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[REDACTED] furnished information on April 26, 1963, which reflected [REDACTED] had said that MEYER LANSKY was part of a group who had purchased land on the Grand Bahamas Island (GBI) for the purpose of building a hotel and gambling casino. Additional information obtained from this source reflected that [REDACTED] and others were in on this deal with LANSKY. According to the source, [REDACTED] stated that LANSKY is extremely wealthy and has more points in the casinos in Las Vegas than anyone else. [REDACTED] further indicated that LANSKY is the person who protects other Jewish gamblers in Las Vegas and LANSKY in turn is protected by [REDACTED]

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On April 30, 1963, [REDACTED] furnished information that [REDACTED] reported that MEYER LANSKY has a "piece" of virtually every casino in Las Vegas due to his early entry as the "protection" for the Jewish element who organized the gambling industry there. [REDACTED] listed the Flamingo, the Desert Inn, the Fremont as hotels in which LANSKY has interest.

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The foregoing information, because of the circumstances surrounding its receipt, was set forth in this section inasmuch as it is felt that dissemination of such information outside the Bureau would seriously risk compromising the sources involved. As the Bureau is aware, much investigative effort has been undertaken in the past to prove existence and hidden interest of MEYER LANSKY and his associates throughout the United States and foreign areas. Such data has been compiled and properly forwarded to the Miami Division as that division has been the office of origin in the MEYER LANSKY case for several years. LANSKY has made his base of operations in the Miami area for a considerable period of time. The majority of his trusted associates reside in that area and such individuals have become prominent in the group that surround LANSKY and operate under his control. Recent publicity afforded this group in the Miami newspapers have pointed out the degree of control over numerous Miami Beach hotels and motels exercised by such individuals. Investigation concerning [REDACTED]

It is, therefore, being recommended that the Bureau consider designating the Miami Division as office of origin in this matter, as it is felt that the Miami Division is in a more logical position to properly administer the investigation in this case.

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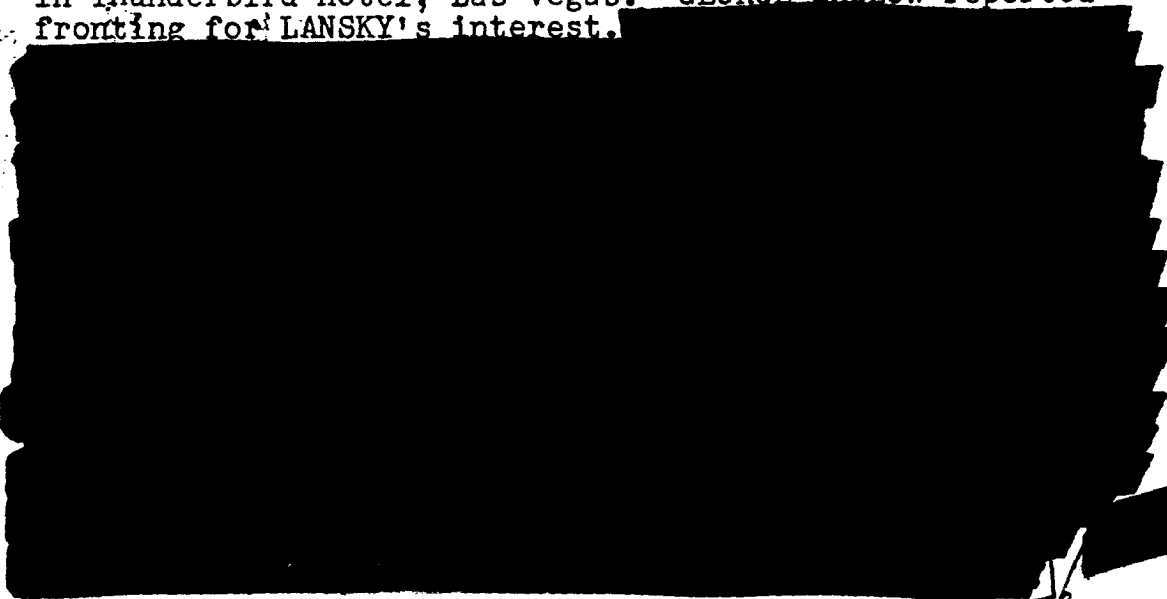
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Synopsis:

LANSKY born 7/4/02, Grodno, Poland. Early criminal career set forth. During period 1954 LANSKY and his brother JACK, along with CLIFF JONES, Ex-Lieutenant Governor of Nevada, alleged to have hidden interest in Thunderbird Hotel, Las Vegas. GEORGE SADLOW reported fronting for LANSKY's interest.

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DETAILS:

Investigation in this matter was initiated to determine the activities of those individuals who have been closely associated with MEYER LANSKY over a long period of time. Such individuals have apparently operated under his control. This report will deal with the available information that focuses upon areas which serve this group as sources of financial support.

I. BACKGROUND AND EARLY CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES OF MEYER LANSKY

a. Birth

Records of Immigration and Naturalization Service, New York, as reviewed by Special Agent [REDACTED] January 30-31, 1958, reflect that MEYER LANSKY was born on July 4, 1902, in Grodno, Poland, which is now under the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. Records further show that LANSKY entered the United States under the name of MEYER BUCHOWLJANSKY aboard the "SS KUREK" at New York, New York, on April 4, 1911, and was admitted as a permanent resident.

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b. Citizenship

Records of Immigration and Naturalization Service, referred to above, show that on September 27, 1928, MEYER LANSKY was naturalized in the United States District Court, Eastern District of New York, under Certificate Number 251 7814, at which time he changed his true name to MEYER LANSKY.

On July 25, 1958, MORTON ROBSON, then Assistant United States Attorney, Southern District of New York, advised that the denaturalization proceedings instituted by Immigration and Naturalization Service against MEYER LANSKY were dismissed on May 28, 1958, for a lack of prosecution. ROBSON stated that the proceedings could not be reinstituted in New York as LANSKY was then a resident of the State of Florida.

c. Early Criminal Activities

The "New York World Telegram," a New York City evening newspaper that has ceased publication, in its issue of January 9, 1958, on Page 1, contained an article captioned "Yen for Cuba Cash Doomed Anastasia".

The article in commenting on the slaying of ALBERT ANASTASIA, top hoodlum in New York City, set forth the following concerning LANSKY:

"Now 55, LANSKY came to New York from Russia in 1911 and joined the Owney Madden bootleg gang about twelve years later. Then he and BENJAMIN (BUGGSY) SIEGEL formed the "Bug and Meyer Mob" which expanded rapidly from New York to Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and California.

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"While ANASTASIA was still a smalltime punk and strong-armed goon, LANSKY was already known as one of the 'Big Six' of Eastern mobdom. The others were SIEGEL, JACOB (GURRAH), SHAPIRO, LOUIS (LEPKE), BUCHALTER, CHARLES (LUCKY) LUCIANO and JOE ADONIS. After the murder of ARTHUR (DUTCH SCHULTZ) FLEGENHEIMER they were bosses of all big rackets from New York to Chicago.

"LANSKY is the only one still around. SIEGEL was gunned to death in California. BUCHALTER died in the electric chair. LUCIANO and ADONIS are back in their native Italy. LANSKY visited LUCKY in 1949. SHAPIRO died in Sing Sing of a coronary thrombosis.

"Crime files revealed LANSKY one of the biggest mobsters ever to operate in the United States. With SIEGEL he bossed West Coast gambling for many years. With FRANK COSTELLO and FRANK ERICKSON he ran gambling houses in Upstate New York, New Jersey, Florida, New Orleans and Las Vegas. With BUCHALTER he directed operations of Murder, Inc.

"He even worked with the murderous FISHCHETTI brothers in Chicago rackets. Senate investigators concluded that LANSKY, in conjunction with COSTELLO and ADONIS, formed the nationwide crime syndicate and controlled all its East Coast Activities.

"But despite more than thirty years as a rackets rajah, LANSKY served only one small jail term -- a three month stretch in Saratoga County Jail in 1953 for gambling operations at Saratoga Springs.

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"As soon as he got out, he started for new fields to conquer and picked Havana as the greenest pasture of all -- the lush shade of green peculiar to tourist dollars.

"No American gambler, gangster, or racketeer now can work in Havana without LANSKY's O.K. The master mobster is on the casino payroll of the new \$14 million Hotel Riviera and his brother JACK is the casino boss at Havana's most luxurious playpen, the Hotel Nacional."

II. AREAS OF ACTIVITIES.

There follows information that has been developed concerning areas of activity in which MEYER LANSKY and his associates have been engaged.

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A. Gambling Activities.

1. Las Vegas

"The Las Vegas Sun Daily," newspaper for October 28, 1954, contained an article reflecting that the Nevada State Tax was conducting an extensive hearing into the alleged "undisclosed interests" held by MEYER and JACK LANSKY

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and others in the Thunderbird Hotel of Las Vegas. The article reflected that MARION HICKS, President of the Thunderbird Hotel, admitted in testimony that he had used money advanced by GEORGE SADLOW in the operation of the Thunderbird Hotel.

This article further reflected MARION HICKS, President, Thunderbird Hotel, admitted in testimony that he had used money advanced by GEORGE SADLOW in the operation of the Thunderbird Hotel. The article described SADLOW as a long-time lieutenant of MEYER and JAKE LANSKY. HICKS denied before the Nevada State Tax Commission, according to the article, that GEORGE SADLOW, MEYER and JAKE LANSKY had ever been in the Thunderbird Hotel casino pit directing gambling operations or in the accounting room or at a director's meeting of the hotel. HICKS claimed MEYER and JAKE LANSKY were not financially involved in the operation of the Thunderbird Hotel.

The Reno Evening Gazette, in its issue of June 24, 1955, in commenting upon the hearing being held relating to the gambling license of the Thunderbird Hotel, reflected that MARION HICKS had borrowed \$197,000 from GEORGE SADLOW, who had obtained part of it from JAKE LANSKY. This article described SADLOW as an associate of MEYER LANSKY in various Florida enterprises.

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During testimony under oath before the Nevada Tax Commission in 1954, LOUIS WEINER, Law Partner of CLIFFORD AARON JONES, Ex-Lieutenant, Governor of Nevada, stated that MEYER LANSKY and his brother JAKE LANSKY had hidden interests in the Thunderbird Hotel in Las Vegas.

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[REDACTED] "The Wall Street Journal" in its Eastern Division for October 5, 1965, contained an article captioned "Las Vegas East" that was authored by staff writers MONROE W. KARMIN and STANLEY PENN. This article dealt with the prosperity enjoyed by United States gamblers in the Bahamas with the help of island officials. In reference to MEYER LANSKY, the article reported that DINO CELLINI and GEORGE SADLOW were LANSKY's associates and figured prominently in the operation of the casino at the Lucayan Beach Hotel. The article quoted an unidentified man who was described as being in a position to know the intimate details of the operation of the casino. This quotation follows:

"CELLINI and SADLOW were LANSKY's men. At the closing of the casino each night, all of the boxes were taken from the tables and brought into the counting room. There

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were three sets of keys to the boxes, but it was very important that either CELLINI or SADLO be present before the box was opened".

The article described GEORGE SADLOW as having considerable experience working for LANSKY's interests and related that testimony before the KEFAUVER Committee in 1950 showed that MEYER LANSKY and his brother JAKE along with SADLOW illegally operated the Club Boheme gambling casino in Florida. An accountant for this casino testified LANSKY personally counted the money taken in after each table closed for the night. At other times, SADLOW performed this duty.

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"The New York Times", a New York City daily newspaper, in its issue of February 15, 1965, contained an article

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captioned "Gambling In Bahamas Worries United States Officials". Included in this article was reference to seven individuals who were declared undesirable by the Bahamian authorities and deported. These individuals were as follows:

DINO VINCENT CELLINI

ROY BERNEY BELL

HOWARD (HICKEY) KAMM

DAVID LAWRENCE GEIGER

AL JACOBS

JAMES BERNARD BAKER

ANTHONY TABASSO

The article further stated that the seven individuals have had extensive past relations with the LANSKY gambling organization which is controlled by MEYER and JAKE LANSKY.

"The Wall Street Journal" in its April 19, 1967, issue contained an article "CHESLER Concedes Paying Huge Sums for Gambling Commission in Bahamas". The article was authored by staff reporter MONROE W. KARMIN who reported that LOUIS A. CHESLER, the controversial Canadian promoter, appeared before a special Commission of Inquiry investigating gambling in the Bahamas. During his testimony, CHESLER conceded that that it was "no easy job" to organize a large scale gambling operation and that he required advice on this score. He identified one source of this advice as MEYER LANSKY who he described as "Dean of Gambling". CHESLER reportedly told of a meeting in Miami, at just about the time the Bahamian Government was easing its gambling restrictions, at which LANSKY reviewed a list of prospective employees for the new Grand Bahama casino. CHESLER testified that LANSKY, in order to help him out, agreed to bring an old croney, GEORGE SADLOW,

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The article disclosed the "wild confusion" concerning gambling in the Bahamas according to the Official hearings underway and stated that MIKE MC LANEY denied ties with MEYER LANSKY but that Nassau Police Chief NIGEL MORRIS said he could "prove" otherwise. MC LANEY was alleged to have termed MORRIS an "incompetent police officer and an incorrigible liar".

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out of retirement to help the casino get started. SADLOW according to CHESLER was in complete control of the hiring and firing of employees when the casino got started.

CHESLER insisted he never had a business deal with LANSKY and stated he was introduced to him at the Fontainebleau Hotel in Miami Beach sometime before the casino license for Grand Bahama was granted in April, 1963.

In his testimony before the special Commission of Inquiry, CHESLER stated that in addition to meeting with MEYER LANSKY in Miami, others attending this meeting were JAKE LANSKY and FRANK RITTER. CHESLER stated that the purpose of the Miami meeting was to "seek advice" of where to get people to operate the casino. He stated when showed the list of prospective employees, LANSKY looked over the list and gave his opinion on those named. It was at this point that LANSKY offered to provide the services of eighty-year old GEORGE SADLOW because of his experience.

"The New York Times" in its issue of April 22, 1967, contained an article "Gambling Ties Traced in Nassau". The article set forth information furnished before the special commission investigating gambling in the Bahamas by the witness FRANK RITTER.

In his testimony, RITTER described meetings with such persons as TRIGGER MIKE COPPOLA, CHARLIE (THE BLADE) TOURINE and MEYER and JAKE LANSKY. RITTER was also queried about the meeting that he attended with LANSKY and LOUIS CHESLER. He stated the meeting lasted for about half an hour and that neither COPPOLA nor TOURINE had been present.

"The New York World Journal Tribune", (now defunct), in its issue of April 23, 1967, contained an article "Bahamas: You Can't Tell Good From Bad Guys". This article is authored by columnist JACK O'BRIEN.

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In an article by the "Miami Herald", staff writers CLARENCE JONES and JAMES SAVAGE it was reported on January 30, 1967, that the real owner of the land upon which the Fontainebleau Hotel is built has now passed into the hand of the "Minneapolis Combination", a group that often fronts for MEYER LANSKY. The article dealt with the intricate credit and financial dealings which occurred in the past concerning such operations.

The article reported that ISADORE BLUMENFIELD was the leader of the Minneapolis group and his partners were set forth as YIDDY and HARRY BLOOM, and ABE BROWNSTEIN. The article identified MAX EDER as an individual who was able to "muscle" into the Fontainebleau and how EDER had arranged for a Fontainebleau owner BEN NOVACK to meet on May 18, 1956, with MEYER LANSKY, JIMMY ALO, MIKE COPPOLA, JOEY RAO, and TOMMY MILO. The meeting took place in the St. Moritz Hotel, New York City, and its purpose was to try and obtain additional cash to get the hotel on its feet. The article indicated that NOVACK's meeting with the mobsters may not have been successful.

In an article in the "Miami Herald" by staff writers CLARENCE JONES and JOSEPH SAVAGE, on January 29, 1967, it was reported that one of Miami Beach's most influential hotel owners and a silent host is MEYER LANSKY. It was further reported that LANSKY and his friends have a definite interest in more of Miami Beach than any other individual or

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corporation although LANSKY's name does not appear on a single deed or mortgage. Through active front men such as ISADORE BLUMENFIELD, LANSKY has been able to purchase millions of dollars worth of Beach property.

The article further identified LANSKY as the owner and operator of the Singapore Motel, Miami Beach. This motel was alleged to be used by some of the biggest hoodlums in the nation and that money allegedly taken out of Las Vegas casinos goes to the Singapore by courier and comes out in their bank accounts in Switzerland and Nassau.

The article set forth the following real estate holdings that the "Minneapolis Group" holds or has held:

Land on which the Fontainebleau stands.

Half interest in the Eden Roc land.

The Seacoast Towers south track was traded for the Singapore Hotel.

Formerly held an interest in the land that was the Desert Inn and that land where the Monaco Hotel was located.

Part holder of the lease for the Hawaiian Isle Motel.

The article reported further that LANSKY's interest in the Singapore operation can be traced by the same corporation officers who arranged the license on the merger of the Aztec and Del Rio Hotel at 15901 Collins Avenue, Miami Beach.

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An article appearing in the Metropolitan final edition of the "Detroit Free Press" on March 15, 1967, revealed that LANSKY was interviewed at the Howard Johnson Motor Lodge in South Field, Michigan. The article reported LANSKY as saying " I am doing a little wild catting-oil interests".

The article quoted LANSKY as saying that in the past two months he has been in Miami, New York, Boston, Detroit, an apparently Las Vegas.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

New York, New York

AUG 11 1967

Title Criminal Influence and Activities
of the Meyer Lansky Group

Character Anti-Racketeering

Reference is made to report of Special
Agent [REDACTED] dated and captioned as above at New York.

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See File 66-2554-7530 for authority.

Subject JUNE MAIL - *Lansky*

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9/8/67

Director, FBI (92-2831)

**CRIMINAL INFLUENCE AND
ACTIVITIES OF MEYER LANSKY GROUP
ANTI-RACKETEERING**

Re report of SA [REDACTED] 8/11/67, at **b7C**
New York.

On page F of re report it is recommended that Miami Division be designated as office of origin in this matter. The Bureau has carefully considered this recommendation and it is desired that the New York Office continue as office of origin.

Although Lansky himself is a resident of Florida and meets with various individuals in the Miami area to conduct his hoodlum interests, his background and connection with La Cosa Nostra all originate in the New York area and have extensive connections in New York City. New York Office should take all necessary steps to conduct an aggressive investigation of Lansky's associates and the front men he uses as couriers, et cetera. **a**

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It is noted that re report does not set forth any leads for additional investigation to be conducted in this matter. This investigation should be carefully evaluated and appropriate leads prepared and set out for other offices. The New York Office should closely and aggressively supervise this investigation.

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Director, FBI

**CRIMINAL INFLUENCE AND ACTIVITIES
OF THE MEYER LANSKY GROUP
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Enclosed for appropriate action are two copies
of New York airtel dated 9/8/67, the contents of which are
self-explanatory. *X*

Also enclosed are two copies of FBI Identification
Record for Meyer Lansky number 791 783 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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1 - New York (92-4611)

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REPORTING OFFICE MIAMI	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MIAMI	DATE SEP 28 1967	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 5/26/67 - 9/16/67
TITLE OF CASE MEYER LANSKY, aka		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7c	TYPED BY [REDACTED]
		CHARACTER OF CASE AR	ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE.

REFERENCE

Report of SA **[REDACTED]** dated 6/20/67, at Miami.

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ENCLOSURES

TO BUREAU (2)

Enclosed for the Bureau is an original and one copy of a Letterhead Memorandum characterizing informants utilized in this report.

LEADS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED - NONE						ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		
							PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☒ YES ☐ NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☒ NO

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Dissemination Record of Attached Report

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How Fwd.	Section, Room 2524
By	62 OCT 5 1967 1075/67

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DETROIT

AT CLARE, MICHIGAN

1. Appropriately cover subject's activities and sutel Miami when he leaves.
2. Attempt to determine subject's location immediately prior to coming to Detroit.

MIAMI

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA

Will follow and report subject's activities through sources, informants and observation.

ADMINISTRATIVE

The overlap of the investigation period of this report with that of the last report is to report information that was unavailable at the last report drafting.

Information copy is designated for Los Angeles as they are currently conducting investigation in this matter. One copy is designated for New York as they are origin in the MEYER LANSKY group.

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Copy to:

1 - U. S. Attorney, Miami, Florida

Report of:

Date:

SEP 28 1967

Office: Miami, Florida

Field Office File #:

92-102

Bureau File #:

92-2831

Title:

MEYER LANSKY, a

Character:

ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

Subject continues to reside at 612 Hibiscus Drive,
Hallandale, Florida.[REDACTED] Observation
of subject set out.

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On June 22, 28, 1967, the subject was
observed at his Hallandale home.

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Miami, Florida

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Title MEYER LANSKY

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference Reference is made to report
of Special Agent [REDACTED] b7C
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2831)

DATE: 10/11/67

FROM : SAC, MIAMI (92-102) (P)

SUBJECT: MEYER LANSKY, aka
AR
(OO: Miami)

Re report of SA [REDACTED], dated 9/28/67, at *b7c*
Miami.

Detroit advised on 9/22/67, that LANSKY left Clare, Michigan, 9/21/67, driving his 1967 white Chevrolet Impala, Florida license 10W-90349.

Investigation at Miami shows that LANSKY has not returned. Active investigation in other offices is being conducted to locate LANSKY. The Bureau will be kept advised.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2831)

DATE: 10/25/67

FROM : SAC, MIAMI (92-102) (P)

SUBJECT: MEYER LANSKY, aka.
AR

Re Miami letter to Bureau, 10/11/67.

LANSKY returned to Miami area October 12, 1967.

Investigation Miami reveals LANSKY left the Miami area the weekend of October 21-22, 1967, destination unknown.

Active investigation is currently being conducted in other offices to locate LANSKY and cover his activities. The Bureau will be kept advised.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO :

DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2831)

DATE: 11/14/67

FROM *J*

SAC, MIAMI (92-102) (P)

SUBJECT:

MEYER LANSKY, aka.
AR

Re Miami letter to the Bureau, 10/25/67.

ph
Cincinnati advised that LANSKY currently at
Hospitality Motor Inn, Columbus, Ohio with [REDACTED] *OK*
[REDACTED] Cincinnati has been directed to
cover LANSKY's activities and departure and sutel the
office of destination to cover his arrival and activities.

The Bureau will be kept advised. *b7c*Armed and Dangerous *Cu*

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Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-[REDACTED])

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (92-[REDACTED])

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]
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DATE: 11/27/67

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Enclosed with each copy of this letter, is one autostat of an article from the "NY Times", 11/19/67, edition, captioned "Ad Agency Target of Two US Inquiries". The article concerns an FGJ, SDNY investigation of the Cole Fischer Rogow Advertising Agency. There have been no new developments in the case which is being followed by the NYO.

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

Two separate related Federal investigations are being made of Cole Fischer Rogow, an advertising agency that handled \$9,975,000 in billings last year for an estimated gross income of \$1,361,250.

The agency, with offices here and in Beverly Hills, Calif., has as clients the Sands and Fremont hotels in Las Vegas, the Copacabana nightclub, a Brooklyn distributor of beer, West Coast automobile distributors, the Suffolk Downs race track and about 30 other businesses in several cities.

A Federal grand jury here is questioning witnesses to decide whether there has been obstruction of justice in the alleged destruction of some of the agency's records that were subpoenaed by the government.

The grand jury inquiry is an outgrowth of an investigation by the Internal Revenue Service, started in 1964 and still under way, of Cole Fischer Rogow's income tax returns for the years 1955 through 1963.

Court records show that the advertising agency obtained a court order in November, 1964, restraining the Franklin National Bank from making the agency's banking records available to I.R.S. agents. The Federal Court of Appeals, acting on an appeal taken by Laurence Vogel, chief of the civil division in the United States Attorney's office here, ordered the bank to make the records available to the revenue agents, which was done.

The government had meanwhile served on Arthur Fischer, president, a subpoena calling for all corporate books and records for the period covered in the tax inquiry. The court records show that upon Mr. Fischer's refusal to surrender these records, Mr. Vogel moved in Federal Court to have him held in contempt. Judge Harold R. Tyler Jr. ordered Mr. Fischer on May 26, 1965, to let the government have the books and records.

The current grand jury investigation was ordered when, after long drawn-out and futile efforts to obtain the records, Federal agents allegedly were told that some of the records had been destroyed. If a grand jury finds substance in such a case, it can indict for obstruction of justice. The maximum penalty upon conviction is five years' imprisonment and a \$10,000 fine.

Marvin R. Cole, board chairman and secretary-treasurer of Cole Fischer Rogow, was convicted in California on a Federal charge of obstructing justice. A jury found he had threatened Joel R. Benton, another advertising man, who was a witness in a grand jury investigation of Joseph (Doc)

Stacher, with interests in several Las Vegas clubs. Mr. Benton testified at the trial that Cole had told him: "Doc Stacher is the No. 2 man in the syndicate and I am his boy." The California Federal judge, Harry C. Westover, imposed a \$1,000 fine and no prison term.

United States Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau and Mr. Vogel declined to comment on the current investigations. Mr. Fischer referred a questioner to Seymour Goldfeld of Goldfeld Charak and Goldman, the advertising agency's attorneys. Mr. Goldfeld said he had no comment.

The Cole Fischer Rogow billings and estimated gross income are listed in Advertising Age, the weekly trade magazine, on the basis of information that is usually supplied by the agencies. The agency lost the Diners Club account, which is reported in advertising circles as \$1-million a year, in September. The Diners Club transferred its account to N. W. Ayer & Son, Inc.

Alfred S. Bloomingdale, president of the Diners Club, said last week that there was no connection between the Federal investigations and the club's decision to transfer its account. Describing Cole Fischer Rogow as "a fine agency," Mr. Bloomingdale said: "We dropped them because I personally never cottoned to them. It was a personal thing with me."

Mr. Bloomingdale said that the agency had been engaged by Ralph E. Schneider, the founder of the Diners Club in 1950, to have the club's credit cards accepted by the business establishments on the West Coast and in Las Vegas.

"We needed them to get in,"

he explained.

Mr. Schneider died in 1964. Mr. Simmons, who had been with Mr. Schneider in the club from the beginning and who resigned last July as executive vice president and marketing director, said yesterday:

"We kept Cole Fischer Rogow as our advertising agency for 17 years because they were doing a good job for us, not because they got us into Vegas."

Diners Club Consultant

Mr. Simmons said the transfer of the account, after his resignation, was something that happens often in business when new executives come in. Mr. Simmons, who heads his own agency now, serves as public relations consultant to the Diners Club.

Cole Fischer Rogow, which handled the advertising campaign a year ago for the Independent Citizens Committee Against Civilian Review Boards, has a libel suit for \$9-million pending in State Supreme Court against 30 advertising agencies and 22 individuals because the defendant companies had publicly charged that the advertising campaign against a civilian review board for the New York Police Department was "deceptive" and "inflammatory."

The Rogow in the advertising agency's name was Lee Rogow, who was killed when an Air Force bomber in which he was a civilian passenger crashed in Hempstead in 1955. In addition to being a partner in the agency, he was a motion picture reviewer for Saturday Review, a free-lance writer and drama reviewer for The Hollywood Reporter.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2831)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (92-4611)

**SUBJECT: CRIMINAL INFLUENCE AND ACTIVITIES
OF MEYER LANSKY GROUP
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The Miami Herald Newspaper in an article dated 1/29/67, revealed LINSEY, SAM TUCKER of Cleveland and BEN GAINES of Florida, jointly owned the Sahara Motel, property in Miami Beach. SAM TUCKER, a member of the old Cleveland gang and BEN GAINES are associates of MEYER LANSKY. LINSEY and GAINES still jointly own the property. GAINES also is a former bootlegger from Boston. b7c b7D

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-4611)
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On 1/29 and 1/30/67, the Miami Herald newspaper published a documented series of articles which reported that MEYER LANSKY and his group owned or controlled valuable stretches of beach front property and over ten specifically named hotels such as the Fontainebleau, Aztec and Singapore, et al, in Miami Beach. Copies of the two news articles are attached for ready review by the Bureau.

The Bureau is requested to consider the advisability of contacting the Anti-Trust Division of the Department to ascertain if they will consider instituting an Anti-Trust investigation of the Lansky Group, based on the above mentioned news articles and supportive information on the Lansky Group on file in the Bureau, the Department and the USA's office in Miami.

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Information copies of this airtel are submitted to Miami for review. The news article mentioned above can be found in Miami file 92-102, captioned "Criminal Influence in Hotels-Motels."

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Mob Money: Silent Host in Beach Hotels

By CLARENCE JONES
And JAMES SAVAGE
Herald Staff Writers

"The mob doesn't run this town," Miami Beach Mayor Elliott Roosevelt says, leaning back and staring up Col-

lins Avenue. "The mob owns it."

He is far more accurate than he realizes.

The glamor, the glitter, the thriving strip of plush hotels and motels silhouetted

by a warm sun against a cloudless winter sky are becoming organized crime's most elegant investment opportunity.

Millions of dollars made from murder, dope and syndi-

cate gambling have been funneled into oceanfront property here. First spotlighted by the Kefauver Committee 15 years ago, the investments have mushroomed.

The racketeers are most solidly rooted as owners of priceless beachfront land on which some of the most famous hotels and motels are located. In other cases, they hold 99-year leases, which give them possession of the land and everything on it for a century.

In others, they lent the money to build the hotels and motels, taking mortgages on the land or the lease, which they can foreclose to take possession if the payments fall behind.

"The trouble is, they don't record some of the leases and mortgages," one veteran abstractor told The Herald. "Then the land is sold, and the lawyer comes back raising hell because I didn't find it."

Indirectly, a Minneapolis mobster gets a cut every time a tourist rents a \$100-a-day suite at the Fontainebleau.

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MONEY spent by tourists at the Hawaiian Isle, the Aztec, the Sahara or the Singapore filters back to the nation's organized crime syndicates.

When a retired couple rents an apartment at Executive House or a youngster fishes off the Sunny Isles

Pier, they enhance the investment of money earned through illegal gambling.

Thousands of tourists basking in the sun, enjoying the night lights and the big-name entertainers, are guests of a silent, secret host.

One of the town's most influential owners, one of the silent hosts, is Meyer Lansky of Hialeah — prohibition, mobster, gangland executioner, Caribbean casino king,

boss of the nation's Eastern Syndicate.

Federal agencies who have investigated his financial life estimate Lansky is personally worth \$300 million. If his past were not so bloody and well known, he would be a pillar of the Miami Beach social and financial community.

He and his racketeer friends have a financial inter-

est in more of Miami Beach than any other individual or corporation, although Lansky's name does not appear on a single deed or mortgage.

Lansky's most active front-man is probably Isidore Blumenfeld, alias Kid Cann. Blumenfeld, with a group of relatives called the "Minneapolis Combination" has purchased millions of dollars worth of beach property.

The combination includes: BLUMENFIELD — Long-time boss of syndicate gambling in Minneapolis, convicted white slaver, bootlegger and tax cheat, accused but never convicted of three murders, kidnaping, and a million-dollar bus line swindle.

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YIDDY BLOOM — Brother of "Kid Cann," he has a long record of arrests and convictions for bootlegging and federal liquor law. Violations between 1929 and 1943.

HARRY BLOOM — Another brother of "Kid Cann" with a clean police record. Manager and partner in Blumenfield's Minneapolis bars and package stores.

ABE BROWNSTEIN — Prohibition bootlegger who served two terms in Leavenworth, but has stayed out of trouble since the middle 1930s. His son married the daughter of Edward Berman, fifth member of the group who died in Mount Sinai Hospital here in October 1965.

Berman was a Blumenfield lieutenant and business partner over the years. He served five years in federal prison for the kidnapping of a wealthy Oklahoma oilman.

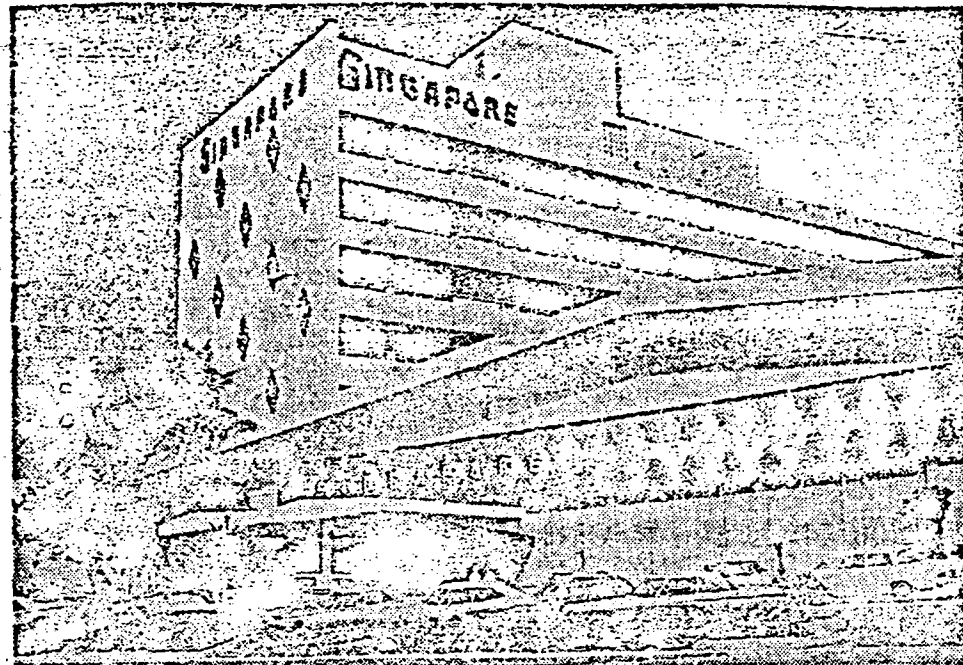
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ALL FIVE were convicted of violating Minnesota's law forbidding ownership of more than one liquor establishment. The state proved the combination was involved in five package stores and three bars, including some of the most prosperous in Minneapolis.

They appealed the convictions and in August 1962, a federal appeals court threw out the law.

Lansky and his brother Jake hold a regular morning board of directors meeting in the coffee shop of the Singapore Hotel. Blumenfield and Yiddy Bloom often meet with them.

They can meet there freely and openly because Lansky owns and operates the Singapore through various front-men and dummy corporations, including the Minneapolis group. Some of the biggest hoodlums in the na-



Singapore Motel Is Lansky's Base of Operations on Beach

... he holds a morning board of directors meeting in coffee shop

tion drop in regularly to confer and get their orders.

Money skimmed out of Las Vegas casinos comes to the Singapore by courier, then goes on to numbered bank accounts in Switzerland and Nassau.

Although the Singapore is Lansky's base of operations on the beach, it is one of his later and less valuable business ventures.

Lansky does not have any sort of monopoly on ocean-front property. Because Miami is an "open town" for the Mafia and its less fraternal partners in national organized crime, money from all over the country comes here to be invested in legitimate businesses.

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IF YOU look long enough, and dig deep enough, into records at the Dade County Courthouse, you will find gambling money and vice profits from Cleveland, Las Vegas, Minneapolis, New York, Chicago, Detroit and the Bahamas.

Not all of the racket money came from out-of-town, either.

After the S&G Gambling Syndicate was broken up here by the Kefauver Committee in 1951, some of the

local money that had financed open casinos and organized bookmaking operations went "legitimate."

Day by day, piece by piece, the racketeers are expanding their investments and their eventual economic and political control of the community.

Some of the best legal and financial brains in the nation have helped them design a labyrinth of corporations, deeds, mortgages, leases and sub-leases. The merry-go-rounds hide their interests and confuse the Internal Revenue Service.

The intricate maneuvering is also a way to milk cash out of the hotels or set up fraudulent bankruptcies.

A careful study of hotel transactions over the years reveals some interesting patterns and some chilling implications.

Certain names keep reappearing in the records.

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NAMES LIKE Sam Kay, Miami Beach's mystery financial wizard, who only chuckled several years ago when he lost more than a million dollars in Mexico in a black market Cuban peso scheme.

Kay is an old man now, with two days' whiskers on his chin and scrambled egg on his coat. He paces stiffly in his office at 1674 Meridian Ave. and continually rubs his forehead with trembling fingers.

A well-rounded secretary about 20, in tight sweater, mini skirt and knee-high patent leather boots moves in and out of the office, placing telephone calls for Kay.

At one time or another, Kay has been involved with most of the mobsters, fronting for them, guiding them through the corporate and financial maze. "They are no good. Their word is no good," he says now.

"I could tell you lots of stories," Kay says with a smile. "But my life insurance is not paid up."

Kay does not want to talk about Meyer Lansky, although he says Lansky is "making lots of money. He's gotten involved in the Bahamas gambling now. He's a big man on the Beach, but it wouldn't do anybody any good to go into that."

Kay knows the value of keeping silent. It was in his office in 1964, the FBI charged, that Chicago Mafia



Isidore
Blumenfeld



Yiddy
Bloom



Harry
Bloom



Abe
Brownstein



Sam
Kay



Ben
Cohen

triggerman Felix (Milwaukee Phil) Alderisio threatened to kill a Denver banker and his family in a dispute over a \$300,000 Cuban peso deal.

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ALDERISIO was acquitted here, although he and Rudy Kolod, manager of the Desert Inn casino in Las Vegas, were later convicted of a similar extortion threat on Colorado attorney Robert Sunshine.

Because the FBI had bugged Kolod's telephone during its investigation of Las Vegas skimming, the conviction is being challenged.

If Lansky has managed to keep his name out of public records in Dade County, some of his associates have been less cautious.

The Blumenfeld-Bloom-Berman-Brownstein combination has openly owned the land on which the Fontainebleau stands since before it was built.

They owned half-interest in the Eden Roc land before the hotel was built. They traded the Seacoast Towers South tract for the Singapore.

They formally held an interest in the land that is now the Desert Inn, 17201 Collins Ave., and The Monaco Motel, 17501 Collins Ave.

The combination now owns the lease on the Hawaiian Isle Motel at 17601 Collins Ave. and a mortgage on a sub-lease. They at one time held the lease on the Carib Motel at 18975 Collins Ave., but sold it and took a mortgage on the lease.

Harry Bloom and his two sons own 89 1/2 per cent of the Chateau Motel land at 19115 Collins Ave.

LANSKY'S interest in the Singapore operation, hidden through corporations, can be traced by the same corporation officers to land and leases on the merged Aztec, Del Ray Neptune Motels at 15901 Collins Ave.

The Minneapolis group has frequently exchanged land, mortgages and leases with a Cleveland group:

THOMAS J. MCGINTY — Now a social climber in Palm Beach who admitted to the Kefauver Committee that he was a Prohibition bootlegger then a partner in casinos in Cleveland with Cleveland gangsters Sam Tucker, Morris Kleinman, Moe Dalitz and Lou Rothkopf.

SAMUEL T. HAAS — Cleveland criminal attorney, now dead, who hid from the Kefauver committee in his cliffside mansion in Jamaica.

Testimony before the committee showed he had fronted for the Cleveland mob.

HERMAN KOHEN — Former Cleveland city councilman, now dead, who retired to Miami Beach, handled real estate transactions for the Cleveland mob.

AL N. JAPPE — Former Cleveland city employe, power company lobbyist, who, according to Kefauver Committee testimony also was an attorney who helped hide Cleveland gambling money in legitimate businesses.

McGinty, Jappe and Haas at one time had an interest in the Fontainebleau and Eden Roc land, the Seacoast Towers South tract, and the land on which Executive House Apartments was built.

They went through a dummy corporation in 1951 to transfer the Executive House land to a corporation run by Ben Cohen, longtime S & G Gambling Syndicate attorney here and brother of one of the five S & G partners.

Cohen is now in federal prison for evading income taxes on Teamster loan finder's fees. In a final deal last Dec. 30, Cohen and his wife acquired complete control of Executive Houses, which was built with a \$2 million Teamster Pension Fund loan.

Some of the Executive House's more illustrious residents include Kid Cann; Yiddy Bloom; Isidore Sherman, one of their corporate partners, and Ben B. Sigelbaum, a business buddy of Bobby Baker's whose name sometimes appears when racket-financed hotels go through their corporate paces.

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JULES LEVITT, last surviving member of the S & G partnership, was one of three men who took a \$1 million mortgage on the Sunny Isles Club and Fishing Pier Oct. 1, 1965.

The Sunny Isles Club at 16701 Collins Ave. was the Sunny Isles Casino before Kefauver ended casino gambling here. Levitt's share of the million-dollar mortgage was \$111,111.11. Other holders are M. Miller \$555,555.56; and Joseph C. Stehlin, \$333,333.33.

They sold the club and pier to the 16701 Collins Ave. Corp. Corporation officers signing the mortgage were Herman Kaskel and Leo Rose Jr.

The Herald researched only oceanfront property. The Kefauver Committee hearings here showed that northern racketeers had begun investing in hotels here in the late 1930s, before today's oceanfront showcases were even in the planning stages.

Much of the land that Haas, McGinty, Jappe and Kohen owned in the 1950s eventually was acquired by the Blumenfeld-Bloom-Berman-Brownstein combination.

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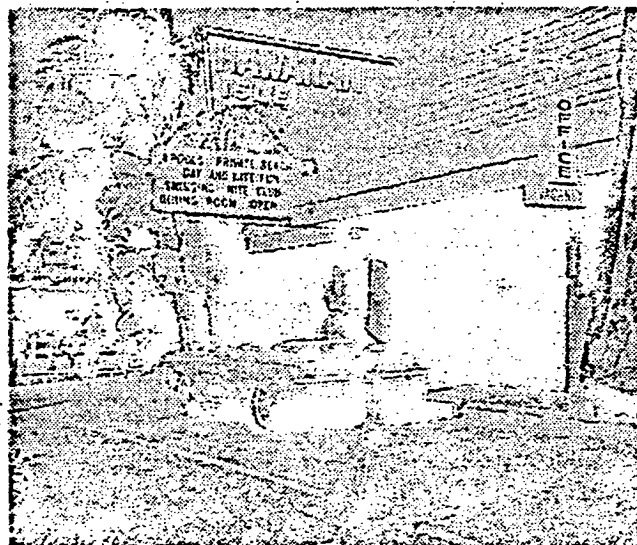
A STEADILY evolving trend has been closer Miami Beach ties to Las Vegas where gambling of course, is legal. The link is not limited to the mobster element but also extends to some of the most prominent names in the Miami Beach hotel business.

Morris Lansburgh, Sam Cohen and Daniel Lifter, majority stockholders in seven Miami Beach hotels, have operated the Flamingo Hotel and casino in Las Vegas since 1960.

Last week, they announced they will sell the Flamingo to a group of Japanese investors.

Three days later, Herbert Lodge, president of the Golden Nugget on Miami Beach, announced he was buying into Las Vegas' Thunderbird.

Ben Jaffe, early partner in



Minnesotans Own Lease on Hawaiian Isle ... also hold mortgage on motel's sub-lease

the Fontainebleau, owned an interest in the Flamingo, the Desert Inn and the Tropicana in Las Vegas before he was hit by an income tax evasion charge in 1960.

One of the secrets behind the intense effort to acquire oceanfront hotels here may lie in an unsuccessful attempt to purchase the Eden Roc Hotel several years ago, before the Lansburgh group gained control.

A local millionaire was ready to buy the hotel.

When he arrived for the closing, however, an additional clause had been added in the fine print. The owners would sell only if they were

guaranteed a 25 per cent interest in any future gambling operations, should casino gambling become legal in Florida.

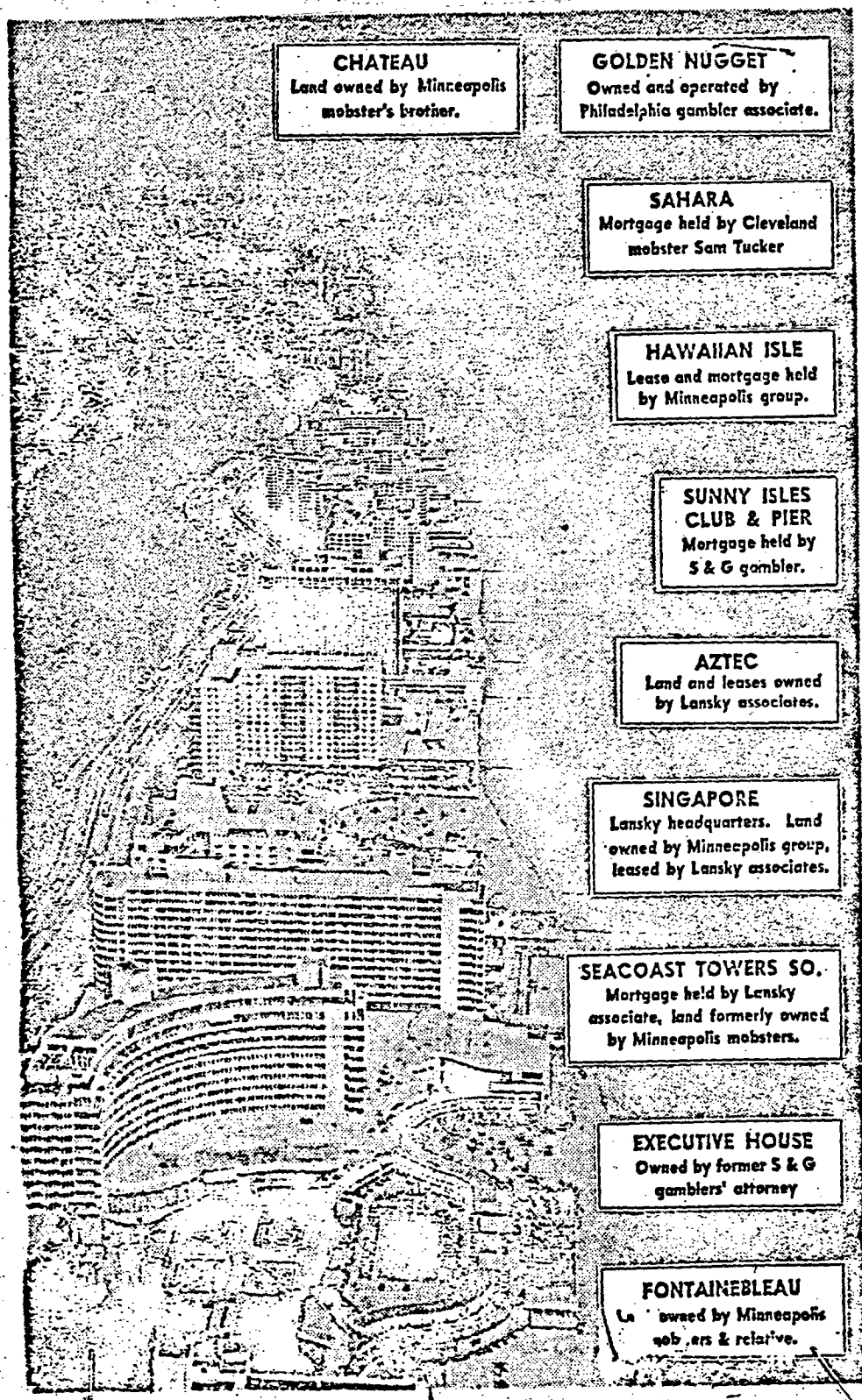
The millionaire refused to sign and the deal fell through.

But racketeers are gamblers at heart. The heat of publicity and federal investigations has been increasing in Nevada. They may be hoping for the day when Miami Beach will be another Las Vegas.

If that day comes, their investments today on the Gold Coast will be studded with diamonds.

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NEXT: The story of the Fontainebleau.



CHATEAU

Land owned by Minneapolis
mobster's brother.

GOLDEN NUGGET

Owned and operated by
Philadelphia gambler associate.

SAHARA

Mortgage held by Cleveland
mobster Sam Tucker

HAWAIIAN ISLE

Lease and mortgage held
by Minneapolis group.

SUNNY ISLES

CLUB & PIER
Mortgage held by
S & G gambler.

AZTEC

Land and leases owned
by Lansky associates.

SINGAPORE

Lansky headquarters. Land
owned by Minneapolis group,
leased by Lansky associates.

SEACOAST TOWERS SO.

Mortgage held by Lansky
associate, land formerly owned
by Minneapolis mobsters.

EXECUTIVE HOUSE

Owned by former S & G
gamblers' attorney

FONTAINEBLEAU

Owned by Minneapolis
mobsters & relative.

—Herald Staff Photo by BILL KUENZEL

A Look Down Collins Ave. Shows Racket Ties

Tracing Corporate Maze Revealing

By CLARENCE JONES
AND JAMES SAVAGE

Herold Staff Writers

Meyer Lansky's money, if not his name, is hidden in the 100 pages of fine print that merged the Aztec, Del Ray and Neptune motels last June.

The transactions are a lesson in corporate juggling and an abstractor's nightmare. They turn up some interesting names and connections.

Everything ended up in the name of 15901 Collins Ave. Corp. (the address of the Aztec). Officers signing for this corporation were Mike Wassel, Bernie Bercuson and Irving J. Lovitt.

Bercuson and Lovitt are also officers of the corporation which holds the lease on the Singapore Hotel. This is Lansky's beach headquarters, where he often meets with the owners of the Singapore's land — racketeers Isidore Blumenfeld and Yiddy Bloom.

The manager of the Singapore is Wassel, a retired Navy officer who has worked as an aide to Lansky and admits his friendship with him. Watch closely now, keeping these names in mind.

The Irving E. Miller Co. and other corporations with Miller and Joseph E. Levine as officers deeded the Aztec land and assigned the Neptune lease to Joseph Levine Inc.



Meyer Lansky
... some juggling

Joseph Levine Inc. then assigned them to 15901 Collins Ave. Corp.

Then Wassel and Bercuson, who owned the Del Ray lease, assigned it to 15901 Collins Ave. Corp. Wassel, Bercuson and Lovitt also assigned their option to purchase the land to 15901 Collins.

After 15901 Collins Ave. had the land and lease on the Aztec, an option to purchase the Del Ray land and the lease on the Del Ray and the Neptune, the corporation then signed the following mortgages:

To Chase Federal Savings and Loan Assn., \$1 million.

To Joseph Levine Inc., four mortgages on various leases, totalling \$655,000. Three of these men were then assigned to the Miami National Bank to secure a \$200,000 loan.

Now, tracing the names to other oceanfront properties, you find that Harry Bloom acquired 89½ per cent interest in the Chateau Motel land from Harry Singer in February, 1966.

The Minneapolis real estate combination which includes Blumenfeld, Harry and Yiddy Bloom, and Abe Brownstein acquired the Singapore in October 1962 by trading the land for Seacoast Towers South to a group that included Singer, Irving Sommer, Arthur Osman and Irving Miller.

Miller then mortgaged his interest in Seacoast Towers South to Bercuson — to whom he deeded the Aztec land and the Neptune lease four years later.

Singer, Sommer and Osman at one time owned the Chateau, before it passed through Singer to Harry Bloom.

The Minneapolis group held the lease on the Carib Motel at 18975 Collins Ave. until 1955, when they sold the lease and took a \$235,814 mortgage.

The present manager of the Carib, Irving Venook, formerly held the lease on the Safari, but sold it to Yiddy Bloom. Venook now holds a mortgage from Bloom.

The Safari lease, acquired by Yiddy Bloom, Isidore Sherman, and Leo Frank in June, 1965, was later merged with the Hawaiian Isle, on which Yiddy Bloom holds the lease.

The Minneapolis group also holds a \$344,357.11 mortgage on a Hawaiian Isle sublease, which they sold in 1963 to Frank and Jack Tweddle.

Yiddy Bloom later assigned a third of his interest in the Safari lease to Melvin W. Black. And until Feb. 14, 1966, Black was president of a corporation that held the lease on the Seascope Motel at 17275 Collins Ave.

If that's not enough to confuse you, the telephone number for Mike Wassel's wife is the same as the Monaco Motel at 17501 Collins Ave. Until this year, the Monaco tax bill was sent to Edward Berman, former partner in the Minneapolis group who died in October, 1965.

Another interesting string of records has been filed in the past of the Golden Nugget Motel at 18555 Collins Ave.

In 1955, Irving Sommer and Harry Singer were officers of the corporation that held the lease. They then subleased to Philadelphia gamblers David Glass and Benny Street, who agreed to build the motel.

Street died. Glass in 1956 borrowed \$40,000 from Harlan Street, Benny's son and executor of his estate. He gave a chattel mortgage on the motel's furnishings, but that wasn't enough.

Street wanted co-makers on the loan. Herbert Lodge, president of the corporation that presently operates the Golden Nugget, became a co-maker for gambler Glass.

Lodge two weeks ago applied to the Nevada Gaming Commission, asking permission to buy into the Thunderbird Hotel and Casino. The old Glass-Street loan might be embarrassing when the

gaming commission gets into its investigation.

Another interesting link to the past is Cleveland hoodlum Sam Tucker's ties to the Sahara Motel at 18335 Collins Ave.

In 1959, Miami Beach Councilman Robert L. Turchin, Calvin Kovens and Alvin Kroll, related to Turchin by marriage, owned the Sahara land. For a short period of time, it was leased to Ben Gaines, now operator of the Coral Gables Holiday Inn; Joseph M. Linsey; and Tucker, the mobster.

The three sold their interest in the lease for \$896,014.98 in 1959 and took mortgages on the sale price. Gaines later assigned his 50 per cent interest in the mortgage to Tucker. Tucker last month assigned proceeds on the 75 per cent he now owns to a Tucker family foundation. Turchin, Kroll and Kovens no longer own the motel land.

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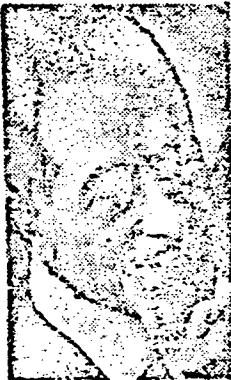
A Legitimate Front

Fontainebleau: Mob Money's Beach Prize

By CLARENCE JONES
And JAMES SAVAGE
Herald Staff Writers

From the plush carpeting to the \$15,000 chandeliers, through its massive size and prime location, the Fontainebleau Hotel has built a reputation for glamor few hotels in the world can match.

And few hotels on Miami Beach tell the story of racketeer money, infiltration and control as well as the Fontainebleau.



Ben Novack
... conceived hotel



Max Eder

The land on which the hotel stands has been owned by gamblers and hoodlums for more than 20 years.

An abstract on the Fontainebleau is a jungle of corporate and financial manipulation, small print, mortgages, leases and assignment of leases.

Organized crime's resident "muscle" in the hotel — one of the three men who have a voice in major decisions — is Max Eder, alias "Little Maxie" Raymond.

Eder, who once served two years in Leavenworth on a narcotics conviction, operates a lingerie shop in the hotel's lower mezzanine. He runs the card room concession off the lobby, where he chats with guests and arranges high-stake games that draw players from all over the nation.

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THE REAL ownership of the hotel land has now passed into the hands of the "Minneapolis combination," a group that often fronts for Meyer Lansky, boss of the nation's eastern syndicate.

The land was originally bought, in the early 1940s, by Samuel T. Haas, a Cleveland criminal attorney. Haas once hid from the Kefauver Committee in his cliffside mansion in Jamaica.

Still, the committee learned about his business relationships with big-time gamblers like Moe Dalitz, Morris Kleinman, Lou Rothkopf and Sam Tucker.

When Haas bought half-interest in five oceanfront lots, he was actually fronting for three other Clevelanders: EDWARD P. STRONG, millionaire race track owner, now dead.

HERMAN E. KOHEN, former Cleveland city councilman who handled a number of Miami Beach investments for syndicate gamblers. Now dead.

THOMAS J. MCGINTY — semi-retired racketeer who now lives in Palm Beach. A convicted bootlegger McGinty admitted to the Kefauver Committee that after Prohibition he joined Cleveland gangsters Tucker, Kleinman, Moe Dalitz and Rothkopf in Las Vegas' Desert Inn and such illegal casinos as Cleveland's Beverly Hills and Mounds clubs.

Haas had fronted for the Cleveland group in a number of South Florida deals. The true owners emerged after Strong died in 1948, as his estate was settled.

Kohen became trustee for the Strong estate and on Sept. 13, 1951, Haas and McGinty declared their interest in the Fontainebleau land, then assigned it to Kohen.

A month later, the five lots that were to become the site of the Fontainebleau and Eden Roc hotels began their long journey through legal tangles. Kohen assigned them back to Haas, McGinty and Al N. Jappe, former power company lobbyist in the Cleveland City Council who represented gamblers like Tucker, Kleinman, and Mickey Cohen.

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About this time, Ben Novack conceived the Fontainebleau. He formed two corporations — the Fontainebleau Hotel Corp. and Charnofree Corp. Novack was president and Ben Jaffe, secretary.

Jaffe later had to sell his interest in the hotel after he was swindled by one of Frank Costello's lieutenants during construction of the Tropicana Hotel and casino in Las Vegas.

Jaffe's troubles came about this way:

"Dandy Phil" Kastel approached Jaffe, asking him to become the front man to get a gambling license from the state of Nevada. Jaffe was asked to invest \$3 million and promised a fantastic return on his money, once the casino opened.

By the time the Tropicana was completed, Kastel had squeezed more than twice that amount out of Jaffe. Jaffe was forced to sell his interest in the Fontainebleau for \$3 million and borrow another \$2.8 million from one of the insurance companies he headed.

To assemble the land to build the Fontainebleau, Charnofree first purchased oceanfront Lot A from the Firestone family in 1933, then mortgaged it to the First National Bank of Miami for \$1,650,000.

Novak and Jaffe, as Charnofree, then leased it to themselves as Fontainebleau Hotel Corp. for \$200,000 a year.

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THEY ALSO needed lots 1, 2 and the south half of lot 3.

At this time, lots 1 through 5 along this stretch of the beach were jointly owned by Sam Kay, Miami Beach's mystery financier, who held half interest; Haas, one-sixth; McGinty, one-fourth; and Jappe, one-twelfth.

Kay is an old man now, a multi-millionaire who has worked with and for the nation's top hoodlums in their Miami Beach real estate transactions for years.

On Aug. 24, 1934, Kay traded his half interest in lots 1, 2 and half of 3 to Haas, McGinty and Jappe. They in turn traded him their interest in the other half of lot 3 and lots 4 and 5. This was later to become the Eden Roc Hotel.

Haas, McGinty, and Jappe then deeded the Fontainebleau land to Surprise Lake Apartments, one of Kay's corporations of convenience. Kay, during the last 20 years, has formed a corporation as often as some people get a haircut.

On the same day, Surprise Lake Apartments (Kay) leased the land for 99 years at \$85,000 a year to Charnofree Corp. (Novack and Jaffe.).

Two days later, Surprise Lake Apartments sold the Fontainebleau lots and assigned the lease to the "Minneapolis Combination."

The transaction was made in the names of Edward Beriman and the wives of Isidore Blumenfield, Yiddy Bloom, Harry Bloom and Abe Brownstein.

In later transactions, because of Florida real estate law, the husbands had to join the wives and put their names in public records at the Dade County Courthouse.

The Minneapolis group is an unusual combination whose growing interest in



Sam Kay

... mystery financier



Thomas J. McGinty
... convicted bootlegger

Miami Beach property was spotlighted by the Kefauver Committee. Nobody did anything after the hearings, or since, to slow down their accelerating financial influence on Miami Beach.

Isidore Blumenfield, the leader of the group, was called by one Kefauver witness "the most outstanding racketeer in Minneapolis."

For years, he headed the syndicate which controlled gambling in the Minneapolis area.

He once offered a candidate for mayor a substantial campaign contribution if he could name the city's police chief. He was turned down. The candidate lost.

In 1935, Blumenfield alias "Kid Cann," was tried for the murder of weekly newspaper editor Walter Liggett. Liggett had threatened to expose Blumenfield's control of Minneapolis gambling and his "fix" of the city's police department.

Mrs. Liggett testified she saw Blumenfield gun down her husband, but Blumenfield was acquitted. He also beat the rap when he was arrested for the murder of two policemen. Again, the charges were dropped when he was indicted as a co-conspirator in the kidnaping of wealthy Oklahoma oilman Charles Urschel.

WITH ONLY three bootlegging convictions in his past, Blumenfield moved to Miami Beach in 1932 to look after his expanding real estate holdings here.

His name stayed out of the newspapers until 1959, when a Minneapolis federal grand jury indicted him on white slavery charges and as a co-conspirator in a million-dollar fraud against the Twin City Rapid Transit Co. Blumenfield was a stockholder in the bus line.

Although five others were convicted in the bus company swindle after a 17-week trial, Blumenfield was acquitted. Shortly after, he was convicted of white slavery for arranging a 27-year-old prostitute's trips around the country to entertain him.

Another jury found him guilty of filing false tax returns on hidden multiple ownerships of Minneapolis liquor establishments.

He was sentenced to seven years in federal prison. Paroled in 1964, he returned to Miami Beach. The Justice Department tried to deport him and gambler Frank Costello. Blumenfield's native Rumania refused to admit him and the deportation attempt failed.

Blumenfield's partners in his local real estate purchases have been his brothers, Yiddy and Harry Bloom, Abe Brownstein, Blumenfield's Prohibition partner, who served two terms at Leavenworth; and Edward Berman, now dead, who served five years in federal prison for kidnaping.

While the Fontainebleau was under construction, Miami Beach hotels were hit by a strike and organized picketing. This is how Max Eder muscled into the Fontainebleau.

In 1937, the Miami Beach City Council hired George Wackenhut to investigate beach corruption. Wackenhut had just opened his private investigative agency. Now third largest agency in the nation, Wackenhut is currently investigating corruption and organized crime for Gov. Claude Kirk.

The 1957 Wackenhut report went into great detail about Eder's connection with the hotel. The report was quickly squelched and most copies were destroyed.

Although State Attorney Richard E. Gerstein obtained a copy of the report and announced an investigation, nothing ever happened.

According to the investigation, the hotel was afraid the union picketing would spread to the Fontainebleau and halt construction. Eder brought in some strike-breaking hoodlums, who attacked the union pickets. Each time the fights started, city policemen were standing by to break up the fights and haul everybody down to the station.

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WITH THE arresting officers as witnesses to the violence, a court injunction quickly stopped the pickets and Fontainebleau construction stayed on schedule. In return for his help, the 1957 report stated police chief Rolneo Shepard, now dead, was offered a \$20,000 payoff.

"At the present time," the report said, "Novack would like very much to get rid of Raymond (Eder's alias), but he is stuck."

Besides his narcotics convictions, Eder has been arrested — but never convicted for burglary, gambling and vehicular homicide.

Eder once arranged a meeting for Novack with a group of hoodlums. Novack needed more cash to get the hotel on its feet.

New York City police intelligence learned that on May 18, 1936, Novack met in the St. Moritz Hotel with mobsters, Meyer Lansky, Jimmy (Blue Eyes) Alo, "Trigger

Mike" Coppola, Joey Rao, Lefty Clark and Tommy Milo. The police did not learn whether Novack got the money he was seeking.

Novack's meeting with the mobsters may not have been successful. In 1939, another round of corporate and financial manipulation began with the Fontainebleau designed to raise cash through mortgage loans with legitimate lenders.

Charnofree sold lot A to Herbert G. Murphy of Hartford, Conn. Murphy, an employee of Connecticut General Life Insurance Co., then leased the land back to Charnofree. Then Murphy deeded the lot to Connecticut General, which held \$5 million in mortgages at this time.

On July 15, 1960, Connecticut General loaned another \$2,450,000 to Fontainebleau and Charnofree, with an agreement that all income from the hotel would go to the insurance company if payments fell behind on the mortgages.

In March of 1963, Connecticut General loaned nearly \$3 million more and consolidated the three mortgages it held into one with an outstanding principal of \$7,500,000. Blumenfield's signature on the legal papers was notarized in federal prison.

Another \$2,970,232 in cash was pumped into the hotel by the same insurance company on April 8, 1965, and another consolidated mortgage for \$10 million was signed.

This time, to secure its \$10 million loan, the life insurance company required the Blumenfield - Bloom - Berman-Brownstein combination to actually deed title to the property to Connecticut General.

On paper now, the insurance company owns the hotel, the land, and the leases, but will not take possession unless mortgage payments of \$65,000 per month fall behind.

If they do, the insurance company can walk in and take over the entire hotel operation without going through a lengthy and expensive foreclosure. The agreements signed in 1965 are an axe hanging over the head of the hotel operation to make sure it keeps up its payments.

Along with the deed and mortgage papers are agreements by which the land and lease can be purchased back from the insurance company when the mortgages are satisfied.

The transactions involving the Fontainebleau, in simplified form here, are typical of what happens when the rack-steering element has an interest in a hotel or motel.

The same pattern appears all along the Beach when organized crime moves in. Some of the best attorneys in the nation are called in to take advantage of intricate tax loopholes and squeeze

the last drop of cash out of the hotel operation.

By leasing, subleasing and assigning leases, money can legally be skimmed from the hotel profits.

Suppose corporation A leases an oceanfront lot from the land owner for 99 years, then builds a hotel. If the lease were originally signed in the 1940s or 1950s, the annual payments may be small compared to what similar land would lease for today.

But the land owner is

bound by the 99-year lease. If Corporation A's lawyers were smart, they included in the original lease provisions for sub-leasing, lease assigning, and mortgaging the lease.

When profits get large enough the officers of A Corp. form B Corp. Suppose A Corp. is paying \$50,000 a year on the lease. It then sub-leases to B Corp. for \$100,000 a year.

Management of the hotel never changes, but B Corp. now pays A Corp. \$100,000 a year. The officers pay half to the holder of the lease and keep \$50,000.

In long-term leases, the lease is almost as valuable as the land. Banks and other lending institutions will loan money on them.

They can foreclose if the mortgage goes bad and take over the hotel operation to repay the loan.

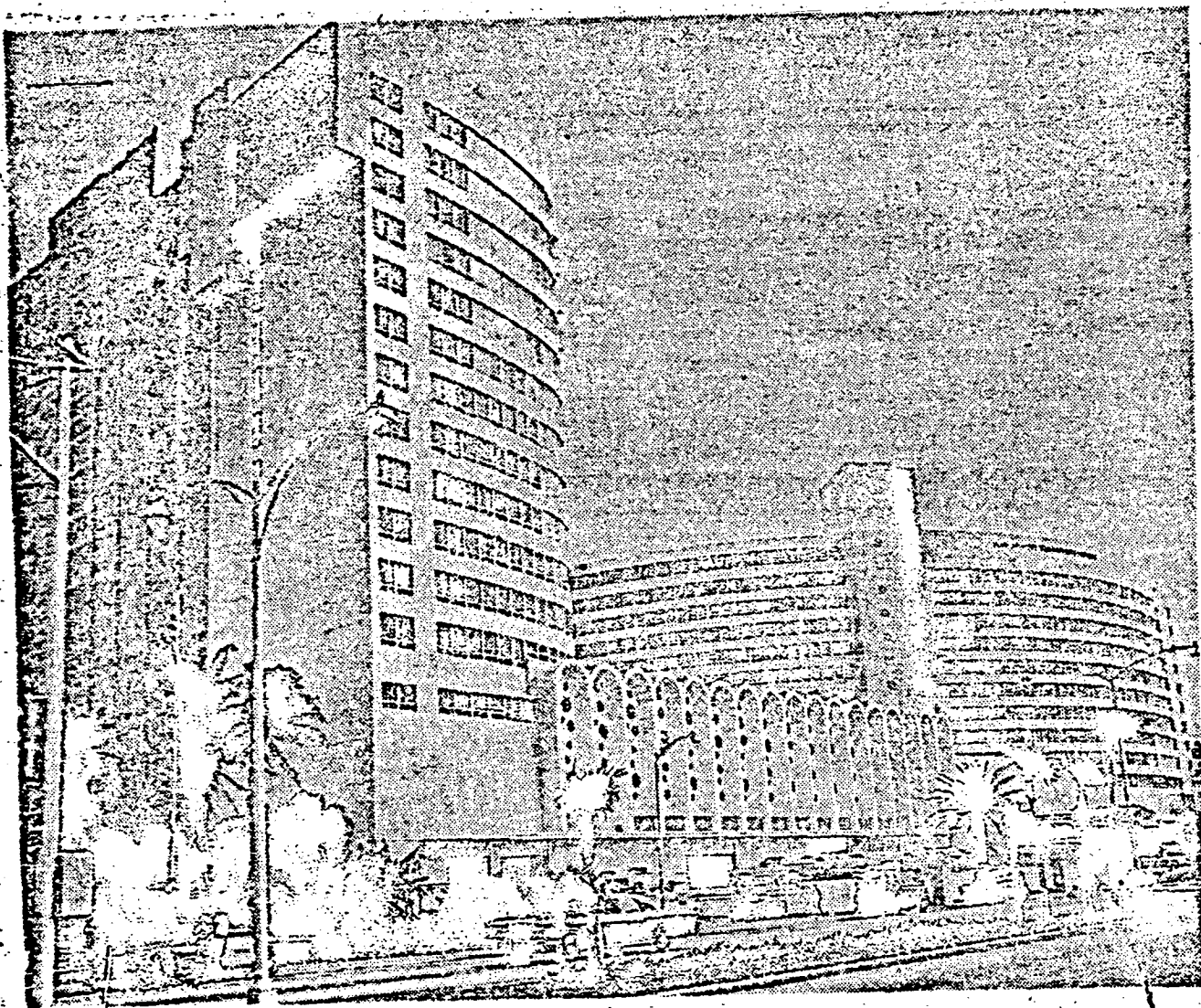
So the officers of A and B corporations, if they want a chunk of cash to invest elsewhere, can mortgage the lease. Hotel profits then pay not only the annual lease payments, but the mortgage payments as well, plus interest.

If the money does not go into the hotel operation, the corporation officers actually get an advance on future hotel profits.

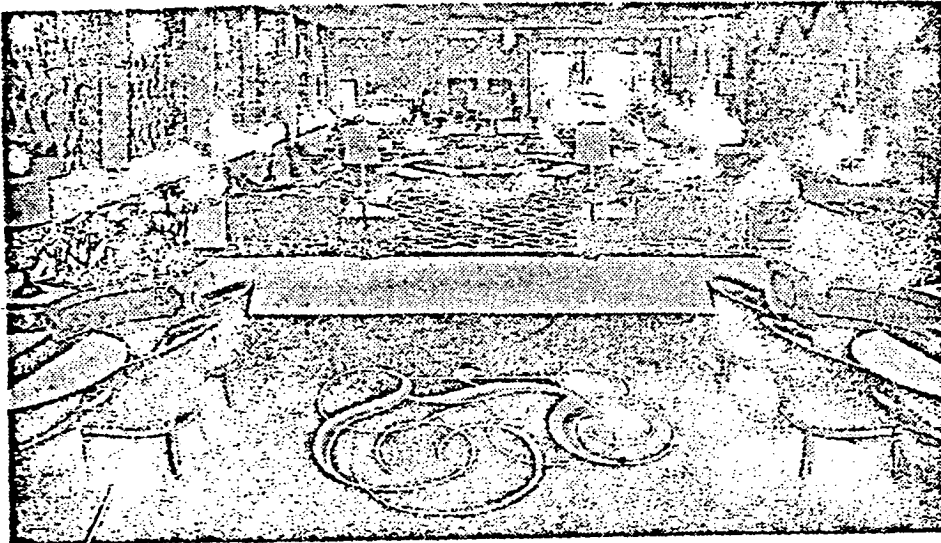
Each time a hotel is passed to another corporation — even if the officers are the same as the old corporation, new depreciation schedules are established, based on the price of the exchange.

By switching back and forth, the hotel management can get the best tax break as business increases or decreases.

The web gets thicker each year, gradually obscuring, at the same time binding more tightly organized crime's control of the property and its operation.



Sleek Towers of the Fontainebleau Rise High Into the Miami Beach Sky
... posh hotel was conceived in 1951 when Ben Norack formed two corporations



The Foyer Leading to Ballrooms at the Fontainebleau
... helped to build hotel's reputation for glamor

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**CRIMINAL INFLUENCE AND ACTIVITIES
OF MEYER LANSKY GROUP**

Re New York airtel, November 28, 1967.

Your suggestion that the Anti-Trust Division of the Department be approached to ascertain if it will consider instituting an Anti-Trust investigation of the Lansky group has been carefully reviewed. In the light of the significance of this group's activities, it is considered desirable to explore this suggestion further.

Current procedures in Anti-Trust matters require that the basic facts indicating a potential violation be properly assembled, either in a report or in a letterhead memorandum, so that copies of the information can be furnished to the Anti-Trust Division. Accordingly, you should prepare an appropriate letterhead memorandum which would include all the pertinent facts pertaining to a potential Anti-Trust violation, with the data properly arranged to present a logical case for the Department's consideration. Since the Miami Office is office of origin on the Meyer Lansky case, this Office should furnish to New York pertinent data concerning Lansky, his associates, and their operations for inclusion in the New York letterhead memorandum.

The letterhead memorandum should be submitted under the dual character, Anti-Racketeering and Anti-Trust. An original and six copies should be forwarded to the Bureau.

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Letter to New York
Re: Criminal Influence and Activities
of Meyer Lansky Group

NOTE: Referenced airtel suggested that Bureau consider the advisability of contacting the Anti-Trust Division of the Department to ascertain if an Anti-Trust investigation of the Lansky group could be initiated. Under current procedures, the Bureau does not initiate any Anti-Trust investigation until so instructed by the Anti-Trust Division of the Department. New York Office is being instructed to assemble available data on a potential Anti-Trust violation so that the Department can give consideration to the facts, properly presented and arranged.

FBI

Date: 12/5/67

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Via AIRTEL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2831)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-4611) (P)

SUBJECT: CRIMINAL INFLUENCE AND
ACTIVITIES OF MEYER LANSKY
GROUP

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Re: [REDACTED]

A summary [REDACTED] b7C

[REDACTED] his involvement with members of the
LANSKY Group is set out for the information of receiv-
ing offices.

- 2 - Bureau
3 - Boston (INFO)
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Miami, Florida
December 12, 1967

RE: MEYER LANSKY
FBI Number 791783

LANSKY, a resident of 612 Hibiscus Drive, Hallandale, Florida, was born on July 4, 1902, in Grodno, Poland. He was naturalized as a U. U. citizen in September, 1928, in New York City. LANSKY commenced a criminal career during the 1920s in New York City, as a muscleman in the alcohol wars. He was associated in the New York criminal organization of LOUIS LEPHE BUCHALTER and BENJAMIN "Bugsy" SIEGEL. Prior to the repeal of the 18th Amendment, the Kings Ransom Distilling Company was controlled by SIEGEL, FRANK COSTELLO, and MEYER LANSKY. The White House Scotch Distillery Company was controlled by SIEGEL and LANSKY, as was the Capitol Distillers.

As early as 1938, LANSKY was described as the head of the organized racketeer syndicate with headquarters in New York City. Among other activities of this syndicate was the "muscling" of all large professional gambling activities throughout the United States.

LANSKY's criminal record dates from October, 1918, and includes arrests for violation of the National Prohibition Act, Forgery, Felonious Assault and Homicide.

The individual now considered as LANSKY's closest South Florida associate is [REDACTED] b7c

In the late 1930s, LANSKY, with "BUGSY" SIEGEL, became interested in gambling in the Las Vegas area and during that period, LANSKY, along with SIEGEL, [REDACTED] JOE ADONIS, and the remnants of the CAPONE gang in Chicago, controlled all forms of gambling in Las Vegas. From 1946, b7c

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RE: MEYER LANSKY

through approximately 1950. LANSKY, [REDACTED] b7C
[REDACTED] was actively engaged in the operations of the Colonial Inn and Greenacres Casinos in Hallandale, Broward County, Florida. Subsequent to the shut-down of these casinos, LANSKY moved his business of operations to Havana, Cuba, where he was the acknowledged leader of organized casino type gambling in Cuba under the BATISTA Regime. His headquarters in Cuba was the Riviera Hotel in Havana, where he was associated with the Cuban Riviera Hotel Corporation.

LANSKY is associated with practically every known leading figure in organized criminal activity. He is generally conceded to have respect for rank equal to that of the leading ten La Cosa Nostra (LCN) figures in the United States.

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REPORTING OFFICE MIAMI	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MIAMI	DATE DEC 14 1967	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 9/22/67-11/24/67
TITLE OF CASE MEYER LANSKY, Aka.		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] <i>b7C</i>	TYPED BY [REDACTED]
		CHARACTER OF CASE AR	

REFERENCES: Report of SA **[REDACTED]** dated 9/28/67 at Miami.

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DETROIT:

AT CLARE, MICHIGAN

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED - None						ACQUIT- TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		
							PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☒ YES ☐ NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☒ NO

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COPIES MADE:

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(Attn: Departmental Attorney
WILLIAM EARLE)
2 - Detroit (92-424)
1 - New York (Info)(92-4611-MEYER
LANSKY Group)
2 - Miami (92-102)

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Agency			
Request Recd.		CC. AAG, Criminal Division	
Date Fwd.		Organized Crime and Racketeering	
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Notations

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MIAMI:

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA

Will follow and report subject's activities through sources, informants and observation.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

[REDACTED]

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An information copy of this report is being designated for the New York Office as they are origin in the MEYER LANSKY Group.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to:

1 - U. S. Attorney, Miami, Florida
Attention: Departmental Attorney WILLIAM EARLE

Report of:

Date:

DEC 14 1967

Office: Miami, Florida

Field Office File No.:

92-102

Bureau File No.:

92-2831

Title:

MEYER LANSKY

Character:

ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

Subject continues to reside at 612 Hibiscus Dr., Hallandale,
Fla. [REDACTED] b7C b7D

Observation of subject set out.

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DETAILS:Constant checks reveal that the subject continues
to reside at 612 Hibiscus Drive, Hallandale, Florida.TravelOn September 22, 1967, Detroit advised that the
subject had left Clare, Michigan, on September 21, 1967,
believed to be returning to Florida. The subject was driving
his 1967 white Chevrolet, bearing Florida license 10W90349.ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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Miscellaneous

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On November 24, 1967, the subject was observed at his home at 10:45 AM. He left there [REDACTED] b7D. [REDACTED] drove to a local drugstore, returned to his home, where he remained for at least the next hour.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Miami, Florida

In Reply, Please Refer to

DEC 14 1967

File No. 92-102

Title

MEYER LANSKY

Character

ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference

is made to the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated and captioned as above at Miami. b7C.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

FBI

Date: 12/13/67

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2831)
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (92-4611)
SUBJECT: CRIMINAL INFLUENCE AND
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ReBulet 12/7/67.

NY has only a limited amount of information available on the LANSKY Group and their ownership of hotels, motels, and beach front property in Miami Beach. It is felt that the Miami Office would be able to prepare a far better LHM than NY.

Miami therefore, is requested to prepare the LHM requested by the Bureau in relet. It is suggested that where possible, Miami extend the LHM to include all the hotels and motels known to be owned by the LANSKY Group and not be limited solely to those identified by the "Miami Herald" newspaper articles.

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1 - New York

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To:

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Criminal Influence

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☐ Agent

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☐ Rotor #:

ACTION DESIRED

☐ Acknowledge

☐ Assign Reassign

☐ Bring file

☐ Call me

☐ Correct

☐ Deadline

☐ Deadline passed

☐ Delinquent

☐ Discontinue

☐ Expedite

☐ File

☐ For information

☐ Handle

☐ Initial & return

☐ Leads need attention

☐ Return with explanation or notation as to action taken.

☐ Open Case

☐ Prepare lead card

☐ Prepare tickler

☐ Return assignment card

☐ Return file

☐ Search and return

☐ See me

☐ Serial #

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2831)

DATE: 12-29-67

FROM : *JW* SAC, MIAMI (92-102) (P)

SUBJECT: MEYER LANSKY, aka
AR

Rerep SA [REDACTED] dated 12-14-67, at *b7c*
Miami.

Subject spent 12-15-67 to 12-24-67, at
the Winthrop Hotel, Tacoma, Washington. He returned
to Miami the night of 12-24-67. [REDACTED] *b7c*

Miami is preparing a letterhead memorandum
re an Anti-Trust case under the MEYER LANSKY Group caption.

The Bureau will be kept advised.

(2) Bureau
1-Miami *b7c*

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January 19, 1968

MEYER LANSKY

Joseph Valachi, an admitted member of La Cosa Nostra, in testimony before the United States Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, committee on Government operations, during 1963, stated that Vito Genovese and Meyer Lansky had common holdings in gambling casinos in Las Vegas and Havana, Cuba. Valachi, a close associate of Genovese, testified that Lansky and Genovese were very closely associated in racket activities over the years and that wherever Lansky operated, Genovese had an interest.

Valachi also testified that Gerardo Catena, the underboss in the Genovese "family" of La Cosa Nostra, became the acting head of this group after Genovese went to prison and took over the management of any operations in which Genovese had held an interest.

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In January of 1964, Agents of the Las Vegas and
[REDACTED] determined through surveillance that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Meyer Lansky, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] was
observed to also enter the hotel.

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