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FRANK E. WRIGHT, President, United
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Indianapolis, Indiana, to SA RALPH
R. HILL Jr. 6/23/59.

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a sign in the window "All girl show at the ~~Forest Lounge~~
3 doors North."

A search of real estate records at the office of the Recorder of Deeds, Chicago by SA HAROLD D. SELL on January 2, 1958, revealed that the property at 6540 North Milwaukee Avenue located in an unincorporated area between Chicago and Niles, Illinois was conveyed by warranty deed to ROCCO POTENZO on May 14, 1952 and from POTENZO by trust deed on that date to A. L. CHAMPAGNE. CHAMPAGNE has been described elsewhere in this report as the attorney for GIANCANA. Taxes for 1957 on the above addresses were paid by ROCCO POTENZO. (u)

Mrs. MARY HALLINAN, previously mentioned, advised SA FILES on January 15, 1958, that she was unable to locate a liquor license for the Retreat Lounge, 6540 North Milwaukee Avenue, Niles, Illinois.

Villa Venice
Wheeling, Illinois (u)

On May 6, 1958, CG T-38 advised SA LESTER K. ESAREY he was employed at Meo's Norwood House, 4750 North Harlem, Norridge, Illinois for about three years up until approximately six weeks ago. He added he is now employed as a cook in Rickett's Restaurant in Glenview, Illinois. He continued by saying that during his employment at the above restaurant he became well acquainted with the fact that this restaurant seemed to be one of the main hang-outs of the top hoodlums in the Chicago area. He stated that although he was working in the kitchen at this restaurant he was aware when the hoodlums were in the restaurant and who some of them are, and on occasion observed some of them. He advised that the Norwood House is owned by AL "CHUCK" and JIMMY MEO; that JIMMY owns the Franklin House in Franklin Park, and that SAM MOONEY owns the Villa Venice located in Wheeling, Illinois. He added, however, although the Villa Venice is owned by SAM MOONEY it is shown as being owned by the MEO brothers. He added that ALFRED MEO, son of CHUCK MEO, manages the Villa Venice. (u)

In regards to the Norwood House, CG T-38 stated one TRIP, wife of CHUCK MEO, helps to manage the Norwood House. In addition, one MIKE KELLY (probably SPERANZE) seems to have some authority at the Norwood House as he is the only hoodlum who ever makes an appearance in the main dining room and on occasion while in the main dining room he has given orders to employees. CG T-38 related that the hoodlums use the private dining room in the Norwood House each day Monday through

CG T-38 advised that there are no waiters at Norwood House and that the waitresses are all married and at least over 30 years of age. He furnished the name of the first cook as ELLIS (LNU), telephone LI 8-7185. He stated another cook was named SMITTY and that possibly his first name is EMMETT. CG T-38 advised that one GLEN (LNU) is the head busboy at this restaurant and appears to be more acquainted with hoodlums than any of the other employees. He explained that GLEN and his wife reside in the rear of TRIP MEO's woman's clothing store on North Avenue and that GLEN's wife works in this same store. Further, that GLEN has worked at TONY ACCARDO's house and some of the other hoodlums for private parties. He stated that GLEN is about 40 years of age and drives a 1956 Pontiac which is white and pink in color. (u)

CG T-38 stated that years ago, before the MEO brothers got into the restaurant business, JIMMY MEO had an orchestra which was well known throughout the Middle West and that CHUCK MEO worked for one "NEEDLES" in some type of gambling set up. (u)

On May 8, 1958, CG T-38 was recontacted by SA ESAREY and a group of photographs of hoodlums in the Chicago area were exhibited to CG T-38. The following list of hoodlums were picked out of the group of photographs by CG T-38: (u)

SAM GIANCANA, with alias MOONEY
JIMMY ADDUCCI
JOSEPH IMBURGIO BULGER
JOE CORNGOLD
TONY ACCARDO, with alias JOE BATTERS
GUS ALEX
LENNY PATRICK
MARSHALL CAIFANO
SAM BATTAGLIA
MURRAY HUMPHREYS
PHIL KATZ
ROCCO FISCHETTI

CG T-38 furnished the name of one JAMES DALLAS, commonly known as "SHERMAN" who has worked for approximately 10 years at the Villa Venice as a cook. He described DALLAS as a tall thin dark fellow, approximately 40 years of age, who tells a lot of lies and always has creditors chasing him. He added, however, that DALLAS seems to be a favorite of SAM MOONEY at the Villa Venice. He explained that SAM used to loan SHERMAN a car to drive back and forth to work. He added, (u)

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that SHERMAN is the type of fellow who will work steady for four or five months without missing a day and then go off on a two weeks drunken binge. On two or three occasions he took SAM MOONEY's car with him. As the result of this SHERMAN did not have the use of MOONEY's car. (u)

CG T-38 related that the Villa Venice was bought approximately two years ago by MOONEY and/or the MEO's from one PAPPÀ BOUCHE (phonetic). He stated BOUCHE (phonetic) is known as a Frenchman and is very well liked. He added that BOUCHE was then operating a restaurant in Florida. CG T-38 stated that the Villa Venice now has a station wagon courtesy car which is driven by a young, tall thin Negro approximately 25 years of age. (u)

Records of the Map Department, Cook County, 118 North Clark, Chicago, Illinois, made available by ROCCO TROCCOLI, Clerk, on July 9, 1958, reflect that the site of the Villa Venice, 2855 South Milwaukee Avenue, North field Township, is legally described as Assessor's Division, SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Lot 2, Sec. 19, T. 42, R. 12, consisting of 7.20 acres North of Road; and Assessor's Division, SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Lot 3, Sec. 19 T. 42, R. 12, consisting of .40 acres East of Gravel Road. The 7.20 acres described above is referred to as Item 1443, Vol. 131, of the Tax Warrant Books. The .40 acres described above is referred to as Item 1445, Vol. 131. (u)

Examination of the Tax Warrant Books for the years 1956 and 1957, under Item Number 1443 and 1445, Volume 131, reflect that taxes for these years were paid by JAMES MEO, 7219 West Lawrence, Norridge, Illinois. (u)

An examination of the Land Tract Book, made available by PHIL COSTA, Clerk, Illinois Department of Revenue and Property Tax, 160 North LaSalle, Chicago, Illinois, on July 11, 1958, reflected that under Document Number 16736351, Book Number 54215, page 486, an Indenture dated October 10, 1956, recorded October 24, 1956, recorded the purchase of the Villa Venice for \$80,000.00 by Meo's Villa Venice, Incorporated from ALBERT BOUCHE. President of Meo's Villa Venice, Incorporated was shown as JAMES MEO, and Secretary as STELL MEO. These records showed that Meo's Villa Venice, Incorporated assumed a balance on the first mortgage of ALBERT BOUCHE and wife, and took out a second mortgage for \$35,000.00 with the Chicago Title and Trust Company and paid the balance in cash. (u)

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Chicago T-44 advised on August 23, 1960, that TONY HORTON, owner of the Drexel Bonding Company in Chicago, had mentioned in conversation, of being in Mexico on several occasions. HORTON advised the informant that MARSHALL CAIFANO and other "hoodlums" had set up one GEORGE JONES as a businessman in Mexico City, Mexico. JONES has a brother named ED and their mother also residing with him in Mexico. HORTON advised the informant that JONES had told him that the "syndicate" in Chicago sends in and brings in personally, large sums of money which JONES then, on one or two occasions a year, takes to Switzerland for deposit in "number" accounts in Swiss banks. JONES then turns the deposit slips over to the hoodlums. According to the informant, (the JONES brothers are not happy over this relationship with the syndicate and the resultant involvement thereof, but are unable to be released from syndicate control. HORTON advised Chicago T-44 that in his opinion the JONES brothers would like to return to the United States and live normal lives. (u)

World Wide Actors Agency

Chicago T-28 advised on November 24, 1959, that SAM GIANCANA is the actual owner of the World Actor Agency and has among his cliental FRANK SINATRA, JIMMY DURANTE, SONNY KING, and others. According to this informant there was to be a meeting of this agency on November 27, 1959, at Tufano's Restaurant in Chicago. Among others who were to be there were ROCCO FISCHETTI, SAM GIANCANA, ALBERT FRABOTTA and other unidentified individuals. (u)

Chicago T-24 advised on January 13, 1960, that CHARLES LUFTIG formerly had a talent booking agency with offices in his hotel, but LUFTIG reportedly became manager of actor RED SKELTON over a year ago and left Las Vegas, Nevada. (u)

The informant was of the belief that LUFTIG was the representative for World Wide Actors Agency in Las Vegas, Nevada. (u)

MATT GREGORY, 130 South Las Vegas Boulevard, Las Vegas, Nevada, advised on February 5, 1960, that CHARLES LUFTIG was

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MIKE FISH's Restaurant,
East Ontario Street,
Chicago, Illinois

Chicago T-5 advised on January 3, 1958, that as of that time GIANCANA, along with other individuals, met for lunch in a private dining room located on the second floor of MIKE FISH's Restaurant located on East Ontario Street. The informant stated that JACK WEINER, brother of IRVIN WEINER, Chicago Bondsman, had stated to Chicago T-5 that he has been in this room on several occasions when he, WEINER, is in possession of choice items of stolen jewelry which he thinks GIANCANA or others may be interested in purchasing. (u)

On November 25, 1958, an individual resembling SAM GIANCANA was observed parking a 1956 Chevrolet bearing 1958 Illinois license 1303677 and entered MIKE FISH's restaurant. This license was registered to J. PERNO at 1147 South Wenonah, in Oak Park, Illinois. (u)

On the same date MURRAY HUMPHREYS and GUS ALEX were also observed entering this restaurant at approximately the same time as did the individual who resembled GIANCANA. (u)

Armory Lounge
7427 West Roosevelt Road,
Forest Park, Illinois

Reference is made to the legitimate enterprises section of this report where it is noted that one of GIANCANA's most frequent hangouts is located in the Armory Lounge. (u)

Chez Patee Night Club,
Chicago, Illinois

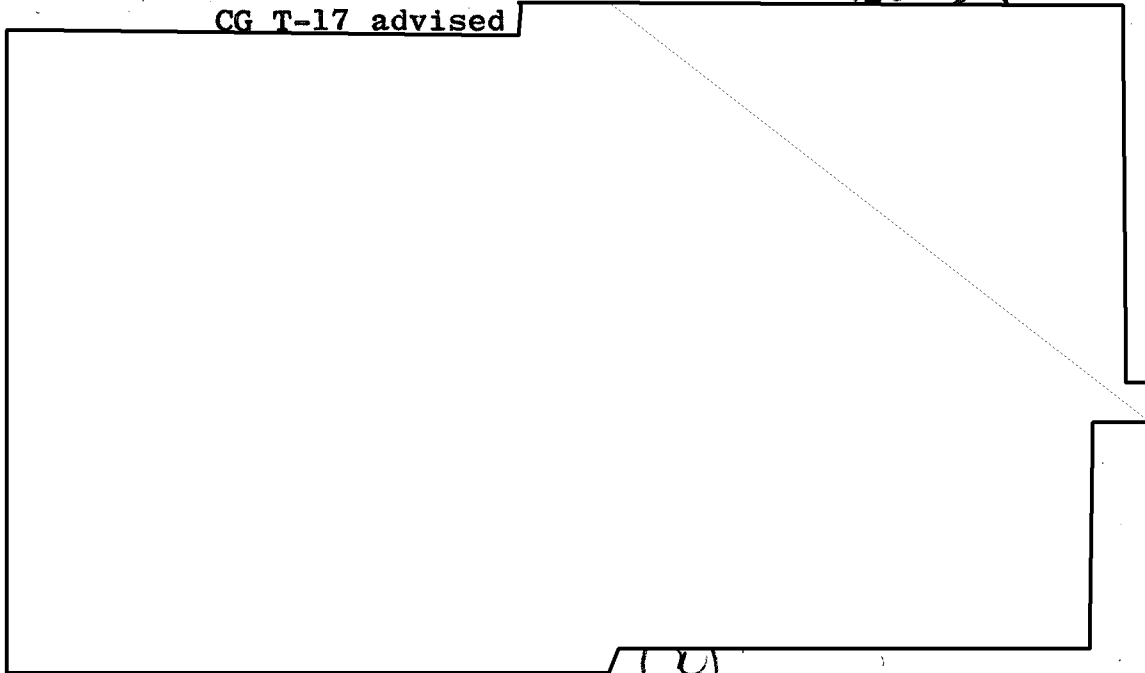
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CG T-17 advised



CG T-15 expressed the view that while it is likely that GIANCANA has additional sources of income, the problem of the Federal Government in proving the existence of other sources would be difficult and for that reason probably would not be attempted by the Government. (u)

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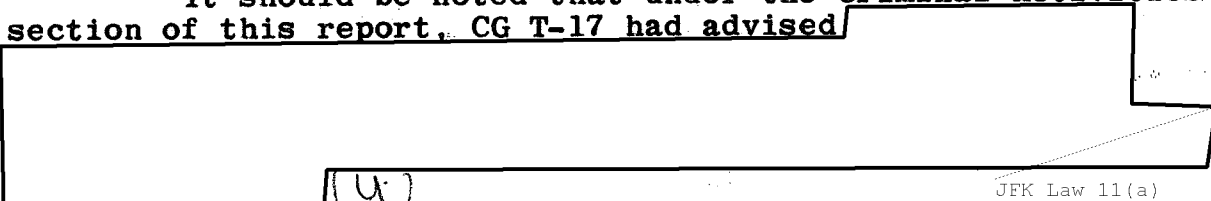
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Informant stated that DREW had always been the type of individual who "fronted" for undisclosed interests in gambling establishments and that DREW was the "front" for JOSEPH "DOC" STACHER at the Bank Club, Reno, several years ago. The informant was of the belief that DREW was at that time representing undisclosed Chicago interests in the Stardust Hotel, especially for one SAM MOONEY. The informant said that this person's true name is something other than MOONEY but everyone in Las Vegas seemed to know him by that name. (u)

It should be noted that among articles contained in GIANCANA's possession upon being searched by Customs officials in Chicago, Illinois on June 15, 1959, mentioned above, was the notation JOHN DREW, 2-6122 home. Telephone Dunes 2-6122 is the number of the Stardust Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. (u)

CHARLES ENGLISH, Also Known As "Chuckie", Charles Englesi

It should be noted that under the Criminal Activities section of this report, CG T-17 had advised



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CHARLES ENGLISH was interviewed by SAs RALPH R. HILL, JR. and AUGUST C. KEMPF at the Lar-Mar Distributing Company, 5940 West Roosevelt Road, Chicago, Illinois on July 18, 1958 which ENGLISH stated he managed at that time. ENGLISH advised he was President of the Lar-Mar Distributing Company which he described as a major distributor for musical records in the Chicago area. ENGLISH admitted previous association with GIANCANA in gambling at various race tracks in the Chicago area. ENGLISH at that time bragged that he had an "in" with the various jockeys and horse trainers in the race tracks and was so successful in betting and gambling that he was ordered removed from Arlington Park Race Track and Washington Park Race

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