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SUBJECT: GABRIEL MANNARINO, Aka.,
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During the evening of 5/18/61, JAMES W. BURGART, Proprietor of W.W. Burgart Confectionary Store, 956-5th Ave., New Kensington, Pa., was interviewed for three hours in Monroeville, Pa., by SA THOMAS G. FORSYTH, III, and among other things, BURGART advised:

His father, WILFRED W. BURGART, operated the confectionery from approximately 1925 until his death in 1952 as a numbers-horse book-sports betting station. His father cooperated with the MANNARINOS but was never part of their organization. This was tolerated by SAM MANNARINO because he had grown up with WILFRED BURGART and was personally fond of him. WILFRED BURGART was the only "independent" allowed to operate in a fashion where he banked his own "play" and only contacted the MANNARINOS to "lay off."

When the elder BURGART died in 1952, JAMES BURGART took over his business, both legal and illegal, and has operated until the recent past much in the same fashion his father had done. About two years ago, SAM MANNARINO went into semi-retirement and has almost nothing to do with the rackets, leaving this field to his brother, GABRIEL MANNARINO, known to BURGART as KELLY MANNARINO.

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When KELLY became fully aware of the extent of BURGART's lucrative wagering business, he felt that BURGART should be "pulled into line" with the other small operators in the New Kensington area and forced to become a low-level part of the organization by turning in all wagers to MANNARINO collectors. BURGART has consistently refused, with the result that KELLY is increasingly annoyed and lately has been trying to steal BURGART's long-time customers. He has done this through threats of physical harm, by spreading rumors that BURGART is not financially able to pay wins, and by attempting to have New Kensington police harass BURGART. This latter move has been unsuccessful because of BURGART's close friendship with Mayor RAYMOND GARDLOCK. On the other hand, the other methods used by KELLY MANNARINO have been more successful, and BURGART's business has suffered a loss of almost one-half.

Because of the above, BURGART is willing to assist the FBI in any fashion, except that he is insistent that he will never, under any circumstances, testify at any sort of proceeding, local or Federal. A PCI file will be opened concerning BURGART.

On 5/19/61, PG 615-C advised SA FORSYTH as follows:

SAM MANNARINO has fixed up a room in the basement of the Bonfire Restaurant, near Leechburg, Pa., which looks as though it could be used as a meeting place. Informant will submit a drawing of this room and its relation to other parts of the building.

GABRIEL MANNARINO has acquired a mated pair of Doberman Pinscher dogs, along with two puppies. The older dogs have been trained as "attack dogs." The price of the dogs is rumored to be in excess of \$2,000.

BOTH SUBJECTS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.