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7th March, 1967.

~~SAM RICE~~

GAMBLING INVESTIGATIONS

BAHAMA ISLANDS

1. Samuel RICE

One of McLANEY's contacts in Nassau in whom we are still interested is a certain Samuel RICE, described as an attorney from Fort Lauderdale. I apologise for the dearth of personal particulars, but he is known to act for Samuel BENNETT, the subject of your memorandum No. 15401 dated 4th January 1967.

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2. During the recent election campaign in the Bahamas RICE arranged for the following aircraft to be made available for use by the P.L.P.

(a) Cessna 206 - N 3436 E - piloted by one Len ROSSMAN carrying credit card in name of Meray Carol BRAZLE c/o American Aviation Corporation, Tamiami Airport, Florida.

(b) Beech Queenair, registered as N.11000, owned by Telectron (associated with, or subsidiary of Metalab - subject of your memorandum No. 15404 dated 4th January 1967).

(c) Helicopter belonging to Adventure Helicopter Corporation piloted by one Paul WOODS.

3. Regarding paragraph 2, one Harold JENSEN, a U.S.A. aircraft pilot who has been living in the Bahamas for some years, where he has been employed by the Bahamas Tractor and Equipment Co. Ltd., told Special Branch that prior to the elections a pilot friend of his who works for the Crescent (?) Aircraft Company of Fort Lauderdale, had told him of an approach by a man named William SHILLINGS (owner of a Fort Lauderdale public relations firm and at one time P.R.O. at Riley Aeronautics). This approach had to do with hiring a helicopter for use by the P.L.P. subsequently there was a meeting attended by SHILLINGS and Sam RICE (see above). SHILLINGS, John Ward EVANS, Vice President of Riley Aeronautics who lives at 9941 S.W. 66 Street, Miami, one George NEEDSMITH (phonetic) of Crescent Airlines, and one Joseph A. WHITCOMBE, of whom we have no further particulars. EVANS and Needsmith are rumoured in the Bahamas to have had involvements in the past with American Intelligence.

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4. Any likely traces of any of those mentioned in this memorandum in addition to RICE would also be appreciated.

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I. Michael McLANEY

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We are informed that amongst this man's contacts in Florida are two men known as Duke JORDAN and William HANDELY. It is alleged that they may have been concerned with McLANEY prior to the elections in the Bahamas to get support for the P.L.P.

2. Are they known to you?

II. Tex McCRAIKY

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As you are already aware, one of McLANEY's contacts in Nassau is one Tex McCRAIKY. I gather that this man is a well known 'show business' personality in New York City, and that he had some part also to play in introducing Mr. Pelocquin of the Justice Department to Mr. PINDLING recently. We should be glad to know what (if anything) you may have on record concerning him.

Marion A. RICHARDS.

Please refer to the second attachment to my letter of 9th February. HAWTHORNE's English girl friend has been identified as Marion A. RICHARDS, born 1st June 1938 at Treherbert, South Wales, British Passport No. LO 871915 issued Liverpool in 1958. HAWTHORNE and this girl returned to Nassau by way of Bermuda, New York and Miami on 31st December/1st January. Do you in fact have any record of her.

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Norman WESTON.

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Please refer to the second attachment to my letter of 9th February in which reference is made to a man named Norman WESTON, who is a London business man concerned with a firm known as "Arbiter & Weston" who own an establishment known as "Cleopatra's Palace".

Norman WESTON was one of those of whom David PROBINSKY sought to meet in London recently, during the course of a visit which, it has been alleged, was undertaken to meet and influence those people in London concerned with the selection of a lawyer to participate in the proposed official enquiry into gambling in the Bahamas under the chairmanship of Sir Ranulph Bacon.

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VI.

~~David~~ PROBINSKY

PROBINSKY is of course referred to in the second attachment to my letter dated 9th February; I am now informed that he is a native of Philadelphia having been born there on 22nd December 1919, and that he lives at 5301 North Kendall Drive, Miami, FLA PHILADELPHIA PA

I should be grateful for any information on PROBINSKY which you may be able to divulge.

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