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TITLE OF CASE JOSEPH FRANCIS CIVELLO, was.		Report made by VINCENT E. J. DRAIN	Typed By: sjb
		CHARACTER OF CASE ANTI-RACKETEERING	

Synopsis:

CIVELLO interviewed 12/27/57 advised of alleged threats on his life. On 1/7/58 Dallas PD protested renewal of off-limits beer license to Dallas County Judge. CIVELLO failed to appear for renewal of beer premises license. CIVELLO stated to agents this office he was selling his share of Civello Imports and Liquors, Dallas, Texas, to his brother CHARLES CIVELLO and brother-in-law ROSS MUSSO. CIVELLO claimed to have 25 per cent interest in instant business. Confidential source advised CIVELLO apparently close associate of PETE PELLEGRINO, White Plains, New York. Same source states CIVELLO placed gambling bets through PELLEGRINO in December, 1957. CIVELLO has considerable interest in oil royalties in north Louisiana and Oklahoma. Known associates of CIVELLO set forth. Latest photo of CIVELLO obtained from "Life Magazine" which was taken by Commercial Photographers, Dallas. Photo dated 6/13/57. [redacted] subpoenaed USGJ, Southern District of [redacted] for appearance [redacted] Stop notice placed with Identification Division. CIVELLO SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DETAILS:

PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

A review of the records, by the Kansas City Division, of the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, reflected that CIVELLO was incarcerated in that institution following his sentence at Dallas, Texas, on April 2, 1937, for violation of the narcotics laws. In the personal history and background records of this penitentiary it was noted that CIVELLO was born February 3, 1902, at Port Allen, Louisiana, that his father was PHILLIP CIVELLO and his mother was CATHERINE CIVELLO. These records reflected that CIVELLO had completed the seventh grade in school and had also completed a Spanish course while an inmate at the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas. These records further reflected that CIVELLO was married to MARY TOMMENELLI on November 24, 1929, at Rockford, Illinois, by JOHN J. FLANAGAN, a Catholic priest. These records further indicated that his marriage had been verified as having been recorded in Volume 16, Page 110, Certificate No. 1871.

On December 28, 1957, the Buffalo Division advised that the records of the Immigration Naturalization Service at Buffalo, New York, had been reviewed concerning JOSEPH FRANCIS CIVELLO and the following was noted: Included was a copy of the certificate of baptism, Church of the Holy Family, Port Allen, Louisiana, which stated that it was certified that GIUSEPPI CIVELLO, child of PHILIP CIVELLO and CATHERINE DI BENEDETTO was born on February 3, 1902 and baptized March 29, 1902, according to the rites of the Roman Catholic Church by the Reverend ROBERT MOISE, sponsors being ROCK DI BENEDETTO and FRANCES DI BENEDETTO. Also included in this file was an affidavit signed by ROCK DI BENEDETTO of November 26, 1957, before WALTER VICKERY, Investigator, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Port Allen, Louisiana. This affidavit stated "I, ROCK DI BENEDETTO, am a naturalized United States citizen. I was naturalized in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in 1910. I was the godfather of GIUSEPPI CIVELLO at the time he was baptized in the Catholic Church in Lobdell, Louisiana. GIUSEPPI CIVELLO was born on the Poplar Grove Plantation near Port Allen, Louisiana. This was in 1902. GIUSEPPI CIVELLO's mother, CATHERINE DI BENEDETTO CIVELLO is my sister and she came to the United States about 1899. GIUSEPPI CIVELLO left Port Allen, Louisiana, in about 1922 or 1923."

ASSOCIATES

On December 20, 1957, the New York Division advised concerning background, whereabouts, and degree of association of the following individuals with the subject CIVELLO:

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TODDO MARINO
PETE MARINO
ROCCO PELLEGRINO
CHARLES CASESA
CARMINE PELLEGRINO
FRANK TORTICELLI

The records of the Criminal Intelligence Squad, the Bureau of Narcotics, and the BCI, New York City Police Department, as well as the Federal Bureau of Narcotics, New York City, failed to reveal any information concerning CIVELLO, other than that in Dallas airtel, December 6, 1957. There is no information available as to the degree of association with CIVELLO of the above named individuals.

TODDO MARINO

THOMAS ALOYSIUS MARINO, wa: Salvatore Gaetano Maiorana (True Name), Gaetano Marino, Godo Marino, Salvatore, Marino, Thomas Morano, Toddo Marine, Tato, Toddo, Toddy, Todo, Tota and Totto, FBI No. 1644357, born June 9, 98, Italy, resides 286 19th Street, Brooklyn, New York, designated as a top hoodlum by the New York Office. Arrested by Immigration and Naturalization Service on May 26, 1953, for deportation on warrant charging that he had been convicted of two crimes involving moral turpitude, namely, petty larceny and attempted burglary. A summary judgment cancelling deportation order granted in United States District Court, in District of Columbia, on March 15, 1956.

The records of BCI, New York City Police Department, as made available on December 17, 1957, reflect the following information:

Name: Thomas Marino - B-45651

x1913	as Todo Marino, Bkly, Juv. Del. 30 day Cath. Prot.
x1915	as Todo Marino, NYC, Receiving. Sent Susp. lyr Prob.
1/13/16	as Todo Marino, Bklyn, Pet. Larc. On 2/15/16, Sent Susp. Ct of Spec. Sess. Off. Regnan.
9/29/17	as Thos. Marino, NYC, Burg. On 11/12/17, Elmira Refty. Jdg. May. Off. Mulhaney, 6 Brch.
1917	as Thos. Marino, NYC, Dis. Con. \$10.00.
7/17/19	as Thos. Marino, NYC, Asslt & Robb. On 8/18/19, D.O.R. Off. Callanan, 67 DB.
6/4/22	as Thos. Marino, Bklyn, Asslt & Robb. On 12/14/22, Disch. Jdg. Taylor, Co Ct. Det. Ruddy, 70 DD

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3/17/23 as Thos. Marino, NYC, Gun. On 6/9/24, \$100 or 20 days.
Off. Marino, 1st Dist.
10/30/34 as Thos. Marino, Bklyn, Mal. Misch. On 1/14/34, Disch.
Mag. Liota, 7 Ct. Det. Williams, 78 Sqd.
9/16/36 as Thos. Marino, Bklyn, Vag. On 9/23/36, Disch. Mag.
DeAndrea, 8 Ct. Det. Donnell, 60 Sqd.
11/21/38 as Thos. Marino, Bklyn, 887 CCP. On 11/22/38, Disch.
Mag. Udich, 9 Ct. Det. Hendy, 72 Sqd.
12/3/41 as Thos. Marino, Bklyn, Vag. On 12/22/41, Disch. Mag.
Folwell, Mag. Ct. Det. Boyle, 78 Sqd.
6/4/47 as Thos. Marino, Man, Intimidation a Witness No. Disp.
6/14/57 as Thos. Marino, Bklyn, 887-1 CCP. Det. Drazzel, SL & T
Sqd.

Following is the identification record of THOMAS MARINO, under
FBI No. 1644357, as of 2/2/54:

Contributor of Fingerprints	Name and Number	Arrested or Received	Charge	Disposition
Police Department New York New York	Thomas Marino #B-45651	October 30 1934	Malicious mischief (felony)	November 14 1934 discharged
Police Department New York New York	Thomas Marino #B-45651	November 22 1938	violation 887 Code Criminal Pro (paragraph #10)	
Alien Regis- tration	Thomas Marino #3486560	Alien Reg- istration December 10 1940		
United States Marshal Brooklyn New York	Thomas Marino #9566	June 4 1947	conspiring to threaten a Government Witness	September 10 1947 dismissed by United States Commissioner

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Contributor of Fingerprints	Name and Number	Arrested or Received	Charge	Disposition
Federal Detention Headquarters New York New York	Thomas Marino #54637	June 4 1947	conspiring to intimidate Government Witness	
Fed Detention Headquarters NY-NY	Gaetano Marino - Todomarino #65457	5/27/53	immig - safekeeping	6/4/53 rel to Imm. Off. on chg of Viol. of Imm. laws
FBI NY NY	Thomas Aloysius Marino #72-39	6/4/47	Intimidating witness	11/21/47 compl. dism.

January 13 1916 as Godo Marino, Brooklyn, petty larceny;
 February 15 1916 sentence suspended.
 September 29 1917, as Thomas Marano, Brooklyn, burglary
 November 12 1917, Elmira Reformatory.
 July 17 1919 as Thos. Marino, Brooklyn, assault and robbery August 18 1919 discharged on District Attorney Recommendation
 June 4 1922 as Thos. Marino, Brooklyn, assault and robbery December 14 1922 discharged.
 March 17 1923 as Thos. Marino Brooklyn, gun; June 9, 1924 fined \$100 or 20 days City Prison.
 September 16 1936 as Thos. Marino, Brooklyn, vagrancy; September 23 1936 discharged.
 This case is entered in the Single Fingerprint files of this Bureau under S2740.

On May 28, 1953, Mr. THOMAS JONES of the New York State Anti-Crime Commission, made available to SA JOHN J. DANAHY a list of waterfront characters with criminal records. THOMAS ALOYSIUS MARINO, wa, was included on this list.

Assistant Supervisor IRVING GREENFELD, Federal Bureau of Narcotics, New York City, related in 1946 that TODDO MARINO was a lieutenant of LITTLE AUGIE CARFANO, who was responsible to JOE ADONIS, undisputed underworld boss.

MARINO has reportedly been engaged in bookmaking, receiving stolen goods, narcotics, Italian lottery, stolen cars, waterfront activity and the vending and amusement machine business.

The records of the Federal Bureau of Narcotics as made available to SA EDWARD THOMAS WALSH, JR., on December 17, 1957, by GEORGE RAYHOUSE, revealed that MARINO was alleged to be the dictator of all rackets in the South Brooklyn, Bay Ridge and Red Hook sections of Brooklyn. His activities include hijacking, receiving stolen property, smuggling narcotics and drugs into the United States, and smuggling diamonds to Europe. He has associated for many years with FRANK COSTELLO, ALBERT ANASTASIA, JOE ADONIS, VITO GENOVESE and ANTHONY (LITTLE AUGIE) CARFANO.

The records of the Criminal Intelligence Squad, New York City Police Department, as made available to SA WALSH, on December 17, 1957, revealed that TODDO MARINO holds perpetual conferences with men from many cities at his restaurant, the Dixie Tavern, 20th Street and Fifth Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. He is alleged to hold court and arbitrate disputes arising in the underworld in a coffee shop in downtown Brooklyn, daily from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. He was noted in these records as being an associate of CHARLES "LUCKY" LUCIANO, VINCENT MARGANO, ROCCO PELLEGRINO, MIKE CLEMENTE, JOHNNY ODDO and JOSEPH PROFACI.

The records of the Narcotics Bureau, New York City Police Department, contain no additional information regarding TODDO MARINO, except that MARINO is regarded as one of the top men in the underworld.

PETE MARINO

Lieutenant JOHN ALFORD, Brooklyn Headquarters, New York City Police Department, advised in 1953, that PETE MARINO, wa: "Blind Pete", was a nephew of TODDO MARINO. He said that PETE spends most of his time in the Dixie Tavern, 20th Street and Fifth Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, and conducts bookmaking activities in the vicinity of 69th Street and Fort Hamilton Parkway, Brooklyn, New York.

The records of the Federal Bureau of Narcotics, as reviewed on December 17, 1957, indicate that PETE MARINO, the nephew of TODDO MARINO, was in the process of attempting to sell \$75,000 worth of narcotics in 1952.

Records of the Criminal Intelligence Squad, New York City Police Department, as reviewed on December 17, 1957, revealed that PETE

MARINO was arrested on February 23, 1940, and charged with a violation of the narcotics law. On March 20, 1946, a Nolle Prose was entered.

The records of the BCI, New York City Police Department, as caused to be reviewed on December 18, 1955, failed to reveal any additional information on this individual.

The records of the Bureau of Narcotics, New York City Police Department, as reviewed on December 19, 1957, failed to produce any information regarding PETE MARINO.

ROCCO PELLEGRINO, CARMINE PELLEGRINO and PETE PELLEGRINO

The Criminal Intelligence Squad, New York City Police Department, as reviewed on December 17, 1957, revealed that ROCCO PELLEGRINO is a white male, date of birth April 13, 1889. He owns and operates a bakery in White Plains, New York, and resides at 20 Corrigan Avenue, White Plains, New York. ROCCO PELLEGRINO is the father of CARMINE PELLEGRINO and PETE PELLEGRINO, and all are associates of TODDO MARINO.

ROCCO PELLEGRINO was questioned by the New York City Police Department in regard to the murder of ARNOLD SCHUSTER in New York City.

In September, 1952, ROCCO PELLEGRINO attended the wedding reception of the daughter of MIKE CLEMENTE, together with every big-time racketeer in the New York area.

The records of the Federal Bureau of Narcotics, as reviewed on December 17, 1957, revealed that the name of ROCCO PELLEGRINO was found on the person of IRVING WEXLER, wa: Waxie Gordon, at the time of his death, and that PELLEGRINO was an associate of JOHN ORMENTO.

The records of the New York State Crime Commission, as examined by the Criminal Intelligence Squad, New York City Police Department, list ROCCO PELLEGRINO as advisor to ALBERT ANASTASIA, VINCENT MARGANO, MIKE CLEMENTE and MICKEY BOWERS, on mob policy on the waterfront of New York City.

The following record of ROCCO PELLEGRINO is maintained by the White Plains Police Department:

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March 20, 1913, arrested on coroner's warrant in connection with homicide of one PHILIP CARRIDA, killed on February 26, 1912, in a rooming house in White Plains, New York. No disposition noted.

June 17, 1913, indicted for robbery first degree. No disposition noted.

December 16, 1918, indicted Westchester County, New York, Grand Jury, for assault in the first degree. Sentenced on February 5, 1919, to 1½ to 2½ years in Sing Sing. Paroled April 5, 1920.

October 17, 1921, indicted Westchester County, New York, Grand Jury, on charge of abandonment-charge still open.

January 10, 1929, arrested as material witness in death of one TERRATINO. No disposition.

September 26, 1945, arrested Portchester, New York, gambling, paid \$500 fine same day.

According to Sheriff HOY, Chief SULLIVAN, and Deputy Chief DOWDALL, White Plains Police Department (in 1952) PELLEGRINO was reported as being connected with everything of a criminal nature and no doubt as criminal connections with a higher level in New York City.

The records of the BCI, New York City Police Department, as caused to be reviewed on December 18, 1957, failed to furnish any additional information.

The White Plains Police Department records show that CARMINE PELLEGRINO was the first of eight children of ROCCO PELLEGRINO, that he is employed in his father's bakery. CARMINE PELLEGRINO has been arrested in White Plains, New York, a number of times for bookmaking and policy numbers.

The records of the BCI, New York City Police Department, as reviewed on December 18, 1957, did not produce any information regarding CARMINE PELLEGRINO.

The records of the Internal Revenue Service, Treasury Department, as examined in 1953, reflected that PETER PELLEGRINO, 25 Mansfield Road, White Plains, New York, was 29 years old and the son of ROCCO PELLEGRINO, a bakery operator.

ROCCO PELLEGRINO testified before the New York Crime Commission on January 21, 1953, at which time he refused to admit any association

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with underworld characters and even refused to admit that he had a son, PETER PELLEGRINO. After considerable questioning he finally admitted that PETER PELLEGRINO was his son.

The records of the Criminal Intelligence Squad, New York City Police Department, and the Federal Bureau of Narcotics, failed to reveal any information regarding PETER PELLEGRINO.

The records of the BCI also failed to reveal any information regarding PETER PELLEGRINO.

CHARLES CASESA

The records of the Criminal Intelligence Squad, New York City Police Department, failed to reveal any information concerning CHARLES CASESA.

The records of the Federal Bureau of Narcotics, as reviewed on December 17, 1957, revealed that CHARLES CASESA was arrested on April 11, 1938, for the possession and attempted sale of narcotics. He received a sentence of two years, on June 2, 1938, and a fine of \$5,000. He also was sentenced on June 11, 1939, to five years in jail on a similar charge.

CHARLES CASESA has the following FBI Identification Record, FBI No. 1425651, as of 1952:

Contributor of Fingerprints	Name and Number	Arrested or Received	Charge	Disposition
PD, NYC, NY	Charles Casesa #B-164320	12/23/37	Harrison Drug Import and Export Act	
USM, NYC, NY	Charles Casesa #C-11-375	12/23/37	narc.	
Narc. Bu. Washington, D. C. #--	Charles Casesa	inquiry 12/27/37		
USDH, NYC, NY	Charlie Casesa #24735	6/2/38	narc.	2 yrs. \$5000 fine

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Contributor of Fingerprints	Name and Number	Arrested or Received	Charge	Disposition
USDH, NYC, NY	Chas. Casesa #27015	4/11/39	Harr. Act (safekeeping)	9/5/39 dis. USPA Ft. Leav. Kans.
Bu. of Narc. Washington, D.C. #--	Chas. Casesa #---Bu. of Narc. NYC, NY	4/11/39	Harrison Act	7/11/39 5 yrs. Leavenworth Pen.
USM, Brooklyn, N.Y.	Charles Casesa #2396	4/12/39	narc.	7/11/39 sent to 5 yrs.
PD, NYC, NY #B-164320	Charles Casesa	inquiry 4/22/39		
USP, Ft. Leavenworth, Kans.	Charles Casesa #12635	9/7/39	narc. (sale)	5 yrs., 15 days (subject with- drew appeal 6/26/39 on 2 yr. sentence of 6/2/38). (see notations)
Med. Cent. for Fed. Pr., Springfield Mo.	Charles Casesa #1545-PCS	6/27/40 in trans. fr. USP Leav.	1-narc. 2-narc. sale	5 yrs.-15 days disch., 8/29/42 paroled.
U.S. Coast Guard, NYC., N.Y.	Charles Casesa #031-765301- Buff	C.G. Ident. card 9/11/42		

As Chas. Casesa, 1937, drugs; 2 yrs. - appeal
pending. #12635, 6/27/40 tr. to FPC, Spgfld., Mo.

The records of the BCI, New York City Police Department, failed to
reveal any additional information regarding CASESA.

The records of the New York City Bureau of Narcotics also failed
to produce any information regarding CASESA.

FRANK TORTICELLI

The Criminal Intelligence Squad, New York City Police Department, and the BCI, and the Narcotics Bureau of the New York City Police Department, were unable to produce any references to this subject.

The records of the Federal Bureau of Narcotics and the indices of the New York Office likewise failed to reflect any reference to TORTICELLI.

On January 21, 1958, Mrs. BIRDIE BELCHER of the Retail Merchants Credit Bureau and Lieutenant J. M. SOUTER of the Dallas Police Department furnished the following information concerning LEON and SAM CIVELLO. SAM and LEON CIVELLO are first cousins to subject JOSEPH CIVELLO.

Both SAM and LEON CIVELLO are partners in the Collette Cafe, 204 North Collette Street, Dallas, Texas. LEON CIVELLO has been on file with the Retail Merchants Credit Bureau, Dallas, Texas, since April 21, 1931. His present address is reflected by their files as 879 Cordova Street, Dallas, Texas. LEON CIVELLO is married, his wife's name being RUBY. SAM CIVELLO has been on file with the Retail Merchants Credit Bureau since January 10, 1927. His present address is reflected as 810 Cordova Street, Dallas, Texas. SAM CIVELLO is married, his wife's name being SADIE CIVELLO. Credit rating for both SAM and LEON CIVELLO is satisfactory.

Lieutenant SOUTER of the Dallas Police Department advised that confidential informants of his department advised that subject seldom contacted SAM or LEON CIVELLO. He stated that it was his understanding that SAM and LEON CIVELLO "did not get along with JOE CIVELLO."

M. A. GENARO, who has offices in the Adolphus Towers, advised SA VINCENT E. DRAIN on January 12, 1958, that JOSEPH CIVELLO did not associate with LEON and SAM CIVELLO since it was his understanding there was more or less a family feud between the families.

Lieutenant SOUTER advised on January 15, 1958, that the Police Department had no information that LEON and SAM CIVELLO were engaged in anything other than legitimate business as cafe operators.

The following identification record was received from the Bureau concerning SAM CIVELLO under FBI No. 795418.

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Contributor of Fingerprints	Name and Number	Arrested or Received	Charge	Disposition
USM, Dallas, Texas	Sam Civello #40	7-4-31	V.P.A.	75 days
USM, Dallas Texas	Sam Civello #1636	5-24-34	I.R.A.	1 yr. and 1 day, Leavenworth, Kans. 6-1-34
USP, Leavenworth Kans.	Sam Civello #45164	6-17-34	I.R.A. (still - poss. - remov.)	1 yr. and 1 day 3-21-35, cond. rel.
PD, Dallas, Texas	Sam Civello #15902	1-8-37	vio. Harrison Narc. Act (purch.- poss. sale consp) 27cs.	filed and trans. to Fed. Auth,
USM, Dallas, Texas	Sam Civello \$2474	1-8-37	H.N.A.	4-2-37 10 yrs. and 5 yrs. Lev. Prob. 5 yrs.
Bu. of Narc., Wash DC, #15490	Sam Civello, #--Bu. of Narc., Dallas	1-8-37	vio. H. N. A.	4-2-37 10 yrs. Leav. and 5 yrs. SS
SO, Dallas, Texas	Sam Civello, #2342	1-8-37	H. N. A.US	10 yrs. Leav. and 5 yrs. prob. for 5 yrs.
USPA, Ft. Leavenworth, Kans.	Sam Civello, #9641	4-8-37	narc. pur. sale	10 yrs. 8-21-40 trans to F.C.I. Texarkana, Tex.
Fed. Corr. Inst. Texarkana, Texas	Sam Civello, #36	8-22-40	narc. (purch. in trans. and sale) from Leav. Annex	10 yrs. disch 5-14-43 cond. re. IGT
SOS, War Dept.	Sam Civello #C-108-DAT-29	electri- cal 5-22-43		

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Contributor of Fingerprints	Name and Number	Arrested or Received	Charge	Disposition
PD, Dallas, Texas	Leon Civello #10005	3-15-32	vio. Nat'l. Pro. Act	filed
USM, Dallas, Texas	Leon Sivello #471	4-15-32	N.P.A.	75 days jail
USM, Dallas Texas	Leon Civello #1638	5-25-34	I.R.A.	6-1-34, 1 yr. 1 day Leavenworth
USP, Leavenworth Kans.	Leon Civello #45163	6-17-34	Int. Rev. - still poss. - remove	1 yr., 1-22-35 parole
USM, Ft. Worth, Texas	Leon Civello #--	9-9-36	Harrison Narc. Act	
Narc. Bu. Wash., DC.	Leon Civello #15417	9-9-36	Harrison Narc. Act	6-17-37, dism.
PD, Dallas, Texas	Leon Civello #10005	1-8-37	vio. Harrison Narc. Act	filed in Federal (27 cases)
SO, Dallas, Texas	Leon Civello #2341	1-8-37	H.N.A. (U.S.)	10 yrs. Leavenworth and 5 yrs. prob. for 5 yrs.
USM, Dallas, Texas	Leon Civillo #2473	1-8-37	H.N.A.	4-2-37, 10 yrs. Lev. and 5 yrs. Lev. prob. 5 yrs.
Narcotic Bu. Wash., D.C. #15417	Leon Civello #-- USM Dallas, Texas	1-8-37	vio. Harrison Narcotic Act	4-2-37, 10 yrs. Leav. and 5 yrs. S.S.

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Contributor of Fingerprints	Name and Number	Arrested or Received	Charge	Disposition
USP, Ft. Leavenworth Kans.	Leon Civello #9640	4-8-37	Narcotic- purchase-sale	10 yrs.
Fed. Corr. Inst. Texarkana, Texas	Leon Civello #35	8-22-40 in transf. from Leavenworth Annex	Narc. (purch. and sale	10 yrs. disch 5-5-43 cond rel IGT
SOS War Dept.	Leon Civello #C-108-DAT-29	electrical 5-22-43		
PD Dallas Texas	Leon Civello #10005	1-5-55	inv burg	rel

Lieutenant J. M. SOUTER, Dallas Police Department, advised SA VINCENT E. DRAIN on January 16, 1958, that the Dallas Police Department was checking for any information relative to contacts of CIVELLO with JOE IANNI, FBI No. 3426142. He stated that he had had information that IANNI frequented CIVELLO's place of business and that CIVELLO occasionally visited IANNI at IANNI's restaurant known as the Vesuvio Ristorante located at 5120 West Lovers Lane, Dallas, Texas. SOUTER stated that the Dallas Police Department had no information indicating any illegal operation between IANNI and CIVELLO but that he knew IANNI to be an associate of CIVELLO's.

Confidential Informant T-3 advised on January 10, 1957, that CIVELLO had been in contact with IANNI and that CIVELLO had told IANNI that the FBI had come to him with a "cock and bull story" about someone threatening his life but that he figured it was a front to try to find out what his purpose was in being at the meeting at Apalachin, New York.

Background information concerning IANNI was developed by SA VINCENT E. DRAIN September 29, 1953, and is being set forth.

JOE IANNI is reflected by the records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service of Dallas, Texas, to be a native of Cannetello, Italy. The records further reflect that he was born August 23, 1913.

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He arrived in the United States on January 10, 1921, at Port Chester, New York. He is the son of FRANK (FRANCISCO IANNI) who had previously immigrated from Italy to the United States. IANNI has alien registration number 5826442, and was naturalized April 27, 1944, at San Antonio, Texas.

On July 17, 1946, IANNI was investigated by the Internal Revenue Bureau at Dallas, Texas, for violation of the Internal Revenue Act; however no disposition is available regarding this investigation. On September 8, 1951, IANNI was charged with murder and subsequently no-billed by the local grand jury at Dallas, Texas, for whipping a negro who had allegedly molested a white waitress at his place of business at 2900 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas. The negro subsequently died.

JOE IANNI was the subject of a case entitled, "JOE IANNI, FRANK IANNI, MARIANNA IANNI, wa: Mariana Ianni - IS-I, ALIEN ENEMY CONTROL," and a report was made by SA J. R. CALHOUN, March 26, 1942, Dallas, Texas. No pertinent information is set forth in this report.

IANNI is presently residing at 7903 Amherst Street and is married to MARIE ELIZABETH IANNI, whose name was TOTSIE MAE PINTO.

Through confidential sources it has been learned that IANNI quite frequently talks by telephone to CARLO MARCELLO at Gretna and New Orleans, Louisiana. MARCELLO is a known underworld police character. Information has also been obtained from confidential sources that IANNI has had numerous calls to and from White Plains, New York, telephone number 81730, reported to be the telephone number of a "big shot" labor racketeer. The identity of this individual is not known.

Lieutenant GEORGE BUTLER of the Dallas Police Department advises through confidential sources known to him that IANNI has in the past talked by telephone with ANTHONY CAMBINO, hoodlum and racketeer who operates in and around Kansas City.

The Racket Squad of the Dallas Police Department according to Chief HANSSON, keeps a very close check on IANNI inasmuch as IANNI's restaurant at 2900 Ross Avenue is known to be a known hang-out for thugs and thieves.

IANNI is a very close friend of ANGELO PIRANIO, who is an underworld criminal attorney at Dallas, Texas. Chief HANSSON has stated that during the recent police scandal involving several of his officers

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he was not able to definitely establish but believes that certain of the police officers would go to IANNI's restaurant lot, located in the rear of his restaurant, and would in the late hours of the night, divide the loot which they had obtained. He believed that this was done with IANNI's knowledge.

The current identification record of this individual can be found under FBI Number 3426142 in the files of the Identification Division of the Bureau.

IANNI is described as follows:

Born	August 23, 1913, Cannetello, Italy
Height	5' 6"
Weight	160 pounds
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Gray
Complexion	Ruddy
Occupation	Restaurant owner
Father	FRANK (FRANCISCO) IANNI
FBI Number	3426142

On October 21, 1953, the New York Division advised that White Plains, New York, telephone number 8-1730 was issued to DOMINICO CARLO, 20 Carrigan Avenue, Rosedale, New York.

Chief of Police CARL F. HANSSON advised on January 17, 1958, that ANGELO PIRANIO was deceased.

On December 27, 1957, CIVELLO was advised by SA VINCENT E. DRAIN regarding information furnished by the Los Angeles Division concerning information received that one JOSEPH SEVEL would be killed within the next two weeks.

A review of the files of this office reflected that since this information contained what appeared to be the residence address of CIVELLO, that the individual referred to as SEVEL was most likely JOSEPH FRANCIS CIVELLO. This was also the opinion of Chief of Police CARL F. HANSSON, Dallas Police Department.

CIVELLO was ordered to appear at the office of Chief of Police CARL F. HANSSON on December 27, 1957, at which time HANSSON personally interviewed CIVELLO for a period of approximately two hours. HANSSON questioned CIVELLO about his trip to Apalachin, New York, on November 14, 1957. CIVELLO claimed that he flew to New York with his cousin, FRANK DE SIMONE of Los Angeles, California, and stayed at the home of a friend in New York City. He would not identify the friend's name. CIVELLO claimed that he was in New York on a business trip and was invited by DE SIMONE to accompany him. He stated while at New York City he went with DE SIMONE to Apalachin, New York, for a "crap game." He denied knowing any of the individuals at the Apalachin meeting but did admit knowing ROCCO PELLEGRINO, White Plains, New York. He also admitted being a good friend of the late SAM MACEO of Galveston, Texas.

On January 10, 1958, confidential informant T-8; M. A. GENARO, offices in the Adolphus Towers, Dallas, Texas; and JULIUS SCHEPPS, wholesale liquor dealer, all well acquainted with the individual, advised that the only information they could obtain concerning the individual during the past several days was the fact that he had been going only from his home to his place of business.

On January 6, 1958, Chief of Police CARL F. HANSSON, Dallas, advised that Lieutenant P. W. LAWRENCE of his department would appear before the Dallas County Judge LEW STERRETT on January 7, 1958, for the purpose of protesting the renewal of a liquor license and off-premises beer license by CIVELLO for his place of business. On January 7, 1958, Judge STERRETT ordered CIVELLO to appear and show cause why he should not have his liquor license renewed. Judge STERRETT advised on January 7, 1958, that CIVELLO failed to appear as ordered but that CIVELLO did advise him by phone that he was selling his interest in the Civello Food and Liquor to his brother, CHARLES CIVELLO and his brother-in-law, ROSS MUSSO.

Chief of Police CARL F. HANSSON, on January 10, 1958, advised that the Department of Public Safety, through one of their confidential informants, had learned that CIVELLO had not made nor received any long distance telephone calls since his return to Dallas from the meeting at Apalachin, New York, on November 14, 1957.

On January 10, 1958, CIVELLO contacted SA DRAIN and advised that he was selling his share of the business of the import food and liquor to his brother-in-law, ROSS MUSSO, and his brother CHARLES CIVELLO. CIVELLO advised that his share of the business was 25 per cent. CIVELLO voluntarily stated that he had made no out-of-state or

out-of-city business trips and reiterated again that he would advise if he should need to go out of the city of Dallas on a business trip.

On January 10, 1958, CHARLES CIVELLO advised that he was contemplating taking his fourth degree of the Knights of Columbus and was fearful that he would be hindered in taking same because of the publicity he had indirectly received because of his brother's attendance of a meeting at Apalachin, New York. CHARLES CIVELLO stated that he had no information as to why his brother attended that meeting at Apalachin, New York, but that he did know it did cause him and his family much grief. He stated voluntarily that he had advised his brother, JOSEPH FRANCIS CIVELLO that he would "stomp hell out of him" if he brought any more embarrassment on the family.

Chief of Police CARL F. HANSSON advised on January 10, 1958, that his department had maintained a spot surveillance and that it was their opinion that he was doing nothing more than going between his place of business and his residence.

On January 22, 1958, the Oklahoma City Division advised as follows:

A review of the current Oklahoma City Numerical Directory and Telephone Directory by SA DAVID H. WILL reflects that Oklahoma City telephone number Victor 3-9315 is listed to CLARENCE E. HENDRICKS, 2041 North West 47th Street. The current Oklahoma City Directory reflects that CLARENCE E. HENDRICKS (wife JEAN E. HENDRICKS) is the sales manager for Wester Holly Gas Ranges, Oklahoma City.

The indices of the Oklahoma City Office and the files of the Oklahoma City Police Department, as reviewed on January 17, 1958, failed to reflect any information on HENRICKS.

The current Oklahoma City Numerical Directory reflects that telephone number Victor 3-9015 is listed to TONY MARNERES and the Kentucky Night Club, 1226 North East 63 Street. It is noted that TONY MARNERES is a top hoodlum of the Oklahoma City Office, and Dallas has been furnished copies of the report of SA WILLIAM G. RAWLS, January 9, 1958, at Oklahoma City, entitled "TONY MARNERES, was., Tony Marnes, Tony Maneras; ANTI-RACKETEERING." It is noted that the last paragraph of page 5 of this "MARNERES" report indicates that CIVELLO had called Victor 3-9015, Oklahoma City, which is a pay station at the Kentucky Club, owned by MARNERES, and MARNERES frequently uses this telephone.

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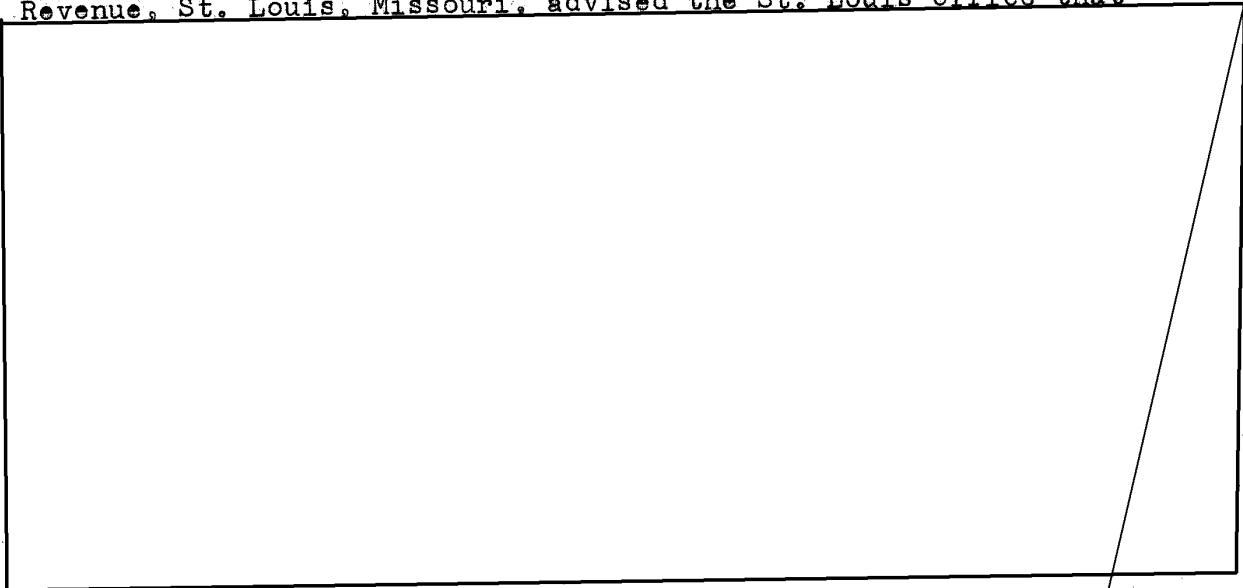
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On January 23, the St. Louis Division advised as follows:

On January 8, 1958, Mr. JAMES DALTON of United States Internal Revenue, St. Louis, Missouri, advised the St. Louis Office that



CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

IRS [JFK Law 11(a)]

On December 23 and 30, 1957, and January 10 and 15, 1958, NICK VARCASIA, owner of the Gulf Fish and Oyster Company, Dallas, Texas, advised that he was well acquainted with CIVELLO. He stated his wife played cards with CIVELLO's wife and that he was attempting to obtain information concerning CIVELLO's trip to Apalachin, New York, and also obtain as much information as possible relative to CIVELLO's criminal activities. VARCASIA stated that it was his and his wife's opinion that CIVELLO did not tell his own wife of any of his outside activities.

M. A. GENARO advised SA VINCENT E. DRAIN on December 26, 1957, January 3, 1958, and January 13 and 14, 1958, that he had contacted many people who knew CIVELLO intimately and who traded with CIVELLO's import food and liquor business and he had been unable to find out anything which would assist in CIVELLO's criminal activities. GENARO stated that it was his opinion that CIVELLO was "scared to death" since his trip to Apalachin, New York.

On January 2, 1958, CIVELLO was interviewed at length by SA BARDWELL ODUM and SA VINCENT E. DRAIN. CIVELLO related that prior to

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November 14, 1957, he and his cousin FRANK DE SIMONE, who lives in Los Angeles, California, went to New York. CIVELLO stated that his purpose in visiting New York was on business connected with his establishment in Dallas of import food and liquor. CIVELLO stated that DE SIMONE asked him to go with him out to Apalachin, New York. CIVELLO emphatically denied having ever known any of the individuals who were present at the meeting of JOSEPH BARBARA's home in Apalachin, New York, on November 14, 1957. CIVELLO related that whatever connection DE SIMONE had with this group he was unaware of. CIVELLO repeatedly and categorically denied knowing the purpose of this meeting, stating that he spent most of his time while there in a "crap game."

CIVELLO admitted having in the past associated with PETE PELLEGRINO of White Plains, New York, and also of ROCCO PELLEGRINO of the same address. CIVELLO admitted being a long-time acquaintance and friend of CARLOS MARCELLO of New Orleans, Louisiana, who is a New Orleans underworld hoodlum. CIVELLO stated also he was a friend of the late SAM MACEO, a well known gambler of Galveston, Texas.

CIVELLO stated that he had served one sentence in the penitentiary for narcotics and that he was not getting mixed up with anyone or any group of people who dealt in narcotics since he felt he was too old to serve another sentence and in "too bad" physical health.

CIVELLO was again apprised of the information furnished by the Los Angeles Division concerning alleged threats against CIVELLO's life. CIVELLO again voluntarily stated that he would be glad to advise this office should he need to go outside the city of Dallas or the state of Texas.

Lieutenant J. M. SOUTER of the Dallas Police Department, who is in charge of the Intelligence Unit of that department, has been contacted by SA VINCENT E. DRAIN December 26, 27, 30, 31, 1957, and January 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 1958. SOUTER states that through their informants and a spot surveillance of CIVELLO they have been unable to ascertain any information which would indicate any criminal activities on his part.

Confidential informant T-3 advised that they had learned through a confidential source that approximately December 14, 1957, CIVELLO was talking to an individual known as LITTLE HARRY, believed to be staying in the Highland Hotel, Dallas, Texas. He stated that

CIVELLO was placing a gambling football bet with the individual referred to as LITTLE HARRY. T-3 further advised that the best interpretation that could be made concerning this conversation was that whoever LITTLE HARRY was was a "bookie" and that CIVELLO had been placing bets for this individual with other people. He stated that on one occasion CIVELLO mentioned to the person referred to as LITTLE HARRY as owing someone \$2200 and another time stating "We are \$1200 to the good."

T-3 further advised that their informant had stated that CIVELLO was afraid to leave town and that he had not taken nor had he made a long-distance telephone call to anyone since his trip to Apalachin, New York, November 14, 1957. He further stated that the above information was the only information that his (T-3) informant had been able to ascertain relative to any criminal activities of CIVELLO. T-3 stated that other contacts by CIVELLO were "chitchat" with members of his family and that he seldom talked to anyone other than his family except a person by the name of KAHN and JOE IANNI, owner of Vesuvio Ristorante.

Mrs. NAOMI GREEN, manager of the Highland Hotel, was contacted by SA VINCENT E. DRAIN on January 12, 1958, and again on January 17, 1958. Mrs. GREEN, who is known by this office as being reputable, was queried concerning anyone who had resided at that hotel in December of 1957 by the name of HARRY. Mrs. GREEN stated that there had been two individuals who had resided at the Highland Hotel during the fall of 1956 and during the fall of 1957. She stated that they occupied Room 301. She stated that these individuals' names were HARRY LEAVY and AL ROGERS. She advised that the individual known as LEAVY drove a 1956 black Oldsmobile bearing New York license 9W181. She stated that these individuals had a private straight-line telephone installed in their room. She stated that these individuals left at the end of December, 1957. Mrs. GREEN described AL ROGERS as being approximately 37 to 40 years of age; dark hair; medium build; approximately 5' 9" or 10" in height. She stated that the individual known as LEAVY was small in stature but could not remember a good description of him. She stated, however, that LEAVY was the owner and drove the Oldsmobile.

Lieutenant J. M. SOUTER of the Intelligence Unit of the Dallas Police Department on January 17, 1958, advised that this automobile license number, which was New York license 9W181, was registered in the name of PETE PELLEGRINO of White Plains, New York.

Confidential informant T-7 advised on January 17, 1958, that during the fall of 1957, specifically August of 1957, an individual by the name of HARRY LEAVY had requested two straight-line telephones to be installed in Room 301 of the Highland Hotel, Dallas, Texas, telephone numbers being Lakeside 8-7630 and Lakeside 8-6649. T-7 advised that the following telephone calls had been made beginning September 16, 1957, from the above listed phone numbers:

September 16, 1957, telephone call from Dallas, Texas, LA 8-7630, to Fort Worth, Texas; ED 5-9020;
September 20, 1957, collect telephone call from Pleasantville, New Jersey (New Jersey partially illegible) from GUS BORIS or BORRIS, 1728, to PETE, LA 8-7630;
September 26, 1957, collect telephone call from Pleasantville, New Jersey, telephone number 1728, from GUS BORIS to LA 8-7630, Dallas, Texas;
September 26, 1957, telephone call from LA 8-6649 to White Plains, New York number WH 8-0390;
October 4, 1957, telephone call from LA 8-7630 to Fort Worth, ED 5-9020;
October 5, 1957, telephone call from Dallas, Texas, LA 8-6649, to White Plains, New York, telephone number WH 6-4770;
October 6, 1957, telephone call from Dallas, Texas, telephone number LA 8-6649 to Altus, Oklahoma (this call believed to be to Hudson 2-4101 to one ALVIS MORGAN, 104½ East Broadway);
October 8, 1957, collect call from BOURIS or BORRIS, Pleasantville, New Jersey, to LA 8-7630, Dallas, Texas, to PETE;
October 10, 1957, telephone call from Dallas, Texas, telephone number LA 8-6649 to White Plains, New York, telephone number 8-1730;
October 13, 1957, collect telephone call from Medford via Baltimore, Maryland, from GUS BORRIS to Dallas, Texas, to PETE, telephone number LA 8-7630;
October 9, 1957, collect call from Baltimore, Maryland Parkway, from GUS BORRIS to Dallas, Texas, to PETE, LA 8-7630;
October 20, 1957, collect call from GUS BORRIS to Dallas, Texas, to PETE at LA 8-7630.

Lieutenant J. M. SOUTER, of the Dallas Police Department, advised on January 17, 1958, that he had made the following background inquiry on HARRY D. KAHN, with offices in the Adolphus Towers, Dallas, Texas, inasmuch as he had heard through a confidential source that CIVELLO had planned to move in with KAHN and go into the wildcat oil drilling business. The following information is set forth as furnished by SOUTER.

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A report made available by Lieutenant SOUTER dated January 17, 1958, relative to HARRY D. KAHN, who is referred to in this report as "subject" is as follows:

Sir.

"Information has been received from a confidential source that SUBJECT intends to go into business with JOSEPH F. CIVELLO in the ADOLPHUS TOWERS BUILDING.

"SUBJECT resides at 5923 WINTON, phone TA 7-3755 and maintains an office at 2014 ADOLPHUS TOWERS, phone RI 7- 0539. SUBJECT is listed in City Directory as an Oil Operator. SUBJECT'S wife is listed as LOTTIE KAHN.

"Confidential Informant T-1 states that SUBJECT was born in RACINE, WISCONSIN in 1897 and has lived in DALLAS since 1921. T-1 states that SUBJECT lives at 5923 WINTON and the house at that location is valued at \$15,000.00 and SUBJECT owes \$8,800.00 on this house. SUBJECT is a royalty and oil lease broker and has leases on oil properties in TEXAS and LOUISIANA and has mineral leases in TEXAS, NEW MEXICO, COLORADO and NEBRASKA. SUBJECT also has an interest in WOODSON OIL CO.; WOODSON & GOLDSTEIN OIL CO.; KAHN & WOODSON OIL CO. and KAHN & COOK OIL CO.. All of the companies listed deal in oil leases. In 1956, SUBJECT listed his net financial worth as \$157,000.00 and in 1957 listed as \$135,000.00. SUBJECT stated his earnings for year 1956 were \$29,000.00.

"The files of the City of Dallas Water Department were searched regarding SUBJECT. These files revealed that SUBJECT has resided at since 9 May 1952. SUBJECT lived at 4706 MONARCH from 3 May 1947 until 9 May 1952. These files indicate that SUBJECT lived at 1122 CANTERBURY COURT. 6030 VICTOR and 2223 MADERA during period from 1942 until 3 May 1947. SUBJECT gave his business address as 405 ANDREWS BUILDING in 1947. The search of these files was made by MRS. MC CLANE, Water Department Clerk. The indices of the Records Bureau revealed that SUBJECT was arrested 6 October 1949 at the

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MILAM HOTEL 310 S. ERVAY ST.. SUBJECT was arrested by Detectives D.D. HENDERSON, W.I. TRANTHAM and R.L. MAY. SUBJECT was placed in jail and charged, in City Court, on offense of LOITERING IN A GAMBLING HOUSE. SUBJECT was arrested with following persons and all were jailed on same charge as SUBJECT:

R.F. FERRIS	MILAM HOTEL
JOE D. MORGAN	418 GORDEN PLACE
CHARLIE B. MAYS	208½ S. ERVAY
JESSE D. DULWORTH	3603 HAMILTON
RAY EDWARD COKER	SOUTHLAND HOTEL
FIV GREEN	3418 HAWTHORNE
ROSS HADDOCK SCOTT	2905 DYER
FRANK T. TAYLOR	4021 S. LAMAR
SUBJECT	4706 MONARCH

"All of these persons were released after paying \$10.00 fine. At the time of this arrest SUBJECT gave as employment as DICK ANDRADE, OIL OPERATOR. The search of the indices of the Records Bureau was made by Mrs. M. Speed, Records Clerk.

"The indices of the Identification Bureau revealed a record on one HARRY DAVID KAHN aka ALBERT LOUIS WEISBERG, DPD # 20286, DPS # 163579. This person was born in RACINE, WISCONSIN, same city as SUBJECT. This person was arrested by Officers of this Department 12 June 1940 on Fugitive Warrant from CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. This persons was wanted on offense of CONFIDENCE GAME and GRAND LARCENY BY BAILEE. This person gave his age as 53 at the time of his arrest. HARRY DAVID KAHN aka ALBERT LOUIS WEISBERG was wanted in connection with the business failure of COLUMBIAN REALTY CO.; COLUMBIAN GARDENS and THE AMERICAN FUEL OIL CO. HARRY DAVID KAHN had been engaged in sale of stock on companies listed in 1928, 1929 and 1930. KAHN was living in CHICAGO at 1335 ROGERS PARK during years 1928 through 1930. CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT was notified of KAHN'S arrest and this Department was notified that KAHN would not be extradited and KAHN was released from custody.

"The files of the CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE SECTION, INT. 34-3, dated 19 February 1957, Detective H.W. TOTTEN received information from a confidential source that SUBJECT had paid for an abortion on KATIE SALAZAR, SUBJECT'S paramour. KATIE SALAZAR, NC-100, M-507, has lived with TOMMY POMEROY and DONALD POMEROY, known offenders.

"Evaluation: Informant considered reliable: Probably true:"

The aforementioned report was submitted to Lieutenant SOUTER by H. M. HART, Detective, Criminal Intelligence, Dallas Police Department.

Confidential informant T-6 on January 21, 1957, advised that it was this informant's information that JOSEPH F. CIVELLO did his banking at the Exchange Bank and Trust Company, Dallas, Texas. This informant stated that JOSEPH FRANCIS CIVELLO under the name of J. F. CIVELLO began contacting HARRY D. KAHN in 1955 relative to investing some money in wildcat oil drilling. This informant described KAHN as a broker in the oil business, further that he was an individual that would locate good potential oil fields and invest money in drilling wells for a group of individuals. T-6 stated that in 1955 CIVELLO invested \$19,000 for interest in eight oil wells known as the Caddo Levee Production near Oil City, Louisiana. CIVELLO's interest in these wells was 9/64 working interest. This investment was made in May of 1955. This production is located in what is known as the Pine Island Field, located in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, which is approximately fifteen miles north of Shreveport, Louisiana. This informant further stated that CIVELLO invested in 1957 \$3937.50 on the drilling of two new wells on the same Caddo Levee Board Production Lease.

This informant stated that HARRY KAHN's income from his 5/32 working interest was \$16,189.89 since May of 1955 when the wells were completed. This informant surmised that CIVELLO would get a little less than KAHN since CIVELLO had only a 9/64 working interest. This informant further related that CIVELLO received his check from the royalties of the above lease through the Arkansas Fuel Oil Corporation of Shreveport, Louisiana. She stated that CIVELLO's part of the operating expense of this lease since May, 1955, amounted to \$2372.60. This informant stated that CIVELLO had a 1/16 interest in the R. E. Collins Lease in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, near Shreveport. This informant advised that the amount paid by CIVELLO for this lease was unknown. This informant further related that in the beginning of 1957 CIVELLO either sold his interest in this lease to CHARLES CIVELLO or gave it to CHARLES CIVELLO. This informant was of the opinion that the Arkansas Fuel Company also paid the dividends or royalty checks to CHARLES CIVELLO. This informant advised that CIVELLO's operating

expense on this lease before either the sale or gift to CHARLES CIVELLO was \$206.58.

T-6 advised that CIVELLO had a $1/6$ working interest in the Swinney Lease, Caddo County, Oklahoma, which lease was located near Cement, Oklahoma. T-6 stated that J. V. ROBERTSON was the pumper on this lease and that CIVELLO received his checks through the Anderson Pritchard Oil Company, Cement, Oklahoma. T-6 stated that this lease was purchased from an individual by the name of WALTER MORRO for \$1900 in 1956. T-6 stated that CIVELLO paid into this purchase amount of \$833.33. T-6 advised that CIVELLO's income from this production is around \$75 per month and for the past ten months CIVELLO has received \$750. CIVELLO's part of the operating expense on this Swinney Lease was \$230.26.

T-6 stated in regard to the R. E. Collins Lease the informant would surmise that JOSEPH CIVELLO received approximately \$2500 prior to his either selling or giving this lease to his brother CHARLES E. CIVELLO. This informant stated that another individual who was interested in this Caddo Lease "deal" was an individual by the name of PHILIP BOSCO, an associate of CIVELLO and has an interest in two wells in the Caddo Levee Board Lease. BOSCO also has an interest in the Swinney Lease for which he has a $1/4$ interest, paying \$6500 for this interest. BOSCO also, according to this informant, has a $13/64$ interest in the R. E. Collins Lease, which is referred to above.

T-6 stated that another individual who is associated with HARRY D. KAHN and JOSEPH CIVELLO as well as PHILIP BOSCO is one JOSEPH J. COLLETTA of Dallas, Texas. According to this informant COLLETTA has a $1/32$ interest in two wells in Caddo Levee Board and a $1/4$ interest in the Swinney Lease. According to T-6 COLLETTA paid \$875 for his interest in the Caddo Levee Board and further he paid \$6500 for his interest in the Swinney Lease which has been set forth as a $1/4$ interest. This was in 1956 according to this informant. According to this informant, COLLETTA invested another \$3250 in 1957 in the Swinney Lease and \$3,000 in 1957 for an interest in the Collins Lease.

T-6 stated that in 1955 JOSEPH FRANCIS CIVELLO brought the following individuals to the office of HARRY D. KAHN and told KAHN that he wanted to put up money for investment purposes in a wildcat well that was being drilled in Throckmorton County, Texas. This informant stated that this hole was drilled and it was a dry hole and all interested parties lost the money that they had placed in same. The interested investors were listed by the informant as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Amount of Money Invested</u>
PHILIP BOSCO	1/16	\$2,500
JOSEPH J. COLLETTA	1/16	\$2,500
JOSEPH MONGAVERO	1/32	\$1,250
195 Clinton Street, New York		
FRANK PELLEGRINO	1/32	\$1,250
44 Durham Road		
Orchard Hill		
White Plains, New York		
SAM PELLEGRINO	1/64	\$ 625
PETE PELLEGRINO	1/64	\$ 625
ROCCO PELLEGRINO	1/32	\$1,250
20 Corrigan Avenue		
White Plains, New York		
CARMINE	1/32	\$1,250
21 Park Avenue, New York		
RUDOLPH MANFREDONIA	1/32	\$1,250
7 Jefferson Place		
Mt. Vernon, New York		

The following investigation was conducted by SA B. TOM CARTER at Fort Worth, Texas:

Mr. J. G. FARRELL, Manager of the Worth Hotel, on January 15, 1958, stated Mr. A. S. MARSHAL had been stopping at his hotel for a number of years. Mr. FARRELL stated it was his understanding that MARSHAL was a lobbyist at Washington, D. C. but stated he knew nothing about his employment. He called in Mr. JOHN WELCH, Auditor. Mr. WELCH stated MARSHAL had never filed a credit application with the hotel and he had no record as to his background or employment. WELCH stated the records reflected that A. S. MARSHAL last checked in on October 2, 1957, and checked out on October 23, 1957, and on the card registered as being from Washington, D.C. On this last visit WELCH stated that MARSHAL attempted to cash a check drawn on some Washington bank and the desk clerk, Mr. RALPH MARSHALL, called the bank in Washington and discovered the check was worthless and then refused to cash it. Mr. FARRELL stated RALPH MARSHALL had recently undergone surgery but would be available for interview about January 22, 1958.

Mr. RALPH MARSHALL, Desk Clerk at Worth Hotel, on January 22, 1958, stated he has known AL MARSHAL for about ten years. During that time AL MARSHAL has visited Fort Worth about two times a year and on each visit usually spends about two weeks in Fort Worth. He

generally rents an inexpensive room; never has any visitors. He leaves the hotel in the morning and returns in the evening. He has never stated anything about his employment. Several years ago he would visit a Miss MAY BELCHER in Dallas. Miss BELCHER is an independent oil operator and is known by the name of "WILDCAT MAY." MARSHAL on several occasions remarked he was interested in an oil venture with Miss BELCHER. On another occasion MARSHAL stated he was interested in a lumber mill in Oklahoma which later went out of business. During the past three or four years MARSHAL has never mentioned any business deals. On his last visit about November, 1957, as he was checking out of the hotel he gave RALPH MARSHALL a check in the sum of \$200 to pay his bill. MARSHALL stated he noticed the check was on a Washington, D.C. bank and was signed by someone else. He stated all the time MARSHAL had been stopping at the Worth he had never asked anyone to cash a check. MARSHALL questioned him about the signer and he replied "that is my partner." MARSHALL stated he cashed the check and then telephoned the bank in Washington, D.C. and was advised the check was no good. He immediately notified A. S. MARSHAL before the latter had had a chance to check out. MARSHAL cursed the individual for giving him a bad check and stated he would get the money and be back. In a few minutes MARSHAL re-appeared and paid off the bill in cash. MARSHALL stated he could not remember the name of the signer or the name of the bank. MARSHALL stated he always guessed that A. S. MARSHAL was a lobbyist but had nothing definite on which to base his opinion. MARSHALL stated about four years ago the Department of State asked him some questions about MARSHAL and about two years ago the Department of Commerce made similar inquiry. MARSHALL stated there is no such hotel as the North Hotel in Fort Worth and suggested it was probably meant to be the Worth Hotel.

Operator 62, Retail Credit Bureau on January 15, 1958, stated she had no record on A. S. or ALBERT S. MARSHAL.

Sheriff's Office and Police Department were checked January 23, 1958, and had no record on A. S. MARSHAL.

The following investigation was conducted at Phoenix, Arizona, and the Phoenix Division advised the following information on January 17, 1958, in relation to identifying data concerning A. S. MARSHAL and associates.

The Phoenix telephone number AL 3-2181 is the telephone number for the Westward Ho Hotel.

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The current Phoenix telephone directory reflects telephone No. AL 4-7569 is listed to BECKY EICHELBERGER with residence at 1333 East Hubbel. This is the residence of JOHN W. EICHELBERGER, SR., as well as the residence of JOHN W. EICHELBERGER, JR.

JOHN WESLEY EICHELBERGER, JR. is a known west coast pimp and narcotics user. Records of the Phoenix Office reflect JOHN W. EICHELBERGER, JR. executed convict registration at the Phoenix Police Department on August 11, 1954, which disclosed he was arrested at Las Vegas, Nevada, on January 16, 1952, on a charge of "possessing narcotics." He was sentenced to serve at McNeill Island, State of Washington, August 3, 1954.

Lieutenant CHARLES HODGES, Phoenix Police Department, advised SA JOHN J. KELLY, January 15, 1958, that JOHN WESLEY EICHELBERGER, JR. was well known to him and members of his Vice Squad as a "known pimp," and is also suspected by his department as dealing in narcotics. He stated EICHELBERGER has not been active at recent date.

The indices of the Phoenix Office reflect JOHN WESLEY EICHELBERGER, SR., subject of Phoenix investigation file No. 87-2206, which subject was being investigated in connection with Interstate Transportation of Stolen Property. EICHELBERGER, SR. was attempting to contract with the Republic of Korea for the sale of surplus power plant for one and one-half million dollars and was allegedly in a position to make large benefits through sale of goods to Greece, Turkey, and a company in Cuba. Parties associated with EICHELBERGER thought they were made victims of a confidence game. Prosecution in this matter was declined by United States Attorney JACK D. H. HAYS, Phoenix, on February 25, 1957, who stated that after a review of facts in this case, it appeared that EICHELBERGER had made an effort to comply with various promises he made to RAY C. DURHAM and CHARLES S. HOLLAND. Associates of EICHELBERGER found elements of Sections 1321 (fraud by mail) and 1343 (fraud by wire radio and etc.) Title 18, United States Code, had not been established.

Following is a physical description of JOHN WESLEY EICHELBERGER, SR. taken from the file of United States Attorney, Phoenix:

Name	JOHN WESLEY EICHELBERGER, SR.
Sex	Male
Race	White
Born	December 16, 1906, Morill, Kansas

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Height	5' 4"
Weight	165
Hair	Sandy brown, balding
Build	Short, chubby
Employment	Self-described as manufacturer's representative
Residence	1333 East Hubbel

Following is a physical description of JOHN WESLEY EICHELBERGER, JR. as obtained from records of the Phoenix Police Department, their file No. C 26110:

Name	JOHN WESLEY EICHELBERGER, JR.
Age	31 (1954)
Born	Nebraska
Height	5' 10"
Weight	151
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Build	Medium
Residence	1333 East Hubbel
FBI No.	81590 D

LEGITIMATE ENTERPRISES

The New York Division advised that confidential informant T-4 had made available the following data concerning the Civello Import and Liquors located at 4236-38 Oak Lawn Avenue, Dallas, Texas. This information contained information on the partnership of CHARLES CIVELLO, ROSS MUSSO, and JOSEPH CIVELLO. T-4 stated that this business was started in 1954, a network of \$48,000 (including exemptions). This report reflected sales of this company to be \$215,000 in 1956. This data was current as of February 1, 1957, and is being quoted verbatim.

"History

"Trade style registered January 18, 1954, listing above partners.

"CHARLES CIVELLO, born 1915, married, native Louisiana. Moved to Dallas at an early age, finishing school in 1933. 1933 to 1936 employed by his father. 1936 to 1939 employed Wilson Packing Company. 1939 to January, 1942, operated individually as a meat

jobber. 1942 to November, 1945, served United States Army. After discharge, returned to Dallas and was variously employed, latterly in liquor store until March, 1947, when he started a business known as Civello and LeMonte Import Company, in a partnership with one LAMONTE. Purchased LAMONTE's interest in 1949, however, LAMONTE later again entered the partnership but again sold his interest to CIVELLO in April, 1950, for \$3,500 cash. CIVELLO continued to operate under that trade style until entering subject partnership.

"JOSEPH CIVELLO is 51, married, native of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Employed by father in grocery business until 1928. Then opened drug store in Dallas under style St. Paul Drugs until 1932. 1933 to 1947 operated and was employed in various grocery establishments located throughout Dallas. January, 1948, entered partnership with ROSS MUSSO, his brother-in-law to operate as Love Field Grocery and Market. That business was continued until latter part of 1953 when it was sold to others for an undisclosed consideration. JOSEPH F. CIVELLO is the brother of CHARLES E. CIVELLO.

"ROSS MUSSO, 57, married, native of Italy, in 1925, opened a small grocery in Dallas, and operated various grocery stores throughout Dallas until January, 1948, when he entered the above mentioned partnership with CIVELLO.

"Subject partnership was formed January 18, 1954, to combine individual business of CHARLES E. CIVELLO and the retail liquor business which was purchased from A and A Liquor Stores, Inc., at the above address for undisclosed consideration. Original investment in the business estimated at about \$30,000, consisting largely of CIVELLO's transfer of his individual business to the partnership.

"Operation-Location

"Wholesales (SIC# 5049) and retails imported foods, food products and specialties (40 per cent). Retails liquors, wines and beer (60 per cent).

"Wholesales imported food specialties, which are sold to restaurants (65 per cent) with retail food sales (35 per cent) to local trade. All food sales are 90 per cent cash, balance on seven day terms to few selective accounts.

"Retail liquor sales are 100 per cent for cash. Partners are active in the business, unassisted.

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"Rents about 5,000 square feet of floor space in this one-story brick building located shopping center in upper income bracket section. Premises are orderly.

"Financial Information

"Estimated financial condition at January 28, 1957:

<u>Assets</u>		<u>Liabilities</u>	
Cash in bank	8,000	Accts pay	6,500
Accts rec	4,800	Owing on truck (Cur)	900
Mdse	25,000		
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Total current	37,800	Total current	7,400
Fixt & Equip	15,000	Owing on truck (Def)	900
Autos and Truck	3,500		
	-----	NET WORTH	48,000

Total	56,300	Total	56,300

"Net sales for 1956 \$215,000; gross profit \$38,000; salaries and drawings of owner \$13,000; net profit over and above salaries and drawings of owner \$7,300. Monthly rent \$400, lease expires August, 1961. Fire insurance full coverage. Signed CIVELLO'S by CHARLES E. CIVELLO, owner (Partner)

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"Banking relations are maintained with one local depository where two accounts are carried with aggregate balances in moderate high four figures. One low four figure loan currently outstanding, secured, being satisfactorily used, comment favorable. This loan is due on a 1956 Chevrolet Station Wagon. Accounts receivable considered entirely collectible by CHARLES E. CIVELLO. Merchandise estimated at cost. Fixtures and equipment estimated at book value. Item autos and truck include a 1955 Chevrolet, a 1953 Plymouth and a 1956 Chevrolet Station Wagon, shown at approximate total market value. Accounts payable stated to be all current by CHARLES E. CIVELLO. Owing on truck payable \$75 monthly.

"Volume has been steadily increasing for the past several years, and net sales for 1956 were approximately \$215,000 with operations providing good profits.

"Under Texas laws, the truck and portion of fixtures and equipment might be claimed exempt.

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"Payments

HC	OWE	P DUE	TERMS	Jan 16 1956	
2239	1187		10th & 25th	Ppt	Sold 1-16 to 10-25
75	50		7	Ppt	Sold yrs
4433	3199	244	N-30	Slow	Sold yrs
				Jan 31 1957	
2000			15	Ppt	Sold yrs to date
1247	484		15	Ppt	Sold yrs to date
948	319		15	Ppt	Sold yrs to date
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"SUPPLEMENT TO REPORT OF February 1, 1957

"Trend

"July 23, 1957, CHARLES E. CIVELLO, partner, stated that sales continue fairly steady at approximately \$215,000 annually and that operations are profitable.

"Condition

"CIVELLO referred to estimated financial condition at January 28, 1957, stated that there have been no changes of any consequence.

"Payments

HC	OWE	P DUE	TERMS	July 15 1957	
4042	1755		N-30	Ppt	Sold 11-51 to 6-57
1278	630		10-25th	Ppt	Sold 1-16 to 10-25
1006	407			Ppt	Sold yrs to date
800	239		2-10 N-30	Ppt	Sold yrs
Open				Ppt	Sold 1-54 to 6-57
450	160	160		Slow 30	Sold 1-51 to 6-57"

T-5 advised that he was well acquainted with the banking of the Civello Import and Liquors Company located at 4236-38 Oak Lawn, Dallas, Texas. This informant stated further that the following deposits were listed as follows on deposit with Exchange Bank and Trust Company, Dallas, Texas:
Civello Import and Liquors, \$1100.47;
CHARLES CIVELLO, \$351 checking account, \$3388.83 savings account;
MUSSO and CIVELLO, \$490.99;
Civello Liquors, \$5657.55;
PHILIP CIVELLO, \$875.

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T-5 stated that PHILIP CIVELLO was JOSEPH CIVELLO's father, that JOSEPH CIVELLO had made this deposit for PHILIP CIVELLO and was the only one that could draw on this account.

JOSEPH FRANCIS CIVELLO, savings account \$1168;
Mrs. JOSEPH FRANCIS CIVELLO, savings account \$541.81;
ROSS MUSSO, \$1322.65;
Mrs. ROSS MUSSO, checking account, \$579.53, savings account, \$2044.

This informant further stated that JOSEPH CIVELLO and FRANCES CIVELLO had lock safety box number in that bank, number 407. This informant further stated that JOSEPH CIVELLO and ROSS MUSSO owed a note to that bank in an amount of \$5,000 which was well secured against property owned by them, 4236-38 Oak Lawn Avenue.

This informant stated that he had never known of anything illegitimate being done by JOSEPH CIVELLO or his partners in the Civello Import and Liquor Business and that they had always paid promptly.

This informant stated that as soon as possible he was going to obtain a personal financial statement of JOSEPH FRANCIS CIVELLO. This informant advised he considered the business of the Civello Import and Liquors to be good. He further advised that CIVELLO had advised him that he owned 25 per cent of this business and was selling it out to his partners and was going into the oil drilling business with an individual by the name of HARRY D. KAHN.

This informant advised that during the past year there had been no large degree of transfer of funds from the individual's bank account or the business's bank account and that no other source had made any deposits to either JOSEPH CIVELLO's account or any of his partners other than CIVELLO and his partners, CHARLES CIVELLO and ROSS MUSSO.

PLACES OF AMUSEMENT AND HANG-OUTS FREQUENTED

Confidential informant T-3 advised on January 17, 1957, that it was this informant's conviction that CIVELLO did not frequent hang-outs and mainly confined his time to his occupation at the Civello Imports and Liquors and at his home.

On January 16, 1958, a physical surveillance was placed on [redacted] by SAS NEELEY, MC BRIDE, TIMM, and HANLEY. This surveillance was maintained until [redacted] left for [redacted] to appear before the Federal Grand Jury, [redacted] During

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the time of this surveillance, subject frequented no hang-outs or places of amusement and nothing was noted of any unusual activity on the part of [REDACTED] Grand Jury [JFK Act 10(a)2]

NICK VARCASIA, mentioned previously in this report, advised SA KENNETH ALBERT January 17, 1957, that his (VARCASIA's) wife played cards with CIVELLO's wife and it was his opinion that CIVELLO did not frequent hang-outs or places of amusement other than to frequent the moving picture theater occasionally.

Efforts are being made in this regard to further develop sources which would be aware of any hang-outs or places of amusement frequented by CIVELLO.

TRAVEL

On January 16, 1958, Mr. LOYD EDEN, Assistant Treasurer of Braniff International Airways, Dallas, Texas, advised SA VINCENT E. DRAIN that a Braniff air travel card No. B15030 was issued to JOSEPH FRANCIS CIVELLO on November 30, 1949. CIVELLO listed his address as 5311 Denton Drive, Dallas, Texas. These same cards were also issued to CIVELLO's wife and brother-in-law, ROSS MUSSO, as well as MUSSO's wife. EDEN stated that these were not the regular travel cards that required a deposit. He stated that since the issuance of these cards the Braniff records reflected that none of them had been used.

Miss JANICE MC CURDY of the Motor Vehicle Registration Bureau, Dallas, Texas, advised that 1957 Texas license number NH 7846 was registered to a 1956 Chevrolet Station Wagon in the name of Civello Imports and Liquors, 4236-38 Oak Lawn, Dallas, Texas. Texas 1957 license number NH 7847 was a 1955 Chevrolet four-door sedan registered in the name of Civello Imports and Liquors of the same address listed as above. Texas 1957 license number NH 7849 was registered to a 1953 Plymouth Station Wagon in the name of CHARLES E. CIVELLO.

On January 18, 1958, Mr. ROBERT BLOUNT advised that CIVELLO had made no travel in the past sixty days on American Airlines. BLOUNT is the reservations manager of American Airlines. Mr. LOYD EDEN on January 18, 1958, advised that no travel had been made by CIVELLO on Braniff International Airways. EDEN is the reservations manager of Braniff Airways. Mr. WALLACE HARMON, Manager of Delta Airlines, Dallas, Texas, advised that no travel had been made by CIVELLO on that airline in the past sixty days.

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BLUNT, EDEN, and HARMON all advised in the event CIVELLO booked reservations for travel they would notify the FBI.

Mrs. ROSS MUSSO, who is a sister of JOSEPH FRANCIS CIVELLO, telephonically contacted SA VINCENT E. DRAIN on the night of January 16, 1958, and advised that her brother, JOSEPH FRANCIS CIVELLO, and his wife had left by train at 6 p.m. for New York where CIVELLO was scheduled to appear before the United States Grand Jury on January 21, 1958.

PERSONAL HABITS AND PECULIARITIES

During the above mentioned surveillance, no unusual personal habits or peculiarities of CIVELLO were observed. It was noted that CIVELLO usually wore slacks and a sport shirt open at the collar. He was observed most of the time wearing a sport coat.

Efforts are being made to develop sources which are aware of any and all peculiarities and personal habits of this individual.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION AND PHOTOGRAPHS

In addition to information previously furnished concerning CIVELLO's physical description and photographs it was ascertained on January 23, 1958, that the most recent photograph furnished to the Bureau was taken by the Commercial Photographers, Dallas, Texas, on June 13, 1957. This photograph was taken, according to Mr. JAMES WELL of the Commercial Photographers, for the purpose of using it in a liquor ad. This photograph is an excellent likeness of CIVELLO.

CIVELLO SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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INFORMANTS

T-3 is CHARLES MOORE of the Texas Department of Public Safety, Intelligence Unit, who furnished information to this office from a highly confidential and sensitive source.

T-4 is report of Dun and Bradstreet, Inc., February 1, 1957.

T-5 is WILLIAM CRAIG, Vice-President and Cashier of Exchange Bank and Trust Company, Dallas, Texas.

T-6 is HODGES DUBOIS HAMILTON, Secretary to HARRY D. KAHN.

T-7 is MARVIN DAVISON, District Manager of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company.

T-8 is H. P. WHITE, PCI, of Dallas Division.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office DALLAS	Office of Origin DALLAS	Date 1/29/58	Investigative Period 12/26,27,30,31/57; 1/2,3,6,7,8,9,10,13,14,15,16
TITLE OF CASE JOSEPH FRANCIS CIVELLO, was.		Report made by VINCENT E. J. DRAIN	Typed By s jb
		CHARACTER OF CASE ANTI-RACKETEERING	

Synopsis: CIVELLO interviewed 12/27/57 advised of alleged threats on his life. On 1/7/58 Dallas PD protested renewal of off-limits beer license to Dallas County Judge. CIVELLO failed to appear for renewal of beer premises license. CIVELLO stated to agents this office he was selling his share of Civello Imports and Liquors, Dallas, Texas, to his brother CHARLES CIVELLO and brother-in-law ROSS MUSSO. CIVELLO claimed to have 25 per cent interest in instant business. Confidential source advised CIVELLO apparently close associate of PETE PELLEGRINO, White Plains, New York. Same source states CIVELLO placed gambling bets through PELLEGRINO in December, 1957. CIVELLO has considerable interest in oil royalties in north Louisiana and Oklahoma. Known associates of CIVELLO set forth. Latest photo of CIVELLO obtained from "Life Magazine" which was taken by Commercial Photographers, Dallas. Photo dated 6/13/57. [redacted] subpoenaed USGJ, Southern District of [redacted] for appearance [redacted] Stop notice placed with Identification Division. CIVELLO SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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