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Physical description of Angelo Bruno

FB1-1045098

Date: November
Sex: Male
Height: 5'8"
Weight: 198 lb.
Hair: Dark Chestnut
Eye: Med. Brown
Complexion: Dark
Build: Well
Age: 46
P.O.B: Villarba, Italy
Marital status: married
Wife: Sue Bruno
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Memorandum 10-20-66
File 62-9-37-593
To: DeLoach
Fr: J.H. Gale
Sub: Criminal Intelligence Digest

Born Antonio Angelo Cannaloro in Villalba, Sicily on 5-21-10

Arrested in the U.S. less than 15 months after birth

Granted derivative citizenship through his father in 1946. Some officials were curious, however, as to how Bruno was born in 1910 when his father claimed to have been in the U.S. since 1906 (his mother did not go to the U.S. prior to his birth). Thus, under the choice of being declared illegitimate or illegally naturalized, Bruno said that his father secretly returned to Sicily in 1907 or 1908 if the two had to flee back to the U.S. to avoid prosecution...

Bruno has avoided informing any of his family in Commission operations. When his daughter, Jean, was married in 1962, Bruno sent relation to Carlo Gambino and Peter Magaddino but recommended that they not show
1935 - 15-month suspended sentence and
3yr probation for manufacturing
illegal liquor.

1937 - $7 fine for disorderly conduct
1954 - $600 fine and 2 yrs probation for
operating an illegal lottery.

By 1963, Bruno was described as the biggest
numbers man in Phila.

Bruno entered the La Cosa Nostra
sometime during the 1950s. His rise
was rapid ever since.

Joseph Valla - head of the Philly mob from
1946 to 1959. He fled to Italy on

p.7 - Anglo's activities - Bruno had a
residence on Monte Carlo in
Havana, Cuba.

Close associates of Bruno - Charlie T.
Costello - who lives in Miami
on North Bayshore Drive.

-- does not enjoy the best of health.
File: Lilli Angela Bruno
165-1458
HSCA: 4-20-78
- received - nothing -

File: 92-2717
Lilli Angela Bruno
Section +1 Serial scope: 1-16
HSCA: 4-20-78

FBI Report 5-6-58
SP John L. Adams
Chmn AR
Title: Angelo Bruno
Phil
92-2717-15

Blank letterhead memo 1-30-58
SAC, Phil
DIR: FBI 92-2717-9

Angelo Bruno
states that Bruno has maintained
a residence in Miami, Beach, Fl.,
since Feb 9, 1948.

Reports that Bruno traveled to
Curra & the Dominican in 1957
File 92 - 2717

Subj: Angelo Bruno
Section 4 a. Penal Code: 17-55
HSCA: 4-28-78

June mail 92-2717-55 11-18-60
See file 66-2554-75-30 for authority.

June mail 92-2717-54 Angelo Bruno

Report 10-28-60
ST Robert Pearse
Angelo Bruno
AR
92-2717-53

P L 7- 5095 - telephone number of
Charles E. Castello, 12468 North
Bayshore Dr., Keypoint Pt., North Miami
Florida - July 1960.

5- American Gambling Act - Havana
- allegedly has gambling interests
- along with New Jersey racket men - such
- as Carl Pappy Oppelt, Charley
- routine to the Daylight.
- More info. has determined that
- Bruno interested in the building
- of the Hotel Plaza gambling casino
- in Havana, Cuba.
On Oct 18, 1960, Bruno arranged through Lloyd's of London and an undisclosed insurance agency to insure his gambling casino in Havana for an unknown amount.

Costello - close associate -

Business entered in Miami, Fl. Area

p. 6.

T-6. In April, 1960, state that Bruno's wife had claimed a financial interest in the Montmart Hotel, next to the Eden Rock in Miami, Beach, Fl. Also, due to Bruno recently wrote a $50,000 check to purchase control or interest in a vending machine business in Miami Hotel Beach, Fl.

T-9. In July, 1960, stated that Bruno spending much time in Miami, & allegedly purchased a home in the Keylone Point area of Miami.

T-11. In July, 1960, alleged that he made inquiries that Bruno had no interest in the Montmart Hotel or any vending machine.
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**Note:** Bruno's withdrawal from the office was noted on 9-12-60. The absence of Bruno was noted frequently during the period, indicating the need for replacement personnel.
as already noted, Carl "Pappy" Appolito, 133 Brunswik Ave, Trenton, N.J.; Raymond Braylerksi, 1005 Division St, Trenton, N.J.; and Charles Tourine, were associated with Bruno in the Hotel Plaza Gambling Casino, Havana, Cuba.

June mail 9-19-60
See File 66-2554-7530 for authority
92-2717

June mail Anglo Bruno
See File 66-2554-7530 for authority
92-2717
Report 11-24-59
Philadelphia J. Robert Pearce
Angelo Bruno
AR
92-2717-(?)

P4

Prior to may, 1959, Bruno lied Phil
Coy. Inj. T-2 that he, Bruno, was no
of the interest holder in the Tropic
Plaza Gambling Casino & that the
Casino received permission to reopen
in June, 1959

It was said that in August, 1959, the
following Gambling casinos came
to be open in Havana for operation:

Tropicana
Havana Hilton
Hotel Nacional
Cuban
Havana Riviera Hotel

The remaining Casinos, including the
Hotel Plaza Gambling Casino, were
closed either because of Gov. order
or for, difficulties.

Report 10-8-59
Phil J. Robert Pearce
AR
Angelo Bruno
Lines

Miami

- Run that the Bureau will int. BEN
  GALLUP, alleged to be in business at
  2920 NW 7th Ave, Miami, the Jeff
  1-23, 77 - purpose: ascertain
  the assoc blm Gallup & Bruno.

PB - Dep Bureau will int. Joe Miller
     chanced as a night club owner,
     and shifted to Miami - really a
     friend of Bruno

My note: Nearly all clubs owner
     in the Miami area - date: Nov 1959
     could know something about Ruby

PB - In August 7, 1959, PH T-2 advised

SA Dale M. HESTAND that Angelo Bruno
was leaving in approximately two days
for approx a 2 week vacation 

in Miami.

Report

Philadelphia 6-25-59
Angelo Bruno 92-2717-40
J. Robert Rowe

PA - Carl Samuel "Pappy" Oppoliti
Raymond Edward Dalgreni
-alleged assoc of Bruno - Playa Hotel
p-B-

Johnnie Rocco - Phil - allegedly owns with Bruno in discovery of Cuban currency brought into U.S.

John Nardello, bookkeeper, 1527 West Rambled St, Phil. - attempt to dispose of Cuban currency -

Report

Sgt. Robert Price
17 July 59
Angelo Bruno
92-2717

that deal with the entire spectrum of Bruno's life - very good.

p.16-

Accord to Calamardo, aka Bobby, close assoc of Bruno, info as Jan 7, 1955 by Sgt. Price & present in Venice at Calamardo's business establishment, the A & J Catering Service, 117 W. Tree Street, Phil. Bruno went to live in Florida because of his health somewhere in the latter 1950's.

Calamardo said that Bruno had apparently lost huge sums of money in Cuba as a result of the revolution.
Phil's report, submitted on 12-13-57, showed that Bruno's Chief was at one location and then illicit alcohol.

Between April 1, 1957 and June 1959, Bruno visited intermittently the locations in Miami, Cuba, and Philadelphia.

A conf. inf. advised on June 30, 1959 that Bruno apparently returned to Phil to stay.

No word of Div. learned from a Phil conf. inf. on Oct. 29, 1958, that a group of New Jersey racket men, numbered about 35, had organized a group to establish a gambling casino. Carl "Pappy" Appolito, the leader of that group, made a try to Rejini for 10 days. During this time he contacted Charles Toussain, aka "The Blade," and said that Toussain was one of the key contacts for gambling in Havana. Carl Toussain had secured a gambling license from the Cuban gov. for the New Jersey syndicate.

By June, 1959, it appeared that Bruno liquidated the assets in Cuba and returned to Phil.
in March, 1959, stated that Cuba
parts had access to $7 million Cuban dollars (pesos)
and wished to convert them into American
currency. Angelo Bruno was one of these
people. T-2 also said that the money
would possibly be obtained from a former
Cuban General who fled Cuba when Batista was
overthrown.

File Subj: Angelo Bruno
File # 92-217
Section #: 3 Serial Scope: 56-137
HSCA: 4-28-78

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Report
J. Robert Peck
Philadelphia, PA
Angelo Bruno
A2 92-2717-124

3-5-61

on Feb 14, 1961, T-6 said that
Salvatore Palermo, aka "Little Abe",
left him that Dominick Speranzo
purchased about $50,000 worth of
Cuban currency from two unknown men.
about 1 1/2 - 2 yrs ago for about $50,000. Sarnago telephonically contacted Tony banana (sic) at Newark, N.J., who apparently supplied the $50,000 to complete the purchase. Sarnago & banana then sold their currency to Bruno for a profit.

Report 3-22-61
Philadelphia J. Robert Peace
AR
Angelo Bruno

p.13 - int. of Agostino Amato Jr.
693 Northeast 82nd Terrace, Miami, Fl. 3-3-9-61
stated he is currently Rep. of Cigarette Vendors of Miami, Inc. It had been sold in Nov '60 - formerly owned by Amato, Vincent & Sue Bruno.

p.14 - Bruno may have been interested in Acme Vending Machine business in Miami.

Memorandum 3-22-61
70. DIR. F.B.I. 92-2717-118
Fr. SAC. Phil
Subj. Angelo Bruno
Bruno fled to Cuba. Source told me that in April 1960 he was able to obtain most of the money he had invested in his Cuban casino, but that he runs encountering difficulty in removing it from Cuba.

In July 1959, the same source indicated that Bruno's investment was $180,000.

In April 1960, Bruno told the same source that his wife, Sue, had recently written a $50,000 check for an interest in a licence machine business.

He received his worst when his casino was insured by Lloyd's of London - allegedly.

92-2717-101
June mail - Angelo Bruno 2-27-61
See file 66-2554-7530

Note: If Bruno did receive $180,000 from his casino or from Lloyd's of London, he did not report it on his 1958 income tax.
92 - 2717 - 70 June Mail 1-20-61
See File 66-2554-7530 for authority
Angel Bruno

92 - 2717 - June Mail 1-13-61
Angel Bruno
See File 66-2554-7530 for authority

92 - 2717 - 67 1-20-61
June Mail
Angel Bruno
See File 66-2554-7530

92 - 2717 - 63 12-21-60
June Mail
Angel Bruno

File 92 - 2717
Subj: Angel Bruno
Section # 4 Aircraft scope: 138 - 235
HSCA: 4-28-78

Air-66 92 - 2717 - 233
To: OIR, FBI 6-24-61
FRC: SAC, Denver
Angel Bruno

States that a Irving CARRIG, owner of an aluminum manufacturing company in Miami Beach in 1959, rode several trips to Havana, Cuba prior to Dec, 1959
Bruno and Carey would often be together in Miami.

Jack O'Leary, a partner in building the Montmarte Hotel, stated that Anglo Bruno never had any interest, financial or otherwise, in the Montmarte Hotel up to the time that it failed and sold out (March 1960). Also, he has never heard of Bruno having an interest since that time.
Subject: Angelo Bruno  F. No. 92-2717  
Action: 5 - Serial Scope: 236 only
HSCA: 4-28-78
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-302
-396-

Repeat

Philadelphia  6-28-61
Cases: 11-27-57 to 5-28-61
by S.A. J. Robert Pierce
Chal.: A.R
Title: Angelo Bruno, aka

- This report covers over 600 pages.
- Complete info on Bruno (biographical info)
- Broken down into following major heads:
  A. Personal History & Background
  B. Associates
  C. Legitimate Enterprise
  D. Illegal Activities
  E. Police Corruption & Political Influence
  F. Leading Prosecution Actions
  G. Banking Connections
  H. Statement of Assets
  I. Identification Record

Rise in Racket Activities p. 21-28

-Angelo Bruno originally started working
in the racket for Frank Mathis, aka
Frankie Rendell, in the numbers
business. (7-1)
T-1 said Bruno later broke with Matteo A joined the "Italian mob" and became a partner with Marco Reginelli in the New Jersey Vending Machine Co. in Philadelphia. Through this activity the company became a financial success.

P. 22 - In 1953 the so-called "Greaser Gang" had control of all racket activities in Philadelphia. Bruno was a member of the gang.

An arrest record of Bruno shows that he has been questioned or arrested by the Philly PD for charges involving murder, operation of an illegal still, lottery, possession of drugs, covering a period from 11-21-58 to 2-13-61.

T-2, c.i., stated Bruno told him:
Bruno & Antonio Pollina, assoc in crim act for the last 12 yrs. at least-
T-2 said Bruno was under Pollina in hierarchy.

T-2 said Bruno & Pollina have had a misunderstanding in the past - this difference led to a melee among members of the organization in Wildwood, N.J. - believed by Pollina & not Bruno.
7-2 - the difference finally brought to
alter of the Commission in N.Y.C. by a
3rd party - resulted in a meeting in N.Y.C.
which Bruno attended - 7-2 sent two
members of this Commission - Thomas Luchese
and Carlo Gambino.

7-2 - his opinion that Bruno the Commission
Rep. in Philadelphia -

3-22-61

p. 59 - listed in Bruno's address book -
"Russell Buffalino - Bar - Olympia - 5-1906"

p. 302 - listed in book - Santa 8 - home
Redwood 6-6973.

- Tampa Times dated that Redwood
6-6773 was the unlisted telephone at
2503 Bristol Ave, Tampa, FL, residence of
Santa Traffante. J-E - FBI NO 482-531-B.

p. 364 - accord to Victor Calamaro,
aka Bobby Calamaro, a close assoc of Bruno,
recorded 6-5-7 Robert Pearce & Joseph A
Vivien on 11-7-59 that:

Bruno went to live in FL because of
health. Bruno always thought he had
Cancer in the throat but really had serious
Cholang - bleed.

And Bruno & wife presently living in Havana.
p365 - Carl Bruno had an interest in a gambling Casino in Havana.

p366 - Carl int'l T-42 advised that (12-17-51) Bruno definitely did not have an interest in Sosa Saez on Hotel National Casino - maybe the Hotel Plaza Casino.

2-26-59 cont int'l T-43 said that Bruno had purchased part of an interest (from Rosso) in the Hotel Plaza Gaming Casino - purchased prior to the overthrow of Batista regime on 1-1-59.

p366 - cont int'l T-43 identified Bruno as one of the interest holders in the Hotel Plaza.

p366 - said that this was closed on 1-1-59; did not receive permission to reopen as 2-15-59 as some other casinos had.

T-43 said that the rep. ways that a payment of 50,000 had recently been made to an unidentified officer of the Cuban government for a secret permission to reopen obtained.

T-43 said that in spite of permission the stockholders were in position of not having a bank roll.
On 4-24 & 5-19, 1919, Phil c.i. T-44

punished the following: to SA Raymond
J. Gotham

in the fall & early winter of 1915 he had been associated with the Plaza Casino in
Harare, Cuba.

said that the gambling syndicate from N.J. v. Phil secured their bases
from the Cuban Gov. through Charlie "The
Blade" Toumain.

368 - on 7-22-58, Phil c.i. T-16 advised

SA J. Robert Learce that Angelo Bruno,
who says recently said that Bruno
had 4/170,000 invested in a Havana
 gambling casino - said that the man
not lost but at the present time
Bruno was unable to get the money out of
Cuba.

During Oct. 1960 Phil c.i. T-45

advised SA Dale M. Herland that
Bruno has said that he arranged
through Lloyd's London for an undisclosed
insurance agent to secure his gambling
cheque, unidentified, for an undisclosed
amount. The insured agent, accord to
Bruno, had to manipulate the paper to
give Bruno $180,000 - explained that
Bruno said that the casino had cannot
free & that the premium at the
time Castron took me pains & that the
premium had been - ago & manipulated
paper - Buenos Aires & that ago
refined $20,000 for the favor.

p.376 - a day. Kattelman, Bala - Cynwyd, P.A.
advanced between 10-14-61 that:

p.377- said that Charles. Schwartzi, Phil., approached
him early 1960 to ask him if he, Schwartzi,
could enter damages on a casino in Hawaii. Also
Kattelman said that firm unrealized

p.378- that Schwartzi - Bruno - Casino -
Playa Gandy - Casino -

- An election campaign detailed in as
the owner of the Playa
$30,000 for 50%

p.379 - Burb - 50% - gave away on sold N2 - 10%
St. Basi - 50% - where Bruno probably fit in -

p.380 - Casino opened in Nov 58 - opened 6 weeks
Casino burned

p.406 - Joseph Stnesi- allegedly泮t with Staff

Born: 12-2-1906 N.Y.C.
Residence: NYC 1961 -
1945 East 210 street
Brooklyn, N.Y.
p 387 - Frank H. Burr
5-25-61 - received at 1010 S 1st
Nyc
p 391 - 50% owned of Plaza Hotel -
Casino & Restaurant

(bottom line - no he moved say
Bruno positively had an intent -
appear that stress gave him some
points)