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Physical Surveillances

The following Special Agents participated in the surveillance of Frenchy's Seafood Restaurant, 5700 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh:

THOMAS G. FORSYTH III
RICHARD GORDON DOUCE
WALTER E. TAYLOR

The surveillances conducted at the White Horse Inn, Byrnedale, Pa., were conducted by SA ROBERT L. OLSON on 2/11/59 and 3/12/59.

Record Checks

Records of the Miami, Florida, PD and Credit Bureau of Greater Miami, were reviewed by IC CLIFFORD M. WERNER.

[REDACTED] JFK Act 6 (4)
Confidential Source

[REDACTED] who has furnished valuable information concerning the activities of the MANNARINO organization since the inception of the Top Hoodlum Program, sailed for Athens, Greece, on 4/10/59, aboard the SS OLYMPUS from New York, N.Y. [REDACTED] the acknowledged racket boss in Westmoreland County, Pa., during the 1920's, was released from the Western State Penitentiary during the summer of 1952 after being a prisoner for over 20 years on a conviction for murder. When [REDACTED] returned to New Kensington, Pa., in 1952, he quickly re-established himself in the MANNARINO controlled numbers racket on a limited scale and even though he was disliked and mistrusted by the MANNARINO brothers, he was able to furnish valuable data to this office concerning their operations. Information that he furnished concerning the numbers operation resulted in two highly successful raids conducted by the Intelligence Division, Internal Revenue Service, following dissemination by this office.

[REDACTED] stated that he does not intend to return to the United States and his criminal history and alien status

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will preclude his re-entry into the United States through normal channels.

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It will now be necessary for the agents assigned to the MANNARINO investigation to develop new sources of information who are capable of providing the caliber of intelligence data previously furnished by [redacted]

MIKE GEORGE HAZIDAKIS

Confidential Source [redacted] on 3/13/59 stated that after HAZIDAKIS was released from Montefiore Hospital in November, 1958, he was in a very weakened condition and attempted to recuperate at his home in New Kensington with great difficulty. [redacted] said that after several months HAZIDAKIS became alarmed over his inability to recover from the operation and since he was obviously not responding to treatment, he decided to return to his family in Greece.

[redacted] said that HAZIDAKIS left for Greece around 3/10/59, probably aboard the SS OLYMPUS, saying that he might return to sell his home and settle other business affairs providing his health improved.

[redacted] stated that in his opinion, HAZIDAKIS would undoubtedly take full advantage of his poor physical condition to remain in Greece permanently because of his long expressed fear of GABRIEL MANNARINO.

INFORMANTS

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

PG T-1 is [redacted] confidential source, contacted by SAS RICHARD GORDON DOUCE and THOMAS G. FORSYTH III

PG T-2 is NORMA GRILLO, a Pittsburgh call girl, contacted by SA NORMAN T. THOMPSON (concealed by request)

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PG T-3 is Former PG 580-C, contacted by
SA JOHN S. PORTELLA

PG T-4 is WILLIAM MEREDITH, Special Agent,
Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania,
contacted by SA HAROLD L. STEVENS

PG T-5 is PG 585-C contacted by SA ROBERT A.
VOEGE

PG T-6 is JOSEPH MEROLA, interviewed by
SAS GEORGE E. DAVIS, JR., and LEMAN L.
STAFFORD, at the Miami Office

PG T-7 is DR. LOUIS C. PESSOLANO of Miami
Springs, Florida, interviewed by SA RICHARD
GORDON DOUCE prior to his appearance before
the Federal Grand Jury in Pittsburgh (by
request)

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PG T-8 is MEL COLLIER, Investigator, Alcohol
and Tobacco Tax Unit, U.S. Treasury Department,
Pittsburgh, Pa., contacted by SA THOMAS G.
FORSYTH III.

PG T-9 is [redacted] former FCI, contacted
by SA NORMAN T. THOMPSON

PG T-10 is TOMMY HAYES, salesman for Swift and
Company, contacted by SA DAMON W. PITCHER

PG T-11 is JAMES MC DOWELL, Alcohol and Tobacco
Tax Unit, Pittsburgh, contacted by SA J. EDWARD
MADVAY

SF T-1 is MILTON SUGG, Fraud Investigation Unit,
California State Department of Employment,
contacted by SA ROBERT E. OLSON

SF T-2 is SF 1871-C, contacted by SA RAYMOND M.
ANDRESS

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SF T-3 is [REDACTED] former PCI and private investigator, contacted by SA ANDRESS

PG T-12 is CAMILLE NAFFAH, PCI, contacted by SA THOMAS G. FORSYTH III

PG T-13 is NELSON DARLING, Manager, Home Telephone Co., Ridgeway, Pa., covering Byrnedale, Pa., contacted by SA ROBERT L. OLSON

MM T-1 is MM 665-PC, contacted by SA ROBERT F. FETZNER

MM T-2 is MM 656-C, contacted by SAS PAUL A. CAJIGAS and ALBERT T. HEALY

PG T-14 is PG 573-C contacted by SA JOHN S. PORTELLA

PG T-15 is [REDACTED] PCI, contacted by SA GENE H. STUDEBAKER

MM T-3 is EDWARD C. WILLIAMS, PCI, contacted by SA PAUL A. CAJIGAS

MM T-4 is PAUL A. CAJIGAS, who contacted the Shenandoah Branch, U.S. Post Office, Miami, Florida

PG T-16 is T. MEAD MC LISTER, PCI, contacted by SA BRONI S. MACYS

CI T-1 is CI 197-S, contacted by SA ROBERT R. ROCKWELL

BA T-1 is THOMAS M. SIMPSON, Postmaster, Hagerstown, Md., contacted by SA ROBERT I. MC ENROE

BA T-2 is Mrs. ADA K. GUNNELLS, Clerk, Post Office, Hancock, Md., contacted by SA MC ENROE

BA T-3 is [REDACTED] Postmaster, Cascade, Md., contacted by SA MC ENROE

BA T-4 is WALTER MILLS, Postmaster, Clear Spring, Md., contacted by SA MC ENROE

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AT NEW KENSINGTON, PA. (WESTMORELAND)

1. Will contact PG 545-C for information concerning subjects' legitimate enterprises, criminal activities and associates.
2. Will recontact TOMMY HAYES, salesman for Swift and Company, and obtain additional details regarding the allegation that the MANNARINO brothers may have an interest in the Tri-State Automatic Candy Company.
3. Will prepare a letterhead memo concerning MIKE GEORGE HAZIDAKIS for dissemination to IRS.
4. Will interview GEORGE NADER, proprietor of Nader's Market, 1193 - 3rd Avenue, to determine if possible the method he used in providing a check cashing service for the Triangle Billiards Gambling Casino.
5. Will interview AGNES KNOX, waitress at Pecky Abraham's Bar, and reported former girlfriend of GABRIEL MANNARINO, for any information of value she can furnish concerning his activities.
6. Will interview ANDREW DATRES, 528 Pershing Drive, night manager of Andy's Restaurant, for information he may have picked up while listening to the conversation of MANNARINO organization members who frequent the restaurant.
7. Will interview NIP VURDEN, alleged pimp, who is said to be running a house of prostitution at 1151 - 4th Avenue, to determine the extent of his operation and possibly pay-offs to New Kensington PD.
8. Will interview TOM GALLIAN, operator of the Garibaldi Club, to determine his connections with the MANNARINO organization and possible pay-offs to New Kensington PD.
9. Will interview JAMES POWERS, 400 Robinson Street, Pitcairn, Pa., an employee of the Electric Department, Pitcairn, who, according to Chief of Police, O'Hara Twp., can furnish exact directions to the MANNARINO hunting lodge.

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DETAILS:

A. PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

SAMUEL MANNARINO

VICTOR E. CARLUCCI, son-in-law

Reverend NICOLA FUSCO, Pastor, St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, New Kensington, Pa., on March 25, 1959, advised that he performed the marriage of VICTOR E. CARLUCCI and MINNIE ANITA MANNARINO on April 16, 1945.

Father FUSCO stated that at the time of the marriage CARLUCCI lived with his parents, VINCENT CARLUCCI and ROSE CARLUCCI (nee MARELLI) at 2014 Ridge Avenue, Arnold, Pa., and the bride lived with her parents, SAMUEL MANNARINO and ROSE MANNARINO (nee CARINO), at 1001 Manor Road, New Kensington.

C. ASSOCIATES

SAMUEL and GABRIEL MANNARINO

DANIEL HANNA

PG T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on February 26, 1959, said DANIEL HANNA told him that SAMUEL MANNARINO assured him he would not be prosecuted in the case involving theft of weapons from the Ohio National Guard Armory, Canton, Ohio. PG T-1 stated that MANNARINO implied to HANNA that arrangements had been made or would be made to have the case "fixed" but that if for some unforeseen reasons HANNA was convicted, he would be paid for every day he spent in prison.

ANDY MANGINI

The "Pittsburgh Sun Telegraph," March 7, 1959, issue, carried a feature story concerning a raid by the Pittsburgh Police Department Racket Squad led by Acting Lieutenant JOHN JAMES on the Sparton-American Club, 715 West Diamond Street, at 2:00 AM, March 7, 1959.

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Highland 1-1615, listed to RENEE LEVITT,
5826 - 5th Avenue,
Pittsburgh 22, Pa.

Number changed to
Churchill 2-2127 (unlisted) 1696 Monongahela
Avenue, Pittsburgh 18, Pa.

Olympia 3-3419 (unlisted) ANNA LOHR,
340 Koendler Road, Apartment 7,
Leland Park

TOM TANNAS,
FBI #356490A

On March 24, 1959, United States District Judge HERBERT P. SORG, United States District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, directed an order of acquittal in the TANNAS case on the basis that the United States Government had failed to present sufficient evidence from which a jury could infer, beyond a reasonable doubt, that TANNAS wilfully intended to defraud the United States in connection with his application for loan through the SBA. Judge SORG pointed out in his written opinion that he had been in error in not directing a verdict of acquittal when the defense motion was made at the conclusion of the government's case in United States District Court.

AL RENALDO, aka., "Chips"

PG T-5, who has furnished reliable information in the past, was contacted on January 27, 1959 and again on February 20, 1959, at her residence, at which time she advised that she was present at the MANNARINO gambling establishment at New Kensington during the late evening hours of November 4, 1958. PG T-5 advised that on that afternoon a plane load of rifles stolen from the Ohio National Guard Armory at Canton, Ohio, was forced down at Morgantown, W.Va.; and that the MANNARINO brothers had already been mentioned as having had something to do with the transportation of these and other weapons to Cuban rebels. PG T-5 recalled that the bar was not too busy that night,

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but that the usual large number of patrons were filtering into the gambling rooms. PG T-5 said she spoke briefly to JOHN FONTANA, a permanent member of the MANNARINO organization, and a close associate of both MIKE GENOVESE and JOHN LA ROCCA. PG T-5 recalled that FONTANA told her that the place would be closing early and when she asked him what was wrong, he shrugged his shoulders and said, "Oh, just a few little problems that we can handle." PG T-5 said FONTANA definitely had referred to the gun-running because AL "CHIPS" RINALDO, a croupier and dealer in the MANNARINO gambling set-up, for many years and who had taken her to the gambling establishment, walked out of the gambling rooms shortly after 1:00 AM and advised because of some trouble "that will be in the newspapers" the place was closing early.

PG T-5 on April 7, 1959, stated that RINALDO has a room in a house directly across the street from the Pepsi Cola Bottling plant in the 5700 block of Centre Avenue, Pittsburgh, telephone number EM 2-2298.

D. CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

SAMUEL and GABRIEL MANNARINO

Indictments Returned By Federal Grand Jury, Pittsburgh

A Federal Grand Jury sitting at Pittsburgh, Pa., on March 20, 1959, returned a seven count indictment charging STUART SUTOR and the following five members of the MANNARINO organization with violations of ITSP, TGP and CONSPIRACY, in connection with the theft of weapons from the National Guard Armory, Canton, Ohio, and subsequent interstate transportaton by twin-engine beechcraft for revolutionary forces in Cuba:

NORMAN ROTHMAN, FBI #152585B

JOSEPH MEROLA, FBI #4989299

VICTOR CARLUCCI (son-in-law of SAMUEL MANNARINO)

DANIEL HANNA

JOSEPH GIORDANO, FBI #3661902