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CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ANTI-RACKETEERING</b>			

### **Synopsis:**

## REFERENCES

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NEW YORK DIVISION

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Will follow and report prosecutive action against subject in  
USDC, SDNY.

DALLAS DIVISION

AT DALLAS, TEXAS

Will continue contact with established sources and continue  
to develop additional sources for the purpose of determining subject's  
current activities.

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

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

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Report of: **MILTON L. NEWSOM** Office: **DALLAS**  
Date: **11/9/59**

Field Office File #: **Dallas 92-36** Bureau File #: **92-2824**

Title: **JOSEPH FRANCIS CIVITILO**

## **Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING**

**Synopsis:** CIVELLO currently standing trial in USDC, SDNY, in the case US vs. BONANNO, ET AL. Subject is being represented by Attorney DAVID M. MARKOWITZ. The principal defense attorney for all defendants is MAURICE EDELBAUM. CIVELLO recently leased a piece of property located on Mockingbird Lane, Dallas, near Love Field Airport, on which he plans to construct a liquor store. CIVELLO remains inactive following his arrest and continues to reside at 5311 Denton Drive, Dallas. CIVELLO HAS BEEN KNOWN TO CARRY FIREARMS AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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### DETAILS:

**AT DALLAS, TEXAS:**

## ASSOCIATES

On September 21, 1959, SA ROBERT M. BARRETT observed the following cars parked in the rear of the restaurant constructed by CIVELLO and his brother-in-law, ROSS MUSSO, and operated by PETE INTERRANTE, FBI# 385333, located at the corner of McKinney and Lemmon Streets:

6611 Santa Fe  
ANITA, Dallas, Tex.

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1959 Texas License:	Registered to:	Make of car:
MT 1791	PETE INTERRANTE, 6611 Santa Anita, Dallas, Texas	1956 Oldsmobile, color tan
MT 1793	PHILLIP NUCHE, <u>4307 Cabell Drive,</u> <u>Dallas, Texas</u>	1947 Chevrolet (License observed on 1952 gray Olds)
MS 5368	Mrs. P. D. MORRIS, <u>4936 Beeman,</u> <u>Dallas, Texas</u>	1958 Buick
MU 6835	GOLDIA MAE WATKINS, <u>1946 Duluth Street,</u> <u>Dallas, Texas</u>	1959 Chevrolet
NC 9136	JOY MARIE MORALE, <u>407 North Fitzhugh,</u> <u>Dallas, Texas</u>	1957 Mercury, color blue & white
NK 1479	JIMMY MAGGIOTTA, <u>10229 San Lorenzo,</u> <u>Dallas, Texas</u> Dallas PD# 33880	1957 Chevrolet, color black & white
NM 1104	LILLIE FAY SWITZER, <u>3718 Noble Street,</u> <u>Dallas, Texas</u>	1957 Ford
NM 429	MYRTLE WHITE and PETE INTERRANTE, <u>4912 Columbia,</u> <u>Dallas, Texas</u>	1955 Buick, color white

The above information was discussed with Detective H. M. HART, Criminal Intelligence Section, Dallas Police Department, on September 21, 1959. Detective HART advised he has recently obtained information that card and crap games are held at the above establishment at times and stated the Dallas Police Department is keeping the place under spot checks. Detective HART stated JIMMY MAGGIOTTA, Dallas PD# 33880, is a known gambler, and he theorized that a gambling game was probably going on at the time the above automobiles were at the above location.

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On September 29, 1959, the Los Angeles Office advised information was received from Special Agent LARRY KATZ, Federal Narcotics Bureau, that his office had been requested to identify the subscriber to telephone number AXminster 2-0826, which number had been called from a telephone in Dallas, Texas, number Lakeside 6-2337, which is listed to JOSEPH CIVELLO.

KATZ informed that he had learned that AXminster 2-0826 is listed to one TOMMY PALERMO at 3710 West 63rd Street, Los Angeles. Calif. B. APPROX. 1896

There is no record of TOMMY PALERMO in the files of the Los Angeles Police Department or the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office. There is no record for PALERMO in the Los Angeles Office.

On July 24, 1959, the records of the Los Angeles Retail Merchants Credit Association, reviewed by SE JAMES L. MAHAN, reflected that TOMMY PALERMO and wife, MARY, had been known to the files of that association since 1948 and that prior to residing at 3710 West 63rd Street, Los Angeles, they had resided at 1235 East 77th Place, Los Angeles. PALERMO's age was listed as approximately 52 years, at which time he was employed as a sales manager for the Big Tree Wine Distributors, 6415 Compton Avenue, Los Angeles. He had served in that capacity for approximately five years and his income was reflected at approximately \$500 per month.

#### CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Contact was maintained with established sources at the Dallas Police Department, Dallas County Sheriff's Office, Federal Narcotics Bureau, Department of Public Safety, and with informants, as previously reported, throughout this reporting period. Regular spot checks were made of CIVELLO's residence and places frequented by CIVELLO and his associates. CIVELLO continues to reside at 5311 Denton Drive, Dallas, Texas. According to established sources, CIVELLO has remained inactive since his arrest by the Federal Narcotics Bureau at Dallas on May 21, 1959.

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LEGITIMATE ENTERPRISES

On September 24, 1959, Dallas Confidential Informant T-12, who is considered reliable, advised SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING that CIVELLO, either directly or through his brother, CHARLES EDWARD CIVELLO, has leased a piece of property on Mockingbird Lane, Dallas, Texas, near Love Field Airport, on which he plans to construct a liquor store. T-12 stated he believed an individual by the name of MUSSO (CIVELLO's brother-in-law, ROSS MUSSO) would also be connected in this enterprise. He advised that the property leased to CIVELLO was done through the owner of the property, CARL C. WEICHSEL, President, Great National Life Insurance Company, Dallas, Texas.

T-12 advised that Mr. WEICHSEL is a reputable businessman and is not connected with CIVELLO's criminal activities.

FEDERAL PROSECUTION

The New York Office advised on October 17, 1959, that the trial in the case United States vs. BONANNO, Et Al, was scheduled to begin on October 26, 1959, in United States District Court, Southern District of New York, before United States District Judge IRVING KAUFMAN.

On October 30, 1959, the New York Office advised that CIVELLO is currently standing trial in United States District Court, Southern District of New York, in the case United States vs. BONANNO, Et Al. CIVELLO is being represented by Attorney DAVID M. MARKOWITZ. The principal defense attorney for all defendants is MAURICE EDELBAUM.

The New York Office pointed out that no active investigation is being conducted concerning CIVELLO so as not to prejudice the Federal Government's case. Any matters coming to the attention of the New York Office will be forwarded to the Dallas Office. Investigative efforts in this case will be held in abeyance until the conclusion of the trial.

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INFORMANT PAGE

T-12 is EARL FINDLING, Confidential Source, former FBI Agent, now engaged in real estate business at Dallas, Texas.

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NEW YORK DIVISION

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Will furnish details concerning subject's appearance in U. S. District Court, SDNY, on 10/13/59. Follow and report federal prosecution of subject.

DALLAS DIVISION

AT DALLAS, TEXAS

Will continue contact with established sources relative to subject's activities.

Will attempt to ascertain any known details regarding the Apalachin Meeting or concerning subject's appearance there.

Will continue efforts to develop new sources and informants who can supply information concerning the above.

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

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

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## Character: ANTI-BACKETEERING

**Synopsis:** CIVELLO remains criminally inactive and continues to reside at 5311 Denton Drive, Dallas, Texas, according to established sources. CIVELLO scheduled to appear USDC, SDNY, 10/13/59 for trial before USDJ I. R. KAUFMAN. JOE CAMPISI and JOHNNIE ROSS PATRONO, associates of subject, reported making large wagers on performances of individual golfers at the recent Dallas Open Golf Tournament. JOE IANNI, associate of subject, continues to suffer from heart attack he had on 7/10/59. CIVELLO was reported to be a pallbearer at the funeral of FRANK SATERINO, Dallas, who was father of Dallas Italian police characters CHARLES and PAUL SATERINO. CIVELLO's brother, CHARLES EDWARD CIVELLO, and his friend, PETE INTERRANTE, were also pallbearers. CIVELLO SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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On September 11, 1959, Dallas Confidential Informant T-11 advised that JOHNNIE ROSS PATRONO and his close associate JOE CAMPISI, both close associates of JOSEPH FRANCIS CIVELLO, were at the Dallas Open Golf Tournament and were making large wagers on the performances of individual golfers. The tournament was held just recently. T-11 stated CAMPISI had been observed in very close contact with golfers MIKE SOUCHAK and DOUG FORD. CAMPISI allegedly placed a large wager on September 10, 1959, on FORD to beat CARY MIDDLECOFF, but lost this wager.

On August 12, 1959, Detective H. M. HART, Criminal Intelligence Section, Dallas Police Department, advised that one of CIVELLO's associates, PHILLIP S. BOSCO, Dallas, Texas, was observed at the funeral of JOHN CORTEMEGLIA, father of LUKE CORTEMEGLIA. BOSCO was driving a car which is registered to him in Austin, Texas. BOSCO resides and has his business in Dallas, Texas. He is described by HART as an active bookie and gambler.

Dallas Confidential Informant T-8 on August 4, 1959, advised that he was handling the funeral of FRANK SATERINO, father of Dallas Italian police characters, CHARLES and PAUL SATERINO. He said two of the pallbearers would be JOSEPH FRANCIS CIVELLO and his brother, CHARLES EDWARD CIVELLO. He reported the funeral would take place on August 5, 1959. *TEXAS*

On August 6, 1959, T-11 advised that JOHN CORTEMEGLIA, father of LUKE CORTEMEGLIA, associate of CIVELLO, died and would be buried on August 8, 1959. He stated JOSEPH FRANCIS CIVELLO and CHARLES EDWARD CIVELLO would be pallbearers, along with Dallas police character PETE MINTERRANTE, another associate of CIVELLO.

*TEXAS*  
On August 6, 1959, Lieutenant JACK REVILL, Criminal Intelligence Section, Dallas Police Department, advised that his section is conducting active investigation concerning funerals of Italians in the Dallas area, especially those suspected of having underworld contacts. He advised that he will keep the Dallas FBI Office advised of pertinent developments.

On August 18, 1959, JOE IANNI, associate of CIVELLO, was observed by SA ROBERT M. BARRETT at the EGYPTIAN LOUNGE, a restaurant operated by JOE and SAM CAMPISI, Dallas, Texas, at which time SA BARRETT overheard IANNI state that he had suffered four heart attacks recently and his doctor had only allowed him to get up and move around within the past three or four days. IANNI also stated that he had been instructed by his doctor not to conduct any physical exertion. IANNI was observed in conversation with JOE CAMPISI and FRANK LA COCO.

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Detective H. M. HART advised on September 16, 1959, that JOE IANNI continues to suffer from the heart attack he had on July 10, 1959, and remains under strict doctor's care, according to his sources.

Associates and close acquaintances of JOSEPH FRANCIS CIVELLO are not being interviewed by Dallas during present investigation in view of CIVELLO's indictment and scheduled trial in United States District Court, Southern District of New York.

Investigation is being conducted through established sources relative to CIVELLO's associates, movements, and activities.

#### FEDERAL PROSECUTION

The New York Office advised on August 28, 1959, that Mr. DAVID SWEENEY, Assistant Clerk of Courts, Criminal Division, United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on August 24, 1959, advised SA JOHN EDWARD SHEDD, that CIVELLO had appeared in the above court on June 4, 1959, and pled not guilty. Bail was set in the amount of \$20,000. CIVELLO was represented by Attorney DAVID M. MARKOWITZ, 261 Broadway, New York City.

CIVELLO was scheduled to appear for trial on October 13, 1959, before United States District Court Judge I. R. KAUFMAN, United States District Court, Southern District of New York.

#### CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Contact was maintained with established sources at the Dallas Police Department, Dallas County Sheriff's Office, Department of Public Safety, and with informants, as previously reported, throughout this reporting period. Regular spot checks were made of CIVELLO's residence. CIVELLO continues to reside at 5311 Denton Drive with his brother-in-law, ROSS MUSSO. According to information obtained, CIVELLO remains inactive in criminal affairs and his movements and legitimate activities remain very limited.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office <b>DALLAS</b>	Office of Origin <b>DALLAS</b>	Date <b>7/31/59</b>	Investigative Period <b>6/17-7/31/59</b>
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Synopsis:

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Date: 7/31/59

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Bureau File #: 92-2824

Title: JOSEPH FRANCIS CIVELLO

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: CIVELLO continues to reside at 5311 Denton Drive, Dallas, Texas. He continues to remain inactive in criminal affairs according to established sources. Information regarding possible associates of the subject set out. ~~JOE IANNI, FBI# 3426142~~, close associate of subject, on 7/10/59 suffered heart attack at Dallas and ~~Texas~~ was confined St. Paul Hospital until 7/23/59. IANNI is still under close doctor's care. CIVELLO SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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## DETAILS:

ASSOCIATES

The Philadelphia Office advised on June 29, 1959, that a review of records at Dun and Bradstreet, Philadelphia, on May 13, 1959, by SE E. DAVIS PORTER indicated that the Brandywine Mushroom Corporation, South Matlack Street, West Chester, Pennsylvania, is a Delaware corporation which was started in 1927 by CASPER FAUCETT and BYRON HIPPLE. It has authorized capitalization of 10,000 shares of no par common stock of which 4,094.5 shares valued at \$162, 393 were outstanding as of July 31, 1958. From background information furnished, the concern appears to be reliable and no information of a criminal nature could be developed.

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In addition to the above, the Philadelphia Office advised that the following investigation was conducted by SA FRANCES X. HANLON concerning GLENN M. SAUL, 435 Catherine Street, Middletown, Pennsylvania.

SAUL has no criminal record at either the Middletown Police Department or the Harrisburg Police Department, although he has spent all his formative years in these towns prior to serving with the Marine Corps during 1953. He was born April 15, 1932, at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and held various jobs as a laborer in the Harrisburg vicinity prior to and after his military service. His last known address in this area was 2309 Hoffer Street, Penbrook, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, where he lived with his wife, SHIRLEY. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. EDWARD SAUL, still reside at 435 Catherine Street, Middletown, with another son who is still in high school. The entire family enjoys a good reputation in the community. The Credit Bureau of Greater Harrisburg has no current address for GLENN M. SAUL, but he apparently no longer lives in this area.

On June 29, 1959, Detective E. J. GEE, Special Service Bureau, Dallas Police Department, Dallas, Texas, advised he observed JOSEPH FRANCIS CIVELLO driving a 1958 Thunderbird, white in color, bearing 1959 Louisiana license 76-495, on June 26, 1959, in Dallas, in the company of three unknown white males.

On July 15, 1959, the New Orleans Office advised that the following investigation was conducted by SA GEORGE P. ROTE at Baton Rouge, Louisiana:

On July 6, 1959, H. A. WILLIS, Louisiana Motor Vehicle Bureau, advised records reflect the following information concerning 1959 Louisiana license 76-495:

Registered to a 1956 Chevrolet, 2 door convertible. Registered to JOSEPH ADAM TULLIER, 2015 North 17th Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Serial Number VC 560063336. Acquired on December 10, 1958, from Capitol Motor Sales, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. No stolen report.

On July 6, 1959, PAT BROOKS, Drivers License Section, advised she could locate no record in their files for JOSEPH ADAM TULLIER.

The Baton Rouge City Directory reflects JOSEPH A. and HAZEL TULLIER, 2015 North 17th Street, employed as helper for JOHN A. ALLISON and Associates, 2864 Kalurah Street, Baton Rouge.

Mrs. MINNIE BICKHAM, Baton Rouge Credit Bureau, on July 6, 1959, advised that the TULLIERS have a good credit rating and no derogatory information recorded.

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On July 6, 1959, Officer JOHN FUHRMAN, Baton Rouge Police Department, advised he could locate no record for JOSEPH A. TULLIER in the files of that department.

On July 6, 1959, Captain BILLY JOE BOOTH, Identification Division, Louisiana State Police, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, advised their records reflected the following applicant fingerprint cards for one JOSEPH ADAM TULLIER and one JOSEPH ADAM TULLIER, JR.

Name	<u>JOSEPH ADAM TULLIER</u>
Race	<u>White</u>
Sex	<u>Male</u>
Date of birth	<u>June 28, 1915</u>
Place of birth	<u>Plaquemine, Louisiana</u>
Height	<u>70 inches</u>
Weight	<u>189 pounds</u>
Hair	<u>Black</u>
Eyes	<u>Brown</u>
Residence	<u>Baton Rouge, Louisiana</u>
Printed for	<u>Dow Chemical Company</u>
Name	<u>JOSEPH ADAM TULLIER, JR.</u>
Race	<u>White</u>
Sex	<u>Male</u>
Date of birth	<u>August 16, 1938</u>
Place of birth	<u>Louisiana</u>
Height	<u>5 feet 10 inches</u>
Weight	<u>180 pounds</u>
Hair	<u>Blond</u>
Eyes	<u>Blue</u>
Printed for	<u>Esso Standard Oil Company</u>

On July 13, 1959, Detective H. M. HART, Criminal Intelligence Section, Dallas Police Department, Dallas, Texas, advised that on July 10, 1959, JOE IANNI, a close associate of the subject, suffered a severe heart attack and was immediately confined to the St. Paul Hospital, Dallas, Texas. JOE IANNI, FBI# 3426142, has been mentioned previously as an associate of the subject.

On July 30, 1959, Doctor R. J. PULS, Medical Arts Building, Dallas, Texas, advised SA ROBERT M. BARRETT that JOE IANNI suffered a severe heart attack on July 10, 1959, and was confined to the St. Paul Hospital until July 23, 1959, when he was released. Dr. PULS advised that IANNI is still under close care. IANNI is presently confined to his bed at his residence.

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CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Contact was maintained with established sources at the Dallas Police Department, Dallas County Sheriff's Office, and with informants, as previously reported, throughout this reporting period. According to information obtained, CIVELLO remains inactive in criminal affairs. CIVELLO continues to reside at 5311 Denton Drive, Dallas, Texas.

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(1) Will furnish complete information concerning subject's appearance in U. S. District Court, Southern District of New York, and follow and report federal prosecution of subject.

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AT DALLAS, TEXAS:

(1) Will maintain contact with sources concerning subject's activities and continue to identify possible associates of the subject.

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

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

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**Copy to:**

Report of: MILTON L. NEWSOM Office: DALLAS  
Date: 6/23/59  
Field Office File #: Dallas 92-36 Bureau File #: 92-2824  
Title: JOSEPH FRANCIS CIVELLO

**Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING**

**Synopsis:** CIVELLO described as top ranking member of Italian criminal organization in Dallas, Texas, but currently inactive. Background information regarding CIVELLO's associates set out. Subject's father, PHILIP CIVELLO, died from natural causes, 4/27/59. Subject arrested 5/21/59 by U. S. Narcotics Bureau on warrant from SDNY, charging CIVELLO with conspiracy to commit perjury. Subject arraigned before USC, Dallas, 5/21/59, released on temporary \$30,000 bond. CIVELLO granted removal hearing before U. S. District Judge, Dallas, 6/2/59, and was ordered removed to USDC, SDNY. CIVELLO departed Dallas, 6/3/59, entered plea of not guilty in USDC, SDNY, and bond set at \$20,000. CIVELLO returned to Dallas. CIVELLO SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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**DETAILS:**

## BACKGROUND OF REPORTED MAFIA CONNECTIONS

On March 31, 1959, Dallas Confidential Informant T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past and who is well acquainted with the Italian element in Dallas, described JOSEPH FRANCIS CIVELLO as the top ranking member of an Italian criminal organization, sometimes referred to as the "Mafia", in the Dallas area. He stated CIVELLO achieved this ranking during his more active years and primarily because of a murder CIVELLO committed in 1928. He stated CIVELLO shot one JOE DE CARLO with a sawed off shotgun in a drug store in Dallas,

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Texas, on July 14, 1928. CIVELLO was exonerated of murder charges after claiming the shooting was accidental. T-1 stated that DE CARLO's murder was ordered by the "organization" after DE CARLO had attempted to hold out a considerable sum of money accumulated through illegal activities. T-1 stated that this information came to him indirectly and he has no information concerning actual proof of the above, but is convinced that the information is correct.

T-1 advised that the original head of the Mafia in Texas was CARLO T. PIRANIO (born May 8, 1876 in Sicily) and that CARLO PIRANIO held that position until his death in 1930. At that time CARLO's brother, JOSEPH T. PIRANIO became the leader of the Mafia in Texas and retained same until his suicide in 1956, at which time JOSEPH FRANCIS CIVELLO became the headman.

On March 30, 1959, Deputy Sheriff O'BRYNE COX, Dallas County Sheriff's Office, who is well acquainted with the Italian element in Dallas, advised he had information from a confidential source that the original head of the Mafia in Texas was CARLO T. PIRANIO, who was succeeded by his brother, JOSEPH T. PIRANIO and subsequently by JOSEPH FRANCIS CIVELLO.

Dallas Confidential Informant T-8, who has furnished reliable information in the past and who is well acquainted with the Italian element in Dallas, advised on March 27, 1959, that CIVELLO is a relation by marriage with JOSEPH T. PIRANIO. In addition to this, CIVELLO was a pallbearer at both the funerals for JOSEPH T. PIRANIO and PIRANIO's wife, LEAN PIRANIO.

On the night of April 1, 1959, Bureau agents observed CIVELLO attending a rosary held at a Dallas funeral home for MRS. CLEMENZIA PIRANIO, wife of CARLO, who died on March 31, 1959.

The basis for CIVELLO's designation as a Mafia adherent are his criminal background and relationship by blood and marriage with JOSEPH T. PIRANIO; his attendance at the Apalachin meeting in 1957 and information furnished by reliable sources in the Dallas area.

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CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Dallas T-8 advised on March 27, 1959, that he is well acquainted with the subject and in the past the subject has furnished him business from those individuals who associate with the subject. He stated he has conversed with CIVELLO on several occasions and CIVELLO mentioned the Apalachin meeting on one occasion stating that since his appearance there, he became a "celebrity" and could not understand all the interest in him by law enforcement agencies as he claimed to know nothing about the Apalachin meeting.

On March 27, 1959, [redacted] attorney, [redacted] advised Special Agent VINCENT E. J. DRAIN that he was going to advise [redacted] to refuse to furnish any information at his scheduled appearance for a Federal Grand Jury in [redacted]. The attorney stated that even if they offered [redacted] immunity, he would advise [redacted] to refrain from answering any questions or furnishing any information.

Grand Jury [JFK Act 10(a)2]

On April 1, 1959, Dallas T-8 advised Special Agent ROBERT M. BARRETT that CLEMENZIA PIRANIO, wife of CARLO PIRANIO (deceased) died from natural causes on March 30, 1959, and a rosary was to be held for her at the Dudley Hughes Funeral Home, Dallas, on the night of April 1, 1959, between 8:00 and 9:00 PM. T-8 stated CIVELLO and several of his associates, including JOE and SAM CAMPISI, JOE and ROSS MUSSO and TONY MENTESANA would be present.

On the night of April 1, 1959, Special Agents ROBERT M. BARRETT and MILTON L. NEWSOM observed numerous cars as they appeared at the parking lot at the Dudley Hughes Funeral Home and observed JOE CIVELLO arrive in the 1955 blue and white Buick, which he drives, but which is registered to ROSS MUSSO. The new 1959 Texas license for that car is MR 415.

On March 30, 1959, Dallas T-1 advised that JOHNNY ROSS PATRONO is still in Dallas, Texas. T-1 stated he has been unable to ascertain if PETER PELLEGRINO of White Plains, New York, is in Dallas, or where he might be staying. T-1 stated he learned that CIVELLO plans to use the new building

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he is constructing at the intersection of ~~Lemmon~~ and McKinney Streets as a drive-in grocery and possibly a liquor store.

On April 9, 1959, Lieutenant JACK REVILL, Criminal Intelligence Section, Dallas Police Department, advised Special Agent ROBERT M. BARRETT that Detective H. M. HART of that section had recently determined that CIVELLO and his brother-in-law ROSS MUSSO are listed as co-partners in the new building being constructed at 3418 McKinney Street. The cost of the building was to be \$21,500 and the value of the land was assessed at \$9,350. The building was to be used for a restaurant and "other retail shops".

Lieutenant REVILL advised on the same date that one of CIVELLO's associates JOSEPH JAMES COLETTA, FBI No. 2074095, was indicted by a local grand jury last week for perjury concerning his testimony in a check case involving another individual.

On April 28, 1959, T-8 advised that PHILIP CIVELLO, father of subject, died during the late evening of April 27, 1959, from natural causes. He stated a rosary would be held for subject's father on the night of April 30, 1959, at 8:00 PM at the Crane-Longley Funeral Home, Northwest Highway, Dallas, Texas.

On May 1, 1959, a list of the individuals attending the rosary services at the Crane-Longley Funeral Home was furnished by T-8. The list includes associates of CIVELLO's previously mentioned, and is being maintained in the Dallas Office file.

On April 27, 1959, [redacted] attorney, advised Special Agent VINCENT E. J. DRAIN that [redacted] appearance before the Federal Grand Jury in [redacted] [redacted] has been postponed indefinitely. [redacted] was scheduled to appear on [redacted]

Grand Jury [JFK Act 10(a)2]

On May 11, 1959, the Los Angeles Division advised that information was received indicating CIVELLO was scheduled to appear before the Federal Grand Jury in Los Angeles, California, on May 14, 1959.

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On May 13, 1959, the Los Angeles Division advised information had been received from a highly reliable source that a secret indictment was to be returned in the near future by a Federal Grand Jury, Southern District of New York, alleging Obstruction of Justice and Conspiracy on the part of certain individuals who attended the Apalachin meeting. The individuals named who were to be indicted included JOSEPH FRANCIS CIVELLO. Information from Los Angeles pointed out that the arrests of the individuals, after secret indictment was returned, would be made simultaneously and it was learned that Attorneys CHARLES LYNBERG and PATRICK COLEMAN of the staff of SAAG LLOYD F. DUNN, Department of Justice, Special Group, Los Angeles, California, were to travel to Tucson, Arizona, and Dallas, Texas, to personally handle the arraignments of JOSEPH FRANCIS CIVELLO and JOSEPH BONNANO, Tucson, Arizona.

On May 18, 1959, Lieutenant JACK REVILL, Criminal Intelligence Section, Dallas Police Department, Dallas, Texas, furnished confidential information he had received from BOB RICHARDS, Texas Department of Public Safety Narcotics Agent, who stated that the Texas Department of Public Safety had been conducting a long and intensified investigation concerning narcotic activities of a large number of Italians operating between Mexico and the United States through El Paso, Texas. RICHARDS stated that the Italians involved are all suspected Mafia adherents and during the operation a member of this group would drive from El Paso to Dallas where at Sivil's Drive-in, located on West Davis, a Dallas Italian by the name of "JOE CIVELLO" would be contacted. A description of "JOE CIVELLO" mentioned does not match that of subject CIVELLO, but Lieutenant REVILL and Agent RICHARDS were both of the opinion that the unknown person using CIVELLO's name was possibly an associate of CIVELLO's acting under his directions. RICHARDS told REVILL that many arrests are contemplated in the near future of this gang. Lieutenant REVILL stated he would keep the Dallas FBI Office advised concerning this matter.

On May 19, 1959, T-8 advised that shortly after the funeral of CIVELLO's father, PHILIP CIVELLO on May 1, 1959, CIVELLO called T-8 and requested him to come to CIVELLO's residence at 5311 Denton Drive. He stated the entire family was gathered there, including ROSS MUSSO and his wife, FRANCES. CIVELLO questioned T-8 as to whether he knew a "BOB BARRETT",

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to which T-8 said he did, having met BARRETT at the Knights of Columbus, where BARRETT is an officer. CIVELLO indicated that he thought the FBI might have been checking on those present at the funeral of his father.

It should be noted that on May 12, 1959, JIMMY (JACOB) CAPIZZI, FBI No. 1022286, 5206 Manett, Dallas, was interviewed by Special Agents ROBERT M. BARRETT and JESSE R. HAGY. In an effort to arouse CAPIZZI into making certain mistakes he was asked why he wasn't at the rosary and funeral of PHILIP CIVELLO. CAPIZZI explained he was at the funeral. Undoubtedly CAPIZZI told JOE and SAM CAMPISI, who are close associates of CIVELLO, who in turn relayed this information to CIVELLO.

Dallas Confidential Informant T-9, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised he had recently been in contact with some Italian friends and people who are well acquainted with JOSEPH FRANCIS CIVELLO, who advised that CIVELLO is extremely nervous because of the constant checking on him by Federal Agents. T-9 stated CIVELLO continued to be the No. 1 man among the Italian criminal element and it is T-9's opinion that nothing would be conducted by that group without CIVELLO's approval.

On May 21, 1959, subject was arrested by three United States Narcotics Bureau Agents and two Dallas Police Department Detectives on a warrant from the Southern District of New York, charging CIVELLO with Conspiracy to Commit Perjury. United States Attorney WILLIAM B. WEST, III, advised bond recommended by Attorney General of \$50,000 for CIVELLO. At the time of arrest, CIVELLO had over \$2800 cash in his possession. He told arresting officers he did not wish to make any statements about the Apalachin meeting. CIVELLO was arraigned before United States Commissioner WILLIAM MADDEN HILL at 9:00 AM, on May 21, 1959, and temporary bond of \$30,000 was set. CIVELLO immediately made bond and was released. United States Commissioner HILL set removal hearing for May 28, 1959.

According to Dallas Confidential Informant T-10, who has furnished reliable information in the past, CIVELLO was photographed and fingerprinted by the Dallas Police Department prior to his arraignment before United States Commissioner on May 21, 1959. During the arraignment, CIVELLO became irritated

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and blurted out that "no one was going to run anywhere, I've got nothing to run from," as CIVELLO was objecting to the high amount of the bond. T-10 advised that during a search of CIVELLO's residence a .25 caliber and a .38 caliber pistol were found, both loaded. Shortly after the hearing afforded CIVELLO, T-10 stated he noticed United States Probation Officer ELI NOLLETTE proceeding to a telephone in a manner which to him indicated NOLLETTE wished to report to someone details of the proceedings. T-10 indicated that NOLLETTE along with United States Probation Officer WALTER STOKES became friends of CIVELLO at the time CIVELLO was on federal probation in Dallas following CIVELLO's Leavenworth Penitentiary sentence several years ago.

Dallas Confidential Informant T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised Special Agent VINCENT E. J. DRAIN on May 29, 1959, that it was his understanding LESTER MAY, attorney for CIVELLO, planned to attempt to get the bond substantially lowered on CIVELLO at a hearing before United States District Judge T. WHITFIELD DAVIDSON, Dallas, scheduled for June 5, 1959. T-2 stated MAY planned to fight the removal of CIVELLO to New York. T-2 further advised that WALTER STOKES, Assistant United States Probation Officer, Dallas, Texas, might be called by MAY to testify as to the good character of CIVELLO since his release from Leavenworth Penitentiary several years ago. STOKES, according to T-2 was the probation officer that CIVELLO reported to at Dallas, Texas, and during that time CIVELLO and STOKES became warm, personal friends. T-2 stated that LESTER MAY told him he was going to use every delaying tactic possible in the hearing before Judge DAVIDSON.

On May 28, 1959, CIVELLO was given a removal hearing before United States Commissioner HILL at Dallas, at which time CIVELLO's attorney, LESTER MAY, stated he would fight the removal of CIVELLO to New York with every means possible. MAY stated he would appeal to United States District Judge T. WHITFIELD DAVIDSON. At the hearing a New York State Trooper who had interviewed CIVELLO at Apalachin, New York, on November 14, 1957, identified CIVELLO as the same person named in the indictment. United States Commissioner HILL

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ordered CIVELLO's bond of \$30,000, returnable Southern District of New York, July 3, 1959, which was the date of scheduled trial of CIVELLO.

Dallas T-10 advised on June 1, 1959, that the State Trooper who testified at CIVELLO's hearing before United States Commissioner at Dallas, told him that the investigation by the New York State Police revealed that there were possibly 80 or 90 persons in attendance at Apalachin and that one of these was believed to be a man from New Orleans named PAUL CARCELLI. It has been ascertained that CARCELLI had obtained a rent-a-car in the Apalachin area during the evening of November 14, 1957 and three days later returned this automobile with 1200 miles having been driven during that period. It should be noted that one of CIVELLO's closest associates in Dallas is JOHN M. CARCELLI, FBI No. 4755844. Attempts are being made to determine if these two individuals named CARCELLI are related.

Grand Jury [JFK Act 10(a)2]

On June 1, 1959, the Los Angeles Office advised information had been received at Los Angeles through a reliable source that [redacted] was scheduled to appear before the Federal Grand Jury in [redacted] on [redacted] Los Angeles stated the same source advised that a request had been made of the United States Department of Justice to grant immunity under the Narcotics Laws to CIVELLO, which was denied.

On June 2, 1959, CIVELLO was granted a removal hearing before United States District Court Judge T. WHITFIELD DAVIDSON at Dallas, Texas, who ordered CIVELLO's immediate removal to New York. Judge DAVIDSON assured CIVELLO he would receive just as fair treatment in New York as he would in Texas.

Dallas T-10 advised on June 3, 1959 that CIVELLO left via American Airlines for New York City on June 3, 1959. An article in the "Dallas Times-Herald" on June 5, 1959, stated that CIVELLO had pleaded not guilty in United States District Court, Southern District of New York, under the charge of Conspiracy to Commit Perjury. CIVELLO's original bond of \$30,000 was reduced to \$20,000, and CIVELLO returned to Dallas, Texas.

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On June 2, 1959, a postcard addressed to "F.B.I., Bureau, Dallas, Texas" postmarked Dallas, June 1, 2 PM, was received by the Dallas Office. In inked handwriting, an anonymous source stated that "CIVELLO goes from time to time to Machine Products Company on Harry Hines". Source indicated that one "BIG JOHNNIE" or "DEGO JOHNNIE" is a son-in-law of MIMMS, possible contact of CIVELLO's, and they are involved in truck shipments.

A review of the Dallas City Directory reflects that the Machine Products Company, 5206 Harry Hines Boulevard, is operated by WARREN B. MIMS and ROBERT J. MC BRIEN. The City Directory reflects the company manufacture's precision aircraft and industrial gears.

The City Directory lists WARREN B. MIMS and wife, THELMA, residing at 6721 Inwood Road. Directory also lists WARREN B. MIMS, JR. and wife, DOROTHY, residing 7800 Brookhollow, and ROBERT J. MC BRIEN and wife, ROSEMARY, residing at 8567 Forest Hills Boulevard.

#### CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

Additional contacts were maintained with the following individuals on dates indicated in connection with possible criminal activities on the part of the subject. They were unable to offer any information directly connecting subject with criminal activities, but stated subject's activities are followed closely and any information concerning him will be relayed to the Dallas, Texas, FBI Office:

Dallas Confidential Informant T-1, contacted on March 31; April 13, 22; May 4, 11, 15, and June 1, 1959.

Lieutenant JACK REVILL, Intelligence Section, Dallas, Police Department, contacted on April 2, 7, 8, 21, 23; May 2, 7, 12; June 1, 2, 12, 16, 1959.

Dallas County Sheriff BILL DECKER, contacted on April 2; May 2; June 4, 1959.

CHARLES MOORE, Intelligence Section, Department of Public Safety, contacted on April 7, 28; June 11, 1959.

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LEGITIMATE ENTERPRISES

On April 22, 1959, Dallas T-1 advised that TONY MENTESANA is a close associate of CIVELLO. CIVELLO recently hired one of MENTESANA's relatives to operate a grocery store in the new building CIVELLO constructed at the corner of McKinney and Lemmon Streets, Dallas, Texas. The relative was identified as LOUIS MENTESANA.

Regular spot checks were made during the construction of the building at the intersection of McKinney and Lemmon Streets on the following dates: April 13, 17, 22, 24; May 5, 11, 1959.

It was ascertained that the building constructed by CIVELLO in cooperation with his brother-in-law ROSS MUSSO, presently contains two business establishments, a restaurant operated by PETE INTERRANTE and a Cabell's Drive In Grocery Store operated by LOUIS MENTESANA. CIVELLO was observed on numerous occasions during the spot checks above, supervising the construction of this new building.

MISCELLANEOUS

On April 8, 1959, Dallas Confidential Informant T-7 furnished Special Agent ROBERT C. LISH the following information concerning long distance telephone calls made to and from the following telephone numbers:

LA 8-7721, residence of CIVELLO, 5311 Denton Drive, Dallas.

No toll calls were recorded for the above number during period checked.

FL 2-0932, Ristorante Vesuvio, 5121 West Lovers Lane, operated by JOE IANNI.

<u>Date</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
2-26-59	FL 2-0932	Sherman, Texas, TW 3-1117, JOE COFFMAN

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<u>Date</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
2/27/59	FL 2-0932	Fort Worth, Texas, ED 6-2301, Morgan
3/3/59	FL 2-0932	Fort Worth, Texas, ED 2-6809, La Seno
3/8/59	FL 2-0932	Fort Worth, Texas, PE 8-1809
3/8/59	FL 2-0932	Fort Worth, Texas, PE 7-6644
3/8/59	FL 2-0932	Fort Worth, Texas, ED 2-6809
3/14/59	FL 2-0932	White Plains, New York, WH 8-1730.

FL 2-8937, residence of JOE IANNI, 5024 Stanford  
Street

2/15/59	FL 2-8937	Houston, Texas, SA 3- 8882
3/14/59	FL 2-8937	White Plains, New York, WH 8-5243.

The list of business establishments previously reported as doing business with CIVELLO when he operated the CIVELLO Food and Import Liquor Company on Oak Lawn Avenue in Dallas, Texas, were checked by the offices covering the territory in which these businesses are located. Background information concerning these establishments will be maintained in the Dallas file. They were found to be reliable establishments and no information concerning criminal activites was reported in connection with them.

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T-1 is DL-105-C.

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

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

T-8 is JEROME J. CRANE, confidential source, who requests his identity be kept confidential.

T-9 is DL-95-C.

T-10 is ERNEST M. GENTRY, Field Supervisor, United States Narcotics Bureau, Dallas, Texas.

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