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Synopsis:

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Special summary report of SA THOMAS G. FORSYTH, III, Pittsburgh, 7/24/61

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MIAMI - INFORMATION

An information copy of this report is being submitted to the Miami Office in view of investigation conducted by that office in the past concerning MANNARINO and because of anticipated future requests for additional investigation.

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Will follow and report activities of MANNARINO and his associates in accordance with Bureau instructions.

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This report has been delayed due to the preoccupation of the preparing Special Agent with important investigative aspects of this and related cases.

Information in this report of possible value to the Internal Revenue Service has been furnished orally to Special Agent JACK SCHWARTZ, Intelligence Division, Internal Revenue Service Pittsburgh,

RS [JFK Law 11(a)]

On 7/28/61, SA FORSYTH contacted PG 612-C concerning this matter and on 7/31/61 PG 612-C advised that the girl is CHRISTINE "CHRIS" SUPRANO, 610-2nd Avenue, New Kensington, Pa.

On 7/31/61, the above name was furnished to Agent SCHWARTZ, and on 8/1/61 SCHWARTZ advised that NOLL affirmed that CHRIS SUPRANO was the girl to whom he had referred.

Grand Jury [JFK Law 10(a)2]

Grand Jury [JFK Law 10(a)2]

On 8/1/61, [] testified as had been expected, and on the same date, DJ Attorney KEHOE said [] testimony, coupled with testimony of about 29 other witnesses before the [] would probably result in IRS indictments against SAM and KELLY MANNARINO plus WILLIE SAMS, as proprietors of NuKen Novelty Company, and against JENNIE MORENO, RAY CALGAGNO and TONY WARDOCLIP, as employees.

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INFORMANTS

The T symbols utilized in this report will be the same, where applicable, as those used in the special summary report of 7/24/61:

PG T-2 is PG 612-C.

PG T-3 is PG 615-C.

PG T-10 is PCI ANTHONY J. WISE, JR., Pittsburgh, Pa. *- to Be deleted*

PG T-15 is PCI JAMES W. BURGART, New Kensington, Pa. *- To Be deleted*

PG T-21 is JOSEPH R. MEROLA, Miami Beach, Florida, who furnished information on 8/14-15/61 at Miami, Florida, to Pittsburgh Special

Agents THOMAS G. FORSYTH, III and JOHN S. PORTELLA. MEROLA, formerly MM 722-C, requested his identity be protected, and

MEROLA is now incarcerated at the Federal Correctional Institution at Tallahassee, Florida.

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Report of: THOMAS G. FORSYTH, III
Date: 10/26/61

Office: PITTSBURGH

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Bureau File No.: 92-2918

Title: SAMUEL MANNARINO

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

MANNARINO recently suffered a mild heart attack. Information received from two sources that MANNARINO is a cocaine "sniffer." He periodically has liaison with a female in Miami Beach, Florida. MANNARINO ownership of Bonfire Restaurant, Leechburg, Pa., verified. Informants say SAMUEL MANNARINO no longer connected with gambling or other illegal activities. MANNARINO allegedly will step up his participation in development of natural gas and oil wells. SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DETAILS:

A. PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

JOSEPH PETER MANNARINO, aka., Jo-Jo - Brother

In August, 1961, PG T-21 advised as follows:

JO-JO MANNARINO, who suffers from a palsy-like twitching and from severe stammering, is a "nut" and "con man." He has dissipated the fortune of his wife, HAZEL, widow of motion picture actor LEWIS STONE, in just a few years. KELLY and SAM MANNARINO allowed JO-JO to come to New Kensington, Pa., occasionally on the condition that he "stays out of trouble," but JO-JO always does something to get into trouble, such as writing worthless checks, and is forced to leave town. After such visits to New Kensington, Pa., KELLY and/or SAM MANNARINO ordinarily make good the amounts of the worthless checks written by JO-JO.

ROSE MANNARINO - Wife of SAM MANNARINO

In August, 1961, PG T-21 advised:

ROSE MANNARINO is a quiet, religious woman, who is dutiful and obedient to every wish of SAM MANNARINO. She has no part in any of his legal or illegal activities.

VICTOR E. CARLUCCI - SAM MANNARINO's Son-in-Law

In August, 1961, PG T-21 advised:

VIC CARLUCCI, who is married to SAM MANNARINO's daughter, MINNIE, was never anything more than an orchestra leader in New Kensington and a beer distributorship proprietor in Arnold, Pa., but for many years he has wanted to be considered part of the MANNARINO "gang of racketeers." In 1958, SAM MANNARINO permitted VIC CARLUCCI to take part in the gun smuggling attempt so that VIC could "earn his stripes." Now that CARLUCCI has been convicted of his part in this case in Federal Court, he has indicated that he is actually glad to serve some time in a penal institution as further evidence of his being accepted into the group he so much admires.

It is noted that VICTOR CARLUCCI is currently incarcerated at the Federal Penitentiary at Lewisburg, Pa., serving a five year sentence due to his part in the gun smuggling attempt.

Residence

In August, 1961, PG T-21 advised:

SAM MANNARINO has a large game room in the basement of his house at 201 Highland Avenue, New Kensington, Pa. Somewhere in the game room or in another portion of the cellar is located a hidden wall safe, where SAM MANNARINO is believed to keep cash and valuables. On infrequent occasions, SAM MANNARINO has been known to conduct some of his illegal activity at the house and to meet there with others to discuss illegal activities, but before doing so, SAM MANNARINO always sees to it that the other members of the household are either completely out of the house or are in another portion of it where they cannot overhear anything.

On October 24, 1961, PG T-3 advised that SAM MANNARINO continues to reside at 201 Highland Avenue, New Kensington.

Peculiarities and Habits

In August, 1961, PG T-21 advised:

For many years, SAM MANNARINO has been "sniffing" cocaine, and he is undoubtedly an addict. On at least one occasion, in the middle 1950's, Dr. LOUIS C. PESSOLANO, Miami Springs, Florida, sent a one ounce bottle of cocaine to SAM MANNARINO in New Kensington, charging MANNARINO \$500. The cocaine being used by MANNARINO now is smuggled into the United States from Cuba, and MANNARINO receives it through the mails from either NORMAN ROTHMAN, NICK JEROME or some other unidentified doctor in the Miami, Florida, area.

Although SAM MANNARINO is very interested in guns and has quite a gun collection, he never carries a gun on his person when traveling. On more than one occasion, SAM MANNARINO has carried guns, including automatic weapons, in his automobile when he was in or around New Kensington. He is believed to own a .45 automatic with silencer.

SAM MANNARINO is a "real nut" who falls for all sorts of "crazy schemes" to make money. At times he almost appears senile. In any case, SAM MANNARINO is always ready to listen to any kind of a business deal, and he almost always ends up as the "patsy" since the deals very rarely are successful and he usually loses his investments.

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SAM MANNARINO has a girlfriend, known as "MIGNON," from Las Vegas, Nevada, and she has been known to stay with him at the Bel Aire Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida, when SAM is in that town.

On August 24, 1961, PG T-21 advised that SAM MANNARINO was at that time at the Bel Aire Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida, in company with "MIGNON."

On October 11, 1961, PG T-3 advised:

During the night of October 10-11, 1961, SAM MANNARINO, while at the Bonfire Restaurant, Leechburg, Pa., stated that although he has been "sniffing" cocaine for several years, he does not believe this activity to be habit forming. He said he would be willing to pay \$500 per ounce if he could make arrangements with someone, a doctor or pharmacist, in Western Pennsylvania, who could supply him with cocaine whenever he requests. Now, MANNARINO claims he has to have his cocaine shipped in from Cuba or Peru.

Travel

On August 12, 1961, ROBERT VARNER, Desk Clerk, Bel Aire Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida, advised:

S. MANNARINO, 1263 Third Avenue, New Kensington, Pa., stayed at the hotel in Room 261 from July 31, 1961, to August 5, 1961.

On August 5, 1961, JACK TIERNEY, Bell Captain, Bel Aire Hotel, Miami Beach, advised that he had made a reservation for MANNARINO on United Airlines Flight No. 760, departing Miami at 3:15 PM on August 5, 1961.

On August 28, 1961, ROBERT ADAMS, Ticket Manager, United Airlines, Miami, Florida, advised that S. MANNARINO purchased a one way ticket to Pittsburgh, Pa., on United Airlines Flight No. 760, departing Miami at 3:00 PM on August 24, 1961. He said the ticket was purchased from Farr Tours, Miami Beach, Florida.

On October 24, 1961, PG T-3 advised:

SAMUEL MANNARINO, accompanied by unknown individuals, is currently on a hunting trip to the Province of New Brunswick, Canada, and he will return to New Kensington some time before the last day in October, 1961.

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Status of Health

On October 2, 1961, PG T-2 advised:

On September 25, 1961, SAM MANNARINO had what was believed to be a mild stroke and was carried from his Bonfire Restaurant, Route 56, Leechburg, Pa. However, MANNARINO was back working at the restaurant on September 29, 1961.

On October 11, 1961, PG T-3 advised:

On the night of October 10-11, 1961, SAMUEL MANNARINO, while at the Bonfire Restaurant, Leechburg, Pa., stated that he recently had a mild heart attack and had been warned by his physician not to indulge in "orgyistic" eating and drinking habits.

At the same time, SAMMMANNARINO stated that he was very proud of his dental caps and the general condition of his teeth. He said his dental work had been performed by a 41 year old orthodontic specialist in Miami, Florida, who does similar work for many of the big "racket"guys" in the country.

Origin of the Interests of GABRIEL and SAM MANNARINO in Racketeering and Steps Leading to Current Position and Activities in Racketeering Matters

In August, 1961, PG T-21 advised:

The MANNARINOs started out as bootleggers during the days of prohibition and branched out from that into such things as burglary and robbery. SAM MANNARINO received his initial training in the rackets from JOHN LA ROCCA of Pittsburgh, who taught MANNARINO how to organize, maintain and protect a racketeering operation. After SAM MANNARINO had successfully organized a gambling and racketeering setup in the New Kensington, Pa., area, he brought his younger brother, KELLY MANNARINO, in with him. KELLY MANNARINO has solidified his position in the racketeering society through his marriage to JEAN AMATO, daughter of FRANK AMATO of Braddock, Pa., who is and has been one of the leading racketeering figures in Western Pennsylvania. Due to the great volume of adverse publicity in the newspaper when SAM MANNARINO participated in a gun smuggling attempt in 1958 and the handling of stolen Canadian Government bonds at about the same time, with which KELLY MANNARINO had no part, SAM MANNARINO has fallen into disfavor with the racketeering leaders and has been relegated to an inactive position in New Kensington, handling merely those

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legitimate local businesses which he had already established. KELLY MANNARINO is now the sole boss of all the illegal activities which the MANNARINOS have controlled for many years.

B. ASSOCIATES

ANTONIO ~~X~~RIPEPI, Pittsburgh, Pa.

In August, 1961, PG T-21 advised:

Although TONY ~~X~~RIPEPI is a "don," and was for many years a friend of the MANNARINOS, SAM MANNARINO now has a violent hatred for TONY RIPEPI. In 1958, when SAM MANNARINO was in the hospital to have an operation and thought he was dying, he attempted to get out of the hospital bed because he said he was going to go "kill a RIPEPI." On other occasions, SAM MANNARINO has been heard to say that before he dies he is going to "kill a REPEPI."

JOSEPH and LOUIS ~~X~~VOLPE *Pa*

In August, 1961, PG T-21 advised:

JOSEPH and LOUIS VOLPE, the latter of which is a "don," have controlled all forms of gambling and other racketeering activities in the Turtle Creek Valley area surrounding Wilmerding, Pa., for many years. They have been friends of the MANNARINOS for a long time, and currently KELLY MANNARINO still has social and business contacts with them while SAM MANNARINO merely has social contacts.

During the 15 month period commencing in December, 1957, when KELLY MANNARINO was hiding to avoid service of a subpoena before a Federal Grand Jury in New York City, he was hidden at least part of the time by VOLPE lieutenant, "SARGE" BOTTI.

The VOLPEs and their chief lieutenant, JOE SICA, own a substantial but silent interest in the Holiday House, a motel-supper club on U. S. Route 22, Monroeville, Pa.

TOM ~~X~~TANNAS *Pa*

In August, 1961, PG T-21 advised:

TOM TANNAS of Arnold, Pa., has acted for many years as the contact man between the MANNARINOS and the various politicians in Pennsylvania, especially those in Western Pennsylvania. So far as is known, the MANNARINOS never tried to take any part in the management of prize fighters who were handled by TOM TANNAS, including former heavyweight champion EZZARD CHARLES.

WILLIAM SAMS

In August, 1961, PG T-21 advised:

Many years ago in the 1930's, ALBERT SAMS was part of the MANNARINO organization in New Kensington, Pa., and ALBERT SAMS brought into the operation his brother, WILLIE SAMS. Since ALBERT SAMS' death, WILLIE SAMS has been in direct charge of the MANNARINO daylight gambling activities, including numbers, horses and sports betting.

On August 30, 1961, PG T-3 advised:

WILLIE SAMS, who has been in hiding since August 24, 1961, to avoid service of a warrant charging violation of the Federal Wagering Tax Laws, will return to New Kensington, Pa., on September 1, 1961. Some gamblers in New Kensington are gossiping about the fact that WILLIE SAMS, who has been in charge of MANNARINO booking activities for years, has never been caught in the various Internal Revenue Service raids of the past few years. These gamblers are speculating that SAMS either has a highly placed "tipster" in the Pittsburgh Federal Building or that SAMS is an informant of some Federal agency.

On September 1, 1961, WILLIE SAMS was arrested at Ken Iron and Steel Company, 1263 3rd Avenue, New Kensington, by Special Agents of the Intelligence Division, Internal Revenue Service, Pittsburgh, on a charge of violation of the Federal Wagering Tax Stamp Laws.

On September 26, 1961, PG T-3 advised:

On September 25, 1961, WILLIE SAMS, the MANNARINO "brains" in their gambling operations, consulted with an attorney in a room at the Carlton House Hotel, Pittsburgh, due to SAMS' belief that the Internal Revenue Service is investigating his income and may develop a successful case against him.

On October 2, 1961, PG T-2 advised:

WILLIE SAMS is a "nervous wreck" as a result of his arrest by the Internal Revenue Service in August, 1961. For some unknown reason, SAMS recently had the labels removed from his clothing at a tailor shop in the 800 block of Third Avenue, New Kensington.

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FLORIAN W. ~~ZOGG~~, aka., "Red"

In August, 1961, PG T-21 advised: *Pa.*

RED ZOGG, originally from Chicago, Illinois, is one of the country's top experts in slot machine design, manufacture and repair. Since coming to New Kensington, approximately 15 years ago, ZOGG has been in charge of those phases of the MANNARINO controlled slot and pin ball machines.

It is noted that it has been reported previously that the MANNARINOS own the Nu Ken Novelty Company, a pin ball machine distributorship in New Kensington.

NORMAN ~~ROTHMAN~~ *AA Hla*

In August, 1961, PG T-21 advised:

NORMAN ROTHMAN has represented the MANNARINOS in their Cuban and some Florida interests for many years. ROTHMAN, like all other MANNARINO employees, steals from them, and when the MANNARINOS have lost money in an investment, such as the Sans Souci Gambling Casino, Havana, Cuba, which ROTHMAN fronted for them some years ago, ROTHMAN always emerges with money. ROTHMAN's Cuban connections are over-rated and when anything actually difficult is to be accomplished in Cuba, ROTHMAN ordinarily needs the assistance of JOSEPH MEROLA, formerly of Pittsburgh and now a resident of Miami Beach, Florida. Currently, ROTHMAN has the franchise for the Cocktail Bar in the Bel Aire Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida, and his two sons are working at the bar. ROTHMAN is like SAM MANNARINO, an addict to cocaine, which he "sniffs."

It is noted that NORMAN ROTHMAN is currently serving a five year sentence at the Federal Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, for his connection with the gun running attempt in October, 1958.

ABE ~~SEID~~, aka., AL ~~ROSS~~

In August, 1961, PG T-21 advised: *Hla*

Although AL ROSS has the reputation of having killed on many occasions, it is not believed that he deserves that reputation. He has never been known to brag about any killings. ROSS, who is under order of deportation to his native Russia, is worried that the United States Government will find some nation which will accept him. ROSS is very much in love with his wife, NORMA, who is a nymphomaniac currently residing on Palm Island, Miami Beach, Florida. ROSS gives

the appearance of being a "tired old man" and he shows no enthusiasm for taking part in any illegal activity to obtain money, even though he is in serious financial straits.

JOHN CHRISTOPHER FONTANA

In August, 1961, PG T-21 advised: *Pa*

JOHN FONTANA was once KELLY MANNARINO's bodyguard and most trusted lieutenant. KELLY MANNARINO regarded FONTANA as his protege and made him a "don." After FONTANA's marriage about a year and a half ago, he and MANNARINO had a falling out. FONTANA thought that he was not getting enough money and complained to MANNARINO, who told him that he was getting all he was going to get. FONTANA then made the serious mistake of going over KELLY MANNARINO's head and appealing to JOHN LA ROCCA, Pittsburgh, who subsequently reported this to KELLY MANNARINO. Since then FONTANA has been relegated to an unimportant job fronting the Marbet Heating Company store in New Kensington and he receives little or no income from the MANNARINO gambling activities.

VICTOR STANZIANO

It is noted that on May 26, 1961, PG T-3 advised as follows:

VICTOR STANZIANO is a New Kensington, Pa., swimming pool and building contractor. His wife is believed to be a cousin of the MANNARINOS. STANZIANO is currently associated with SAMUEL and GABRIEL MANNARINO in a project to develop into residential and commercial property 400 acres of land owned by the MANNARINOS in Allegheny Township, Westmoreland County, Pa.

On June 21, 1961, PG T-3 advised:

Due to a previous church construction job for which payment was not received, VICTOR STANZIANO is in bad financial condition and is filing voluntary bankruptcy. It is estimated that his creditors will receive forty cents on the dollar. After bankruptcy proceedings are concluded, STANZIANO and the MANNARINOS, the latter probably using front men, will establish a new corporation for the development of the MANNARINO tract of land. It is believed that the majority of the purchasers of the houses as they are built will come from personnel working at the Research Laboratories to be built by Aluminum Company of America on nearby property.

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BARNETT SAKULSKY

On July 24, 1961, PG T-3 advised:

BARNETT SAKULSKY, who operates an insurance business in New Kensington and who is an elected Assemblyman in the Pennsylvania State Legislature from New Kensington, handles all of MANNARINO's insurance affairs.

CHARLES LUCIANO, aka., CHARLIE LUCKY, Naples, Italy

On October 11, 1961, PG T-3 advised:

During the night of October 10-11, 1961, SAM MANNARINO, while at the Bonfire Restaurant, Leechburg, Pa., stated that three years ago he wanted to go to Italy to visit some old friends, but he did not go because he received word that the Italian authorities would not allow him to debark. Some time during the coming winter months, SAM MANNARINO hopes to try again to travel to Italy, and if he is successful this time, he will visit, among others, his old friend, "CHARLIE LUCKY" in Naples, Italy.

C. LEGITIMATE ENTERPRISES

Family Drive-In Theater, Lower Burrell Township, Pa.

In August, 1961, PG T-21 advised:

KELLY MANNARINO was once partner to SAM MANNARINO and NATE FARBER, the latter now residing in Miami, Florida, in the operation of the Family Drive-In Theater near New Kensington, but KELLY MANNARINO now owns it all, in spite of anything legal documents might show to the contrary.

Ken Oil and Gas Company, 1263 Third Avenue, New Kensington, Pa.

On August, 1961, PG T-21 advised:

SAM MANNARINO over the past two or three years has drilled several successful oil and gas wells near New Kensington, Pa. No matter who is listed on any legal documents as the head man in this operation, he is a front man, and the wells actually belong to SAM MANNARINO.

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On October 11, 1961, PG T-3 advised:

On the night of October 10-11, 1961, SAM MANNARINO stated that he hopes to sell his scrap iron business, Ken Iron and Steel Company, New Kensington, so that he can devote more time to oil and gas well development in Western Pennsylvania. He said he had secured some leases, north of Butler, Pa., of some "worked out" oil wells and, using the knowledge of a technician from Gulf Oil Corporation, he hopes to extract additional oil from these wells through use of a new process.

Bonfire Restaurant, Route 56, Leechburg, Pa.

In August, 1961, PG T-21 advised:

The Bonfire Restaurant near Leechburg, Pa., was built by SAM MANNARINO, who has been actual sole owner from the very beginning, in spite of anything legal documents might say to the contrary.

During the past few months, PG T-2 and PG T-3 have advised on numerous occasions that SAM MANNARINO spends almost every day at the Bonfire Restaurant, obviously in the capacity of owner, and on occasion, he is even observed to help out with the cooking in the kitchen.

D. ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES

Organized Crime

In August, 1961, PG T-21 advised:

There is in the United States an organization, which is commonly known throughout the underworld as "the outfit," which is actually a "National Crime Syndicate." This organization controls gambling and other crime throughout the United States by the establishment of territorial divisions. Each division is headed up by one or more men. The top leaders of this organization, known as "dons" are all of an Italian extraction, although they allow other individuals of different origin to operate under their supervision, such as MEYER LANSKY in Miami, Florida. There are two ways to become a member of the "outfit," by birth or by being "made." Whether one is born into eligibility for admission into the "outfit" or one is made eligible, the only way one can become finally accepted is by the commission of a murder. Every man who is considered a "don," without exception, has at some time or another killed someone. Once a man becomes a "don," the only way he can cease being such and can leave the "outfit" is by his death. The expression is used that "the door opens only one way."

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Some of the "dons" in the Pittsburgh, Pa., area are:

SAMUEL MANNARINO
KELLY MANNARINO
JOHN CHRISTOPHER FONTANA,
all of New Kensington, Pa.;

JOHN LA ROCCA
MIKE GENOVESE
TONY RIPEPI
JO-JO PECORA,
all of Pittsburgh, Pa.;

FRANK AMATO, of Braddock, Pa.;

LOUIS VOLPE
JOSEPH SICA, both of Wilmerding
and East McKeesport, Pa.

An illustration of the way the "outfit" works is demonstrated by the unsolved murder of Wheeling, W.Va., gambler NICK MILLER, whose body was found in an automobile trunk in approximately 1957. NICK MILLER had been requested to come to the house of SAM MANNARINO in New Kensington, Pa., reason not known. After he got there, SAM MANNARINO, KELLY MANNARINO, JOHN FONTANA and AL ROSS were with him in the basement game room. SAM MANNARINO had arranged for other members of his household to be away at the time. After a short stretch of conversation, SAM MANNARINO ordered FONTANA and ROSS to grab MILLER, which they did. While FONTANA and ROSS held MILLER, SAM and KELLY MANNARINO, strangled him to death, using either his own necktie or the cord from MANNARINO's electric iron. After MILLER was dead, his body was placed in the trunk of his automobile, and the automobile was driven to Wilkinsburg, a suburb of Pittsburgh, and abandoned on a city street. The driver of the automobile was AL ROSS. The only reason given for the killing of MILLER by the MANNARINOS was that the "outfit" from Detroit, Michigan, had requested it.

Another illustration of the way the "outfit" functions can be demonstrated as follows:

A thief steals jewelry in Miami, Florida. The thief has the jewelry transported to a fence in Chicago, Illinois. The fence in Chicago appraises the jewelry and transmits to the

thief a figure he will offer to pay for the jewelry. If the thief accepts that figure, the money is not personally sent by the fence to the thief. The fence can go to an "outfit" man in Chicago, and this "outfit" man notifies another "outfit" man in Miami, Florida, to give the thief the amount agreed upon.

Another noteworthy feature concerning the operation of the "outfit" is the unwritten rule concerning the appearance of one "outfit" man in another's territory. If KELLY MANNARINO travels to another area, it is incumbent upon him as soon as he arrives there to notify the "outfit" man in that city or territory that he is there and the reason for his presence.

In Western Pennsylvania, the top "outfit" men are JOHN LA ROCCA and FRANK AMATO. LA ROCCA is the current active "outfit" leader for the area, while AMATO is in a retired, inactive position. KELLY MANNARINO is second only to the afore-mentioned men for the entire area in his "outfit" standing. Although MIKE GENOVESE is the protege of JOHN LA ROCCA, KELLY MANNARINO stands higher than GENOVESE in the "outfit" because of MANNARINO's marriage to FRANK AMATO's daughter, JEAN.

Although JOHN FONTANA was KELLY MANNARINO's top lieutenant and protege for several years and was made a "don" by KELLY MANNARINO, he has fallen into disfavor in the last year or so. FONTANA, who has been supervising the various gambling interests of KELLY MANNARINO in the New Kensington, Pa., area, believed he was not making enough money and complained to KELLY MANNARINO. MANNARINO refused to give him more money, after which FONTANA went over MANNARINO's head and appealed to JOHN LA ROCCA. This was a mistake, because LA ROCCA told MANNARINO, with the result that FONTANA no longer receives proceeds from the illegal activities and is not allowed any responsibility in the MANNARINO operations. Currently, SONNY CIANCUTTI has assumed the position formerly held by JOHN FONTANA, and it is predicted that he will shortly be made a "don."

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On August 7, 1961, PG T-3 advised:

On the evening of August 5, 1961, VICTOR STANZIANO, who is associated with SAM MANNARINO in land development in Westmoreland County, Pa., stated the MANNARINOs are controlled in some respects by "some big guys upstairs." For example, he pointed out that in 1960, the MANNARINOs became angry at a New Kensington contractor, MARTIN MURIN, who had ~~fronted~~ some of their legitimate business holdings and who broke away from them after a dispute. The MANNARINOs made arrangements for a "torpedo" from San Francisco, California, to "take care of MURIN"; however, for some reason "the big guys" ordered the MANNARINOs not to harm MURIN.

Slot Machines

In August, 1961, PG T-21 advised:

In the early 1950's, the MANNARINOs had extensive slot machine interests in Western Pennsylvania, but when they received a lot of "heat" from Federal and state law enforcement agencies, they moved the slot machines to Cuba. Both NORMAN ROTHMAN and JOSEPH MEROLA helped the MANNARINOs acquire slot machine set-ups in Cuba. Up until the time FIDEL CASTRO assumed power in Cuba, the MANNARINOs still owned many slot machines in Oriente Province, from which they derived income.

Gambling Casino

In August, 1961, PG T-21 advised:

The MANNARINO gambling casino in New Kensington, Pa., operates seven nights a week. They are well patronized at this joint, and they even send "luggers" to the Squirrel Hill Section of Pittsburgh, which means that gamblers in Squirrel Hill are transported from that section to New Kensington for the purpose of gambling. Routine employees at the gambling casino receive \$150 per week flat, and those in charge receive the \$150 weekly salary plus a small percentage of the net take. It has been curious in the past to note that whenever they so desire, KELLY MANNARINO or SAM MANNARINO would walk into the gambling casino and demand that the cashier give them a sum of money. For instance, SAM MANNARINO might tell the cashier to give him \$1,000 and not to tell KELLY MANNARINO at the risk of being killed. Employees at the casino do not carry weapons generally, but on occasions, when there is a rumor that the casino may be robbed, everybody, including the MANNARINOs, goes about town fully armed.

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It is noted that on August 24, 1961, Special Agents of the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Division and of the Intelligence Division, both Internal Revenue Service, Pittsburgh, raided the MANNARINO gambling casino-horse room at 1195 Fifth Avenue, New Kensington, Pa. Almost 30 individuals were arrested on charges of violating the Federal Wagering Tax Stamp laws.

On September 12, 1961, PG T-2 advised:

On September 10, 1961, SAM MANNARINO, while at the Bonfire Restaurant, Leechburg, Pa., was discussing the raid on August 24, 1961, by the Internal Revenue Service, Pittsburgh, at the gambling casino, 1195 Fifth Avenue, New Kensington. He said he recommended six months prior to the raid that KELLY MANNARINO closed the casino due to his conviction that the Federal Government intended to keep "pressure" on the rackets and on gambling. He said he wanted KELLY MANNARINO to get out of the rackets and pool his funds with SAM MANNARINO's in legitimate business ventures. However, in SAM MANNARINO's opinion, many of the people arrested in the raid will have to be discharged because the Government only arrested them in hopes of securing information and will not be able to prove violations of Federal tax laws.

On September 15, 1961, PG T-2 advised:

Although it may sound strange, KELLY MANNARINO has recently said that he and members of his organization would lend their support to the candidacy of the Republican Party nominee for the position of District Attorney of Westmoreland County, Pa., in the November, 1961, elections because the incumbent District Attorney, a member of the Democratic Party, will not take any money and has "the boys" worried.

It is noted that on September 17, 1961, officers of the Westmoreland County Detective Bureau and of the Pennsylvania State Police, under the direction of the District Attorney of Westmoreland County, all Greensburg, Pa., raided the MANNARINO gambling casino at 1195 Fifth Avenue, New Kensington, Pa.

Date 10/3/61

Detective MALCOLM A. KAUS, Pennsylvania State Police, Greensburg, Pa., furnished the following list:

The following is the list of men who were arrested at 1195 Fifth Ave., New Kensington, Pa., at 1:30 am DST, September 17, 1961, by Detective KAUS and a detail of State Police and Westmoreland County Detectives:

THOMAS ANTHONY CIANCUTTI, white male, 30, 1906 Kenneth Ave., New Kensington, Pa., who claims ownership of the establishment. Therefore, he was charged with Establishing Gambling Places.

ARTHUR (NMN) DE FELICE, white male, 42, 125 Greensburg Road, New Kensington, Pa., stated that he was the dealer in the barbout game. Therefore, he, too, was charged with Establishing Gambling Places.

The following are the list of men that were charged with Gambling and posted \$10 forfeit for their release:

TERENCE MALOY, white male, 70, 824 East Diamond St., Pittsburgh 12, Pa.

RICHARD (NMN) JACOB, white male, 33, 718 Oak St., New Castle, Pa.

JACK QUINT, white male, 56, Penn Albert Hotel, Greensburg, Pa.

JOSEPH CHIAPPETTA, white male, 38, 228 Seneca Ave., Arnold, New Kensington, Pa.

JOHN AUSTIN, white male, 45, 22 Robinson St., Pittsburgh, Pa.

JAMES RAND, JR., white male, 42, 1321 Laurel Place, New Castle, Pa.

JOSEPH MARKOWITZ, white male, 56, 3424 Bates St., Pittsburgh, Pa.

on 9/26/61 at Greensburg, Pa. File # Pittsburgh 92-236
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JAMES ROSS, white male, 44, 817 Division St.,
New Castle, Pa.

JOSEPH JOHN SCOPIO, white male, 53, 821 Mercer
St., New Castle, Pa.

FRED EDWARD CHARLES, white male, 41, 137
Rutledge Drive, New Castle, Pa.

WILLIAM FRANK ARCURI, white male, 40, 1029 Vickory
St., Pittsburgh, Pa.

JOHN TSELEPIS, white male, 63, 149 Franklin Ave.,
Aliquippa, Pa.

EDWARD JOSEPH KOZLOWSKI, white male, 30, 1124
Fifth Ave. (rear), New Kensington, Pa.

ROBERT JAMES PHILLIPS, white male, 34, 246 Washington
St., Atlanta, Ga.

LOU EUGENE CIANCUTTI, white male, 28, 146 Reed St.,
New Kensington, Pa.

ABRAHAM SPARKS, white male, 45, 626 Sixth Ave.,
Tarentum, Pa.

RICHARD LEWIS JANOSIK, white male, 31, Natrona,
Pa.

SAM LOVERA, white male, 63, 1010 Ligonier St.,
Latrobe, Pa.

ALFRED MINONO, white male, 31, 1327 Jefferson St.,
Altoona, Pa.

JOHN ABRAHAM SALEM, white male, 38, 1139 Semple St.,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

JOHN RAUGHT, 616 Merchant St., Ambridge, Pa., white
male, 42.

ALBERT AUGUST THOMAS, white male, 51, 1601 Third Ave.,
Duncansville, Pa.

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JAMES PAPPAS, white male, 74, RD#2, Apollo, Pa.

EDWARD WARREN ALBERT, white male, 34, 218 First St.,
Ford City, Pa.

JOSEPH GUARDINO, white male, 31, 1713 Kenneth Ave.,
New Kensington, Pa.

VINCENT AMEDEO SHIETROMA, white male, 64, 1821
Kensington Ave., New Kensington, Pa.

PHILLIP McDIAT, white male, 54, 901 Beaver Road,
Ambridge, Pa.

DRAFT (TAFT) ISSAC ABRAHAM, white male, 52, 904
Walnut St., New Kensington, Pa.

JAMES THOMAS, white male, 42, 542 Walnut St.,
New Castle, Pa.

EDWARD FRANK GENNOCK, white male, 47, 808 Locust
St., New Castle, Pa.

ANDREW MANGINI, white male, 33, 312 Freeport Road,
New Kensington, Pa.

PETER TASS, white male, 67, 903 Union St.,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

ATHEN DEMETRUIS, white male, 55, 1450 Breining St.,
Pittsburgh, Pa. (Brookline)

MARTIN JOSEPH ERWIN, white male, 49, 208 Adrian Ave.,
Trafford, Pa.

WILLIAM THOMAS NAREY, white male, 44, Wallace Ave.,
Trafford, Pa.

JOSEPH STANLEY GLINSKI, white male, 41, 4055 Gillet St.,
Pittsburgh 12, Pa.

ROBERT DOUGLAS WALKER, white male, 28, 115 S. New York
Ave., Atlantic City, New Jersey.

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FRANCIS MATTHEW BURK, white male, 37, 1308 10th St., Altoona, Pa.

GLENN RICHARD MAGILL, white male, 37, 108 Park St., McKees Rocks, Pa.

CHARLES EMERY FISSEL, white male, 58, Newry, Pa.

ANTHONY MARGO, white male, 53, 8102 Frankstown Road, Pittsburgh 21, Pa.

ROBERT VINCENT RECESKI, white male, 25, 1192 School St., Indiana, Pa.

JOSEPH PETER ROBERTS, white male, 51, 6769 Neptune Place, Lajolla, California. ✓

EDWARD LOUIS MANGINI, white male, 23, 1152 Constitution Blvd., New Kensington, Pa.

CHARLES MUSOMELE, white male, 51, 1802 Beaver Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.

ANTHONY FRED HANNA, white male, 70, 558 Larimer Ave., Pittsburgh 6, Pa.

VASELEOS MAYULAS, white male, 74, 308 10th St., New Kensington, Pa.

JOSEPH FRANK GIGLOTTI, white male, 67, 1223 Fifth Ave., Pittsburgh 12, Pa.

JACK QUINT and DRAFT (TAFT) ISAAC ABRAHAM, who were in the list of those charged with gambling, are on a separate list found in the establishment. This list indicates that these men are on the payroll of the establishment. This list is as follows:

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| <u>EMPLOYEE</u> | <u>WAGES</u> | <u>SS</u> | <u>WH</u> | <u>WAGE</u> | <u>TOTAL DED</u> | <u>NET PAY</u> |
|--------------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|------------------|----------------|
| TAFT I. ABRAHAM | \$ 65.00 | \$1.95 | \$9.40 | \$.65 | \$ 12.00 | \$ 53.00 |
| MICHAEL AUSTERLITZ | 75.00 | 2.25 | 4.60 | .38 | 7.23 | 67.77 |
| JACK B. QUINT | 75.00 | 2.25 | 8.90 | None | 11.15 | 63.85 |
| ALFRED RONALLO | 75.00 | 2.25 | 11.20 | .75 | 14.20 | 60.80 |
| MICHAEL ZAPPAS | 100.00 | 3.00 | 16.10 | None | 19.10 | 80.90 |
| JOSEPH M. MOCHAN | 80.00 | 2.40 | 5.30 | None | 7.70 | 72.30 |

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Prostitution and Narcotics

In August, 1961, PG T-21 advised:

Neither KELLY nor SAMUEL MANNARINO has ever been known to traffic in narcotics or to operate prostitution.

E. POLICE PROTECTION AND POLITICAL TIES

In August, 1961, PG T-21 advised:

New Kensington, Pa., Mayor RAYMOND GARDLOCK and the majority of his city councilmen have been "owned" by the MANNARINOS since their election approximately eight years ago. At one time, JOSEPH MEROLA, at the instructions of KELLY MANNARINO, "wired" the New Kensington City Council Chambers so that tape recordings of the proceedings could be made.

Chief JOHN BORDINARO, New Kensington, Pa., Police Department, is the personal selection for that job of KELLY MANNARINO.

It is noted that Mayor RAYMOND GARDLOCK of New Kensington was defeated in the primary elections of May, 1961, and will not be a candidate for re-election in the general elections of November, 1961.

F. PENDING PROSECUTIVE ACTION

It is noted that it has been reported previously that SAMUEL MANNARINO has been under indictment in the United States District Court, Chicago, Illinois, since 1959 on a charge of aiding and abetting in the use of a wire or radio communication in a scheme to defraud a Swiss bank, in connection with the pledging of some of the Canadian Government bonds which had been stolen from a bank in Brockville, Ontario, Canada, in October, 1958.

On October 17, 1961, SAMUEL MANNARINO appeared before the United States District Court, Chicago, Illinois, in order that trial date on the above charge might be set. However, the United States District Court ruled that they would take no action as regards setting of trial date until other defendants, including NORMAN ROTHMAN, currently incarcerated at the Federal Penitentiary in Atlanta, Georgia, could be brought before the court personally. Appearance of the defendants was rescheduled for October 31, 1961, at which time the United States District Court would set trial date.

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G. BANKING CONNECTIONS

In August, 1961, PG T-21 advised:

Neither SAM nor KELLY MANNARINO have ever been known to use checks, always paying by cash.

Both MANNARINOs have been friendly for many years with DANNY SHIARELLA, an official with the First National Bank of New Kensington, and with BERT WILSON, an official with the New Kensington Branch of the Mellon National Bank and Trust Company.

It is noted that DANIEL SHIARELLA died in New Kensington, Pa., in September, 1961.

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H. CHARACTERIZATION OF INFORMANTS

PG T-2 is a New Kensington, Pa., numbers writer formerly connected with prostitution activities.

PG T-3 is a physician, whose professional services have on occasion, been used by members of the MANNARINO organization and who frequents MANNARINO controlled gambling and after-hours establishments.

PG T-21 is an individual whose experience has included used cars, prostitution, smuggling, burglary and robbery. He has been friends with the MANNARINOS for about fifteen years and undoubtedly will continue his association with them in the future.

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