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Mr. President:

Samuel M. Giancana, a Chicago hoodlum, attempted to set up gambling establishments in the Dominican Republic.

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BY LIAISON

Honorable Marvin Watson
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Watson:

The attached information concerning the Dominican crisis is of possible interest to the President.

This information relates to reported efforts of Chicago hoodlum figure Samuel M. Giancana and his associates to take advantage of the revolution in the Dominican Republic by organizing gambling casinos in that country, to be under the control of the Chicago underworld. It also indicates that Giancana is negotiating with five or six contending groups in order to assure that he will be able to successfully carry out his plans with the group which will ultimately win control of the Dominican Republic.

Sincerely yours,

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SAMUEL M. GIANCANA

Information has been received from a confidential source that Giancana, a leading Chicago hoodlum figure, has been negotiating through an intermediary with persons involved in the present efforts to overthrow the Dominican Republic, relative to the possibility of establishing gambling operations in that country.

It was reported that the Chicago underworld organization had been dealing with individuals allegedly behind the initial revolt efforts and that apparently arrangements have been made with a group, which, if it assumes control of the Dominican Republic, will permit the Chicago underworld organization to open gambling operations as soon as the Dominican situation is stabilized. According to our source, the reported injection of communist influence into the revolt situation has not interfered greatly with these plans of the Chicago hoodlum group.

Giancana is reported to have shown apprehension over which group will take control of the Dominican Government and has indicated that the Chicago underworld may have to negotiate with five or six groups before one of them becomes strong enough to control the country.

Our reports indicate that two individuals have been in the Dominican Republic for some period of time, making contacts in furtherance of this scheme on behalf of the Chicago criminal group. One of these individuals has been referred to as Albert Meo, described as the owner of Meo's Norwood House, allegedly operated as a hoodlum front in Chicago for Giancana. Meo's picture recently appeared in Chicago, Illinois, papers, where he was identified as one of the first Americans evacuated from Santo Domingo at the outbreak of current hostilities.

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Information furnished by our source indicates that the other person reportedly making contacts in the Dominican Republic is one Carmen, whose last name is unknown. This person allegedly decided to remain in the Dominican Republic and made a request, presumably to the Chicago underworld group, that another person be sent to Santo Domingo to assist him in the above-mentioned activities.

Our source has also advised of Giancana's possible interest in placing a large number of slot machines in operation in the Dominican Republic.

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