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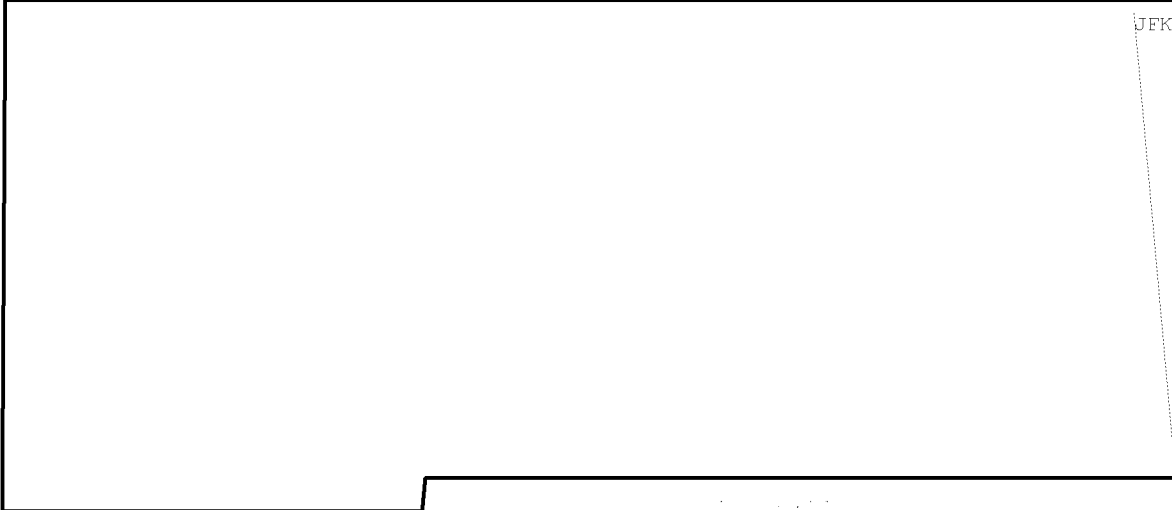
Will follow and report activities of MANNARINO and his associates in accordance with Bureau instructions.

ADMINISTRATIVE

This report has been delayed due to the preoccupation of the preparing Special Agent with important investigative aspects of this and related cases.

Information in this report of possible value to the Internal Revenue Service has been furnished orally to Special Agent JACK SCHWARTZ, Intelligence Division, Internal Revenue Service, Pittsburgh, who is conducting the investigation of subject for his service.

On Friday, 7/28/61, JACK SCHWARTZ, Intelligence Unit, IRS, Pittsburgh, advised SA FORSYTH that on Tuesday, 8/1/61,



JFK Law 11(a)

On 7/28/61, SA FORSYTH contacted PG 612-C concerning this matter and on 7/31/61, PG 612-C advised that the girl is CHRISTINE "CHRIS" SUPRANO, 610-2nd Avenue, New Kensington, Pa.

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On 7/31/61, the above name was furnished to Agent SCHWARTZ, and on 8/1/61, SCHWARTZ advised that NOLL affirmed that CHRIS SUPRANO was the girl to whom he had referred. JFK Law 10(a)2

On 8/1/61, [] testified as had been expected, and on the same date, DJ Attorney KEHOE said [] testimony, coupled with testimony of about 29 other witnesses before the November, 1961, FGJ, would probably result in IRS indictments against SAM and KELLY MANNARINO plus WILLIE SAMS, as proprietors of NuKen Novelty Company and against JENNIE MORENO, RAY CALGAGNO and TONY WARDOCLIP, as employees.

INFORMANTS

The T symbols utilized in this report will be the same, where applicable, as those used in the special summary report of 7/28/61:

PG T-2 is PG 612-C.

PG T-3 is PG 615-C.

PG T-4 is PCI ANTHONY JOHN WISE, JR., Pittsburgh.

PG T-21 is PG 581-C.

PG T-24 is PG 621-C.

PG T-25 is PCI JAMES W. BURGART, New Kensington, Pa.

PG T-28 is JOSEPH R. MEROLA, Miami Beach, Fla., who furnished information on 8/14-15/61 at Miami, Fla., to Pittsburgh Special Agents THOMAS G. FORSYTH, III, and JOHN S. PORTELLA. MEROLA, formerly MM 722-C, requested his identity be protected, and he is now incarcerated at the Federal Correctional Institution at Tallahassee, Fla.

PG T-29 is PCI EDWARD J. BURKE, Pittsburgh.

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New Kensington, Pa., Mayor RAYMOND GARDLOCK and the majority of his City Councilmen have been "owned" by the MANNARINOs since their election approximately eight years ago. At one time, JOE MEROLA, at the instructions of KELLY MANNARINO, "wired" the New Kensington City Council chambers so that tape recordings of the proceedings could be made.

Chief JOHN BORDONAROO, New Kensington, Pa., Police Department, is the personal selection for the job of KELLY MANNARINO.

It is noted that Mayor RAYMOND GARDLOCK of New Kensington was defeated in the primary elections of May, 1961, and will not be a candidate for re-election in the general elections of November, 1961.

The August 29, 1961, edition of the "Daily Dispatch," daily newspaper published in New Kensington, Pa., carried an editorial entitled "The MANNARINOs Rule." This editorial is as follows:

"That the Mannarino mob owns the administration of Mayor Raymond E. Gardlock lock, stock and barrel and has absolute control of Chief John Bordonaro's police department was conclusively demonstrated to the satisfaction of even the most skeptical last Thursday during the raid on the notorious gambling casino.

"For three hours not a policeman showed up to regulate traffic in the vicinity or to control a crowd upwards of 500 which formed while the federal agents were at work.

"To offer the excuse, as city hall has done, that the police department did not know what was happening is ridiculous and no one in his right mind will believe it. You can be sure that police officials knew all along exactly what was happening and that the failure to send officers to the scene was deliberate. And they also knew right along of the existence of the casino and yet never raised a finger against it. To ask why they failed to act is needless - everyone knows.

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J. CHARACTERIZATION OF INFORMANTS

PG T-2 is a New Kensington, Pa., numbers writer, formerly connected with prostitution activities.

PG T-3 is a physician whose professional services have on occasions been used by members of the MANNARINO organization and who frequents MANNARINO controlled gambling and after-hours establishments.

PG T-4 is a Pittsburgh, Pa., man who has acted as a consultant to the MANNARINOs in connection with some of their legitimate enterprises.

PG T-21 is a Pittsburgh, Pa., businesswoman who frequents places where gamblers and racketeers congregate.

PG T-24 is operator of an Allegheny County, Pa., gambling casino which competes with the MANNARINO casino.

PG T-25 is a man with current activities regarding numbers, horse bets, and sports bets in New Kensington, Pa., and surrounding area.

PG T-28 is a man with experience in used cars, prostitution, robbery and burglary who is readily accepted by racketeers throughout the country.

PG T-29 is a man who has been associated with narcotics, prostitution and vice of all kinds for over 15 years in the Pittsburgh, Pa., region.