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JOSEPH RAYMOND MEROLA

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Five copies of this report are furnished to the Bureau. The additional three copies are for the information of the Legats at Havana (92-23), London (64-483), and Mexico City (92-8) in view of their possible interest in the case and since further investigation may be requested of them (Cxyu)

More than 30 days appear in the investigative period although the last report was dated 2/5/59. Due to the length of the previous report, correspondence from numerous offices, and administrative details, there is an overlapping of investigative reporting from the last report to the present report.

Newark desires from the Bureau any information received, by liaison with other Government intelligence agencies, concerning Mexican General FEDERICO AMAYA RODRIGUEZ, former head of the Federal District Traffic Department, or RAUL CABALLERO ABURTO, Mexican Governor of the State of Guerrero. The Newark Division is especially interested in any overtures made by these men, concerning Mexican gambling franchise or supplying of war-type materials, to American citizens.

On page 3 of instant report, the information concerning the subject's interest in securing American-type guns was secured by ATTD through LEONARD JULIUS RICCI, FBI #2055711, whom ATTD is developing as an informant. It has been previously reported that ATTD is planning an undercover operation for the purpose of obtaining evidence for the arrest and subsequent trial of JOSEPH GIARUSSO and SAM GIARUSSO, along with others. It should be noted the above information was acquired by ATTD agents from RICCI on a confidential basis. ATTD is presently attempting to develop RICCI as an informant and, therefore, requested none of the above information be disseminated outside the Bureau.

For the information of offices not previously receiving a communication in this case, it is noted that ZICARELLI is a top hoodlum of the Newark Office and a former close associate of CARMINE GALANTE, New York top hoodlum. GALANTE at present is a fugitive from the Bureau of Narcotics. The subject and GALANTE were former operators of the Abco Vending Machine Company, which is alleged to have a "direct line" into Police Headquarters. ZICARELLI, commonly known as

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"Bayonne Joe," is reportedly the head man in the numbers, lottery, and gambling operations in Hudson County, New Jersey, with headquarters in Bayonne, New Jersey.

ZICARELLI has also been active in purchasing guns for a Cuban revolution, gambling activity in Mexico, kickback contracts in Venezuela, possible assassination of a Venezuelan political leader, and a possible link in the disappearance of JESUS DE GALINDEZ-SUAREZ.

Another Government agency has furnished information that ZICARELLI has been authorized to purchase \$1,000,000 of rockets and machine guns for the Dominican Republic. ~~(S)~~(u)

The Agents observing the subject on 2/4/59 (instant report, page 2) were SAs LINCOLN J. STOKES and CHARLES L. WERELEY.

INFORMANTS

The informants utilized in this report are identified as follows:

- NK T-1 Detective Lieutenant WILLIAM KENNEY, West New York, New Jersey Police Department
- NK T-2 Detective JOHN WALKER, Bayonne, New Jersey Police Department
- NK T-3 LEONARD RICCIO, National Board of Fire Underwriters, Fort Lee, New Jersey
- NK T-4 [JOSE CZUKERBERG, information furnished at Legat, Mexico City] ~~(S)~~(u)
- NK T-5 NY 31-C
- NK T-6 NK 2125-C
- NK T-7 New York records of Dun and Bradstreet
- NK T-8 MM 656-C

All of the above informants have furnished reliable information in the past and/or are in a position to furnish reliable information.

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3. Through appropriate sources will attempt to determine if ZICARELLI has any contact with the L. B. Smith Aviation Company (Miami letter to Newark dated 2/18/59).

NEW YORK:

At New York, New York. 1. Will report results of investigation as requested in Richmond letter to Newark dated 2/13/59.

2. Will furnish information from indices on telephone subscribers as requested in Newark letters to New York dated 1/9, 1/22, and 2/9/59.

3. Will report results of attempts to develop SAM GIARUSSO as a PCI and any information he has concerning ZICARELLI in the weapons buying or transporting field (Newark letter to Bureau dated 12/17/58).

4. If feasible, will contact officials of the "Plasterers Union of New York City" for information concerning ZICARELLI being connected with this union (instant report, page 16).

5. Will supply Newark with any pertinent information from New York indices on MAX GREER (instant report, page 15) and Dynamic Operating Corporation (instant report, page 15).

PHILADELPHIA:

At Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Will report results of investigation as requested in Richmond letter to Newark dated 2/13/59.

RICHMOND:

At Richmond, Virginia. Complete results of investigation as set forth in Richmond letter to Newark dated 2/13/59.

ST. LOUIS:

At St. Louis, Missouri. Will report results of investigation as requested in Richmond letter to Newark dated 2/13/59.

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CRIMINAL INFORMANT COVERAGE

Informants furnishing current information on subject's activities, associates, and business dealings are as follows:

- NY 31-C
- NK 1827-C
- NK 2125-C
- NK 2081-C
- NY 169-C
- PCI SAM GIARUSSO
- PCI LEW ROSENFELD
- PCI MARGAT GERSTEN
- JOSE CZUKERBERG at Mexico City through Legat Mexico ~~(S)~~(u)
- PCI GEORGE ARNOLD REDD

Informants who have furnished information concerning subject's activities in the past are as follows:

- NK 1895-C
- NK 1751-C
- NK 2073-C
- NK 1833-C
- NK 1998-C
- NK 2080-C

The following police officers are most cooperative and have furnished valuable information concerning subject's activities:

- Patrolman JOHN WALKER
Bayonne, New Jersey Police Department
- Detective Lieutenant THOMAS A. QUINN
Bayonne, New Jersey Police Department
- Acting Sergeant HOWARD E. HARPER
West New York, New Jersey Police Department
- Captain ANTHONY CASPER
West New York, New Jersey Police Department
- Detective WILLIAM KENNEY
West New York, New Jersey Police Department
- Detective ROBERT MOUNT
New Jersey State Police

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