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Synopsis:

REFERENCE:

Report of SA MILTON L. NEWSOM, Dallas, 1/21/60.
Report of SA NORMAN A. MURRAY, Jr., New York, 1/18/60.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

In view of subject's conviction and sentence in USDC, SDNY, this case is being placed in a pending inactive status, pending further action on subject's appeal. The New York Division is following this action.

One copy of this report is being furnished to New York for information for the above reason.

The same informants, previously listed in referenced report, are being utilized in this investigation. Contact with informants and with established sources in local agencies throughout this period indicates no new criminal activity on CIVELLO's part.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: MILTON L. NEWSOM
Date: 3/14/60

Office: DALLAS

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

Title: JOSEPH FRANCIS CIVELLO

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - CONSPIRACY

Synopsis: CIVELLO's associate, PETER PELLEGRINO, FBI# 30429D, formerly of White Plains, NY, presently residing with his wife and children at 3975 High Grove Street, Dallas, Texas. He is in contact with JOE IANNI, FBI# 3426142, of Dallas. CIVELLO still residing 5311 Denton Drive, Dallas. VERNON E. MITCHELL, 1836 Stevens Forest Drive, Dallas, reportedly attempted to use "strong arm methods" to obtain 20% of income from vending machines of one ALFRED E. ZYGIEL, Dallas. MITCHELL described by local officers as alcoholic. Reportedly stated that when CIVELLO goes to prison he is going to "take over" in Dallas. CIVELLO HAS BEEN KNOWN TO CARRY FIREARMS AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DETAILS: AT DALLAS, TEXAS

The New York Office advised on February 19, 1960, that PETER PELLEGRINO and his entire family, wife and children, moved to Dallas, Texas, on February 15, 1960. PELLEGRINO reportedly purchased a seven room house in Dallas with all new appliances, as well as a new nine-passenger station wagon.

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PETER PELLEGRINO, FBI# 30429D, has been previously identified as an associate of CIVELLO. He was arrested on November 19, 1958, by the University Park Police Department at Dallas, Texas, for investigation of operating a bookmaking establishment. Arrested also in connection with that matter were JOE IANNI, FBI# 3426142, and MARIE PINTO IANNI, his wife. THEODORE MOGAVERO of White Plains, New York, was also arrested.

PETER PELLEGRINO was then arrested by the Dallas Police Department on November 29, 1958, for investigation and vagrancy.

Information that PELLEGRINO had moved to Dallas was furnished to Detective H. M. HART, Criminal Intelligence Section, Dallas Police Department, on February 24, 1960. A check of Dallas City Water Department records was made through Detective HART on the same date and reflected that PELLEGRINO had water connections made at 3975 High Grove Street, Dallas, on February 10, 1960.

HART advised that the Dallas Police Department is very much interested in PELLEGRINO's activities and continued investigation will be conducted by his section to ascertain PELLEGRINO's current activities in Dallas.

Later on February 24, 1960, Detective HART advised PELLEGRINO had been observed at his new residence in Dallas and was driving a new 1960 Plymouth Station Wagon with New York license 9233 WC. He said the Plymouth had a dark brown top and tan colored body. HART further advised that PELLEGRINO had applied for telephone service and a telephone was installed at his new residence on February 16, 1960. The number is FLEETWOOD 2-7935. PELLEGRINO gave as references when he applied for the telephone, JOE IANNI and JOE CAMPISI. HART stated PELLEGRINO has been in contact almost daily with JOE IANNI who operates the Ristorante Vesuvio (an Italian restaurant) located on West Lovers Lane, Dallas.

On February 25, 1960, Detective HART stated he had checked the above license number with the New York State Police and determined that the number is registered to PIETRO PELLEGRINO, 20 Carrigan Avenue, White Plains, New York. He stated there is no stolen or wanted on the car.

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Detective HART stated PELLEGRINO intends to open a new bakery on Cedar Springs Street in Dallas, according to his application for telephone service.

On March 8, 1960, Detective HART advised that PELLEGRINO is to be arrested by the Dallas Police Department for vagrancy at which time he will be thoroughly interviewed relative to his business ties, if any, in Dallas. He stated PELLEGRINO has been under observation and does not appear to have any visible means of support. HART advised there is no indication that CIVELLO is involved with PELLEGRINO at this time. HART stated that everything he has heard from informants and other sources recently, indicates CIVELLO is remaining very quiet since his conviction in Federal Court at New York and is limited in his contacts with former associates.

Detective HART on January 29, 1960, furnished the following information concerning VERNON E. MITCHELL to SA ROBERT M. BARRETT:

A complaint was received by the Dallas Police Department on January 15, 1960, from ALFRED E. ZYGIEL, 2510 Hillsboro, Dallas, manager of the Texas outlet for Carbonic Dispensers of California, Dallas outlet at 1314 Pace Street, Dallas. ZYGIEL advised on the night of January 14, 1960, he was contacted by MITCHELL and told to meet MITCHELL the following afternoon. During meets with MITCHELL on January 14 and 15, 1960, MITCHELL told ZYGIEL that he wanted 20 per cent of ZYGIEL's gross income from the vending machine business in the Dallas area or else he would wreck ZYGIEL's machines and cause bodily injury to ZYGIEL and other company personnel. MITCHELL further stated he would return to Dallas in about two weeks as he had to go to San Francisco, Los Angeles and Seattle on the same business and prior to leaving Los Angeles he would phone ZYGIEL and ZYGIEL was to meet him at the Dallas airport with his answer to MITCHELL's demands.

A meeting on January 15, 1960, was covered by police officers and MITCHELL has been under constant surveillance by them. He has not left Dallas and it has been determined that he is an alcoholic. Based on investigation of MITCHELL, HART is of the opinion MITCHELL is "letting the alcohol do the talking." PD investigation determined ZYGIEL previously residing in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and moved to Dallas in 1958. MITCHELL from Baton Rouge, Louisiana, also.

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MITCHELL is presently unemployed but resides with his wife and two children in an apartment costing \$150 per month, according to HART. He resides at 1836 Stevens Forest Drive, Dallas.

MITCHELL reportedly stated on January 15, 1960, that since JOE CIVELLO was going to the penitentiary he, MITCHELL, was "taking over" in his place in Dallas.

MITCHELL described by HART as White, Male, born November 28, 1922; 5 feet 11 inches tall; weighs 210 pounds; blond thinning hair; loud and boisterous; conservative dresser; believed to be a salesman by occupation.

HART requested the Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Police Department to furnish all available information relative to MITCHELL. Baton Rouge advised that there was no record for MITCHELL.

The above information was made available to the New Orleans Office and to the San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Seattle Offices for information, inasmuch as MITCHELL claimed he had business of the above type in those cities, on January 29, 1960.

On February 8, 1960, the New Orleans Office advised that investigation by SA SIMS F. REGARD at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on February 4, 1960, revealed that the Baton Rouge Police Department and Sheriff's Office have no record for MITCHELL.

Mrs. MINNIE BICKHAM, Baton Rouge Credit Bureau, advised as follows:

VERNON E. MITCHELL and his wife, LOIS MC CULLOUGH, resided 5267 Enterprise Street, Baton Rouge, for about one year in 1957-1958. She was employed for Sears-Roebuck & Company. MITCHELL was employed as a salesman by Zimmer Manufacturing Company, New Orleans, for about one year. Former address was 805 South Hampton, Dallas, Texas.

A. E. MEADORS, Associates Discount Corporation, Baton Rouge, advised that MITCHELL bought a 1957 Ford from Capitol Ford Company and the co-signer was PAUL WHITE, owner of Zimmer Manufacturing Company. MITCHELL used name of VERNON EUGENE MITCHELL in purchasing automobile and gave as past employment, WRIGHT Manufacturing Company, Memphis, Tennessee. He listed former addresses, 212 W. Davis Street, Dallas; and 6921 Mataglia Street, Van Nuys, California.

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Investigation concerning MITCHELL by the Dallas Police Department has shown no indication of a connection between MITCHELL and CIVELLO, according to HART.

Regular spot checks of CIVELLO's residence at 5311 Denton Drive, Dallas, where he still resides, were made throughout this reporting period. No activity was observed pertinent to this investigation. Spot checks were also regularly made at the Ristorante Vesuvio and the Egyptian Lounge, usual places frequented by CIVELLO, but no information of value was developed.

Dallas Confidential Informant T-1 advised on February 23, 1960, that he heard PETER PELLEGRINO is planning to move to Dallas from White Plains, New York. He stated PELLEGRINO will try to set up some form of bookmaking in Dallas, along with JOHNNY ROSS PATRONO, PETER JOSEPH PICCOLA, and JOE IANNI. T-1 said he does not believe CIVELLO will be directly involved with this group.

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Synopsis:

REFERENCE: Report of SA MILTON L. NEWSOM, Dallas, 11/9/59.
New York airtel to Bureau, 1/13/60.

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ALBANY and LOS ANGELES OFFICES - INFORMATION:

One copy of this report is being furnished to the above offices for information in view of possible future investigation.

NEW YORK DIVISION:

AT NEW YORK, N. Y.

Follow and report results of subject's appeal.

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DALLAS DIVISION:

AT DALLAS, TEXAS

Will maintain contact with established sources and continue efforts to develop new sources relative to subject's current activities.

ADMINISTRATIVE

The Albany Office advised on 11/18/59 that information in report of SA MILTON L. NEWSOM, dated 6/23/59, Dallas, in instant case, relating to one PAUL CARCELLI attending the Apalachin Meeting on 11/14/57 (page 8, paragraph 1), is actually PAUL SCARCELLI and New Orleans is office of origin in the Top Hoodlum investigation concerning him.

The New York Office advised on 12/30/59 in case entitled "PETER PELLEGRINO, aka., AR", New York origin, that PETER PELLEGRINO continues to reside at 20 Carrigan Avenue, White Plains, N. Y., however, he will allegedly return to Dallas, Texas following the Christmas holidays. PELLEGRINO is considered an associate of the subject.

DL-105-C advised on 1/13/60 he saw CIVELLO during the Christmas holidays and that CIVELLO was extremely upset over his conviction in U. S. District Court, New York, and stated he is afraid he will receive the maximum sentence. CI stated he does not believe PELLEGRINO is back in Dallas at present but it is possible he will come to Dallas to gamble during the basketball season. He stated that JOSEPH PETER PICCOLA, close associate of PELLEGRINO and JOE IANNI, operator of Ristorante Vesuvio, Dallas restaurant, will be in close touch with PELLEGRINO when he comes to Dallas. Informant will advise when he hears PELLEGRINO is in town.

By letter dated 12/17/59 in the case entitled "JOSEPH CERRITO, AR", San Francisco origin, the Los Angeles Office submitted transcript of testimony of [redacted] before the Special Federal Grand Jury at [redacted] in which [redacted] Copy of this transcript will be maintained in the Dallas file.

Grand Jury [JFK Act 10(a)2]

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

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DL-80-C

DL-86-C

DL-95-C

PCI H. P. WHITE

Confidential Source JEROME J. CRANE

Confidential Source JOE FERRARI

Confidential Source EARL FINDLING

Contact with the above informants and with local law
enforcement agencies throughout this reporting period indicates
no new criminal activity connected with CIVELLO during this
period.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: MILTON L. NEWSOM
Date: January 21, 1960

Office: DALLAS

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

Title: JOSEPH FRANCIS CIVELLO

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

CIVELLO convicted in USDC, SDNY, 12/18/59 for Conspiracy to Obstruct Justice. He was sentenced on 1/13/60 to serve 5 years custody of Attorney General by USDJ IRVING KAUFMAN. CIVELLO was released on \$35,000 appeal bond. PETE INTERRANTE, FBI #385333, Dallas associate of CIVELLO, believed by Dallas PD to be handling stolen merchandise. FRANK TORTORCELLI, listed as associate of CIVELLO, believed identical to FRANK TORTORIELLO, formerly of New Jersey, presently residing at 7710 Robin Road, 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 November 3, 1959, LEON CIVELLO, FBI #585,782, cousin of JOSEPH FRANCIS CIVELLO, advised SA ROBERT M. BARRETT that JOE CIVELLO was still in New York City on trial for conspiracy. LEON stated that "since that affair in New York (referring to the Apalachin Meeting) the whole CIVELLO family has caught hell".

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A newspaper article appearing in the Dallas Morning News on November 23, 1959, reflected that CHARLES VINCENT SATERINO (FBI #497185) had died on November 21, 1959. Among the pallbearers listed were CHARLES EDWARD CIVELLO, brother of JOSEPH FRANCIS CIVELLO; JOHNNY ROSS PATRONO; SAM and JOE CAMPISI, all associates of JOSEPH FRANCIS CIVELLO.

On December 2, 1959, Detective H. M. HART, Criminal Intelligence Section, Dallas Police Department, advised information had been received from a reliable source that CIVELLO's associate, PETE INTERRANTE, FBI #385333, was handling stolen merchandise shoplifted by CARL MAIN BENTLEY, Dallas Police Department #27632; KENNETH GILBERT JOHNSON, Dallas Police Department #2628; LILA JO BENTLEY, Dallas Police Department #30626; ODESSA WINGFIELD, Dallas Police Department #23234; and RALPH DAVID CASTRO, Dallas Police Department #34970. Detective HART pointed out that recently CARL MAIN BENTLEY had been arrested by the Dallas Police Department and his bond had been made by PETE INTERRANTE. INTERRANTE is operating a restaurant at the corner of McKinney and Lemmon Avenue. JOSEPH FRANCIS CIVELLO and ROSS MUSSO, FBI #2878710, his brother-in-law, constructed the building in which the restaurant is located, and are considered part owners in the restaurant.

Detective HART advised on December 9, 1959, that CARL MAIN BENTLEY and KENNETH GILBERT JOHNSON were arrested on that date by the Dallas Police Department in possession of a large quantity of stolen narcotics and were subsequently identified as the armed robbers of a Dallas drug store. Both men have been charged with felony counts of possession of narcotics and armed robbery.

On December 10, 1959, SA ROBERT M. BARRETT became engaged in conversation with an individual he had observed on previous occasions at the Egyptian Lounge, a restaurant operated by JOE and SAM CAMPISI. This individual advised his name is FRANK TORTORIELLO and that he originally came to Dallas from New Jersey. He was later observed driving a 1958 Chevrolet, blue convertible, Texas license NL 1927, which is registered to FRANK TORTORIELLO, 7710 Robin Road, Dallas, Texas. This individual is believed identical to FRANK TORTORCELLI, previously listed as an associate of CIVELLO.

On November 30, 1959, H. M. HART, Criminal Intelligence Section, Dallas Police Department, advised that funeral services were held for GIUSEPPE LO PICCOLO, aka. Joe Piccola, 1810 North

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Garrett, father of PETER JOSEPH PICCOLO, associate of subject. The following is a list of license registrations of cars parked in the vicinity of the church during the time of the funeral:

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| MA-7022 | 1957 Oldsmobile, CHARLES PRIOLO, 7022 Lakewood Boulevard |
| MZ-6866 | 1958 Dodge, PETE CUNZALO, 3225 Oliver |
| NM-826 | 1959 Chevrolet, J. R. PATRONO, 4411 Munger |
| MP-9546 | 1959 Oldsmobile, A. P. RAFFINO, 2716 San Vincente |
| MZ-7678 | 1957 Oldsmobile, P & V Liquor Store, 1715 South Haskell (The licensee of the above liquor store is FRANK and VINCENT GLORIOSO.) |
| NS-1520 | 1960 Ford (Falcon), JOHN M. GRIZZAFFI, 2000 North Washington |
| MT-2380 | 1953 Chevrolet, ANTHONY A. VENTURA, 5642 Monticello |
| MT-427 | 1958 Buick station wagon, Falstaff Distributing Company, 2331 Summers (R. E. LEE is listed as being the licensee of the above company.) |
| NS-9626 | 1959 Chevrolet, ROY G. SLAUGHTER, 7836 Seydell |
| NN-7767 | 1952 Buick, MORRIS A. TINAL, 4151 Newton |
| MM-185 | 1958 Ford, J. S. KLINK, 7006 Santa Monica |
| NK-5760 | 1956 Buick, JACK A. HAMBLETT, 4908 Ross Avenue |
| ND-9635 | JEROME J. CRANE, 5519 West University, 1957 Buick |
| NA-7438 | 1954 Ford, ALBERT B. WILLIAMSON, 3607 Urban Avenue |
| NH-370 | 1958 Oldsmobile, JOE CAMPISI, 4445 Ashford |
| MH-1256 | 1958 Plymouth, Clif Food Stores, 300 E. Jefferson |
| MP-7572 | 1952 Pontiac, ONLY RELERFORD, 2646 Marburg |
| MZ-8363 | 1957 Chevrolet, RODD J. INTERRANTE, 6172 Anita (The telephone directory lists one ROSS INTERRANTE at the above address.) |

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NE-8629 1957 Pontiac, LAWRENCE RINDY, 323 Beckleywood
NJ-6205 1953 Pontiac, SAM PICCOLA, 5503 Druid Lane
NE-3510 1959 Ford (Thunderbird), Gulf Fish and Oyster
Company, 911 North Central Avenue (The above
business is operated by NICK VARCASIA, son of
JOE VARCASIA.)
AE-5214 1957 Chevrolet, P. S. BOSCO, 2701 Ross Avenue
ARU-241 (Arizona) Pontiac, PETE PECCOLA, 1050 North 46th
Street, Phoenix, Arizona, with lien to First
National Bank, Phoenix, Arizona

On November 18, 1959, JOE and SAM CAMPISI, Egyptian Lounge, a restaurant operated by these individuals which is located at 5610 Mockingbird Lane, Dallas, advised they have heard nothing recently from the CIVELLO family and indicated that the CIVELLOS are very quiet at present. They stated JOE IANNI, operator of the Ristorante Vesuvio (restaurant), is still suffering from recent heart attacks and is not active in any field at the present time.

On November 18, 1959, Detective H. M. HART advised that CHARLES EDWARD CIVELLO, JOE CIVELLO's brother, and ROSS MUSSO, brother-in-law, have applied for a liquor license for the Airway Liquor Store, 3122 West Mockingbird Lane.

FEDERAL PROSECUTION

On November 30, 1959, newspaper articles appearing in Dallas Morning News reflected the Government's phase of their case against the Apalachin attendees would deal with JOSEPH FRANCIS CIVELLO, starting on November 30, 1959. Subpoenaed to testify for the Government were Dallas Police Department Chief CARL F. HANSSON; ERNEST M. GENTRY, Field Supervisor, U. S. Narcotics Bureau, Dallas, Texas; and SA VINCENT E. J. DRAIN.

A verdict was rendered in U. S. District Court, Southern District of New York, on December 18, 1959, in which the Federal Jury found JOSEPH FRANCIS CIVELLO guilty of Conspiracy to Obstruct Justice.

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On January 13, 1960, the New York Office advised that on that date U. S. District Judge IRVING KAUFMAN sentenced CIVELLO to serve five years in custody of the Attorney General. Subsequently, CIVELLO was released on \$35,000 appeal bond.

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