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UNITED ST GOVERNMENT Director, FBI - ATTENTION: DATE: February 25, 1958 FBI LABORATORY Legat, Havana (64-153) SUBJECT: AMERICAN GAMBLING ACTIVITIES IN CUBA ANTI-RACKETEERING On February 13, 1958, PCI OSCAR LOPEZ RODRIGUEZ. whose identity must be kept confidential and who is in excellent position to obtain photographs of Americans inwolved in gambling operations in Havana, furnished the enclosed 5x8 full-face photographs of NICHOLAS DICOSTANZO, wa. "Fat The Butch", and SIDNEY ORSECK. DiCOSTANZO is presently operating the gambling casino in the Hotel Capri and has admitted having, ar interest in that casino. has been named by JOHN HOUSER, Vice-President in Charge of International Operations for Hilton Hotels, Inc., as one of the five individuals who have been granted the franchise Wto operate the gambling casino in the soon-to-be-completed Hotel Havana Hilton. In the past DiCOSTANZO has been described as operating floating crap games in Yonkers, New York, and ORSECK is described as a New York lawyer The Laboratory is requested to copy these photographs in a smaller size and supply two copies each of each photograph to the New York Office and the Legal Attache, Havana. Extra copies of this letter have been prepared ofor the possible use of the New York Office. Copies photos to 3/4 At 21/0-25 ety 11/21/6 4 - Bureau (Enc. 2) 1 - Havana DJB:1g (5) -IAISON SECTION, FBI REC'D-FOREIGN LIAISON