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Subject avoided service of Federal subpoena during 12/57 and 1/58 according to brother, SAM. Ownership in S & S Distributors, Nu Ken Novelty Company verified. Information re ownership Family Outdoor Theater, New Kensington, set forth, no present gambling activity there. Ownership of home in Surfside, Florida, verified, not known to have been at this home since early 1957. Exact whereabouts of subject not known. T-2 and T-6 advise he is in New Kensington area although laying low. T-2 suspects subject of being behind murder of a man in New Kensington area during 1930's. Info re Morton Holding Co., Palm Beach Real Estate Corp., both Florida, and Buffone Construction Co., New Kensington, set forth. Subject owns 24 ft. cabin cruiser, docked Pittsburgh. Principal travel spots for subject alleged to be Miami, Little Rock, San Juan, Havana and Las Vegas. Stops placed re subject's travel at major Pittsburgh airlines. Stop placed 1/16/58 with Bureau Identification Division on subject. Surveillances at residence and hangouts unproductive. Toll calls on subject's phones subpoenaed by U. S. Senate Committee 12/57 for preceding seven months. MANNARINO control of New Kensington City Council set forth. MIKE HAJADAKOS, New Kensington, keeping books for subject's dice games, allegedly investing regularly in property in native Greece. HARRY MILLER, Palm Beach, Florida, determined to be businessman that city. JOSEPH MEROLA, well-known jewel thief, Miami, denies any association with MANNARINO brothers. MIKE ZERVIS states there is bad blood between KELLY and SAM MANNARINO. No corroboration developed to date that subject and brother, SAM, attempted to set up operations in Los Angeles, California. GABRIEL MANNARINO IS REPORTED TO CARRY A SMALL CALIBER GUN WHILE MAKING NUMBERS COLLECTIONS, WAS ARRESTED IN 1943 FOR CARRYING A .38 CALIBER REVOLVER, AND SHOULD, THEREFORE, BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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JOHN FONTANA's function is to organize numbers, card, dice and barbout games for KELLY MANNARINO in New Kensington and attends the games periodically to make sure that KELLY and in turn, SAM MANNARINO receive their fair share of the percentages.

T-3 on February 4, 1958, described EARL "EARLY" FIELDS as the owner and operator of the Fields Hotel located at 12th and Fourth Avenues in New Kensington, Pa. T-3 stated that FIELDS is reputed to control the numbers writers and control the colored vote in the New-Kensington area for the MANNARINO brothers.

On January 14, 1958, MIKE ZERVIS, admitted New Kensington numbers operator, advised SA JOHN S. PORTELLA that within the past month or two, he had a conversation with KELLY MANNARINO and KELLY told him that he considered MIKE HAJADAKOS as his right arm because HAJADAKOS keeps the books for the dice games, keeps complete records and always gives MANNARINO an honest count. ZERVIS further stated that HAJADAKOS has told him that he and JOHNNY FONTANA receive \$125 per week from the MANNARINO operation plus six per cent commission of the take on the dice tables. According to ZERVIS, this percentage can sometimes run up to \$1,000 per week.

ZERVIS stated that HAJADAKOS has become a wealthy man through his association with the MANNARINOS and has made several trips to his old home town in Peraia, Greece, located near the Port of Athens, Greece. According to ZERVIS, HAJADAKOS has been using the money to build apartment buildings and office buildings in this home town. He further stated that HAJADAKOS has told him that on one particular rental property in Peraia, Greece, he receives \$1,150 a month rent.

ZERVIS further advised that it is rumored that GABRIEL MANNARINO is very friendly with AL ROSS of Pittsburgh because AL ROSS supposedly served time for a crime KELLY MANNARINO committed. ZERVIS stated that he would endeavor to find out more about this rumor but doubted that he could and said that he, himself, believed that the rumor had no foundation.

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ZERVIS went on to advise about a raid made in New Kensington by the Internal Revenue Service on January 6, 1958. He stated that he had a conversation about these raids with DAN ZELOYE, Chief of Police of New Kensington, and ZELOYE made the remark that he was sick and tired of being embarrassed because of GABRIEL MANNARINO. According to ZERVIS, ZELOYE told him that on the day of the raids, a member of the Internal Revenue Service came to the New Kensington Police Station and notified him that a raiding party was in New Kensington at that time and that they were raiding various clubs in the city. ZELOYE stated that the inference he got from this action was that he could not be trusted and according to ZERVIS, ZELOYE disliked this very much. ZERVIS stated however that he does not believe ZELOYE will break with the MANNARINOS over this issue but wished to point out that there appears to be some ill feeling beginning to grow between them.

MIKE ZERVIS further stated that JOHNNY FONTANA can be found almost any day at the dice tables in New Kensington where he generally spends most of his day looking out for the MANNARINOS' interest from about 1:00 in the afternoon until closing time. ZERVIS stated that in his judgment, JOHNNY FONTANA is GABRIEL MANNARINO's most trusted lieutenant who will someday take GABRIEL MANNARINO's place.

JOHN FONTANA, 1237 Fifth Avenue, New Kensington, Pa., telephone Edison 9-9563 on January 29, 1958, was interviewed by SAS RICHARD GORDON DOUCE and NORMAN T. THOMPSON as a possible witness in connection with a White Slave Traffic Act investigation pending in the Pittsburgh Office. FONTANA furnished little or no information of value and at the outset emphasized that he would not cooperate or assist the FBI or any other law enforcement agency in any matter under investigation and under no circumstances would he discuss SAMUEL or GABRIEL MANNARINO whom he indicated he had known since childhood.

FONTANA pointed out that since being convicted and receiving a suspended sentence in U. S. District Court, Pittsburgh, for his part in the vote fraud investigation conducted by the FBI, he has attempted to go legitimate by working as a salesman for the Marbet Heating Company of Pittsburgh, Pa.

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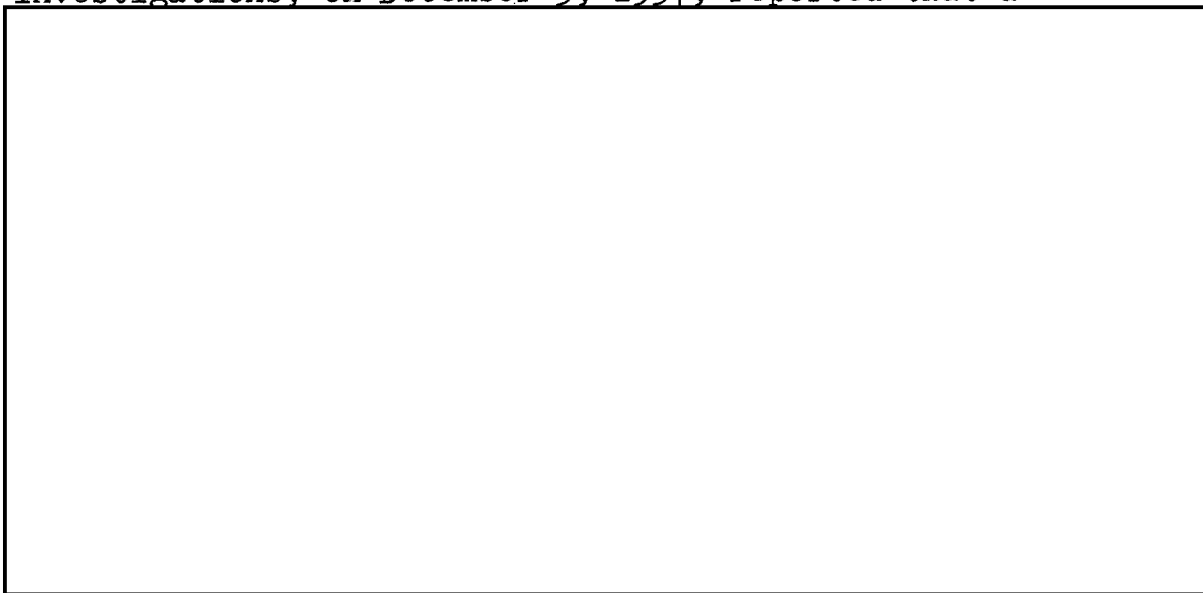
On February 3, 1958, JOSEPH MEROLA, Miami top jewel thief and subject of case entitled, "CHESTER ZOCHOWSKI, was.; ET AL, ITSP - MAJOR THEFT," a former Pittsburgher and now operating a bar at the Garden of Allah Motel, Indian Creek Drive, Miami Beach, Florida, advised SA C. GRAHAM HURST that he does not and never has owned any islands adding that he has nothing to do with the MANNARINOs. He stated he has not seen KELLY MANNARINO and has no idea of his whereabouts.

On December 2, 1957, T-4, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that SAM MANNARINO had told MEL CUMMINGS, a Pittsburgh used car dealer, that the MANNARINOs are completely through with JOE MEROLA.

D. CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

General

T-5, another Government agency conducting intelligence investigations, on December 5, 1957, reported that a



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On January 14, 1958, MIKE ZERVIS advised SA PORTELLA that he learned from MIKE HAJADAKOS, previously referred to, that TOM TANNAS, WILLIE SAMS, GABE MANNARINO and SAM MANNARINO are considered to be the big wheels of the Westmoreland County gambling set up; that TANNAS and SAMS

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handle the sport betting end of the business and the MANNARINOs operate the numbers, dice and card games. ZERVIS further stated that he learned from HAJADAKOS that TANNAS is generally referred to as a contact man because of his many contacts throughout the country made as a result of his fight promotions; that WILLIE SAMS is probably the shrewdest sport bookie in the country. ZERVIS further stated that he knows from personal knowledge that everyone who is writing numbers in the New Kensington area and turning into the MANNARINOs has been told by the MANNARINOs that if they are raided and arrested they are to consider themselves on their own and that the group, meaning the MANNARINO group, would not provide bond, money or an attorney for them.

In 1953, TOM TANNAS, City Clerk of Arnold, Pa., the adjoining community to New Kensington, Pa., explained that the top echelon of the MANNARINO organization was comprised at that time of SAM MANNARINO, GABRIEL MANNARINO, WILLIAM SAM and himself. TANNAS further stated that this organization had an interest in all phases of gambling, slot machines, numbers, card games, bookmaking and employs slot machine repairmen, collection men, numbers pickup men, professional card sharks and bookmakers.

On January 20, 1958, T-2 advised that approximately fifteen years ago, a man named (FNU) ARABIA was found dead outside New Kensington, having been shot in the head. T-2 stated that it was his belief, although he could not prove it, that this job was done at the request of the MANNARINOs and that the man who did the shooting was HENRY "SMASH" MC HENRY, who performed the job for \$1,000. T-2 further stated that MC HENRY is presently serving time in a penitentiary, unknown to him.

T-2 went on to advise that in about 1937, he witnessed an incident in which KELLY MANNARINO at about 3:00 a.m., one morning, shot up a two block section of store windows on Fifth Avenue between Eighth and Tenth Streets in New Kensington from a moving automobile using a sub-machine gun. T-2 stated however that another man, whose name he could not recall, was arrested and took the rap for this offense. T-2 further stated that no one was injured due only to the time of this occurrence. T-2 stated that he felt certain that the subject no longer has the sub-machine gun and had never been known to use or display one since that incident.

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On February 5, 1958, GEORGE LATIMER, who from 1951 through January, 1958, served as Director, Gambling Division, Commonwealth Government of Puerto Rico, was interviewed by SA CURRAN at the San Juan Hotel, where LATIMER is now Manager of the Gambling Casino. Mr. LATIMER advised that all gambling casinos in Puerto Rico must obtain a license from the Puerto Rico Government with backing of \$5,000,000. He stated that the only gambling casinos in Puerto Rico are at the Caribe Hilton, Condado Beach and San Juan Hotels, Flamboyen Club, all of the San Juan area, and at the Borinquen Hotel, which is located at Aquadilla, Puerto Rico. He stated that in order to open a gambling casino, hotel rooms and services must be made available by the proprietors and that in the case of the Flamboyen Club, the facilities of the Coral Beach Hotel are made available through this club. He stated there is no syndicate gambling interests in Puerto Rico and that all individuals applying for gambling licenses, as well as positions at one of the legal gambling casinos, are investigated by the staff of the Office of Director of Gambling Division. Mr. LATIMER advised he had never heard of either of the MANNARINOs and is certain they neither maintained nor control any gambling interests in Puerto Rico.

On February 6, 1958, Mrs. MARIA PARSONS, Retail Credit Company, San Juan, which covers the entire Island of Puerto Rico, advised SA ARNOLD W. O'BRIEN that her office could locate no identifiable information concerning either SAMUEL MANNARINO or GABRIEL MANNARINO under their true names or aliases.

On February 6, 1958, Mr. SALVADOR MASS, Identification Division, Police of Puerto Rico, advised SA O'BRIEN that no identification record could be located for SAMUEL or GABRIEL MANNARINO under their true names or aliases.

Numerous informants and sources familiar with many phases of gambling and related activities on the Island of Puerto Rico were contacted with negative results regarding GABRIEL MANNARINO.

Investigation Conducted at Havana, Cuba (X)(m)

T-7, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on February 5, 1958, stated that he was well acquainted with SAMUEL and GABRIEL MANNARINO during their presence in Havana, Cuba. T-7 stated that many years ago, when he

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apartment used as a headquarters for the layoff business and as reported by her previously, has not been used since 1955. She stated she could furnish no further information regarding "ATI" or the layoff business of the MANNARINOS inasmuch as her contact with them was merely for one week end.

It is noted that "OTI" was identified in previous reports by MIKE ZERVIS of New Kensington as "ATI" DE PHILLIPS and he advised that this man handled the telephone business for the MANNARINOS.

Horse Racing

Detective THOMAS O'BRIEN, 108th Precinct, Police Department, New York City, New York, advised SA JOSEPH MALYNIAK, JR., on January 17, 1958, that his files contain no information in regard to "Wizards Figure and Guide." Detective O'BRIEN further advised that the address 29-48 41st Avenue, Long Island City, is non-existent.

SA MALYNIAK on January 17, 1958, attempted to locate the 41st Avenue address and determined through physical observation that no such address exists.

Records of Dun and Bradstreet in New York City reviewed by SA ANTHONY R. VILLANO on January 8, 1958, disclosed no reference to "Wizards Figure and Guide."

Records of the Prothonotary for Westmoreland County reviewed on January 8, 1958, by SA KLEBE disclosed no information concerning the Family Outdoor Theater or Family Outdoor Drive In Theater, Inc.

T-12, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on January 10, 1958, stated that the records of the Mellon National Bank and Trust Company reflect that bank presently holds a \$20,000 mortgage on the property where the Family Drive In Theater, Inc. is located. T-12 described officers of the corporation as NATHAN FARBER, President, GABRIEL MANNARINO, Vice President, and stated that, although records available to him did not disclose the particular interests of either of these individuals, they were the only two officers listed as parties in interest on the mortgage. T-12 estimated the value of the property on which the Family Drive In Theater is located to be around \$150,000. T-12 described NATHAN FARBER as the

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Barbout and Dice

On December 17, 1957, HARRY ROTH, aka. "The Count," an admitted gambler, fence and small-time fight promoter, advised SA JOHN S. PORTELLA that DAVEY LAWRENCE, a gambler in the Squirrel Hill Section of Pittsburgh, who recently had a heart attack, was acting as a supervisor of the Barbout Game in New Kensington operated by GABRIEL MANNARINO, which game, according to ROTH, was in operation seven days a week with the big games taking place on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights. ROTH further stated that LAWRENCE has an interest in Jean's Flower Shop on Murray Avenue in Squirrel Hill, Pittsburgh, which shop is run by MELVIN WALKOW, a gambler.

On January 14, 1958, MIKE ZERVIS, previously mentioned, advised SA PORTELLA that MIKE HAJADAKOS, previously mentioned, was a partner of GABE MANNARINO in the operation of the crap tables in New Kensington.

ZERVIS further stated that GABE MANNARINO has a Syrian working for him named SPIRO HANNA who runs one of the Barbout tables and SPIRO, about six weeks previous, had won \$30,000 in a Barbout Game and had lost it within a few weeks. ZERVIS stated that SPIRO HANNA is a big, rawboned man whom the MANNARINOS use to collect their bad debts from gamblers who lose more than they can afford. ZERVIS described HANNA as an enforcer for the MANNARENO crowd. ZERVIS further stated that the pool room located next door to the Laetus Club in New Kensington, with the entrance on Barnes Street, is the place where the big dice games take place and that this location is rented under the name of AL ROSS, was. Al Zeid or Seid.

On January 7, 1958, CHRISTINE SUPRANO, 610 Second Avenue, New Kensington, a victim of a Pittsburgh White Slave Traffic Act investigation not related to this investigation, advised SAS WILLIAM R. WALL and THOMPSON that she has been a frequenter of the Laetus Club of New Kensington and that there are three large crap tables going strong to the rear of this club, and that this club is owned by KELLY MANNARINO. She stated further that there is also a large Barbout Game going on there nightly. SUPRANO advised that there are, on the average, 20 Pittsburghers each night that come to the Laetus Club to gamble and that many of them suffer severe losses. She stated also that DAVEY JOHNS, a well known Pittsburgh gambler, is one of the Pittsburgh "regulars" attending these games. SUPRANO went on to advise that two young Italian

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U. S. Savings Bonds

T-17, another Government agency, advised on February 3, 1958, that during the period August, 1943 through January, 1955, GABRIEL MANNARINO and members of his immediate family purchased and presently hold U. S. Savings Bonds in the following amounts:

Savings Bonds purchased in the name of Mrs. JEAN MANNARINO and GEORGIENNE MANNARINO, 540 Charles Avenue, New Kensington - total amount \$800

Savings Bonds purchased in the name of JEAN MANNARINO and GABRIEL MANNARINO, 540 Charles Avenue, New Kensington - total amount \$100

Savings Bonds purchased in the name of GEORGIENNE MANNARINO and GABRIEL MANNARINO, 540 Charles Avenue, New Kensington - total amount \$50

The majority of Savings Bonds held by the MANNARINO family were purchased at the First National Bank of New Kensington with several purchases made at the Washington Trust Company, Western Pennsylvania National Bank, Pittsburgh, Pa.

F. PLACES OF AMUSEMENT AND HANGOUTS FREQUENTED

LEO KRAUSE, owner of the Brilliant Boat Club at the foot of Washington Boulevard on the Allegheny River, Pittsburgh, advised SA THOMAS G. FORSYTH, III, on January 20, 1958 that GABRIEL MANNARINO owns a 24 foot cabin cruiser with U. S. Coast Guard Registration No. 18L1371 and keeps it tied up at the boat club. KRAUSE said that to the best of his knowledge MANNARINO purchased the craft in Miami around four years ago where he registered with the Seventh District U. S. Coast Guard. KRAUSE noted that MANNARINO uses the boat very sparingly, for the most part short week end cruises on the Allegheny River with members of his family. KRAUSE mentioned that he has never observed MANNARINO in the company of groups of men aboard the boat that would indicate they were meeting for some illicit purpose.

MARY ANDERSON, Motor Boat Registration Section, Seventh U. S. Coast Guard District, Miami, on January 29, 1958 advised SA ROBERT K. LEWIS that a 23 foot semi-cabin cruiser, built by

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T-6 advised on January 22, 1958 that regarding a blonde girl that KELLY MANNARINO is alleged to have in the Pittsburgh area, NORMA GRILLO, an admitted Pittsburgh prostitute and call girl, was definitely not this girl although KELLY MANNARINO, according to T-6, has paid NORMA GRILLO high sums of money in the past to entertain some of his out-of-town friends who come in for visits.

T-22, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on January 28, 1958 that records of toll calls emanating from the subject's residence at 540 Charles Avenue, New Kensington, for the period of May 28, 1957 through November 28, 1957 were subpoenaed on December 19, 1957 by ROBERT M. KENNEDY, Counsel for the U. S. Selection Committee on Improper Activities in the Labor Management Field, Washington, D. C.

MISCELLANEOUS

MIKE ZERVIS advised SA PORTELLA on January 14, 1958 that many people do not realize it but there is bad blood between SAM and GABRIEL MANNARINO as a result of a juke box venture that SAM went into several years ago resulting in a huge loss of cash. According to ZERVIS, this deal took place in Chicago with the Wurlitzer Company and former Pittsburgh Attorney CHARLES MARGIOTTI, now deceased. ZERVIS further stated that SAM MANNARINO was in Chicago on this deal and wrote GABE MANNARINO for additional money when things began to go wrong. According to ZERVIS, GABE was forced to borrow, which he did, but instead of sending SAM the full sum he borrowed, he would only send half of it and retain the other half.

GABRIEL MANNARINO IS REPORTED TO CARRY A SMALL CALIBER GUN WHILE MAKING NUMBERS COLLECTIONS, WAS ARRESTED IN 1943 FOR CARRYING A .38 CALIBER REVOLVER, AND SHOULD, THEREFORE, BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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INFORMANTS

Informants and sources referred to in the body of this report in regard to investigations conducted in Puerto Rico and Las Vegas, Nevada, were not set out specifically due to the negative information obtained but are being kept as a matter of record in the Pittsburgh case file.

T-1 is NATHAN KATZ, PCI of the Mobile Office, contacted by SA DAN O. STEPHENS.

T-2 is WALTER J. SHARKEY, R. D. 2, New Kensington, Pa., Lower Burrel Township, retired New Kensington Police Officer, contacted by SAS NORMAN T. THOMPSON and RICHARD GORDON DOUCE.

T-3 is PG 545-C contacted by SA DOUCE.

T-4 is PCI THOMAS C. O'DONNELL contacted by SA JOHN S. PORTELLA.

T-5 is reports of SA JOHN C. SCHWARTZ, Internal Revenue Service, Pittsburgh, Pa., dated December 5, and December 2, 1957, received by the Bureau on January 13, 1958 and December 20, 1957, respectively.

T-6 is MARIAN FOGEL, PCI, contacted by SA THOMPSON.

T-7 is GOFFREDO CELLINI, PCI, afternoon manager in the Gambling Casino at the Hotel Nacional, Havana, Cuba, contacted by the Legal Attache, Havana. *30(u)*

T-8 is the Legal Attache, Havana, Cuba.

T-9 is FARTIE NEWMAN, Cashier at the Hotel Nacional Gambling Casino, Havana, Cuba, contacted by the Legal Attache, Havana. *30(u)*

T-10 is PG 564-C contacted by SA THOMPSON.

T-11 is former PCI, contacted by SA JOHN R. ACKERLY.

T-12 is ROBERT J. WILSON, Vice President, Mellon National Bank and Trust Company, New Kensington, contacted by SA ALBERT E. KLEBE, JR.

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T-13 is JAMES CHRISTY, Assistant Manager, Retail Credit Company, Crown Building, New Kensington, insurance adjustors, who made file information available.

T-14 is PG 561-C contacted by SA CARL L. SHERWOOD.

T-15 is the files of Dun and Bradstreet, Miami, Florida, checked by IC CLIFFORD M. WERNER.

T-16 is WILLIAM PATE, Cashier, Atlantic National Bank, West Palm Beach, Florida, contacted by SA DOUGLASS E. WENDEL.

T-17 is U. S. Treasury Department, Division of Loans and Currency, Bureau of Public Debt, Chicago, Illinois, contacted by letter dated January 16, 1958.

T-18 is CONNIE OLZEWSKI, Beautician, Kaufmann's Beauty Salon, Pittsburgh, Pa., contacted by SA THOMPSON.

T-19 is JOHN CHARLES THOMAS, PCI, contacted by SA PORTELLA.

T-20 is BENNIE FROMME contacted by SA PORTELLA.

T-21 is JANET B. RUGLER, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, Miami, Florida, contacted by SA LEMAN L. STAFFORD, JR.

T-22 is ROBERT STACH, Manager, Bell Telephone Company, New Kensington, contacted by SA DOUCE.

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WALTER J. SHARKEY, retired New Kensington Police Officer.
MIKE ZERVIS, admitted New Kensington numbers writer, who is in frequent contact with the MANNARINO brothers and in a position to furnish valuable information concerning their activities.

Former PG 509-C and PG 511-C have not furnished information regarding the MANNARINO brothers in some time and have been unavailable for interview for the past several weeks. It is not known at this time what their present value might be in covering the activities of the MANNARINO brothers; however, they

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