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TO : Director, FBI (62-75147-210)

DATE: March 24, 1959

FROM : Legat, Havana (64-153)

Frank Anthony Sturgis

SUBJECT: AMERICAN GAMBLING ACTIVITIES IN CUBA
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On March 23, 1959, FRANK ANTHONY FIORINI appeared in the office of the Legal Attache, Havana. FIORINI stated he was an American from Norfolk, Virginia. He was dressed in the uniform of a captain in the Cuban Revolutionary Air Force. FIORINI stated he has been appointed liaison officer between the Cuban Air Force and the U. S. Air Force and that he is also the head of security for the Cuban Air Force.

FIORINI stated further he has been named the chief inspector of the gambling casinos in Havana and that he has at present four assistants to aid him in inspecting casinos. He stated that PASTORITA NUNEZ GONZALEZ, Director of the National Institute of Social Welfare, was extremely concerned about the presence of American "gangsters" in gambling casinos in Havana and that she wanted the assistance of the Legal Attache's office in obtaining information and background concerning these individuals. FIORINI said that according to NUNEZ, both she and FIDEL CASTRO were basically opposed to gambling and were convinced that if gambling was necessary as a tourist attraction in Cuba, it should not be in the hands of "gangsters."

FIORINI was informed that any request for information concerning the criminal records of individuals involved in gambling in Cuba would have to be made through official diplomatic channels in writing and that consideration would be given such request after it had been received. *(u)*

It was pointed out to FIORINI that the Bureau of Investigation of the Cuban Police was already in possession of substantial information concerning American gamblers in Cuba and it was suggested to him that he might desire to contact this Cuban source. *(u)*

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In this regard HAV-31 advised on February 4, 1959, that JOSEPH NELSINE (WFO Top Hoodlum) had been in Havana for several days and that the purpose of his trip was to assist American gamblers in Havana in getting the casinos reopened. Source reported NESLINE was reported to be friendly with FRANK FIORINI of Norfolk, Virginia, a member of the 26th of July Movement. NESLINE was reported to be working through FIORINI in an effort to get approval from the Cuban Government for the casinos to reopen. *(u)*

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On March 22, 1959, Nicolas Mendoza (conceal), prominent member of the July 26 Movement in Havana who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that PASTORITA NUNEZ GONZALEZ is known to be a Lesbian. Mendoza stated, in addition, that he had also received information that NUNEZ was a user of narcotics but he had been unable to verify the latter information. *(u)*

In connection with FRANK ANTHONY FIORINI, the Bureau's attention is called to the case entitled "FRANK ANTHONY STURGIS, aka REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA." (Bufile 2-1499)

In the event further information is received concerning this matter, the Bureau will be immediately advised. Extra copies of this letter have been prepared for forwarding by the Bureau to the Miami office (2-192) which is origin in the STURGIS case.

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