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CRIMINAL INFORMANT COVERAGE

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

PG 573-C, 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.

Miss FRANCES PRIAM, a PCI of the Pittsburgh Office, 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. She 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. PRIAM 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.

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.

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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 Miss FRANCES PRIAM.

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.

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.

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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.

The identity of the anonymous informant calling himself "TIGER" is still 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 to the Pittsburgh Office.

It is anticipated that THOMAS MARTIN, Vice President of the Real Estate Department of the Fidelity Trust Co., Potter Branch, in Pittsburgh, will keep the Pittsburgh Office advised of any new developments concerning the proposed 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.

It is further anticipated that former Pittsburgh top hoodlum, SAMUEL NATHANIEL LEVINE, who is now a PCI 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 contacts with LEVINE to date have achieved the latter objective to a degree but have not been productive in furnishing information concerning LA ROCCA.

LEADS

BALTIMORE, JACKSONVILLE, MIAMI and PHILADELPHIA - INFORMATION

One copy of this report is being furnished to the Baltimore Office inasmuch as that office has leads outstanding relating to the whereabouts of national top hoodlum GABRIEL "KELLY" MANNARINO and the subject.

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from that hospital on November 29, 1958, but is still an out-patient. He stated that he has prescribed rest, among other things but that Mrs. LA ROCCA is up and about and has not been bedridden. He recalled that he last saw her just before Christmas and that she appeared to be responding to treatment excellently. He said he has not been contacted by the subject concerning the operation on his wife and does not anticipate a contact of this sort since all prior arrangements were made by Mrs. LA ROCCA herself.

Dr. MILLER advised that he has heard of MIKE GENOVESE and has probably met him through his friends in the rackets but knows very little about him. He searched for the name in his cardex and advised that he performed a hemorrhoidectomy during 1958 on the wife of FELIX "PHIL" GENOVESE, older brother of MIKE. He could furnish no further information of value to this investigation and said he would not be treating Mrs. LA ROCCA again until February, 1959.

PG T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the Internal Revenue Service of the United States Treasury Department, is required, as a matter of policy, to periodically mail a form to taxpayers whose returns are under investigation by that organization. He advised that the purpose of this form is merely to obtain the signature of each taxpayer and that this technically keeps the Statute of Limitations running so that re-examination of the return is possible.

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conducted by Immigration and Naturalization Service the two ZAPLACINSKI brothers entered the United States illegally on August 13, 1947, after receiving aid from an Erie County Deputy Sheriff, PHILLIP FINA, 445 Fargo Avenue, Buffalo, and ANTHONY J. PANASCI, JR., 921 Niagara Street. It was determined that the ZAPLACINSKI brothers came into Buffalo from Canada in PANASCI's car. After arriving in Buffalo, FINA secured plane reservations in Buffalo for them and made hotel reservations in New York City, using the name of GORDON GANNON, a Buffalo attorney. ANTHONY J. PANASCI, JR., admitted to KARL G. BURROS of the Immigration and Naturalization Service on September 8, 1947, that he had smuggled small quantities of whiskey and cigarettes to Canada, which he gave to the ZAPLACINSKI brothers.

It was also determined that LOUIS ROTHSTEIN, FBI # 243623, of Toronto, was aided by PHILIP FINA in his illegal entry into the United States on August 18, 1950.

During the interview with THOMAS PALOMINO PANASCI, he admitted being involved with his brother, ANTHONY J. PANASCI, JR., in assisting the ZAPLACINSKI brothers into the United States.

The Baltimore Office advised on January 7, 1959, that on December 24, 1958, SA PAUL A. TURNER contacted the office of MAX GOLDBERG in Baltimore and was advised by an unidentified male employee that GOLDBERG had died in a hospital in Pittsburgh within the two weeks prior to this contact. This individual stated that members of the staff of accountants working for GOLDBERG were well aware of the interest of the FBI in locating LA ROCCA and that they would contact the Baltimore Office if they had any subsequent dealings with LA ROCCA.

The Baltimore Office advised that on December 31, 1958, Mrs. MAX GOLDBERG advised SA TURNER that her husband died at Pittsburgh on December 10, 1958, and was buried there. She stated that she has not seen LA ROCCA and has received no information concerning his present whereabouts. She advised that if she received any information concerning the subject in the future she would furnish

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this to the Baltimore Office and indicated that she intended to continue her husband's accounting operations inasmuch as she was active in his organization for many years. She noted that the Baltimore staff of her husband's business does not know LA ROCCA personally and was evasive in replying to a question as to whether any of the members of the Pittsburgh staff did know LA ROCCA.

Pittsburgh Office Agents determined through investigation on January 24, 1959, that SAMUEL MANNARINO, a close acquaintance and associate of LA ROCCA and GENOVESE, had landed at the Greater Pittsburgh Airport on that date shortly after 5:00 P.M., and had taken a taxi cab (number 128) to New Kensington, Pa. It should be noted that MANNARINO had "disappeared" from the Pittsburgh area shortly after his name was linked to a gun running operation in which stolen Government rifles were found aboard a plane which was carrying them to the Cuban rebels. On January 26, 1959, ALBERT DIMEOLO, U. S. Marshal for the Western District of Pennsylvania at Pittsburgh, advised the Pittsburgh Office that SAMUEL MANNARINO had telephonically contacted him on that morning and advised him that he was at home in New Kensington, Pa. DIMEOLO stated that MANNARINO was thereafter

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C. CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

PG T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that he was present at the MANNARINO gambling establishment at New Kensington, Pa., during the late evening hours of November 4, 1958. He said that on that afternoon a plane load of rifles stolen from the Ohio National Guard Armory at Canton, Ohio, was forced down at Morgantown, W. Va., and that the MANNARINO brothers had already been mentioned as having had something to do with the transportation of these and other weapons to Cuban rebels. He recalled that the bar was not too busy that night but that

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States through Boston during September, 1913. Records show that he is still an Italian citizen and that he cannot even write his own name. LAUVER advised that he would have this man's personal file forwarded to Pittsburgh for review and that he would be alert to the possibility that CIAPPARRO may fail to register as an alien during January, 1959.

Information Regarding Subpoenas with which LA ROCCA Must Be Served

ALBERT DIMEOLO, U. S. Marshal for the Western District of Pennsylvania at Pittsburgh, advised SA VOEGE on January 28, 1959, that he has received no new information regarding [redacted] and that he still has two subpoenas outstanding for service to [redacted]. He advised that the first is a subpoena for the appearance of [redacted] before the Federal Grand Jury for the [redacted] to testify and give evidence in regard to an alleged violation of [redacted] and that the second is a subpoena for the appearance of [redacted] before the U. S. Senate Select Committee on Improper Activities in the Labor and Management Field. He again stated that the dates for these appearances have still not been set and that he cannot do anything further regarding them until [redacted] returns to Pittsburgh or is located in some other jurisdiction. He advised that he will immediately notify the Pittsburgh Office in the event he should learn anything regarding [redacted] in this regard.

Surveillances Conducted Relating to this Investigation

Spot surveillances were made on December 19, 29, 1958, and on January 5, 16, 22, 28, 1959, at 900 West Ingomar Road, Ingomar, Pa., and at 12 McCandless St., Pittsburgh, as well as at 500 North Craig St., Pittsburgh, by SA VOEGE. Nothing of interest to this investigation was observed during the conducting of these spot surveillances.

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The Cleveland Office advised on January 22, 1959, that on November 7, 1958, CV T-8, who has furnished reliable information in the past, was contacted and shown photographs of GABRIEL MANNARINO and JOHN LA ROCCA whereupon he stated that both looked familiar to him but that he could not say when or where he may have observed them. The informant is extremely familiar with the Youngstown, Ohio area and stated that he would obtain whatever information concerning these men TONY CORBI at the Yohio Club could furnish to him.

The Cleveland Office further advised that on December 4, 1958, photographs of the aforementioned national top hoodlums were made available to police officers of the Warren, Ohio Police Department and that those officers promised to conduct an investigation to determine whether MANNARINO or LA ROCCA had been or are presently in their jurisdiction. It should be noted that those officers advised that their informants are close to the MURGIE brothers of Pittsburgh who are now living in that area and who are alleged past associates of LA ROCCA.

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

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- PG T-1 is SA JACK SCHWARTZ of the Intelligence Division of the Internal Revenue Service, U. S. Treasury Department, New Federal Building, Pittsburgh, Pa., who was contacted on December 12, 1958, by SA RICHARD GORDON DOUCE and requested that his identity be concealed.
- PG T-2 is WILLIAM MEREDITH, Special Agent, Bell Telephone Company, of Pennsylvania, who was contacted on January 27, 1959, by SA HAROLD L. STEVENS and who has requested that his identity be concealed.
- PG T-3 is Miss FRANCES PRIAM, a Potential Criminal Informant of the Pittsburgh Office, who was contacted on January 27, 1959, by SA ROBERT A. VOEGE.
- PG T-4 is GEORGE "MOON" MESSER, a Potential Criminal Informant of the Pittsburgh Office, who was contacted on December 23, 1958, and again on January 5, 1959, by SA ROBERT A. VOEGE.
- PG T-5 is PG 573-C who was contacted on November 23, 1958, by SA JOHN S. PORTELLA.
- PG T-6 is FRANK HOAG, a Pittsburgh businessman, who is being contacted as a confidential source and who was so contacted on January 22, 1959, by SA JOHN S. PORTELLA.
- PG T-7 is T. MEADE MC LISTER, a Potential Criminal Informant of the Pittsburgh Office, who was contacted on January 7, 1959, by SA BRONI S. MACYS.
- CV T-8 is CV 88-C who was contacted on November 7, 1958, by SA FRANK G. DOUDS.

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