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It is noted that currently SAMUEL MANNARINO is in Chicago in connection with his trial in USDC in the case captioned, "BERNARD J. EZHAYA, ET AL; ITSP - MT."

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It is recalled that in August, 1961, JOSEPH MEROLA, former CI of the Miami Office, was interviewed in Miami by SAs JOHN S. PORTELLA and THOMAS G. FORSYTH, III of the Pittsburgh Division. At that time MEROLA advised that MANNARINO was a cocaine "sniffer" on a regular basis.

On 2/14/62, Departmental Attorney JOHN MULLANEY advised SAC B. C. BROWN that he felt that the possibility that MANNARINO could be proven to be a user of narcotics was worth exploring. He suggested that Pittsburgh Division attempt to ascertain whether or not MANNARINO uses narcotics during his irregular visits to the Pines Motel, Route 56, Leechburg, Pa., and he said he believed the Chicago Office should try to make the same determination as regards MANNARINO's stay in the hotel in Chicago.

Arrangements have been made for SA THOMAS G. FORSYTH, III to take an agent of the Federal Narcotics Bureau from Pittsburgh to examine the room used at the Pines Motel, Leechburg, Pa., if MANNARINO does, in fact, use it on the evening of 2/17/62.

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