

# GOLD COAST PICTORIAL

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Dear Tony:

~~Sarah~~  
Sarah

I told ~~Sam~~ Holland I was going to call you last Friday, as she suggested, but I went out of town earlier than I had expected, on Thursday, and did not return until this evening (Sunday). Now I was about to pick up the telephone and call and then thought it would just be a waste of your dime since, as I told Sarah, there's not much that can be done at this point, in lieu of my schedule. I was speaking with Bruce Lee last week. He told me there was some kind of goof-up at McGraw Hill while he went on vacation. As I had mentioned to him when we made the initial arrangements, I thought the time prior to the release of the report was most critical because it would have given me the opportunity to do a lot of checking quite easily. Now it would be more difficult. That is not, however, the key problem. When I initially made the arrangement with Bruce the manuscript was to be sent to me the following Monday. That was a month and a half ago. I arranged my schedule around working on that. Now I just don't have the time to give it the initial big bite of time I feel it requires in terms of checking with each team area. I suppose I could wing it, but I really don't want to do it at this point without being absolutely sure I would do an adequate job. I don't have the time to do that now. I really regret it. I'd be most happy to help you on critical and specific questions if I can, so please let me know. (Speaking of specific questions: Yes, it's Ragano who was Trafficante's lawyer, but I don't know whether Marcello used him; According to news clips at the time, it was William McClaney who owned the property at LaCombe; his wife then said he had been in the "tourist business" in Havana; his brother Mike, who owned the Hotel Nacional (and the International Casino inside it), said that William managed the ~~place~~ place)

As far as Bishop goes: I've done a lot of thinking about how best to handle it and the release of the supplemental volumes has opened doors. I feel I must open them myself, as I told Bruce, and on an immediate national level if possible. Once I do that, it will all be available to you, but until I can firm up plans to that it would not be in my own interests to release it. I hope you understand. Meanwhile, I hope things are going well for you in Ireland and your window is free of cracks.

Regards,

