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FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (159-95)(C)  
SUBJECT: *Atlantic And Pacific*  
A & P COMPANY, INC *Tea Co.*  
ANTHONY PROVENZANO, aka.  
LMRA - IM  
OO: PITTSBURGH

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ReBuairtel to Pittsburgh and New York, 10/13/64,  
and New York airtel to Bureau, 10/19/64.

Attached are five copies for the Bureau and one copy each for the information of Newark and New York of a letterhead memorandum based on information supplied by PG 601-C on 9/24/64 and during subsequent contacts through 10/19/64. The second source mentioned in the letterhead memorandum is ELBERT H. HAYES, aka, TOMMY, who is the ex-president of the Salesmen and Office Workers Union, Local 490, Pittsburgh, and a longtime confidential source of the Pittsburgh Office. HAYES was contacted on 10/12/64 and subsequently through 10/19/64.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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A & P COMPANY, INC.  
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ACT - INVESTIGATIVE MATTER

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (159-267) (RUC)

SUBJECT: A & P COMPANY, INC.  
ANTHONY PROVENZANO aka  
LMRA-IM  
(OO: PH)

*Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company*

RePGairtel, 10/9/64, and reBuairtel dated 10/13/64.

Referenced Bureau airtel directed the NYO to check newspaper morgues and reliable informants for any information regarding a labor consulting firm representing A & P.

A review of the "New York Times" and "New York Herald Tribune" at the newspaper morgue of the New York Public library was made on 10/15/64, and no information was developed relating to Teamster Union Activities regarding the involvement of PROVENZANO with a labor relation firm representing A & P.

NY 3845-C and NY 3571-C were contacted on 10/15/64, and could furnish no information regarding the above.

NY 4658-C who is familiar with some activity of Teamster and A & P negotiations, could not furnish any information concerning involvement of PROVENZANO with a labor consulting firm.

- 3- Bureau
- 2- Pittsburgh (159-95)
- 1- New York

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**EX-114 New York**  
**REC 5**  
**FROM: Director, FBI**

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**A & P COMPANY, INC.**  
**ANTHONY PROVENZANO, aka**  
**LIRA - III**  
**(OO:PG)**

RePGairtel 10/9/64.

New York should not contact any available sources as requested in reairtel, it being noted the Bureau previously instructed contact should be made only on a discreet basis in an effort to identify the reported labor consultant firm which allegedly represented the A & P Company. It will be satisfactory for New York to check newspaper morgues in this regard or any reliable informants who may have knowledge of this aspect of Teamster Union activities. New York should airtel to the Bureau and Pittsburgh by or before 10/19/64 regarding this matter.

In the meantime, Pittsburgh should do more work on this matter and should not wait for leads at New York to be covered. Since the value and veracity of PG 601-C might possibly be questionable regarding this matter, Pittsburgh should endeavor to secure verifying or contrary information from some other source on a discreet basis. If Pittsburgh has no other informants who may have knowledge of Teamsters activities, it is suggested Pittsburgh newspaper morgues be checked in an effort to secure pertinent information, it being noted the original allegation indicated Teamsters Local 249 at Pittsburgh was voting on a national contract with the A & P Company as of 9/27/64.

In addition, Pittsburgh should determine on a discreet basis whether such national contract was ratified by the union as instructed in Bureau airtel 9/30/64.

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- Callahan \_\_\_\_\_
- Conrad \_\_\_\_\_
- Evans \_\_\_\_\_
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- Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
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9/30/64.

Additional contacts with PG 601-C have produced no information to identify the labor consultant firm which was employed by A & P to assist in its negotiations with the Teamsters. Informant advised that in former conversations with JAMES HALBERT he commented, "We finally got around to fighting you guys with one of your own guys. We got TONY PRO's boys working for us." Informant stated he did not recall that HALBERT disclosed the name of the consultant firm and said he described it only as "TONY PRO's firm." HALBERT also mentioned that AVERY and LEWIS, who are negotiators representing A & P, reportedly were called to New York City to confer with the labor consultant firm prior to negotiations at Pittsburgh with the Teamsters.

- 3 - Bureau
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- 1 - Newark (159-168)(Info)
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