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INFORMANTS

- PG T-1 is PCI JAMES THORNTON MC CLOWRY, M.D., Springdale, Pa., who furnished information to SA THOMAS G. FORSYTH III on 12/7/59 and 12/11/59.
- PG T-2 is PCI JIM KELLY, New Kensington, Pa., who furnished information to SA FORSYTH on 9/21/59, 10/6/59, 10/29/59, 11/25/59, and 12/7/59.
- PG T-3 is PCI DONNA MARCUNES, aka., New Kensington, Pa., who furnished information to SA RICHARD GORDON DOUCE on 11/30/59.
- PG T-4 is STANLEY KOWALSKI, New Kensington, Pa., who requested his identity be protected and who furnished information to SA FORSYTH on 9/18/59.
- PG T-5 is PG 545-C.

ADMINISTRATIVE

The physical surveillance of LLOYD's Limited, Pittsburgh, Pa., on 9/21/59 was conducted by SA THOMAS G. FORSYTH, III; and another similar physical surveillance at the same place, from 12:07 PM until 3:00 PM on 11/3/59 by SA FORSYTH was unproductive.

Spot physical surveillances of the New Kensington residences of SAMUEL and GABRIEL MANNARINO were conducted on 9/28/59 by SA FORSYTH and nothing of pertinence was observed.

Information set out concerning FRANK NITSCHKE, aka. Ace, has been disseminated to Internal Revenue Service, Pittsburgh, by means of blank memorandum.

Information from CARL IRVING NOLL concerning alleged participation of narcotics and slot machine traffic by SAM MANNARINO has been disseminated by letters to the Federal Bureau of Narcotics and the U.S. Attorney, both Pittsburgh.

A lead has been set out by separate communication to Little Rock Office to ascertain whether the MANNARINOS have any interest in gambling in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

The ATTD, New York City, informant is ARNOLD RAYBER, a Brooklyn, New York, gun dealer.

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DETAILS:

A. PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

SAMUEL MANNARINO

1. Status of Health

It has been reported previously that a source stated that as of September 1, 1959, SAM MANNARINO was drinking to excess, being drunk almost every day.

On December 11, 1959, PG T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that SAMUEL MANNARINO is not drunk daily but is under the influence of narcotics which he takes to minimize the pain he is suffering from his spreading abdominal malignancy. PG T-1 estimates that this malignancy will result in SAM MANNARINO's death by the Summer of 1960.

C. ASSOCIATES

1. JOSEPH MEROLA

It has been reported previously that JOSEPH MEROLA, Miami, Florida, formerly of Pittsburgh, Pa., is a MANNARINO underling.

On September 18, 1959, HANS G. MILTON, 845 Southwest Fourth Street, Miami, Florida, advised SA GEORGE E. DAVIS as follows:

In January, 1958, ENRIQUE CASADA, an exiled Cuban, opposed to the administration of Cuban President FULGENCIO BATISTA, told MILTON that he had an opportunity to obtain a boat. CASADA explained that JOE MEROLA, of Miami Beach, had a Cuban girl friend who could arrange for the purchase of this boat. CASADA took MILTON to the Garden of Allah Motel and Apartments, Miami Beach, where the boat "Menace" was docked. MILTON tested the engines and told CASADA that they would have to be fixed, after which CASADA told MILTON that he might use this boat within a short time for an excursion into the Florida Keys. CASADA then took MILTON to JOE MEROLA's apartment in the Garden of Allah Motel. MEROLA told MILTON that he owned the "Menace." CASADA then told MILTON that some Cuban friends of his and MEROLA's were tired, needed a change and wanted to

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the boat encountered more serious engine trouble. The Cubans went ashore in a dinghy to obtain aid. In the meantime, a storm came up and the boat began to leak, forcing MILTON to beach it on a sand bar. Later that night, Agents of the United States Customs Service, searched the "Menace" but found no guns or other contraband. MILTON later learned that this trip was actually intended to have been a military expedition to Cuba and that the Agents of the U.S. Customs Service had taken into custody three of the individuals who had been passengers on the "Menace." MILTON later attempted to contact JOE MEROLA but could not locate him.

The following information relating to the revolutionary activities of JOSEPH MEROLA was developed by the New York Office as a result of contact with the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Division, New York City.

On August 5, 1959, RONALD MOSS, Special Investigator, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Division (ATTD), New York City, advised that Special Investigator RUDOLPH KALES conducted an investigation in September, 1958, concerning an attempt by JOSEPH MEROLA to purchase firearms from an ATTD informant in the vicinity of New York.

On September 26, 1958, the ATTD informant contacted Special Investigator KALES to report that a representative of Cuban revolutionary leader JOSE ALEMAN requested the informant to meet with a leader of the Mafia named JOSEPH MEROLA. Several days later, the informant met with MEROLA and two Cubans in an apartment in the vicinity of 138th Street and Riverside Drive, New York City. During the meeting, MEROLA pointed out that he was associated with ALEMAN and that he was interested in purchasing large quantities of firearms, including machine guns. MEROLA told the informant that he had been responsible for supplying over a million dollars worth of arms during the Cuban revolution and that he and his associates anticipated extensive gambling concessions in Cuba from the revolutionary government.

On the basis of this information, the ATTD, New York City, temporarily loaned the informant a number of confiscated weapons in order that he would have a representative stock to show to MEROLA. On October 6, 1958, the informant reported to Special Investigator KALES that MEROLA had been to Canada and Miami the previous week reportedly in connection with some arms deal

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and had requested the informant to accumulate a large pile of American "stuff" for him. MEROLA also told the informant at that time that he would have to postpone any purchase of arms since the Miami area was swarming with FBI Agents looking for stolen weapons.

On August 10, 1959, the ATTD informant was interviewed by Special Agents of the FBI in New York City. During this interview, the informant confirmed the foregoing information and positively identified a photograph of JOSEPH MEROLA, although he could not identify a photograph of Pittsburgh national top hoodlum SAM MANNARINO.

2. MIKE GEORGE HAZIDAKIS

On September 21, 1959, PG T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised as follows:

Although MIKE HAZIDAKIS is back in his native Greece, he still receives a "cut" of the proceeds from the gambling casino on Barnes Street, New Kensington, Pa., known as Triangle Billiards. When HAZIDAKIS was in Greece the time before this, JOHN VOZOS, proprietor of a beer distributorship at the intersection of Third Avenue and Ninth Street, New Kensington, received HAZIDAKIS' share of the casino's proceeds and turned it over to him when he returned to the United States. The amount was in the neighborhood of \$5,000. VOZOS is not holding HAZIDAKIS' share this time and PG T-2 does not know who is holding it.

It is noted that it has been reported previously that MIKE GEORGE HAZIDAKIS, a trusted cashier at the Triangle Billiards gambling casino in New Kensington, returned to Greece in the early part of 1959.

3. JOHN CHRISTOPHER FONTANA

It is noted that it has been reported previously that JOHN CHRISTOPHER FONTANA is the number one lieutenant in the MANNARINO organization.

On October 6, 1959, PG T-2 advised that on September 30, 1959, a 1959 cream colored Lincoln Sedan, bearing Illinois license 28-55545, was in New Kensington, Pa., for approximately two hours, commencing at 7:45 PM. He said that the driver, about 6' tall, well dressed, with dark complexion and dark wavy hair, was in the Kenmar Hotel and was observed to converse with JOHN FONTANA.

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