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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2940)

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FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (92-226)

RE: SEBASTIAN JOHN LA ROCCA, was.
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OO: Pittsburgh

Enclosed is the report of SA ROBERT A. VOEGE, Pittsburgh, dated 9/4/58.

REFERENCES

New York letter to Pittsburgh, 6/30/58.
Report of SA ROBERT A. VOEGE, Pittsburgh, 7/9/58.
Philadelphia letter to Bureau, 7/24/58.
Buffalo letter to Pittsburgh, 7/29/58.

ADMINISTRATIVE

IN VIEW OF THE CONVICTION OF THE SUBJECT FOR ASSAULT WITH
INTENT TO KILL AND HIS ARREST FOR CARRYING A CONCEALED WEAPON
HE MAY BE ARMED AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED DANGEROUS.

CRIMINAL INFORMANT COVERAGE

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

MAX LOUIS GOLDBERG, an accountant for LA ROCCA, MIKE GENOVESE and the MANNARINO brothers, all Pittsburgh top hoodlums, for many years in the past, who presently has an apartment in the Kennilworth Apartments, 5700 Centre Avenue, Pittsburgh. This individual makes his permanent home at Baltimore, Maryland, but does a great deal of his work in the Pittsburgh vicinity. He claims to have done no work for any criminal subjects outside

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- 2 - Miami (92-163) (Encl. 2)
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of this vicinity and he is being utilized because of his knowledge of the business dealings and close intimate relationship with LA ROCCA and his wife.

Miss FRANCES PRIAM, a potential criminal informant, who is well acquainted with many of Pittsburgh top hoodlums and who was formerly employed as a waitress in the Red Eagle Club, formerly known as the Genovese Cocktail Lounge, 412 Larimer Avenue, Pittsburgh. She still visits this establishment regularly and comes in constant contact with MIKE GENOVESE and other members of Pittsburgh's racketeering element. PRIAM, a well established prostitute, presently travels with Mrs. JULIA MINTZ, widow of JAKE MINTZ, former co-owner of EZZARD CHARLES, former world's heavy weight boxing champion. She is presently being utilized for the coverage of the LA ROCCA - GENOVESE - NELSON interests.

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

GEORGE "MOON" MESSER, a potential criminal informant, presently very active in Pittsburgh numbers operations who is intimately acquainted with many Pittsburgh top hoodlums and racketeers through early association with them when they began their racket careers and who is being utilized presently for coverage of the LA ROCCA - GENOVESE - NELSON interests.

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

HENRY J. BARBER, a potential criminal informant, 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 LA ROCCA and GENOVESE.

AL BUCK, former Allegheny County Detective and now Vice President of the Fidelity Trust Company, Loan Department, Pittsburgh, Pa.,

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.

In an effort to increase criminal informant coverage the potential criminal informants 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, Real Estate Department, Potter Bank and Trust Company, Pittsburgh, will keep the Pittsburgh Office advised of any new developments concerning the proposed construction of a motel financed by GENOVESE and NELSON in the Monroeville, Pa., vicinity which would probably have to have the approval and overall financial backing of SEBASTIAN JOHN LA ROCCA.

It is further anticipated that former Pittsburgh top hoodlum SAMUEL NATHANIEL LEVINE, who is now a potential criminal informant for the Pittsburgh Office and who is well acquainted with LA ROCCA, will be contacted at regular intervals so that a more complete picture of the racketeering activities in the City of Pittsburgh may be obtained.

It should be noted that the identity of "TIGER" is being sought so that he may be contacted personally and will no longer have to depend on the written word for the furnishing of his racket information.

LEADS

BALTIMORE AND JACKSONVILLE - Information

One copy of this report is being furnished to the Baltimore Office inasmuch as MAX LOUIS GOLDBERG, the personal accountant and close associate of the subject, makes his permanent residence in that city. It is felt that the Baltimore Office should be

apprised of all recent developments in the LA ROCCA investigation so that in the event GOLDBERG is recontacted as a potential criminal informant by agents of the Baltimore Office a more intelligent contact may be made.

One copy of this report is being furnished to the Jacksonville Office for information purposes because of allegations made by the wife of LA ROCCA and Pittsburgh informants concerning subject's travel to Florida and Cuba during his so-called "disappearance" from Pittsburgh. With the background thus supplied it is felt that the Jacksonville Office can intelligently handle the coverage of any future leads requested in that vicinity.

BUFFALO

AT BUFFALO, NEW YORK

It is requested that the residents of 1210 West Avenue, Buffalo, be identified fully and a brief summary of their background set forth. It should be noted that a letter was mailed from this address to the LA ROCCA residence on 8/4/58.

MIAMI

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA

Will review the out-patient records for the period from 1/1/58 to the present in the most logical hospital facilities in the greater Miami - Miami Beach vicinity in an effort to ascertain whether the subject was ever treated for a "severe strep throat" or any other similar ailment. It should be noted that the subject's wife still claims that he is in Florida and from information she has furnished to neighbors and Government agents thus far it would appear that he is in the southern portion of Florida and more specifically in the Miami vicinity.

NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK

Will ascertain the identity of the owner of a 1957 Buick Special sedan with a white top and light blue bottom,