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Re Philadelphia airtels dated 5/24/63 and 5/29/63.

A further review of information furnished by BU 82-C* on 5/24/63 has been made and the following additional summary of pertinent information relating to the meeting between STEVE MAGADDINO and ANGELO BRUNO is set out.

During the conversations between VINCENT A. SCRO, the son-in-law of STEVE MAGADDINO, and PASQUALE NATARELLI, aka "Titters," Patty, the informant reported that SCRO was insisting that NATARELLI thoroughly read and understand "the Exemption Certificate" issued by the Governor General of the Grand Bahama Islands.

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"on. But anyway, so we go in there this morning, see, and I see JACK GELLMAN (PH)."

JACK GELLMAN has been previously identified as the former Niagara County District Attorney and currently the President of Consolidated Bowling Corporation. Both CHESLER and GELLMAN were the original promoters of the Consolidated Bowling Corporation, which operates bowling alleys, motels, and hotels both in the United States and abroad.

In describing the exclusive ownership of the gambling casino by CHESLER and GROSS, NATARELLI remarked "I don't care what ANGELO says, LOU CHESLER is originally one of the Bay Street boys." SCRO remarked "coompa, you know LOU CHESLER is in with LANSKY, MEYER LANSKY, and VITO ORDACRATELLI (PH) - they're the ones that do all the operation of it, do you follow me? They're the ones that bought this thing, coompa," whereupon NATARELLI remarks "that's New York, you know."

At this point, SCRO remarks that ANGELO (BRUNO) was recently in the Buffalo area and had discussed this matter with STEVE MAGADDINO. The discussion apparently related to the transfer of the license or Exemption Certificate and that JACK GELLMAN had been consulted about this matter.

According to SCRO, MAGADDINO told him that "if they're the only ones that got the license then you and I got to go to New York and we'll straighten it out. If he's got the license and can get anybody he wants then I'll come back up here and we'll straighten out up this end; but the main thing is to find out first who's got it and who can run it.

On 5/29/63, Constable ROBERT STONE, National Criminal Intelligence Unit, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Toronto, was requested to develop any information he could obtain concerning the background of Mrs. GEORGIA GROSS, apparently the wife of WALLACE GROSS, and of her association with LOUIS A. CHESLER of Toronto. It is noted that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Toronto is familiar with

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the background of CHESLER, having received inquiries from London, England, and Miami, Florida, concerning his operations.

In connection with this request, Constable STONE was advised of the fact that the Buffalo FBI Office had received information from a highly confidential source to the effect that Buffalo criminals, including STEVE MAGADDINO, had evidenced interest in attempting to place syndicate money in a hotel-gambling casino operation, the license for which had been obtained or was being obtained by LOU CHESLER and Mrs. GEORGIA GROSS. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police was further informed at that time that this particular license was one issued by the Governor General of the Grand Bahamas, entitling the holder to operate a gambling casino and a hotel in the Grand Bahamas.

The Buffalo Office will continue to review the information furnished by both BU 82-C* and BU 280-C* on 5/24/63, and subsequent dates concerning the developments of this new gambling venture. It is noted that the names VITO CRITELLI (PH), JERRY COLAVITO, POLITANO, and Mrs. GEORGIA GROSS (PH) are unknown to the Buffalo Office.

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