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## LEADS

## ALBANY - INFORMATION

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CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

1. Furnish background information concerning J. S. Hoffman Company, 312 West Illinois.

2. Identify SACHSE who received telephone call at Chicago phone number CA 4-1640 on 11/18/58, from Dallas phone FL 2-0932, the Ristorante Vesuvio, a restaurant owned and operated by JOE IANNI, close associate of subject. It is believed the Chicago telephone number is a hotel number and if so, telephone calls made by SACHSE while in Chicago should be checked along with other background information. This individual is possibly identical with FRANK SACSHE of Chickasha, Oklahoma, referred to in the details of this report.

HOUSTON

AT HOUSTON, TEXAS

Furnish current information available concerning JAMES PENTO, who received several telephone calls from JOE IANNI's restaurant, Dallas, during November and December, 1958. JAMES PENTO is possibly a relative of JOE IANNI's wife, MARIE PENTO IANNI.

LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

1. Furnish background information concerning the Diners Club, La Cienega, telephone number OL 2-2350, called from Dallas, Texas, on 1/19/59, from the restaurant operated by JOE IANNI of Dallas.

2. Los Angeles maintain contact with LLOYD F. DUNN, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, relative to CIVELLO's reappearance before Federal Grand Jury in Los Angeles reportedly on 4/16/59. If possible, arrange coverage of CIVELLO's activities while in Los Angeles.

NEW ORLEANS

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

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1. Furnish background information concerning the following establishments who reportedly conducted business with CIVELLO when he owned Civello's Import and Liquor Company, Dallas, Texas:

ERMANNO T. DI MARZI, 130 International Trade Mart and Uddo Taormina Company, 2156 Agriculture Street (FRANK UDDO-contact).

2. Note information concerning CARLOS MARCELLO, subject of New Orleans case entitled "CARLOS MARCELLO, aka, AR", New Orleans file 92-36, which appears in the details. Furnish Dallas any information indicating contact of MARCELLO and CIVELLO.

NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Furnish background information concerning the establishments listed in the details of this report that reportedly conducted business with CIVELLO when he operated Civello's Import and Liquor Company, Dallas, Texas. They are listed under "Legitimate Enterprises" in the details.

PHILADELPHIA

AT WEST CHESTER, PENNSYLVANIA

Furnish background information concerning the Brandywine Mushroom Company.

ST. LOUIS

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

Furnish background information regarding the V. Viviano Company, 4649 Shaw Boulevard.

DALLAS

AT FORT WORTH, TEXAS

Obtain background information concerning, LOSERO, Italian Village, telephone ED 2-6809; identify subscriber to

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telephone WA 7-2637; and current information concerning CHARLES D. FREEMAN, telephone number ED 5-3371.

AT DALLAS, TEXAS

1. Will continue spot checks of subject's residence and other places frequented by the subject.
2. Will continue to identify possible associates of subject.
3. Will maintain coverage of CIVELLO's activities through present sources and attempt to develop new sources in this regard.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Informants

The following listed informants are being utilized in the investigation concerning CIVELLO:

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PCI H. P. WHITE  
PCI JAMES C. WALLACE.

Continued efforts will be made to locate and develop other informants who are in a position to offer information concerning subject's activities.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: MILTON L. NEWSOM  
Date: 3/27/59

Office: Dallas

File Number: Dallas file 92-36  
Bureau file 92-2824

Title: JOSEPH FRANCIS CIVELLO

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

### Synopsis:

CIVELLO presently supervising construction of a building on his property located at Lemmon and McKinney Streets, Dallas. He continues to reside at 5311 Denton Drive, Dallas. JAMES WILLIAM AMIDEI, Dallas, advised he purchased CIVELLO's imports and liquor business on 7/15/58, from CHARLES EDWARD CIVELLO and ROSS MUSSO. AMIDEI furnished list of businesses with whom CIVELLO dealt when he operated the above concern. Toll calls for JOE IANNI's restaurant and IANNI's residence for November and December, 1958, are set out. No toll calls made from CIVELLO's residence during November and December, 1958. [redacted] appeared before Federal Grand Jury, [redacted] and ordered to [redacted]

Information from informants and other sources reflects no criminal activity on subject's part at present time. Information concerning subject's associates set out. CIVELLO SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Grand Jury [JFK Act 10(a)2]

**DETAILS:**

#### PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

Information obtained from informants and other sources, which are listed later in this report, show that JOSEPH FRANCIS CIVELLO continues to reside at 5311 Denton Drive, Dallas, Texas.

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Information was obtained from Dallas Confidential Informant T-1 on February 19, 1959, that CIVELLO is presently constructing a building on one of his lots located at Lemmon and McKinney Streets, Dallas, Texas. T-1 advised CIVELLO has a drive-in at that location which is operated by PETE INTERANTE. He intends to open a liquor store and possibly a restaurant when the building is completed. Informant advised subject's brother, CHARLES EDWARD CIVELLO, and his brother-in-law, ROSS RUSSO, are still working with JOE IANNI in IANNI's restaurant, Ristorante Vesuvio, 5120 West Lovers Lane, Dallas, Texas.

ASSOCIATES

Sources contacted advised CIVELLO is still contacted periodically by individuals in the criminal element, however, he appears to take no active participation with associates of this type.

CALIF. TEXAS

On March 18, 1959, Dallas Confidential Informant T-1 advised that JOHNNY ROSS PATRONO and PETE PELLEGRINO were in CALIF. California at the Santa Anita Race Track for forty-five days prior to PATRONO's return to Dallas on March 14, 1959. He said that while PATRONO and PELLEGRINO were there, PETER JOSEPH PICCOLA of Dallas joined them.

TEXAS, CALIF.

On March 18, 1959, subject and JOHNNY ROSS PATRONO were observed at the corner of Lemmon and McKinney Streets in Dallas in conversation, and while CIVELLO appeared to be supervising the construction of a building on the lot at that address.

Dallas T-1 also advised on March 18, 1959, that PETE PELLEGRINO is probably now in Dallas, however, he could not furnish the location where PELLEGRINO might be staying. T-1 advised JOHNNY ROSS PATRONO is active in gambling setups and will be in contact with anyone in the PELLEGRINO group who comes to Dallas for this purpose. He suggested that PARTONO be checked in this regard.

PATRONO, when observed at Lemmon and McKinney Streets on March 18, 1959, was driving a 1958 Oldsmobile sedan, color black, bearing 1958 Texas license MP 8586. CIVELLO was driving a 1954 Buick, blue over white, 1958 Texas license MU 4492, which is registered to ROSS MUSSO, 5311 Denton Drive, Dallas.

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SAM CAMPISI, operator of Egyptian Lounge, 5610 Mockingbird Lane, Dallas, Texas, was interviewed briefly on March 4, 1959. He admitted being well acquainted with CIVELLO but was evasive and noncommittal as to CIVELLO's activities, indicating that CIVELLO is very quiet at the present time.

Regular spot checks of CIVELLO's residence at 5311 Denton Drive and the Ristorante Vesuvio at 5120 West Lovers Lane on the following dates failed to indicate CIVELLO is associating with criminal element: February 10, 11, 16, 18, 26, 28 and March 9, 10 and 16, 1959.

On March 4, 1959, SAs MILTON L. NEWSOM and ROBERT M. BARRETT observed five cars parked at CIVELLO's residence. Cars were identified through license numbers as belonging to the following individuals: Mrs. BENNIE MESSINA, 624 Bob-O-Links Drive, Dallas; R. HERMAN, 5527 West Amherst, Dallas; MARIE PARRINO, 3122 Forest, Dallas; FRANCES CANDEATTA, 2005 Buckingham, Dallas, and MARIO VACCARO, 4630 Walnut Hill Lane, Dallas. From appearance, indications were that the above individuals were attending a bridge party sponsored by CIVELLO's wife. Consideration is being given to interview of these individuals.

On February 24, 1959, Lt. JAMES M. SOUTER, (NA), Intelligence Unit, Dallas Police Department, advised he recently received information concerning CARLOS MARCELLO from a confidential source which reported that early in 1958 MARCELLO controlled LA horse race wire service from Louisiana under the name of the Nola Printing Company, and is reportedly supplying this service to Houston, Texas daily. Manager for the wire service for MARCELLO is JOSEPH A. PORETTO. On September 11, 1958, a collect phone LA call was made from Dallas, Mrs. PORETTO, Riverside 7-6411 (Adolphus Hotel). A check of records of the Adolphus Hotel reflects that JOE PORETTO and wife, 530 Iris Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana, on September 11, 1958, were assigned rooms 1965 and 1966 at 9:16 AM. They departed on September 12, 1958, at 3:00 PM. LA, TEXAS

SOUTER advised another MARCELLO operation is the Southern Sight Seeing Tours, 1225 Airline Highway, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana. He said this is the address of MARCELLO's Town and Country Motel. He advised the restaurant and lounge at that motel is owned by JOE PORETTO. He stated that some calls from this location were made on June 5, 1958, to WHitehall 2-4401, person to person, to the bookkeeper of American Bank and Trust

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Company, at which time a four minute conversation took place. SOUTER said possibly that one of the bank accounts of MARCELLO might be located at the American Bank and Trust Company. He advised inquiries were made on February 24, 1959, at that bank with negative results in regard to MARCELLO.

SOUTER advised that MARCELLO had been notified some time ago he was to be a witness before the McClellan Committee in Washington, but there have been a number of postponements due to MARCELLO's alleged illness. He said one of MARCELLO's attorneys has been attending the committee hearings and taking notes. He advised there is a strong likelihood MARCELLO may have been in communication with JOSEPH FRANCIS CIVELLO within the past few months to discuss the matter of the hearings.

On February 24, 1959, Mr. TERRY DICKENS, Cashier, American Bank and Trust Company, advised he could find no information concerning CARLOS MARCELLO or JOE PORETTO in bank records. He advised he made inquiries in the bookkeeping department of the bank and no one could recall any contact by these individuals.

On February 27, 1959, the Houston Office advised that the following investigation was conducted by SA WILLIAM O. JOHNSON at Houston, Texas.

On February 13, 1959, Mrs. ROSALIE MARINO, 7155 Moline Street, advised that she knew of subject but was not personally acquainted with him. Mrs. MARINO stated that she has been divorced from LOUIS J. MARINO for five years and during that period has received numerous telephone calls from persons who have asked for LOUIS. She stated that she does not recall any call from subject but that it was entirely possible that he would make a call. She stated that when she and LOUIS were living together she recalls him mentioning subject on numerous occasions. She stated that she cannot advise as to any association between her former husband and subject, nor can she furnish any information of value concerning the subject.

Mrs. MARINO stated that she is operating the Santa Rosa Day Nusery and has no association whatsoever with anyone of the criminal element. She advised that her ex-husband is currently residing in Galveston, Texas, and is associated with the H and M Manufacturing Company.

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On February 13, 1959, a review of the Greater Houston City Directory, Greater Houston Telephone Directory, and the Kriss Kross of Greater Houston reflected that the only person living in the area who might be identified with ~~SAM CALDERERO~~ (phonetic) is one ~~SAM CALDERERA, JR.~~, 1818 Driscoll Street, Houston, Texas.

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On February 16, 1959, Mrs. ALLIE FUTRELL, Credit Bureau of Greater Houston, advised that ~~SAM CALDERERA, JR.~~, has been known to their files since 1952. The file indicates that ~~TEXAS~~ he is employed at Mosk's Clothiers, Houston, as assistant manager and has been employed there since 1950. His wife is listed as FRANCES, and they are currently residing at 1818 Driscoll Street, Houston. His date of birth was listed as October 15, 1912.

On February 16, 1959, the following sources of information were contacted relative to ~~CALDERERA~~, and all advised that their files contained no information:

Miss LUPE CANO, Identification Bureau, Houston Police Department.

Miss BETTY STYLES, Records Bureau, Houston Police Department.

Miss BETTY WELLS, Identification Bureau, Harris County Sheriff's Office.

On February 27, 1959, the New York Office advised that an investigation concerning GERTI HERZIG at 224 Riverside Drive, New York City, reflected that both GERTI HERZIG and her husband, HANS, enjoy a good reputation as quiet legitimate business people. No information was obtained indicating the HERZIGS associate with criminals or are involved in criminal activity.

On March 11, 1959, the Oklahoma City Division furnished the following information concerning FRANK SACSHE of Chickasha, Oklahoma:

Chief of Police ROY CARMAN, Chickasha Police Department, advised that SACSHE came to Oklahoma approximately  $2\frac{1}{2}$  years ago and works in the oil business on different oil fields located near Cement, Oklahoma. SACSHE has a large stable of registered quarter horses and up until January 2, 1959, employed EMMET WATSON

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to care for and train them. WATSON, who took office as Sheriff of Grady County in Chickasha on January 2, 1959, worked for SACSHE after his election and up until the time he took office.

According to Chief of Police CARMAN, various unverified reports had been received to the effect that SACSHE had contributed \$3,500 to the campaign of Sheriff WATSON and was to receive in return the pinball and coin machine concession in Grady County. This apparently has not taken place as SACSHE and WATSON are no longer seen together, and it appears the coin machine concession is being handled by J. C. HUNTER.

SACSHE has recently built an expensive house at 2401 Carolina Street, Chickasha, Oklahoma, but his wife HELEN and four children have not moved in as yet. According to Chief of Police CARMAN, SACSHE is known as "Sexy" SACSHE as he associates with all the known prostitutes at the New Chickasha Motel.

SACSHE has been interviewed by Agents of the Oklahoma City Division in connection with other matters and has advised that he was formerly on the "death penalty board" for the state of Texas and received unfavorable publicity as a result of his affirming the death penalty conviction due to the fact he was acquainted with members of the Dallas Police Department.

SACSHE advised that he is well acquainted with Chief STEVENSON of the Dallas Police Department and formerly operated a pinboard and shuffleboard parlor in Dallas. According to SACSHE, he assisted narcotic agents in breaking up a narcotics gang among juveniles in Dallas. SACSHE also claims to have been a former football and basketball player professionally, having played with the Oshkosh All Stars.

FRANK V SACSHE was born July 24, 1917, in Brice, Texas, and attended school in Quintaque, Texas until 1935. He attended Texas Tech in Lubbock, Texas, from 1936 to 1939, and was previously employed by North American Aviation Company. From 1946 to 1948 he was employed at Sears and Roebuck Company in Dallas and is reported to have connections with the Pageant Club, Ramblin Inn and Buccaneer and Hawaiian Room in Dallas. He is reportedly an expert shuffleboard player and wins large sums of money gambling in this matter. He was reported to have lost between \$15,000 and \$20,000 gambling at the Windmill Club in Arlington, Texas.

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Files of the Credit Bureau of Chickasha reflect SACSHE has an income of \$750 monthly and his expenses far outweigh this income as he recently advised he paid over \$10,000 for registered quarter horses at the 1959 Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth, Texas.

CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

The following individuals were contacted on the dates indicated and furnished information that CIVELLO is not presently engaged in criminal activities. They state CIVELLO's activities are watched closely and any information concerning him will be relayed to the Dallas Office:

Dallas Confidential Informant T-1, contacted on February 19 and March 5 and 18, 1959.

Dallas Confidential Informant T-3, contacted on March 19, 1959.

Dallas Confidential Informant T-5, contacted on March 3, 1959.

Dallas Confidential Informant T-6, contacted on March 12, 1959.

Lt. J. M. SOUTER, (NA), Intelligence Unit, Dallas Police Department, contacted February 5, 10, 20, 24 and March 3, 1959.

Lt. JACK REVILL, Intelligence Unit, Dallas Police Department, contacted on March 13, 16 and 19, 1959.

Dallas County Sheriff BILL DECKER, contacted on February 20 and March 11, 1959.

ERNEST GENTRY, Agent in Charge, U. S. Narcotics Bureau, Dallas, contacted on March 10 and 11, 1959.

CHARLES MOORE, Intelligence Unit, Department of Public Safety, contacted March 3, 1959.

On March 10, 1959, Mr. ERNEST GENTRY, Agent in Charge, U. S. Narcotics Bureau, Dallas, advised on a confidential basis that [redacted] had been subpoenaed to appear before a Federal Grand

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Jury, Los Angeles, in the near future, at which time he would be questioned concerning the [redacted]

[redacted] Mr. GENTRY stated that he understood [redacted] was going to be [redacted] therefore he need not [redacted] to any questions concerning his knowledge of others. On March 9, 1959, the Los Angeles Office advised that [redacted] was scheduled to appear before Federal Grand Jury at [redacted]

[redacted] Grand Jury [JFK Act 10(a)2]

On March 13, 1959, Los Angeles advised that LLOYD F. DUNN, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, is directing testimony before the Federal Grand Jury investigating organized crime in Los Angeles. DUNN volunteered on March 13, 1959, that [redacted] appeared before the Federal Grand Jury on [redacted]

Los Angeles advised [redacted] was accompanied by Attorney [redacted] (verified by Dallas), and they returned to Dallas at once, according to DUNN. Means of travel was unknown.

LESTER MAY, Attorney, Dallas, Texas, advised SA VINCENT E. DRAIN on March 18, 1959, that [redacted] his law [redacted] had accompanied [redacted] to Los Angeles and while in Los Angeles suffered a broken leg caused in an automobile accident. He said [redacted] is attempting to delay [redacted] reported reappearance before the Grand Jury at [redacted] scheduled for [redacted]

On March 14, 1959, articles appeared in Dallas newspapers stating that CIVELLO was being instructed by a United States District Court Judge at Los Angeles, California, to answer questions put to him by a Federal Grand Jury. CIVELLO was told by the judge to be prepared to answer any questions about others that would not incriminate him personally at a later date when he would be recalled before the Federal Grand Jury. Articles indicated that the date of CIVELLO's reappearance before the Federal Grand Jury was April 16, 1959.

#### LEGITIMATE ENTERPRISES

On February 24, 1959, JAMES WILLIAM AMIDEI, 9721 Twin Creek Drive, Dallas, Texas, advised he purchased the Civello Import and Liquor Company from CHARLES EDWARD CIVELLO and ROSS MUSSO on July 15, 1958. He said JOSEPH FRANCIS CIVELLO had no

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interest in the store at the time he purchased same. He said he paid \$28,700 for the inventory in cash. He signed a note for \$6,500 for the fixtures. AMIDEI stated he could furnish no information concerning CIVELLO's activities and indicated that he had known CIVELLO only as a liquor store operator. He said that he had worked for JULIUS SCHEPPS, a wholesale liquor distributor in Dallas prior to his purchase of the store. He said he called on the Civello Import and Liquor Company regularly while he was working for the wholesale company. AMIDEI advised he has never associated with JOSEPH FRANCIS CIVELLO other than stated above. AMIDEI advised that shortly after buying the business he received several long distance phone calls from an unknown party in Detroit, Michigan, inquiring for JOE CIVELLO. Caller stated that CIVELLO would talk to him but the caller would not identify himself. AMIDEI advised that CIVELLO drops in the store occasionally, about once a week, and CIVELLO recently advised that he had invested money in the construction of a business located at Lemmon and McKinney Streets in Dallas. AMIDEI furnished a list of importer contacts used by CIVELLO which was furnished to him at the time he purchased the store. The list previously used by the CIVELLOS as establishments they dealt with is as follows:

Chicago - J. S. Hoffman Company, 312 West Illinois, Chicago, Illinois.

Pennsylvania - Brandywine Mushroom Company, West Chester, Pennsylvania.

New York - Domestic Edible Oil Company, 197 Grand Street, New York 12, New York.

California - Contadina Food Corporation, Post Office Box 207, San Jose, California.

New York - Cresca Company, Inc., 111 8th Avenue, New York 11, New York.

New York - Motta Company (JOSEPH D. MARANELLI), 11 West 42nd, New York 36, New York - 157 Hudson Street, New York 13, New York.

New York - Lekas and Drivos, 19 Roosevelt, New York City (Greek foodstuffs)

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New York - Palumbo Cigar Company, 472 Broome Street,  
New York 13, New York.

New Orleans - Ermanno T. Di Marzi, 130 International  
Trade Mart, New Orleans.

New York - J. Ossola Company, 155 Hudson, New York  
City

New York - Gary Valenti, 5572 61st Street, Maspeth  
78, New York.

New Orleans - Udo Taormina Company (Progresso Foods)  
2156 Agriculture Street, New Orleans (FRANK UDDE).

St. Louis - V. Viviano Company, 4649 Shaw Boulevard,  
St. Louis 10, Missouri.

New York - V. La Rosa and Son, 473 Kent Avenue,  
Brooklyn, New York.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

On March 9, 1959, Dallas Confidential Informant T-7 furnished the following information concerning toll calls from telephone number FL 2-0932, the Ristorante Vesuvio, and FL 2-8937, residence of JOE IANNI, 5024 Stanford Street, Dallas, Texas, for November and December, 1958. He advised no toll calls were made from telephone LA 8-7721, residence of JOSEPH FRANCIS CIVELLO, during November and December, 1958.

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12/1/58	" "	Fort Worth, Texas, ED 2-6809, LOSERO
12/8/58	" "	New Orleans, Louisiana. WH 9-9111, JAMES BROCATO and Sons, 1733 McShane Place.

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1/19/59	" "	Los Angeles, California, OL 2-2350, The Diners Club, La Cienega
12/25/58	FL 2-8937	Houston, Texas, JA 3-8882, JAMES PENTO
12/28/58	" "	Houston, Texas, JA 3-8882
11/24/58	" "	Houston, Texas, JA 3-8882
11/29/58	" "	" "
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CIVELLO SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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T-1 is DL-105-C.

T-3 is DL-86-C.

T-5 is JAMES C. WALLACE, PCI of the Dallas Office.

T-6 is DL-80-C.

T-7 is R. A. BURROW, Chief Special Agent, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Dallas, Texas.

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1. Will continue efforts to locate and interview ROSALIE P. MARINO for information relative to subject.

2. Will attempt to identify SAM CALDERERO (phonetic), possible associate of CIVELLO.

#### LOS ANGELES - INFORMATION

One copy of this report is being submitted for the Los Angeles Office for information in view of information contained in details concerning GREER GARSON, movie actress.

#### NEW ORLEANS

##### AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

Furnish background information concerning James Brocato Company, 1733 McChain, who reportedly does business with JOE IANNI, operator of Vesuvio Ristorante, Dallas. It should be noted IANNI is a contact for gamblers and hoodlums, especially those of Italian nationality.

#### NEW YORK

##### AT NEW YORK CITY

Will attempt to develop additional information concerning the return to the New York area of CARMINE "PETE" PELLEGRINO and THEODORE "TED" MOGAVERO, to identify and furnish information concerning GERTI HERZIG, 224 Riverside Drive, New York City.

#### OKLAHOMA CITY

##### AT CHICKASAW, OKLAHOMA

Attempt to obtain current information concerning FRANK SACHSE reportedly now living in Chickasaw, who is an associate of JOE IANNI, Dallas, Texas restaurant operator who is a contact of gamblers and hoodlums in the Dallas area.

#### DALLAS

##### AT DALLAS, TEXAS

1. Will maintain close liaison with Lt. J. M. SOUTER, Intelligence Unit, Dallas Police Department, for information relative to JOE IANNI and subject.

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2. Will maintain coverage of CIVELLO's activities through present sources and attempt to develop new sources in this regard.

3. Will conduct spot checks and/or surveillances of subject's residence and other places frequented by the subject.

4. Continue to identify possible associates of subject and obtain background information concerning them.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE

It should be noted that the Dallas Police Department, under direction of Lt. J. M. SOUTER, (NA), Intelligence Unit, during December and January was conducting an investigation into the activities of JOE IANNI, FBI #3426142, owner and operator of the Vesuvio Ristorante, 5120 West Lovers Lane, Dallas, Texas, as IANNI has been involved in an attempt to set up a book making operation in Dallas in connection with sporting events. Relative information was reported in above referenced report. Lt. SOUTER requested that interviews by FBI Agents with individuals close to IANNI be held in abeyance so as not to cause IANNI and other individuals to become overly cautious during the Police Department intelligence investigation. For this reason individuals closely connected or believed closely connected with subject were not interviewed during this reporting period. Close contact is being maintained with Lt. SOUTER for information developed concerning IANNI and subject.

#### Informants

The following listed informants are being utilized in the investigation concerning subject:

PCI FRANK EDWARD LOBIANCO  
PCI H. P. WHITE  
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PCI JAMES C. WALLACE

Continued efforts will be made to locate and develop other informants who are in a position to offer information concerning subject's activities.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

**Copy to:**

Report of: MILTON L. NEWSOM Office: Dallas  
Date: 1/31/59

File Number: Dallas file 92-36  
Bureau file 92-2824

Title: JOSEPH FRANCIS CIVELLO

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

### Synopsis:

CIVELLO's activities continue to be limited, and he continues to reside at 5311 Denton Drive, Dallas, Texas. Information from informants and other sources indicate CIVELLO's heart condition remains such that he is considered to be in bad health and his activities are limited to investments of which he takes no active participation. Spot checks and surveillances indicate no criminal activity on CIVELLO's part at present. Roundup of individuals involved in book making operation at Dallas made by Dallas PD on 11/29/58. Subject not known to be directly involved. Information concerning possible associates of subject obtained from Houston and New York Offices, set out. **CIVELLO SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.**

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**DETAILS:**

## PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

Information obtained from informants and other sources, which are listed later in this report, indicates JOSEPH FRANCIS CIVELLO continues to reside at 5311 Denton Drive, Dallas, Texas.

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Information indicates CIVELLO's heart condition remains such that he is inactive as far as legitimate as well as illegitimate enterprises, and he limits his activities to the investment of money. No information was received indicating CIVELLO has made any trips out of the Dallas area during this reporting period.

ASSOCIATES

On November 28, 1958, Lt. J. M. SOUTER (NA), Intelligence Unit, Dallas Police Department, advised SA ROBERT M. BARRETT he had received considerable information concerning gambling activities on the part of CARMINE "PETE" PELLEGRINO, THEODORE "TED" MOGAVERO and PETER JOSEPH PICCOLA, all of whom were arrested by the University Park Police Department (Dallas, Texas) on October 23, 1958. SOUTER advised he felt he had sufficient information to possibly make arrests of several individuals involved with the above group and arrests should be made within the next few days.

On November 29, 1958, Lt. J. M. SOUTER advised SA MILTON L. NEWSOM that arrests of individuals connected with the gambling operation believed to be headed by CARMINE PELLEGRINO, FBI #778409C and JOE IANNI, FBI #3426142, would be made on the night of November 29, 1958. He stated he would furnish further information on December 1, 1958.

On December 1, 1958, Lt. SOUTER advised that on the night of November 29, 1958, CARMINE PELLEGRINO, JOE IANNI, MARIE PINTO IANNI, also known as TOTSIE, Dallas Sheriff's Office #87793, JOE IANNI's wife; J. C. COLLETTA, who operates a liquor store at 2604 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas; HARRY DAVID KAHN, Dallas Police Department #20286; JOHNNY ROSS PATRONO, FBI #3242960, and PETER JOSEPH PICCOLA were all arrested on November 29, 1958, and considerable material was seized indicating all of the above individuals were involved in gambling operations concerning football games and other sporting events. SOUTER stated PELLEGRINO, IANNI and IANNI's wife were arrested at IANNI's residence, 5024 West Stanford, Dallas, Texas, and were operating from that residence. He stated PETER JOSEPH PICCOLA was arrested at 1810 North Garrett Street, PICCOLA's residence and evidence was found to show that PICCOLA was operating out of this residence. SOUTER advised J. C. COLLETTA, who resides at 5717 Goodwin, Dallas, was arrested at the J. C. Liquor Store, 2604 Ross Avenue, where he was operating a bookie establishment in connection with the above individuals. HARRY DAVID KAHN was arrested in his office at the Adolphus Tower and evidence was found to indicate KAHN was

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connected with the same bookie operation in regard to sports. SOUTER stated that JOHNNY ROSS PATRONO was arrested at 4156 Hawthorne Street, Dallas, where he was also operating a gambling establishment, but information indicates PATRONO's operation was "self-made" and although indirectly connected with PELLEGRINO and IANNI, PATRONO appeared to be operating alone.

It should be noted that HARRY DAVID KAHN has been previously reported as an associate of CIVELLO. SOUTER stated there is no evidence to indicate CIVELLO was connected with the bookie operation and if such evidence is obtained, the Dallas Office will be immediately advised.

SOUTER advised the Dallas Police Department Identification Bureau reflects KAHN was arrested by the Dallas Police Department under number 20286 on June 12, 1940, as a fugitive from Chicago, Illinois, under the name of ALBERT LOUIS WEISBERG, reportedly his true name, for a confidence scheme. Chicago authorities refused to extradite KAHN following this arrest and he was released. At that time KAHN was 53 years of age, making him approximately 71 years of age at present. The Texas Department of Public Safety #163-579 reflected no further information regarding KAHN and there was no FBI identification record in the file concerning him.

JOHNNY ROSS PATRONO has been arrested by the Dallas Police Department for vagrancy and investigation for general principles and is under Dallas Police Department #27256. His FBI identification record under FBI #3242960 reflects he was arrested January 18, 1943, for receiving and conceiving stolen property in an interstate transportation of stolen property violation and was no billed by a grand jury.

SOUTER further stated MARIE PINTO IANNI was arrested on November 7, 1957, for resisting arrest and interfering with officers and has Dallas Sheriff's Office #87793. There was no other record at that time, state or Federal concerning her. SOUTER also stated J. C. COLLETTA has no local arrest record.

On December 31, 1958, the New York Division advised that on December 3, 1958, Inspector JOHN J. QUINN, New York State Police, 270 Broadway, New York City, New York, made available the following information to SA VINCENT F. CLANCY from files of his department:

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A report dated May 14, 1958, on ROCCO PELLEGRINO, father of CARMINE PELLEGRINO, reflected that ROCCO PELLEGRINO resides at 20 Carrigan Avenue, White Plains, New York, was born on April 13, 1889, and was naturalized in the Supreme Court, Westchester County, Certificate Number 6461892. The report reflected that he is a known gambler and a suspected dealer in narcotics, and is said to be the "dean of narcotics" in the underworld. He is the owner of the Pellegrino Bakery, 91 Ferris Avenue, White Plains, New York.

The report further reflected that CARMINE PELLEGRINO, born May 18, 1916, is listed as one of ROCCO's sons, and was reported to be residing at 21 Park Avenue, White Plains, New York, with his wife MARGARET, nee ODELL and two children. It was indicated that he was arrested in June, 1944, by Federal Narcotics Agents, at which time he admitted that he used marijuana cigarettes. He is also reported to be a musician and operated a band under the name of CARMINE PELL which played at "The Barge" in Port Chester, New York. On January 12, 1958, CARMINE PELLEGRINO was arrested in White Plains, New York, for operating a dice game for which he was booked on a disorderly conduct charge and fined \$25.00. The report also indicated in regard to this dice game that CARMINE PELLEGRINO paid the fines for all the other players in the game, numbering 32.

The file further reflected that PETER PELLEGRINO, brother of CARMINE PELLEGRINO, and ROCCO PELLEGRINO made frequent trips to Dallas, Texas, and that they resided at the Highlander Hotel in that city. The report indicated that PETER PELLEGRINO usually stays in Dallas each year from September through January, and is allegedly in business with JOSEPH IANNI at the restaurant, Ristorante Vesuvio, 5122 West Lovers Lane, Dallas, Texas.

The files indicate that SARO MOGAVERO is a lieutenant of ROCCO PELLEGRINO. The only information contained in the file concerning THEODORE MOGAVERO was an item that on November 14, 1957, an engagement party was held for ELEANOR PELLEGRINO and TEDDY MOGAVERO at the Water Wheel Restaurant, Route 9A, Ardsley, New York. It is noted that this was also the date of the Apalachin meeting.

Inspector QUINN concluded by advising SA CLANCY that he believed that the above mentioned individuals were married recently in Westchester County, New York.

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The Houston Office advised on January 12, 1959, that on November 20, 1958, HO T-4 advised SA WILLIAM O. JOHNSON that subject formerly operated a liquor store in Dallas; however, recently became associated with JOE IANNI in the operation of a restaurant in Dallas. According to HO T-4, JOE IANNI lost heavily gambling and was forced to borrow money from a bank in order to continue operating the restaurant. When IANNI was unable to pay the bank, the subject paid the bank and in return obtained part interest in IANNI's restaurant. HO T-4 stated IANNI continues to work at the restaurant and subject's brother, CHARLES CIVELLO, also helps operate the restaurant. (It should be noted the restaurant referred to is the Vesuvio Ristorante, 5120 West Lovers Lane, Dallas, Texas.)

On January 6, 1958, HO T-7 advised SA FREDERICK C. FEHL that he is not in possession of any information that would indicate the degree of association of subject with JOSEPH PETER LUKE, LOUIS J. MARINO, or JOHN MATRANGA. He stated he knows that HERMAN T. WILLIAMS and subject had an association at one time. Information concerning HERMAN T. WILLIAMS was reported previously. HO T-7 stated that JOSEPH PETER LUKE operates a dice table and gambling establishment in Fort Bend County, Texas, and every sixty days or so is forced to close. He said LUKE is considered an honest gambler by all other gamblers in Texas and his only close associates are BENNY PETERS and MAX PAYNE. He advised LUKE is the "lone wolf type" and does not have any close association with any of the so-called hoodlums. HO T-7 said he has heard rumbles to the effect that LUKE has "laid and paid off many bets in the Dallas area".

HO T-7 advised LOUIS J. MARINO is a well known Galveston, Texas gambler and associates with "most of the big hoodlums" in Texas. He stated, however, that he does not know if MARINO is an associate of the subject.

HO T-7 advised he is not familiar with JOHN MATRANGA and could furnish no information regarding him.

On December 23, 1958, efforts were made to contact Mrs. ROSALIE P. MARINO, 7155 Moline Street, Houston, Texas by SA WILLIAM O. JOHNSON with negative results. Discreet neighborhood inquiry reflected she was out of town for the holidays but is expected to return in the near future.

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On January 26, 1959, Lt. J. M. SOUTER, (NA), Intelligence Unit, Dallas Police Department, advised that during the raid on the apartment of CARMINE PELLEGRINO by the University Park Police Department on October 23, 1958, a Los Angeles telephone number was found, number GR 2-3565. The Los Angeles Police Department was requested to check this number and advise Dallas subscriber to same. The Los Angeles Police Department advised at a later date that the above number is listed to GREER GARSON FOGELSON, 680 Stone Canyon (Bel-air), West Los Angeles. The bills are sent to E. E. FOGELSON, 2512 Cedar Springs, Dallas, Texas. It was pointed out that the name is that of GREER GARSON, the movie actress who is married to BUDDY FOGELSON, Texas oilman. Lt. SOUTER advised there is no indication as to why this number was in the possession of PELLEGRINO. Lt. SOUTER on January 26, 1959, furnished the following information concerning JOE IANNI, FBI #3426142, which was obtained from the files of the Dallas Police Department:

Information obtained from confidential sources, Dallas Police Department, indicates JOSEPH FRANCIS CIVELLO and JOE IANNI are close associates of HARWIN DALLAS COOK, also known as ICY COOK and HARRY DAVID KAHN, who is reportedly an oil operator. KAHN has offices at 2014 Adolphus Tower, Dallas, Texas. HARWIN DALLAS COOK is reported to be an old-time Dallas gambler, Dallas Police Department #12841.

LUKE CORTEMEGLIA, operates Corty's Drive-In, Dallas, Texas, and is a close associate of IANNI and CIVELLO. It is reported CIVELLO handled certain aspects of the arrangements in getting the above drive-in into operation and possibly has a financial interest therein.

PETE INTERRANTE, operator of Ross' Drive-in, 3418 McKinney Street, Dallas, is reportedly a contact of JOE IANNI and CIVELLO.

IANNI does business with James Brocato and Company, 1733 McChain, New Orleans, Louisiana, type of business unknown.

SAM CALDERERO (phonetic), a resident of Houston, Texas, is an associate of IANNI and may possibly be an associate of JOSEPH FRANCIS CIVELLO.

FRANK SACHSE, former Dallas coin machine operator, who is reported to presently reside in Chickasaw, Oklahoma, is an associate of JOE IANNI.

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IANNI was reported to be recently in contact with one "BUDDY" (LNU) of Arlington, Texas. "BUDDY" is believed to be identical to BUDDY HAAS, Arlington gambler who is an associate of JOHNNY ROSS PATRONO, Dallas gambler. Information concerning PATRONO has been previously reported.

IANNI continues to reside at 5024 Stanford Street, Dallas, Texas, telephone number FL 2-9197. IANNI has been known to be contacted from telephone DAVIS 8-2005, which is the telephone number of Drive-In Liquors, 7501 East Grand, owned and operated by JOHNNY CARCELLI. Subject recently talked to JOHNNY GRISAFFI, Dallas police character, about liquor prices at that number. IANNI was contacted recently by telephone, number Lakeside 6-2337, which is listed to ROSS MUSSO, 5311 Denton Drive, brother-in-law of JOSEPH FRANCIS CIVELLO. As previously pointed out, JOSEPH FRANCIS CIVELLO also resides at 5311 Denton Drive.

IANNI was contacted recently from telephone number Lakeside 6-6281, which is listed to 4156 Hawthorne Street, in the name of NED MORRIS. This name is believed fictitious. The apartment located at 4156 Hawthorne Street was previously used by PETE PELLEGRINO and JOHNNY ROSS PATRONO as a book making establishment.

IANNI has also been contacted from telephone number Lakeside 8-0936, listed to CHARLES EDWARD CIVELLO, 3626 Armstrong, brother of subject CIVELLO, and an associate of IANNI in the Vesuvio Ristorante.

IANNI was contacted by HARRY DAVID KAHN from telephone number Riverside 7-0539, which is listed to KAHN at 2014 Adolphus Tower, Dallas, Texas.

IANNI was contacted by JOSEPH PETER PICCOLA from telephone TAylor 1-9092, listed to PICCOLA at 1810 North Garrett Street, Dallas, Texas.

He was contacted from telephone number TAylor 3-7135, listed to R. J. BRUNSON, 5520 Swiss Avenue, listed in the 1956 City Directory as a used car dealer.

SOUTER explained that the above information was obtained from notes made by IANNI and furnished to his department by a confidential source.

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CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

The following individuals were contacted on the dates indicated and furnished information as stated above under "Personal History and Background", and further stated that CIVELLO is not presently engaged in criminal activities. They indicate CIVELLO's activities remain limited and any information concerning CIVELLO obtained by them in the future will be immediately relayed to the Dallas Office.

DL T-1 contacted on December 8, 23, 1958 and January 1 and 15, 1959.

DL T-2 contacted on December 11, 1958, by SA VINCENT E. DRAIN.

DL T-3 contacted on December 22, 1958 and January 19, 1959.

DL T-5 contacted on December 12, 1958, and January 5, 1959.

DL T-6 contacted on December 29, 1958.

Lt. J. M. SOUTER, (NA), Intelligence Unit, Dallas Police Department, contacted on November 28, 29; December 2, 22, 1958 and January 26, 1959.

Dallas County Sheriff BILL DECKER contacted December 1, 31, 1958.

Deputy Sheriff O'BRYNE COX contacted January 15, 1959.

Detective DON STRINGFELLOW, Intelligence Unit, Dallas Police Department, contacted on December 2, 1958, and January 19, 1959.

Detective G. D. GANDY, Intelligence Unit, Dallas Police Department, contacted on January 26, 1959.

LEE COX, Federal Narcotics Bureau, contacted on December 30, 1958.

CHARLES MOORE, Intelligence Unit, Department of Public Safety, contacted on January 19, 1959.

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Spot checks were made of subject's residence and at the Vesuvio Ristorante on December 10, 12, 31, 1958, and on January 5, 7, 19, 1959.

Spot checks were made of the Egyptian Lounge which is operated by JOE and SAM CAMPISI, 5610 Mockingbird Lane, Dallas, Texas, on December 8, 12, 15, 1958, and on January 19, 1959.

The above spot checks produced no information which would indicate CIVELLO is being contacted by hoodlums on other characters and indicated CIVELLO stays at his residence at 5311 Denton Drive most of the time.

CIVELLO SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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**INFORMANT PAGE**

DL T-1 is FRANK EDWARD LOBIANCO, PCI of the Dallas Office.

DL T-2 is H. P. WHITE, PCI of the Dallas Office.

DL T-3 is DL-86-C.

HO T-4 is HO 1082-C.

DL T-5 is JAMES C. WALLACE, PCI of the Dallas Office.

DL T-6 is DL-80-C.

DL T-7 is HO 1076-C.

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