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FR: SAC, Phil

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Physical Description of Angelo Bruno

FBI # 104 5098

Race white

Sex male

Height 5'8"

Weight 198 lbs.

Hair dk Chestnut

Eyes med. brown

Complexion dark

Build well

D.O.B. 5-21-10

P.O.B. Villalba, Italy

Marital status married - wife - Sue Bruno -

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Memorandum 10-20-66

File 62-9-37-593

TO: DeLoach

FR: J. H. Gale

Subj: Criminal Intelligence Digest

- born Antonio Angelo Annaloro in
Villalba, Sicily on 5-21-10

- arrived in the U.S. less than 15 months after
birth

- granted derivative citizenship through his
father in 1946. Imm. officials were
curious, however, as to how Bruno
was born in 1910 when his father claimed
to have been in the U.S. since 1906 (his
mother did not go to the U.S. prior to
his birth). Thus, with the choice
of being declared illegitimate or
illegally naturalized, Bruno
said that his father secretly returned
to Sicily in 1907 or 1908 & then had
to flee back to the U.S. to avoid
prosecution.

Bruno has avoided involving any
of his family in Commission operations.
When his daughter, Jean, was married
in 1962, Bruno sent invitations
to Carlo Gambino and Steve Magaddino
but recommended that they not show

1935 - 15 month suspended sentence and
3 yr probation for manufacturing
illegal liquor.

1937 - \$10 fine for disorderly conduct

1954 \$600 fine and 2 yr probation for
operating an illegal lottery.

By 1963 Bruno was described as the biggest
numbers man in Phil.

Bruno entered the La Cosa Nostra
sometime during the 1950's. His rise
was rapid ever since.

Joseph Ida - head of the Philly mob from
1946 to 1959, fled to Italy on
January 15, 1959.

p. 7 - Angelo's activities - Bruno had a
casino - Casino Monte Carlo in
Havana, Cuba.

close associate of Bruno - Charles J.
Costello - ~~was~~ who lives in Miami
on North Bayshore Drive.

- does not enjoy the best of health.

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- received - nothing -

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Subj: Angelo Bruno

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FBI Report 5-6-58

SA John L. Adams

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TITLE: Angelo Bruno

Phil

92-2717-15

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SAC, Phil

DIK, FBI 92-2717-9

Angelo Bruno

- states that Bruno has maintained
a residence in Miami, Beach, FL,
since Feb of 1948.

reflects that Bruno travelled to
Cuba & the Pan Rep. in 1957.

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Subj: Angelo Bruno

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June mail 92-2717-55 11-18-60

See File 66-2554-7530 for authority.

June mail 92-2717-54 Angelo Bruno

Report 10-28-60

SA J. Robert Pearce

Angelo Bruno

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92-2717-53

P L 7- 5095 - telephone number of
Charles I. Castello, 12468 North
Bayshore Dr., Keystone Pt., North Miami
Florida - July - 1960 -

p 5 - American Gambling Act - Havana
- allegedly has gambling interests there
along with New Jersey racket men - such
as Carl Pappo, Appolito, Charles
Touraine & the Daylight.

Other invt. has determined that
Bruno interested in the holdings
of the Hotel Plaza gambling casino
in Havana, Cuba

on Oct 18, 1960, Bruno arranged through Lloyd's of London and an undisclosed insurance agency to insure his gambling casino in Havana for an unknown amount.

Costello - close associate -

Business interest in Miami, Fl. area

p. 6

revels
person

likely

Montmartre
Hotel

T-6 in April, 1960, stated that Bruno's wife had claimed a financial interest in the Montmart Hotel, next to the Eden Rock in Miami, Beach, FL. also, Sue Bruno recently wrote a 50,000 check to purchase control or interest in a vending machine business in Miami Beach, FL.

T-9 in July, 1960, stated that Bruno spending much time in Miami & allegedly purchased a home in the Keyphone Point area of Miami.

T-11 in July, 1960, advised that he made inquiries & that Bruno had no interest in the Montmartre Hotel or any vending machine.

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see file 66-2554-7530 for answers
june mail

10-26-60

10-24-60

10-21-60

9-22-60

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9-6-60

june mail - this could be

empt.; Bruno allegedly is
Miami frequently during the
period; also supposedly close
to Trafficante.

Report 9-9-60

J. Robert Pearce

Angelo Bruno

92-21717-52

Philadelphia, PA.

p3 on July 16, 1960, Com Inf PH T-2 advised
that DAVID Nemeroff of Miami, FL
was a constant companion of Bruno when
Bruno visited Miami.

PH T-2 said that DAVID Nemeroff advised
that Bruno had gambling concessions at
the Hilton Hotel & Hotel Capri in
Havana, Cuba.

PH T-2 also said that
marco maggio said that Bruno was
contemplating moving to Miami, FL
soon.

p4 as already noted, Carl "Pappy" Appolito,
733 Brunswick Ave, Trenton, N.J., Raymond
Braylenki, 1005 Dunsion Stail, Trenton,
N.J.; and Charles Tourine, were
associated with Bruno in the Hotel
Playa Gambling Casino, Havana, Cuba.

June mail 8-19-60
See File 66-2554-7530 for authority
92-2717

June mail Anglo Bruno
See File 66-2554-7530 for
authority
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Report 11-24-59

Philadelphia J. Robert Pearce

Angelo Bruno

A.R.

92-2717-(?)

p4

prior to May, 1959, Bruno told Phil
Conf. Inf. T-2 that he, Bruno, was one
of the interest holders in the Hotel
Playa Gambling Casino & that this
casino received permission to reopen
in June, 1959.

It was said that in August, 1959, the
following gambling casinos cont.
to be open in Havana for operation:

Tropicana

Havana Hilton

Hotel Nacional

Capri

Havana Riviera Hotel

The remaining casinos, including the
Hotel Playa Gambling Casino, were
closed either because of gov. edict
or financial difficulties.

Report 10-8-59

Phil

J. Robert Pearce

A.R.

Angelo Bruno

leads

miami

- says that the Bureau will int. BEN GALLUP, alleged to be in business at 2820 NW 7th Av, Miami, tele: Jeff 41-2317. - purpose: ascertain the assoc. b/w Gallup & Bruno.

p.B - says Bureau will int. Joe Millstein, characterized as a night club owner, and shiplock in Miami - really a friend of Bruno.

my NOTE: Jewish night club owner in the Miami area - date - Nov - 1959 - could know something about Ruby -

p.8 - on August 7, 1959, PH T-2 advised

SA Dale M. Hiestand that Angelo Bruno was leaving in approximately two days for approx a 2 week vacation in Miami.

Report

Philadelphia

6-25-59

Angelo Bruno

92-2717-40

J. Robert Pearce

p.A - Carl Samuel "Pappy" Ippolito
Raymond Edward Oralski
- alleged assoc of Bruno - Playa Hotel

p-B-

Johnnie Rocco - Phil - alleg. conn. with
Bruno in disposing of Cuban currency
brought into U.S.

Joseph Nardello, railroadman, 1527
West Remond St, Phil, - attempt
to dispose of Cuban currency -

Report

SA J. Robert Pearce

17 July 59

Angelo Bruno

92-2717-

this is an
in depth report
that deal with
the entire spectrum
of Bruno's life - very good.

p 16-

accord to Calamario, aka Bobby,
close assoc of Bruno, intv. on Jan 7, 1959
by SAs Pearce & Joseph A Veira at
Calamario's business establishment,
the A & J Catering Service, 11th and
True Street, Phil, Bruno went
to live in Florida because of his health
somewhere ~~around 1950~~ in the latter
1950's.

Calamario said that Bruno ~~that he~~ had
apparently lost large sums of money in
Cuba as a result of the revolution.

p21 Phil PD report, Intelligence, furnished on 12-13-57, showed that Bruno's chief cum act was lottery & then illicit alcohol.

p23 Between April 1, 1957 and June, 1959, Bruno travelled intermittently between Miami, Cuba, and Philadelphia.

a conf. inf. advised on June 30, 1959 that Bruno apparently returned to Phil to stay -

p24 - Newark Div. learned from a Phil conf. inf. on Oct 29, 1958, that a group of New Jersey racket men, numbering about 35, had organized a group to establish a gambling casino. Carl "Pappy" Spolito, the leader of this group, made a trip to Miami for 10 days. During this time he contacted Charles Tourine, aka "The Blade" - said that Tourine was one of the mob contacts for gambling in Havana & that Tourine had secured a gambling license from the Cuban gov. for the New Jersey syndicate.

p26 By June, 1959, it appears that Bruno liquidated his assets in Cuba & returned to Phil.

p. 42.

T-2 in March, 1959, stated that certain parties had access to 7 million Cuban dollar (pesos) and wished to convert this into American currency. Angelo Bruno was one of these people. T-2 also said that this money would possibly be obtained from a former Cuban General who fled Cuba when Batista was overthrown.

File

Subj: Angelo Bruno

File # 92-217

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Report

3-6-61

J. Robert Pearce

Philadelphia, PA

Angelo Bruno

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On Feb 14, 1961, T-6 said that Salvatore Palermo, aka "Little Mike" told him that ~~about~~ Dominick Sparagno purchased about \$150,000 worth of Cuban currency from two unknown men.

about 1 1/2 - 2 yrs ago for about \$50,000. Spagnuolo telephonically contacted Tony Baranas (sic) at Newark, N.J., who apparently supplied the \$50,000 to complete the purchase. Spagnuolo & Baranas then sold the currency to Bruno, for a profit.

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Report 3-22-61
Philadelphia J. Robert Pearce
AR
Angelo Bruno

p. 13 - int. of Agastino Amato by
693 Northeast 82nd Terrace, Miami, FL
on 3-9-61.

-stated he is currently Pres. of
Cigarette Vendors of Miami, Inc. -
it had been sold in Nov '60 - formerly
owned by Amato, Vincent & Sue
Bruno.

p. 14 - Bruno may have been interested in
Acme Vending Machine business
in Miami.

Memorandum 3-22-61

TO: DIR, FBI
FR: SAC, Phil
Subj: Angelo Bruno

92-2717-118

Bruno told me conf. source that in April 1960 he was able to obtain most of the money he had invested in the Curran casino but that he was encountering difficulty in removing it from Cuba.

In July, 1959, the same source indicated that Bruno's investment was \$180,000. In April, 1960, Bruno told the same source that his wife, Sue, had recently written a \$50,000 check for an interest in a Miami machine business.

- he received his writ because his casino was insured by Lloyd's of London - allegedly -

92-2717-101

June mail - Angelo Bruno 2-27-61

See File 66-2554-7530

NOTE: If Bruno did receive \$180,000 from his casino or from Lloyd's of London, he did not report it on his 1959 income tax.

92-2717-70 June Mail 1-20-61
See File 66-2554-7530 for authority
Angelo Bruno

92-2717- June Mail 1-13-61
Angelo Bruno
See File 66-2554-7530 for authority.

92-2717-67 1-20-61
June mail Angelo Bruno
See File 66-2554-7530

92-2717-63 12-21-60
June mail
Angelo Bruno

File 92-2717
Subj: Angelo Bruno
Section # 4 Serial scope: 138-235
HSCA: 4-28-78

Air-64 92-2717-233
TO: DIR, FBI 6-24-61
FR: SAC, DENVER
Angelo Bruno

- states that a IRVING CARGY, owner
of an aluminum manufacturing company
in Miami Beach in 1958, made several
trips to Havana, Cuba prior to Dec, 1959

Bruno and Carey would often be together
in Miami.

Jack O. Lifshitz, a partner in building
the Montmartre Hotel, stated that
Angelo Bruno never had any interest,
financial or otherwise in the Montmartre
Hotel up to the time that Lifshitz sold
out (March 1960). Also, he has never
heard of Bruno having an interest since
that time.

Subj: Angelo Bruno File # 92-2717
Section #5 - Serial Scope 236 only
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Report

Philadelphia 6-28-61

Covers: 11-27-57 to 5-28-61

by SA J. Robert Pearce

Char: AR

TITLE: Angelo Bruno, aka

- this report covers over 600 pages,
complete info on Bruno (biographical etc.)
- broken down into following major headings:
 - A. Personal History + Background
 - B. Associates
 - C. Legitimate Enterprises
 - D. Illegal Activities
 - E. Police Protection + Political Ties
 - F. Pending Prosecution Action
 - G. Banking Connections
 - H. Statement of Assets
 - I. Identification Record

Rise in Rackett Activities p. 21-28

- Angelo Bruno originally started working
in the rackets for Frank Matles, aka
Frankie Mendell, in the numbers
business. (7-1)

T-1 said Bruno later broke with Matteo & joined the "Italian mob" & became a partner with Marco Reginelli in the Penn Jersey Vending Machine Co. in Philadelphia. Through this activity & the number business Bruno amassed a great amount of currency.

p. 22 - In 1953 the so-called "Greaser Gang" had control of all racket activities in Philadelphia - Bruno a member of the gang -

p. 22 - arrest record of Bruno shows that he has been questioned or arrested by the Phila PD for charges involv murder, operation of an illegal still, lottery, poss of drugs, covering a period from 11-21-58 to 2-13-61.

+ Pollina here
T-2, c. i., stated Bruno told him:
Bruno & Antonio Pollina assoc in crim act for the last 12 yrs at least -
T-2 said Bruno supervisor to Pollina in hierarchy.

T-2 said Bruno & Pollina here had a misunderstanding in the past - this difference led to a mellday among members of the organization in Wildwood, N.J. - alleged by Pollina & not Bruno

T-2 - the difference finally brought to
attention of the "Commission" in N.Y.C. by a
3rd party - resulted in a meeting in N.Y.C.
which Bruno attended - T-2 said two
members of this Commission are Thomas Luchese,
and Carlo Gambino.

T-2 has opinion that Bruno the Commission
Rep in Philadelphia -

3-22-61

p. 59 - listed in Bruno's address book -
"Russel Buffalino - Bar - Olympia - 5-1906"

p. 302 - listed in book Santa @ - home
Redwood 6-6973.

- Tampa division advised that Redwood
6-6773 was the unlisted telephone at
2505 Bristol Ave, Tampa, FL, residence of
Santo Trappicci, JR - FBI NO 482-531-B.

B 364 - accord to Victor Calamaro,
aka Bobby Calamaro, a close assoc of Bruno,
told SAs J. Robert Pearce & Joseph A.
Verrin on 11-7-59 that:

Bruno went to live in FL because of
health / Bruno always thought he had
cancer in the throat but really had sinus
condition - "bleeder"

said Bruno & wife presently living in Havana -

p365 - said Bruno had an interest in a gambling Casino in Havana -

p366 - cont inf T-42 advised that (12-17-58) Bruno definitely did not have an interest in JANS Souci on Hotel Nacional Casinos. - maybe the Hotel Plaza Casino.

2-26-59 cont inf T-42 said that Bruno had purchased part of an interest (from Joe Stassi) in the Hotel Plaza Gambling Casino. - purchase prior to the overthrow of the Batista regime on 1-1-59.

p366 cont inf T-43 identified Bruno as one of the interest holders in the Hotel Plaza.

p366 - said that this was closed on 1-1-59; did not receive a permission to reopen as 2-19-59 as some other casinos had.

inf T-43 said that he recd. info that a "payoff" of 50,000 had recently been made to an unidentified official of the Cuban government. As a result permission to reopen obtained.

inf an said that in spite of permission the stockholders now in position of not having a bank roll.

p 367

On 4-24 & 5-19, 1959, Phil C. I. T-44 furnished the following: to SA Raymond J. Gorham -

- in the fall & early winter of 1958 he had been assoc with the Plaza Casino in Havana, Cuba.
- said that the gambling syndicate from N.Y. & Phil secured their license from the Cuban Gov through Charles "The Blade" Tormine.

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- on 7-22-59, Phil C. I. T-16 advised SA J. Robert Pearce that Angelo Bruno's wife, Sue, recently said that Bruno had \$1,000,000 invested in a Havana gambling casino - said that the money not lost but at the present time Bruno was unable to get the money out of Cuba.

During Oct 1960 Phil C. I. T-45 advised SA Dale M. Hestland that Bruno had said that he arranged through Lloyds of London & an undisclosed insurance agent to secure his gambling casinos, unidentified, for an undisclosed amount. The insurance agent, accord to Bruno, had to manipulate the paper to give Bruno 180,000 - explained that Bruno said that the casino had caught

file & that the premium at the
time Carter took on power & that the
premium had lapsed - agent manipulated
paper. - Bruno impressed that agent
refused \$20,000 for the favor.

p 376 - a Jay Kattelman, Bala - Cynwyd, PA
advised Bureau on 6-14-61 that

p 377 said that Charles Schwartz, Phila, approached
him early 1960 & asked him if he, Schwartz,
could enter damages on a casino in Havana, Cuba.
Kattelman said that from unrecalled
source he, Charles Schwartz - Bruno - Casino -
Playa Gambler Casino.

- this section contains detailed info on
the owners of the Playa.

\$150,000 for 50%.

p 391 Burd - 50% - gave away on sold 9 1/2 - 10 %
Stassi - 50% - where Bruno probably fit in -
no answer

p 402 - Casino - opened in Nov 58 - opened 6 weeks
Carter - burned -

→ 180,000 in insurance on the casino

p 406 Joseph Stasi - allegedly assoc with Traff
Born 12-2-1906 N.Y.C.

Residence - NYC - 1961 -

1944 East 21st Street
Brooklyn, NY.

P 340 PBF
559
327

p. 387 - Frank H. Bird -

5-25-61 - resided at 1010 5th Ave
NYC.

p. 391 - obtained 50% of Plaza Hotel, -
Casino & Restaurant.

(bottom line - no one would say
Bruno positively had an intent -
appear that Stassi gave him some
points)