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During the investigation of the criminal influence in the International Hod Carriers, Building and Common Laborers Union, Local #1, 3942 West Madison St., Chicago, Ill. (92-7325), a review of the Chicago PD files showed that Joseph Aiello and James Caporale attended the wake of Sam Giancana's wife in June, 1955. CG 6443-C, on 9/9/51, reported that Caporale was reportedly taking orders from Charles Nicolletti as well as from Giancana. (u)

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It was noted that Nicolletti was one of Giancana's top ranking lieutenants in the Chicago criminal hierarchy, while Caporale and Aiello were Financial Secretary and Vice-President Business Agent respectively of the above local. (u)

92-7325-1
(23)

CG 6564-PC (137-8306) furnished information regarding several top ranking boxers and criminal influence in the boxing game. CG 6564-PC stated that he was one of Sonny Liston's managers after Liston's release from prison in 1957 and in order to get aid in recovering loans made and his piece of Liston's contract, he appealed to Samuel Giancana. After he told his story to Giancana, he was promised help but the results of that contact was unproductive. (u)

137-8306-4
(7)

Joseph Woods, Chief Investigator for the Better Government Association, Chicago, advised that in 1960, the International Paper Company (victim, 92-7190) built a large plant in Northlake, Ill. and in order to finish construction, the company was forced to make a \$16,000 payoff to Rocco Pranno, Wayne Seidler and Henry Neri (subjects of 92-7190). (u)

It was noted that Pranno was a hoodlum and muscle man in DuPage and Kane Counties, Ill. and was associated with Sam Giancana. (u)

92-7190-2
(23)

CG 6479-C advised that Vincent Joseph Inzerro (92-7366) was close to Fiore "Fifi" Buccieri, a lieutenant of Sam "Mooney" Giancana, and frequently visited the Dream Bar in Cicero, Ill., believed to be owned by Giancana. (u)

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The "Chicago Tribune" on 10/19/51 and 9/5/54, the "Chicago American" on 3/22/58 and the "Daily News" on 3/29/60, carried articles which connected Inserro and Giancana in criminal activities. (U)

A review of the Intelligence Unit Files, Chicago PD, showed that in 1960, Giancana was allegedly a close friend of Inserro. (U)

92-7366-1 p.24, 30, 32, 35, 38
(23, 30)

On 11/11/60, CG 6379-C advised that the gambling operation located on the second floor of Gus' Steak House, 4817 Roosevelt Road, Chicago, Ill., was owned and operated by Sam Giancana, but was run by Sam's brother, Joseph "Pepe" Giancana. (U)

162-786-3 p.84
(not indexed)

Detective Lee Gerhke, Intelligence Unit, Chicago PD, advised that among the automobiles noted at the residence of Samuel Giancana during the early part of January, 1961, was one belonging to Sam Cesario (92-8977). (U)

The "Chicago Daily News" on 3/20/61, carried an article which stated that Sam Giancana, Cesario and a crowd of Chicago hoodlums attended the funeral of Joseph Mendino of Lake Forest, Ill. (U)

92-8977-1
(7, 24)

PG 694-PC (137-9541) advised that Joe Merola, Mike Swiatek and Pat Schang committed the armed robbery of Fritz and Edith Dorigo, proprietors of the Hofbrau Haus Restaurant in Hallandale, Fla. on 3/21/61. He advised that a large quantity of the jewelry taken in the robbery was sold to Mooney (Sam) Giancana, who allegedly gave one of the large diamond rings to Phyllis McGuire of the McGuire Sisters Trio. (U)

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(25, 30)

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Gerald Francis O'Hare advised that he was part owner with John Drew of the Coach and Four Restaurant in Las Vegas, Nev. O'Hare advised that he looked after the bar and business end, while Joseph Dan Pignatello (92-5811) ran the food part of the restaurant and took care of Drew's interest. O'Hare advised he had met Samuel Giancana on one occasion in the lounge of the Desert Inn Hotel, Las Vegas but did not know if Pignatello was in contact with Giancana. (U) Nevada

Nicholas Cecola advised he had known Giancana for many years and had met him in 1961 when Giancana was in the Las Vegas area. (U)

LV 48-C* advised that Giancana and Phyllis McGuire lived together in a residence near Las Vegas during the Summer of 1961, when the McGuire sisters were appearing at the Desert Inn Hotel. (U)

92-5811-23
(not indexed)

On 7/10/61, PCI [redacted] (protect identity) advised that Maria Caron, a showgirl at various night clubs in Chicago had told him that "Mooney, the Big Man" had shown interest in her and had spoken to her on several occasions. [redacted] advised he would maintain her friendship and attempt to develop information regarding hoodlum activities especially those of Sam Giancana. (U)

PCI [redacted] further advised that Lionel Ives (165-1355) was a partner with Leon Marcus at the Southmoor Bank and Trust Company at the time Marcus was killed by mistake after some of Sam Giancana's men had picked Marcus up and attempted to obtain \$10,000 from Marcus without the sanction of Giancana. PCI [redacted] stated it was Ives' theory that Marcus threatened to tell Giancana about the incident and the men panicked and killed Marcus. (U)

165-1355-1
(25)

JFK Act 6 (4)

AUSA Howard W. Hilgendorf furnished a notebook taken from Sam DeStefano (92-7456) when DeStefano was arrested in 1946. Noted in this notebook was "Mooney, Col. 6422." (U)

On 8/24/60, DeStefano advised Bureau Special Agents that he was a good friend of Sam Giancana, having grown up with Giancana in Chicago. He stated he had not been close to Giancana for several years, although he saw him from time to time at wakes and other gatherings. (U)

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In August 1961, PCI [redacted] (protect identity) advised that "Mooney" was a known alias of Giancana. (U) ~~SECRET~~

In 1961, CG 6343-C* advised that Samuel DeStefano was not a member of the organization controlled by Giancana and did not operate under the supervision of Giancana or any lieutenant of Giancana. (U)

92-7456-3 p.14,16
(23)

The Las Vegas Office received information (source not given) that John Frank Drew was closely associated with Anthony Accardo and Samuel M. Giancana, reported criminal leaders in the Chicago area. (U)

On 11/8/61, Drew appeared before the Gaming Control Board, Carson City, Nev. to answer certain questions regarding his past activities in Chicago. The Gaming Control Board made reference to an article which appeared in the "Chicago Daily Tribune" on 9/25/61, captioned "Crap Game Floats Into A Picnic Grove." The article stated that Tony Accardo, Sam Giancana, Rocco Fischetti, Gus Alex, Les Kruse, Johnny Drew and Frank LaPorte were "members of the bank" of the "big game." Drew, while under oath stated he never banked any game for anyone else, but admitted knowing the above individuals. (U)

It was noted that Drew was Executive Vice President and Casino Manager, Stardust Hotel Casino, Las Vegas, Nev. (U)

166-672-163 p.4,5
(4,26)
SI 92-7677-1 encl. p.3,5
(3)

On 1/19/62, LV 36-C advised that Tommy Abdo (165-1385) was a regular player in high-stake poker games in the Stardust Hotel Card Room in Las Vegas, Nev. According to LV 36-C, Abdo played with such players as John Drew, President of the Stardust Hotel and representative of Samuel Giancana, Cosa Nostra Boss of Chicago. (U)

165-1385-1
(7)

CG 6486-C* advised that during the early morning hours of 2/8/62, Sam Giancana held a lengthy discussion with one "Potsy" believed identical with Potsy Pearl (165-1914). (U)

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In May 1965, Mandel Skar (92-6140) advised that Dominic Senese, brother-in-law of Anthony Accardo, had threatened to kill Skar in April 1963 if an alleged debt was not paid to Senese's partner, Vic Conforti. Skar utilized his wife, Bea Skar, an intimate friend of Sam Giancana, to intercede with Giancana. Skar claimed the intercession was successful and he had received no additional threats. (U)

92-6140-23
(20)

The Chicago Office advised that Sam "Mooney" Giancana was the head of organized crime in the Chicago area and as such was forced to make extensive trips outside Chicago. During these trips, Dominic Joseph Blasi (92-6681) was designated as the person to be contacted for messages of importance. (U)

A review of the toll calls listed to the telephone of Phyllis McGuire, 525 Park Ave., New York City (February through April, 1963) showed several calls to the residence of Dominic Blasi in Chicago. The telephone numbers used by McGuire were those known to have been given out by Giancana to close associates. (U)

92-6681-5
(22,29)

On 4/21/63, a review of files of IRS, Intelligence Division, Los Angeles, Calif., regarding [REDACTED]

JFK Law 11(d)

(U)

166-865-1
(7,30)

MM 509-C advised that Ben Novack (92-8350) was close to such members of the hoodlum element as Sam Giancana and had invested "racket" money in the Fontainebleau Hotel, Miami Beach, Fla. (U)

MM 730-PC advised that on 6/28/61, Giancana and Novack conferred in the Poodle Room of the Fontainebleau Hotel. (U)

According to MM 730-PC, on 6/30/62, Max Eder, Novack and Giancana were observed in various parts of the Fontainebleau. (U)

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Maurio Floriani, Captain, Atlantic City PD (protect identity) advised that Giancana and Novack were among the guests of Frank Sinatra at the Claridge Hotel, Atlantic City, N.J., on 8/24/62. (U)

MM 962-C advised that Eder operated the gambling in the card room at the Fontainebleau Hotel. (U)

On 6/21/63, William S. Kenny, SAAG at Miami, Fla., advised that Giancana, Eder, Novack and Marion Sibley, attorney for the above hotel held a conference after the IRS attempted to review the books regarding the financial operations of the Fontainbleau. (U)

Biographical data and criminal record of Giancana set out. (U)

92-8350-2
(24,42)

This reference is made up of three letters which concerned the altercation which occurred in the Cal-Neva Lodge on 7/28/63 in which Victor LaCraix Collins and Sam Giancana were involved. (U)

In the first piece of correspondence, dated 2/27/64, addressed to the Commissioner, RCMP at Ottawa, Canada, the Illinois Crime Investigating Commission asked that Collins be interviewed if he was still residing in Canada, and if he was in the US, to be advised of his address. (S)(U)

The second letter, dated 3/10/64, addressed to the Executive Director of the Illinois Crime Investigating Commission from the RCMP, acknowledged the communication of 2/27/64 and set out information furnished in an interview of Collins by the State of Nevada Gaming Control Board on 8/10/63. Collins at that time advised he had been employed as road manager by the McGuire Sisters and had a fight with Giancana who was keeping company with Phyllis McGuire. (S)(U)

A third letter, dated 3/10/64, addressed to the RCMP Liaison Officer, Washington, DC, advised of the above mentioned correspondence and stated that it had been answered by the Canadian headquarters. (S)(U)

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(15,28)

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This reference in the file captioned "Cal-Neva Lodge," Crystal Bay, Nev. (92-6259) sets out detailed information regarding the activities of Samuel M. Giancana at the Lodge and in the Reno, Nev. area. (u)

In late July 1963, Giancana visited Phyllis McGuire, youngest member of the singing stars known as "The McGuire Sisters" during their appearance at the Cal-Neva Lodge and while there became involved in a fight with the manager of the McGuire Sisters, Victor Collins. Employees of the Avis U-Drive Company in Reno, Nev. furnished information regarding Sam Giancana's use of rented automobiles during July, 1963 in that area. (u)

92-6259-15
(3,21)

The following references in the file captioned "Frank Sinatra" (92-6667) set out information regarding his association with Sam Giancana. In 1959, Giancana attended a party at the Claridge Hotel, Atlantic City, N.J., hosted by Sinatra, and in 1963, Sinatra and the Cal-Neva Lodge, Lake Tahoe, Nev. received wide spread publicity as a result of a fight caused by the presence of Giancana and Phyllis McGuire at the Lodge. (u)

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On 6/5/63, CG 6512-C-TE advised that Fioravante Buccieri (92-6156) and Chuck English were lieutenants for Sam "Mooney" Giancana. (u)

On 8/21/63, the above informant advised that based upon comments made by Chicago hoodlums, Giancana would have to step down as head of the "outfit" and either Buccieri or Sam Battaglia would replace him. (u)

92-6156-41

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51-495-7 p.188 (Intelligence Division,
Chicago PD)

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On 9/26/63, Dr. Sol T. DeLee advised that he had become indebted to Jack Cerone (92-5802) through golfing wagers but that he had never played golf with such individuals as Sam Giancana. (U)

92-5802-23
(20)

JFK Act 6 (4)

On 9/14/63, Sam Giancana attended a wedding reception for the son of Ben "Foggie" Fillichio in the ballroom of the Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago. (PCI [redacted] protect identity). (U)

CG 6670-C-TE advised on 10/4/63, that the Bellwood Savings and Loan Association, Bellwood, Ill. and the St. Paul Savings and Loan Association of Chicago were actually owned by Paul DeLucia (92-2894), Tony Accardo and Giancana. (U)

92-2894-82 p2,3
(15)

News articles, written by Sandy Smith, "Chicago Sun-Times" reporter, which appeared in the "Washington Post" on 10/6/63 and the "New York Post" on 10/7/63, concerned the attempts of hoodlums in the US to gain control of gambling in Jamaica. (U)

The above articles stated that an emissary of the Jamaican Government had come to Chicago to deal directly with gangsters and that Momo Salvatore Giancana had sent representatives to Jamaica in June 1963 to dicker for control of two casinos, two race tracks and a lottery. (U)

162-1-219-23
(39)

On 10/10/63, William J. Duffy, Director of Intelligence, Chicago PD, testified before the US Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations holding hearings on organized crime and illicit traffic in narcotics. Mr. Duffy gave a brief criminal record and aliases used by Samuel Giancana. (U)

On 10/15/63, Neil Brown, Chief of Police, Tampa, Fla., testified in the above hearings that Santo Trafficante, Jr., the key figure in the Mafia in Tampa, was an associate of Sam Giancana. (U)

Copy of above hearings enclosed
92-4282-169 encl. p.509,524
(18,42,65,70,89,97,100)

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On 11/6/63, Jack Schaefer, 9827 Lenor, St. Louis, Mo. (protect identity) advised that the bond for Gregory S. Moore, former Deputy Sheriff for the City of St. Louis, free on appeal bond following his conviction for violation of the US Income Tax laws, was arranged by Sam Giancana or by a member of Giancana's organization. Schaefer stated that from contacts with Moore, he (Schaefer) gained the impression that Moore was a contact man for Giancana in the St. Louis area. Moore left the impression with Schaefer that Giancana gave the last word regarding who did or did not obtain loans from the Teamsters Pension Fund. (u)

63-8835-1
(15)

NY 4008-C-TE advised that Sam Giancana, through Leslie Kruse and Murray Humphries, would attempt to expand the interest of the hoodlums in casino gambling at Freeport, Grand Bahamas. (u)

The above informant also reported that Giancana and members of the Chicago hoodlum group, had expressed a desire to operate a casino at Cat Cay, Bahamas. (u)

CG 6443-C reported on 11/21/63 that Leslie Earl Kruse, Chicago hoodlum, had been to Freeport, and conferred with Louis Chesler regarding Giancana's interest in gambling in the Grand Bahamas (u)

MM 665-C advised that Chesler was connected with the Monte Carlo Casino at the Lucayan Beach Hotel, Freeport, Grand Bahamas. (u)

It was noted that Kruse, a member of the criminal syndicate in Chicago, was highly regarded in the organized criminal hierarchy, while Humphries, one of the last living members of the Al Capone organization, a member of the Chicago criminal organization, was noted as a political fixer. (u)

92-5411-63 p.3,6,9,10,11,13
(19)

A review of the Chicago Office files showed that on 12/3/63, information was received that Sam Giancana owned a piece of Maggio's Steak House in Forest Park, Ill., operated by bookies Don and Fred Maggio. (Source not set out). (u)

165-1297-17 p.4
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The "Chicago Daily News" on 1/8/64, carried a column captioned "Bye-Bye Momo: Cosa Nostra's Making Changes." The column stated that Giancana had been "booted" to the status of elder statesman or somewhere. He was reported to be "tiffing" with his personal portion of the McGuire sisters, and that his replacement at the helm of the hoodlum empire was Chuck English. (u)

CG 6533-C advised that English, Giancana, Butch Blasi and Queenie Simonelli were at the Armory Lounge, River Forest, Ill. on 11/29,30/63; 12/1-8,10-12,19,23,27/63 and 1/1,10,11,13/64. (u)

92-5787-52 p.G,H,1,2,4
(19)

On 1/27/64, Lieutenant John R. Konen, Commanding Officer, Stolen Auto Section, Area 1, Chicago PD, advised that Richard C. Froio and James Frasco (subjects of 26-327527) were responsible for the sale of stolen 1963 automobiles. The above source stated it was unknown whether Chuck English and Sam Giancana were aware that Frasco, employee of the Lormar Records, 3214 West Augusta, Chicago, owned and operated by English and Giancana, was involved in the operation. (u)

26-327527-15
(9)

CG 6533-C advised that whenever Sam Giancana was in Chicago, one of his associates, on a daily basis, was Charles English (92-5347). (u)

The "Arizona Republic" on 1/28/64, carried an article, which included a photograph of Joe English, captioned, "Brothers Rate A-1 With Joe English." The article set out background information connecting the English brothers with Giancana. (u)

92-5347-30 p.4,8
(19)

In February, 1964, NY 4008-C-TE advised that he had heard that Aaron Weisberg (92-6828) was not visiting the Sands Hotel (Las Vegas, Nev.) because of the trouble between Doc Stacher and Samuel M. Giancana. This trouble resulted because of Giancana's activities at the Cal-Neva Lodge, Lake Tahoe, which caused Frank Sinatra to have his gambling license revoked by the Nevada Gaming Commission to operate as an owner of the Cal-Neva Lodge and the Sands Hotel. (u)

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It was noted that Joseph "Doc" Stacher was considered one of the leading gambling figures on the West coast. (U)

92-6828-15

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SI 92-4167-1098 p.7 (LAT-387)

(18)

On 2/6/64, CG 6597-C-TE advised that Fred Maggio (162-882) was using P.O. Box 213, Maywood, Ill., as a mail drop to receive gambling payments and that Sam Giancana was part owner of Maggio's booking operation. (U)

162-882-9

(25)

CG 6690-PC advised that in the late 1950's, Anthony Accardo stepped down from his leadership of the organized criminal element in Chicago and Sam "Moe" Giancana replaced him. The informant also advised that Jack Cerone (92-5802) was probably in line to ascend to the leadership if and when Giancana relinquishes his control. (U)

CG 6656-C-TE advised that Cerone owned an interest in the Chez Paree night club in Chicago and that Sam Giancana who had no financial interest in the Chez Paree, indicated he would obtain top talent for the venture. (U)

PCI [redacted] (protect identity) advised that he heard that Accardo, Giancana and Cerone had discussed Cerone developing union contacts with the thought that Cerone might enter into the union field. (U)

Add. info. (U)

Information from Chicago report, 2/17/64. (U)

92-5802-24 p.2-5

(20)

JFK Act 6 (4)

[redacted] PCI (protect identity) advised that during 1962-1963, Jack Cerone, Sam Giancana and others connected with the "outfit" met on a regular basis at the Sahara North Motel. (U)

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On 2/24/64 the above informant advised that Jack Cerone was going to Florida to invest \$300,000 of "outfit" money on Cassius Clay in the Clay - Liston fight, the profits from the bet to be used in the development of the Chicago "outfit" gambling interests in Puerto Rican-British West Indies area. (u)

92-5802-25
(20)

CG 6486-C* advised that during early January, 1964, John Anthony Matassa (92-6859) met regularly with Sam Giancana and other Chicago hoodlums at a cocktail lounge on Chicago's west side. (u)

CG 6533-C advised that Matassa met as often as two or three times a week with Giancana during January, February and March of 1964. (u)

Matassa was used by Giancana as chauffeur, bodyguard and confidant during the above three months period. (Source not clear) (u)

During the course of another investigation, the Chicago Office learned that Judith Eileen Campbell, aka. was an acquaintance of Sam Giancana as well as of John Matassa. (u)

92-6859-4
(23)

On 1/17/64, officials of the Bahama Islands furnished the Miami Office with the identity of the supervisors employed in the gambling casinos on the Grand Bahama Islands. (u)

On 2/7/64, the Miami Office furnished the Bahamian police with information showing the tie in of nine of these casino supervisors with organized crime in the US. (u)

The Bahamian police secured the names of replacements for the above undesirable casino supervisors and a check of these names showed that the replacements were either known to be tied-in with Meyer Lansky, NY hoodlum or with Sam Giancana. (u)

92-7276-71
(23)

CG 6690-PC advised on 2/7/64, that Sam Giancana was "made" just prior to going to prison many years ago. Giancana was sponsored by Little New York Campagna and Frank Nitti, long time associates of Paul DeLucia (92-2894). (u)

[REDACTED] PCI (protect identity) advised that Anthony Accardo and Paul DeLucia controlled the capital of the "outfit" with Giancana being in charge of operations, working as a broker and investor. (u)

CG 6729-PC-TE advised in March 1964, that when referring to the entire Chicago criminal organization, it was called the "outfit" or "mob" or "organization". He continued that at that date Giancana headed the "outfit," that meeting places for top members of the "outfit" including Giancana were the Armory Lounge in Forest Park, Ill., the residence of Accardo and the residence of Ben "Foggie" Fillichio. (u)

92-2894-85 p.4-6
(15)

The following references in the file captioned "Smuggling Activities - South America" set out information indicating Sam Giancana's involvement in a gold refinement deal. John Greer, (protect identity) whose reliability was undetermined, advised that John T. Collins of Littleton, Colo. was in contact with Sam Giancana, proposing to borrow \$450,000 from Giancana, the loan to be used to build a gold smelter on a Dutch island off the coast of Colombia, South America. Their gold, smuggled out of the US, would be refined and shipped to foreign countries. Sources familiar with Giancana's activities knew nothing of Giancana's involvement in the above activities. (Early 1964). (u)

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On 4/16/64, Salvatore Vincent Bonanno (92-4494) was interviewed regarding his activities and information regarding the criminal activities and whereabouts of his father. In commenting on the "Commission" members, Bonanno advised he had met Sam Giancana once (date not given) at the Desert Inn in Las Vegas, Nev. in the company of Phyllis McGuire. (u)

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