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TNS File Reviews

A. Benny Binion

File #A8 952 077

DOB: 11/20/04

POB: Pilot Grove, Texas

FBI #206 216

### General Information:

- Took over policy in Dallas after Freiden killed in 1936 -- ex-boss of Dallas million dollar policy racket -- had 40% of Herbert Noble's take -- in protection racket he had trouble with Noble, bitter enemies -- 7 attempts to kill Noble -- Noble's wife killed 11/29/49 when she started her car.
- DPD Lt. reportedly tapped phone calls and miked room -- BB supposedly knew who killed Noble's wife and would have him killed in jail as good-will gesture if Noble let BB back into Dallas rackets. BB fled Dallas in 1946.
- Record: charged in Freiden killing but released 12/28/36. charged concealed weapon 9/30/32. homicide conv. of bootlegger 5/25/32; got suspended sentence.
- 12/6/53 news clip:
  - BB pays \$516,541.93 in back taxes
  - Still got 5-year sentence on tax evasion rap.
- 1956 invest. satisfies INS that BB is U.S. citizen through birth as he claimed and will not be deported.
- 7/8/55 INS memo:
  - BB currently prisoner at Leavenworth.
- BB file also contains reference to invest. of Harry Remer Urban. DOB: 9/9/06; Dallas

### B. R.D. Matthews

### File #Al4 529 111

- 3/23/65 report:
  - RDM was born 9/26/20 under the name Russell Douglass Boyd, Jr. and later changed his name in court.
  - Says RDM has been arrested many times since 1948.
  - INS concludes that RDM appears to be U.S. citizen.
  - Name change was in Dallas court on 11/17/60 (Bureau of Vital Stats Certificate #39787 #5139).
  - Attached affidavit from RDM's mother:
    - Says RDM served in Marines in WW-II
    - RDM used Matthews after father died and mother remarried.

### C. Joe Campisi

File #A12 531 109

- 8/5/69 letter
  - Says JC, Peter J. Piccola, and Jimmy I. Maggiota are of interest to O.C. and racket section of Justice Department.
- 3/7/62 report:
  - Verifies JC's citizenship (through his father and school records).
  - Carlo Campisi says he came to U.S. with wife in 1907 to La. Moved to Dallas in 1917.
  - Lists JC as a gambler, making bets in excess of \$1000 on baseball games and says he knows many influential people in Dallas city government and DPD.
- 11/7/61 memo
  - INS investigator lists Dallas residents who are involved in gambling rackets and/or liquor rackets:

JC
S. Campisi
Jimmy Maggiotta
Joe L. Tinnerrello
Joseph J. Colletta
John Michael Carcelli
P. Piccola
Johnny Patrona

D. Sam Campisi

File #A12 531 043 DOB: 5/20/20

- -10/23/63 memo:
  - Lists individuals identified as LCN members:

SC Charles P. Manicchia Ross Peter Interrante Luke Cortemeglia Jimmy Maggiotta Phillip Municchia

E. Joseph Civello

File #All 302 676 DOB: 2/3/02, Port Allen, La.

- $-9/9/59 \cdot memo$ 
  - Original family name was Shivera; changed to Civello in 1932.
  - Few news clips on Civello and Appalachia meeting.
- 5/22/59 memo
  - Says Civello and Frank Desimone claim to be cousins. INS unable to verify this.
- 3/13/59 news clip
  - JC won't testify before L.A.
    - g.j. his attorney sayd he's uneducated and confused.
    - g.j. will give him another chance before contempt
      rap.
- -9/11/58 report
  - Ross Musso is JC's brother-in-law.

Civello's file contains testimony given by John Cusach, Narcotics Agent, on 1/19/58 before N.Y. Joint Legis. Comm. on Govt. Operations.

- This text runs down list of top Mafia men in 1958 with brief bio sketches.
- Civello is mentioned; says he was convicted in Dallas in 1937 (on narcotics rap?) and got 15-year sentence commuted and released from prison 11/6/48. Now he has pardon application pending.
- Gabriel Mannarino is mentioned: DOB 10/31/16, Paul
  - Says he runs numbers and slot machines with brother Sammy in Westmoreland Cty, Pa.
  - In 1950 word was that GM was going to move in on Pittsburgh numbers racket and let "Cuban mob" take over in New Kensington.

- E. Joseph Civello (Cont'd)
  - Info that Mannarino has concession at Sans Souci in Havana (owned by Trafficante).
  - 11/26/57 report
    - Lists murder arrest for JC on 7/14/23 later exonerated.

F. Milton Jaffe

File #A13 093 381 DOB: 8/19/95, Braddock, Pa.

- 6/4/63 report
  - Lists prior residences as:
    - 5725 Torkes Ave., Pittsburgh
    - 6308 Pennsylvania Ave., Pittsburgh
  - Employment last five years:
    - Owns 2% interest in Karat, Inc, dba Stardust Casino, L.V.
    - Prior occupations: gambling, 6308 Penn Ave., Pittsburgh.
    - Details Jaffe family history -nothing startling.
- -2/18/63 memo
  - Lists MJ as important figure in L.V. gambling circles along with: B. Rothkopf
    M. Rubin
    J. Gottlieb

- G. Pedro Digno Fox-Zamora File #Al2 479 246 FOB: 6/13/13, Havana
  - Copy of PF's naturalization certificate #38033; 3/15/68
    - Signed Pedro Rudy Fox (wants name changed to this)
    - Lists DOB as 10/24/09
    - Admitted to US 11/29/61
    - Res.: 302 Beacon Blvd., Miami.
      - Says since 5/29/61 he has never left U.S. for more than six months.
      - Last place of foreign residence is Tropicana nightclub.
      - Present occupation: restaurant captain at Deauville Hotel.
      - Denies Communist affiliation and criminal record.
  - Other names used: Rudy P. Fox
  - Was general manager at Tropicana.
  - Records show entry into N.Y.: 5/18/60
    " " " Miami: 3/13/60
  - Passport #14776
  - Fox applied for immigrant visa at American Embassy in Mexico City.
    - Says he is a merchant.
    - Lists assets as: \$ 5,000 cash

81,200 bank deposits 15,000 real estate 10,000 investment

- Residences: 1924-29 Havana

1929-39 Miami 1939-60 Havana 1960-date Miami

- H. Martin Gabriel Zamora-Fox File #Al2 416 893
  DOB: 3/18/96, Matanzas, Cuba
  - 3/25/66 letter to Social Sec. Adm.
    - Says MF is Pedro Fox's brother.
    - MF entered U.S. 7/2/61 at Miami from Mexico as permanent resident.
    - This is response to Pedro Fox 3/23/66 request for info so his brother can get Medicare benefits; note on request says applicant is mentally ill -- don't know if this means Pedro or Martin.
  - 7/2/61 immigrant visa application
    - Martin has passport #13603
    - Lists occupation as real estate owner
    - Assets: \$ 15,000 cash
      50,000 bank deposits
      30,000 real estate
    - Martin was always in Cuba.
  - 6/26/61 letter from Pan American Bank, Miami to U.S. Consul, Mexico City
    - Says MF has had checking account with substantial deposits since October 1952.

- I. Luis Eusebio Balbueka-Calzadillo File #Al2 854 523
  - Naturalization certificate #47462 5/1/70
    - DOB: 12/15/28; Guantanamo, Cuba
    - Denies Communist affiliatons and criminal record
    - Residence: 450 N.W. 45th Ave., Miami
    - Has lived in U.S. since 7/6/62
    - Lawfully admitted 8/23/64
    - Previous U.S. addresses: 927 SW 3 St., Miami 918 SW 10th St., Miami
    - Employment in U.S.:

1/68 Aero Cast, Inc. 9/65 - 1/68 Air Craft Casting 2/64 - 9/65 Spring Lock Scaffol 3/63 - 2/64 Singer Co. 10/62 - 1/63 Richards Dept. Store

- Occupation:: caster
- Worked for U.S. Government, Guantanamo Bay, from 1943 10/61.
- Untitled documents:
  - States LB can't return to Cuba for political reasons.
- 10/4/62 report Lists LB as anti-Castro "founder of anti-Castro Patrionatas de Libertad in Oriente Province."

"ex-member of MRR," "connected w/Nino."

- J. Edward Browder, Jr. File #All 876 213
  - 6/8/60 letter from INS to Browder (at 6300 Snapper Creek Drive, Miami)
    - Informs EB that he is not to depart from U.S. to Cuba until further notice.

### K. Norman Rothman

File #All 885 359

- 6/11/63 memo from Bureau of Narcotics to INS
  - Lists Cuban types mixed up in narcotics
  - NR listed as violator and suspect along with others, including: Trafficante Tourine Lanally
  - Lists associates of NR:

Michael Morrison Jean Baptiste Croce Josef Albert Bistoni Paul D. Mondolini

- States NR spends much time around Havana casinos. Was associated with Lucien Rivard in operation of El Morocco casino in Camagney, Cuba into which he imports slot machiens from U.S.
- INS recommends deportation from Cuba to U.S.
- 6/13/60 news clip
  - Says George Mecalling has revealed himself as true owner of Biltmore Terrace Hotel in Miami and will ask for Fed. bankruptcy.
    - Hotel is described as haven for Batista Cubans and NR described as big-time builder in Cuba under Batista and as front man at hotel until Mecalling's disclosure.
    - Says NR was convicted in Feb. in case involving smuggling weapons into Cuba now on appeal.

L. Dominick Bartone File #Al0 190 157

- -10/28/ memo
  - DOB: 8/8/13; N.Y. Res.: 25 Lansdowne Rd., Toledo, Ohio
  - Mentions DB's long record and some specific raps
  - "Unconfirmed rumors have circulated for years that during the late 1950's he was involved in some capacity w/the CIA."

M. Edward Ivan Arthur

File #Al3 137 451 DOB: 6/15/35 SS #290-28-2188

Res.: 92 Belpre Pl., W.,

Waterville, Ohio 43081

- File only contains correspondence between Arthur, his attorney (Robert E. Cesner, Jr.) and INS on Arthur's FOIA request for his files.
- Only thing in the file is FBI report (10/30/63) deleted for HSCA due to 3rd agency rule.