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W. HOLMES that he understood that BRUNO was still in Florida. He said that he understands that PHILIP TESTA, mentioned above, is quite concerned about the FBI having contacted him.

He also advised that FRANK FORTE, Philadelphia Police Department No. 29927, and JAMES GATTI, Philadelphia Police Department No. 87357, who are often referred to as being "BRUNO's Boys," actually work for JOE RUGNETTA, mentioned above, who in his opinion, is higher up with the Greasers than BRUNO.

T-11 also advised that RALPH MARANCA, mentioned above, is, he believes, still in the alcohol racket and supposedly works for BRUNO but he could not verify this.

On March 6, 1958, Confidential Informant T-5 said he had heard that ANGELO BRUNO was in Miami, Fla., and had recently entered an unknown hospital in that city, where it was necessary for him to receive two blood transfusions in connection with an illness, the nature of which was not known to informant.

T-5 said he had heard this information from BOBBY (LNU), who allegedly knows BRUNO. He related BOBBY complained to him that BRUNO formerly hung at the taproom at 15th and Morris Streets, which resulted in the place being closely scrutinized by the Philadelphia Police Department. T-5 stated he would attempt to ascertain the correct name of BOBBY(LNU).

T-5 further stated that it is his opinion that BRUNO is subservient to FELIX DE TULLIO, wa., "Skinny Razor." He based his opinion on the following-described incident which was told him by AUGUSTINE MAZZIO, wa., Gus, Philadelphia Police Department No. 272611, who is a partner of CHARLES VENEZIAIE in the operation of a still. In approximately 1953 or 1954 PETER CASELLA, and ALFRED IEZZI, wanted to dissolve their interest in the Ticket Grill, 13th and Wharton Streets, Philadelphia. BRUNO brought a prospective buyer to the Ticket Grill. This prospective buyer, BRUNO, and IEZZI in discussing the price being asked for the grill had a heated argument with IEZZI telling BRUNO "Do me a favor, keep the _____ out of here." IEZZI then went to FELIX DE TULLIO, wa., "Skinny Razor," and told him of the argument. DE TULLIO told IEZZI not to worry about it. Approximately a week after the argument, BRUNO called DE TULLIO and told him about the argument. DE TULLIO

supposedly told BRUNO at this time that whoever was at fault made no difference because "FREDDY is my partner." ALFRED IEZZI, commonly known as FREDDY, has been identified by T-5 as having part interest in the Television Bar at 8th and Washington Streets, Philadelphia, with DE TULLIO.

Approximately a week after BRUNO contacted DE TULLIO, GUS MAZZIO, FREDDY IEZZI, and DE TULLIO were standing outside of the Television Bar when BRUNO drove by and did not speak. This apparently alarmed FREDDY because he said to DE TULLIO "Look, there goes BRUNO and he didn't even speak." SKINNY said in effect "Who cares."

T-5 also stated that within the last two month period, MAZZIO told him about driving DE TULLIO's car in New Jersey. MAZZIO told him OLIVETO was in the back seat being chauffeured, and; according to T-5, this indicates that OLIVETO is a leader in the Greaser Gang. T-5 said that OLIVETO took over the position formerly held by MARCO REGINELLI. He also stated that OLIVETO was kidding SKINNY and was not kidded back; therefore, this is some indication that DE TULLIO is of lower rank than OLIVETO. T-3 said that people contact DE TULLIO to have matters straightened out and that he always advises these persons that he will let them know in two or three days, indicating that he has to go to a higher authority to obtain a decision. T-5 believes that OLIVETO rules on decisions which would pertain to illegal actions on the part of the Greaser Gang.

Investigation reflects as set out above that BRUNO is associated with other Philadelphia members of the so-called "Greaser Mob" who are MICHAEL MAGGIO, DOMINICK POLLINA, JOE RUGNETTA, FELIX DE TULLIO, and DOMINICK SPARAGNO.

On April 10, 1958, the Philadelphia Police Department arrested ANTHONY PROVENZANO, Philadelphia Police Department No. 288255, and NICHOLAS RUSSO, Philadelphia Police Department No. 213145, in possession of approximately 100,000 numbers plays. It appears that these men are possibly pick-up men for the BRUNO faction due to the location of the arrest on South 8th Street, Philadelphia. There is a possibility, however, that these men could be employed by another numbers bank in the South Philadelphia area.

At the hearing on the above, these men were represented by Attorney GARFIELD LEVY and were held under \$200.00 bail for court.

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DAVID MALONE, former Philadelphia Police Department Detective and former Chief of Philadelphia County Detectives, said in 1956 that BRUNO was financing the edge on numbers play for the "Jewish Mob."

CARL C. CIPRIANI, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Division, Treasury Department, advised SA ROBERT W. HOLMES on January 25, 1957, that he had learned that contrary to general belief, BRUNO is not the top man in the Greaser Gang but is considered only a trigger man. BRUNO is ranked below JOSEPH RUGNETTA and PETER CASELLA. CIPRIANI said these two men can order an execution which BRUNO cannot do. CIPRIANI said that BRUNO allegedly killed MARSHALL (MUTT) VENEZIALE, whose body was found in the trunk of his car on a South Philadelphia street in about 1954. He said VENEZIALE was suspected of being an informant for Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Division because in 18 years of bootlegging and operating a still he was never arrested.

Money Lending

On January 20, 1958, Confidential Informant T-4, who has known BRUNO for a long period of time, said that he is extremely wealthy. He said BRUNO is active in lending money, not in small amounts as a loan shark, but he specializes in lending large amounts of money to racketeers who have more income. Informant said that BRUNO was reported to have made some very big loans to various members of the "Jewish Mob" and bankrolled them in many of their activities.

By way of background generally, the informant said that "these people" referring to the various racketeers, are generally distrustful of banks and probably have the major portion of their wealth in their homes. He said they do not believe that safe deposit boxes are entirely safe and these racketeers suspect that high officials in the banks have keys and permit the Internal Revenue Service to examine the contents of any safe deposit box. He was speaking of the very wealthy racketeers. He did not specifically bring out any information concerning BRUNO but said that he considers BRUNO to be extremely wealthy.

On January 31, 1958, Confidential Informant T-14 advised SA JOHN H. BIERMANN that he was indebted to subject's brother-in-law, RALPH MARANCA, for approximately \$30,000. He stated he is having difficulty making ends meet and he is paying MARANCA off in small amounts each week.

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purchase of 75 sanitation trucks and two caterpillars at the cost of about one million dollars and that the contract should bring an annual return of one million dollars. BRUNO said that it would be necessary to get the approval of DOMINICK POLLINO (Philadelphia Top Hoodlum - Bureau File 92-2790) for the necessary outlay of cash. Later, the matter was discussed with POLLINO and he approved the proposition and said money would be secured by drawing funds from various unidentified corporations and business concerns. It was planned that after the contract is obtained, a "front man" with no racket background would be selected to conduct the operation.

On December 9, 1957, T-10 said that the attorney mentioned is NORMAN F. HAFT, Suite 513, Ainsley Building, Miami. T-10 advised the Senator is probably a Florida State Senator who has been in office about three years.

On January 9, 1958, T-10 said that on January 3, 1958, ANGELO BRUNO said that the Florida State Senator and Attorney HAFT wanted 20 per cent of the profit per year for securing the trash contract. The next day, BRUNO agreed to pay 20 per cent of the profits per year to the Senator and HAFT for securing this contract. The contract is to be awarded in the name of BEN GALLUP (phonetic), who, according to the informant, operates a juke box business for the "Italian element" in Miami. BRUNO said that GALLUP's affiliation with the racket element in Miami is not generally known and he is considered "clean." BRUNO said the contract would probably be awarded in about 45 days.

On January 23, 1958, T-10 said that on January 20, 1958, ANGELO BRUNO, DOMINICK POLLINO, and another individual met at the Maggio Cheese Company, Philadelphia, to discuss the pending trash contract at Miami, Fla. According to the informant, the Florida State Senator wanted \$30,000 payment now and 20 per cent of the profit annually. They agreed that the \$30,000 payment would be placed in escrow until the contract was awarded. In addition to that, the Senator wanted to choose a man and place him in a supervisory capacity in the firm. The individuals involved were not in agreement with this. There was to be another meeting at the Maggio Cheese Company on January 23, 1958; however, BRUNO was not available for this meeting.

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The Miami Division also advised that no inquiry would be made at the Golden Nugget Motel, Miami Beach, Fla., unless advised to the contrary, in view of the fact the Golden Nugget Motel is a known hoodlum hangout and the possibility exists the inquiry would reach BRUNO and have an effect on negotiations of BRUNO, Confidential Informant T-10, and others involved in the garbage and trash contract.

On February 18, 1958, Confidential Informant T-10 identified the Senator from Florida, previously referred to by him as "Senator MORRIS," as being Florida's State Senator JOSEPH EATON. The Informant insists that the trash collection contract is to be awarded in Dade County, Fla., which includes Miami and Miami Beach, for both commercial and residential. T-10 stated he did not know who the attorney HAFT or Senator EATON would contact to obtain such a contract. He stated that necessary negotiations are being handled by the Italian element, apparently through BEN GALLUP (phonetic).

By airtel dated March 19, 1958, the Miami Division advised that DAVID GLASS, FBI No. 3733899, formerly from Philadelphia, and the present owner and operator of the Golden Nugget Motel, Miami Beach, Fla., was interviewed on February 19, 1958, by SA's ROBERT K. LEWIS and ELMER F. EMRICH in connection with another matter. GLASS advised that he knows BRUNO and that BRUNO was not registered at the Golden Nugget Motel at that time. GLASS was not receptive to questions regarding BRUNO; therefore, his association with BRUNO was not pursued any further.

Credit and criminal checks at Miami reflect no arrest record located for JOE EATON, Miami Attorney, at the Miami Police Department, Miami Beach Police Department, the Dade County Sheriff's Office, and the Municipal Court records of Miami.

A Miami Credit Bureau report dated June 27, 1955, for the Florida National Bank, shows JOE EATON (PATRICIA), 4712 Southwest 64th Court, Miami, age 35, white, partner in law offices of Eaton and Achor, Dupont Building, past six months. Prior to this EATON was Circuit Judge, Division No. 9, for two years until expiration of office in December 1954. Prior to this employment EATON employed County Solicitor's Office. Resident Miami area past seven years. Served in U.S. Army five years, World War II. Previously worked Veterans Administration. Graduate of University of Florida Law School June 1948. Credit records for Richards Department Store, Standard Oil Company, and checking account at the Florida National Bank; Miami.

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No information concerning BRUNO or his associates has been disseminated up to this time. Information concerning BRUNO's alleged participation in the numbers racket in Philadelphia is well known to the local police. It has not been possible to date to verify the location of BRUNO's reported "numbers bank."

All information received concerning the subject and his associates is regularly reviewed for information that could be disseminated.

Informants

- T-1 Miss ROSE STAMBERG, Secretary, Philadelphia Board of Education, to SE FRANCIS J. FLANNERY.
- T-2 Miss THERESA DOUGHERTY, Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania, to SE E. DAVIS PORTER.
- T-3 JANET BRIEGLER, Southern Bell Telephone Company, Miami, Fla., to SA IEMAN L. STAFFORD.
- T-4 PH 251-C. This informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, has known the subject as well as other Philadelphia top hoodlums for a period of years. He is a native of Italy and is in close contact with Philadelphia top hoodlums and can furnish information regarding their current activities.
- T-5 PH 514-C. This informant, who has furnished extremely reliable information in the past, is a native of South Philadelphia, an Italian, is a member of a family closely connected with the making of illegal alcohol, and is very friendly with Philadelphia top hoodlums in the South Philadelphia area.
- T-6 MORRIS KOVLER, PCI. This informant has furnished reliable information on another Philadelphia top hoodlum, is a gambler, and knows the subject and other Philadelphia top hoodlums and is in a position to furnish additional information.

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- T-7 SAM PARISI, Superintendent, Southwark Station, U.S. Post Office, 10th and Dickenson Streets, Philadelphia, Pa.
- T-8 LEONARD RUTIGLIANO, Philadelphia Police Officer, whose name is kept confidential by request.
- T-9 PH 467-C. This informant has furnished extremely reliable and accurate information in the past. He is a numbers writer and fence who has knowledge of a great deal of activity of the hoodlums in the South Philadelphia area. He is in a position to frequent the different hangouts of these hoodlums.
- T-10 PH 269-C. This informant has furnished a large amount of reliable information and is connected with the subject and other Philadelphia top hoodlums in business deals. He has been furnishing information concerning the subject's obtaining the trash contract for Dade County, Fla.
- T-11 Philadelphia Police Officer ROGER MANCINI, whose identity is kept confidential at his request.
- T-12 Technical surveillance of Philadelphia Police Department made available by Commissioner THOMAS J. GIBBONS on a confidential basis.
- T-13 PH 517-C. This informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, is a former numbers writer and bootlegger who still has connections with the racket element in Philadelphia. He is an Italian and is in a position to obtain additional information on subject and his associates.
- T-14 Former PH 131-C. This informant has furnished reliable information in the past.

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- T-15 EDWARD QUARRY, Bureau of Internal Revenue, Reading, Pa.
- T-16 PCI JULIUS GOLDBERG. This informant is a "racket man" in Philadelphia connected with Philadelphia top hoodlums WILLIE WEISBERG and "CAPPY" HOFFMAN. He is acquainted with most of the racket element in Philadelphia and appears cooperative at this time.
- T-17 PH 489-C. This informant has furnished reliable information in the past, is a numbers writer and bootlegger, and has connections with the subject and his associates.
- T-18 Dunn and Bradstreet, Miami, Fla.
- T-19 Dunn and Bradstreet, Philadelphia, Pa.
- T-20 PCI JOSEPH RONCONI. This informant has furnished reliable information in the past and is in a position to furnish intelligence information on the subject and his associates. Informant is an Italian who lives in the South Philadelphia area.
- T-21 FRANK PISALE to Detective Sergeant RAYMOND MURPHY, who furnished information to SA ROBERT W. HOLMES. According to Sergeant MURPHY, this informant is extremely reliable.
- T-22 WILLIAM O'DONNELL, Supervisor, Bookkeeping Department, Broad Street Trust Company, Philadelphia, Pa.
- T-23 Income Tax Reports of Internal Revenue Service furnished by Bureau.

BECAUSE BRUNO IS ALLEGED TO HAVE COMMITTED GANGLAND EXECUTIONS IN THE PAST, HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED DANGEROUS.

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