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REFERENCES

Report of SA ROBERT A. VOEGE, Pittsburgh, 8/3/59.
Pittsburgh letter to Bureau, 9/15/59.

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LEADS

JACKSONVILLE and MIAMI - INFORMATION

A copy of this report is being furnished to the Jacksonville and Miami Offices for informational purposes because of allegations made by the wife of LA ROCCA and Pittsburgh informants concerning the travel of LA ROCCA to Florida and Cuba during his disappearance from Pittsburgh following the Apalachin, N. Y. conference during November, 1957. With the background thus supplied it is felt that these offices can intelligently handle the coverage of future leads requested in the vicinity. It will further be noted that an individual identifying himself as LA ROCCA called the home telephone number of the subject on 7/3/59, collect from Hollywood, Fla.

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6. Will check the list of toll calls made from Forest 4-5296, the home telephone of LA ROCCA, for the names of racket associates and personal business contacts of the subject not now known to the Pittsburgh Office and will further identify and obtain appropriate background information of subscribers to telephone numbers called.

ADMINISTRATIVE

The reporting of this matter has been necessarily delayed inasmuch as SA ROBERT A. VOEGE was requested to be available in court during the trial of the case entitled, "CLARINDA E. TAYLOR, Individually and as Administratrix of the Estate of John P. Taylor, Deceased; ET AL, FTCA."

CRIMINAL INFORMANT COVERAGE

The following individuals are presently being utilized by the Pittsburgh Office in the SEBASTIAN JOHN LA ROCCA investigation:

PG 573-S, who is extremely friendly with the GENOVESE brothers and particularly FIORE GENOVESE, younger brother of MIKE GENOVESE, and who is presently being utilized for the general coverage of the Red Eagle Club and its visitors.

PG 585-C, who is well acquainted with most of Pittsburgh's top hoodlums and who was formerly employed as a waitress in the Red Eagle Club, once known as the Genovese Cocktail Lounge, 412 Larimer Avenue, Pittsburgh. Informant still visits this establishment and comes in constant contact with MIKE GENOVESE and other members of Pittsburgh's racketeering element in her role as a medium-priced prostitute. Informant is presently traveling with Mrs. JULIA MINTZ, widow of JAKE MINTZ, co-owner of EZZARD CHARLES, former world's heavyweight boxing champion. She is presently being utilized for the coverage of the GENOVESE-LA ROCCA-NELSON interests.

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GEORGE "MOON" MESSER, a PCI who is presently very active in Pittsburgh numbers operations and who was arrested during the month of August, 1958, in connection with his operation. MESSER is intimately acquainted with many Pittsburgh top hoodlums and racketeers through association with them when they began their racket careers. He is presently being utilized for coverage of the GENOVESE-NELSON interests and is also contributing information regarding the VOLPE brothers who are close associates of GENOVESE and LA ROCCA.

GEORGE "ZIP" ZAPPA, a PCI of the Pittsburgh Office presently engaged in racket activity in the City of Pittsburgh who is being utilized for general coverage of lottery and numbers operations in the Pittsburgh area.

HENRY J. BARBER, a PCI of the Pittsburgh Office who is part owner of the notorious gambling establishment at Chester, W. Va., known as Club 30, who is being utilized for information concerning the club and the interest in it of Pittsburgh hoodlums associated with both LA ROCCA and GENOVESE.

Miss MARIAN FOGEL, a PCI of the Pittsburgh Office who is being utilized for information concerning Pittsburgh prostitution activities and as a check on the activities of PG 585-C.

AL BUCK, former Allegheny County Detective and now Vice-President of the Fidelity Trust Company, Loan Department, Pittsburgh, who is being utilized for his knowledge of the Bankers Exchange in Pittsburgh from which he can obtain information regarding bank loans made to Pittsburgh top hoodlums. BUCK is also familiar with the activities of several of Pittsburgh's top hoodlums, particularly those of LA ROCCA, from having worked on criminal matters for many years in the City of Pittsburgh.

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HERMAN ISRAEL, a confidential source of the Pittsburgh Office who is being utilized for information concerning the MANNARINO organization in New Kensington, Pa., and who is also furnishing information regarding tie-ups with the GENOVESE organization in Pittsburgh.

WILLIAM A. DOBKIN, a confidential source of the Pittsburgh Office who was extremely helpful to Pittsburgh Agents during the investigation of the RALPH KINER extortion investigation several years ago and whose brother-in-law, NORMAN FARBER, is a member of the MANNARINO organization.

In an effort to increase criminal informant coverage, the PCIs under development are being contacted on a continuing and regular basis so that information obtained from them may be used on a day-to-day basis in connection with spot surveillances of the establishments frequented by the subject when he is in the Pittsburgh vicinity.

It is anticipated that THOMAS MARTIN, Vice-President of the Real Estate Department of the Fidelity Trust Company, Potter Branch, in Pittsburgh, will keep the Pittsburgh Office advised of any new developments concerning the completed construction of a motel financed by MIKE GENOVESE and ARTHUR D. NELSON in the Monroeville, Pa., vicinity which would undoubtedly have to have the approval and overall financial backing of SEBASTIAN JOHN LA ROCCA.

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INFORMANTS

PG T-1 is WILLIAM MEREDITH, Special Agent, Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania, who was contacted by SA HAROLD L. STEVENS on 9/25/59, and who has requested that his identity be concealed.

PG T-2 is H. W. GLENN, Postal Inspector, U. S. Post Office, Pittsburgh, Pa., who was contacted by SA ROBERT A. VOEGE on 8/31/59, and who has requested that his identity be concealed.

PG T-3 is CG 6343-C who was contacted by Agents of the Chicago Office on 9/8/59, and whose information was subsequently furnished to the Pittsburgh Office on 9/9/59.

PG T-4 is PG 585-C who was contacted by SA VOEGE on 7/30/59 and again on 9/2 and 16/59.