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Physical Description of Angelo Bruno

FBI # 104 5098
Race white
Sex male
height 5'8"
weight 198 lbs.
hair dk chestnut
eyes med. brown
complexion dark
build well
d o b 5-21-10
P o b Villalba, Italy
Marital status married - wife - Sue Bruno -
fingerprint class - 2 M 1 R 00011
M 1 R 100

Memorandum 10-20-66
File 62-9-37-593
TO: DeLoach
FR: J. H. Gale
Subj: Criminal Intelligence Digest

- born Antonio Angelo Annaloro in Villalba, Sicily on 5-21-10

- arrived in the U.S. less than 15 months after birth

- granted derivative citizenship through his father in 1946. Imm. officials were curious, however, as to how Bruno was born in 1910 when his father claimed to have been in the U.S since 1906 (his mother did not go to the U.S prior to his birth). Thus, with the choice of being declared illegitimate or illegally naturalized, Bruno said that his father secretly returned to Sicily in 1907 or 1908 & then had to flee back to the U.S. to avoid prosecution.

Bruno has avoided involving any of his family in Commission operations. When his daughter, Jean, was married in 1962, Bruno sent invitations to Carlo Gambino and Alec Magaddino but recommended that they not show

1935 - 15 month suspended sentence and 3 yr probation for manufacturing illegal liquor.

1937 - $10 fine for disorderly conduct

1954 $600 fine and 2 yr probation for operating an illegal lottery.

By 1963 Bruno was described as the biggest numbers man in Phil.

Bruno entered the La Cosa Nostra sometime during the 1950's. His rise was rapid ever since.

Joseph Sda - head of the Philly mob from 1946 to 1959, fled to Italy on January 15, 1959.

p. 7 - Angelo's activities - Bruno had a casino - Casino Monte Carlo in Havana, Cuba.

Close associate of Bruno - Charles T. Costello - who lives in Miami on North Bayshore Drive.

- does not enjoy the best of health.

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- received - nothing -

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Section #1 Serial scope: 1-16
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FBI Report 5-6-58
SA John L. Adams
Char AR
TITK: Angelo Bruno
Phil
92-2717-15

Blank letterhead memo 1-30-58
SAC, Phil
DIR, FBI 92-2717-9

Angelo Bruno
- states that Bruno has maintained a residence in Miami Beach, Fl, since Feb of 1948.

reflects that Bruno travelled to Cuba & the Dom Rep. in 1957.

File 92 - [redacted] 2717
Subj: Angelo Bruno
Section #2 serial scope: 17-55
HSCA: 4-28-78

June mail 92-2717-55 11-18-60
See File 66-2554-7530 for authority.

June mail 92-2717-54 Angelo Bruno

Report 10-28-60
SA J Robert Pearce
Angelo Bruno
AR
92-2717-53

PL7-5095 - telephone number of Charles I. Castello, 12468 North Bayshore Dr, Keystone Pt., North Miami Florida - July - 1960 -

p 5 - American Gambling Act - Havana - allegedly has gambling interests there along with New Jersey racket men - such as Carl Pappy Eppolito, Charles Tourine & the Daylight.

other invt. has determined that Bruno interested in the holdings of the Hotel Plaza gambling casino in Havana, Cuba

on Oct 18, 1960, Bruno arranged through Lloyd's of London and an undisclosed insurance agency to insure his gambling casino in Havana for an unknown amount.

Costello - close associate -

<u>Business interest in Miami, Fl. area</u>

p. 6

T-6 in April, 1960, stated that Bruno's wife had claimed a financial interest in the Monmart Hotel, next to the Eden Rock in Miami Beach, FL. also, Sue Bruno recently wrote a 50,000 check to purchase control or interest in a vending machine business in Miami Beach, FL.

probably Erson

Actually Montmartre Hotel

T-9 in July, 1960, stated that Bruno spending much time in Miami & allegedly purchased a home in the Keystone Point area of Miami.

T-11 in July, 1960, advised that he made inquiries & that Bruno had no interest in the Montmartre Hotel or any vending machine.

92-2717

see file 66-2554-7530 for accounts
June mail

10-26-60
10-24-60
10-21-60
9-22-60
9-16-60
9-6-60

June mail - this could be
impt.; Bruno allegedly in
Miami frequently during this
period; also supposedly close
to Traficante.

Report 9-9-60
J. Robert Pearce
Angelo Bruno
92-2717-52
Philadelphia, PA.

p3 On July 16, 1960, Con Inf PH T-2 advised
that DAVID Wemerloff of Miami, Fl
was a constant companion of Bruno when
Bruno visited Miami.

PH T-2 said that DAVID Wemerloff advised
that Bruno had gambling concessions at
the Hilton Hotel & Hotel Capri in
Havana, Cuba.

PH T-2 also said that
Mario Maggio said that Bruno was
contemplating moving to Miami, Fl
soon.

p4 as already noted, Carl "Pappy" Appolito, 733 Brunswick Ave, Trenton, N.J.; Raymond Braylenski, 1005 Division Street, Trenton, N.J.; and Charles Tourine, were associated with Bruno in the Hotel Plaza Gambling Casino, Havana, Cuba.

June mail 8-19-60
See File 66-2554-7530 for authority
92-2717

June mail AngloBruno
See File 66-2554-7530 for authority.
92-2717

Report 11-24-59
Philadelphia J. Robert Pearce
Angelo Bruno
AR
92-2717-(?)

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prior to May, 1959, Bruno told Phil Conf. Inf T-2 that he, Bruno, was one of the interest holders in the Havana Playa Gambling Casino & that the casino received permission to reopen in June, 1959.

It was said that in August, 1959, the following gambling casinos cont. to be open in Havana for operation:

Tropicana
Havana Hilton
Hotel Nacional
Capri
Havana Riviera Hotel

the remaining casinos, incld the Havana Playa Gambling Casino, were closed either because of gov. edict or fin. difficulties.

Report 10-8-59
Phil J. Robert Pearce
AR
Angelo Bruno

leads
Miami
- says that the Bureau will int. BEN GALLUP, alleged to be in business at 2820 NW 7th Ave, Miami, tele: JEFF 4-2317 - purpose: ascertain the assoc. btwn Gallup + Bruno.

p.B - says Bureau will int. Joe Millstein, characterized as a night club owner, and shylock in Miami - reputedly a friend of Bruno

my note: Jewish night club owner in the Miami area - date - Nov - 1959 - could know something about Ruby -

p.8 - on August 7, 1959, PH T-2 advised

SA Dale M. HIESTAND that Angelo Bruno was leaving in approximately two days for approx a 2 week vacation in Miami.

Report
Philadelphia 6-25-59
Angelo Bruno 92-2717-40
J. Robert Pearce

p.A - Carl Samuel "Pappy" Eppolito
Raymond Edward Dralynski
- alleged assoc of Bruno - Playa Hotel

p-8 -

Johnnie Rocco - Phil - alleg. conn. with Bruno in disposing of Cuban currency brought into U.S.

Joseph Nardello, bailbondsman, 1527 West Ramstead St, Phil, - attempt to dispose of Cuban currency -

Report
SA J. Robert Pearce
17 July 59
Angelo Bruno
92-2717-

this is an in depth report that deal with the entire spectrum of Bruno's life - very good.

p 16 -

accord to Calamaro, aka Bobby, close assoc of Bruno, int. as Jan 7, 1959 by SAS Pearce & Joseph A Vecica at Calamaro's business establishment, the A & J Catering Service, 11th and True Street, Phil, Bruno went to live in Florida because of his health somewhere [redacted] in the latter 1950's.

Calamaro said that Bruno ~~[illegible]~~ had apparently lost large sums of money in Cuba as a result of the revolution

p21 Phil PD report, Intelligence, furnished on 12-13-57, showed that Bruno's chief cum act was lottery & then illicit alcohol.

p23 Between April 1, 1957 and June, 1959, Bruno travelled intermittently thru Miami, Cuba, and Philadelphia.

a conf. inf. advised on June 30, 1959 that Bruno apparently returned to Phil to stay -

p24 - Newark Div. learned from a Phil conf. inf. on Oct 29, 1958. that a group of New Jersey racketeer men, numbering about 35, had organized a group to estab a gambling casino. Carl "Pappy" Ippolito, the leader of that group, made a trip to Miami for 10 days. During this time he contacted Charles Tourine, aka "The Blade" - said that Tourine was one of the mob contacts for gambling in Havana & that Tourine had secured a gambling license from the Cuban gov. for the New Jersey syndicate.

p26 By June, 1959, it appears that Bruno liquidated his assets in Cuba & returned to Phil.

p. 42.

T-2 in march, 1959, stated that cuban parties had access to 7 million Cuban dollars (pesos) and wished to convert this into American currency. Angelo Bruno was one of these people. T-2 also said that this money would possibly be obtained from a former Cuban General who fled Cuba when Batista was overthrown.

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Report 3-6-61
J. Robert Pearce
Philadelphia, PA
Angelo Bruno
AR 92-2717-124

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on Feb 14, 1961, T-6 said that Salvatore Palermo, aka "Little Sabe" told him that ~~about~~ Dominick Sparagno purchased about $150,000 worth of Cuban currency from two unknown men

about 1½ - 2 yrs ago for about $50,000. Sparagno telephonically contacted Tony Banana (sic) at Newark, N.J., who apparently supplied the $50,000 to complete the purchase. Sparagno & Bananas then sold the currency to Bruno, for a profit.

Report 3-22-61
Philadelphia J. Robert Pearce
AR
Angelo Bruno

p. 13 - int. of Agostino Amato of 693 Northeast 82nd Terrace, Miami, Fl. on 3-9-61.
- stated he is currently Res. of Cigarette Vendors of Miami, Inc. - it had been sold in NOV '60 - formerly owned by Amato, Vincent & Sue Bruno.

p. 14 - Bruno may have been interested in Acme Vending Machine business in Miami.

Memorandum 3-22-61
TO: DIR, FBI 92-2717-118
FR: SAC, Phil
Subj: Angelo Bruno

Bruno told an CMP source that in April 1960 he was able to obtain most of the money he had invested in the Cuban casino but that he was encountering difficulty in removing it from Cuba.

In July, 1959, the same source indicated that Bruno's investment was $180,000. In April, 1960, Bruno told the same source that his wife, Sue, had recently written a $50,000 check for an interest in a vending machine business.

- he received his invest because his casino was insured by Lloyds of London - allegedly -

92-2717-101
June Mail - Angelo Bruno 2-27-61

See File 66-2554-7530

NOTE: If Bruno did receive $180,000 from his casino on from Lloyd's of London, he did not report it on his 1959 income tax.

92-2717-70 June Mail 1-20-61
See File 66-2554-7530 for authority
Angelo Bruno

92-2717- June Mail 1-13-61
Angelo Bruno
See File 66-2554-7530 for authority.

92-2717-67 1-20-61
June Mail Angelo Bruno
See File 66-2554-7530

92-2717-63 12-21-60
June Mail
Angelo Bruno

File 92-2717
Subj: Angelo Bruno
Section # 4 Serial scope: 138-235
HSCA: 4-28-78

Air-tel 92-2717-233
TO: DIR, FBI 6-24-61
FR: SAC, DENVER
Angelo Bruno

- states that a IRVING CARGY, owner of an aluminum manufacturing company in Miami Beach in 1958, made several trips to Havana, Cuba prior to Dec, 1959

Bruno and Carey would often be together in Miami.

Jack Lifsitz, a partner in building the Montmartre Hotel, stated that Angelo Bruno never had any interest, financial or otherwise in the Montmartre Hotel up to the time that it finally sold out (March 1960). Also, he has never heard of Bruno having an interest since that time.

Subj: Angelo Bruno File # 92-2717
Section #5 - Serial Scope: 236 only
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Report

Philadelphia 6-28-61
Covers: 11-27-57 to 5-28-61
by SA J. Robert Pence
Char: AR
Title: Angelo Bruno, aka

- this report covers over 600 pages; complete info on Bruno (biographical etc.)
- broken down into following major headings:
  A. Personal History + Background
  B. Associates
  C. Legitimate Enterprises
  D. Illegal Activities
  E. Police Protection + Political Ties
  F. Pending Prosecution Actions
  G. Banking Connections
  H. Statement of Assets
  I. Identification Record

Rise in Racketts Activities p. 21-28

- Angelo Bruno originally started working in the rackets for Frank Matteo, aka Frankie Mendell, in the numbers business. (T-1)

T-1 said Bruno later broke with Matteo & joined the "Italian mob" & became a partner with Marco Reginelli in the Penn Jersey Vending Machine Co. in Philadelphia. Through this activity & the number business Bruno amassed a great amount of currency.

p. 22. - In 1953 the so-called "Greaser gang" had control of all racket activities in Philadelphia - Bruno a member of the gang -

- arrest record of Bruno shows that he
p22 - has been questioned or arrested by the Phila PD for charges involv murder, operation of an illegal still, lottery, poss of drugs, covering a period from 11-21-28 to 2-13-61.

T-2, c. 1, stated Bruno & Antonio Pollina told him:
Bruno & Antonio Pollina assoc in crim act for the last 12 yrs at least - T-2 said Bruno superior to Pollina in heirarchy.

T-2 said Bruno & Pollina have had a misunderstanding in the past - this difference led to a mellay among members of the organization in Wildwood, N.J. - alerted by Pollina & not Bruno

T-2 - the difference finally brought to attn. of the "Commission" in N.Y.C. by a 3rd party - resulted in a meeting in N.Y.C which Bruno attended - T-2 said two members of this commission are Thomas Luchese, and Carlo Gambino.

T-2: his opinion that Bruno the Commission Rep in Philadelphia -

3-22-61

p. 59 - listed in Bruno's address book - "Russel Buffalino - Bar - Olympia - 5-1906"

p 302 - listed in book Santo ● - home Redwood 6-6973.

- Tampa division advised that Redwood 6-6773 was the unlisted telephone at 2505 Bristol Ave, Tampa, FL, residence of Santo Trafficante, JR - FBI NO 482-531-B.

p 364 - accord to Victor Calamaro, aka Bobby Calamaro, a close assoc of Bruno, toed SAS J. Robert Pearce & Joseph A. Ulrich on 11-7-59 that:

Bruno went to live in FL because of health / Bruno always thought he had cancer in the throat but really had some condition - "bleeder"

said Bruno & wife presently living in Havana -

p365 - said Bruno had an interest in a gambling Casino in Havana -

p366 - cont int T-42 admitted that (12-17-58) Bruno definitely did not have an interest in SANS Souci or Hotel National Casinos. - maybe the Hotel Plaza Casino.

2-26-59 cont int T-42 said that Bruno had purchased part of an interest (from Joe Stassi) in the Hotel Plaza Gambling Casino - purchase prior to the overthrow of the Batista regime on 1-1-59.

p366 cont int T-43 identified Bruno as one of the interest holders in the Hotel Plaza.

p366 - said that this was closed as 1-1-59; did not receive permission to reopen as 2-15-59 as some other casinos had.

int T-43 said that he rec. info that a payoff" of 50,000 had recently been made to an unidentified official of the Cuban government. As a result permission to reopen obtained.

int ~~on~~ said that in spite of permission the stockholders now in position of not having a bank roll

p 367 On 4-24 & 5-19, 1959, Phil C.I. T-44 furnished the following: to SA Raymond J. Gorham -

- in the fall & early winter of 1958 he had been assoc with the Plaza Casino in Havana, Cuba.

- said that the gambling syndicate from N.J. & Phil secured their money from the Cuban Gov through Charles "The Blade" Tourine.

368 - on 7-22-59, Phil C.I. T-16 advised SA J. Robert Pearce that Angelo Bruno's wife, Sue, recently said that Bruno had $40,000 invested in a Havana gambling casino. - said that the money not lost but at the present time Bruno was unable to get the money out of Cuba.

During Oct 1960 Phil C.I. T-45 advised SA Dale M. Hestand that Bruno had said that he arranged through Lloyds of London & an undisclosed insurance agent to secure his gambling casino, unidentified, for an undisclosed amount. The insur agent, accord to Bruno, had to manipulate the paper to give Bruno 180,000 - explained that Bruno said that the casino had caught

fire & ~~that the premium~~ at the time Castro took over power & that the premium had lapsed - agent manipulated paper. - Bruno implied that agent received $20,000 for the favor.

p 376 - a Jay Kattelman, Bala - Cynwyd, PA advised Bureau on 6-14-61 that

p 377 said that Charles Schwartz, Phila, approached him early 1960 & asked him if he, Schwartz, could enter damages on a casino in Havana, Cuba. Kattelman said that from unrevealed source he had that Schwartz - Bruno - Casino - Plaza Gambling Casino.

- this return contains detailed info on the owners of the Plaza.

p 391 Burd - 50% - $150,000 for 50%. - gave away or sold 9½ - 10%
STASSI - 50% - where Bruno probably fit in - no evidence

p 392 - Casino opened in Nov 58 - opened 6 weeks
Casino - burned -
→ $80,000 in insurance on the casino

p 406 Joseph Stassi - allegedly assoc with Traff
Born 12-2-1906 N.Y.C.
residence - NYC - 1961 -
1944 East 21st Street
Brooklyn, N.Y.

p 390 FBF 559 327

p. 387 - Frank H. Bird -
5-25-61 - resided at 1010 5th Ave
NYC.
p. 391 - obtained 50% of Playa Hotel, -
Casino & Restaurant.

(bottom line - no ME moved say
Bruno positively had an interest -
appears that Strassi gave him some
points.)