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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

3/29/56

FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH (94-172 Sub M)

SUBJECT: SAMUEL MANNARINO, was.  
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE INTELLIGENCE FILE  
(TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM)

Re SAC letter 53-58 dated 8/25/53 and Pittsburgh letter to the Bureau dated 9/27/55.

On 9/24/55 PG 509-C, who in the past has supplied reliable information, advised SA JOHN S. PORTELLA that SAM and KELLY MANNARINO own a part interest in Club 30, Chester, W. Va., together with CHUCK TEEMER and several other men of the Pittsburgh and Tri-State area. Informant stated that this Club is making so much money from the gambling that takes place at the Club that it is almost impossible to estimate the amount.

On 10/27/55, PG 511-C, who in the past has supplied reliable information, advised SA JOHN S. PORTELLA that numbers are being booked at the Ninth Street News Stand and that they are picked up by a man named UTI (Phonetic) who informant is almost certain turns them in to SAM and KELLY MANNARINO who are really the numbers bank in New Kensington, Pa.

New York, by letter dated 11/25/55, reflected that in 1951 MIKE MIRANDA purchased a 1950 Cadillac automobile, Motor Number 50-60-53479, model 60, from GABRIEL MANNARINO of New Kensington, Pa. The New York letter did not show the source of this information. The files of the Pittsburgh Office reflect that MIKE MIRANDA is a prominent New York City hoodlum who allegedly moved in on the dress contractor in the Pennsylvania Dutch area, and that MIRANDA is believed to have formed an alliance with DAVE DUBINSKY and ALBERT ANASTASIA.

On 1/23/56 PG 545-C, who in the past has supplied reliable information, advised SA PORTELLA that SAM and GABRIEL MANNARINO own part of the Family Outdoor Theater in New Kensington and are seriously getting interested in the manufacturing of outdoor theater speakers.

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Informant further advised that the MANNARINOs are purchasing large tracts of land around the New Kensington countryside for speculative purposes. Informant stated that the MANNARINOs are connected with the Buffone and Buffone Construction Company and that they continue their friendship with PHIL BETTOR, whom SAM MANNARINO describes as his bookkeeper. Informant stated that BETTOR boasts of keeping a dual set of books for his customers, one is a true set and the other is for the scrutiny of the Internal Revenue Service and other Government agencies.

PG 545-C stated that in talking to SAM MANNARINO he has gathered the impression that GABRIEL MANNARINO is now controller of the purse strings because GABRIEL has been able to hold onto his money and SAM has been forced to borrow from time to time in order to keep his head above water.

On 12/31/55 PCI CHESTER STUPAK, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SA PORTELLA that Deputy Sheriff of Allegheny County CHINK SPANKARD, a close associate of Mayor DAVID L. DAWRENCE and newly-elected District Attorney EDWARD BOYLE, may attempt to obtain the okay for men like SAM MANNARINO and JOHN LA ROCCA to move into the Pittsburgh gambling setup. PCI stated that he believes that this will happen because SPANKARD is very close to the MANNARINOs and LA ROCCA and on extremely friendly terms with the Mayor and the District Attorney. *Pr*

A summary of the report of former Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue ANDREW J. SUSCE, dated 4/18/55 and prepared by G. WILSON STITELER, Reviewer - Conferree of the Intelligence Division of the Internal Revenue Service,

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SAM MANNARINO continues to live with his son-in-law, VICTOR CARLUCCI at 201 Highland Avenue, New Kensington, Pa., and continues to operate the New Ken Novelty Company and Ken Iron and Steel Company, both in New Kensington, Pa.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : *ay* SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (94-142)

SUBJECT: SAMUEL MANNARINO, WAS.  
GIIF (TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM)

DATE: 10/24/55

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10/6/55.

Re Pittsburgh letter 10/11/55 and Bureau letter

DOROTHY DELO SCHWEITZER, telephone operator, Wilbur Clark's Desert Inn Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, is a PCI of the Salt Lake City Office who furnished information regarding SAM MANNARINO which was incorporated into a letter to Pittsburgh dated 6/9/55 entitled "SAM MANNARINO; JACK I. DRAGNA, JOSEPH "DOC" STACHER, GIIF."

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: October 11, 1955

FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH (94-172 Sub M)

SUBJECT: SAMUEL MANNARINO, was.  
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(TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM)

Rebulet, 10/6/55.

Identity of PCI mentioned in second paragraph, Page 1, of Pittsburgh memo 9/27/55 not known to Pittsburgh. This PCI can be identified by the Salt Lake City office inasmuch as information included in Pittsburgh memo was taken from Salt Lake City office letter to Pittsburgh dated 6/9/55 entitled "SAM MANNARINO; JACK I. DRAGNA; JOSEPH 'DOC' STACHER, GIIF" wherein the PCI was not identified.

Salt Lake City office is requested to furnish the Bureau with identity of PCI mentioned Salt Lake City letter dated 6/9/55.

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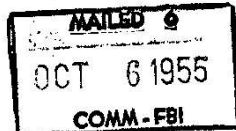
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Re SAC Letter 53-58 dated 8/25/53, and Pittsburgh letter to Bureau, 4/1/55.

On 4/19/55, an unidentified PCI of the Salt Lake City Office reported that SAM MANNARINO, 1263 Third Avenue, New Kensington, Pa.; MICHAEL GIORANO, 2115 Washington Ave., Miami, Florida; and LOU KAHN, 112 W. 9th Street, Los Angeles, Calif., checked in at the Desert Inn Hotel, Los Vegas, Nevada, and they appeared to be acquainted with one another as well as with the owner of the hotel. The PCI of the Salt Lake City Office also reported that SAM MANNARINO appeared to be very friendly with JACK I. DRAGNA, a hoodlum of Los Angeles, and that DRAGNA on 4/29/55 sent the following telegram from the Desert Inn to MIMI TRIPOLI, 7408 Sunset Blvd., 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 PCI of the Salt Lake City Office could not explain the meaning of this telegram. The Los Angeles Office on 8/1/55 identified MIMI TRIPOLI as proprietor of Mimi's Kitchen, 7408 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, Calif., and a known associate of Italian racketeers in the Los Angeles area.

The Los Angeles Office further advised that CHARLIE B. is probably CHARLIE BATTAGLIA, alias of CHARLIE BATS, FBI #4733808, an associate of DRAGNA. The person named LOUIS, according to Los Angeles, may refer to LOUIS TOM DRAGNA, FBI #4677209, nephew of JACK DRAGNA.

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On 7/5/55, Detective Sergeant JERRY KEDRIERSKI, Miami Beach Police Department, advised the Miami Office that MICAEL GIORANO is an individual known as NICK JEROME who was active a few years ago in the management of Mother Kelly's, a former hoodlum hangout in Miami Beach and in the gambling casino of the Sans Souci Club, Havana, Cuba. Sergeant KEDRIERSKI stated that his sources advise him that JEROME is married to MADELINE ROWE. NICK JEROME has Miami Beach Police Department #13178 and FBI #217633B.

On 5/29/55, CECILIA FULTON, a PCI who in the past has supplied both reliable and unreliable information, advised SA JOHN R. ACKERLY of the Pittsburgh Office that the MANNARINOS of New Kensington, Pa. backed the defeated candidate for constable in the First Ward of Pittsburgh, Pa. in an attempt to gain a foothold in the gambling set-up in Pittsburgh and Allegheny County. FULTON stated that candidate BRUNO BRASH, received upwards of \$25,000 from the MANNARINOS for his campaign and had he been elected the MANNARINOS would then have the O.K. to operate.

SAMUEL MANNARINO continues to reside with his son-in-law, VICTOR CARLUCCI, at 201 Highland Avenue, New Kensington, Pa. and continues to operate the Nu-Ken Novelty Company and the Ken Iron and Steel Company, both in New Kensington.