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As far as well of us know, you have not received further information pertinent to the numbers racketeers in Chicago, as referred to in your memorandum of March 10, (Ref. Jacy, dem, 123-23-0).

There are enclosed memoranda, including identification records where appropriate, concerning 20 persons whose names are the same as those mentioned in your inquiry for similar thereto. As to all of the other persons mentioned in your memorandum, except the three referred to in the following paragraph, it was not possible on the basis of the limited information furnished to locate any information in our files identifiable with them.

With reference to Christopher C. Wimbish, George Smith, James E. Brown, James Casey, Ralph Metcalf and Charles Herring, the only information in our files which appeared to be possibly identical was contained in our memoranda to you of May 10, and June 9, 1954, captioned "William Levi Dawson, Congressman, Chicago, Illinois." These memoranda also contained detailed information concerning allegations that Congressman Dawson and others received money from racket payoffs in Chicago.

Your attention is invited to the fact that most of the information contained in the enclosed memoranda has not been verified or corroborated through investigation. In view of this and on the basis of the limited information furnished, it cannot be assured that the persons named in these memoranda are identical with the individuals referred to in your memorandum.

There is also enclosed for your information and assistance a summary of information concerning the policy and numbers racketeers in the Chicago area. In addition, there are enclosed a copy of the report of Special Agent Harold J.
The "Chicago Tribune" on March 11, 1954, published an article in which it described the "Wagon Wheel Cafe," Montrose Avenue, Norwood Park, Illinois, as a large gambling casino and primarily owned by Giancana.

(CG lett to Bureau, dated 4/18/55, re Policy and Number Rackets, NDI)

The "Chicago Tribune" dated April 25, 1954, carried an article in which it was stated that the Chicago Police Department was investigating a report that Tony Accardo was attempting to leave the United States because he feared assassination. It was reported that a warning shot had been fired over Accardo's head as he was leaving a meeting he had had with three representatives of Paul Ricca, who had replaced Accardo as boss of the criminal syndicate two years previously.

According to the above article, the meeting referred to was held in an automobile and it was reported that Accardo talked with Sam Giancana, northwest Cook County gambling boss; Sam Battaglia, gambler and former west side gang leader, and Jack Capone, a leader with Giancana of the young hoodlum in the syndicate who supported Accardo's removal as the head of the syndicate. It was reported that Accardo walked out of this meeting after refusing to turn over control of gambling and vice receipts from the southern section of Cook County and Kankakee County.

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A confidential informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in 1954 that it was general knowledge among the hoodlums that the "top setup" of the alleged syndicate, insofar as the operation of taverns and handbooks and minor gangs was concerned, was first Tony Accardo, then Tony Capezio, followed by Sam Giancana. According to this informant, Giancana controlled Cicero and the central west and southwest suburbs; Rocky Potenza, allegedly a protege of Sam Giancana, controlled the north and northwest section of Chicago along with the northwest suburbs. (CG-5951-C, 63-735-3)

There is enclosed an identification record for one Sam Giancana, with aliases, Sam Gincanni, Sam Gincana, FBI number 58437, who may be identical with the captioned individual.