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TITLE OF CASE JOSEPH FRANCIS CIVELLO, aka		REPORT MADE BY IVAN D. LEE	TYPED BY jp
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REFERENCE: Report of SA JOHN B. HOTIS, dated 4/9/65, at Dallas.
Dallas letter to Bureau, dated 5/27/65.

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Original and one copy of letterhead memorandum characterizing informants utilized in this report.

LEADS:

CHICAGO

AT ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS

1. Will identify current subscriber to telephone # 968-1662, 962-4666, and 877-8107.

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subscribers to the following numbers:

BR 6-4497
BR 8-5257
BR 8-9717
BL 4-0151

2. Will thereafter attempt to ascertain purpose of CIVELLO's contacts with subscribers of these numbers.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

It is noted that the investigative period overlapped that of the previous report; however, this report contains information which was received from auxiliary offices after referenced report was dictated.

Spot surveillances conducted by Bureau Agents on JOSEPH CIVELLO at his residence, 4809 Gulfstream, Dallas, at at his brother's liquor store (Airway Liquors, 3122 West Mockingbird Lane) indicates that CIVELLO spends most of his time at the liquor store or his residence. Surveillance maintained on CIVELLO while at the liquor store indicates that he is usually conversing with his brother, CHARLES CIVELLO, and his brother-in-law, ROSS MUSSO, who usually accompanies CIVELLO from his residence to the store. On the days CIVELLO has been observed at the liquor store, he has not been observed to use the telephone at the store. It was also noted that he did not have any visitors or converse with anyone other than customers making purchases at the store.

Detective H. M. HART, Criminal Intelligence Section, Dallas Police Department, advised that in surveillances that he has conducted on CIVELLO's residence, he has noted that usually the wives of CIVELLO and ROSS MUSSO remain at the residence most of the time. He stated that he has never observed the residence when all of the occupants have been absent.

IDENTITY OF INFORMANTS

Informants DL T-1 is DL 271-C, DL T-2 is DL 135-C, and DL T-3 is HO 1082-C.

The following informants who are acquainted with gamblers, bookmakers, and criminal element in the Dallas area could furnish

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no information to indicate that CIVELLO is presently active in any criminal activities in the Dallas area:

DL 140-C, contacted by SAs ROBERT M. BARRETT and IVAN D. LEE
PCI STEVEN G. CANELLOS, contacted by SA ROBERT E. HARTZ
DL 181-C contacted by SAs ROBERT M. BARRETT and IVAN D. LEE
DL 185-C contacted by SAs ROBERT M. BARRETT and IVAN D. LEE
DL 197-C contacted by SAs ROBERT M. BARRETT and IVAN D. LEE
DL 208-C contacted by SAs ROBERT M. BARRETT and IVAN D. LEE
DL 254-PC contacted by SA IVAN D. LEE
Confidential source JEROME J. CRANE contacted by SA ROBERT
M. BARRETT.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2824)

DATE: 5/27/65

FROM : SAC, DALLAS (92-36) (P)

SUBJECT: JOSEPH FRANCIS CIVELLO, aka
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(OO: DALLAS)

Re Dallas report of SA JOHN B. HOTIS dated 4/9/65; Bureau letter to Dallas dated 4/22/65 requesting Dallas to explore the relationship between JOHN DRAGNA, captioned subject and the hoodlum element in the Dallas, Texas, area.

The 1965 City Directory for Dallas, Texas, reveals that JOHN DRAGNA and his wife ANN reside at 6128 East University Boulevard, Dallas, Texas. His employment is listed as the John Dragna Real Estate Company, 3611 A Greenville Avenue. *File 1966*

A financial statement for the Merchants State Bank located at Ross Avenue and Henderson Street indicates that JOHN DRAGNA is one of the 22 directors at the Merchants State Bank.

On May 20, 1965, H. M. HART, Detective, Criminal Intelligence Section, Dallas Police Department, advised that he had recently obtained a financial statement from Dun and Bradstreet and furnished a copy of the statement to the FBI.

The statement reveals that DRAGNA represents substantial means with his affairs believed to be in good order. DRAGNA is active in real estate and oil and handles some construction as a side line. In November, 1963, JOHN A. DRAGNA deferred submitting a detailed financial statement, but stated he represented tangible worth in excess of \$500,000 with assets centered primarily in stocks, oil royalties and real estate. The investigation revealed that a cash account is maintained with a local bank with balances averaging in low to moderate five figures. The file indicated that his assets

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consisted of several apartment houses in Dallas, Texas, which are held by DRAGNA for rental income. Investigation revealed that DRAGNA is active in numerous civic functions and is well thought of locally. His annual income is estimated at \$60,000 per year. The file indicated that DRAGNA was born in 1906, is presently divorced and has been a long-time resident of Dallas.

On May 20, 1965, HART advised that their investigation of CIVELLO, which has involved numerous surveillances in the past, has failed to indicate that he has been in personal contact with DRAGNA. HART advised their files contain no information to indicate that DRAGNA has a close relationship with CIVELLO other than the fact that they possibly belong to the Italian-American Club and attend various Italian functions.

Spot surveillances conducted by Bureau Agents have failed to indicate that CIVELLO is associating with DRAGNA or that DRAGNA is visiting the Airway Liquor Store owned by CHARLES CIVELLO.

Regarding the information previously furnished by DL 135-C that JOHN DRAGNA, member of the Board of Directors of the Merchants State Bank, is subject's contact in the Merchants State Bank, informant was recontacted on May 4, 1965, concerning the person or persons who possibly leaked the information that FBI Agents were checking accounts at the Merchants State Bank. Informant stated he was originally of the opinion that JOHN DRAGNA was the one who tipped off the individuals concerned, but now he is not sure inasmuch as any employee of the bank, who was aware of the Agent's presence, could have passed on the information. Informant advised on his previous contact, he assumed that it was DRAGNA but that he had no proof nor had he received any direct information that DRAGNA was responsible.

In view of the fact that the informant can offer no concrete information as to the person or persons possibly

SAC, Dallas (92-36)

4-22-65

Director, FBI (92-2824)

JOSEPH FRANCIS CIVELLO, aka
AR

Re report of SA John B. Hotis dated 4-9-65.

On page 2 of re report information is set forth, attributed to DL 135-C, to the effect that John Dragna, a member of the Board of Directors of the Merchants State Bank, Dallas is Civello's contact with the Merchants State Bank as well as the contact for other local racketeers. This informant also reported that when the records of that institution were recently checked by your office, Dragna immediately notified Civello and several other racket figures who formerly had accounts in that bank.

It would appear from the above action on the part of Dragna that his position with the bank is being utilized to the advantage of the hoodlum element. Also from Dragna's action, there would appear to be some degree of influence exerted on a bank official by the hoodlum element.

In conducting your criminal intelligence investigation of Civello, this situation should be more fully explored to determine the extent of Dragna's relationship with the hoodlum element and the degree of hoodlum influence being exerted on him and the reasons therefor. Inquiries should also be made to determine whether Dragna is related to Louis Dragna, Los Angeles hoodlum. You should also be alert to the possibility of Dragna, in his capacity as a bank official being involved in a violation of the banking laws.

Upon obtaining more detailed information regarding this matter, a comprehensive letterhead memorandum should be submitted to the Bureau in accordance with previous Bureau instructions relating to Hoodlum Influence in Banking Institutions.

In view of the information received to date, you should be circumspect in your dealings with the Merchants State Bank.

NOTE: Civello is a LCN member residing in DL currently being investigated under CIP. DL being instructed to fully develop the extent of hoodlum influence being exerted on bank official and relationship of this official with hoodlum element.

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		CHARACTER OF CASE EX-101 ARREC/14	

REFERENCES: Dallas report of SA JOHN B. HOTIS dated 2/9/65.
 Dallas airtel to Bureau dated 3/3/65.
 Little Rock letter to Dallas dated 3/22/65.
 Las Vegas letter to Dallas dated 3/25/65.

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ENCLOSURE

TO BUREAU: Original and one copy of letterhead memorandum characterizing informants utilized in this report.

LEADS

CHICAGO, HOUSTON & NEW ORLEANS - INFORMATION.

Information copies furnished these offices inasmuch as investigative leads remain outstanding with these offices.

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A review of Polk's Greater Dallas Directory, 1964, reflects ARTURO TREVINO, Agent, U. S. Internal Revenue Service, resides with his wife, CONCEPCION B., at 5111 Denton Drive, Dallas, Texas.

On 2/25/65, Mrs. BIRDIE SUE BELCHER, Merchants Retail Credit Association, Dallas, advised ARTURO TREVINO has resided with his wife CONNIE at 7426 Concord Street, Dallas, since October, 1964. He has been in the files of the credit bureau since September, 1953, and has continually carried a very high credit rating. He has been employed as an agent with the Internal Revenue Service since approximately 1956, and prior to that time worked for United Texas Drys Company, Dallas. His wife CONNIE was employed in 1954 by Taylor Publishing Company and is presently employed by Baptist General Convention, Dallas. The file reflects his previous addresses include 5111 Denton Drive, Dallas (1959); 4322 Deere Street, Dallas (1957); 1831 Idaho Street (1954); 2347 Lucas Street, Dallas (1954); 1016 St. Louis Street, Dallas (date unlisted); and 121 East Grawlyer, Irving, Texas (1957). Mrs. BELCHER further advised that prior to moving to the Dallas area, TREVINO resided in San Antonio, Texas.

IDENTITY OF INFORMANTS

DL T-1 is DL 135-C, contacted by SA JOHN B. HOTIS.
DL T-2 is PCI STEVEN G. CANELLOS, liquor salesman for Phil Schepps, Distributors, Dallas, contacted by SA JOHN B. HOTIS.

The following is a list of informants utilized in following the activities of CIVELLO and his associates in the Dallas Division:

DL 140-C, contacted by SA ROBERT M. BARRETT
DL 135-C, contacted by SA JOHN B. HOTIS
PCI STEVEN G. CANELLOS, contacted by SA JOHN B. HOTIS
DL 208-C-TE, contacted by SA IVAN D. LEE
DL 251-PC, contacted by SA JOHN B. HOTIS
DL 181-C, contacted by SA IVAN D. LEE
Confidential Source JEROME J. CRANE, contacted by
SAs ROBERT M. BARRETT and IVAN D. LEE

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