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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: March 29, 1957

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh (94-172 Sub M)

SUBJECT: SAMUEL MANNARINO, was.
G.I.F. (TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM)

Re SAC Letter 53-58 dated 8/25/53, and Pittsburgh letter to the Bureau dated 9/28/56.

On November 21, 1956, PG 545-C, who in the past has supplied reliable information, advised SA JOHN S. PORTELLA that about one month ago he was talking with "Hog" WILSON, Merwin, Pennsylvania, regarding an option on 640 acres of land, and after talking to WILSON he learned that F. S. MORAN, a real estate agent in New Kensington, was also interested in the land. Informant said he had heard that both the Aluminum Company of America and Westinghouse had this land site in mind for a research center and informant could not understand MORAN's interest in the property. Informant said he went to MORAN and talked to him about the property and MORAN denied that he was interested in it in any sense. Informant said that on the same date he went to SAM MANNARINO's office at the Nu-Ken Iron and Steel Company and saw on SAM's desk a note from MORAN, who wanted SAM to call him back immediately about the WILSON property. Informant said he never connected MORAN with the MANNARINOs until this incident. Informant said that since this incident he has talked to MANNARINO, who has indicated that he does now have an interest in the WILSON property. Informant described WILSON as an old millionaire farmer who owns thousands of acres in the New Kensington area and who also owns a large part of the Kiski Bank. Informant advised that SAM MANNARINO is very interested in buying up large tracts of land for cash. Informant said that MANNARINO recently purchased 300 acres at \$100 an acre near Weinels Crossing and MANNARINO has told informant that he has the inside track on the proposed New Kensington Airport site. SAM MANNARINO also told informant that he has been getting most of his cash from his brother KELLY MANNARINO and informant has no idea where KELLY is getting it.

Informant stated that gambling in New Kensington and surrounding area is completely dominated by KELLY MANNARINO, brother of SAM, and this control could account for KELLY's possession of large amounts of cash.

Informant suggested that the MANNARINOS' contact in the New Kensington Telephone Company may be the sister of GENEVIEVE MORENO, who has a sister

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH (94-172 Sub M)

DATE: 9/28/56

SUBJECT: SAMUEL MANNARINO, was.
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(TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM)

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SAM MANNARINO

Re SAC letter 53-58 dated 8/25/53 and Pittsburgh letter to the Bureau dated 3/29/56.

On 3/4/56, PCI [] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SA JOHN R. ACKERLY that she had been in the company of NEAL HAGEM who maintains an apartment in the Bigelow Apartments and is an officer of the ~~Brush~~ Manufacturing Company, Inc., 1420 Fifth Avenue, Arnold, Pa. [] advised that while she was with HAGEM the previous weekend, he was bragging about his close association with the MANNARINOS of New Kensington, Pa., and of their interests which they maintained in the Brush Manufacturing Company and what a lucrative business it was. [] further advised that HAGEM maintained apartment number 472 in the Bigelow and she received the impression from HAGEM that this apartment was often frequented by the New Kensington crowd, including the MANNARINOS.

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On 4/16/56, PG 545-C, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SA JOHN S. PORTELLA that PHIL BETTOR of New Kensington, Pa., brother of former Chief of Police of New Kensington, JOHN BETTOR, is a bookkeeper and handles the books for the racket element of New Kensington and, in particular, for SAM MANNARINO of New Kensington. Informant further stated that BETTOR boasts of keeping a dual set of books, one being a true set, which is for the MANNARINO's use, and the other, a false set, which is maintained for the scrutiny of the Internal Revenue Service and other governmental agencies. PG 545-C advised that he had seen these books once, several years ago, and at that time they were being delivered to the home of PHIL BETTOR. PG 545-C further advised that SAM MANNARINO remains concerned about having ready cash available and has made remarks that

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*He wishes he had saved his money like his brother, GABRIEL MANNARINO, aka. "KELLY." The informant stated that it is his guess that SAM MANNERINO is handling most of the legitimate enterprises for the MANNARINOS while GABRIEL controls the gambling and other illicit enterprises.

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It is to be noted that the above information referring to the true and false set of books has been made available to the Internal Revenue Service by appropriate letter by the Pittsburgh Office.

On 5/11/56, PG 545-C advised SA PORTELLA that SAM MANNARINO had been recently making trips to Chicago for an unknown purpose. Informant claimed that MANNARINO, for the past two months, has been paying him \$200 a week for his work in locating property which MANNARINO has been purchasing. Practically all of the property purchased by MANNARINO is done so in the name of a relative or an employee of the Nu-Ken Iron and Steel Company of New Kensington. He stated that from MANNERINO he has learned that the MANNARINOS continue to maintain an interest in the Outdoor Family Theater, although the records show that it is owned by a HARRY STEIN.

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On 5/10/56, MIKE ZERVIS, New Kensington, Pa., who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SA PORTELLA that the bookmaking operations, recently disturbed by the Federal Internal Revenue Service, have moved to the Laetus Club, located on Fifth Avenue near the Kenmawr Hotel and that the operation is strictly MANNARINO controlled. ZERVIS stated that telephone bets are channeled to the following numbers: Edison 9-9209 and Edison 5-7871. He stated that a young New Kensington man named DE PHILLIPS, nicknamed "ATI," handles the telephone business for the MANNARINOS. ZERVIS further stated that the MANNERINOS control the numbers racket in New Kensington. ZERVIS further advised that FRINKIE PHILLIPS, father of young FRANKIE PHILLIPS, is hated by SAM MANNARINO but respected by GABRIEL MANNARINO because GABRIEL realizes that FRINKIE PHILLIPS remains very close to BILL NOWE and Judge BAUER, both of New Kensington, who have a political control of all rackets and gambling in Westmoreland County. According to ZERVIS, GABRIEL MANNARINO continues to operate his gambling establishments and rackets and, therefore, must show FRINKIE PHILLIPS

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some consideration in order not to incur the wrath of BILL NOWE.

On 6/13/56, PG 509-C, who has furnished reliable information in the past, contacted SA PORTELLA by long distance telephone from Miami Beach, Florida. He advised that he had met SAM MANNARINO at the Commodore Hotel, that City, and that it appeared to him that MANNARINO was mentally ill and was possibly losing his mind. PG 509-C stated that MANNARINO went to Florida ostensibly to have his teeth fixed but that his behavior while in Florida indicated to him that he may be mentally sick. He further stated that he had seen MANNARINO in the company of JOE MEROLA, former used car dealer from Pittsburgh. MANNARINO, according to the informant, was possibly living somewhere on Sea Isle on 21st Street, off Collins Avenue in Miami Beach. FLA
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On 6/6/56, GABRIEL "KELLY" MANNARINO advised SA PORTELLA that he had spent the previous three months in Miami Beach, Florida at his residence located on Surfside near 89th Street and that he owned a house at this address. He advised that his brother, SAM, was in Florida at that time, had been there a month and that he was there to have his teeth fixed and to have a cyst removed from his chest. KELLY MANNARINO advised at this time that he and his brother, SAM, own the Outdoor Family Theater located off Leechburg Road, Westmoreland County, Pa., and that they are in the outdoor theater speaker manufacturing business. He stated that their speaker sells for less than the RCA speaker by about \$2 and that they sell this speaker all over the United States using no particular brand name and that they generally put the name of the purchaser or customer on the speaker if desired. In addition to this business, MANNARINO stated, they own the Nu-Ken Iron and Steel Company and the Nu-Ken Novelty Company, both New Kensington, Pa., and that both of these businesses are doing very well. MANNARINO further stated that their gambling and numbers set up are thriving.

On 8/1/56, SAM MANNARINO advised SA PORTELLA that he was shipping slot machines from several spots in Pennsylvania to Havana, Cuba, where he had approval of the government