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SEBASTIAN JOHN LA ROCCA, was.
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Re Baltimore letter, 7/18/58, re arrangements for interview of Baltimore PCI MAX GOLDBERG, CPA.

On 8/21/58, MAX GOLDBERG (conceal identity), was interviewed at his residence, 3701 Clarinith Road, Baltimore, Maryland, by SA(A) PAUL A. TURNER, at which time Mr. GOLDBERG advised as follows:

After Mr. GOLDBERG became a CPA in the State of Maryland in 1932, he decided to engage in public practice of accounting on a full time professional basis. At that time, the economic situation in the country was poor and he found it difficult to make a living. In about 1937, he developed Mr. ROY MC GINNIS as a client. MC GINNIS operated a music machine distributing business, and is currently in the coin machine business under the name of Roy McGinnis Corporation, Maryland Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland.

In about 1940, Mr. MC GINNIS took Mr. GOLDBERG to Pittsburgh, where he introduced him to SAM MANNARINO and his associates who were in the same type of business. At the request of SAM MANNARINO and some of his associates, he took them on as clients and performed auditing and tax return services for them. Through MANNARINO he became associated with SEBASTIAN JOHN LA ROCCA, MIKE GENOVESE and ANTHONY RIPEPI. He also became acquainted with CHARLES J. MARGIOTTI, then Attorney and political power in Pennsylvania who is now deceased. Through MARGIOTTI he took over the accounting for the Filben Corporation of Chicago, which was organized to manufacture coin operated music machines. Although this

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company has been defunct for a long time, Mr. GOLDBERG made other contacts which resulted in developing clients. For example, in Baltimore he acquired the account of the Cee Gee Music Company, which was organized by JOSEPH GIGLIOTTI and LOUIS COMI. When the Filben Company ran into financial difficulties, it resulted in an investigation by the Internal Revenue Service, and a great deal of newspaper publicity was given to alleged irregularities in the operation of this business. Mr. GOLDBERG had been placed in a compromising position by officials of this company and realized at that time that he had been taken advantage of by MARGIOTTI and his associates. He also realized that these men were engaging in questionable activities and felt that if he continued his association with them it could jeopardize his standing as an accountant.

In about 1950, he decided to discontinue his relationship with MARGIOTTI and his associates. He wrote registered letters to MARGIOTTI, GENOVESE, RIPEPI and others, advising them he would no longer handle their accounting. At that time he would have discontinued his association with LAROCCA, except for the fact that he was then doing accounting for LAROCCA in connection with some litigation involving most of LAROCCA's financial interests. LAROCCA asked him to continue doing his accounting work at least until litigation was completed. Actually, this situation has continued and LAROCCA has become further indebted to him, so that at present, LAROCCA owes him a considerable amount of money for accounting fees.

In the past several years, LAROCCA has entertained Mr. GOLDBERG at his residence for dinner and to meet his family. Therefore, in the latter part of 1957, when visiting with LAROCCA, Mr. GOLDBERG invited him to attend the wedding of his son, which was to be held at Philadelphia. In February, 1958, the wedding was held and LAROCCA appeared accompanied by ANTHONY RIPEPI. At this time, LAROCCA stated that his wife was ill and could not accompany him. Mr. GOLDBERG at that time did not know that LAROCCA was wanted by the Government or that there was any Federal Grand Jury Proceeding in which LAROCCA was involved.

He recalled that when he last visited with LAROCCA prior to the wedding, LAROCCA was having some trouble with his throat, but at the wedding he did not notice any trouble in this regard.

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Mr. GOLDBERG emphatically stated that he has had no contact with LAROCCA since the wedding in February, 1958. He assured that if he has any contact with LAROCCA in the future he will contact the FBI on a confidential basis. He stated that he has every intention of cooperating fully with the Government concerning LAROCCA and concerning any matter in which the Government may have an interest.

Mr. GOLDBERG stated that handling the accounting for coin machine operators and others close to this type of business has been a very small part of his accounting practice. He stated that he still has some clients in this type of business, but to his knowledge none of them are numbers operators or are engaged in illegal activities.

He stated that he continues to represent ROY MC GINNIS, but has no other similar type of account in Baltimore.

In the State of Maryland he handles the accounts of Andrews Vending Company, Glen Burnie, Maryland, which is operated by ALBERT KULLEN and THOMAS ANDREWS. This company operates various types of coin machines in Anne Arundel County, Maryland. He also represents, in an accounting capacity, the General Amusement Company, which is operated by C. W. HENDRICKS, - Va, Colonial Beach, Virginia, which also operates coin machines. Both of these companies operate in counties where certain forms of gambling are permitted through use of coin machines.

Concerning LOUIS COMI, who ^{md} is currently one of the top hoodlums in the Baltimore Division, Mr. GOLDBERG stated that he has had very little contact with COMI personally. He advised that ROSE COMI handled most of the dealings for Cee Gee Machine Company, which has been inactive for about five years.

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Mr. GOLDBERG recalled meeting JOSEPH GIGLIOTTI, who has been identified as a former Pittsburgh racketeer currently operating a night club in Dundalk, Maryland.

In the course of this interview, Mr. GOLDBERG requested that his identity be concealed in reporting any information furnished by him. He assured of his desire to cooperate

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fully with the FBI in any investigation where he could be of assistance.

Although Mr. GOLDBERG has furnished no information of particular importance, it is believed that recontact is justified in an effort to further develop the friendly attitude which he displayed when currently interviewed. It is believed that Mr. GOLDBERG would furnish specific information on any matter if requested by this Bureau. It is contemplated that he will be recontacted in the near future in an effort to develop him further as a PCI.

The Pittsburgh Division will be advised of any subsequent information furnished by Mr. GOLDBERG concerning LAROCCA or GENOVESE or any of the individuals in which the Pittsburgh Office has an interest; however, since no further investigation is outstanding in this office concerning the captioned cases, these cases are hereby being considered RUC.