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In parting, FONTANA was advised that with or without his cooperation, the FBI will continue to develop violations within its jurisdiction in New Kensington.

Confidential source [redacted] who is well acquainted with FONTANA, on 9/19/58, advised SAS DOUCE and FORSYTH that he considers FONTANA a hardened criminal and loyal bodyguard of GABRIEL MANNARINO who would stop at nothing, including murder, to maintain the power and influence of the MANNARINO organization in New Kensington. [redacted] pointed out that in his judgment, FONTANA would never be foolish enough to merely assault any member of law enforcement because the person assaulted would probably be in a position to testify after recovery and possibly identify his attackers. [redacted] pointed out, however, that in his opinion, FONTANA would, if circumstances warranted and if ordered by GABRIEL MANNARINO, carry out the assassination of any member of law enforcement, including Special Agents of the FBI.

LEADS

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PITTSBURGH

AT NEW KENSINGTON, PA. (Westmoreland County)

1. Will maintain regular contact with confidential sources, [redacted] [redacted] PG 545-C, and PG 564-C for information regarding subjects' legitimate enterprises, criminal activities, and associates.
2. Will recontact Mr. and Mrs. MARSHALL HOLT, neighborhood sources, at 536 Charles Avenue, and Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] [redacted] neighborhood sources, at 216 Highland Avenue.
3. Will recontact TOMMY HAYES, salesman, Swift and Company, (source of information) to determine whether SAMUEL MANNARINO and his associates have been able to interest any local drive-in theaters in their proposed food and refreshment concession business.
4. Will interview AL ZEID, FBI #574183, who is said to reside at 2640 Page Street (telephone EDison 5-0367), to determine when and where he applied for U.S. Citizenship and the name he used in connection with such application. Will also interview ZEID with respect to the numerous arrests listed

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14. Will interview ADRIAN DAVIS, Apartment 820, Morrowfield Apartments, to determine the nature of her alleged association with the MANNRINO brothers in the past and determine whether she can develop information concerning GABRIEL MANNARINO's location.
15. Will report results of interview with GIACENTO MANNARINO, FBI #196468, alleged brother of subjects, to be conducted at the Federal Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia. Investigation requested in Pittsburgh airtel to Bureau, 7/3/58.

CRIMINAL INFORMANT COVERAGE

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ADRIAN DAVIS, Apartment 820 Morrowfield Apartments, Pittsburgh, Pa.

T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, stated that ADRIAN DAVIS, an admitted prostitute, has indicated to him that she is well acquainted with the members of the MANNARINO organization in New Kensington, including SAMUEL and GABRIEL MANNARINO. T-3 pointed out that DAVIS claims to have received telephone calls at odd hours from the MANNARINO brothers in the past and has been known to leave her apartment for several hours at a time. T-3 stated that DAVIS told him that SAMUEL and GABRIEL MANNARINO have done favors for her in the past but she declined to elaborate on the nature of such favors.

T-3 said that DAVIS is extremely loyal to persons who have helped her in the past and since she obviously feels some unexplained obligation to the MANNARINO brothers, he seriously doubted whether she would furnish any information in her possession concerning their activities.

T-3 stated that not long ago DAVIS commented after reading an article in the paper regarding GABRIEL MANNARINO's pro-longed disappearance, that she could get in touch with him if she had to. In conclusion, T-3 said that DAVIS had nothing more to say on the subject and he did not consider it advisable to ask any questions.

Investigation Conducted to Identify Individuals
Previously Described as Out-of-Town Contacts for
the MANNARINO brothers by the National Board of
Fire Underwriters, Miami Florida

BEN LITTMAN
ERNIE SHIMANKY

T-4, who has furnished reliable information in the past, reported as follows with respect to LITTMAN and SHIMANKY:

"(a) Ben LITTMAN, 287 Spondina Street, Telephone # Empire 3-1101. - This mans correct name is Benjamin LEITTMAN, home address 10 Parkhill Road,

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Toronto. He is one of the main officer's in the Atlas Club, 287 Spadina Ave., Toronto, telephone number Empire 3-1101. This club operates as a Social Club under a Provincial Charter, it is a hangout for gamblers and criminals in the Toronto area. The club is continually under investigation by the Metro Toronto Police as are the members. It is strongly suspected of being the centre of a large bookmaking business. LEITMAN is well known to the local police anti-gambling squad and is considered to be the financial backer behind this club. (G-1)(u)

(b) Ernie SHIMANKY, owner of the Isabelle Hotel, Toronto.

- This mans correct name is Ernest CHAMANDY, home address 14 Ridgewood Road, Toronto. This man has been in legitimate business for many years in the Toronto area and enjoys a very good credit rating. He has been the owner of the Isabella Hotel, 556 Sherbourne Street, Toronto, since 1948. This hotel is a legitimate business and caters to middle class p people. In the past members of this branch have had occasion to conduct investigations in this hotel (concerning guests) and have received the fullest cooperation from CHAMANDY. He has no police record with the local police and is not known to be involved in any illegal dealings." (G-1)(u)

T-4 stated that neither individual has ever been connected with the illicit drug traffic but that LEITMAN could always be considered a suspect where there has been absolutely no reason to date to suspect CHAMANDY. (G-1)(u)

~~LEO GUARDINO, FBI #664328A, Top Jewel Thief, Chicago, Illinois'~~

The Chicago Office on September 23, 1958, advised that GUARDINO resides in Melrose Park, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago, and is an active jewel thief and burglar associated with JACK SILVA, FBI #606898B, STANLEY BORYCA, FBI #673937A, and GEORGE FEDORUK, Chicago Police Department, #E24858.

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SAMUEL MANNARINO

Counterfeit or Stolen Ration Stamps

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T-12, with whom contact has been insufficient to determine degree of reliability, but who is in a position to furnish reliable information because of criminal activities in the past, particularly safe burglaries, on August 25, 1958, was interviewed concerning the present whereabouts of Pittsburgh top hoodlum, JOHN LA ROCCA, but was unable to furnish any information in this connection. T-12 said that the only possible contact of LA ROCCA or LA ROCCA's associates in the Baltimore area would be PATSY CORBI. T-12 advised that in about 1950-51, when he was on the "lam" on local charges in Pittsburgh, he was sent to PATSY CORBI in Baltimore by FRANK VALENTI. T-12 stated he did not live with PATSY but made contact with Corbi's Restaurant and Kathleen's Musical Bar adjoining the restaurant. These were operated by PATSY and his son, ED CORBI. T-12 stated that the only other member of the CORBI family he knew was TONY CORBI. He said that previously in about 1946-1947, when on the "lam," T-12 was sent by VALENTI to TONY CORBI in Youngstown, Ohio, and that he stayed at TONY's home for a while there. T-12 mentioned that instead of coming to Baltimore to PATSY CORBI, he could have gone to Cuba as SAM MANNARINO had connections there but that he, T-12, did not feel that it was too safe for him in Cuba.

T-12 said that he had been associated with FRANK VALENTI, JOHN LA ROCCA, SAM MANNARINO and ANTONIO RIPEPI for a number of years. He said he first became associated with this group during the early part of World War II, at which time he said he was dealing in counterfeit or stolen ration stamps. T-12 said he had large quantities of these stamps and that these were disposed of mainly by MANNARINO and RIPEPI throughout the Eastern part of the country including Baltimore. T-12 said that he considered LA ROCCA to be the head man in the Mafia in Pittsburgh. T-12 stated that he worked for VALENTI and that his work consisted of stealing jewelry, bonds and other valuables. He made reference to \$200,000 in bonds which he said he stole and which VALENTI subsequently sent to relatives in Rochester, New York. T-12 also mentioned that on one occasion he brought a package of stolen diamonds and jewelry from VALENTI to PATSY CORBI in Baltimore.

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T-12, advised that he was indirectly involved in the murder of GUS GIANNI, EVANS and GARROW, whom he described as three hold-up men. He said that these individuals had been dealing with VALENTI but tried to hold up VALENTI for more money on a certain deal and that VALENTI had resisted their efforts to pressure him in this regard by having them murdered in a garage. T-12 stated that he was involved inasmuch as he had furnished the guns which had been used. He advised that he broke off his connections with VALENTI, LA ROCCA and others in about 1953. He said he has since furnished information to Immigration and Naturalization Service, Treasury and FBI regarding these individuals. T-12 indicated that his life would not be worth much in Pittsburgh because of what he has said about VALENTI, LA ROCCA and others with whom he was previously associated.

T-12 referred to an attorney in Pittsburgh, now deceased, who had handled cases involving VALENTI and his associates and that this individual also handled a coin machine manufacturing concern in Chicago which was named the Filben Corporation. T-12 said he believed that this attorney might have been even higher up in the mob than VALENTI and LA ROCCA.

It is noted that the late CHARLES MARGIOTTI, former Attorney General of Pennsylvania, has previously been identified with SAMUEL MANNARINO in connection with the National Filben Corporation of Chicago, Illinois.

E. LEGITIMATE ENTERPRISES

SAMUEL MANNARINO

Garden of Allah Motel,
6444 Indiancreek Drive,
Miami Beach, Florida

T-13, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on July 29, 1958, advised that SAM MANNARINO has a lot of money invested in the Garden of Allah Motel, Miami Beach, and has put JOE MEROLA in the motel to represent his interests.

JOSEPH MEROLA, FBI #4989299, on July 2, 1958, advised SA ELMER F. EMRICH at the Garden of Allah Motel, Miami Beach,

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that he and RED POLLOCK are now partners in the operation of the Garden of Allah Motel, but denied that the MANNARINO brothers have any interest in the motel. He refused to state, however, whether the MANNARINO brothers may have put up money in connection with his interests in the motel.

JOE MEROLA on August 25, 1958, advised SA EMRICH at the Garden of Allah Motel that SAMUEL MANNARINO does not have any interest in that motel and if MANNARINO loaned any money to anyone interested in the motel, he is not aware of it.

Lakeview Recreation Area,
Route 56, New Kensington, Pa.

T-14, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on September 9, 1958, stated that in conversation with SAMUEL MANNARINO at the Ken Iron and Steel Company, on September 3, 1958, MANNARINO authorized him to locate a group of responsible New Kensington residents who might be interested in forming a private club to take over the management of the Lakeview Recreation Area on a long term lease.

According to T-14, MANNARINO is particularly interested in having a group of approximately 100 people who would be willing to lease the recreation area for \$5,000 a year with MANNARINO retaining the concession rights to the restaurant. T-14 explained that apparently MANNARINO does not feel that the state of his health is such that he can bear up under the responsibilities of managing the establishment and that by leasing the business he could assure himself of a substantial financial return without being saddled with the responsibilities of the business.

T-14 stated that he gathered from their conversation that MANNARINO has cancelled the liquor license in the Lakeview Recreation Area restaurant and has made arrangements with the Liquor Control Board whereby the same license will be transferred to a new location approximately 300 or 400 yards from the Lakeview Recreation Area where MANNARINO is having the Murin and Fiorina Construction Company build a new cocktail lounge.

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T-14 said that according to MANNARINO, the decor used in the new cocktail lounge will be along the Western style used in the Las Vegas gambling casinos.

T-14 stated that MANNARINO also told him that he discovered large quantities of silica sand on his property near the Wynel's Crossroads Section of New Kensington (same property on which Recreation Area is located) and has been selling the sand for \$.35 a ton to various construction companies in the New Kensington area. T-14 said that MANNARINO told him that silica sand is a very salable product and considered quite valuable especially in connection with the building of new highways. MANNARINO left T-14 with the impression that he is receiving considerable money from the sale of silica sand located on his property.

Proposed \$250,000 Motel,
Route 56, New Kensington

T-14, on September 9, 1958, stated that in his conversation with SAMUEL MANNARINO on September 3, 1958, he made every effort to find out whether MANNARINO plans to go ahead with the construction of the \$250,000 motel on his property near Wynel's Crossroad, as previously reported.

T-14 said that MANNARINO told him that he does not plan to actually go ahead with the construction of the motel until the construction on Route 56 is completed. T-14 pointed out that in this way MANNARINO told him he would have an opportunity to judge the extent of traffic which would use the highway and could determine whether the motel would be profitable.

In this connection, T-14 pointed out that Route 56 is currently being re-surfaced into a new four lane highway which will run from New Kensington to Wynel's Crossroads.

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MECHLING advised that the information furnished by MC DOWELL held no particular significance for him until the evening of July 31, 1958, while in the process of conducting a surveillance of GABRIEL MANNARINO's home on Charles Avenue, he observed a red and white 1956 Plymouth station wagon bearing Pennsylvania license 958GY pull up in front of the MANNARINO home and observed the occupants entering the house.

Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Bureau records indicate Pennsylvania license 958 GY is registered to Anna Marie Domenick, 1014 Manor Road, New Kensington, Pa. It is noted that the Manor Road address is approximately two blocks from the MANNARINO home on Charles Avenue in New Kensington.

T-9, on September 19, 1958, stated that while talking with WILLIE SAMS on September 18, 1958, SAMS was complaining about a terrible hangover and mentioned that he got drunk with GABRIEL MANNARINO during the evening of September 15 or the morning of September 16, 1958. T-9 said that SAMS also told him that MANNARINO has been back in New Kensington since early September and is very unhappy about the lack of business in the gambling casino and the general pressure being brought to bear on New Kensington by Federal investigative agencies. T-9 said that SAMS did not go into any further detail regarding his drinking bout with MANNARINO and T-9 considered it inadvisable to press him at the risk of appearing to be too inquisitive. T-9 pointed out that in all probability, SAMS and MANNARINO did their drinking on September 15 or 16, 1958, at the Laetus Club on Fifth Avenue, New Kensington, next door to the Triangle Billiards gambling casino. T-9 noted that SAMS follows a strict daily routine which includes being at the Laetus Club to supervise the MANNARINO sport betting operation usually until one or two in the morning every day except Sunday and he seriously doubted whether MANNARINO would risk drinking at any other establishment providing, of course, they did not go to one of their homes. T-9 assumed that MANNARINO probably entered the Laetus Club through the rear door on Barnes Street and spent the evening with SAMS drinking in the Laetus Club since the management of that club would not betray MANNARINO nor would the local police.

T-9, on September 19, 1958, said that JIMMY BUFFONE, Westmoreland County Detective and Constable of the First Ward, New Kensington, and brother of ROCCO BUFFONE, told him on the evening of September 15, 1958, that he planned to see GABRIEL MANNARINO

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INFORMANTS

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized in this report only in those instances where the identity of the source must be concealed.

T-1 is HERMAN ISRAEL, owner, Scott Rug Company, Pittsburgh, Pa., contacted by SA JOHN S. PORTELLA.

T-2 is [redacted] 3215 Kennett Square, Pittsburgh, confidential source of the Pittsburgh Office, contacted by SA PORTELLA.

T-3 is [redacted] PCI of the Pittsburgh Office and common-law husband of ADRIAN DAVIS, contacted by SA THOMAS G. FORSYTH, III.

T-4 is [photostatic copy of Royal Mounted Canadian Police Detachment report dated August 15, 1958, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, obtained by Legat, Ottawa.] (G-1)(u)

T-5 is Dun and Bradstreet report regarding Merr Corporation dated April 25, 1958, at New York City, made available to SA ARTHUR R. MADIGAN. JFK Act 6 (4)

T-6 is W. N. BINGHAM, New York Office of Dun and Bradstreet, contacted by unidentified Special Agent of the New York Office in August, 1950.

T-7 is Records of District of Columbia Credit Bureau reviewed by an unidentified agent of the Washington Field Office, date of contact unknown.

T-8 is WF 1069-C contacted by SA WILLIAM C. CARROLL.

T-9 is [redacted] confidential source of the Pittsburgh Office, contacted by SAS RICHARD GORDON DOUCE and THOMAS G. FORSYTH, III.

T-10 is [redacted] PCI, contacted by Legat, Havana, Cuba. (X)(u)

T-11 is [redacted] PCI, contacted by SA NORMAN T. THOMPSON.

T-12 is [redacted] PCI of the Baltimore Office, confined to Maryland State Penitentiary, contacted by SAS JOHN J. GROGAN and PAUL A. TURNER.

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T-13 is MM 647-PC contacted by SA ELMER F. EMRICH.

T-14 is PG 545-C contacted by SAS DOUCE and FORSYTH.

T-15 is Miss AGNES THORSON, Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Ottawa, Illinois, contacted by SA GEORGE H. MURPHY.

T-16 is MARGARET LUND, Marseilles, Illinois, Telephone Company, contacted by SA GEORGE H. MURPHY.

T-17 is an anonymous informant who contacted Assistant Attorney General D. MALCOLM ANDERSON, U. S. Department of Justice by letter dated June 16, 1958, volunteering to furnish information concerning the activities of several Pittsburgh top hoodlums, including the MANNARINO brothers. The informant in his June 16, 1958, letter suggested that an ad be inserted in the personal column in the "Pittsburgh Press" addressed to "Tiger" and furnishing an address where he could write directly to Mr. ANDERSON. A post office box has been rented by the Pittsburgh Office and several letters, the latest of which is postmarked August 10, 1958, have been received concerning Pittsburgh top hoodlums.

T-18 is CV 278-C, contacted by SA STANLEY E. PETERSON.

T-19 is CV 365-S, contacted by SA TED BRICHETTO.

T-20 is GEORGE KNAPIC, Commercial Manager, Warren, Ohio, Telephone Company, contacted by SA W. RICHARD GREGOR.

T-21 is WILLIAM MEREDITH, Special Agent, Bell Telephone Company, Pittsburgh, Pa., contacted by SA HAROLD L. STEVENS.

T-22 is J. L. MC INTYRE, Westmoreland County, Pa., sales representative for the Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania contacted by SA DOUCE.

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T-23 is WILLIAM WEAVER, Patrolman, #1 Precinct, Pittsburgh Police Department, contacted by SAS DOUCE and FORSYTH.

T-24 is PCI [REDACTED] of the Miami Office, contacted by SA ELMER F. EMRICH.

T-25 is Mrs. JAN SUMMERS, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, Miami Beach, Florida, contacted by SA ROBERT E. SUNKEL.

T-26 is Mr. (FNU) SULLIVAN, Postmaster, New Kensington, Pa.

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