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the books for the racket element of New Kensington and in particular for SAM MANNARINO. The informant further stated that BETTOR boasts of keeping a dual set of books, one being a true set for the MANNARINOs' use, and the other a false set. The informant advised that he had seen these books on one occasions several years ago at which time they were being delivered to the home of PHIL BETTOR. The informant added that SAM MANNARINO appears concerned about having ready cash available and has remarked that he wishes he had saved his money like his brother, GABRIEL MANNARINO. The informant surmised that SAM MANNARINO is handling most of the legitimate enterprises for the MANNARINO organization while GABRIEL controls the gambling and other illicit enterprises.

A reliable informant on May 11, 1956, advised SA PORTELLA that SAM MANNARINO had recently made trips to Chicago for an unknown purpose and that for the past two months MANNARINO had been paying him \$200 a week for locating property which MANNARINO would subsequently purchase. According to the informant, practically all the property purchased by MANNARINO is recorded in the name of a relative or an employee of the Nu Ken Iron and Steel Company of New Kensington, Pa. The informant related that the MANNARINOs continue to maintain an interest in the Outdoor Family Theater although the records show that the theater is owned by one HARRY STEIN.

MIKE ZERVIS, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SA PORTELLA on May 10, 1956, that the bookmaking operations recently disturbed by the Internal Revenue Service have moved to the Laetus Club located on Fifth Avenue near the Kenmar Hotel, and that in his opinion the operation is strictly MANNARINO controlled. ZERVIS furnished the identity of telephone numbers through which bets are placed and identified "ATI DE PHILLIPS" of New Kensington as the individual who handles the telephones for the MANNARINOs. ZERVIS further stated that the MANNARINOs control the numbers racket in New Kensington and that FRINKIE PHILLIPS, father of 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, because of their control of all rackets and gambling in Westmoreland County. ZERVIS advised further that GABRIEL MANNARINO continues to operate his gambling establishments and therefore must show FRINKIE PHILLIPS some consideration in order not to incur the wrath of BILL NOWE.

with all provisions of the law since he knew the slot machines he and others in Pennsylvania had in storage were useless.

On August 1, 1956, a reliable source advised that he was in attendance at a wedding reception honoring the marriage of KAY RIPEPI and STANLEY VALENTI held at the Penn-Sheraton Hotel, Pittsburgh. According to this source, SAM and KELLY MANNARINO were in attendance along with many influential and nationally known individuals and reportedly cost the bride's father, TONY RIPEPI, in the neighborhood of \$30,000 to \$40,000.

A reliable informant on November 21, 1956, advised SA PORTELLA that approximately one month ago after talking with "HOG" WILSON, Merwin, Pa., regarding an option on 640 acres of land, he learned that F. S. MORAN, a real estate dealer in New Kensington, was also interested in the same property. Informant said that he had heard that both the Aluminum Company of America and Westinghouse had this particular piece of property in mind as a site for a research center and informant stated that he did not understand MORAN's interest in the property. Informant said that he went to MORAN and talked to him about the property and MORAN denied that he was interested in it in any way whatever. Informant said that after speaking with MORAN he went to SAM MANNARINO's office at the Nu Ken Iron and Steel Company and happened to observe a note lying on SAM MANNARINO's desk from F. S. MORAN. Informant stated that the note clearly indicated that MORAN wanted MANNARINO to return his telephone call concerning the WILSON property immediately. Informant said that since the above incident he has talked to SAM MANNARINO who has indicated that he does have an interest in the WILSON property. Informant advised that SAM MANNARINO is very interested in buying up large tracks of land on a cash basis and recently purchased some 300 acres near Weinels Crossing where, according to the informant, MANNARINO claims the New Kensington Airport will be situated.

Informant stated that gambling in New Kensington and surrounding areas is in his judgment completely dominated by KELLY MANNARINO, which could account for the large amounts of cash in the possession of KELLY MANNARINO. Informant also pointed out that GENEVIEVE MORENO is SAM MANNARINO's personal secretary and that MANNARINO has been buying property in her name.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
July 17, 1957

Re: SAMUEL MANNARINO,
with aliases,
Sam Mannarino, Sam Mannerino,
Sam Manrino, Sam Manerino,
Sam Manarino, Sam Manderino

PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

SAMUEL MANNARINO, a well known gambler and racketeer of Italian extraction, was born at Pittsburgh, Pa., on December 24, 1904. His identification record dates back to May, 1927, at which time he was convicted in United States District Court for impersonating a federal probation officer.

MANNARINO was classified 4F-N during World War II and was not accepted for enlistment in the armed forces of the United States because of his prior arrest record. Since 1950 MANNARINO has spent a considerable portion of his time in Florida where he is believed to have business interests and he is known to have business enterprises in Cuba. (Pittsburgh files)

A reliable informant on May 6, 1957, advised SA JOHN S. PORTELLA that he is well acquainted with JOSEPH P. MANNARINO, brother of SAMUEL and KELLY MANNARINO, and he believed that JOSEPH MANNARINO had a criminal record and might have served some time in the penitentiary. The informant further stated that JOSEPH is about forty-fifty years of age and added that SAMUEL and KELLY make it a point to keep their brother out of New Kensington, Pa., because every time he visits New Kensington he causes them a lot of trouble. (PG 545-C)

On May 22, 1957, KELLY MANNARINO was interviewed at the Kenmar Hotel, New Kensington, Pa., by SA PORTELLA in connection with an investigation which was instituted to determine whether JOSEPH P. MANNARINO, brother of SAMUEL MANNARINO, was the person responsible for transporting a fraudulent security in interstate commerce. During this interview, KELLY MANNARINO identified the signature of his brother, JOSEPH, appearing on the check in question and

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The Pittsburgh "Sun-Telegraph" December 7, 1949, edition in an article entitled, "Tannas Buys Into Charles" reported as follows:

"Ezzard Charles, the heavyweight champion, is now a free man. His original sponsors in Cincinnati have been 'bought out' by Jake Mintz and Tom Tannas, a real estate operator in Arnold and New Kensington, who will be co-managers.

"Under the terms of the deal, announced last night, Gene Elkus and Charley Dyer have withdrawn their suit for an accounting against Charles and Mintz.

"Mintz entered the Charles management picture as a matchmaker for the group, finally became acting manager and, after Charles defeated Jersey Joe Walcott to win a claim to the title, was made sole manager by Charles, despite a contract which bound him to Elkus and Dyer. It was to clear up this tangle that a price was put on the contract which Tannas paid."

A reliable informant on April 19, 1955, advised Special Agents of the FBI at Salt Lake City, Utah, that SAM MANNARINO of New Kensington, MICHAEL GIORANO of Miami, Florida, and LOU KAHN, of Los Angeles, California, registered at the Desert Inn Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, and appeared to be acquainted with one another as well as the owner of the Desert Inn Hotel. This informant also stated that SAM MANNARINO while in Las Vegas appeared to be very friendly with JACK I. DRAGNA, whom the informant described as a well known Los Angeles hoodlum. Informant also said that on April 29, 1955, JACK I. DRAGNA sent the following telegram from the Desert Inn Hotel to MIMI TRIPOLI, 7408 Sunset Boulevard, Hollywood, California:

"Have room for two at Desert Inn under name of J. BAKER. Have rooms for four CHARLIE B. Haven't been able to phone through. Send wire when you will arrive to SAM MANNARINO, room 115, Desert Inn. Bring LOUIS important. JACK DRAGNA."

The informant was unable to explain the significance or meaning of the above telegram. (DOROTHY DELO SCHWEITZER - PCI, Salt Lake City Division)

