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According to T-30 who advised on February 10, 1959, that he had just returned to Cuba from Miami, had ascertained while in Miami that a number of well respected banking individuals in Miami, including two members of the First National Bank, were interested in buying up all the Cuban money that they could at a price of 60¢ on the dollar. Informant stated that MEYER LANSKY was attempting to dispose of a substantial amount of Cuban currency.

A week later, the informant advised that the gambling element in Havana had received indications that LANSKY would not be allowed to return to Havana by the CASTRO Government.

The same informant stated on February 18, 1959, that he had heard that after the assassination of ALBERT ANASTASIA, a meeting of local Mafia members was called to discuss the allotment and control of gambling rights in the South Florida-Cuba area. The informant stated this meeting took place somewhere on the Florida Keys about ten days to two weeks before the meeting at Apalachin, New York, on November 14, 1957.

Informant continued by stating that after an agreement had been reached at the Florida meeting, the meeting in Apalachin was held with the principal item on the agenda being consideration of the agreement reached at the local meeting on the Florida Keys. Informant noted that JOSEPH SILESI, New York top hoodlum, and SANTO TRAFFICANTE, Miami top hoodlum, were present at the meeting in Apalachin, New York. Informant further noted that the group at Apalachin had to consider Cuban gambling and narcotics jointly, because the casinos, while potentially lucrative in themselves, are additionally far more important as fronts for narcotic transactions of large size.

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HARRY BARNETT
1950 Davidson Avenue
Bronx, New York

SALVATORE BADALAMENTI
755 Anderson Avenue
Cliffside, New Jersey

SAUL GOLD
228 West 47th Street
New York City

In July, 1957, T-12 advised that HARRY BARNETT was related to A. CHAIT of the Champion Trucking Company. He advised that BARNETT is merely a figurehead in the company, and that ABRAHAM CHAIT controls the whole operation and reaps the profits from the company.

JOSEPH BERGER

It has previously been reported that T-51 advised that as of [REDACTED]

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SAM BERGER

It has previously been reported that on February 12, 1957, SAM BERGER had resigned voluntarily from his position as manager of Local 102 of the ILGWU. SAM BERGER, prior to his resignation, had been manger of Local 102 for approximately 12 years and had been associated with the local in excess of 25 years,

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Prostitution

Prostitution flourishes in New York despite periodic drives by vice officers to stamp it out. Prostitutes working in New York may be classified as street walkers, call girls, house girls and bar hustlers.

Street walkers operate daily between 9:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m., on Manhattan's west side, particularly between 42nd and 59th Streets. These girls are predominantly colored prostitutes who, for financial reasons, prefer white men but are not permitted to mingle in bars catering to a white clientele. A white street walker, who lives among Negroes and is source of this office, is well acquainted with a number of street walkers and their pimps. Through her efforts many of the street walkers and their pimps have been identified and, where there were indications of interstate transportation, appropriate investigation has been conducted. It is not unusual on any evening to observe colored pimps drive their girls to the area around Central Park South and Seventh Avenue, where the prostitutes alight from the late model Cadillacs to begin their evening's work. The average price is around \$35.00 - \$50.00 and the john is expected to provide a room. Unless the prostitute mistakenly approaches a vice patrolman and accompanies him to a room, an arrest of a street walker is difficult since most of them are adept at spotting a surveilling officer.

Dotted throughout New York are a number of houses of prostitution which consist of a one or two-bedroom apartment with a madam and one or two girls. On the west side of New York this type of operation abounds in the Seventies and Eighties, where the average price is \$10.00 - \$15.00. On the east side this same type of operation exists, also in the Seventies and Eighties, but the surroundings are better and the fees are usually between \$25.00 - \$50.00.

Sources of this office, who operate in this category, have advised that there are no organized vice rings supplying girls to these houses and that each house is strictly an individual operation. This is supported by the fact that

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NEW YORK CITY FUR MARKET

The New York City Fur Market is concentrated in mid Manhattan in about 12 square blocks from West 27th Street to West 31st Street, between Broadway and 8th Avenue. Virtually every building in this area is completely devoted to the housing of some phase of the fur industry. According to reliable sources about 90% of all fur garment manufacturing in the United States is confined to the New York market. Further New York City is considered the fur marketing center of the world. Raw and dressed fur skins of all descriptions are imported to New York City from all parts of the world and sold at auction by two principal auction houses, The New York Fur Auction Company and The Hudson Bay Company.

Subsequent to purchase by manufacturers, skins are made into a variety of garments and sold largely through jobbers to retail outlets. Most manufacturers also are jobbers. In this regard it is to be noted that almost all retailers of fur garments depend on an army of Resident Buyers who act as Brokers between manufacturers, jobbers and retailers.

T-⁸⁸_{the} who has more than 20 years experience in New York Fur Market has advised that there are about 2,000 manufacturers in the New York Market representing about 90 per cent of all manufacturers in the United States with principal competition in Chicago, Philadelphia and Los Angeles. These New York manufacturers constitute the nucleus

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INFORMANTS

T-1	Former NYND 69, ALBERT CUPELLI
T-2	JOSEPH AMATO, Supervisor, FBN, NYC
T-3	PCI ANTHONY CIBORSKI, NY Waterfront Commission
T-4	NY 136-C
T-5	NY 1833
T-6	NY 99-C
T-7	NY 2151-C
T-8	NY 169-C
T-9	Lt. JOHN THOMPSON, CIS, NYCPD
T-10	Former NY 1894-C
T-11	Former PCI ALEX FUDEMAN
T-12	Former NY 842-C now MM 656-C
T-13	PCI MICHAEL ROMANELLI

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T-14	PCI ROCCO COVUCCI	
T-15	PCI WILLIAM CASSILLO	
T-16	NY 204-C	
T-17	NY 889-C	
T-18	PCI PASQUALE COSSENTINO	
T-19	PCI [REDACTED]	
T-20	PCI FRANK GALLUCCIO	
T-21	PCI [REDACTED]	
T-22	Former NY 1839-C	
T-23	NY 2522	JFK Act 6 (4)
T-24	NY 2412-C	
T-25	NY 2666-C	
T-26	PCI [REDACTED]	
T-27	NY 913-C	
T-28	PCI [REDACTED]	
T-29	PCI JAMES ANTHONY MADDEN	
T-30	PCI GUIDO DE PHILLIPS, Havana, Cuba	

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T-31	PCI DOMINICK SPOLIDORO	
T-32	PCI [REDACTED]	
T-33	NY 202-C	
T-34	Confidential records of FBN observed by SA JAMES P. FLYNN.	
T-35	NY 2427-C	
T-36	PCI LORRAINE DEVINE	JFK Act 6 (4)
T-37	LA 3961-C	
T-38	PCI GLORIA BAILEY	
T-39	PCI [REDACTED]	
T-40	Lt. M. B. PHILLIPS, Los Angeles P.D.	
T-41	Capt. JAMES HAMILTON, Los Angeles P.D.	
T-42	NY 2512-C	
T-43	Former NY 1001-C (Deceased)	
T-44	Former NY 864-C	
T-45	MM 509-C	

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T-46 NY 1716-C

T-47 VINCENT GMAR

T-48 JAMES C. HILL, D & B,
Tampa, Fla.

T-49 LA 4098-C

T-50 Records, New York County
Clerk's Office, NYC

T-51 Testimony of JOSEPH BERGER-
Special Federal Grand Jury,
SDNY

T-52 ALBERT SILVERMAN, Miami
Beach, Fla.

T-53 JOHN O'MARA, NYC Anti-Crime
Commission

T-54 CSNY-1

T-55 JAMES TROMBETTA, PCI

T-56 Legal Attache, Ottawa,
Canada

T-57 Former NY 31-C

T-58 HODGES HAMILTON, Dallas,
Texas

T-59 EDWARD WEINSTEIN, Assistant
Manager, TRADE BANK & TRUST
CO., NYC

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R. ELLIS, Narcotics Squad,
NYCPD

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[REDACTED] PCI

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FRANK NOLAN, Deceased
Former SA

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MINNIE MATHESON (By request)

T-65

[REDACTED] PCI

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MAX HEILBRONNER, PCI

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PCI ARTHUR NEWMAN, Havana,
Cuba

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EUGENE NIANNINI (deceased)

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NY 1532-C

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NY 1011-C

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NY 2180-C

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Lt. SAL FIOLA, Commanding
Officer, Vice Squad, Nassau
County D.A.'s Office

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Former NY 1584-C

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PCI JOHN FELLS

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T-75	JACK HERBERT REINER - con man and subject of Bureau case
T-76	NY 189-C
T-77	Former NY 1918-C
T-78	NY 184-C
T-79	NY 2555-C
T-80	NY 1060-C
T-81	NY 977-C
T-82	NY 1535-C
T-83	PCI HARRY FINKEL
T-84	PCI
T-85	PCI BERNARD HUGHES
T-86	NY 939-C
T-87	Capt. FRANK VESCIO, 2nd Precint, Yonkers P.D.
T-88	PCI JOSEPH SCHONBERGER
T-89	NY 847-C

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PCI

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PCI PERCELL GRANVILLE

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PCI JOHN ANDREW WHITE

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NY 2251-C

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NY 1768-C

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