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NY T-4

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NY 266-C contacted by SA
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NY T-9

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NY T-10

NY 2467-C contacted by
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NY 1449-C contacted by
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NY T-12

Records of the Federal
Bureau of Narcotics, 90
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NY T-13

Records of CIS, NYCPD

NY T-14

CSNY-1 contacted by
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NY T-15

Former PCI HELEN RICCIO
contacted by SA SAM RAY
BURNS

Careful consideration has been given to the sources utilized in this report and T-symbols were used only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

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IV. CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

NY T-2 advised on September 10, 1958, that he had ascertained from a source, which he refused to disclose, information concerning an individual who acted as a "front man" for the subject and GEORGE LEVINE, close associate of the subject. The informant related that his source refused to divulge the name of the "front man", but elected to call him "TONY". The following information was supplied by the informant concerning TONY's association with the subject:

In approximately July, 1957, TONY was introduced to the subject, who used the name SALLY BURNS, and GEORGE LEVINE, his partner, by one JOE GENNA. The subject and LEVINE requested TONY to cooperate with them in setting up a ready-mix cement business in Havana, Cuba. Their suggestion was that TONY "front" the enterprise, which they indicated would necessarily be successful due to political connections which these individuals had in Havana. This venture did not ultimately materialize due to difficulties which arose in obtaining a second-hand ready-mix plant from the United States. However, during the time plans were being made for setting up this business, TONY made three trips to Cuba, between July, 1957 and November 1, 1957.

TONY made each trip with GENNA, and on one occasion they conferred with GEORGE LEVINE, who at that time resided at the Hotel Rosita de Horanodo in Havana. On the first trip LEVINE took them to a proposed plant site and assured them that they would have no difficulty obtaining an option on this land or any problems during the setting-up stages of the plant due to his excellent connections in the Cuban Government. On the second trip LEVINE, GENNA, and TONY arranged for corporation papers to be drawn up in order that the business could be instituted when they

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Informant stated he later learned that "JOHNNY THE BUG", referred to above, is JOHN STOPPELLI, known as a close associate of ANTHONY STROLLO and VITO GENOVESE.

On one occasion, when TONY was told to proceed to the above-mentioned unmarked office at 40 Exchange Place, New York City, he observed VITO GENOVESE leaving the office as he entered. He had no conversation with GENOVESE and GENOVESE did not acknowledge his presence at the time.

Another individual TONY met through contact with SALLY BURNS was a hoodlum from Greenwich Village referred to only as "JOE THE WOP" or JOE C. This individual appeared to own or manage Tony Pastor's Night Club in the Greenwich Village section of New York City. Informant stated he later learned that "JOE THE WOP" is JOSEPH CATALDO.

A short time after TONY had completed his payments to SALLY BURNS, aggregating \$10,000.00, he was contacted by BURNS and instructed to come to BURNS' apartment on a business matter. Upon arrival at his apartment BURNS explained to him that he was taking over an interest in a New York night club, the Cafe de Paris at 53rd Street and Broadway, New York City, a club featuring a big name entertainment policy. It was explained that LOU WALTERS, well known New York City night club impresario, was in a financial jam in this club which he had opened, and BURNS told TONY that he, TONY, was to assume the duties as "front man" in the club. When TONY complained to BURNS that he had no particular interest in entering such a venture, BURNS reportedly instructed him in no uncertain terms that he was to take the job and that he had no choice in the matter. In view of the physical violence inflicted on TONY during previous contacts with BURNS and his group, TONY saw no alternative but to follow BURNS' instructions.

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He served as manager at this club for about four or five weeks until the club folded and went into bankruptcy. During this period, SALLY BURNS contributed a total of about \$13,000.00 to the operation of the club and he, TONY, personally contributed close to \$30,000.00 which he had been able to borrow from close friends.

While the club was in operation BURNS gave the indication that the \$13,000.00 BURNS contributed was as an investment in this venture. However, when the club went into bankruptcy, BURNS informed TONY that he was responsible for the \$13,000.00 as a personal loan from BURNS. BURNS, therefore, once again began demands on TONY not only for the principal \$13,000.00, but for exorbitant interest on this "loan" which, to date, amounts to a total of approximately \$16,000.00.

Though BURNS took no active part in managing this club he was often there during the evening hours, as were some of his underlings, specifically the individuals referred to previously as BABE, CHICK, and BUDDY.

Part of the \$13,000.00 contributed by BURNS was, according to TONY, raised in the following manner:

At a particular time when TONY was having difficulty making the payroll, BURNS instructed him to accompany JOE QUAGLIARELLO to New Jersey, where they were to pick up \$2500.00 from RAY (previously mentioned as having been in the office of VITO GENOVESE on Thompson Street). TONY accompanied QUAGLIARELLO to New Jersey to a roadside club where they met RAY, who turned over the \$2500.00 to QUAGLIARELLO. The RAY referred to above, according to NY T-2, is ANGELO DE CARLO. NY T-2 further advised that the roadside club where the meeting was held was the Martinique Restaurant, operated by DE CARLO in Mountainside, New Jersey.

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Following the closing of the Cafe de Paris, TONY's only contacts with BURNS and his element have been at times when BURNS has demanded payment, plus interest, on the \$13,000.00 he put into this club.

At one time during early 1958, while TONY was with BURNS at a tavern in Atlantic Beach, Long Island, New York, an individual identified by BURNS as Mr. JOHN ORMENTO came over to their table and said "hello" to BURNS on his way out of the tavern. This appeared to be a chance meeting and there was no discussion between BURNS and this individual.

While in Havana, Cuba, on one of his visits to GEORGE LEVINE, LEVINE introduced TONY to a casino manager identified as JOE RIVERS, with whom LEVINE seemed to be very friendly.

NY T-2 was recontacted on October 15, 1958, and advised that during one of TONY's visits to Havana, Cuba, during 1957, previously discussed, TONY met an American named LOWELL BIRRELL, who frequented the Oriente Park RaceTrack near Havana, operated by GRANELLO and GEORGE LEVINE. The informant related that BIRRELL was a New York City lawyer who was in trouble with the United States Government in connection with large scale stock manipulations and BIRRELL was reportedly in Havana at that time to avoid investigation or prosecution in connection with the stock manipulations.

The informant related that it was his impression that BIRRELL seemed to be in close contact with the interests of LEVINE and GRANELLO in Cuba. He stated that, in relation to stock issued in the Oriente Park RaceTrack in Havana, originally this stock had been placed on the market at around 20 cents per share and that during a

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NY T-4 advised during November, 1954, that one MIGUEL TRIAY y ESCOBAR, better known as "MIKE" TRIAY, operated the Sans Souci Night Club in Havana for a number of years. The informant stated TRIAY maintains contacts with American gamblers and hoodlums who come to Cuba.

On November 16, 1954, TRIAY was known to have stated that a deal had been closed whereby a group headed by LOWELL M. BIRRELL, described as an insurance executive of New York and Pennsylvania, purchased the Oriente Park Race Track in Havana. GEORGE LEVINE and SALVATORE GRANELLO were said to be involved in the deal. At that time also LEVINE and GRANELLO operated the bar and restaurant in the Hotel Sevilla Biltmore in Havana, and also leased the rather small Hotel Victoria in Havana. They also held the gambling concession in the casino located in the Jockey Club of Oriente Park.

NY T-4 further stated that it had been brought to his attention that BIRRELL heads an "international syndicate" which includes LEVINE and GRANELLO.

NY T-5 advised on January 3, 1955, that TOMMY MARINO manager of the Rio Club, West 56th Street, New York City, and a close associate of the owner of this club, one SALVATORE GRANELLO, had stated that GRANELLO had purchased 200 cases of hijacked whiskey at that time and that this whiskey was supposed to be shipped to Miami Beach, Florida.

NY T-6 advised during the period December 22, 1956, through December 28, 1956, that at various meetings held in the home of SALVATORE GRANELLO some of the persons attending these meetings at GRANELLO's home were JIMMY YAGO, true name JAMES CUSAMANO, JOE FRANCO, and CARLIE DI PIETRO.

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He said that years ago, LEVINE did not have much money and he, the informant, on several occasions gave LEVINE money with which to pay his rent. He said today LEVINE has a lot of money. He also said that he last saw LEVINE a few months ago, and LEVINE told him he was travelling back and forth to California.

Concerning BURNS, he said that BURNS has a summer home at Greenwood Lake, New York, which he allegedly spent a lot of money for and which is supposed to include a couple of lots. He said that he was told that BURNS spent around \$75,000 fixing the place up, however, he has never seen the place and does not know this to be accurate.

NY T-9 advised on March 23, 1960, that he has been acquainted with SALVATORE GRANELLO, also known as Sally Burns, for approximately 15-16 years. He stated that GRANELLO was originally from the lower east side of Manhattan, but the informant heard recently that he had moved his family to some place in New Jersey or Rockland County, New York.

He stated that GRANELLO is known to hang out at 90 Elizabeth Street and at a social club near Mott and Prince Streets. The informant also heard that GRANELLO spends considerable time during evenings at "The Boot" on Third Avenue, New York City. Informant heard that GRANELLO has been associating with "SMITTY" DE ANGELO, a brother to ANTHONY DE ANGELO, the undertaker from Graham and Montrose Streets, Brooklyn, New York.

Informant heard that GRANELLO was in partnership with JOE RIVERS in a gambling operation in Cuba prior to the CASTRO revolution. Informant has heard that GRANELLO is still active in shylocking and in both the American and Italian lotteries, and at one time was believed to be very active in narcotics.