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Enclosed are two copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning Angelo Bruno's alleged financial interests in the Hotel Plaza gambling at Havana, Cuba. Philadelphia by letter dated 8-28-61 furnished the following information:

By letter dated 3-22-61 it was requested that Lloyds of London be contacted by Legat, London, to establish if Angelo Bruno was paid, as alleged, a sum of money for damage done to the gambling casino, Hotel Plaza, Havana. (C)

By communication dated 4-27-61, the Legal Attache, London, advised of contacting Michael Cumming, official of British Security Service, MI5, who contacted a confidential source of his in Lloyds of London to develop this information. (S)

The communication from Legal Attache stated, "On 4-24-61, Col. Cumming advised that MI5, confidential source, had stated that Lloyds of London had acted as the reinsurer for the American International Reinsurance Corporation of New York City to the extent of \$70,000 for a policy made out to the subject in connection with the gambling casino at the Plaza Hotel, Havana, Cuba." Col. Cumming was quoted further as stating, "In 4-59, a claim was paid to the subject for \$185,000, principally by the American International Reinsurance Corporation, in respect to a fire which had occurred at the gambling casino at the Plaza Hotel, Havana, Cuba, 1-59." (S)

It was requested that an additional inquiry be made by the Legal Attache, London, in recontact with their source to ascertain if Angelo Bruno possibly held other insurance besides that resulting in the \$185,000 claim being paid 4-59, \$70,000 of which was reinsured by Lloyds of London. (S)

Extensive inquiry in this regard has developed that there was a \$185,000 payment made by the American International Insurance Company, #258 Havana Street, Havana, Cuba. As

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Re: Angelo Bruno

set forth herein, this policy was No. 303-806-F. [However, the point of inquiry to Legal Attache, London, should be to establish if Angelo Bruno was the recipient of this \$185,000 payment, less adjustments, or if Joseph Stassi was recipient of this payment considering that Legal Attache, London, prior communication on 4-27-61 relates that Col. Cumming had advised that the subject had received the \$185,000 payment.] (c)

[It is requested that the Legal Attache, London, clarify whether Bruno or Stassi received the money and any additional information available that could possibly be developed further in the United States which could ultimately prove to be of evidentiary value against Angelo Bruno.] It should be noted that Bruno has been designated by the Bureau as the target of "early prosecution" under the Criminal Intelligence Program and therefore is the subject of concentrated Bureau investigative effort. (c)

Legal Attache, London, should endeavor to clarify whether Angelo Bruno or Joseph Stassi, or both, received the \$185,000 insurance payment for the request in question. (c)

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