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Ft. Lauderdale - The only document in the HSCA collection from the Ft. Lauderdale Police Department is a 1 to 1 1/2 inch file on Kenneth Burnstine, arrested on a narcotics/gun-running charge (this file was referenced in my 6/16/95 memo to you, re: status of contributions of local law enforcement agencies to JFK collection). According to Fonzi, Burnstine was a pal of Mitch WerBell and "a celebrated South Florida real estate developer who pioneered the mass importation of marijuana through a scheduled fleet of his private cargo planes. Burnstine was later going to be the Government's prime witness in a drug case against WerBell, but his plane exploded before he could testify (The Last Investigation, p. 237)." I didn't copy the file, but the RIF is attached. [1] This document was referred to the Ft. Lauderdale Police Department by NARA and, on 3/17/95, the Department wrote back to say it could be released. It's status is now "open in full". The Department's letter is attached as it also relates to your second query. [2]Public Safety Department, Organized Crime Bureau - As you know, NARA staff came across HSCA documents stamped "Public Safety Department Organized Crime Bureau". Apparently unsure as to where these documents came from, they forwarded them to the Ft. Lauderdale Police Department along with the Burnstine file. The Ft. Lauderdale Police Dept. recognized these documents as having originated with the Metropolitan Dade County (Miami) Public Safety Department, Organized Crime Bureau. They were good enough to forward them to the Bureau to the attention of Detective Richard Hayward. NARA has yet to hear back from the Bureau relative to this file which consists of approximately 1 1/2 inches of documents on organized crime figures, principally Santos Trafficante. These documents are all stamped as having been turned over to Gaeton Fonzi during his HSCA/Miami stint. This file was referenced in my June 16th memo to you under "Metro-Dade Police Dept.". Because of the volume of documents, I didn't copy them today, but they are all in HSCA Agency File Number 000834 and are retrieveable at any time from Archives I. Now, I don't pretend to have a handle on all the overlapping law enforcement jurisdictions in south Florida, but in the interest of shedding more light (or perhaps muddying the waters further) on HSCA contacts in this geographical area, I have also attached the following:[3] A HSCA memo (000936) of 3/14/77 summarizing a 3/10/77 trip Andy Purdy and Cliff Fenton took to Miami during which they served a subpoena on Trafficante but also reviewed Organized Crime Bureau (OCB) files on organized crime in Miami. It would appear the cache of documents with Fonzi's name all over them (referenced above) came from these files.[4] A HSCA Outside Contact Report (OCR) dated 3/1/78 which references that HSCA staffer Leslie Wizelman spent three days reviewing OCB files in February of 1978. In this OCR, Wizelman also references a Dan Sullivan of the Miami Crime Commission (374-7464). I am unclear as to Record

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