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Donald C. Shoemaker, 39 Walnut Street, Binghamton, New York, who appears to be unreliable, recently advised Agents of our Albany Office that Mrs. Lucy Blossom, Route 1, Post Mobile Homes Trailer Camp, Apalachin, New York, had made a statement in his presence that there was a secret tunnel on the estate of Joseph Barbara, Apalachin, New York, at the time of the meeting of hoodlums there on November 14, 1957.

Shoemaker has also advised that Melvin Blossom, husband of Mrs. Lucy Blossom, who was employed on the Barbara estate at the time of the Apalachin meeting and raid, stated that all of the visitors who were present at the time of the raid took an oath thereafter that they would never disclose what took place and that if any one of them did, he would be killed. Shoemaker also advised that Mr. Blossom further stated that at the time of the raid, he observed some of the visitors run into the woods and throw away guns.

Mrs. Blossom has denied statements attributed to her by Shoemaker and has stated that she has no knowledge of a secret tunnel on the Barbara estate or of any guns having been discarded at the time of the raid on the Apalachin meeting.

A representative of the Endicott, New York, Police Department has advised that Shoemaker and his wife, Ella Shoemaker, were arrested December 9, 1950. Shoemaker was charged with soliciting and vagrancy and received a 6-months jail sentence. Mrs. Shoemaker was sentenced following this arrest to an indefinite term in a women's prison. An official of the Binghamton, New York Police Department has advised that Shoemaker has been under investigation for soliciting for his wife and bringing men to his apartment for purposes of prostitution.

This is for your information.

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