETAILS:

# A. PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

1. Residence









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D. MISCELLANEOUS

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# Future Plans

Current investigation, both in New York City and Florida, involves the interviewing of known associates and friends of the subject. During these interviews, every effort is being made to develop the subject and his activities.

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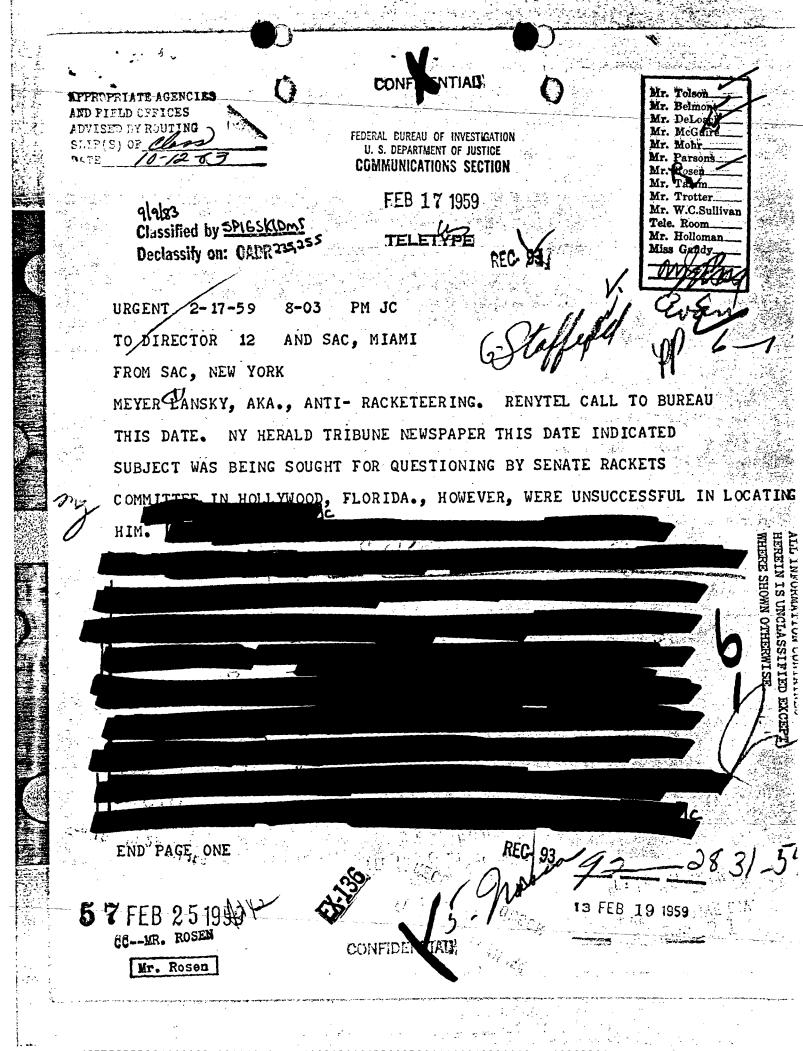


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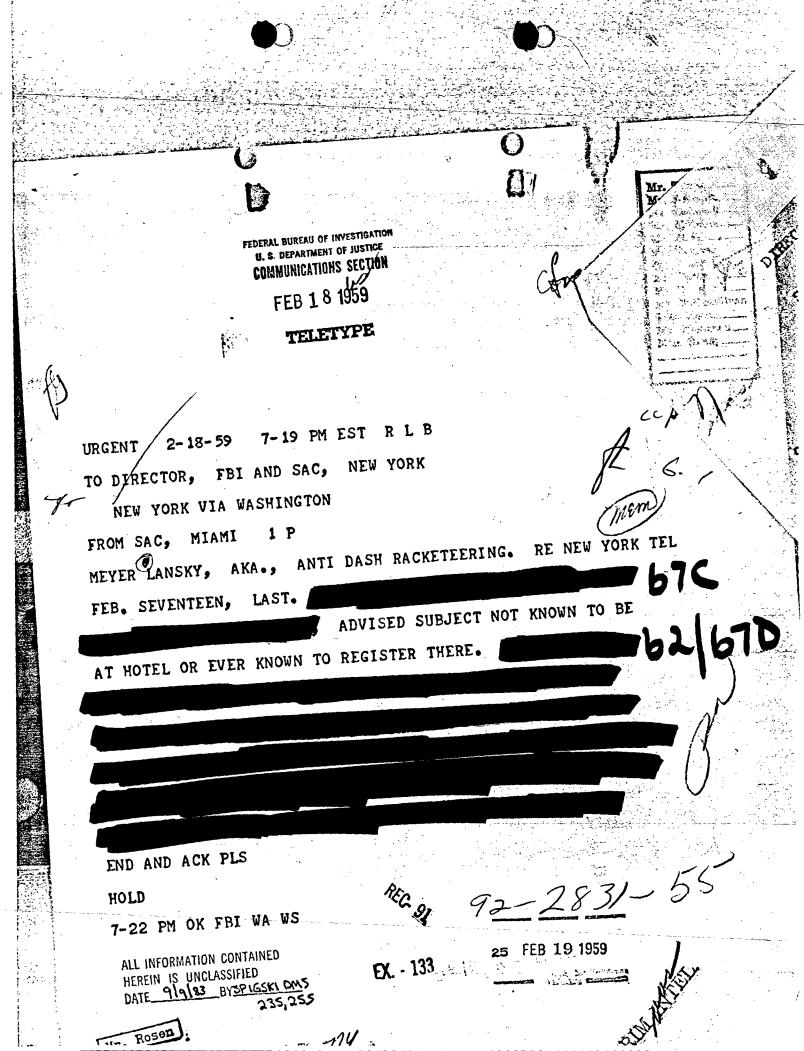


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Reference Havana letter dated December 18, 1958.

Jamuary 4,1959, an individual identifying himself as called the Office of the Legal Attache and stated "a nasty story" had appeared in the newspaper, "The New York Times," concerning MEYER LANSKY and indicated that LANSKY was LANSKY was at the Hotel running away from Cuba. Havana-Riviera taking care or the personnel there even though he was very sick and should be in the hospital.

MEYER LANSKY then got on the telephone and advised the Legat, Havana, that he had received a telephone call from PAUL BRUUN, a newspaper columnist in Miami Beach, that a newspaper had published a short story to the effect that the FBI or INS was looking for MEYER LANSKY since he was back in the United States. LANSKY stated he was still in Havana taking care of the personnel of the LANSKY stated he had appeared before the McClellan Committee two weeks before and had a subpoena to appear before this Committee LANSKY indicated he merely wanted to make a matter of record with the Embassy that he was still in Havana.

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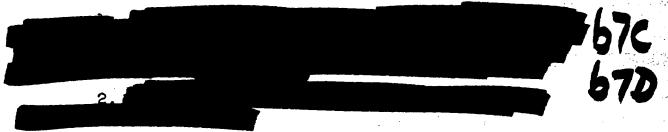
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At Boston, Massachusetts

Will complete investigation set out in NY airtel to Boston and Miami dated 1/21/59.

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At Miami, Florida



3. Will complete investigation requested in NY airtel to Boston and Miami 1/21/59.

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

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### At New York, New York (cont'd)

2. Will conduct appropriate background investigation re

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4. Will complete investigation set out in report of SA NY, dated 1/9/59.

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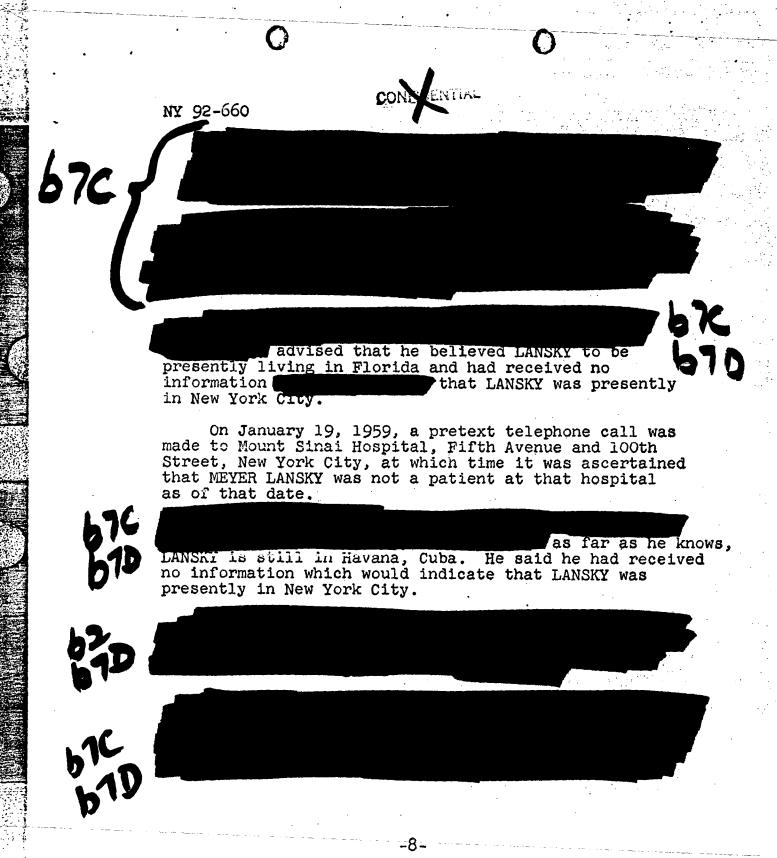






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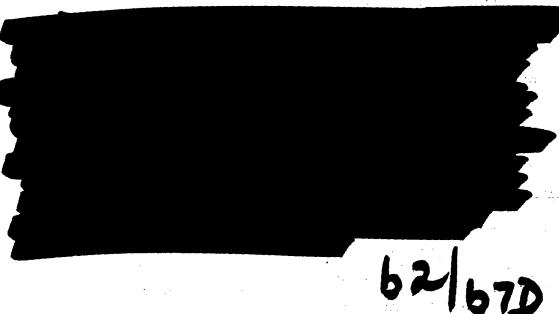
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MEYER LANSKY by sight nor does he recognize him as a customer. He said that he has read newspaper accounts of MEYER LANSKY and he is certain that if LANSKY was a customer at his place of business, this fact would have been brought to his attention.

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advised he had made additional inquiries and had not been able to develop any information that LANSKY is presently in New York.



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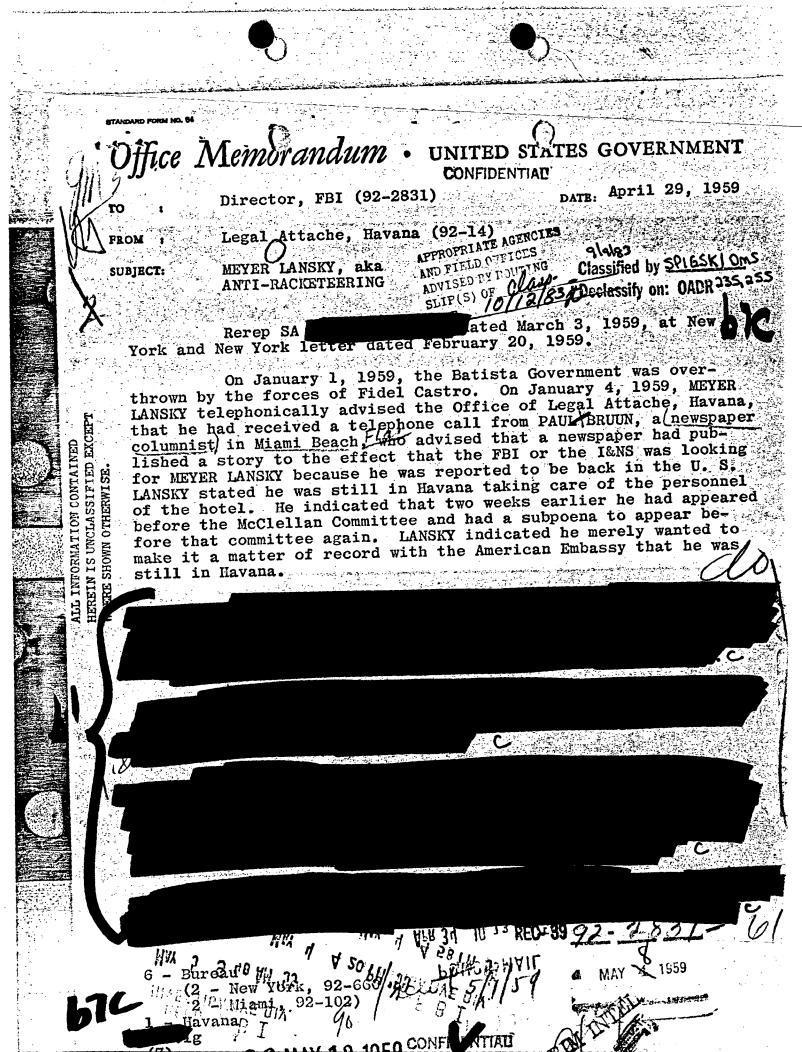






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#### MIAMI

Will complete investigation requested in NY letter to Miami, 4/27/59.

Will attempt to locate and interview

#### NEW YORK

Will develop background information re

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Will complete investigation set forth in report of SA NY, 1/9/59, and report of SA 3/4/59 at New York,

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Character:

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C On 2/12/59, LANSKY placed in oxygen tent suffering from heart malfunction. Interview of Mr. JOSEPH MANNERS, Special Assistant to Attorney General with LANSKY set forth. OF SUBJECT'S BACKGROUND AND FORMER ARREST FOR HOMICIDE

HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED DANGEROUS.

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#### A. PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

#### 1. Associates

On January 4, 1959, an individual identifying himself as called the office of the Legal Attache in Havana, Cuba, and stated" a nasty story" had appeared in the newspaper, "The New York Times" concerning MEYER LANSKY, and that this article indicated that LANSKY was running away from Cuba.

Stated LANSKY was at the Hotel Havana-Riviera taking care of the personnel there, even though he was very sick and should be in the hospital.

MEYER LANSKY then got on the telephone and advised the Legal Attache in Havana, Cuba, that he had received a telephone call from PAUL BRUUN, a newspaper columnist in Miami Beach, that a newspaper had published a short story to the effect that the FBI or INS was looking for MEYER LANSKY since he was back in the United States. LANSKY stated he was still in Havana taking care of the personnel of the hotel. LANSKY stated he had appeared before the McClellan Committee two weeks before and had a subpoena to appear before this Committee again. LANSKY indicated he merely wanted to make a matter of record with the Embassy that he was still in Havana.







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On January 7, 1959, at approximately 8:30 a.m. Mr. JOSEPH MANNERS, Special Assistant to the Attorney General was notified by the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Miami, Florida, that MEYER LANSKY had arrived at the Miami International Airport on a flight from Cuba and that he was being detained there for questioning.

Mr. MANNERS' interview with the subject is as follows:

LANSKY's attitude was friendly, but he declined to answer any specific questions relating to his activity. The purpose of the trip, he stated, was to see his doctor about a condition he believed to be rheumatism. His immediate destination was the TUSCANY MOTEL which is owned and operated by his son. He disclaimed any interest in it. In response to a specific question, he disclaimed any interest in the THUNDERBIRD MOTEL.

LANSKY admitted connection with the RIVIERA GAMBLING CASINO in Havana, but said he did not own any of it. He indicated, however, that he soon expected to acquire an interest in it. He denied having any interest in the NATIONAL CASINO; however, he did work for it before it was sold in early October to New York interests. He refused to name the old owners or new purchasers.

With regard to the revolution in Cuba, LANSKY stated that the large Casinos had not been damaged, though many of the smaller ones had. He expected to continue in business, and did not anticipate trouble from the new government, he said. He was surprised, he alleged, at the number of Casino employees who proved to be members of the July 26th Movement. Under the BATISTA government it had been

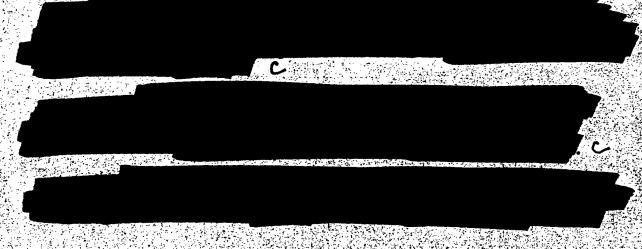


necessary to pay off government officials, he said. As far as he knew, he was the first of the gamblers to leave Havana, and denied that any had left on Friday or Saturday, January 2nd or 3rd, 1959 in a group, as written up in the newspapers.

LANSKY advised that he can be reached by us at any time through his son at the TUSCANY MOTEL.

LANSKY additted ownership of the old COLONIAL INN in Broward County in pre-Kefauver days, and that in 1947-1949 he had an interest in distributing juke boxes in the north Jersey and New York City areas. He has been gut of this since 1947 or 1949.

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heard of the name LANSKY.

The following investigation was conducted by SA at Miami, Florida;

had no knowledge as to MEYER LANSKY or his family.

recalls reading about LANSKY in the newspaper or magazines, but recollection has never met him. She commented the only time was in Cuba was in 1952 for a short vacation and never



He stated he considers LANSKY a most considerate individual, especially because LANSKY has contacted him several times indicating an interest in him and displayed a helpful attitude. He said he knows nothing relative to LANSKY's activities or associates.

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He also stated he was not acquainted with LANSKY socially and knew nothing concerning his activities and associates.

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At that time, LANSKY gave his address as Shelton Hotel, Hollywood, Florida, and it is his recollection LANSKY was connected with the Colonial Inn in Broward County, Florida. He said he has not seen or heard from LANSKY since and had no other information concerning him.

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a newspaper article in the "Miami Herald", February 10, 1959, which stated that a doctor from the U.S. Health Department, sent



by the McClellan Rackets Committee to determine LANSKY's fitness to testify, had been refused admittance

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On March 30, 1959

recovery of this contact LANSKY left for Havana, Cuba and is there at the present time.

stated that he has received no information from media of information that LANSKY has been in New York City in recent months, and that in the event discover that LANSKY was in New York, they would immediately notify him and he would in turn notify the Federal Bureau of Investigation of this.



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On March 27 and again on April 15, 1959, attempts were made to interview

New York City, advised that he has not seen LANSKY for quite some time and does not believe he has been in New York City for quite a considerable length of time.







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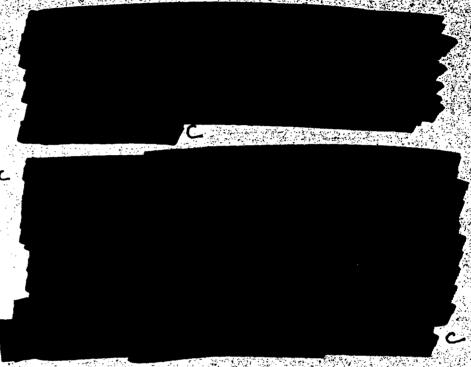


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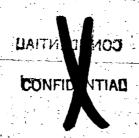
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### At Miami, Florida

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l) Will maintain contact with regarding an interview of LANSKY.

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### LEADS (CONTINUED)

2) Will report results of investigation requested by NYlet dated 4/27/59, and NY report of State dated 5/22/59.

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#### At New York, New York

- 1) Will await results of possible interview of LANSKY by the Miami Division.
- 2) Will, upon results of the interview of the subject by Miami Division, will determine the course of future investigation in this matter.

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upon being displayed a photograph of the subject that he recognized him to be MEYER LANSKY a well known hoodlum in the United States.

He advised that he has never met LANSKY and

stated that the only thing he knows about LANSKY is what he reads in the newspapers and again reiterated he has never done any

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The Miami Daily News, Miami, Florida, under dateline March 31, 1959, carried an article pertaining to the Plantation Key Properties, formerly owned by MEYER LANSKY. The article stated "ARTHUR B. (MICKEY) MC BRIDE, former owner of the Continental Race Wire Service, today moved to foreclose a mortgage on Plantation Key Properties, Incorporated, once a plush gambling resort.

"MC BRIDE claims there is a total of \$131,041 owing in principal and interest on a mortgage assigned to him by EARL G. KEHOE, North Miami, Beach Attorney.

"MC BRIDE's suit, filed in Federal Court here, follows the deportation to Italy of MICHAEL SPINELLA, a racketeer whose estate included stock in the Plantation Key Yacht Harbor.

"In the government's case against SPINELLA it was alleged that JOSEPH A. VARON of Hollywood, and MEYER LANSKY also owned stock in Plantation Key.

"They later gave quit claim deeds to the property and SPINELLA was described as sole owner.

"In the course of the long litigation, Federal Court appointed WILLIAM C. LEWIS of Coral Gables, receiver for Plantation Key Properties.



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"Last week, LEWIS petitioned the court for permission to sell it at private sale for \$200,000.

"Immediately, MC BRIDE filed his foreclosure action against Plantation, VARON and LEWIS.

"MC BRIDE alleges KEHOE loaned Plantation \$85,000 on November 5, 1953. The loan was secured by a mortgage bearing 10 per cent interest.

"MC BRIDE charges principal and interest are in default."

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advised SA seriously ill and is still in extremely poor physical condition. advised that LANSKY, on February 1, 1959, suffered an attack, later diagnosed as pericarditis, which is an inflamation of the comical sac of serous membrane, which encloses the heart. LANSKY was placed in Monroe Jackson Hospital. 409 South Federal Highway, Hollywood, Florida. Advised he was aware LANSKY was being sought at the time in connection with a hearing before the Mc Clellan Rackets Committee.

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Within two weeks of the time he entered the hospital, LANSKY suffered a severe attack and was close to death. At this time, large amounts of fluid formed around his heart, and the heart became enlarged. All of February and March and part of April, 1959, LANSKY was confined to CONEIL TIAL

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the hospital, with the exception of a few scattered days when he was strong enough to leave the hospital. LANSKY is presently residing at the Tuscany Motel, which is directly opposite the Diplomat Hotel.

advised LANSKY is under heavy sedation and is only able to move around for three or four hours a day before tiring. He is under strict orders not to excite himself and although he is improving, there is a 20 per cent chance that the illness will reoccur.

advised LANSKY is extremely worried about his financial investment in Cuba, due to the present unstable political situation. LANSKY has expressed concern over opposing political factions in the Government, which could be a serious problem to the United States in the future.

receptive to interview by the FBI with regard to his problem, and stated he would determine LANSKY's attitude.









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He stated that as far as he is concerned, LANSKY is a perfect gentleman and that he could furnish nothing adversely about him and that he knew nothing derogatory about him.

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stated that he does not feel that LANSKY is mixed up in any illegal activities and definitely is not concerned with narcotics inasmuch as he is not this type of individual.

was definitely against any individual who would become a narcotics trafficker and that he would have nothing to do with this individual and felt the severest punishment to be dealt to any individual who is mixed up in this degraded profession.

a motel in Hollywood, Florida, and as far as he knows LANSKY owns no residence in New York City.







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# Office Memorandum · UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO

DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2831)

DATE:

1/8/59

FROM 1

SAC, NEW YORK (92-660)

SUBJECT:

MEYER LANSKY, aka. ANTI-RACKETEERING

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Rerep of SA dated 7/31/59 at NY and Miami let to NY dated 7/28/59 setting forth interview of LANSKY.

A review of LANSKY's file reflects that this investigation was instituted by the NYO on 12/2/57 and that extensive investigation has been conducted in this matter.

The subject maintains his permanent residence at the Tuscany Motel, 3800 South Ocean Drive, Hollywood, Florida, and maintains P.O. Box 1036 in Hollywood. LANSKY has had this permanent address since 1953.

The subject has not maintained any NY residence since prior to 1953.

Investigation to date has determined that LANSKY visits NYC infrequently and then only for short periods of time.

The NYO has covered all logical leads relative to LANSKY's associates, enterprises and personal activities in the NY area without determining any violation by him coming within the jurisdiction of the FBI.

It is felt by the NYO that the Miami Division, in view of the above, is now in a better position to obtain information in this matter.

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It is noted that on 5/22/59, the subject was interviewed by the Miami Division and at this time his attitude was friendly.

In view of the above, it is requested that the Bureau designate the Miami Division as office of origin in this matter.

The Bureau may desire to transmit a copy of this communication to Legal Attache, Havana, Cuba, therefore, an extra copy is being designated for the Bureau.

SAC, Miami (92-102)

September 23, 1959

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MEYER LANSKY, aka. ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference is made to Mismi letter to New York dated 7-23-59, report of SA dated dated 9-8-59 dated 7-31-59, and New York letter to Bureau dated 9-8-59 re captioned individual.

Since it has been determined that the permanent residence of Lansky is at the Tuscany Motel in Hollywood, Florida, Miami is being designated as the office of origin in this investigation.

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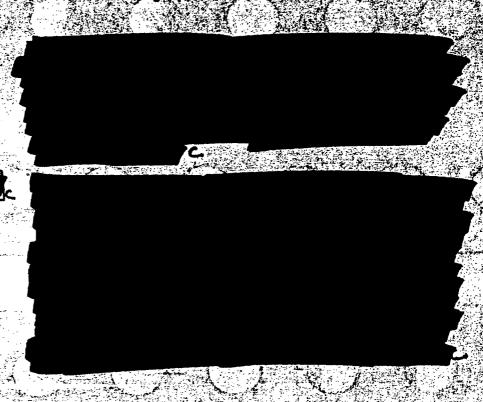


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#### Future Plans

Investigation in New York and Hollywood, Florida, relative to LANSKY's associates, enterprises, and personal activities, has been conducted without determining any violation by him coming within the jurisdiction of the FBI. In view of this, efforts will be made to interview LANSKY at Hollywood, Florida, and pending results, if no reason prohibits, it is anticipated this case will be closed.

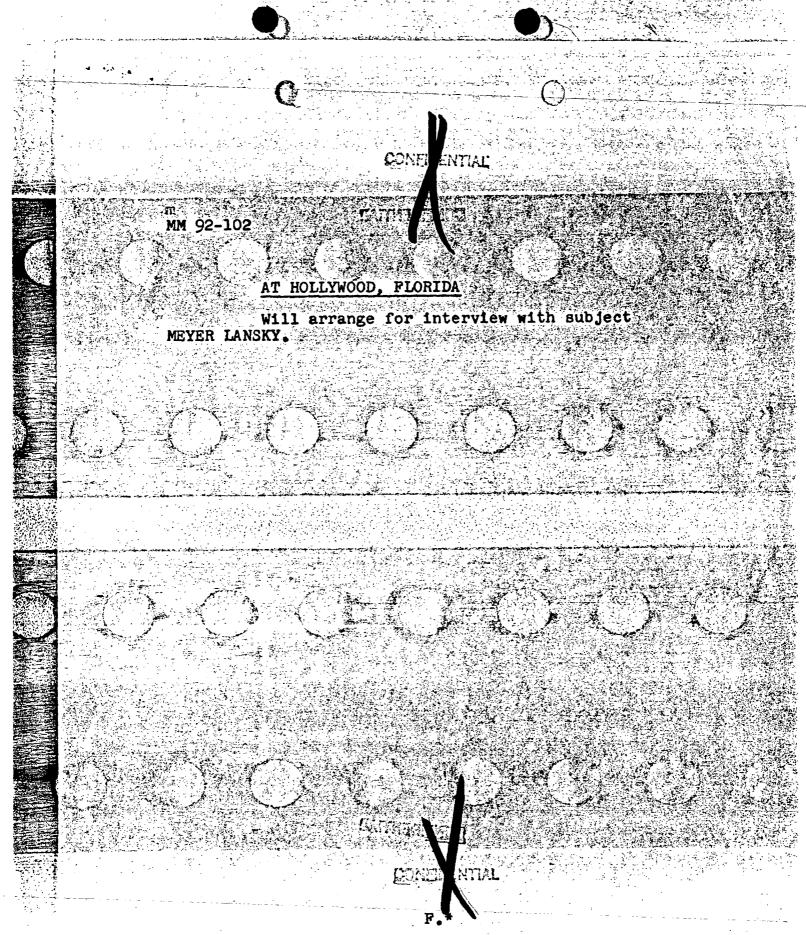
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### UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Report of:

12/3/59

Field Office File No.: 92-102

Title:

Date:

MEYER LANSKY

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

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Subject interviewed, Hollywood, Fla., by Bureau agents regarding his knowledge Cuban political situation.

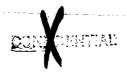
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Cuban Political Situation

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MEYER LANSKY was interviewed May 22, 1959, in the office of JOSEPH VARON, Attorney, 2432 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, Florida, by SAS

It was noted LANSKY appeared pale and drawn. He moved very slowly and seemed to be in pain. LANSKY advised his doctor had instructed that he could remain on his feet only three or four hours a day. His attitude

LANSKY advised that regardless of public opinion of his personal life, he feels strongly about the security of the United States. He pointed out that this concern is partially based on selfish motives because in the event the government of the United States were to be undermined or overthrown, all chizens would suffer regardless of reputation or position. LANSKY advised that he is a student of political history. Throughout conversation LANSKY showed an excellent grasp of political science, current and past, and the ability to express himself.

He stated his main concern was the political unrest in Cuban government headed by FIDEL CASTRO. He advised that study had shown him the time was ripe for Communist factions to entrench themselves in government. He advised he had heard many rumors that there are Communists in high places in the Cuban government and the entire government will soon be Communistic. When pressed for particulars LANSKY advised he was not in



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a position to furnish facts. He stated he based his statements on the general socialistic trend in the Cuban government and the unexplained source of revenue which allowed CASTRO to wage an expensive war against BATISTA. LANSKY speculated that the source was Communistic. He stated he could not name any individuals in the present government who had publicly described themselves as Communists nor could he offer any facts which would set one person aside from the others as a Communist.

LANSKY admitted that American gambling interests have been hamstrung during the CASTRO regime and he, LANSKY, could lose heavily unless the situation changed. He stated he could not deny that the possibility of this loss contributed to his decision to discuss the Cuban situation. Nevertheless, he felt that the United States government should be well aware of the changing political situation in Cuba before it developed into a threat to national security.

It should be noted that all of LANSKY's comments were general in nature. He advised although he does not anticipate return to Cuba in the near future, it is possible that factual information pertaining to Communist infiltration in the Cuban government would come to him through his established sources. He offered to make this information available. The interviewed was terminated.

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stated LANSKY's health has definitely improved and he appears almost fully recovered.

on June 7, 1959, advised SA that the mother of subject died in the early morning, June 7, 1959, and both MEYER and JACK LANSKY were in attendance.

August 7, and September 18, 1959, advised he has observed MEYER LANSKY on almost a daily basis during the above period. He stated LANSKY has been convalescing and his health is definitely improving. He stated LANSKY had talked to him about the possibility of a short trip.

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October 14, 1959, advised that MEYER LANSKY had returned to Hollywood, Florida. He stated he had been able to learn only that LANSKY had been in New York. He stated he has heard a rumor that the Tuscany Motel will be put up for sale.

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New York Division October 1
1959, advised SA that he heard LANSKY
was in New York City, and staying at
New York City, but would be
returning to Miami on October 2, 1959.

On October 1, 1959, advised SA that he had no record of LANSKY staying at

SA on October 14, 1959, he could locate no record for LANSKY at this hotel.

New York City, advised on October 16, 1959, that he had no record of a LANSKY staying at this hotel.

New York City, advised on October 16, 1959, he had no record for a MEYER LANSKY staying at this hotel.

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City, advised she had no record for LANSKY.







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Broward County Court of Records, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, advised the legal description of the Tuscany Motel, 3800 South Ocean Drive, Hollywood, Florida, is recorded in Broward County, Florida, Plat Book 26-51-42, as the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 29, Lots 1 - 10, Block 79, Hollywood Lakes Section,

advised Official Record Book 1738, Page 519, Broward County Records, reflects the H and J Building Corporation, and the Tuscany Motel, recorded transfer of mortgage, November 12, 1959, to Florida Calsbad, Inc., who assumed a mortgage of \$381,885.00. Officers of the Florida Calsbad, Inc. were listed as SAMUEL R. BERKMAN, President, and ARTHUR SIEGEL, Secretary.

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Criminal Activities

Residence

On October 30. 1959.

, advised he learned that MEYER LANSKY was having a house built in Hallandale, Florida, and it should be ready for occupancy shortly.

Broward County, Court of Records,
Fort Lauderdale, Florida, November 30, 1959, advised;
Broward County records reflected the filing of a warranty
deed in Official Record Book 1592, Page 12, reflecting
the purchase of a residence at 612 Hibiscus Drive, Hallandale, Florida, filed June 26, 1959, from CHARLES WOODROW
COLLINS, ET AL, by MEYER and THELMA LANSKY. The property
was legally described as Lot 10, Block 2, Golden Isles,
Section A, Plat Book 42, Page 33, Public Records, Broward
County, Florida.

Official Record Book 1299, Page 45, reflected an existing mortgage on the above property held by First



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Federal Savings and Loan Association of Miami, imd the amount of \$34,000.00. Records reflected total purchase price of the above described property was \$45,500.00.

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MEYER LANSKY AR

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dated 12/3/59 at Miami.

This case should continue to receive thorough and vigorous attention. Information has been developed over a long period indicating that Lansky is one of the most powerful and influential hoodlums in the country. Your approach should not be one that is directed toward closing this investigation.

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#### ADMINISTRATIVE

It is noted investigative period contains investigative date 11/30/59. Results of this interview were not available for inclusion in previous report, 12/3/59, and are being included in instant report.

On 12/28/59, Legat, Havana, Cuba, advised that on 10/26/59, Prime Minister FIDEL CASTRO made a speech, in

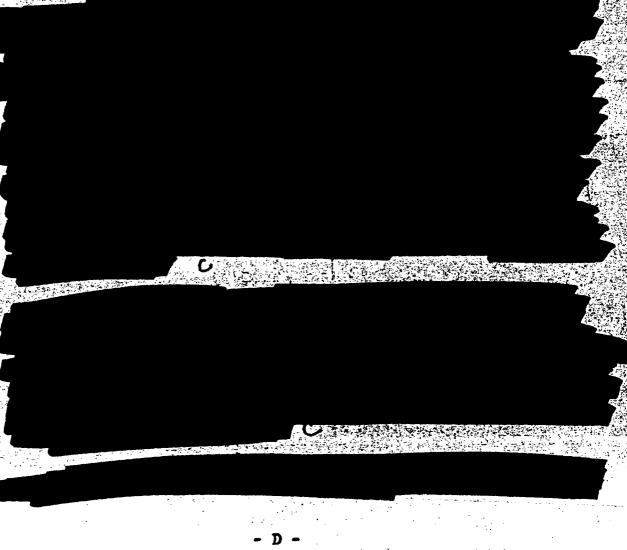
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which he made violent and unfounded attacks on the United States Government for complacency in allowing, "if not actually being a party to, "the alleged bombing of Cuba. This attack came just before the close of the huge convention of the American Society of Travel Agents then meeting in Havana.



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#### FUTURE PLANS

In view of subject's day-to-day activities, which do not appear to involve him in any sort of business, with the exception of attendance at the race tracks.

close contact will be maintained with in order that Miami Division will be aware when subject becomes involved in a business venture, whether legal or illegal.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

March 12, 1960

Field Office File No.: (92-102)

Title:

MEYER LANSKY

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

Subject frequents Miami race tracks on almost daily basis.

IN VIEW OF SUBJECT'S BACKGROUND AND FORMER ARRESTS FOR HOMICIDE, HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED DANGEROUS. IS NOT TO BE DISSEMINATED.

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MEYER LANSKY continued to have breakfast and lunch on almost a daily basis at the West Diplomat Hotel. He advised MEYER LANSKY often met his brother, JACK LANSKY, and other local horse players in the coffee shop, but they appeared to be interested only in the afternoon horse races in Miami.







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MIAMI DIVISION
ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

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A review has been made of the Criminal Intelligence Program, including top hoodlum investigations, and the following is submitted for your future guidance in a program directed toward the fullest possible development of criminal intelligence.

At the present time, your office has pending investigations of five top hoodlums. There have been a number of cases closed and others opened on individuals coming to your attention who may be of top hoodlum stature. This approach is desirable and should be continued in order to keep in sight the individuals who are newly rising in this element.

Despite the active program in effect in your office, it appears that there has been a lack of penetration into the innermost workings of the upper echelon hoodlum and racketeering figures. The lack of real penetration into the organized crime field is pointed out rather strongly by the type of information obtained from

You now have residing in your territory one of the very most important individuals in the national crime picture in the person of Meyer Lansky. Information developed in Bureau investigations over a period of many years indicates strongly that Lansky is a very important individual

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in a segment of the criminal element. In pursuing investigations in your Criminal Intelligence Program, you should
not overlook the possibility of employing extraordinary
investigative techniques with reference to Lansky. Because
of the loss of the lucrative Cuban gambling situation, Lansky
is presently in a position of having to make decisions as to
his future course of action. This may be a propitious time
for close coverage of Lansky.

need of continuous alertness to develop the existence or nonexistence of the "Mafia." Persons who furnish information in this field should be thoroughly interviewed for a determination of what they mean by the use of the term "Mafia." It is the Bureau's desire to determine whether or not this is a mere term used to characterize criminal groups made up of a preponderance of persons of Italian birth or extraction, or whether it is a term denoting something of greater significance. Complete details of any facts available should be obtained from any persons contending that it is an actual organization which can be characterized as being a "Mafia."

The Criminal Intelligence Program in your office should be closely analyzed and the Bureau advised by April 15, 1960, of plans formulated and action to be taken for the purpose of effecting coverage of organized criminal activities along the lims indicated in this letter.







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