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It was not known what effect the military coup in the Dominican Republic and the overthrow of BOSCH will have on the current negotiations in this matter.

CHARLES SAMS (protect), U. S. Mail Carrier for subject's Tampa residence for many years, advised 9/27/63, subject and wife received a postcard believed from Las Vegas or Los Angeles, but same did not contain any name; only initials and greetings. On 10/4/63, this same source advised neither subject nor wife have received any mail whatsoever since the above referred to postcard. This same source advised on 10/7/63 that neither subject nor his wife were at residence 10/3 - 7/63 when he had occasion to check such residence.

On 10/2/63, MM 840-C advised at Miami, Fla. he had contacted Dr. PEREZ PIDA, who has postponed his trip to Brazil until sometime in October. In discussion with PIDA the reason for the trip was stated as to complete the coffee deal, but no further mention was made of the subject. (It is noted that all previous information concerning PIDA was placed on the administrative pages of previous report).

Relative to enclosed letterhead memorandum reflecting information from MM 845-C\*, it is noted that VINCENT JAMES PALMISANO, along with others, reportedly has financial interests in Ciro's, Inc., which in turn operates Ciro's Restaurant and the Streamliner Motel, both located at 15090 Biscayne Blvd., No. Miami Beach, Fla. It is noted also that some of the other individuals who have financial interests with PALMISANO are from the New Jersey - New York area.

Information from the files of the General Telephone Company of Florida, Tampa, Florida, was made available to IC HENRY E. McINTURFF by Mr. WILLIAM CARR, Commercial Manager, on 9/20/63.

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Information set forth in enclosed letterhead memorandum was furnished by MM 845-C\*.

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made of the recent "SAWYER incident", in which former Orlando Police Captain R. D. SAWYER had been subpoensed to testify before a Special Federal Grand Jury probing organized crime and gambling at Orlando. (It is to be noted that SAWYER was subsequently fired from the Orlando Police Department as a result of his associations with known gamblers in the area).

Continuing, GOODE said that RODENBAUGH's conversation with JOHNSTONE then led into past corruption within the Orlando Police Department and RODENBAUGH explained "how bad things were when he, RODENBAUGH, was Chief of Detectives." (GOODE explained that this latter period covered part of 1951 and most of 1952)

GOODE stated that RODENBAUGH then advised Chief JOHNSTONE that sometime during that period he, RODENBAUGH, had a meeting in a parking lot by Orange Memorial Hospital, Orlando, with HARLAN BLACKBURN. At that time the two of them discussed arrests that had been made of lottery operators in the area and that BLACKBURN had asked him, RODENBAUGH, to go with him, BLACKBURN, to Tampa, Florida in order to meet BLACKBURN's boss. RODENBAUGH said that BLACKBURN named his boss as being "TRAFFICANTE", but did not state his first name. RODENBAUGH stated that he told BLACKBURN he would not ride with him to Tampa, but would meet him in Tampa.

Continuing, RODENBAUGH advised that he did meet BLACKBURN in Tampa and was taken to an office there and introduced to "TRAFFICANTE". He further advised that the purpose of this conference between BLACKBURN, TRAFFICANTE, and himself was for the the purpose of placing himself (RODENBAUGH) on TRAFFICANTE's payroll and that when they got around to that discussion, TRAFFICANTE told RODENBAUGH that a great number of the latter's detectives were on his payroll at that time. RODENBAUGH said he told TRAFFICANTE that he doubted that statement, however, TRAFFICANTE sent BLACKBURN into a room to bring him in a record book and RODENBAUGH was then shown a book containing a number of detectives' names and the amount of money they had been paid.

RODENBAUGH then explained to Chief JOHNSTONE and Lieutenant GOODE that he felt this evidence was "too weak" for him to take any official action upon, "because it would be my word against the words of the detectives involved, and I was unable to take possession of the record book." RODENBAUGH also informed

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