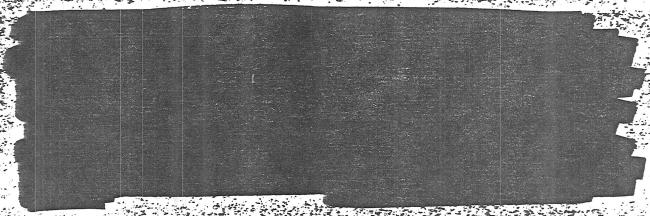
15-2 . File No. Bureau This Case Originated at Report Made by Pariod for Date when Report Made at which Made TOBIAS E. MATTHEWS Made lis 7/27-8/3/46 8/6/46 Mexico City Character of Case JAMES WEINBERG, with aliases, et al // OTHEFT FROM INTERSTATE Title 5/5/87 Classified by 1678 RFP AHRECISS SOLVELLY TROOL ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS: Declassify on: DADR In the course of the investigation of this case, contact was made with size United States Treasury representatives in Mexico City for any information in their possession that might pertain to the activities of the subjects in Mexico. It was learned that the Treasury Department representatives in Mexico City The Treasury representatives on July 27 1946 United States Treasury The writer of this report, through cooperation of the United States Treasury representatives in Mexico, was present at the Interviews of subject JONES but at no time was the reporting (Continued on, next page) Reference: - (Bureau File No. 15-16161) Letter from Mexico City to Bureau dated June 28, 1946; Letters from Bureau to Mexico City dated July 3, 1946, July 1946, and July 19, 1946; City to Bureau dated July 30, 1946 Do Not Write in These Spaces Cable from Mexico Approved and Attache Forwarded Copies of This Report 6-Bureau NONE 2-Mexico/City -- Embasy -- M. A. - Other OPIES DESTROYED JUL 30 1965



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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS

PAUL ROTAND JONES arrested Mexico City July 27. 1946.

Views, revealed activities of subjects in Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana, also extensive gambling activities from December, 1945 to March, 1946, in Casa Latino Americana, one of leading Maxico City apartment buildings. Gambling casino at Casa Latino Americana promoted by LIPSKY, established by JONES and operated by LOUISCHURIDER.

knowledge of jewel thefts in Texas, or any gambling operations at Hotel Reforma, Mexico City, as previously reported by Bureau. Investigation through reliable confidential informants has so far failed to disclose any evidence that jewels stolen in Texas are being disposed of in Mexico City.

DETAILS:

The following information was furnished by subject PAUL ROLAND JONES in the course of interviews with Sources C and D dating from July 27 to August 3, 1946:

During the early part of 1940, soon after JUNES was pardoned by Governor HUMAN from the Kansas City penitentiary where he was serving a life term for murder. JUNES established himself in the egg dehydration business. A series of imprudent investments resulted in his losing several businesses in Kansas City and Chicage.

During the latter part of 1940, JCMES established himself in Dallas, Texas, in the same business of drying eggs. He continued working in the Dallas area up until September 1945, when MARCUS LIPSKY of the Chicago group called

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- Western Distributing Company of Dallas, Texas. \$1000.00.

 Shreveport Novelty Company - \$3500.00.
- Mineralwells Music Company \$1250.00.
- 4. Tristate Music Company - \$3000.00.
 - Delta Music Company \$5000.00.

The local syndicate in Dallas, Texas, is comprised of BENNY BENYON and BENNY BICKERS, both of whom are very wealthy. One MAURY HUGHES is the attorney for the local ayndicate and handles all pay-offs and collections. One BOB MINYARD, who killed a local man by the name of LAUDERHILL (phonetic) became number three in the local syndicate but MINYARD was recently killed. Following the murder of MINYARD an investigation was conducted by the Dallas Police Department and at that time the Police Department fully uncovered the presence of the Chicago operators in Dallas, Texas. BENYON and BICKERS, upon learning of the presence in Dallas, Texas, of the Chicago crowd, ceased activity. About this time WAXY GORDON of Chicago dispatched four men to Dallas, Texas, to "case" the gambling place outside of Dallas, Texas, known as "Top of the Hill." JONES tried to discourage the Chicago men from attempting a raid on "Top of the Hill" and after obtaining entrance for the four men to see the inside of "Top of the Hill" which was heavily fortified, the four men finally became convinced that it would be inadvisable to attempt a raid. LIPSKY at this time sold the Southwest Amusement Company to BURNES, from whom it had originally been purchased. LIPSKY continued his partnership with one CONKLIN in Houston, Texas and Reynoso, Mexico.

Property of the Company of the Compa In the early part of November, 1945, PAUL MANN and MARCUS LIPSKY were proceeding from Chicago to New York by train for the purpose of handling a very important whiskey deal. This particular deal was of such importance that PAUL MANN, who finances LIPSKY, was personally assisting in the trans-action. On the train MANN and LIPSKY met one

The three men became engaged in a conversation,

during the course of which stated that a friend of his in Mexico City, namely JOE GREEN, could obtain police protection and make the necessary contacts for the establishment in Mexico City of gambling activities. The three men agreed that the prospects of such a venture in Mexico City would warrant JOE GREEN coming to the United States to discuss the matter personally. In the latter part of November, 1945, JOE GREEN, MARCUS LIPSKY and met in Dallas, GREEN, MARCUS LIPSKY and Texas, to discuss the establishing of gambling activities in Mexico City. GREEN explained the deal to MARCUS LIPSKY who telephoned PAUL ROLAND JONES and requested that JONES: COME to the White Plaza Hotel to discuss the matter with the group who were then present. JONES at first stated that he did not care to become involved in the deal. inasmuch as he was of the opinion that Mexico City was not a good prospect. During the first part of December, LIPSKY again contacted JONES in Dallas, Texas, and JONES agreed to come to Mexico City and set up gambling activities, fronting for LIPSKY. JONES arrived in Mexico City on December 4, 1945. According to his agreement with LIPSKY, he was to receive \$25,000 for setting up the activities and also to continue to receive 25% of the working interest of the Dallas operations of LIPSKY and 10% of the working interest of the Shreveport Novelty Company, the Mineralwells Music Company, the Tristate Music Company, and the Delta Music Company.

Upon arriving in Mexico City with his wife on December 4, JONES took lodging at the Reforma Hotel. After looking over the town, he called LIPSKY in Chicago and told him that Mexico City was not a good risk; however, LIPSKY told him that the bosses were anxious to move into Mexico and that he wanted JONES to remain in Mexico to await the arrival of PHIL/MANN, brother of PAUL MANN. The MANN brothers are two of the largest telephone horse bookies in the United States. PHIL MANN arrived in Mexico on or about December 10, 1945, and after looking over the possibilities in Mexico City, ordered JONES to make the necessary political arrangements with the Mexican officials for the protection and operation of a gambling concession.

JOE GREEN took JONES under his wing and obtained for JONES protection from

JONES rented Apartment #505.4n

the Casa Latino Americana and there established gambling
activities. A doorman was furnished for the lobby of the
building by the a man was furnished to guard
the door of Apartment roop by the
and a man was furnished for the inside of the apartment
by another agency of the Government, the name of which
JONES was unable to recall. For the privilege of running
this gambling establishment, JONES agreed on behalf of
LIPSKY to pay the Mexican officials mentioned above 35%
of all the profits. The 35% take was paid by JONES to
JOE GREEN who was to divide the money among

JONES made a Christmas present to of 25,000 pesos. During the operation of the gambling casino, the actor, JOHN CARROLL, lost 10,000 pesos in a blackjack game. Other than this loss, no other Hollywood actors gambled at the establishment nor were there any unusually large losses by anyone.

During this time JONES met and became well acquainted with who acted as bodyguard for campaign for frequently had dinner together at the Sans and lent JONES an Army revolver Souci nightclub. during the time that JONES was establishing the gambling casino at the Casa Latino Americana. JONES denied that he ever obtained any favor from or ever had any kind ever obtained any favor from of a deal with He or ever had any kind O He also denied that ever offered to place him in contact with order that JONES might obtain concessions in Mexico. also claimed that had met JAMES WEINBERG and PAUL LABRIOLA and had formed a decided dislike for both WEINBERG and LABRIOLA and that so far as he, JONES. is aware, neither WEINBERG or LABRIOLA have ever contacted Section 1885 THE STATE OF THE S

On December 24, 1945, JONES made a trip to Los Angeles. For this trip he used the Cadillac of PAUL MANN, who had sent his brother, PHIL MANN, to Mexico City to check on the activities of the gambling casino. JONES made the trip to Los Angeles at the request of MARCUS LIPSKY, who

had apparently received the "o.k." of the Los Angeles syndicate for LAPSKY to operate in Los Angeles

Angeles when JONES arrived. LIPSKY at that time was financing the operation of a whiskey stope on Hollywood Boulevard which was operated by one LIPSKY was also having difficulty with

partner in several of LIPSKY's businesses. JONES, during his stay in Los Angeles, met BUGS SIEGEL in a coffeeshop but denies that he had any conversation with SIEGEL. LIPSKY during this period of time, was in contact with BUGS SIEGEL and was attempting to arrange some type of a deal, the exact nature of which JONES was unaware.

The gambling establishment in Apartment #505 at the Latino Americana building, located at Paseo de la Reforma #77 Mexico City, after its establishment, was operated by LOU SCHNEIDER, who had charge of the operations until the establishment was closed in April, 1946. LIPSKY sent DANNY LARDINO, LIPSKY's strong man, to Mexico City, to close the establishment, after LIPSKY began to experience difficulty in Chicago. The difficulty in Chicago disrupted LIPSKY's activities, inasmuch as he was unable to obtain the necessary so.k. for his activities in Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana and Mexico. NICK DeJOHN, who has been LIPSKY's ... contact with the Chicago syndicate and who in the past has acted on the part of the Chicago syndicate for approving or disapproving the activities of LIPSKY, suddenly disappeared following the attempted murder of DeJOHN's uncle, JAMES REAGAN. About this time LABRIOLA and WEINBERG began to move into Shreveport and attempt to take over NICK DeJOHN 4 interests of LIPSKY in that area. LIPSKY claimed that he had already settled with NICK DeJOHN. Regarding DeJOHN's interest in LIPSKY's activities, LABRIOLA and WEINBERG refused to believe LIPSKY. At this particular time, due to the confusion in the Chicago syndicate, LIPSKY was unable to get the necessary "o.k." and protection for his activities and he began to sell out his interest in Dallas, Texas, particularly the Western Distributing Company which he sold to the man from whom it had originally bee purchased. Lisse then began to make his headquarters at the man from whom it had originally been Shreveport, Louisiana, and began to sell his interest in

Dallas, Shreveport, and Arkansas, retaining his interests in Reynosa, Mexico, Mexico City, and Tucson, Arizona. At this time LIPSKY contacted JONES and endeavored to have JONES operate LIPSKY's interest in Reynosa, Mexico, but JONES refused. JONES at this time endeavored to have a business settlement with Lipsky but was unsuccessful.

The original plans for the operation of the gambling casino were to have one pay-off man who would get 35 per cent and out of that he was to make the payoffs to

but a few days after the establishment of the casino, additional generals came around and began to demand a "cut-in." Also during the operation of the casino numerous Mexican politicians and generals gave checks for their gambling losses and later refused to redeem the checks. On one occasion JONES gave 5,000 pesos after had done a great deal of complaining about the amount of money he was receiving. According to JONES, had been previously paid this amount by Jos cheen, although plained to LIPSKY that he had never received the money. The welshing of the Mexican generals and politicians, together with the high cost of protection and the difficulty which LIPSKY was experiencing in obtaining protection. from the Chicago Syndicate, caused LIPSKY to decide to close down the gambling casino in Mexico City. At first LOU SCHNEIDER, who operated the gambling casino after its establishment by JONES, advocated a policy of "getting rough" in the collections and several men were brought down from the States to act as collectors. The efforts on the part of the collectors were unsuccessful and LIPSKI immediately realized that it was futile to try to be "rough" in collecting from the welshing generals and Mexican politicians. The collectors were returned to Chicago.

A few days after JONES arrived in Dallas from Mexico City following the cessation of gambling activities in Mexico City in the middle of April. 1946, the Dallas police picked up for questioning SAM YARAS, LOU SCHNEIDER, taxicab driver GEORGE, last name unknown, JULIUS BREAKSTONE, LEO GOLDSAND, MARCUS LIPSKY, JAMES BARSELLA, PAUL LABRIOLA, JAMES WEINBERG, WILLIAM JOSEPH MESSINA and PAUL ROLAND JONES. The Dallas police ordered these hoodlums to leave their city and suggested to LIPSKY that he wind up his affairs

and never return to Dallas. LIPSKY thereupon appointed new local men as fronts to operate the five amusement concerns he had purchased through JONES and which are mentioned above.

To date LIPSKY has not given JONES a final accounting of the monies belonging to JONES as a result of the agreement made between them for JONES working interest in these five amusement companies; however, LIPSKY turned over to JONES as a part of his profits all of the gambling equipment now stored in Mexico City and which in reality belonged to the Chicago outfit. The gambling equipment stored in Mexico City comprises seventeen (17) slot machines, forty (40) pinball games and several dice tables which are valued at \$40,000.00. JONES returned to Mexico City on July 23, 1946, to arrange for the sale of this gambling equipment to several Mexico City politicos.

LIPSKY owns the Cold Springs Distillery Company of Indiana.

He also owns the Ohio National Liquor Company of Ill East
Ohio Street, Chicago, which is a retail store and is used
by LIPSKY to clear all his liquor in black-market operations.

LIPSKY's partner in these liquor companies is a Russian Jew
named

Indianapolis Brewing Company at Indianapolis, Indiana, is
owned by one
Chicago Syndicate and sells beer to the people to whom he
is directed to do so by the Chicago Syndicate.

JAMES WEINBERG and PAUL LABRIOLA own a restaurant at 4406 Broadway, Chicago, Illinois, telephone number Long Beach 8957. In April 1946, WEINBERG obtained \$30,000.00 from pf Waco, Texas, which represented a bonus of 21.00 a case above ceiling price for 20.000 cases of beer which were never delivered.

The Chicago group for the past three years has been disposing of the entire beer output of the Indianapolis Brewing Company of Indianapolis, Indiana, and of the Fortage Wisconsin Brewing Company of Portage, Wisconsin. The Chicago group obtains \$1.00 per case of beer over and above the ceiling price. About two months ago, the Chicago group increased its price to \$1.50 per case of beer over and above ceiling price.

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On July 6, 1946 JONES and TOMMY SCHWARTZ of Dallas, Texas, drove to Fort Worth, Texas, where they were met by JAMES WEINBERG, PAUL LABRIGIA, JOHN MIRO, alias JOW RUSSO. SCHWARTZ made the trip to Fort Worth to arrange a black market beer deal with JAMES WEINBERG and PAUL LABRIGIA. JONES, WEINBERG and LABRIGIA were all arrested at Fort Worth and questioned by the police. Following their release, JONES, WEINBERG, LABRIGIA and MIRO left for Mexico City in LABRIGIA's cadillac, arriving in Mexico City on June 9, 1946. JOHN MIRO, who is the owner of one of the largest currency exchanges in Chicago and is one of the principal figures in the Chicago Syndicate, as well as being in charge of the "Goon Squad," also is under suspicion in the United States in connection with a postal robbery. MIRO was suspected of having cleared the money orders, checks, and other loot through his currency exchanges in Chicago.

JONES, WEINBERG, IABRIOLA and MIRO registered at the Palace Apartments in Mexico City upon their arrival there, remaining in Mexico City one week, at the end of which WEINBERG, LABRIOLA and MIRO returned to the United States. WEINBERG, LABRIOLA and MIRO were met in New Orleans for their trip to Mexico City by JONES, who disclaims that he has ever seen MIRO before or since MIRO's departure from Mexico City. It is JONES' opinion that MIRO was in hiding at the time he joined LABRIOLA and WEINBERG in New Orleans.

Shortly after the arrival of the aforementioned group in Mexico City. JONES contacted one

printed draperies to the United States for sale to drapery stores. It was JONES' plan to also solicit leading hotels throughout the United States, who might be interested in purchasing a particular design of hand printed drapery, the design of which could be made of his choice. Such drapery material could be used by the hotel for the covering of furniture, curtains and bed spreads.

JONES had contacted and was discussing the possibility of buying the entire production of

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JONES. who had not divulged his negotiations with
to WEINBERG, LABRIOLA or MIRO, one morning
left the Palace Apartments, without telling the group
where he was going, and immediately went to the New
Yorker, Madero 28, where he had an appointment with Mr.
While waiting for at the New
Yorker, JONES was joined by PAUL LABRIULA, who had
followed JONES that morning to ascertain the activities
of JONES. JONES discussed his plan of purchasing the
material with and during such discussion
LABRIOLA was present.

Upon the return of JONES and IABRIOIA to the Palace
Apartments where they were joined by WEINBERG and MIRO,
IABRIOIA advised WEINBERG that JONES was negotiating with
for the purchase of drapery material. WEINBERG
became intensely interested and immediately telephoned
JULIUS BREAKSTONE in Chicago. BREAKSTONE is the owner
and operator of a dry goods store in Chicago. WEINBERG
explained to BREAKSTONE that he, WEINBERG, was able to
purchase drapery material in Mexico City and asked BREAKSTONE if the latter would finance the deal. BREAKSTONE
agreed to finance the importation of 30,000 yards of
drapery material immediately to the United States, and
advised WEINBERG that he, BREAKSTONE, would immediately
obtain the services of one SAM GILBERT, who is an expert
in drapery material. JONES refused to have anything
further to do with the deal although IABRIOLA and WEINBERG
told JONES THAT he would get his "cut."

WEINBERG and LABRIOLA then entered into negotiations with regarding the purchase of drapery material.

was desirous of meeting BREAKSTONE and closing the deal in the United States. WEINBERG and LABRIOLA, who have recently been arrested numerous times and who according to JONES cannot operate with ease, suggested that the meet them in Toronto, Canada to close the deal. During the latter part of June 1946 BREAKSTONE, LABRIOLA and SAM GILBERT drove to Toronto, Canada, where they met the latter part time, as far as JONES has been able to ascertain, the deal for the purchase of drapery material by WEINBERG and LABRIOLA was closed.

LABRIOLA, GILBERT and BREAKSTONE travelled to Toronto, Canada, by automobile inasmuch as they feared being detected and arrested if they proceeded by air.

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During the latter part of June 1946 JONES was advised by one who is a mighbor of JONES in Dallas, Texas, and who operates the in Tems and Atlanta, Georgia, that he, was interested in purchasing 1/4 horsepower motors for operating reducing machines which are sold by the to beauty parlors. JONES was requested by to purchase as . many 1/4 horsepower motors as JONES was able to obtain. explained that the was badly in need of motors. stated that the would pay JONES whatever price was necessary to obtain the needed motors. He also wrote to the in Los Angeles, advising them that he, had hopes of obtaining electric motors. JONES was subsequently contacted by a representative from the Los Angeles city office, who assured JONES of a sizable profit in the event JONES was able to locate 1/4 horsepower motors. JONES endeavored to locate motors in the United States and even made inquiries in Mexico, but without success.

During the period of time he was endeavoring to locate motors, JONES received a check for \$700. as a deposit and a check for \$1,050. from on the motors from the of Los Angeles also as a deposit on motors to be purchased by JONES. JONES Acknowledged the receipt of the \$1,050. by a telegram forwarded to in los Angeles. Two days after receiving the deposit of \$1,050. JONES was arrested in Fort Worth, Texas, and held for investigation. After his release at Fort Worth, Texas, he proceeded to Dallas, Texas, where he was also arrested and upon learning of JONES' arrest, requested JUNES to immediately refund the money. To date JONES has not refunded the money to or the giving as his excuse his numerous arrests which have interfered to such an extent that he has been unable to raise the money for

WEINBERG and LABRIOLA are actively engaged at the present time in black market receipt deals with the Glazer Wholesale Drug and Liquor Company, located in Dallas, Texas. This liquor company clears for LABRIOLA and WEINBERG the whiskies known as "Waterfill & Fraser Bottled in Bond" and "Old Lancaster."

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JONES in the fall of 1943 became associated with

who owned the firm known as the

in Chicago. The firm of

and Company, located on the 15th floor of the

in Chicago, handled all of

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Inancial transactions. The complete data regarding

JONES' association with

are not made part of

this preliminary report and will be forwarded as soon
as obtained.

During the interview with JONES, the following information was divulged and is being set forth inasmuch as the statements made by JONES were not in direct connection with any of the information set forth in the first part of the report. JONES stated that the following information, some of which concerns the GUZIK Mob and other individuals not associated with the GUZIK Mob, is information which he has been able to recall as having overheard from members of the GUZIK Mob and other individuals who are involved in illegal activity.

MARCUS LIPSKY and one are presently operating of the in Houston, Texas, and Reynosa, Mexico, as partners. One BERNIE SCHNEIDER, who is a brother of LOU SCHNEIDER, is in charge of punch boards for LIPSKY throughout Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Reynosa, Mexico.

ment Company, is a partner of MARCUS LIPSKY in the ownership of this company although LIPSKY endeavors to maintain as a front man in this transaction.

The JACK GUZIK Mob is intensely interested in every activity that LIPSKY engages. PAUL MANN is the financial backer of MARCUS LIPSKY. LIPSKY must receive the approval of the Chicago

syndicate for his various illegal activity. PHIL and PAUL MANN are brothers and co-owners of the Consolidated Wire Company, 176 West Adam Street, Chicago, Illinois; Buckingham 41-14, Dearborn 34-16. This company is a manufacturer of luke box wiring material.

Jack Guzik, Nick De John, Murray Humphries are the leading members of the Guzik Mob at the present time. The Guzik Mob affords protection to Lipsky in Lipsky's various activities. Lipsky is not a member of any outfit but generally must have the approval of the Chicago Syndicate. In the past Lipsky has been able to obtain this approval through the services of Nick De John. Jones has expressed the opinion that Nick De John is dead inasmuch as De John, who is a close friend of Jones, has not contacted Jones for some time.

nimself, is well regarded by the Chicago Syndicate inasmuch as LABRIOLA's father, who was killed, was one of the leaders of the CAPONE Gang. LABRIOLA's mother, upon the death of LABRIOLA's father, married LAWRENCE MAGANO, one of the top men in the Chicago Syndicate. MAGANO was murdered by the Chicago Syndicate. MAGANO is believed to have been murdered over a cigarette roberry inasmuch as MAGANO in delivering to the Chicago Syndicate a portion of the stolen cigarettes delivered cartons filled with sawdust. PAUL ROSS is an alias of PAUL LABRIOLA.

in the Manhattan Distributing Company and the Club Forest in the city of New Orleans. WILLIAM JOSEPH MESSINO is a gun man for the GUZIK Mob. JAMES BARSELLA is a gun man for the Chicago Syndicate.

where he exchanges motors from wrecked automobiles with those of stolen automobiles. GOLDSAND purchases wrecked automobiles, obtains title papers through such purchases and then exchanges the damaged parts of the automobiles, including motors, with those of stolen cars. GOLDSAND, presently, is selling such automobiles in Texas and California. He and SAM YARAS are partners.

MARRY HORNSTEIN is not a member of the Guzik Mobbut is associated with and is a contact man for the New York organization.

are not known by JONES.

former operator of the in Mexico City, is now the principal operator in Tijuana and also has the approval of "BUGS" SIEGEL for operations in Baja California.

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while JONES remains in Mexico City and furnish any additional information which JONES may divulge regarding the activity of the subjects of this case.

will obtain information as to the background and business activity of as well as determine if Subjects WEINBERG, BREAKSTONE and LABRIOLA have concluded a contract to purchase as has been reported previously.

Will continue investigation to determine if any of the jewels stolen in Texas are being or have been disposed of in Mexico.