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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# *Memorandum*

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2831) DATE: 7-17-70

FROM : LEGAT, MEXICO (92-93) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MEYER LANSKY, aka
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Remylet 5-26-70.

Mr. REY HATCH, U.S. Customs, American Embassy, Mexic City, advised 7-16-70 that he had gone to Acapulco, Mexico, to conduct further investigation concerning Subject and his activities in that city, but that he had not succeeded in obtaining any further pertinent information. He noted that, apparently based on the previous investigative activities by American investigators in Mexico, some of the local Mexican police apparently had approached personnel in the various hotels involved with a view toward extorting money from them for harboring criminals, and therefore contacts in these hotel have not been disposed toward further cooperation. He was not able to obtain phone calls attributed to the Subject, although this information had been promised to him.

In addition, Mexican Immigration had agreed to conduct records checks to determine how Subject arrived in Mexico, but this has also proved fruitless.

It is noted that a number of telephone numbers were found on Subject's person on his arrest on arrival in Miami, and Customs apparently is conducting investigation concerning these numbers.

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# *Memorandum*

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2831)
(ATTN: CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE
AND ORGANIZED CRIME SECTION)

DATE: 8/10/70

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

SUBJECT:
MEYER LANSKY, aka
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Enclosed for the Bureau is original and five copies of LHM, suitable for dissemination to Assistant Attorney General WILL WILSON regarding the subject's arrest on narcotics charges.

On August 5, 1970, Departmental Attorney DOUGALD MC MILLAN telephonically advised that he has been requested by DUKE DEWARE to obtain the facts surrounding MEYER LANSKY's recent arrest and the subsequent dismissal of the case. MC MILLAN stated that DEWARE is writing a paper at the request of Assistant Attorney General WILLIAM WILSON. MC MILLAN stated that this summary should be forwarded to [redacted] for appropriate transmittal to WILSON.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

*In Reply, Please Refer to*
*File No.* 92-102

Miami, Florida
August 10, 1970

RE: MEYER LANSKY
ANTI-RACKETEERING

MEYER LANSKY was searched by United States Customs Agents after disembarking from Aeronaves de Mexico (AMSA) Flight 410 after its arrival at Miami International Airport from Acapulco, Mexico on March 4, 1970. Examination of a briefcase being carried by LANSKY was made by Customs Port Investigator [redacted] who discovered an unlabeled plastic vial containing 154 tablets.

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LANSKY stated that the tablets were donnatal and had been prescribed by his doctor. LANSKY was released but the vial of tablets was held by Customs.

Laboratory analysis by United States Customs Laboratory confirmed that the tablets were donnatal.

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[redacted]

LANSKY was arrested March 27, 1970, by Florida Department of Law Enforcement Agents, charging him with a felony which has a maximum penalty of two years, $1,000 fine or both and a misdemeanor, maximum penalty six months and or $500 fine.

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RE: MEYER LANSKY

On June 18, 1970, Criminal Court Judge CARLING STEADMAN directed a verdict of acquittal for LANSKY stating that "the state has failed to prove the material allegations and this is fatal to the prosecution". STEADMAN said "do we have jurisdiction over the Port Custom's Office?"

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TO: SAC, Miami (92-102)

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MEYER LANSKY, aka
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ReMMlet 8/10/70 and LHM enclosed therewith.

In last paragraph of page one of LHM it is noted that Lansky was arrested and charged with a felony and a misdemeanor. No information is included to show specifically the nature of the charges.

In paragraph one on page two it is noted that Lansky was aquitted on a directed verdict because "the State has failed to prove the material allegations,.etc The material allegations, etc., are not set forth.

Specific details concerning the charges against Lansky and the material allegations involved complemented by any additional information pertaining to the Court's decision should be included in the LHM. Accordingly prepare appropriate amended pages setting forth this information and submit them to reach Bureau promptly.

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In view of the forgoing, an LHM is not being submitted by NY.

Per MM LHM 8/10/70

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NY is directing investigation out of the case entitled [redacted] to determine [redacted] background and resolve this matter at an early date.

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SUBJECT: MEYER LANSKY, aka
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Re Bureau airtel to Miami dated 8/13/70.

Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and five copies of an LHM suitable for dissemination to Assistant Attorney General WILL WILSON amending LHM submitted by Miami on 8/10/70.

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*In Reply, Please Refer to File No.*

Miami, Florida
August 18, 1970

Re: MEYER LANSKY
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Specific details concerning the charges against MEYER LANSKY and the material allegations involved complemented by additional information pertaining to Judge CARLING STEDMAN's decision on June 18, 1970, are as follows:

State of Florida charged MEYER LANSKY with violation Section 404.02, a Florida statute which stated that a barbiturate and/or a central nervous system stimulant must be delivered by a pharmacist and labeled by such an individual. State of Florida charged that LANSKY was in violation of this statute inasmuch as he had 154 tablets of Donnatal which the State also alleged qualified as a barbiturate and central nervous system stimulant.

LANSKY was also charged with a misdemeanor in violation of Section 500.151 which charged LANSKY with possession of a habit-forming, toxic, harmful or new drug without a prescription.

Judge STEDMAN without hearing testimony of the defense questioned the State of Florida's jurisdiction on federal property and therefore directed a verdict of acquittal for MEYER LANSKY. The State of Florida has no recourse in this decision. Judge STEDMAN alleged "the State has failed to prove the material allegations and this is fatal to the prosecution." STEDMAN told the jury in ordering the verdict that the defense need not present its case. The defense lawyer for MEYER LANSKY, JOSEPH VARON, had maintained during a motion for a directed verdict earlier that the State could not prosecute LANSKY for possession of the drug (Donnatal) because it was discovered in a search conducted on federal property, the United States Customs enclosure at Miami International Airport. Judge STEDMAN then asked no one in particular "Do we have jurisdiction over the Port Customs Office? I realize it is within the geographical confines of Dade County, Florida, but isn't it under lease to the federal government? I am seriously wondering if we have jurisdiction over such an offense.

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Re: MEYER LANSKY

In offenses committed in the Everglades National Park and the Miccosukkee Nation we don't, but it is in Dade County, but do we have jurisdiction of this?"

Judge STEDMAN apparently did not question the State's specific charges or the material allegations against LANSKY.

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REFERENCES

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It is noted that the investigative period for this report is lengthy, however it has been kept in a pending status.

It is also noted that the investigative period pre-dates that of the previous report to include information not available at the time of the last report.

An information copy of this report is being designated for New York as they are office of origin in the case entitled, "MEYER LANSKY GROUP".

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On March 4, 1970, the subject arrived in Miami aboard Aeronaves de Mexico Flight number 410 from Acapulco, Mexico. The subject was subjected to customs search during which time a Customs Agent seized 154 tablets believed to be some type of barbiturates, for which the subject did not have a prescription.

The subject had several other medications however, he had prescriptions for these. The Federal Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs (FBNDD) Agent and the United States Departmental Attorney were immediately advised and the tablets were analyzed to determine what type of medication was in the clear plastic vials.

After a thorough sesearch by all agencies it was determined that the tablets were donnatal and it was a possible violation of the Florida State Statute.

All the information was submitted to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, who advised they would attempt to obtain a warrant for the subject if he was in violation of any State Statutes.

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On March 27, 1970, the subject was arrested by Agents of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and charged with a felony and misdemeanor and bond was set at $50,000. Following arrests, he was afforded extensive news media coverage.

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Since the arrest of LANSKY there have been many rumors eminating from local newsme[redacted] b7C b5

For the information of the Bureau, a copy of the Florida Barbiturate Law is being set forth and the Section 404.02 should be noted as the one which LANSKY apparently violated.

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# CHAPTER 404

## FLORIDA BARBITURATE LAW


404.01 Definitions.
404.02 Prohibited acts.
404.03 Exemptions, general.
404.04 Exemptions, additional.
404.05 Records.
404.06 Inspection.
404.07 Contraband.
404.08 Seizure and forfeiture of vessel, vehicle, or aircraft illegally used.
404.09 Procedure to have vessel, vehicle, or aircraft forfeited or sold.
404.10 Rights of mortgagee or vendor.
404.11 Injunctions.
404.12 Rules and regulations.
404.13 Exceptions and exemptions not required to be negatived.
404.14 Notice of conviction to be sent to licensing board or officer.
404.15 Penalties.


404.01 Definitions.—For the purposes of this chapter:

(1) The words "barbiturate" or "barbiturates" mean each of the salts and derivatives of barbituric acid, also known as "malonyl urea," and derivatives, compounds, mixtures or preparations thereof; and "barbiturate" or "barbiturates" shall include hypnotic and somnifacient drugs, whether or not derivatives of barbituric acid, except that this law shall not apply to narcotics, as now or hereafter defined by the legislature of Florida, or bromides.

(2) The words "central nervous system stimulant" or "central nervous system stimulants" means amphetamine, desoxyephedrine (methamphetamine), mephentermine, pipradol, phenmetrazine, methylphenidylacetate or any of the salts of any of the foregoing.

(3) The word "delivery" means selling, dispensing, giving away, leaving with, or supplying in any other manner.

(4) The word "patient" means, as the case may be:

(a) The individual medically requiring a barbiturate or a central nervous system stimulant, for whom a barbiturate or central nervous system stimulant is prescribed, or to whom a barbiturate or a central nervous system stimulant is administered; or

(b) The owner or the agent of the owner of an animal medically requiring a barbiturate or a central nervous system stimulant, for which a barbiturate or a central nervous system stimulant is prescribed, or to which a barbiturate or a central nervous system stimulant is administered.

(5) The word "person" includes individual, corporation, partnership, and association.

(6) The word "practitioner" means a person authorized by law to practice medicine, osteopathic medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, or naturopathic physicians who have been actively practicing in and licensed by the state for a period of at least fifteen years prior to October 1, 1957.

(7) The word "pharmacist" means a person authorized by law to practice pharmacy in this state.

(8) The word "prescription" means an order written or signed or transmitted by word of mouth, telephone or telegraph or other means of communication issued in good faith in the course of professional practice only, by a practitioner to a pharmacist for a barbiturate or a central nervous system stimulant for a particular patient, which specifies the date of its issue, the name and address of such practitioner, the name and address of the patient (and, if such barbiturate or central nervous system stimulant is prescribed for an animal, the species of such animal), the name and quantity of the barbiturate or central nervous system stimulant prescribed, the directions for the use of such drug, and the record so made shall constitute the original prescription to be filled and preserved by the pharmacist.

(9) The word "manufacturer" means a person who manufactures barbiturates and central nervous system stimulants, and includes persons who prepare such drugs in dosage forms by mixing, compounding, encapsulating, entableting, packaging, or other process, but does not include a pharmacist who merely packages, prepares or compounds drugs to fill prescriptions received, or to be received by him from practitioner.

(10) The word "wholesaler" means a person engaged in the business of distributing barbiturates and central nervous system stimulants to persons included in any of the classes named in §404.04(2)(a)-(f).

History.—Comp. §1, ch. 57-384.

404.02 Prohibited acts.—The following shall be unlawful:

(1) The delivering or causing to be delivered any barbiturate or central nervous system stimulant, except as provided in §404.04, unless

(a) Such barbiturate or central nervous system stimulant is delivered by a pharmacist in good faith, upon a prescription, or an authorized refill thereof, as hereinafter provided, and there is affixed to the original container in which such drug is delivered a label bearing:

1. The name and address of the establishment from which such drug was delivered;

2. The date on which the prescription for such drug was filled;

3. The number of such prescription as filed in the prescription files of the pharmacist who filled such prescription;

4. The name of the pharmacist and his license number;

5. The name of the practitioner who prescribed such drug;

6. The name of the patient, and if such drug was prescribed for an animal a statement showing the species of the animal; and



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7. The directions for the use of the drug as contained in the prescription; or

(b) Such barbiturate or central nervous system stimulant is delivered or administered by a practitioner in good faith and in the course of professional practice only, and the original container in which such drug is delivered bears a label on which appears the date of delivery, the directions for use of such drug, the name of such practitioner, the name of the patient, and if such drug is prescribed for an animal a statement showing the species of the animal.

(2) The refilling of any prescription for a barbiturate or a central nervous system stimulant unless and to the limited extent designated on the prescription by the practitioner, or subsequently authorized by him.

(3) The delivery of a barbiturate or a central nervous system stimulant upon written prescription unless the pharmacist who filled such prescription files and retains it for a period of two years.

(4) The actual or constructive possession or control of a barbiturate or a central nervous system stimulant by any person unless such person obtained such drug on the written prescription of a practitioner or unless such person obtained such drug by direct delivery from a practitioner for bona fide medical use, and except as provided in §404.04.

(5) The refusal to make available and to afford full opportunity to check any record, file, stock or inventory, as required by §404.06.

(6) The failure to keep records, as required by §404.05.

(7) The using by any person to his own advantage, or the revealing of any information required under the authority of §404.06, concerning any method or process which, as a trade secret, is entitled to protection, except to law enforcement officers, or an officer or employee of the Florida board of health, or to a court when relevant in a judicial proceeding under this chapter.

(8) Obtaining or attempting to obtain a barbiturate or a central nervous system stimulant, or procuring or attempting to procure the administration of a barbiturate or a central nervous system stimulant:

(a) By fraud, deceit, misrepresentation or subterfuge, or

(b) By the forgery or alteration of a prescription, or

(c) By the concealment of a material fact, or

(d) By the use of a false name or the giving of a false address.

(9) Making a false statement in any prescription, order, report, or record referred to in this chapter.

(10) Falsely assuming the title of, or falsely representing any person to be, a manufacturer, wholesaler, pharmacist, physician, dentist, veterinarian, or other authorized person, for the purpose of obtaining a barbiturate or a central nervous system stimulant.

(11) Making, issuing or uttering any false or forged prescription.

(12) Affixing any false or forged label to a package or receptacle containing a barbiturate or a central nervous system stimulant.

History.—Comp. §2, ch. 57-384.

404.03 Exemptions, general.—Nothing in this chapter shall apply to any compound, mixture, or preparation containing, in addition to a barbiturate or a central nervous system stimulant, a sufficient quantity of another potent drug or drugs to prevent its use as a hypnotic, or a somnifacient, or a central nervous system stimulant, as the case may be.

History.—Comp. §3, ch. 57-384.

404.04 Exemptions, additional.— The provisions of §404.02 (1) and (4) shall not be applicable to:

(1) The delivery for medical or scientific purposes only of barbiturates or central nervous system stimulants to persons included in any of the classes hereinafter named, or to the agents or employees of such persons, for use in the usual course of their business or practice or in the performance of their official duties, as the case may be, or

(2) The actual or constructive possession or control of barbiturates or central nervous system stimulants by such persons or their agents or employees for such employees for such use, to-wit:

(a) Pharmacists.

(b) Practitioners.

(c) Persons who procure barbiturates or central nervous system stimulants for disposition in good faith and in the course of professional practice only, by or under the supervision of pharmacists or practitioners employed by them; or for the purpose of lawful research, teaching, or testing, and not for resale, including medical schools.

(d) Hospitals and other institutions which procure barbiturates or central nervous system stimulants for lawful administration by practitioners, but only for use by or in the particular hospital or other institution.

(e) Officers or employees of federal, state or local governments acting in their official capacity only, or informers acting under their jurisdiction.

(f) Manufacturers, wholesalers, carriers, and warehousemen.

History.—Comp. §4, ch. 57-384.

404.05 Records. — Persons designated in §404.04, except carriers and warehousemen, officers active in official capacity, shall keep such records pertaining to barbiturates and central nervous system stimulants for two years.

History.—Comp. §6, ch. 57-384.

404.06 Inspection.—Prescriptions, files and records required by or under the authority of this chapter, and stocks of barbiturates and



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central nervous system stimulants, shall be open for inspection to officers and employees of the Florida board of health. No person having knowledge by virtue of his office of any such prescriptions, files or records shall divulge such knowledge, except in connection with a prosecution or proceeding in court, or before a licensing or registration board or officer, to which prosecution or proceeding the person to whom such prescriptions, files or records relate is a party.

History.—Comp. §6, ch. 57-384.

404.07 Contraband.—All barbiturates and central nervous system stimulants, as herein defined, which may be handled, delivered, possessed, or distributed contrary to any provision of this chapter shall be and the same are hereby declared to be contraband, and shall be subject to seizure and confiscation by any law enforcement officer of this state, or any political subdivision thereof, and by any officer or employee of the Florida board of health.

History.—Comp. §7, ch. 57-384.

404.08 Seizure and forfeiture of vessel, vehicle, or aircraft illegally used.—

(1) Any vessel, vehicle, or aircraft which has been or is being used in violation of any provision of this chapter, or in, upon, or by means of which any violation of this chapter has taken or is taking place may be seized and forfeited, provided that no vessel, vehicle, or aircraft used by any person as a common carrier, in the transaction of business as such common carrier, shall be forfeited under the provisions of this chapter unless it shall appear that in the case of a railway car or engine, the owner, or in the case of any other such vessel, vehicle, or aircraft the owner or the master of such vessel, or the owner or conductor, driver, pilot, or other person in charge of such vehicle, or aircraft, was at the time of the alleged illegal act a consenting party thereto; provided further that no vessel, vehicle, or aircraft shall be forfeited under the provisions of this chapter by reason of any act or omission established by the owner thereof to have been committed, or omitted, by any person other than such owner while such vessel, vehicle, or aircraft was unlawfully in the possession of a person who acquired possession thereof in violation of the criminal law of the United States, or of this state or any political subdivision thereof.

(2) Any law enforcement agency is empowered to authorize or designate officers, agents, or other persons to carry out the seizure provisions of this section. It shall be the duty of any officer, agent, or other person so authorized or designated, or authorized by law, whenever he shall discover any vessel, vehicle, or aircraft which has been or is being used in violation of any of the provisions of this chapter, or in, upon, or by means of which any violation of this chapter has taken or is taking place, to seize such vessel, vehicle, or aircraft and to place it in the custody of such person as may be authorized or designated for that purpose by the respective law enforcement agency, pursuant to these provisions.

History.—Comp. §8, ch. 57-384.

404.09 Procedure to have vessel, vehicle, or aircraft forfeited or sold.—

(1) The state attorney within whose jurisdiction the vessel, vehicle, or aircraft has been seized because of its use or attempted use in violation of any provision of this chapter shall proceed against the vessel, vehicle, or aircraft by rule to show cause in the circuit court having jurisdiction of the offense, and have it forfeited to the use of or the sale by the law enforcement agency making the seizure on producing due proof that the vehicle was being used in violation of the provision of this chapter.

(2) Where it appears by affidavit that the residence of the owner of the vessel, vehicle, or aircraft is out of the state, or is unknown to the state attorney, the court shall appoint an attorney-at-law to represent the absent owner against whom the rule shall be tried contradictorily within ten days after its filing. This affidavit may be made by the state attorney or one of his assistants. The attorney so appointed may waive service and citation of the petition or rule, but shall not waive time nor any legal defense.

(3) Whenever the head of the law enforcement agency effecting the forfeiture deems it necessary or expedient to sell the property forfeited, rather than retain it to the use of the law enforcement agency, he shall cause an advertisement to be inserted in an official newspaper of the county where the seizure was made, and after ten days shall dispose of said property at public auction to the highest bidder for cash and without appraisal.

(4) The proceeds of all funds collected from any such sale shall be paid into the general fund of the county in which the seizure and sale was made.

History.—Comp. §9, ch. 57-384.

404.10 Rights of mortgagee or vendor.—The rights of any bona fide holder of a duly recorded mortgage, or duly recorded vendor's privilege, on the property seized under this chapter shall not be affected by the seizure.

History.—Comp. §10, ch. 57-384.

404.11 Injunctions.—The Florida board of health shall have the right to institute an action in its own name to enjoin the violation of any of the provisions of this chapter. Said action for an injunction shall be in addition to any other action, proceeding, or remedy authorized by law.

History.—Comp. §11, ch. 57-384.

404.12 Rules and regulations.—The Florida board of health shall, from time to time, adopt such rules and regulations as may be reasonably necessary to implement and carry out the purpose of this chapter.

History.—Comp. §12, ch. 57-384.



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404.13 Exceptions and exemptions not required to be negatived.—In any complaint, information, or indictment, and in any action or proceeding brought for the enforcement of any provisions of this chapter, it shall not be necessary to negative any exception, excuse, proviso, or exemption contained in this chapter, and the burden of proof in any such exception, excuse, proviso, or exemption shall be upon the defendant.

History.—Comp. §13, ch. 57-384.

404.14 Notice of conviction to be sent to licensing board or officer.—On the conviction of any person of the violation of any provision of this chapter a copy of the judgment and sentence and of the opinion of the court, if any opinion be filed, shall be sent by the clerk of the court to the board or officer, if any, by whom the convicted defendant has been licensed or registered to practice his profession or to carry on his business. On the conviction of any such person the court may, in its discretion, recommend to the respective licensing board or officer the suspension or revocation of the registration or license of the convicted defendant to practice his profession or to carry on his business.

History.—Comp. §14, ch. 57-384.

404.15 Penalties.—Any person who violates any of the provisions of this chapter shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not more than $1,000.00, or shall be imprisoned in the state penitentiary for not more than 2 years, or both such fine and imprisonment. For any second offense any person violating any provision of this chapter shall be punished by fine of not more than $5,000.00, or shall be imprisoned in the state penitentiary for not less than 2 years, nor for not more than 5 years, or both such fine and imprisonment. For any third or succeeding offense any person violating any provision of this chapter shall be punished by a fine of not more than $10,000.00, or shall be imprisoned in the state penitentiary for not less than 5 years, nor for more than 10 years, or both such fine and imprisonment. Any practitioner, as defined in §404.01(6), or any pharmacist, as defined by §404.01(7), upon a third conviction his license to practice in Florida shall be automatically revoked.

History.—Comp. §15, ch. 57-384.



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# Lansky Is Jailed On Drug Counts

By JAMES SAVAGE
Herald Staff Writer

Meyer Lansky, rated by police as one of the most powerful men in American organized crime, was arrested and jailed Friday on charges of not having a prescription for drugs to soothe his nervous stomach.

Florida Department of Law Enforcement agents arrested Lansky, 67, at his plush Miami Beach condominium apartment Friday afternoon on felony and misdemeanor charges of having unauthorized prescription drugs.

The jailing marked the first time in 12 years that police have managed to get him behind bars. In 1958, he was detained briefly in New York for questioning in the slaying of Murder Inc. killer Albert Anastasia.

Lansky later was released after a $50,000 bond was posted by bondsman David Margolin.

When Lansky, wearing light blue pants and a dark sweater over a sports shirt, walked out of jail at 9:30 p.m. his only comment was to TV cameramen who directed bright lights on him.

"Take it easy fellows, take it easy," he said.

THE UNAUTHORIZED drugs were found in Lansky's possession, FDLE agents said, when he was searched by U.S. Customs agents at Miami International Airport, Mar. 4.

The routine search was conducted when Lansky arrived at the airport from Acapulco, Mexico.

After the medicine was analyzed and Customs agents determined there was no federal violation, the case was turned over to the FDLE acting in cooperation with the U.S. Justice Department's Organized Crime Strike Force staff here.

Seized during the airport search was an unlabeled plastic vial containing Donnatal tablets, FDLE agents said. Donnatal contains phenobarbital and is used as a mild sedative for nervous indigestion, they said.

FLORIDA law makes it a felony to possess barbiturates without a prescription, and another state law makes it a misdemeanor to possess any unlabeled prescription drug.

Lansky was ordered held in lieu of $50,000 bail by Circuit Judge David Popper. The felony prescription violation charge carries a two-year prison sentence and $1,000 fine upon conviction and the misdemeanor carries a six-month jail term and $500 fine.

Called by federal agents "one of the men who organized organized crime," Lansky has been described by some as the Mafia's chief financial adviser.

Other experts contend that Lansky works with the Mafia in some projects but is himself more powerful than any single Mafia chieftain.

BORN Maier Suchowjansky in Grodno, Russia, Lansky immigrated with his family to the lower East Side slums of New York when he was 9.

Before he was 27, Lansky had been arrested five times on charges ranging from disorderly conduct to suspicion of murder, but he never was convicted.

During the '20s Lansky teamed with Bugsy Siegel to form the Bugs and Meyer Mob, the precursor of Murder, Inc.

When Siegel went to Las Vegas to create that city's gambling industry, Lansky came to South Florida to operate police-protected casinos.

AFTER THE Kefauver Committee investigations turned the spotlight on Lansky's illicit casino gambling operations, he moved to Cuba, where he became Havana's most powerful gambling figure.

Since Castro drove Lansky and his racketeer friends from Havana, the diminutive (5 feet 4 inches, 136 pounds) Lansky has lived in Hallandale and Miami Beach.

He currently lives at 5001 Collins Ave.

Federal organized-crime experts say that Lansky has been the guiding financial genius behind the growth of gambling casino operations in the Bahamas and the Caribbean during the past decade.

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# Feds Can't Stomach Lansky's Nerve Pills

Crime lord Meyer Lansky, returning from an Acapulco, Mexico, meeting of the international sydndicate, failed to have a prescription for drugs he carried to calm his nervous stomach, it was charged Friday.

Lansky returned from the conclave, reportedly called on March 4, to discuss moves for legalized gambling in Quebec, Atlantic City and Miami Beach.

At that time U.S. Customs agents searched the longtime gambling czar and seized an unlabeled pill bottle containing Donnatal tablets — a mild sedative for nervous indigestion.

LANSKY, who suffers from a long time stomach condition for which he's been hospitalized in New York and Boston, was arrested at his Miami Beach apartment by Florida Department of Law Enforcement agents late Friday.

He is charged with felony and misdemeanor charges of possessing unauthorized prescription drugs. In Florida it's a felony to possess barbiturates without a prescription and a misdemeanor to possess unlabeled prescription drugs.

Lansky was freed on $50,000 bond set by Circuit Court Judge David Popper. Conviction could result in a maximum two year sentence and $1,000 fine on the felony with a possible six month term and $500 on the lesser charge.

Despite an arrest record that dates back to the 1920s — the only time Lansky ever served behind bars, was three months in a New York jail in 1953 on a gambling operations conviction in Saratoga, N.Y.

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HE WAS HELD briefly for questioning in the gangland slaying of Murder Incorporated killer Albert Anastasia in 1958.

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# IRS Probes Lansky's Financial Dealings

By MARGARET CARROLL
Herald Staff Writer

Federal tax detectives are taking a close look at the financial dealings of Meyer Lansky, the man who does investment counseling for organized crime.

The Internal Revenue Service investigation of Lansky's income tax returns came to light Tuesday in federal court when an assistant U.S. attorney, Lavinia Redd, filed a lawsuit designed to force a Miami man to produce documents the IRS says it needs for the probe.

The lawsuit says that Ben Sigelbaum, who has offices in the Dupont Building, was served with a summons but refused to produce certain records for IRS inspection.

IN AN AFFIDAVIT attached to Miss Redd's complaint, IRS agent William P. Bushmiaer said he was looking into the "correctness" of Lansky's income tax returns for 1967 and 1968.

Sigelbaum, who has been the subject of federal probes himself, has varied business interests.

In the early 1960s, the FBI put an electronic bug in his office to find out what it could about profit-skimming at Las Vegas casinos.

Sigelbaum had been acquainted with Ed Levinson, a major Vegas gambler at whose office the FBI also had installed an unseen ear during the 1960s.

DURING THE government's probe of former Senate aide Bobby Baker, Sigelbaum was issued a summons to tell what he knew about Baker's activities in Las Vegas, if any.

Bushmiaer's statement said that Sigelbaum showed up empty-handed last November when he was summoned to the IRS office in Miami.

Bushmiaer had asked for any records involving real estate or financial transactions connected with Lansky.

Sigelbaum also declined to provide the names and addresses of persons who he might know had been involved in land deals with Lansky in 1967 and 1968, the statement said.

The court was asked to order Sigelbaum to appear and show cause why he should not comply with the summons.

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# Lansky Pal Set Up Vegas Trip, All Expense Paid, for Officials

By JAMES SAVAGE
Herald Staff Writer

One of mobster Meyer Lansky's favorite travel agents took a group of past and present Miami Beach city officials on an all-expense-paid, four-day trip to Las Vegas two weeks ago.

The unpublicized trip to Las Vegas forced Beach Councilman Norman Ciment to postpone a public hearing on the issue of casino gambling on Miami Beach.

And with a campaign to bring casinos to the beach well underway, the trip has increased speculation among organized crime watchers about the behind-the-scenes role Lansky may be playing.

THERE is no evidence that the Miami Beach officials realized their host for the trip is a good friend of Lansky's, but travel agent Adolph (Ad) Schwartz makes no secret of his warm feelings for Lansky.

"I don't have any business with Mr. Lansky, but I know him. I don't believe what the papers say about him, he's always a real gentleman," Schwartz said in an interview.

Well-cast as the genial host for fun-loving gamblers, Schwartz was wearing a neatly tailored yellow sweater and yellow slacks with white shoes when he was questioned about Lansky.

Schwartz explained that he is an agent for the Flamingo Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas. His job, he said, is to arrange trips, commonly called junkets, to the hotel.

HE DOWNGRADED his relationship with Lansky. "I don't see him that often. I know him like I know a lot of people."

Lansky was arrested eight days before Schwartz and the Flamingo paid for the trip to Las Vegas for Ciment; Ciment's law partner, Miami Beach Municipal Judge Robert Grover, former Councilman Joe Malek and Miami Beach Constable Murray Meyerson.

The arrest was based on some drugs police found

In addition to the illicit prescription drugs, lawmen found a list of names and telephone numbers when they searched Lansky.

ONE of the names was "Add." Next to that name was the home telephone number of Adolph Schwartz, his office number at the Diners Fugazy Travel Agency in Surfside and his wife's dress shop number in the Singapore Hotel, 9601 Collins Ave., Miami Beach.

It is at the Singapore, one of Lansky's favorite hangouts, investigators say, that Ad Schwartz often lunches with Meyer and his brother, Jake Lansky.

The Singapore is currently the subject of a lawsuit by Attorney General Earl Faircloth, who has charged the hotel is controlled directly or indirectly by the Mafia.

ALTHOUGH NOT a member of the Mafia himself, Lansky is considered one of organized crime's elder statesmen and its chief financial strategist.

Lansky, who has been active in illegal casinos in South Florida and legal casinos in Cuba and the Bahamas, is no stranger to the Flamingo in Las Vegas.

One of his closest associates in crime, the late Bugsy Siegel, built the Flamingo, and in 1960 Lansky was paid $200,000 as a finders fee when a Miami Beach group headed by Morris Lansburgh bought the hotel and casino.

Lansburgh has no financial interest in the Flamingo today, but it has always been a favorite destination for gambling junkets from Miami

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IN ADDITION to the Miami Beach officials, Ciment, Meyerson and Judge Grover, more than 100 other passengers from South Florida took the complimentary trip to the Flamingo on April 5.

In addition to first class transportation on a charter flight, the junketeers enjoyed luxury class accommodations for their four-day stay.

Ciment was not anxious to discuss his Las Vegas holiday.

He had the council postpone a major public hearing on the casino question from April 8th to 9th so he could be in town to attend.

But he denied he knew he was going to Las Vegas when he moved the hearing up one day. "I thought I was going to New York," he said.

WHEN HE did return from Las Vegas in time for the postponed hearing, Ciment led the cross-examination of anti-casino witnesses.

"I don't think it's anybody's business," Ciment complained when questioned about his Las Vegas trip.

"I went on my own accord. I'm not going to answer any more questions."

Ciment said he didn't know Schwartz and he wouldn't discuss who had arranged for the trip.

"Did you gamble? Do you owe the Flamingo any money?" he was asked.

"No comment. Have a nice weekend. Goodbye," Ciment said.

FORMER Councilman Joe Malek, one of Ciment's close friends, was more willing to discuss the trip. Malek said he's been the guest of Las Vegas hotels for complimentary trips several times in the past.

He said he had met Ad Schwartz on junkets, but he had never heard of him as associated with Meyer Lansky.

Judge Grover readily acknowledged he went on the Vegas junket. He said "I've been doing this for years — long before I became a judge.

"This is an established thing with the major hotels out there. They invite people they feel are substantial and can afford to lose a little money, and bring them out there. They don't say you're supposed to gamble, but that's more or less understood. "They don't make much on me — like anyone of intelligence I know the house wins in the long run."

Grover said he could not comment on the merits of the Miami Beach casino gambling proposal, but said he knows Ciment "is really working hard to determine what's best for the city" on the issue.

The judge said it was "absolutely, most ridiculous to tie Lansky, even by innuendo, to the people who go on these junkets."

While the junketeers were enjoying Las Vegas, Miami Beach attorney Ben Cohen joined the party and returned to Miami aboard their chartered flight.

Cohen has been the subject of much speculation by those trying to analyze the real powers behind the scenes in the current casino campaign.

COHEN HAS admitted privately that he thinks casinos would help Miami Beach's tourist economy, but he has carefully avoided taking a public stand.

An ex-convict who served time on an income tax charge, Cohen, during the 1950s, was identified with the infamous S&G gambling syndicate on the Beach through his representation of syndicate members.

The Herald was unable to reach Meyerson for comment.

SPECULATION about Lansky's possible role in the campaign to bring legal casinos to Miami Beach began last month when Lansky attended a controversial meeting in Acapulco.

While in Acapulco, Lansky was watched by U.S. federal agents, Canadian police and Mexican police.

In addition to New York lawyer Moses Polakoff, Lansky met with several mysterious Canadian criminals while in Mexico.

According to a story in The Toronto Telegram, the meeting in Acapulco was set up to coordinate the Mafia's plan to infiltrate Quebec's plans to establish a legalized gambling casino.

Other reports indicated that Lansky's Acapulco meetings also dealt with his plans to infiltrate legalized gambling in Miami Beach, Atlantic City, N.J. and Acapulco, in addition to Quebec.

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On May 13, 1970, subject was contacted in regard to the information received from the Seattle Office and LANSKY verified that an apparent attempt had been made [redacted] He stated he knew of no individuals who would do such a thing, however, he admitted that the possibility existed inasmuch as he enjoys a great deal of notoriety from the news media, and is possibly envied by some younger members of a certain Italian group, reported by the news media to be La Cosa Nostra members. b7C

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LANSKY volunteered to make a long distance call [redacted] and discuss the matter further with a Miami FBI Agent present. [redacted] b7C

The subject expressed gratitude that the FBI was concerned and stated that either he or [redacted] would contact the FBI immediately if anything further developed. The subject does not feel that the "Reader's Digest" article had a direct affect on the present situation, and could not pinpoint any particular group or individuals who might consider this type of thing. He, however, indicated that he has thought about the possibility for some time inasmuch as there are so many "nuts" around this time. He also stated that many of his old Italian friends are no longer living and he does not know the younger Italian element well. b7C

He also indicated that if after June 1, 1970 he is not guilty of the two state charges he would seriously consider contacting the Miami FBI Office before leaving the Miami area, advising SA [redacted] of his travel plans and destination. He also b7C

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voluntarily advised that [redacted] is seriously ill mentally and physically. He stated [redacted] will no longer dine out and spends most of his time in his apartment drinking heavily.

He stated [redacted] has, for some time, had approximately two drinks a day but in the past 3½ months has been drinking approximately a fifth of liquor a day. LANSKY indicated that [redacted] past may have some effect on his present condition.

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Mr. DONALD WINNE, Attorney with the Los Angeles Strike Force, telephonically advised SA [redacted] on May 6, 1970 that he had received information that at the time subject was arrested by United States Customs in Miami early in March, 1970, among other items found in LANSKY's possession, was a telephone number 642-4979, location or area code unknown.

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On May 12, 1970, at 9:40 a.m., subject was observed driving a blue Chevrolet, Florida tag 10E17103, four-door hardtop Impala. The subject stopped at the Crystal House Apartments, walked into the lobby and left a newspaper at the front desk. The subject re-entered his car, returned to Season's South Apartments.

Approximately 30 minutes later, the subject was observed leaving the Season's South Apartments on foot and returned to the Crystal House Apartments.

On May 13, 1970, at 7:55 p.m., MEYER LANSKY was observed walking south on Collins Avenue, Miami, Florida. He was confronted at this time by SA [redacted] b7C [redacted] At first LANSKY did not acknowledge the presence of the agent and for a short time muttered that the agent should talk to his lawyer, etc.

After LANSKY was informed that the nature of contact was for the purpose of determining any information relating to [redacted] b7C he related essentially the same information as already set forth in report.

In addition, LANSKY made a long distance call in the presence of the agent [redacted] b7C

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LANSKY stated [redacted] has been drinking heavily lately and LANSKY is concerned over his mental and physical health [redacted] refuses to dine out and appears to be withdrawn into a shell. [redacted] b7C

[redacted] LANSKY mentioned he can no longer control [redacted] and that he is almost irrational.

LANSKY advised he plans to travel to Seattle after June 1, 1970, if he is not in jail. He stated he is contemplating notifying the FBI in the future of his travel plans, but would have to think it over.

The interview was terminated with LANSKY thanking the FBI for its concern with the situation in [redacted] and saying he would call if he learned anything further. He noted he no longer has friends he can trust among the Italians and also expressed concern with the number of "nuts" running loose. He stated "when I walk the streets I never know when I may get it." b7C

On May 18, 1970, LANSKY called and advised [redacted] b7C

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everything seemed to be back to normal.

On May 19, 1970, LANSKY was observed in the company of [redacted] at approximately 11:15 a.m. LANSKY motioned to SA [redacted] indicating he wished to discuss something. LANSKY appeared friendly and exchanged cordialities. After stating he knew nothing further in regard to the [redacted] situation, he stated after considering the matter of notifying the FBI of his travel plans, he had decided to do so. b7c

He stated he fully intends to travel to Tacoma, Washington [redacted] if he is not in jail after the 1st of June, 1970 and indicated he was confident he would not be in jail. He stated he then planned to visit Ohio and Michigan, however, he did not wish for any newspapers or other law enforcement agencies to be notified. He also stated he would personally call this agent or would notify an agent in the area where he is staying of his travel plans. He stated he did not have reservations of FBI Agents following him since he had never been treated unfairly by one of them.

No promises were made to LANSKY and he apparently expects none.

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LANSKY also pointed out that he was in the Singapore Hotel on May 13, 1970, between 1:00 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. [redacted]

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On June 1, 1970 at 9:45 a.m., MEYER LANSKY and [redacted] were observed leaving the Dade County Justice Building. b7C

Both individuals entered a dark blue over light blue Mercury driven [redacted]

It was thereafter determined that the subject's trial was set aside for Wednesday, June 3, 1970 before Judge CARLING STEDMAN.

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# Grand Jury in Miami Probes Movement of Las Vegas Funds

By JAMES SAVAGE
Herald Staff Writer

The U.S. Grand Jury here has begun a major investigation to determine if Mafia-tinged money was skimmed from the Flamingo Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas and secretly funneled to Miami.

If the probe leads to indictments it could rival earlier skimming investigations that rocked Las Vegas' legalized gaming industry and had far-reaching effects on U.S. organized crime.

The investigation undertaken by Internal Revenue Service intelligence agents began on Aug. 8, 1969, when a raid was conducted at the offices of the Flamingo Hotel in New York City.

Credit accounts and other records were seized in the raid.

THOSE RECORDS and other information have now been digested and a parade of witnesses is being called to testify before the Grand Jury here.

Miami Beach hotelman Morris Lansburgh, a former co-owner of the Flamingo, was one of the first witnesses called.

He appeared on May 28 at the Grand Jury room in the old Post Office Building, carrying records.

Chester Simms, the Flamingo casino manager during the years the Flamingo was owned by Lansburgh's group, is scheduled to testify before the panel at 11 a.m. tdoay.

IN AUGUST 1967, Lansburgh and his Miami Beach partner Samuel Cohen sold the Flamingo to multimillionaire Kirk Kerkorian.

Some of the witnesses subpenaed to testify Thursday worked for the Flamingo in its New York office during the Lansburgh-Cohen ownership from 1961 to 1967 and continued when Kerkorian took over.

Appearing before the Grand Jury Thursday were Bernard Cohen, the head of the Flamingo's New York office; Arthur Herbert, Leo Samelson, Harry Simmons, and Sy Goller, plus two office secretaries.

THE NEW YORK City office handled arrangements for junkets for gamblers in the northeastern United States and also handled collections of funds for those who played on credit at the Flamingo — and lost.

A junket is a low-cost trip designed to attract free-spending gamblers to a casino.

Lansburgh actively promoted many junkets from the Miami area and elsewhere when he was co-owner of the Flamingo.

BESIDES former casino manager Simms, the government has subpenaed several other Flamingo casino employes to testify today. They include Artie Newman, Sam Belkin and Buddy Banner.

A source close to the investigation told The Herald that it may continue for months and that before it concludes several Cosa Nostra figures from the northeastern United States would be called to testify.

The Mafia operatives will generally be questioned about collection duties the government believes they undertook for the Flamingo.

The investigation is being handled by IRS intelligence agents working with U.S. Justice Department attorneys from both the Los Angeles and Miami Organized Crime Strike Force staffs.

SKIMMING, which is the widely used term for removing revenue from a casino before it can be taxed, has been a scare word to the Nevada gaming industry since the early 1960s.

Although there were few successful prosecutions, Justice Department and IRS agents outlined how the complicated skim was removing hundreds of thousands of dollars from state and U.S. tax coffers.

During the early '60s, organized crime experts considered skim funds one of the major sources of revenue funding the growing of syndicate crime and its infiltration into legitimate business and overseas casinos.

PHOTOGRAPHS of some of the couriers who carried the skimmed funds from Las Vegas to Chicago and Miami

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and the Bahamas and, finally to secret bank accounts in Switzerland, have been published in national magazines.

Miami's Meyer Lansky has been the constant factor in changing cast of characters the government determined was involved in the skimming operations in the early 1960s.

Lansky, the chairman of the board organized crime in America, had a longtime association with the Flamingo in Las Vegas.

HIS NEW YORK partner in crime, Benjamin (Bugsy) Siegel, went to Nevada to build the Flamingo in 1946 when Meyer Lansky moved from the North to set up headquarters in South Florida.

On June 20, 1947, Bugsy was shot to death in his mistress' living room by an unknown assassin. Investigators believe he was killed in a dispute with Lansky and other mobsters over control of the Flamingo.

In 1960, Lansky was paid a $200,000 secret finder's fee when the Flmaingo was sold by Albert Parvin to the group headed by Lansburgh and Cohen of Miami Beach.

WHEN LANSKY was arrested two months ago by Florida Department of Law Enforcement agents on a charge of unlawful possession of a barbiturate, agents found in his list of telephone numbers the name and number of the local Flamingo Hotel agent.

Lansky had three phone numbers for Adolph (Ad) Schwartz who arranges junkets from Miami to the Flamingo.

Schwartz, who told The Herald he is an employe of the Flamingo, admitted he knows Lansky but "I don't have any business with him," he said.

While most past skimming investigations have concentrated on the movement of hidden funds from the actual casino floor, it is believed the Miami probe will examine the movement of cash payments from gamblers with credit accounts.

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# Employes of Casino Testify In Probe of Gambling Funds

By JAMES SAVAGE
Herald Staff Writer

Former Flamingo Hotel casino manager Chester Simms testified before the U.S. Grand Jury here Friday in the continuing probe of the movement of gambling money from Las Vegas to Miami.

Simms, dressed in a well-tailored blue suit and wearing black horn-rimmed glasses, met with the panel in closed session for half an hour, leaving the jury room at noon.

AFTER SIMMS was asked questions by U.S. Justice Department attorneys he was granted permission to leave the jury room several times to consult with his attorney, E. David Rosen.

Justice Department attorneys from Los Angeles and Miami are conducting the probe, using material gathered by Internal Revenue Service agents.

The investigation is centered on the movement of money from the Flamingo Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas to Miami.

Witnesses subpenaed to appear before the Grand Jury panel Thursday included several Flamingo employes who work in the hotel's New York City office.

RECORDS FROM that office were seized in a raid by IRS agents last August.

Others who appeared with Simms Friday included Flamingo casino employes Art Newman, Sam Belkin and Buddy Banner.

A source close to the investigation said that it may continue for months and that before it concludes several Cosa Nostra figures from the northeastern United States would probably be called to testify.

One of the first witnesses in the probe was Miami Beach hotelman Morris Lansburgh, who testified on May 28 before the Grand Jury.

Lansburgh, together with his Miami Beach partner Samuel Cohen, owned the Flamingo from 1961 to 1967. In addition to being casino manager, Simms held a 3.75 per cent ownership share with Lansburgh and Cohen.

In 1967 the Miami Beach group sold the Flamingo to multimillionaire Kirk Kerkorian.

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On June 12, 1970, at 3:05 p.m., MEYER LANSKY was observed entering [redacted] gold Chevrolet at 5001 Collins Avenue. An unknown white male was in the passenger's seat. b7C

At 3:11 p.m., they were observed stopping at the front of the Jefferson National Bank, 401 Arthur Godfrey Road.

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Jurisdiction in Drug Case at Issue

# Judge Orders Lansky Acquitted

By PAUL LEVINE
Herald Staff Writer

Organized-crime figure Meyer Lansky, the recipient of a directed verdict of acquittal on drug charges, walked happily out of a courtroom Thursday and left the state attorney's office fuming at a judge.

With two of his aging associates looking on, Lansky sat quietly as Criminal Court Judge Carling Stedman declared him innocent of illegal possession of barbiturates.

A HEARTY "Mazel Tov" (congratulations) was directed toward Lansky from the direction of Gaetano (Tony) Ricci and Phil (the Stick) Kovolick. Ricci, 76, of Hollywood, spent his colorful career with Al Capone, Frank Costello and others involved in bootlegging, gambling and prostitution. Kovolick, 61, also of Hollywood, has known Lansky since Prohibition, when he was associated with the Bugs and Meyer mob of Prohibition days, run by Lansky and the late Benjamin (Bugsy) Siegel.

Prosecutor Al Sepe, assistant state attorney, did not share the enthusiasm.

He stormed out of the courtroom before Stedman finished his short statement on the acquittal, in which the controversial judge did not give the specific reason for his finding.

"The state has failed to prove the material allegations, and this is fatal to the prosecution," Stedman told the jury in ordering that the defense need not present its case.

Stedman may have tipped off his decision, however, moments earlier after hearing arguments on a motion for the directed verdict. Defense lawyer Joseph Varon, of Hollywood, maintained that the state could not prosecute Lansky for possession of the drug because it was discovered in a search conducted on federal property — the U.S. Customs enclosure at Miami International Airport.

"'DO WE HAVE jurisdiction over the port customs office?'" Stedman asked, reading his own remarks of seven months ago in a drug case ruling. "'I realize it is within the geographic confines of Dade County, but isn't it under lease to the federal government? I am seriously wondering if we have jurisdiction over such an offense. In offenses committed in the Everglades National Park and the Miccosukkee Nation we don't, but it is in Dade County, but do we have jurisdiction of this?"

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Regardless of his serious wondering, however, Stedman denied the motion to suppress in that case, involving possession of marijuana. He reversed himself Thursday in ordering the directed verdict to Lansky.

Sepe, who will seek Stedman's bench seat in the September primary, declined comment after a hasty exit from the courtroom.

Lansky, often called the "chairman of the board of organized crime," sat silently throughout the daylong trial.

Wearing a gray bow tie, white shirt and blue sport coat, the 67-year-old financial wizard of the underworld said afterward he needed barbiturate tablets for his stomach.

"DO YOU HAVE an ulcer?" a reporter asked the longtime gangland figure.

"Three of them," Lansky said patting his stomach. "I've had them for 12 years."

Customs officials confiscated an unmarked bottle containing 154 tablets of Donnatal, a common barbiturate often used by ulcer patients. They found three other bottles of pills in prescription bottles.

The bottle was taken from Lansky shortly after his flight arrived from Acapulco, Mexico. "Some were for my stomach, some for a heart condition," Lansky said.

It is illegal to possess the drug without it being in prescription container.

Varon implied there was a simple explanation for the charges, which never reached the jury.

"If the defendant were John Smith instead of Meyer Lansky," he said, "there never would have been a prosecution."

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On June 22, 1970, SA [redacted] observed MEYER LANSKY and [redacted] at 12:55 p.m. in a bronze Chevrolet Impala [redacted] in the vicinity of West Dixie Highway and 135th Street;

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On July 2, 1970, the Seattle FBI Office noted that the subject stayed a short time at the Winthrop Hotel in Seattle and thereafter visited [redacted] b7C

The Seattle FBI Office noted no apparent record of the subject's activities while in the Seattle division.

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# THE LITTLE BIG MAN WHO LAUGHS AT THE LAW

by Nicholas Gage

When Maier Suchowljansky arrived on Ellis Island from Grodno, Russia, in 1911, his mother, in all the confusion, could not remember the day or even the month in which he had been born nine years earlier. So the immigration officials gave him July 4 as a birthdate, hoping, perhaps, to instill in the boy a sense of patriotism and high aspirations.

In many ways Maier Suchowljansky, who Americanized his name to "Meyer Lansky," lived up to that hope. He became so patriotic that he moved heaven and earth to get his older son into West Point. He is an ardent supporter of U. S. involvement in Vietnam. As for material success, he set his aspirations high and has achieved the directorship of a network of enterprises as big as General Motors. His personal fortune is estimated to be somewhere between $100 million and $300 million.

The thing that sets Meyer Lansky apart from most men who have achieved the American Dream is his line of business. He chose to pursue his ambitions not in steel or oil, not in automobiles or banking, but in crime. In that field he is as much of a visionary and innovator as Andrew Carnegie



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Henry Ford, and John D. Rockefeller were in theirs. Lansky's career has been long and mysterious, but federal law enforcement authorities have followed it with interest. The information they have collected makes it possible to piece together an outline of the Lansky story. Lansky is the main architect of the giant conglomerate that is organized crime in the United States. Forty years ago he helped pull together a group of rival gangs, including the Mafia, into a national network and then proceeded to shape it into a silent, streamlined colossus which is now, in his own words, "bigger than U. S. Steel."

As a director of the organized crime syndicate, of which the Mafia is the biggest branch, Lansky is so powerful that he controls legitimate corporations, runs a gambling network that stretches from Las Vegas to Beirut, and "buys" whole governments with bribes. Even the U. S. Navy once had to plead for his help.

He has convinced the syndicate to de-emphasize such high-risk enterprises as narcotics, prostitution, and murder-by-contract, and enter new fields such as banking, investments, manufacturing, and real estate by using thousands of fronts, some so sophisticated they may never be penetrated. In addition, he has developed new ways to promote the most lucrative traditional source of income—gambling—in the Caribbean, England, Europe, and the Middle East.

Lansky the man is a fascinating series of contradictions. His personal style is radically different from that of the cigar-smoking professional mobster portrayed by Edward G. Robinson in *Little Caesar* or by Rod Steiger in *Al Capone*. At sixty-eight, Lansky is gray-haired, short, thin, even ascetic in appearance. In many ways he is indistinguishable from a succesful investment broker on a two-week Miami Beach vacation from Scarsdale. His suits are conservative in cut, and his home, until recently, was a modest three-bedroom ranch-style house in Hallandale, Florida, a suburb of Miami. He drives (rented) Chevrolets, walks the family dog, and goes home every night to his wife. He brags about the grandchildren, takes his wife with him on annual vacations to Europe, and carefully shields her from contacts with his underworld friends. On the few instances when he was pushed into the public spotlight, Lansky showed occasional flashes of dry humor and an apparently relaxed, quiet demeanor.

About a year ago Lansky sold the house in Hallandale and moved to a beachfront apartment building with tight security at 5001 Collins Avenue in Miami Beach, a short walk from the Fontainebleau and Eden Roc Hotels. He reportedly made the move because he feared that the suburban home exposed him to the danger of being kidnapped for ransom by the Young Turks in the underworld, a fate that befell some New York gang leaders in late 1968.

It would be out of character for Lansky to go around trailed by a string of bodyguards. It would also belie the image he tries to maintain of a retired businessman living off moderate investments. Instead, he counts for protection on the FBI agents who have been tailing him for over a decade. Rather than trying to shake his shadows in traditional crime-movie style, he carefully slows down whenever he notices the FBI car has fallen behind, to give it a chance to catch up.

When he does feel that the law is crowding him too much, however, Lansky resorts to a favorite ploy—he pretends to be a very sick man, close to death. Whenever the heat is on—an investigation made public, a grand jury inquiry, a new task force of federal crime-fighters on his trail—the story starts to go around that Lansky is dying of cancer or some other terminal illness. A report in the files of the New York State Police, dating from the 1920s, states that there's no need to worry about Meyer Lansky's criminal abilities, because he can't survive the year. This report, to paraphrase Mark Twain, was greatly exaggerated. Lansky today is in the pink of health and looks ten years younger than his age. "He'll probably live to be a hundred," says an old friend and former racketeer.

Like any good businessman with a social conscience, Lansky makes occasional contributions to charity, but he is careful to make them small, in keeping with his image. They are usually between $2500 and $5000 and are given to reputable institutions. Lansky has made at least two small contributions to Brandeis University at the behest of his friend Joseph Linsey, a Boston businessman with underworld associations who is a large contributor to the university. Lansky has a 1962 letter from Abram Sachar, former president of Brandeis, thanking him for a contribution arranged by Mr. Linsey.

Even Lansky's tax returns, it is said, portray a retired investor living in moderate comfort off the return of a few prudent holdings. Lansky can justify every expenditure to the last cent, and he often doesn't take even the deductions to which he is entitled. For example, his holdings include $90,000 worth of oil and gas leases which he bought in 1960 from Sam Garfield, a Michigan businessman who, over the years, has been associated in a number of deals with Lansky. To justify the sudden possession of such a large amount of cash, Lansky made it known first that he received a loan from a friend for $90,000 and then started making payments to Garfield. He is still drawing dividends from this investment, which is quite legal and helps him justify some of his modest expenditures.

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Another ploy used to ...tify his income came to light last November when the Toronto *Telegram* told the story of a bemused Toronto stockbroker who, not knowing who Lansky was, agreed to arrange the purchase of $250 worth of mining claims in Canada for him. According to federal officials, four months later Lansky had the broker handle the sale of the same mining claims to two New Yorkers for $40,000. Lansky subsequently claimed the $38,750 "profit" on the deal as a capital gain and paid tax on it much to the dismay of the Internal Revenue Service. The IRS believes that Lansky himself had given the New Yorkers the $40,000 to buy the claims and thereby legitimatize or "dry clean" nearly $40,000 of mob profits. Because the deal had taken place in Canada, there was no legal action the IRS could take.

In spite of being one of the richest and most powerful men in the United States, Lansky maintains his modest life-style down to the last detail, and with good reason. He has only to reminisce on the fate of his more flamboyant colleagues to be reminded of what happens to gangsters who flaunt their wealth. He started out with men like Joe Adonis, Frank Costello, Vito Genovese, Louis Lepke, Lucky Luciano, Dutch Schultz, and Bugsy Siegel. All loved to let their money show, and all wound up either executed, assassinated, deported, imprisoned, or deposed.

So Lansky hides his wealth and courts anonymity with a passion worthy of Howard Hughes. His phone number is unlisted and is changed periodically. When the phone rings, he never answers it personally but has his wife tell everyone but his closest friends that he is not home. He has never willingly given an interview. During the past year, I have written him several letters asking for interviews for this article and other assignments, but he has never answered any of them. A few months ago I was in Miami Beach driving slowly near where he lives when I caught sight of him, deeply tanned and comfortably dressed in dark blue trousers and a lightly checked blue shirt, casually walking his dog in front of his apartment house. But his sharp eyes caught my car slowing to a stop, and he quickly led his dog, a miniature Tibetan Shih Tzu named Bruiser, into his apartment house before I could reach him.

Whenever Lansky is called before a grand jury or an investigating committee, reporters try to catch him outside the jury rooms. Most of the time they fail. He has the building where he is to appear carefully scrutinized beforehand and usually knows some side exit he can use to slip out undetected. And on the few occasions reporters have managed to catch up to him, he has proven quite deft at not answering questions. When James Savage, a Miami *Herald* reporter, cornered him after a grand jury appearance ...st year and asked him for a comm... on the proceedings, Lansky smiled and shook head. "I don't want to take the drama out of y... stories, so I don't think I'll say anything," he repli... At another grand jury appearance six mon... ago he was stopped by Hank Messick, a vete... investigative reporter who has written several bo... on the underworld, and once again Lansky turn... away questions with carefully chosen quips. "... least you have a sense of humor," Messick remark... after he gave up trying to get any direct answ... "If you don't have a sense of humor, you don't h... anything," Lansky said with a grin, and wal... away.

He seldom goes out, and when he does, it is o... to restaurants and clubs operated by old friends... the rackets. Word goes out early that "Joe Mey... (Lansky's favorite code name) will be visiting t... evening. A quiet table in a dark corner is selec... and kept in readiness so he doesn't have to w... He likes plain food and one, at most two, bourb... before dinner. He has never been a heavy drinke... a ladies' man. He smokes cigars after meals ... cigarettes in between. He is greatly concerned ab... the health dangers associated with cigarettes, ... hasn't managed to quit, and he doesn't like the t... of filtered cigarettes, so he uses a three-inch cigar... holder, which he believes helps keep out tar ... nicotine.

Lansky's main pleasures are simple. He likes travel, to go for walks, and to lie in the sun. O... he can be seen stretched out on a reclining chai... the swimming pool of the Eden Roc Hotel, near... apartment house, soaking up the sun. He is onl... feet 4 inches tall, and in swimming trunks he l... the rather imposing presence he commands ot... wise. He likes to walk so much that he sometimes... terrupts his meetings to go for a stroll on the be...

At least once a year Lansky goes to Europe with... wife, but he manages to combine business ... sightseeing. In his hotel rooms, where he spe... most of his time, the Syndicate's overseas represe... tives come to report to the chairman. Mrs. La... is never introduced to any of these men, and ... meetings are never held in her presence.

These and other signs indicate that Lansky k... his wife, an attractive sometime-blonde tw... years his junior, at least partially in the dark a... his real wealth and position. On the rare occas... when they go out together, he is careful to tip n... less than when he is with friends or dining a... When a reporter once knocked on the door of... Lanskys' Hallandale home, Mrs. Lansky infor... him through the screen door that her husband ... "misunderstood by the press and the FBI."

Lansky's "office" is often a guarded room a... Singapore Hotel, one of several Miami Beach h... under his control. From there he formulates p... issues instructions, and divides the money that ... ...ers bring in from Las Vegas, the Bahamas,

from the various other sources of syndicate wealth.

Never far from his side are Vincent ("Jimmy Blue Eyes") Alo, representing the Mafia, and Sam Tucker, the delegate for a Midwestern group of gangsters known as the Cleveland syndicate. By about 4 P.M. every day, Lansky stops working and heads for his apartment, often accompanied by his brother and chief lieutenant, Jake Lansky.

Like many another self-made millionaire, Lansky adheres to a brand of politics that is distinctly right-wing. On Vietnam, for example: "He thinks we should go in there and blow Hanoi to pieces," says an acquaintance. "He's really disgusted with all these demonstrations against the war."

Lansky's fervent conservatism and anti-Communism may have something to do with the end Fidel Castro put to his flourishing gambling setup in Cuba in 1959. But there are those, such as one federal agent, who believe that a right-wing outlook is concomitant with underworld success. "A lot of your mob chiefs are fierce conservatives," he says. "They're guys who came to this country with nothing and who did very well here, who found this a land of plenty. So, in the right-wing sense of the word, they're quite the ardent patriots."

Lansky is so patriotic, in fact, that in 1949 he used all the political influence at his command to win an appointment to West Point for his older son, Paul. He was nominated by the late New York State Supreme Court Justice Arthur G. Klein, who was then a congressman. Paul Lansky did fairly well at the school and rose to the rank of captain in the Air Force before resigning in 1963 to begin an engineering career on the West Coast. He now lives in Tacoma, Washington, with his wife and children and is a respected member of his community. To keep Paul's life from being affected by the Lansky name, Meyer has spread the rumor that his son broke with him several years ago and that they have not spoken to each other in a long time. This is not true, however. Lansky talks frequently with Paul on the telephone, sees his son whenever he can, and speaks proudly to his friends of the kind of life Paul has made for himself.

Lansky has two other children, another son and a daughter. The son, Bernard, who is known as Buddy, lives in a comfortable house near his father's old home in Hallandale, and is often seen in supervisory positions in hotels and motels in which Meyer is said to have an interest. Lansky is very close to Bernard, who has been partially crippled since childhood, and spends a lot of time with him. Lansky's daughter, Sandra, has been married twice and had a reputation as a swinger when she was young.

Most Italians in the underworld share the opinion of Angelo ("Gyp") De Carlo, who, in a phone conversation taped by the FBI in New Jersey, referred to Lansky as the most respected non-Italian in the underworld. "There's only two Jews recognized in the whole country today," he said. "That's Meyer and . . . Moe Dalitz, but he [Dalitz] ain't got much recognition." (Dalitz is one of the founders of the uniquely successful "Cleveland syndicate," and until recently the man responsible for supervising the underworld's investments in Las Vegas.)

Lansky is easily the most heeded underworld leader, and for several good reasons. First, he has survived longer than anyone else in the underworld. In his fifty years in crime he has spent only three months in jail. Second, anyone who has associated himself with Lansky has made big money. Third, and most important, he possesses the best brain.

It was Lansky who developed the worldwide network of couriers, middlemen, bankers, and frontmen that allows the underworld to take profits from illegal enterprises, to send them halfway around the world and then have the money come back laundered clean to be invested in legitimate businesses.

The way this works is beautifully simple. Lansky's couriers take the Mafia's "black money"—profits from illegal activities—to secret bank accounts in Switzerland, where the money is "washed clean in the snow of the Alps," as the joke goes. What happens is that middlemen in Europe take the money out of the accounts and route it back to the states through various devices such as mortgages and loans. This "clean money" is then used for legitimate investments. There is no way to find out the ultimate source of the money because it can be traced back only to the Swiss banks, and they won't divulge the names of depositors.

Occasionally, however, there is a rent in the veils concealing the underworld's money-laundering operations, providing a glimpse of the faces of the men behind them. And law enforcement officials are not surprised to find that many of the faces are easily recognizable as close friends and associates of the crime boss.

In early 1967, for example, a group of gangsters tried to defraud the Chase Manhattan Bank of almost $2 million, using the Exchange Bank of Geneva, Switzerland, as a cover. The fraud was uncovered before the money was transferred to the Geneva bank, and an immediate investigation was launched that ultimately resulted in an indictment of the bank as a co-conspirator in the caper.

The investigation revealed that the Swiss bank had served as a "laundry shop" for Mafia money for years. It was also discovered that the bank was owned by a group of Americans. The two principal owners were New York brassiere manufacturers with clean records. But other owners included Edward Levinson, the former Las Vegas casino operator who works for the Lansky syndicate, and Benjamin Siegelbaum, another Lansky associate.

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that he was given a sentence of fifty years in prison.

Dewey thus eliminated some of the Syndicate's most powerful leaders, but in an indirect way he did the organization a favor. By compelling many of the remaining leaders, rather parochial at first, to leave New York, he forced them to spread their operations and make the Syndicate truly national.

Lansky, for one, built a whole new empire in southern Florida and the Caribbean by imitating the Cleveland group, particularly in the use of bribes to secure the cooperation of police officials and politicians.

How well the bribes worked was dramatized in the Kefauver Committee hearings several years later. Walter Clark, sheriff of Broward County, Florida, from 1933 to 1952, admitted, for example, that he not only provided "special policing" for Lansky's illegal gambling establishments but also deputized the men who drove armored cars carrying cash from casinos to the bank.

With Florida secure, Lansky went on to Cuba in 1937 to see what he could do about expanding his operations to the island. He found a willing listener in Fulgencio Batista, the former army sergeant then in power, and the two made plans for turning Havana into a playground for the rich. World War II, however, put an end to this initial effort. "There weren't any boats on the seas," Lansky later told the Kefauver Committee. "You can't live from the Cuban people themselves."

During the war Lansky played a key role in one of the strangest deals in which the U. S. government has ever been involved—Operation Underworld. The full story has never been told. But as it was outlined during the Kefauver hearings, Naval Intelligence decided that it needed the help of the Mafia to protect East Coast shipping from sabotage. Lucky Luciano was the only man who could arouse the Mafia to such service, but he was still in prison—and not likely to be feeling patriotic.

The Navy turned to Luciano's attorney, Moses Polakoff, who promised to talk to his client. But he said he needed someone with him whom Luciano would trust—Meyer Lansky. For several months Polakoff and Lansky visited Luciano regularly, and ultimately got some kind of agreement from him. (Luciano owed Lansky a big favor and was undoubtedly happy for the opportunity to pay him back. When Luciano was trying to rise to the top of the Mafia, Lansky made room for him by having some of his men kill the then head of the group, Salvatore Maranzano.)

How much Luciano's cooperation contributed to the nation's welfare is still a military secret, but it certainly contributed to Luciano's welfare. Lucky was paroled at the war's end and allowed to return to his native Italy, on the condition that he wouldn't again set foot in the Western Hemisphere.

In exile Luciano continued to influence the Syndicate, but actual leadership passed to a triumvirate that included Joe Adonis, Frank Costello, and Meyer Lansky. At this time, however, Lansky ran into a series of problems that kept him from enjoying his new prestige. First, his ally Fulgencio Batista failed to hold the presidency in Cuba, and Lansky had to postpone his plans for developing Havana to his liking.

Second, his personal life got quite complicated. Right after the war, Lansky met Thelma Schwartz, a manicurist at a New York hotel, and decided to marry her. But he was already married to the former Anna Citron, the mother of his children, and he had to persuade Anna to give him a divorce and to allow him the companionship of the three children. Finally, to add to his problems, Lansky's old friend Bugsy Siegel was causing trouble for the Syndicate. He was spending too much of its money to build the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas. And he was ignoring advice and getting involved in a faction struggle for control of the wire service supplying bookies with racetrack information.

These infractions were not serious enough in themselves to warrant severe action, but Siegel was showing the kind of growing independence and recklessness that threatened the subtle organization that men like Lansky were building. So, early in 1947, Syndicate leaders met in a Havana hotel suite with Lucky Luciano, who had sneaked back temporarily from Italy, to decide what to do about Bugsy. What transpired is not known, but it is certain that Lansky, a man who would not hesitate to put the organization above loyalty to an old friend, went along with the decision reached at the meeting.

On June 20, 1947, Siegel was sitting in the Beverly Hills home of his mistress, Virginia Hill, when two steel-jacketed slugs from an army carbine tore through the window and into his face. One slug smashed the bridge of his nose and drove into his left eye. The other entered his right cheek, passed through the back of his neck and shattered his vertebra. His right eye was later discovered on the dining room floor 15 feet away.

The Flamingo Hotel, which had gotten Siegel into trouble, started paying dividends the very day he was shot. Lansky, one of the original twenty-odd investors, got back the $62,500 he had put up many times over. And so did other Syndicate leaders. They went on to build bigger and better hotels and casinos and to make even more money, thanks to a large degree to the ill-fated Bugsy. For it was Siegel who had awakened them to the gold in Las Vegas years before, when all they could see there was sand. In the end, however, it didn't help him much.

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With most of his problems now solved, Lansky worked feverishly to take advantage of the postwar boom by launching hundreds of new operations all over the country

He started real estate companies in several states; set up jukebox distribution outlets in Baltimore, Philadelphia, and New York; opened a string of new casinos that stretched from Miami, Florida, to Saratoga, New York, and bought into several television manufacturing and servicing companies.

The money from all these ventures came rolling in with such speed that even Lansky had difficulty counting it. Records show that two of his illegal casinos in Florida—Greenacres and La Bohème—brought in $1.6 million during one four-month period in 1949 alone.

Then in 1950 the Kefauver Committee turned the spotlight on Lansky, and America caught a glimpse of his power for the first time. The heat the committee generated forced officials in Florida and New York to shut down his casinos and to make noises about sending him to prison. He was indicted for gambling violations in both states, and an effort was started to have him deported. But in the end he served only a three-month sentence in New York—the first and last time Lansky ever went to jail.

When he got out, he headed for Cuba to revive his dream of turning Havana into a gambling paradise. His old friend Batista, who had won back the presidency in 1952 with Syndicate financing, gave him free reign.

Lansky turned Cuba into a gambling monopoly for himself and selected Syndicate friends. He had a law passed which allowed gambling only in hotels worth $1 million or more, and proceeded to build the only hotels that would qualify. To safeguard his employees, he had Cuban immigration regulations adjusted so his dealers, pit bosses, and stickmen would be classified as "valuable technicians."

During this period the ruling triumvirate in the Syndicate began to break up. First, Joe Adonis was deported to Italy, and then Frank Costello was persuaded to retire, not because of old age or poor health, but because of overexposure. He was too well identified with crime to remain the leader of the kind of organization the Syndicate was becoming. (Shortly afterward Costello was replaced as head of the Mafia as well. He did not protest either demotion and was allowed to go on living.)

As soon as he became the primary force in the underworld, Lansky began instituting a number of changes that enabled the Syndicate to penetrate deep into the economic life of America. He curtailed the practice of buying up small companies through friends and relatives. Such men always turned out to be more loyal than competent, and the businesses never got very far. Instead, he started sending Syndicate money to numbered accounts in Europe, where authorized middlemen would take it and lend it to American executives in quick need of capital. "Some of the biggest land acquisitions have been financed with Syndicate money from Europe," says a Securities and Exchange Commission official.

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To represent the Syndicate in the sophisticated businesses it was financing, Lansky began recruiting bright young men with no links to the underworld, and training them in the art of being invisible, which he has perfected. These men will be the inheritors of power in organized crime, making the job of law enforcement officials in the future even more difficult than it is now. "At least the old bunch had records and we knew them," says one police official. "It will take us years just to identify this new button-down breed. And some we'll probably never know."

The admiration Lansky won for his innovations was slightly tarnished in 1959 when he lost Cuba to Fidel Castro. Lansky flew out of Havana the same day as Batista, but he left his brother Jake behind to see if he could arrange a deal with Castro's men. Not only did the Cuban revolutionaries refuse to play ball, but they kept Jake hostage for twenty-five days before letting him return to Florida.

Lansky was so angry he called a meeting of the Syndicate board and persuaded it to put up a $1 million price on Castro's head. It was partly this bounty that worried U. S. officials when Castro later visited New York for a UN session and refused to abide by security restrictions. But the concern was unnecessary. By that time Lansky had withdrawn the bounty. Never a man to live in the past, he had become resigned to losing Cuba and was already focusing on the Bahamas.

In 1963 a plush new hotel, the Lucayan Beach, was built in Freeport on Grand Bahama Island by a group of companies under the control of Wallace Groves, an ex-convict who settled on the island twenty years ago. Just before the Lucayan Beach was finished, Groves won permission from the Bahamian government to open a casino in the hotel.

Soon after it opened, the casino was running with professional efficiency worthy of the best gambling parlors controlled by Lansky in Las Vegas. And with good reason. The men in charge turned out to be three longtime Lansky associates—Max Courtney, Frank Ritter, and Charles Brudner. Another key operative was Dan ("Dusty") Peters, a Lansky courier of long and loyal service, who was observed making frequent trips to Miami Beach for meetings with Lansky.

Then in 1966 it was revealed that some of the highest officials in the United Bahamian Party had received secret payments from several companies controlled by Groves. Sir Stafford Sands, then minister of finance and tourism, actually got some $1.8 million.

Sands later acknowledged to a Commission of Inquiry that Lansky had offered him $2 million in 1960 to permit gambling on Grand Bahama, but said he turned the gangster down. The $1.8 million

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he received from the Groves companies, he insisted, was for "consultant and legal fees."

The revelations toppled the United Bahamian Party from power. Sands left the Bahamas for a castle he owns in Spain, and Lansky's men were expelled from the islands by the new party. Fear of Lansky's continued influence in the Bahamas has remained strong, however, so that when one of the new managers of the Lucayan Beach casino was observed fraternizing with Lansky in Miami Beach recently, the present operators of the casino quickly dismissed him.

With the heat on in the Bahamas, Lansky turned his attention to the growing number of casinos that were opening in England, Europe, and the Middle East. In England, for example, hundreds of small casinos and several large ones were launched after Parliament permitted gaming under certain conditions in 1960. It was not surprising then that Lansky's man Dino Cellini showed up as manager of the Colony Club, a posh casino in London's Berkeley Square, after being kicked out of the Bahamas.

Cellini was followed by another old Lansky friend, George Raft. The actor's associations with underworld figures go back to his pre-movie days, when he was associated with Owney ("The Killer") Madden. His trip to Hollywood was financed by the mob, and it was he who introduced Bugsy Siegel to Hollywood society in the late 1930s. Over the years Raft has been a front for a travel agency in California and a supermarket in Arizona. And he worked for Lansky at the El Casino de Capri in Havana, ostensibly as an entertainment director, until Castro closed the place down.

Both Cellini and Raft were expelled by British authorities, and the Colony Club closed down, but their departure in no way ended Lansky's interest in English casinos. He merely turned to less identifiable fronts recruited from the local gentry. At present Lansky is known to control at least five major casinos in England, mainland Europe, and the Middle East, and to be shopping around for others.

Lansky does not seem concerned about the drive against organized crime being mounted by the Justice Department in places like New Jersey. This may be due to the confidence he has that he can weather such storms, or it may be due to feelings attributed to him by a Miami underworld figure who says he knows Lansky well. "Lansky and a lot of other guys are banking on the fact that Florida seems to be President Nixon's favorite state, a place he likes to visit a lot and where he has a lot of friends. If the spotlight was turned on down here, it would make New Jersey look like small potatoes, and a lot of guys figure Nixon is not going to let that happen."

The Justice Department is not forgetting Lansky, however. It has beefed up its task force on organized crime in Miami, and has sent one of its better agents to head it. One of the primary targets of the task force is Meyer Lansky. The gang leader was more than a little surprised upon returning to Miami recently from an underworld conference in Mexico to find himself being arrested for possession of drugs without a prescription. The charge has served notice on the crime boss that he is not going to be left alone to savor his millions.

At an age when several of his old partners in crime are selling their interests in the Syndicate, setting up trusts for their children, and retiring, grateful to have the chance to die of natural causes, Lansky is still scanning the world for new outlets for Syndicate activities. He has more money than he can use, and at present has very little opportunity to enjoy it. He has reached the top of the ladder unscathed, while the closest friends of his youth ended up behind bars, deported, or executed in gangland killings. Why doesn't he cash in his chips and retire?

The only answer that seems to make sense is that he thrives on the challenges that go with being in the vanguard of organized crime. Just as his former idol Bugsy Siegel always had a secret yen to be a movie star, Lansky always wanted to be a powerful business executive. In a thoroughly unorthodox manner, he has achieved his goal. He sees the Syndicate as a huge corporation whose growth and profits depend on his efforts. The new generation of Syndicate members with Brooks Brothers suits and degrees in accounting look to him for guidance. Henry Ford and Andrew Carnegie could not give up the risks and challenges of a lifetime at sixty-five, and neither can Lansky.

He spent most of his life trying to reach a position where he could really play the big executive—developing plans for vast new enterprises around the world, making decisions that involve millions. The official files on Lansky indicate that he has extorted, robbed, and murdered to get where he is, and he just can't give it all up now, even though he can never enjoy the great wealth he has amassed as long as he goes on. Meyer Lansky, a victimizer of men and laws for half a century, is himself a victim of his own dream. □



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# Lansky Hotelman Named in Probe Of Profit Skimming

By MARGARET CARROLL
Herald Staff Writer

Meyer Lansky, one of the nation's top racketeers, and Miami Beach hotelman Morris Lansburgh are central figures in a Miami federa Grand Jury's investigation of casino profit-skimming in Las Vegas.

Lansky, investment genius for organized crime, was the $200,000 middleman when the Flamingo Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas was sold to Morris Lansburgh and other investors in 1961.

LANSKY, Lansburgh, and one of Lansburgh's old Flamingo partners, hotelman Samuel Cohen, and two other persons, are getting the prime attention of the jury and the Justice Department's Organized Crime Division, according to an affidavit and pleadings filed by the government in conjunction with the jury probe.

Besides profit skimming, an illegal method of hiding taxable earnings, the jury is investigating charges of interstate transportation of stolen or converted property.

The other two headliners on the grand jury agenda are Chester Simms, former casino manager for the hotelmen, and Sam Belkin, former Flamingo employe.

Although it's been known that U.S. officials have been checking on profit-skimming allegations since last year, the filing of the papers was the first time that Lansky was publicly linked to their probe.

THE INVESTIGATION is limited to casino operations during the 1961-67 period when the Lansburgh-Cohen group was in control.

Joe Eaton during an immunity proceeding for Leo Samelson, once a Flamingo employe.

Samelson, it was learned Monday, was the second person to get immunity from prosecution in return for testimony to the Grand Jury.

The first was Bernard Cohen, manager of the Flamingo's New York office when Internal Revenue Service agents raided it last year.

THE IRS scooped up hordes of documents and later said Cohen accepted converted securities that had been shipped interstate. U.S. officials say the securities were gambler's IOUs that had been removed from the Flamingo casino to New York for under-the-table collections.

At the immunity proceeding for Samelson, Judge Eaton was informed that the Grand Jury was investigating "a conspiracy to defraud the U.S. . . . by Morris Lansburgh and others."

Other Justice Department material produced in court said that Samelson's testimony was vital in regard to "possible violations" of income tax law and interstate shipment law violations by "Samuel Cohen, Morris Lansburgh, Sam Belkin, Meyer Lansky, and Chester Simms."

Lansburgh, who runs Miami Beach's Eden Roc and the King's Inn and Golf Club in Freeport, appeared before the Grand Jury this May. He declined comment afterward.

Lansky, whose Prohibition partner the late Bugsy Siegel, built the Flamingo, was closely watched in the early 1960s when the federal government had an intensive, but not very productive, probe of profit-skimming it

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For the additbnal information of the Bureau and Miami, the 11/12/70, edition of the "NY Times" carried an article on LANSKY that was datelined 11/11/70, from Tel Aviv, Israel. The article said LANSKY was staying at the "Dan Hotel" and quoted LANSKY as saying "I haven't any set plans. I might pick myself up and leave tomorrow. I don't know."

The article went on to state that LANSKY and his wife are visiting Israel on 4 month tourist visas which expire at the end of November and according to the Ministry of the Interiro, they have not requested extension of their viasa, nor have the LANSKYs applied for permanent residence in Israel.

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Office: Miami, Florida

Field Office File #: 92-102

Bureau File #: 92-2831

Title: MEYER LANSKY

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Subject presently residing in Israel. Newspaper articles set forth.

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'Chairman' of U.S. Organized Crime

# Lansky in Israel;

# May Become Citizen



Meyer Lansky
...'seeks respect'

By JAMES SAVAGE
Herald Staff Writer

Meyer Lansky has been living in Israel for the past four months, and some experts believe the "chairman of the board" of U.S. organized crime may never return to this country.

Lansky and his wife, Thelma, have been based in Tel Aviv and traveling in the resort areas of Israel since July, and there are unconfirmed rumors that he soon will apply for Israeli citizenship.

ALTHOUGH the FBI would neither confirm nor deny the rumors about Lansky becoming an Israeli citizen, a federal source in New York said veteran Lansky-watchers expect him to stay in Israel.

If Lansky, 67, does remain in Israel, his voluntary exile from the United States would rank with the year's most significant events in the continuing war against organized crime, state and federal mob experts told The Herald.

"With a federal grand jury in Miami scrutinizing his past financial dealings in Las Vegas, and his sensitivity to the continuing publicity he's receiving, Lansky has little to look forward to here," a state agent said.

Internal Revenue agents working with federal prosecutors from Los Angeles have been presenting information for several months to a special Miami grand jury.

THE INVESTIGATION has revolved around the payment of gambling debts by Las Vegas gamblers who had credit accounts and paid off after taking junket trips to the Flamingo Hotel and Casino, federal sources said.

It's no secret that Lansky is the prime target for this and other continuing investigations.

Lansky probably could not be extradited back to the United States from Israel on Internal Revenue income tax charges if the current grand jury probe leads to indictments, The Herald was told.

Lansky's other worry, sources told The Herald, is the immunity squeeze that has led to the jailing of several top echelon New York Mafia leaders.

Jerry Catena, Angelo Bruno and other top Mafia dons have chosen to go to jail rather than testify after the government granted them complete immunity from prosecution in New York.

ONCE GRANTED complete immunity, a witness cannot refuse to testify under the Fifth Amendment, which guarantees freedom from self-incrimination.

Faced with the immunity dilemma, Lansky like the others would face jail for contempt of court or the unpleasant prospect of answering all of the government's questions under oath about his career in crime.

The continuing national publicity that Lansky has received during the past year, (Reader's Digest, described him as "public enemy No. 1,") has also taken its toll.

It's known that Lansky has been upset by the continuing publicity and the public exposure he received a few months ago when he stood trial and was acquitted here on a drug charge.

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# Lanskys 'Love' Israel

# But Won't Say

# How Much

By JAY BUSHINSKY
Special To The Herald

TEL AVIV — Visiting American mobster Meyer Lansky "loves" Israel, according to his wife Thelma, but she refused to say how long he intends to stay here or if he plans to return to the U.S.

Lansky, who has been visiting here on a temporary visa since July, occupies a luxurious suite in the seaside Dan Hotel.

The hotel is one of a chain owned by the so-called Miami group of Israeli investors which includes Samuel Friedland and Max Orovitz.

Lansky, whose role as the American underworld's top financial wizard has been the subject of national publicity, is currently under investigation by a federal grand jury in Miami.



Meyer Lansky
*... a luxury suite*

THERE has been widespread speculation that he intends to sell his condominium apartment on Miami Beach and live permanently in Israel.

Lansky himself was unavailable for an interview, but his wife did consent to speak frankly about the couple's current stay in this country. She skillfully dodged questions about her husband's reported decision to apply for Israeli citizenship and to take up residence in the Jewish state. Under Israel's unique "law of the return," no Jew can be denied entry or citizenship here. Exceptions have been made, though, in cases involving persons wanted abroad on criminal charges, but then only by direct order of the Ministry of the Interior.

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*"We live just like you or anyone else — maybe more quietly — and we have nothing to say to any newspaper."*

—Mrs. Meyer Lanksy

MRS. LANSKY said in the interview she had not slept for 24 hours: "I just got in off a plane — I'm terribly tired."

She refused to talk of her husband's present activities or future plans. "You must understand our position," she said. "Our privacy is being invaded, and we are entitled to some."

Despite the Lanskys' efforts to stay out of the limelight, their presence here has not gone unnoticed in the Hebrew press. One report published in an afternoon tabloid told of Lansky having spent some time chatting with Israeli Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir. When the cabinet official told him about Israel's terms for foreign investors, Lansky was quoted as saying: "Are you kidding? You're the real Mafia . . ."

A spokesman for the Finance Ministry promptly denied the story.

MRS. LANSKY broke her restraint only when asked about how she and her husband feel about Israel.

"I'm sure that Mr. Lansky loves Israel as I do. I was here several months ago and came back — I must like it. You don't come back to a place you don't like, do you?"

Many of the features of the U.S. commonly associated with persons whose careers parallel Lansky's are absent in Israel. Gambling casinos, racetracks and other betting enterprises are banned by law. The only legal game of chance played on a large scale in this country are the state lottery and "Supertoto," a weekly soccer pool. However, Lansky may have a certain amount of non-financial credit with some Israeli higher-ups if it is true that he has donated generously to various Jewish philanthropies.

ACCORDING to some published reports, Lansky has business interests in nearby Lebanon — a country to which one cannot travel directly from Israel but which can be reached easily by two one-hour flights using Cyprus as the transfer point.

Mrs. Lansky would not say where she and her husband have been going, who they have been seeing or how they have been spending their time while in Israel.

"We have nothing to offer The Herald, The Times or anyone else," she said.

"We live just like you or anyone else — maybe more quietly — and we have nothing to say to any newspaper." On these grounds, she said it would be "ridiculous" for Lansky to give an interview.

Commenting on the spate of news copy generated since she and her husband were reported by The Herald to be applying for Israeli citizenship, Mrs. Lansky said: "All these write-ups are so ridiculous and take up so much space and time in the papers that it's just utterly ridiculous."

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# Investor Quizzed

# on Casino

# Skimming

By MARGARET CARROLL
Herald Staff Writer

A former bank president and bigtime Miami Beach hotel investor was quizzed recently by federal officials about any hidden interests he or mobster Meyer Lansky may have had in Las Vegas casinos.

Rubin Zerlin, of 700 Northshore Dr., Miami Beach, who has been an equity investor in such hotels as the Deauville, appeared before a special federal Grand Jury in Miami, as the government expanded its many-faceted probe of how millions of untaxed dollars left Vegas.

THE FUNDS reportedly wound up in numbered bank accounts in Switzerland — a popular depository for U.S. mob money slated for investment in this country.

After he took the Fifth Amendment 17 times, Zerlin was granted immunity from prosecution by Federal Judge William Mehrtens and told to testify to the secret panel.

The Grand Jury and two U.S. Justice Department attorneys, Robert S. Thalle and Michael A. DeFeo, are concentrating on casino profit-skimming at the Flamingo Hotel in the 1960s.

Prime target of the investigation is Lansky, who is believed to be the investment brain for organized crime. He is now in Israel, where he may apply for citizenship.

LANSKY WAS paid a finder's fee when the Flamingo Hotel and Casino in Vegas was sold to Miami Beach hotelmen Morris Lansburgh and Samuel Cohen and other investors in 1960.

A partial transcript of the Miami Grand Jury proceedings revealed that the IRS believes that "millions of dollars yearly were omitted from the unreported income of the Flamingo Company" for about seven years.

The questions asked Zerlin revealed for the first time that the Grand Jury is also looking into possible violations of a law that prohibits the use of the U.S. mail to distribute the proceeds of an illegal gambling operation. (A Las Vegas gambling operation would be illegal, even though licensed by the state, if undisclosed owners or unreported income were involved.)

BESIDES THE mail law and tax-dodge allegations, the Grand Jury also is checking on whether extortion was used to collect any gambling debts farmed out to other cities from Vegas.

Zerlin, president of Nilrez Equity & Capital Inc., which paid $3.2 million for a luxury high-rise apartment building earlier this year, was told the jury's specific interest in him was any knowledge he had of where any skimmed profits ended up.

He took the Fifth Amendment to the following questions but presumably answered in secrecy before the Grand Jury after he was immunized:

● "WHAT WAS the nature of your ownership interest in the Flamingo Company" from 1960 to 1967?

● "HAS IT ever come to your attention from any source that Sam Cohen and Morris Lansburgh held ownership interests in the Flamingo Company in trust for other undisclosed owners besides yourself, including Meyer and Jake Lansky?"

Zerlin was also asked if he was aware that Bernard Cohen, who managed the Flamingo's New York office, "delivered the proceeds of collections of gambling debts to Morris Lansburgh and Chester Simms, one-time Flamingo casino manager.

DeFeo asked Zerlin if he ever caused any of the skimmed funds to be delivered to the Lansky brothers or to be deposited in Swiss banks.

Zerlin, once president of the Miami National Bank, was one of several persons who received immunity for testimony that the government believes may show possible violations by Lansburgh, Cohen, Lansky and others.

Lansburgh — who runs the King's Inn and Golf Club in Freeport — appeared before the Grand Jury in May.

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Additionally, the Ambassador, U.S. Embassy, Tel Aviv, recently expressed concern that subject resides on the street where the Ambassador's residence is located.

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TO: Director, FBI (92-2831)

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

SUBJECT: MEYER LANSKY, aka
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The Miami Office was visited on 1/27/71 by Mr. R. J. CAMPBELL, who identified himself as a Justice Department attorney. He advises he is in the process of setting up a Departmental Strike Force in Miami separate from the current Strike Force here. This group, composed of at least three attorneys including himself, will concentrate solely on MEYER LANSKY and his associates.

Mr. CAMPBELL states this move is upon the explicit instructions from Assistant Attorney General WILL WILSON. It is the intention of the Department to exert every effort to effect prosecution of LANSKY and/or his subordinates. Mr. CAMPBELL feels this can be accomplished only through the efforts of a Strike Force "team" and therefore his group is vitally interested in any and all results of our investigative efforts. He is especially desirous of ascertaining, if possible, LANSKY's activities while in Israel.

Mr. CAMPBELL was extended the full cooperation of this office. He advised he is proceeding back to Washington where he will prepare a memorandum outlining his proposed investigation and this will include request for intensive investigation by the FBI.

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February 2, 1971

SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Miami office has advised of contact by Departmental Attorney indicating a special strike force is being established in Miami area to concentrate on Meyer Lansky and associates looking toward prosecution.

Lansky is well-known underworld leader and prominent in major gambling enterprises. Since July, 1970, he has been residing in Israel and we have been advised he has sought to assume residential status. He has been subject of extensive investigation by Bureau and departed the United States because he believed he would be prosecuted and confined to jail in not too distant future. The Department is in possession of all investigative reports concerning Lansky.

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FROM MIAMI (92-102) (P)

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MEYER LANSKY, AKA, AR.

THE MIAMI OFFICE WAS RECENTLY PAID A VISIT BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY R.J. CAMPBELL, WHO STATES DEPARTMENT SETTING UP SEPARATE TASK FORCE IN MIAMI FOR PURPOSE INVESTIGATING LANSKY AND HIS ASSOCIATES. HE ADVISES HIS GROUP IS INTERESTED IN ASCERTAINING ACTIVITIES OF LANSKY IN ISRAEL. CAMPBELL SETTING UP TASK FORCE HERE WITH TWO FULL TIME ATTORNEYS IN ADDITION TO HIMSELF.

MIAMI STRIKE FORCE ATTORNEY IN CHARGE DOUGALD MC MILLAN ADVISED ONE INSTANT HE IS NOT AWARE OF SEPARATE TASK FORCE AS STATED ABOVE AND HAS NOT BEEN ADVISED OF THIS BY HIS SUPERIORS AT SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.

ABOVE FURNISHED FOR INFORMATION.

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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2831)

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

MEYER LANSKY, aka
AR
OO:Miami

Re Bureau airtel to Miami 1/19/71 and Legat, Tel Aviv, letter to Director 1/11/71.

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Enclosed herewith are two copies of an article by NICHOLAS GAGE entitled "The Little Big Man Who Laughs at The Law." This is a seven-page narrative article concerning subject, which is being left to the discretion of the Bureau as to whether to enclose with LHM for Legat, Israel.

1 cc Dated 1/31 {3 cc's to Legat, Tel Aviv
Photos copies of article

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

*In Reply, Please Refer to File No.*

92-102

Miami, Florida
February 5, 1970

RE: MEYER LANSKY

Records of United States Immigration and Naturalization Service, New York, New York, revealed that MEYER LANSKY was born on July 4, 1902 in Grodno, Poland. The records further show that LANSKY entered the United States under the name of MEYER SUCHOWLJANSKY aboard the "SS Kurek" at New York, New York, on April 4, 1911, and was admitted as a permanent resident. On September 27, 1928, MEYER LANSKY was naturalized in United States District Court, Eastern District of New York, at which time he changed his true name to MEYER LANSKY.

Subsequently, United States Attorney, Southern District of New York, instituted denaturalization proceedings. The charges against LANSKY were dismissed May 28, 1958 due to a lack of prosecutive evidence.

LANSKY commenced his criminal career during the 1920s in New York City as a muscleman in the alcohol wars which ensued as a result of the Prohibition Era and at that time was a member of the Owney Madden Bootleg Gang. He was associated in the New York criminal organization of LOUIS LEPKE BUCHALTER and BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL. The "Bug and Meyer Mob" expanded rapidly from New York to Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, and California. 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.

In the late 1930s, LANSKY, with BUGSY SIEGEL, became interested in gambling in the Las Vegas area and during that

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period LANSKY along with SIEGEL, FRANK COSTELLO, JOE ADONIS, and remnants of the AL CAPONE Gang in Chicago controlled all forms of gambling in Las Vegas. From 1946 to approximately 1950, LANSKY along with his brother, JAKE LANSKY, and VINCENT ALO were actively engaged in the operations of gambling casinos in the South Florida area. 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.

It was widely known in organized crime circles that no American gambler, gangster, or racketeer could work in Havana without LANSKY's approval. JAKE LANSKY became the casino boss at Havana's most luxurious place, The Hotel Nacional.

Subsequent to the fall of the BATISTA Regime in Cuba in 1958, the new communist regime of FIDEL CASTRO threw out LANSKY and all other Americans connected with gambling casinos.

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RE: MEYER LANSKY

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On March 4, 1970, pursuant to a search by United States Customs Agents after disembarking from a flight from Acapulco, Mexico, to Miami, an unlabeled plastic vial containing 154 tablets subsequently identified as donnatal was found in LANSKY's briefcase. Donnatal is a mild sedative having anti-spasmotic/anti-cholinergic properties used for nervous indigestion, etc.

On March 27, 1970, officers of the Florida Department of law enforcement arrested MEYER LANSKY pursuant to a violation of a Florida Statute which provides that no person may possess any prescription drug unless the prescription is obtained by a valid prescription given by a doctor. LANSKY was charged with both a felony and a misdemeanor under this statute. The maximum penalty under the felony would have been two years imprisonment, $1,000 fine, or both, and the misdemeanor maximum penalty was six months and/or a $500 fine.

On June 18, 1970, the Dade County, Florida, Trial Judge directed a verdict of acquittal for LANSKY stating that "the State has failed to prove the material allegations and this is vital to the prosecution."

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RE: MEYER LANSKY

The following is a physical description of MEYER LANSKY:

| | |
|---|---|
| Name | MEYER LANSKY |
| Address | 5001 Collins Avenue<br>Miami Beach, Florida |
| Race | White |
| Sex | Male |
| Height | 5'5½" |
| Weight | 140 Pounds |
| Hair | Brown/gray |
| Eyes | Brown |
| Date of Birth | July 4, 1902 |
| Place of Birth | Grodno, Poland |
| Scars | Left shoulder from operation |
| FBI Number | 791 783 |

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To: LEGAT, Tel Aviv - Enc. (7)

From: Director, FBI

MEYER LANSKY
AR
OO: Miami

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Re Legat let 1/11/71.

Enclosed are three copies of an LHM 2/5/71 setting forth background information on Lansky and his criminal record. Also enclosed are two copies of an article which appeared in "The Atlantic" magazine in July, 1970. Two photographs of Lansky are also enclosed.

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The article by Nicholas Gage contains several inaccuracies and is being made available to you as an example of the publicity and reputation involving Lansky. You should, of course, make it clear to anyone to whom you may desire making available a copy of this article that the FBI does not vouch for its authenticity or reliability.

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SUPPLEMENTAL CORRELATION SUMMARY
(See Correlation Summaries dated 12/31/62 and 2/16/67 filed as 92-2831-650 and 927)

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See also: 62-45602
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Subject: Meyer Lansky

Date searched: 9/27/70

All logical variations of subject's name and aliases were searched and identical references were found as set out on page 2:

This is a summary of information obtained from a review of all "see" references to the subject in Bureau files under the names and aliases listed on page 2. All references under these names containing data identical with subject have been included except any indicated at the end of this summary under the heading REFERENCES NOT INCLUDED IN THIS SUMMARY. References indicated in the block as SI contain the same information as the foregoing serial although the information may have been received from a different source.

THIS SUMMARY HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR USE AT THE SEAT OF GOVERNMENT AND IS NOT SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION. IT IS DESIGNED TO FURNISH A SYNOPSIS OF THE INFORMATION SET OUT IN EACH REFERENCE AND IN MANY CASES THE ORIGINAL SERIAL WILL CONTAIN THE INFORMATION IN MORE DETAIL.

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Lansky, The Bug
Lansky, Bugs
Lansky, Bugsey
Lansky, Bugs Meyer
Lansky, Bugsy Meyer
Lansky, Bugsy Meyers
Lansky, Charley The Bug
Lansky, Charlie The Bug
Lansky, Guy
Lansky, Lansky
Lansky, Little Bug
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Lansky, Meyer S.
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Lazansky, Meyer
Leiberman, Meyer
Lensky, Meyer
Lieberman, Meyer
Lieberman, Morris
Meyer, The Bug
Meyer, Bugs
Meyer, Bugsy
Meyer, Little
Meyer, Little Meyer
Meyers, Bugs
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Meyers, Bugsey
Meyers, Bugsy
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Add. info.....Additional information appearing in this reference which pertains to Meyer Lansky can be found in the mai file or elsewhere in this summary.

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The "New York Times," dated 7/1/59, in an article entitled, "Inquiry Ordered On Title I Award" revealed that Louis Pokrass, head of the Tele-King Corporation, 855 Sixth Avenue, NYC, described by Robert F Wagner, Mayor, City to New York, as a former business associate of Frank Costello, had been selected as a sponsor of a Title I slum-clearance project. The article further revealed that in 1951 Costello told the Kefauver Senate Crime Investigating Committee that he (Costello), Joe Adonis and Meyer Lansky, all notorious racketeers, were associated with Pokrass as investors in the Consolidated Televisio Company.

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The "New York Post" issue of 4/27/66, recorded the following concerning the entertainment invention Scopitone, of French origin, concerning which a Federal Grand Jury "has been digging into the background of the American manufacturer, and distributors. Scopitone is an electrical device that bears the same relationship to the jukebox that television does to radio. The grand jury interest has apparently been heightened by some of the names involved in the American distribution of Scopitone. They are names that command respect in the underworld. Among them are Gerardo (Jerry) Catena, Meyer Lansky, Vincent (Jimmy Blue Eyes) Alo and Thomas (Tommy Ryan) Eboli."

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It was noted that it was well established that Catena, Lansky, Alo and Eboli were among the most influential personalities in racketeering in the US and elsewhere.

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A Bureau memo enclosed pages from the "Congressional Record" (66-1731) dated 3/8/67, which set out on pages H2294-H2307 information regarding a statement by Congressman Paul A. Fino (R) New York, indicating he requested the Chairman of the Banking and Currency Committee to take under consideration the possibility of a committee inquiry into the relationship between American persons and financial institutions. He included an article from the "Saturday Evening Post" of 2/25/67, entitled "The Mafia: Shadow of Evil on an Island in the Sun" which commented on the activities of Meyer Lansky and his brother, Jake. The article stated "Federal agents estimate that at least a million dollars a month flowed back to the Mafia in the US through Lansky."

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On 4/3/69, SAs observed [redacted] and an unknown individual together in Miami Beach. This group went to the Diplomat Country Club and shortly thereafter, Meyer Lansky was also observed at that Club.

On 4/4/69, an attorney with the US Justice Department in Miami authorized issuance of subpoenaes requesting the appearance [redacted] before the Federal Grand Jury on 4/9/69. Also served with a subpoena was Lansky. On 4/9/69 these individuals all appeared before the Federal Grand Jury and took the 5th Amendment on all questions asked them.

The 4/9/69, issue of the "Chicago Sun-Times" contained an ar which indicated that the Grand Jury inquiry in Miami was apparently directed toward Jbhn Pullman, who was at that time in Lausanne, Switzerland. Pullman was believed to be the banking expert for syndic mobsters specializing in hiding their money in coded Swiss bank accoun This article also stated that Pullman was reportedly a bootlegging associate of Lansky during the prohibition era.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2831) DATE: 2/26/71

FROM : LEGAT, TEL AVIV (166-1) (P)

SUBJECT: MEYER LANSKY
AR

3/6/84
Classified by SP1GSK1 DmS
Declassify on: OADR 235, 255

Re Bureau airtel dated 2/17/71, with enclosures, Bureau airtel dated 1/19/71, and Tel Aviv letter dated 1/11/71.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM LEGAT TEL AVIV NR023

MEYER LANSKY, AR, 166-1, BUFILE 92-2831.

ON MARCH FOUR NINETEEN SEVENTYONE SUBJECT SERVED SUBPOENA BY EMBASSY CONSULAR OFFICER TO APPEAR MARCH TEN NEXT, MIAMI, FLORIDA, BEFORE U. S. GRAND JURY PROCEEDINGS. SUBJECT COMMENTED TO EFFECT THAT EARLY DATE OF MARCH TEN WAS "UNFAIR". HE DID NOT STATE WHETHER OR NOT HE WOULD HONOR SUBPOENA, BUT INDICATED HE WOULD PROCEED TO EMBASSY UNKNOWN DATE IN FUTURE TO OBTAIN GTR AND EXPENSE MONEY FOR TRAVEL. [redacted]

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ANY SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS LEARNED WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE BY CABLE.

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To: SACs, Miami
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From: Director, FBI (92-2831) - 1197

MEYER LANSKY
ANTI-RACKETEERING

By teletype dated 3/4/71, Legat, Tel Aviv has advised: On March 4, 1971, subject served subpoena by Embassy consular officer to appear March 10, next, Miami, Florida, before U. S. Grand Jury proceedings. Subject commented to effect that early date of March 10 was "unfair." He did not state whether or not he would honor subpoena, but indicated he would proceed to Embassy unknown date in future to obtain GTR and expense money for travel [redacted]

For information.

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TO DIRECTOR 92-2831

FROM MIAMI 92-102 1P

MEYER LANSKY, also known as ~~AKA~~; Anti-Racketeering ~~AR~~.

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HEARING HELD ~~USDC~~, U.S. District Court, ~~SDF~~, Southern District of Florida, MIAMI, WITH MOTION TO QUASH SUBPOENA SERVED ON LANSKY FOR HIS APPEARANCE TENTH LAST BEFORE ~~USGJ~~ Federal Grand Jury, MIAMI.

JUDGE C. CLYDE ATKINS UPHELD ISSUANCE OF SUBPOENA AND ORDERED LANSKY TO BE IN MIAMI ELEVENTH INSTANT.

LANSKY FAILED TO APPEAR IN MIAMI THIS DATE. [redacted]

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SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Meyer Lansky, notorious gambling czar and associate of La Cosa Nostra "bosses," failed to appear in U. S. District Court, Miami on 3/11/71, in answer to subpoena to testify before Federal Grand Jury.

Federal Grand Jury is conducting extensive investigation into criminal activities and associations of Lansky group. Lansky has been in Israel since July, 1970, and has applied for permanent residence there.

[redacted] Miami office is following this matter closely.

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Special Justice Dept. Strike Force Created To X-Ray Organized Crime by Tracing Lansky's Millions

By Victor Riesel

[redacted]

Washington: -- There is no more agile artful dodger than Meyer Lansky, reputedly the underworld's investment counselor; allegedly the financial consort of old Murder, Inc.; reportedly the "connection" between the combine, of which the late Vito Genovese was boss of bosses, and the men who bankroll the "other" mobs.

There have been reputable estimates that Meyer Lansky is worth the equal of the Kennedy family fortune -- about $400 to $500 million. But the specialists scoff. They say he's a poorer multimillionaire -- about $35 million. What does he do with his money? Where did he make it? Why did he know virtually all the gory characters of a grim underworld? Is he really their financial wizard? Is he truly the combination's specialist in infiltrating legitimate business?

Is this gentle, 68-year-old, grandfatherly "little man", who hasn't touched a gun in 40 years, if ever, the nearest thing to an untouchable, a national Mr. Big? Or is he just a real estate operator, an angle guy, a New York businessman who retired to Florida and hit some lucky jackpots?

That's all uncertain. But there is one very definite thing about Meyer Lansky -- he is the first man, to my knowledge, ever to rate a full-fledged, special Justice Dept. coordinated anti-crime strike force all to himself.

There are 17 federal strike forces. The first began in Buffalo, N.Y. The last one set up shop some weeks ago in Kansas City, Mo. They are geographic. The Lansky strike force is subject-oriented. It operates out of Washington. It is headed by a razor-sharp special attorney. And it has its full complement of Internal Revenue agents -- for it is digging deeply into Mr. Lansky's financial empire.

This strike force operation is a phantom force. Its operatives don't report to any one city at any one time. They are, for example, watching the Miami Grand Jury which had Lansky subpenaed in Tel Aviv about two weeks ago. He was requested to show at 9:30 a.m. in Miami on March 11.

Of course he didn't. He rarely does. And why should he? He's a tourist now, some 8,000 miles distant. But that grand jury is only one of the strike force's tools. It also is seeking his connections and possible monies "earned" from the old Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas.

However, that's just a probe into alleged skimming. The phantom strike force here wants to unravel Lansky's intricate books; his holdings, his hotels, his real estate developments; his connections with Wall Street operations, with some labor leaders and with the units of organized crime.

If this can be done, if his holdings -- in trucking; in transportation, even of old; in mines; in factories; in the juke box business; the television set production and distribution field, just to name a few endeavors -- can be traced to the beginning, the Justice Dept. may, for the first time, get to the hard core of "the organization."

Riesel certainly has a pipeline into Dept's Criminal Div. ++

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is a very daring concept. Certainly there are few others as diversified as Lansky. Or as capable of producing millions of dollars instantaneously. Not too long ago he was negotiating with a French firm for rights to a jukebox-TV combination.

The French businessmen said, fine, but really can you produce, what about putting up $5 million as a guarantee? Lansky left quietly. The next day he tossed a banker's check for $5 million on the table. It was drawn on a Swiss bank. Hundreds of millions of dollars could be at his fingertips.

If he wants money he does not need to call conferences as would some others of the combine to parcel out pieces of the action. He has it. And he is the one who can go to a politico, be it in Nassau,B.W.I., or any major American city, and say this is what you will get, this is your cut -- and the money will come.

Across his quiet path have come men such as Carlos Marcello of Louisiana, allegedly a member of the crime combine's National Commission,old Frankie Costello, the late "Dandy" Phil Kastel, and mobsters so powerful that they've been able to keep their anonymity through the years.

Lansky, who has been in everything from coal mining to electronics and lush gambling houses, has worked in tandem with the 66-year-old Vincent (Jimmy Blue Eyes) Alo of a posh Manhattan, West Side street just off Fifth Ave. Jimmy Blue Eyes is in the combine once headed by Vito Genovese. Which means that there is deep influence in some unions, much business, considerable politics and heavy investments.

The word from the wise is that if you want to make a connection with the Mafia combines you get to Lansky to get to Jimmy Blue Eyes. If you want to make it from the other side you get to Alo and he sits down with Lansky and the meet is made. It could be in an East 41st St. spot in New York or somewhere in San Francisco or Geneva, Switzerland.

Vincent Alo (according to such dedicated probers as New York State Senator John Hughes, head of the Joint Legislative Committee on Crime) took over from Frankie Costello as the reported "coordinator" of the national syndicate.

So the anti-crime strike force, devoting itself to just one man and his millions, may yet hit pay dirt. And we may yet understand the nature, in depth, of that crawling thing called organized crime.

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TO DIRECTOR 92-2831

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CHANGED. MEYER LANSKY, also known as - FUGITIVE, Anti-Racketeering.

TITLE OF THIS COMMUNICATION IS CHANGED TO ADD FUGITIVE STATUS.

LANSKY INDICTED BY FEDERAL GRAND JURY, MIAMI, FLORIDA, THIS DATE FOR VIOLATION SECTION FOUR ZERO ONE, TITLE EIGHTEEN, U. S. Code, FOR CRIMINAL CONTEMPT OF FEDERAL GRAND JURY, MIAMI.

TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS BOND RECOMMENDED. ARREST WARRANT ISSUED THIS DATE. SUBJECT BEING ENTERED NATIONAL CRIME INFORMATION CEN.

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MR. SULLIVAN FOR THE DIRECTOR

cc: MR. GALE

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Airtel

To: SAC, Miami (92-102)

From: Director, FBI (92-2831) 1205

MEYER LANSKY, aka
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EX-117

Re Miami teletype 3/24/71.

Referenced teletype advises warrant issued 3/24/71. If not already done, Miami immediately submit FD-65.

Since available information indicates Lansky in Tel Aviv, Israel, if not already done, Miami furnish letterhead memorandum for Legat, Tel Aviv. Also furnish Washington Field Office information to [redacted] in Passport Office, Department of State. If not already done, you should also consider contacting the U. S. Attorney regarding restricting subject's passport for return to U. S. only. If this type action is desired, the U. S. Attorney desiring prosecution of subject should direct a letter to Director, Passport Office, Department of State, Washington, D. C. This letter should contain description of subject, brief statement of charges and enclose a certified copy of the Federal complaint and warrant or indictment and warrant.

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Meyer Lansky, notorious gambling czar, was indicted by Federal Grand Jury, Miami, Florida, 3/24/71, for contempt. Lansky failed to appear on 3/11/71, in answer to subpoena to testify before grand jury inquiring into hoodlum "skimming" of funds and ownership of Las Vegas casinos. Lansky has been residing in Israel since July, 1970. Arrest warrant has been issued and bond recommended at $200,000.

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# *Memorandum*

TO: Director, FBI (92-2831)
Att: Special Investigative Division

DATE: 3/30/71

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (92-102)

SUBJECT: MEYER LANSKY, aka -
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- [X] Initial Submission
- [ ] Supplements FD-65 dated _____
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| Caution | MKE | Name | NAM | Sex SEX | Race |
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| | | MEYER LANSKY | | M | W |

| Birthplace | NAT | Birth Date | DOB | Height | HGT | Weight | WGT | Hair |
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| Grodno, Poland | | 7/4/02 | | 5'6" | | 140 | | BR-GY |

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| 791 783 | | Brown | |

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U. S. Code, Title and Section: Title 18, Section 401
Warrant Issued By: U.S. District Court, Miami, Fla. on 3/24/71 DOW
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Aliases: Meyer the Bug, Bugsy Meyer, The Bug, Little Meyer, Myer Lansky, Meyer Lazansky, Morris Lieberman, Bugs Meyer, Meyer Suchowltansky, Johnn Eggs, Meyer Suchowlansky

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## INSTRUCTIONS

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3. **Sex (SEX)** - Sex will be designated by one letter, M (male) or F (female).
4. **Race (RAC)** - Race will be described by one letter, W (white), N (Negro), I (Indian), C (Chinese), J (Japanese), O (all other). Mexicans who are not definitely Indian or other non-white should be described as "W".
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9. **Hair (HAI)** - Color hair to be described as BK (black), BR (brown), BN (blond or strawberry blond), RD (red or auburn), WH (white), GY (gray or partially gray), SN (sandy), XX (unknown), OO (bald). (If hair present and balding, code hair color and enter "balding" in Miscellaneous block).
10. **Eyes** - Indicate color of eyes.
11. **Visible Scars, Marks, Tattoos, etc. (VSM)** - Place in this block only appropriate NCIC coding for visible scars, marks, tattoos, birthmarks, deformities, missing body parts and artificial body parts as defined in NCIC Operating Manual. If more than one VSM is to be entered, use Additional Identifiers block for additional appropriately coded items. Use Miscellaneous block to describe all scars, marks, tattoos, etc. which are not defined in the NCIC Operating Manual and to more fully describe VSM's which have been entered in VSM block. For example, an appendectomy scar, not being readily visible, would be described in the Miscellaneous block. A tattoo on right arm, shown as TAT R ARM in VSM block, might be further described in Miscellaneous block as a rose tattoo on inside of lower right arm.
12. **NCIC Fingerprint Classification (FPC)** - Enter NCIC fingerprint classification.
13. **Other Identifying Number (MNU)** - Miscellaneous numbers may be entered with appropriate identifiers (prefixes) as shown below. For first miscellaneous identifying number, use MNU block. When military service number is in fact Social Security Account Number, the number should be entered in both MNU and SOC blocks. Additional identifying numbers are placed in Additional Identifiers block. The identifier (prefix) should precede the number and be separated from the number by use of a hyphen.

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    **CG** - U. S. Coast Guard Serial Number
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15. **Social Security Number (SOC)** - Place subject's Social Security Account Number in this block.
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17. **Warrant Issued By-On-(DOW)** - In Escaped Federal Prisoner cases enter date of conviction in DOW block.
18. **Miscellaneous (MIS)** - Enter additional pertinent information in this block. If caution statement used, basis for statement must be set forth as first item in this block.
19. **License Plate and Vehicle Information** - Enter information concerning license plate and/or vehicle known to be in the possession of subject in appropriate blocks under License Plate and Vehicle Information heading.
20. **Additional Identifiers** - Enter information concerning additional license plates (number, state, year expires, and when applicable, type); Social Security Numbers; operator's license number, state and year expires; vehicle information (VIN, VYR, VMA, VMO, VST, VCO); MNU (if not available previously); visible scars, marks, tattoos, etc.; and date of birth. Clearly identify what data is being set forth, e.g., SOC/123456789 for Social Security Number; OLN/MI234567 OLS/MI OLY/1972 for Michigan operator's license 234567, expires 1972; DOB's 4/5/32,5/3/32, etc.
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TO : Mr. Sullivan

DATE: April 1, 1971

FROM : J. H. Gale

SUBJECT: STRIKE FORCE NUMBER EIGHTEEN
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
MEYER LANSKY

[redacted]

ACTION:

Attached for your approval is a letter to the Department furnishing the name of Special Agent [redacted] to be the Bureau's representative to the special Strike Force coordinating the investigations of the "Meyer Lansky Group."

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Enclosure

1 - Mr. Sullivan
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ADDENDUM OF W. B. SOYARS, JR. 4-2-71 WBS:crt

The Department is establishing a new Strike Force in Washington, D. C., to investigatve financial dealings of Meyer Lansky and associates and a Bureau representative is requested. The Director has previously approved our assigning to Strike Forces operating in the field a supervisor who follows the activities of the Strike Force, maintains liaison, protects Bureau interests, etc.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2831)
ATTENTION: LIAISON SECTION

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-4611)

RE: CRIMINAL INFLUENCE AND ACTIVITY OF MEYER LANSKY GROUP
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As the Bureau is aware, Federal Grand Juries sitting in Miami, Los Angeles and New York currently are investigating various aspects of the Lansky Group's Activities. [redacted]

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To: [redacted] b7D

From: Director, FBI (92-2831) 1208

CRIMINAL INFLUENCE AND ACTIVITY
OF MEYER LANSKY GROUP
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Re New York airtel 3/29/71.

Re airtel, two copies of which are enclosed for your information, b7D [redacted]

It would be most helpful to the Lansky investigation, and possibly other important investigations, if you can handle this matter in manner New York has requested. If this can be accomplished within the scope of your working agreements b7D [redacted]

Afford preferred attention and advise Bureau accordingly.

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TO: Director, FBI (92-2831)

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

SUBJECT: MEYER LANSKY, aka - FUGITIVE
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Fugitive Cards Prepared 4-5-71 (date) (by)

Re Bureau airtel to Miami, 3/25/71.

An FD-65 was submitted 3/30/71.

[redacted]

The Washington Field Office is requested [redacted] the Passport Office, Department of State, regarding captioned subject.

The following information is set forth regarding him:

| | |
|---|---|
| Name | MEYER LANSKY |
| Sex | Male |
| Race | White |
| Date of birth | 7/4/02, Grodno, Poland |
| Height | 5' 6" |
| Weight | 140 lbs. |
| Hair | Brown-grey |
| Eyes | Brown |
| Aliases | MEYER LAZANSKY, MEYER SUCHOWLTANSKY, MORRIS LIEBERMAN |

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LANSKY was charged by indictment returned Miami, Florida, 3/24/71, with violation Title 18, Section 401, Criminal Contempt of Federal Grand Jury, Miami, Florida. Bench warrant has been issued, $200,000 bond recommended.

For the additional information of the Bureau and Washington Field Office, LANSKY has been indicted additionally by a Federal Grand Jury in Miami on 3/25/71, along with MORRIS LANSBURGH and SAM COHEN, for income tax violations resulting from alleged skimming from the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas. $100,000 bond was set on this charge.

LANSKY's last known location was Tel Aviv, Israel, Dan Hotel. He is not expected to return to the Florida area. He has been granted a three year "stay" by the Immigration authorities of Israel.

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TO : Mr. Gale

DATE: April 7, 1971

FROM : A. A. Staffeld

SUBJECT: STRIKE FORCE NUMBER EIGHTEEN

At the request of Mr. R. J. Campbell, Supervisor Arthur Ware of this Section conferred on the project which has been assigned to this task force, namely, the investigation of Meyer Lansky and the organized crime elements associated with him.

Campbell stated that this task force consists of himself as attorney-in-charge, assisted by four additional attorneys, two investigators from Internal Revenue Service, and two investigators from Securities and Exchange Commission. This strike force will be located in five offices in the Justice Building with Campbell's office being Room 2722. Campbell stated that as the investigation develops, it is possible that some of the attorneys will spend more time in New York, Miami, and other areas.

The task force has been assigned to determine if Meyer Lansky has a criminal organization behind him, its nature and extent, and will be particularly interested in the investment of Lansky and his associates in various business enterprises. Campbell is of the belief that Lansky has available an unlimited amount of funds to invest in such things as real estate, hotels, banks, and other legitimate businesses. These funds are apparently the fruits of "skimming" from casinos and possibly other illegal operations.

He expects to proceed along the lines of identifying Lansky's associates who appeared on a list in Lansky's possession when he was arrested in Miami on a charge of illegal possession of drugs. He will also review all the background information available on Lansky's associates in the Miami area as well as Las Vegas, New York, and elsewhere. He believes that he will ultimately be able to establish violations of Title IX of the 1970 Organized Crime Control Act (investment of illegal funds in legitimate businesses).

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Memorandum to Mr. Gale
Re: Strike Force Number Eighteen

Mr. Campbell said that he was primarily interested in the FBI bringing up to date criminal intelligence investigations on Lansky's associates as an initial step in his operation. He is in the process of preparing a list of such cases and will submit his requests as soon as he has them prepared.

The responsibilities of the Bureau in organized crime matters were reviewed with Campbell who advised that he has been an attorney working on Internal Revenue Service cases for the past five years. He expressed admiration for the Bureau's investigative ability and expressed a desire to handle his assignment in such a manner that he could gain the confidence and cooperation of the FBI.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2831)

FROM: SAC, WFO (92-138) (RUC)

MEYER LANSKY, aka
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Re your airtel dated 4/1/71.

Subject's file in the Passport Office, Department of State was reviewed by SA KENNETH J. HASER on 4/9/71 and was found to contain the following additional information since submission of WFO airtel of 2/6/70.

By letter to the Passport Office dated 3/25/71, one EDMUND EAGEN, 1620 Pennsylvania Street, Denver, Colorado, inquired of the Passport Office as to the question of dual nationality with respect to the United States and Israel. The reply of the Passport Office to this individual dated 4/5/71 related that the State Department does not have a list of persons who have both United States and Israeli passports. The Passport Office believes that only a person who possesses both nationalities would be entitled to obtain a passport from each country. Since dual nationality is the result of separate, sometimes conflicting, laws of different countries, the United States recognizes that some United States citizens may also be nationals of another state.

The reply continued that a United States citizen does not violate Federal law solely by obtaining and using a foreign passport outside the United States. A person who possesses both United States and Israeli nationality would normally need

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a United States passport to enter and leave the United States and would also need an Israeli passport to enter and leave Israel, the Passport Office understands.

Mr. EAGEN's inquiry related to the case of Mrs. GOLDA MEIR, Prime Minister of Israel, and also to MEYER LANSKY. The Passport Office informed EAGEN that LANSKY's citizenship is a matter of record in its files but individual passport files are, however, privileged, and their contents may be divulged only in certain circumstances.

Subject's passport file reflects that he is the bearer of passport A-068670 issued at Miami, Florida, on 2/3/70, valid for five years. Under passport regulations, he may use this passport for lawful travel within the period of its validity whenever and as often as desired without further notification to the Department of State or other government agency. The Passport Office does not receive information as to whether or when a passport is used for foreign travel.

Enclosed to Miami is a copy of a guideline prepared by WFO to cover fugitive cases where restrictive passport action might be desired by the United States Attorney. This is for Miami's assistance in discussing this matter with the Miami Strike Force. If an appropriate representative of the Department of Justice sends a request to the Passport Office for restrictive passport action, the Passport Office will place a stop in its files and send out a world-wide lookout to all Embassies and Consulates to refer to Washington any request by subject for passport facilities, in addition to requesting the Embassy in Tel Aviv to inform subject that his passport has been revoked. In view of the foregoing, WFO is not placing a stop notice in subject's file at this time.

For Miami's information in connection with restrictive passport action, it is pointed out that the State Department cannot force subject to return to the United States. If his passport is revoked while he is in Israel (or another country), he can remain there as long as the appropriate authorities of the other country allow him to stay. If subject wished to invoke the Israeli Law of Return of 1950, he presumably could remain permanently in Israel, provided that the Israeli Ministry of the Interior concurred.

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Director, FBI (92-2831)

MEYER LANSKY
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Re Miami airtel 4/5/71 captioned "Criminal Intelligence Program, Miami Division, Monthly Summary of Accomplishments."

For the completion of the information in the Lansky case, furnish details on the indictment of Lansky and others returned 3/25/71 by the Federal grand jury, Miami.

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From: Director, FBI

CRIMINAL INFLUENCE IN THE
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Attached for the information of each office to which copies of this airtel are directed are two copies of the Department letter dated 4/14/71, which is self-explanatory.

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The Miami office is designated as office of origin to coordinate the investigative requests of the task force which will be handled in accordance with our investigative responsibility particularly under the Criminal Intelligence Program.

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Miami should, through its investigation of the Lansky case, determine [redacted] forth leads to the appropriate office to have a [redacted] letterhead memorandum prepared [redacted]

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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2831)

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

MEYER LANSKY
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Re Bureau letter to Miami, 4/21/71.

Attached hereto is one copy of an article which appeared in the Miami Beach, Florida Sun reflecting the entire content of the indictment against subject, SAM COHEN and MORRIS LANSBURGH, per request in referenced letter.

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(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is the full indictment issued against Meyer Lansky, Morris Lansburgh and Sam Cohen, by the Federal Grand Jury.)

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES

Commencing prior to May 31, 1960. and continuing to and including the return of this indictment in the Southern District of Florida and elsewhere defendants Flamingo Company, Meyer Lansky, Sam Cohen, Morris Lansburgh, Sam Belkin and Jerry Gordon and their unindicted co-conspirators Rubin Zerlin, Lou Poller, Chester Simms (now deceased) and others to the Grand Jury unknown agreed, combined, confederated and conspired together to commit offenses against the United States; that is;

To travel in and use facilities in interstate and foreign commerce between the Southern District of Florida, Nevada, New York, Switzerland and elsewhere with the intent to establish, promote, manage and carry on and facilitate the establishment promotion, management and carrying on of an unlawful activity and to distribute the proceeds of the operation and sale of said unlawful activity, that is a business enterprise involving gambling in violation of the laws of Nevada, specifically. Nevada Revised Statutes...of the Nevada Gaming Commission and their predecessor statutes and regulations, and thereafter to perform acts of establishment, promotion, management and carrying on and distribution of proceeds from said unlawful activity in violation of Section 1952, Title 18, United States Code.

The means by which this conspiracy was to be accomplished were as follows:

Defendant Meyer Lansky, one of the original controlling interests in the Flamingo Hotel and Casino, Clark County, Nevada, would cause defendants Flamingo Company, Sam Cohen and Morris Lansburgh to purchase the Flamingo from Hotel Flamingo, Inc., and Albert Parvin in or about May, 1960, and thereafter cause payments totalling $200,000 to be made from the proceeds of the Flamingo operation during the continuation of the conspiracy through Hotel Flamingo. Inc., and the Albert Parvin Foundation to Meyer Lansky.

Defendants Flamingo Company, Sam Cohen, Morris Lansburgh and other named and unknown co-conspirators would apply for and receive gambling licenses and renewals thereof from the State of Nevada for operation of the Flamingo hotel and casino and would conceal from state authorities the interest and right to receive proceeds from the Flamingo of Meyer Lansky and others.

Defendants Flamingo Company, Morris Lansburgh, Jerry Gordon and Sam Belkin and unindicted co-conspirator Chester Simms and others unknown to the Grand Jury would operate the gambling casino of the Flamingo and conceal from Nevada gambling authorities and the United States Treasury Department the true casino receipts by understating approximately $2,000,000 or more of casino income yearly.

Defendants Lansburgh and Cohen and unindicted co-conspirators Rubin Zerlin and Lou Poller would negotiate the sale of the Flamingo on behalf of the named defendants and conspirators and other unknown co-conspirators and in order to secure a higher price would reveal that approximately $2,000,000 yearly in unreported proceeds from the Flamingo would be available for distribution after the defendant

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Plaintiff
v.
FLAMINGO COMPANY )
A Nevada Corporation, )
MEYER LANSKY, )
SAM COHEN )
MORRIS LANSBURGH, )
SAM BELKIN, )
JERRY GORDON, )
Defendents )

Lansky had been paid his portion of the sale price in cash.

The named defendants and conspirators and other unknown co-conspirators would cause these unreported proceeds of the Flamingo operation to be distributed in interstate and foreign commerce between the Southern District of Florida and Nevada, New York, Switzerland and elsewhere.

In order to effect the objects of the conspiracy and in futherance thereof the named defendants and unindicted conspirators and unknown co-conspirators committed various overt acts in the Southern District of Florida and elsewhere, including the following:

OVERT ACTS

1. On or about September 7, 1960, Meyer Lansky executed an agreement requiring Hotel Flamingo, Inc., to pay Lansky $200,000.

2. At quarterly intervals beginning on or about January 2, 1961, and continuing through 1966, Meyer Lansky received payments in Hollywood, Florida, of $6,250 per quarter from Flamingo Company proceeds through the Albert Parvin Foundation.

3. During the months of January and February, 1965, in Dade County, Florida, and Clark County, Nevada, Morris Lansburgh, Sam Cohen, Rubin Zerlin and Lou Poller engaged in negotiations with a potential purchaser of the Flamingo hotel and casino.

4. On or about March 29, 1965, Morris Lansburgh sent correspondence from Clark County, Nevada, to the Flamingo New York office concerning unrecorded gambling debts owed to the Flamingo.

5. On or about August 20, 1966, in Clark County, Nevada, Morris Lansburgh received a 1966 Cadillac in payment of an unrecorded gambling debt owed to the Flamingo.

6. On or about December 8, 1966, in Clark County, Nevada, Chester Simms received a 1967 Cadillac automobile in payment of an unrecorded gambling debt owed to the Flamingo.

7. On or about December 30, 1966, and March 31, June 30 and September 8, 1967, Meyer Lansky received payments in Hollywood, Florida, totalling $50,000 from Flamingo Company proceeds through the Albert Parvin Foundation.

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

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18 U.S.C. §§ 371: Conspiracy

8. At approximately monthly intervals during the period from May, 1960, to September, 1967, the exact dates being to the Grand Jury unknown, **Morris Lansburgh**, Chester Simms and unknown co-conspirators received large amounts of currency from employees of the Flamingo's New York office.

9. On or about June 3, 1966, **Jerry Gordon** signed and caused to be filed the corporate tax return of the Flamingo Company for the Fiscal year ending March 31, 1966.

10. On or about June 13, 1967, **Jerry Gordon** signed and caused to be filed the corporate tax return of the Flamingo Company for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1967.

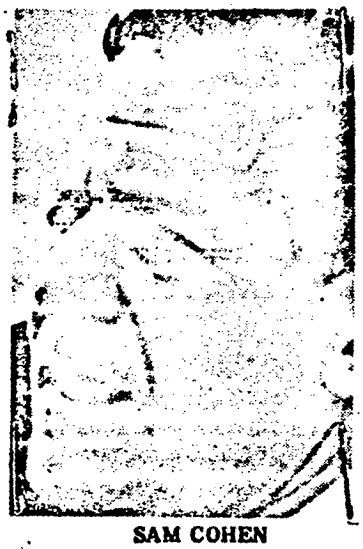
11. On or about December 2, 1968, in Los Angeles, California, **Morris Lansburgh** signed and caused to be filed the corporate tax return for the **Flamingo Company** for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1968.

12. On various dates during the continuation of the conspiracy **Sam Cohen, Morris Lansburgh, Rubi Zerlin,** Lou Poller and unknown co-conspirators caused the deposit of large amounts of currency to the account of Exchange and Investment Bank of Switzerland at Miami National Bank, Miami, Florida, and the transmittal to Switzerland of proceeds of the Flamingo operation.

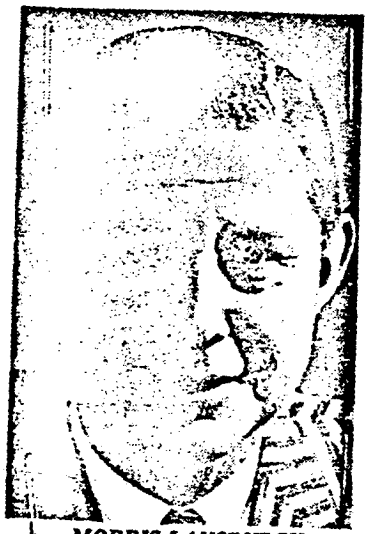
All in violation of Section 371, Title 18, United States Code.



MEYER LANSKY



SAM COHEN



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SUBJECT: MEYER LANSKY
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Re Tel Aviv cable, 5/4/71, captioned "Visit to Israel of Secretary of State WILLIAM P. ROGERS, May 6-8, 1971, FPM - ISRAEL."

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MEYER LANSKY, aka
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In view of subject's possible location in Israel and since he has been issued U. S. Passport A-068670, it is believed appropriate at this time that the U. S. Attorney, Miami, Florida, be contacted to determine if he intends to submit his request to revoke passport of Lansky.

It is noted that Washington Field airtel dated 4/9/71 furnished your office a copy of a guideline to cover fugitive cases wherein restrictive passport action might be desired by the U. S. Attorney.

On 5/26/71 Murray Stein, Extradition Attorney, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., advised that to his knowledge the U. S. Attorney in Miami has made no formal request to place restrictions on the passport of Lansky.

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MEMORANDUM FOR IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

Date 5-26-71

| Buffile 92-2831 | Name of Subject Meyer Lansky, aka. | [redacted] b2 b7E |
|---|---|---|
| FBI [redacted] | Serial # | Other Identifying # | Subject Located |

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City

Date

Reason and/or by whom:

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Action to be taken

Cancel fugitive stops for Index

☐ Gen'l Fug

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Add additional aliases

I. O. #

Date of Fug Card 4-5-71

6-23 67 Purge & eliminate [illegible]

[redacted] purge [illegible] 13 Jan 6?

Ident Memo Received ☑ Yes ☐ No

☐ Description

Maybe

b3 b7C [redacted] pre elim file for Meyer Lansky

Make FBI [redacted] positive

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MEYER LANSKY, ANTI-RACKETEERING.

"MIAMI HERALD" NEWSPAPER HAS REPORTED ELEVEN ARTICLES ON ORGANIZED CRIME IN ISRAEL PUBLISHED IN "HAARETZ DAILY" UNDER BY-LINE OF RAN KISLEV. ONE ARTICLE DISCUSSES LANSKY'S AFFILIATIONS WITH ORGANIZED CRIME ELEMENTS IN ISRAEL. [redacted]

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Information has also been received that an article appeared in the newspaper "Haaretz" about seven days ago that Lansky was obtaining a financial interest in the Dan Hotel chain in Israel.

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