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Leads

ANNALORO, pp. 19 and 34.

AT BROOKLYN, N. Y.

1. Furnish photograph and identity of Dr. FRANK GALLO, page 22.

AT NEW YORK, N. Y.

1. Furnish photograph and identity of BENNIE MARTINI, page 24, and MARIO PAPOLINA, page 25.

SAN FRANCISCO:

AT SAN CARLOS, CALIF.

1. Interview ANTHONY MAGGIO, 140 Hillcrest Avenue, page 23, to determine his business interest and relationship to ANGELO BRUNO and MICHAEL MAGGIO's family in Philadelphia.

2. Determine if ANGELO BRUNO has a proprietary interest in any enterprise known to him. Determine if BRUNO ever visited the West Coast of the United States.

3. Obtain photograph and background of ANTHONY MAGGIO.

PHILADELPHIA:

AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.

1. Maintain contact with:

PH 614-C - TE
PH 623 - C*
PH 591 - C*
PH 637 - C*

to keep abreast of BRUNO's daily activities, associates, and his legal and illegal networks, and conduct necessary investigation.

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Administrative Data

This is a joint report of SAs EDWARD D. HEGARTY, ROBERT W. HOLMES, J. ROBERT PEARCE, and JOSEPH VERICA.

Over sixty days have elapsed between the period of this report and its date. In order to obtain better continuity, brevity, and to coincide the reporting period with BRUNO's activities, this report covers the period June 30 - September 30, 1962. BRUNO's principal activity during this period centered around his daughter's wedding.

A report covering the months of October, November, and December, 1962 will be submitted on or before January 18, 1962. BRUNO's principal activity during this latter period concerns the liquidation of his legitimate enterprises in Philadelphia, Pa., and his involvement with the FBI in Miami, Fla.

The following information is set out in the administrative section because the source is directly involved and could be identified:

On 7/30/62, BRUNO collected \$750 from numbers writer WILLIAM AVERONE, 2830 South Eighth Street, which was witnessed only by PH 614-C-TE. This is an unusual practice for BRUNO.

The same source on 8/9/62 reported FRANK IANNARELLA brought \$2,000 in a paper bag to Penn Jersey Vending, Inc., in \$1.00 denominations. He had the source go to the bank and change the bills to \$100 and \$50.00 denominations. This is done by racket element to "sink" or "bury" funds.

On 8/15/62, source reported BRUNO desired services of a photographer to cover his daughter's wedding. Source and Agents in Philadelphia decided on and did obtain REUBEN ROBINOVITZ, 315 East Sheldon Street, telephone DA 9-8008.

ROBINOWITZ was cooperative and furnished FBI Office the pictures he had taken for review.

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Informants

Multiple "T" symbols were used to afford better concealment^{AL} in the cases of PH 623-C* (PH T-5, 6, and 7); PH 614-C-TE (PH T-2, 3, and 4) and PH 591-C* (~~PH T-8, 9~~).
(PH T-8, 9)

T-1	Postal Inspector MC NABB, Philadelphia
T-2	614-C-TE
T-3	614-C-TE
T-4	614-C-TE
T-5	PH 623-C*
T-6	PH 623-C*
T-7	PH 623-C*
T-8	PH 591-C*
T-9	PH 591-C*
T-10	BU-82-C*
T-11	Former NK 2153-C
T-12	MM 837-C*
T-13	(Confidential source abroad) Legat Roure
T-14	KEN BENJAMIN PCI SJO
T-15	NY 3368-G-TE SA WARREN J. DONAVAN 9/18/62
T-16	NK 2251-C*
T-17	Former PH 542-C 9/11/62 SA DAVID E. WALKER

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T-7 furnished information that ANGELO BRUNO's cousin, CALOGERO SINATRA, visiting the United States, would go to Buffalo, N.Y., to visit during July 1962. By communication September 25, 1962, the Buffalo Division advised of efforts to observe BRUNO visiting the Buffalo area with negative results.

On July 25, 1962, WILLIAM O. TEXTER, 44 Park Street, Buffalo, N.Y., advised SA LEON F. ANDREWS, JR., that he, TEXTER, was employed as a desk clerk at the Peace Bridge Motel, Buffalo, working from 4:00 p.m. to midnight. TEXTER was questioned as to the possibility that BRUNO or CALOGERO SINATRA had registered at this motel on or about July 13, 1962. TEXTER advised that the name BRUNO was vaguely familiar to him; however, he could not identify photographs of BRUNO or CALOGERO. TEXTER related that HERMAN WEINSTEIN, owner of the Peace Bridge Motel, frequently registers guests at the motel under WEINSTEIN's name and the guests' cards are thereafter not maintained in the file.

T-10 during July 1962 stated that HERMAN WEINSTEIN, according to information he had learned, informed JAMES V. LA DUCA, son-in-law of STEVE MAGADDINO, associate of ANGELO BRUNO, that the FBI had made inquiry at the Peace Bridge Motel regarding registrations of BRUNO and one "SAM." Informant stated that he had learned from MAGADDINO that ANGELO BRUNO had actually signed the registration card at the motel but that either WEINSTEIN or an employee on duty had removed this card from the motel files.

T-2 on August 3, 1962, advised that ANGELO BRUNO had left Philadelphia on the evening of August 2, 1962. This informant had learned from BEN GOLOB, business associate of BRUNO, that BRUNO was probably in the Miami, Fla., area. T-2 on August 6, 1962, advised that BRUNO was still away from Philadelphia and expected to return on August 7, 1962. On August 7, 1962, T-2 advised that BRUNO returned to Philadelphia and was at the Penn Jersey Vending Company that day.

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Preparation and Summation of Daughter's Wedding:

T-5 reported that BRUNO apparently confides with PETER MAGGIO and is the only individual from whom he accepts advice. On July 11, 1962, PETER and BRUNO discussed the coming wedding of BRUNO's daughter, JEANNE, BRUNO indicating that both he and his wife disliked their prospective son-in-law, RALPH PUPPO. BRUNO reasoned his disapproval of the wedding was based on the fact that his daughter is mature and PUPPO is not. PUPPO, as a student, has no income and his plans for the future are not known to BRUNO. BRUNO also indicated he did not approve his son MIKE's marriage to ZARIA because ZARIA is his wife SUE BRUNO's first cousin. She came from Venezuela as a student and met MICHAEL in the United States.

T-4 on July 16, 1962, indicated IGNATIUS DENARO, BRUNO's underboss in the family of "La Causa Nostra" discussed the identities of persons to be invited to JEANNE's wedding. There were to be 500 wedding invitations purchased from Bailey, Banks and Biddle, Philadelphia, 250 of which would be self-addressed and 250 would not. This same source on August 7, 1962, reported that MAX WEISBERG and SAM HOFFMAN, whom BRUNO has referred to as the Jewish faction of the racket element in Philadelphia in the past, would attend BRUNO's wedding.

T-3 on August 13, 1962, reported that on that date BRUNO conferred with one of his messengers to determine if the messenger had delivered to CARLO GAMBINO, New York Commission member of "La Causa Nostra," a wedding invitation to JEANNE BRUNO's wedding. PA

Following the wedding on August 29, 1962, T-2 outlined JEANNE BRUNO's itinerary for her honeymoon, leaving Philadelphia by plane for Miami, Fla., where she would spend four to five days, thereafter visiting Jamaica, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Nassau, Bermuda, and returning by plane to New York where she would remain three to four days to await the opening of school, then return to Philadelphia.

BRUNO indicated he desired to keep the guest list down to 300 individuals but to include all his friends they numbered 600. He remarked that only 65 of the 600 invited

were from the groom's side of the family. The others were BRUNO's friends. BRUNO made comments as to the gifts received, stating that you could count on a relative giving between \$25.00 and \$50.00 and from your friends you could expect between \$50.00 to \$100.00. Further, he said, that he sorted all the envelopes bearing the money gifts, arranged them alphabetically by name of the giver, and listed the amount each person gave on each envelope, commenting "You have to consider this as a loan." He concluded by saying, according to the source, he first wanted to put the money collected in a hatbox at the wedding reception; however, it was too large to do this and he had to resort to using an empty whiskey case. He indicated he also received 200 envelopes from people invited who could not attend, each bearing a sum of money. In this regard, it is noted, according to the source, that CHARLES DELMONICO, aka Chuck Weiss, the son of CHARLES TOURINE of Miami, Fla., had attended the wedding and carried from Florida several envelopes bearing gifts from "friends" of BRUNO's from that area. PA

T-4 on July 24, 1962, reported that BRUNO had mailed 150 wedding invitations that date and had several others handcarried. ALFRED IEZZI was furnished a number to distribute to certain friends; FRANK NICOLETTI also handcarried several of them to deliver to selected friends; and JOHN CAPPELLO also received six wedding invitations to distribute to the members of the PETE CASELLA group in Philadelphia. It is to be noted that both NICOLETTI and IEZZI and PETE CASELLA have been identified by T-5 as members of Philadelphia family of "La Causa Nostra."

T-3 on July 30, 1962, indicated that BEN GOLOB handcarried a wedding invitation to JOSEPH TANITSKY; RALPH SCHWARTZ handcarried one to MITCHELL COHEN; and LOU LALLI handcarried one to MANNY OXMAN. It is to be noted that MANNY OXMAN made a remark to SAM HOFFMAN and MAX WEISBERG that BRUNO did not send him an invitation to his daughter's wedding. They relayed the message to BRUNO, BRUNO indicating that one would be extended. According to this same source, all of the above people attended this wedding. PA

T-8 on August 30, 1962, reported that BRUNO had given JEANNE BRUNO \$500 at the time she departed on her

IGNATIUS DENARO,
BRUNO's underboss, "La Causa Nostra";

JOSEPH RUGNETTA;

ANTONIO POLLINA;

PHILIP TESTA,
BRUNO's principal lieutenant in his illegal
activities in Philadelphia; and

JAMES GATTO,
reputed bodyguard of JOSEPH RUGNETTA.

Individuals of lesser stature connected with BRUNO in gambling activities, principally number writers, were also present. In addition, ~~were~~ the following Jewish members BRUNO had referred to as the Jewish faction of the mob in Philadelphia: MAX WEISBERG, SAMUEL HOFFMAN, and JOSEPH TANITSKY, ANGELO MARINO of San Francisco, Calif., was present; FELIX JOHN DE TULLIO, Camden, N.J.; SAM DI CAVALCANTE and CARL IPPOLITO, both of Trenton, N.J.; PAUL EMILIO D'AMATO of Atlantic City, N.J.; AUGUSTINO AMATO of Miami, Fla.; SAM RANGATORE of Niagara Falls, N.Y., and RUSSELL BUFALINO of Pittston, Pa., were also present. It is to be noted that BUFALINO attended the Appalachian meeting in 1957 in New York State and is in frequent contact with BRUNO during the reporting period.

On August 26, 1962, ANGELO BRUNO's daughter, JEAN VINCENZINA BRUNO, was married. Prior to the marriage, BRUNO told T-4 that it is no longer considered necessary to invite the Commission members to the wedding of a child of an area Boss. However, BRUNO told informant that he would invite CARLO GAMBINO, SANTO TRAFFICANTE, and STEVE MAGADDINO, but that it would be necessary for him to recommend that they did not come.

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make sure that the lease was signed, and not operate on a verbal agreement. MARTORANO would have a total of 15 machines in the market, each of which he estimated would pay him \$20 per week.

PH T-3 reported that on August 13, 1962, possibly in preparation for the deal with HOFFMAN, BRUNO met with HOFFMAN, SCOLNICK, FRANK MATTEO, and ABE SEROT, at the Giardino Di Torino Restaurant at 10th and Catharine Streets, Philadelphia, Pa.

PH T-1 reported that on August 29, 1962, BRUNO; his cousin, CALOGERO SINATRA; and FRANK NICOLETTI went in the latter's car to inspect HOFFMAN's market in New Jersey.

PH T-3 advised that on September 7, 1962, BRUNO and BEN GOLOB were going to the Cherry Hill Mart to look over HOFFMAN's location regarding the installation of machines and were to meet MARTORANO and MARIO RICCOBENE there.

On September 10, 1962, PH T-3 said that MARTORANO told him that HOFFMAN wanted to borrow a large sum of money in return for using MARTORANO's machines. On the 11th, PH T-3 learned that a few days earlier MARTORANO had made application at the Broad Street Trust Company for a loan which he intended to use as a loan to HOFFMAN in return for installing his machines.

PH T-8 advised that on September 7, 1962, he, BRUNO, and PETER MAGGIO discussed HOFFMAN's market in New Jersey and the question of loaning him money. MAGGIO was interested in having products of the Maggio Cheese Company sold there. It was mentioned that HOFFMAN's store would be open seven days a week; from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. BRUNO said that the operators of the Mart wanted to borrow money from him and that HOFFMAN would be personally responsible for it. BRUNO indicated that he trusted HOFFMAN whether HOFFMAN used BRUNO's machines or not.

On September 11, 1962, according to PH T-9, PETER MAGGIO agreed to loan HOFFMAN and his associates \$10,000, and it was PH T-9's impression that BRUNO was advising MAGGIO on the matter.

