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Slots to Cuba

MANNARINO stated that it later became clear to him and his associates that they would not be permitted to operate slot machines in Pennsylvania, and that therefore they had attempted to dispose of their machines in an attempt to recoup some of the money invested in them. MANNARINO stated that they had forwarded slot machines and were going to forward additional machines to ALBERT ARDURA, and NORMAN ROTHMAN, who were associated in operating the Tropicanna Night Club in Havana, and that in addition to using the machines in the club, the Cuban Government had granted them permission to place these machines in various spots throughout the island, in much the same fashion as the slot machines had formerly been used in the United States. SAM MANNARINO admitted that he would have an interest in this operation.

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On March 27, 1957, T-13 stated that on March 26, 1957, the Nu Ken Novelty Company shipped 50 slot machines via Eastern Airlines Air Freight from New Kensington to Miami, Fla.; that these machines had been marked and labeled in accordance with all requirements of the Johnston Law; and informant did not believe these machines would be seized. T-13 indicated the machines would eventually be shipped into Havana.

4. Dice Games

On December 11, 1952, T-6 advised that all types of gambling with the exception of telephone bookmaking had ceased in Pittsburgh and Allegheny County, Pa. Informant said the only game going was a skin and dice game in Wilmerding, Pa., by JOSEPH ROSA, a Lieutenant of the MANNARINO boys from New Kensington. Informant advised this game was considered safe because ROSA had complete local protection.

On September 15, 1953, MIKE ZERVIS, operator, City Newsstand, New Kensington, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SAS JOHN H. BROOKS and MICHAEL McCANN that a large crap game was currently operating at 12th and 5th Streets, New Kensington, under the management of MIKE HAGEDAKIS, and controlled by the MANNARINO organization. ZERVIS stated that the bank maintained during this crap game was said to contain \$50,000.00. ZERVIS further stated that in his opinion gambling was wide open in New Kensington under the control of the MANNARINO organization.

5. Numbers

On August 21, 1946, GEORGE MESSER, former partner in coin machine distributing business, and in numbers business with JOHN LaROCCA, advised SAS THOMAS A. McQUAIDE and JOHN H. DEVLIN that JOHN LaROCCA was then doing business as the Coin Machine Distributing Company, located on North Craig Street, Pittsburgh, in which his partner was SAM MANNARINO.

On October 27, 1955, T-7 advised that numbers were being booked at the 9th Street Newsstand in New Kensington, and that the informant was almost certain the numbers were turned into SAM and KELLY MANNARINO.

On May 10, 1956, MIKE ZERVIS advised SA PORTELLA that the bookmaking operations recently disturbed by the Internal Revenue Service, had moved to the Laetus Club, located on 5th Avenue, near the Kenmar Hotel, and that in his opinion the operation was strictly MANNARINO controlled. ZERVIS furnished the identity of telephone numbers through which bets were placed, and identified "ATT DePHILLIPS" of New Kensington, as the individual who handled the telephone for the MANNARINOs. ZERVIS further stated that the MANNARINOs controlled the numbers racket in New Kensington.

E. LEGITIMATE ENTERPRISES

1. Legitimate Activities Generally

On June 8, 1953, when interviewed by SA PORTELLA, GABRIEL and SAM MANNARINO advised that they owned and operated the Nu Ken Novelty Company; that they owned and operated the Ken Iron and Steel Company; and that they had been able to corner most of the cigarette vending machine business in the New Kensington area. They stated that from these enterprises plus their real estate holding they had sufficient income and did not need to engage in gambling on a regular basis to earn a livelihood.

On February 16, 1954, SAM MANNARINO advised SA PORTELLA that he and his brother GABRIEL were then operating legally, and that every enterprise they were in could stand the scrutiny of any federal investigative agency. MANNARINO, in discussing his investments, disclosed that he had interests in Las Vegas, Nevada, and his conversation indicated that he had interests in the Esquire Apartments, and the Dell-Peak Motel in that city.

INFORMANT PAGE

T-1 is Local Draft #5, New Kensington, Pa., records of which were reviewed by an unidentified agent in 1944.

T-2 is LEONARD J. PALETTEA, Assistant United States Attorney, Pittsburgh, Pa., who furnished information orally to SA ALBERT E. KLEBE, Jr., on December 19, 1957, and whose identity was concealed at his request.

T-3 is Internal Revenue Service. Information received on November 23, 1953, was furnished by SA JACK SCHWARTZ, Intelligence Division, Internal Revenue Service, Pittsburgh, to SA JOHN S. PORTELLA.

Information received in May, 1955, from Internal Revenue Service was contained in Reviewer-Conferree G. WILSON STITELER's report dated April 18, 1955, regarding ANDREW J. SUSCE report.

T-4 is PCI RUDY SOKOL who furnished information to SA JOHN S. PORTELLA on November 22, 1957.

T-5 is PG-545-C, who furnished information on dates listed below to SA PORTELLA.

6/6/53;
6/8/53;
1/18/55;
11/24/55;
1/23/56;
4/16/56;
5/11/56;
11/21/56;
5/8/57.

T-6 is former PG-509-C, who furnished information on dates listed below to SA PORTELLA.

12/11/52;
9/4/54;
7/30/53;
9/14/54;
9/24/55.

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T-7 is former PG-511-C, who furnished information on dates listed to SA PORTELLA.

7/10/51;
9/2/54;
10/27/55.

T-8 is DOROTHY DELO SEWELTZER, PCI, Salt Lake City, who furnished information on April 19, 1955, to an unidentified agent of Salt Lake City Office.

T-9 is Legal Attache, Havana, Cuba. Information reported as set forth in Pittsburgh letter to Director, October 5, 1953, captioned, "SAMUEL MANNERINO, was., GILF, (Top Hoodlum Program)."

T-10 is PG-561-C, who furnished information on September 11, 1957, to SA CARL L. SHERWOOD.

T-11 is PG-566-S, who furnished information to SA JOHN R. ACKERLY on December 6, 1954.

T-12 is PG-564-C, who furnished information to SA NORMAN T. THOMPSON on March 25, 1955.

T-13 is GENEVIEVE MORENO, subject's personal secretary, 1263 3rd Avenue, New Kensington, Pa., whose identity was concealed at her request and who furnished information to SA PORTELLA on March 27, 1957.

T-14 is former PCI JFK Act 6 (4), who furnished information on March 4, 1956, to SA JOHN R. ACKERLY.

T-15 is Dun and Bradstreet, Pittsburgh, records of which were reviewed by an unidentified employee in 1944.

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