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Enclosed is report of SA RICHARD GORDON DOUCE, dated APR 4 1958 Pittsburgh.

REFERENCES

- Report of SA RALPH R. HILL, JR., Chicago, 2/12/58
- Report of SA RICHARD GORDON DOUCE, Pittsburgh, 2/14/58
- Bulet to Pittsburgh, 3/18/58
- Report of SA KENNETH C. MOORE, Miami, 5/2/57, entitled "CHESTER ZOCHOWSKI, was.; JOSEPH MEROLA, wa.; ITSP - MAJOR THEFT"
- Philadelphia letter to Pittsburgh, 2/10/58, captioned "ABRAHAM MINKER, was., AR."

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RECORDS; PITTSBURGH POLICE DEPARTMENT, DISCLOSED SUBJECT ARRESTED 1931, AS SUSPICIOUS PERSON AND FOR CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPON; CONSEQUENTLY, HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

Information set out in the report of SA RICHARD GORDON DOUCE, dated 2/14/58, in the captioned matter and commented upon in Bureau letter to Pittsburgh dated 3/18/58, concerning subject's interest in locating one WALTER TACK is not being disseminated to the New Kensington Police Department since there is no reliable contact on the department to whom the information may be furnished. If the information were furnished to Chief of Police DAN ZELOYLE or his associates, there is little doubt that subject would be notified immediately and the possibility exists that PG-545-C might be disclosed. The matter of subject's possible involvement in a violation of Section 605, Title 14, U. S. Code (unauthorized publication or use of communications) will be followed closely with informants.

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The San Juan Office, on February 25, 1958, stated that contact with additional informants familiar with gambling activities in Puerto Rico failed to develop any information indicating legitimate enterprises or gambling activities on the Island of Puerto Rico on the part of subject.

Records of the Department of State, Passport Office, Washington, D. C., were examined by SE ALFRED H. KRECKMAN.

Records of Dun and Bradstreet and the Miami, Florida, Credit Bureau were examined by Investigative Clerk CLIFFORD M. WERNER.

Records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics and Corporation Bureau, Harrisburg, Pa., were examined by Investigative Clerk FRANK D. ALTOBELLI.

Records of Dun and Bradstreet, Pittsburgh Credit Bureau, Inc., Pittsburgh Police Department and Public Records in Allegheny and Westmoreland Counties were examined by Investigative Clerk GEORGE C. DIPPOLD.

Records of the Retail Merchants Credit Association, Los Angeles, California, were examined by SE JAMES L. MAHAN.

LEADS

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU

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The Bureau is asked to obtain from the Internal Revenue Service, Washington, D. C., copies of income tax returns filed by MIKE GEORGE HAZIDAKIS, 1013 Third Ave., New Kensington, Pa., for the period, 1951-1957.

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PITTSBURGH

AT NEW KENSINGTON, PA. (WESTMORELAND COUNTY)

1. Will maintain regular contact with PCIs [redacted] WALTER J. SHARKEY and PG-545-C, for the purpose of developing current information regarding subject's legitimate enterprises, criminal activities and associates.
2. Will recontact Mrs. [redacted], 216 Highland Ave., to determine whether she is in a position to act as a neighborhood source regarding subject's activities.

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AT PITTSBURGH, PA. (ALLEGHENY COUNTY)

1. Will report results of background and financial ability investigation being conducted in Athens and Perias, Greece, concerning MIKE GEORGE HAZIDAKIS. (S)(M)
2. Will, after the information is received concerning HAZIDAKIS and after having benefit of income tax returns filed by HAZIDAKIS in recent years have a Special Agent Accountant examine the results of investigation received from Greece with the income tax returns to determine whether an income tax violation exists. [S](M)
3. [S] Will report results of investigation being conducted by the Legal Attache of Havana, Cuba, concerning the allegation that NORMAN ROTHMAN, in cooperation with subject, may have slot machines operating in the interior of Cuba. (Investigation requested in Pittsburgh letter to the Bureau dated 3/21/58) [S]
4. Will report results of contacts with confidential informants in Los Angeles, California, concerning the allegation that the MANNARINO brothers attempted to set up operations in that city in 1950. (Investigation requested in Pittsburgh airtel to Los Angeles, 2/25/58)
5. *Will report toll calls emanating from subject's residence. The above information has not as yet been compiled by the Bell Telephone Co., because of the heavy volume of requests in other Top Hoodlum matters.
6. Will, if available for interview, contact PG-509-C for information regarding subject's current activities.
7. Will recontact PG-564-C for information regarding subject's current activities.
8. Will remove stops placed with the Identification Division, major Pittsburgh air lines and the Department of State, Passport Division, Washington, D. C., when they are no longer serving a useful purpose in the investigation.

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9. Will report the results of additional investigation being conducted by the Chicago Office concerning subject's interests in the National Filben Corporation.

10. Will also report the placing of a stop by the Chicago Office at the Bismarck Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, to insure notification of future visits by subject to Chicago, Illinois.

11. Will also report results of contacts with Chicago PCI [redacted] (Investigation requested in Pittsburgh airtel to the Bureau, cc Chicago, 2/19/58)

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12. Will report results of investigation being conducted by the Miami Office regarding subject's interest in the Kenilworth Apartments, West Palm Beach, Florida, and the identity of ABE GOODMAN. (Investigation requested in Pittsburgh airtel to Miami, dated 2/19/58, and Pittsburgh airtel to the Director, cc Miami, 2/19/58)

13. Will report results of investigation being conducted at Morgantown, W.Va., with regard to the allegation that the MANNARINO brothers are considered to control horse betting and numbers operations in that city.

14. Will report results of investigation being conducted by the Miami and Chicago Offices to verify slot machine shipments on the part of subject to NORMAN ROTHMAN in Cuba. (Investigation requested in Pittsburgh letter to the Director, 3/21/58)

15. Will report the placing of stops with major air lines in Miami, Florida, to obtain, if possible, advance notification of subject's departure for Cuba.

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SEBASTIAN JOHN LA ROCCA

T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on March 6, 1958, in discussing his association with LA ROCCA, stated that in 1943, LA ROCCA invited him to share equally in the ownership of the Coin Machine Distributing Company, which later set up offices at 5746 Baum Boulevard, Pittsburgh.

T-3 described other owners of the company in addition to himself and LA ROCCA as ~~FRANK AMATO~~ (Top Hoodlum), SAM MANNARINO (Top Hoodlum), ~~F. W. ZOGG~~ and ~~BARNEY MCGINLEY~~. T-3 recalled that although each of the six men mentioned above owned an equal share in the company that MANNARINO and LA ROCCA seemed to run everything and held meetings at which important topics were discussed in the Italian language. T-3 advised that he did not understand the Italian language and added that he realized that LA ROCCA was only using him for his proven protection methods and did not mind as long as he got his cut out of the profits. T-3 said his protection was the then Superintendent of Police (fnu) SCOTT. ~~PA~~

T-3 recalled that ~~FRANK VALENTI~~ and ~~TONY RIPEPI~~ visited the offices of the Coin Machine Distributing Company regularly and always took orders from MANNARINO and LA ROCCA. T-3 stated that in his opinion he would place LA ROCCA and MANNARINO as the two men who control the rackets in Western Pennsylvania, and he sees ~~MIKE RENOVESE~~ as the logical successor to the top position. ~~PA~~

T-3 recalled that around 1947, labor leader ~~NICK STIRONE~~ visited the offices of the Coin Machine Distributing Company and asked SAM MANNARINO to get some "gorillas" to work over some men who were giving STIRONE trouble in connection with the construction of a highway being built in the Monroeville section. According to T-3, the job was done for STIRONE by MANNARINO who became very angry when he learned his men had hurt some older Italian men working on the construction job. T-3 said that MANNARINO was under the impression when he was approached by STIRONE that the men who were giving the labor trouble were younger men and he (MANNARINO) let STIRONE know what they thought of him in front of T-3. ~~PA~~

On November 22, 1957, T-4, who has furnished reliable information in the past, stated that in the Pittsburgh, Pa., area, FRANK AMATO of Braddock, Pa., is the "real boss" of the rackets.

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T-4, on November 22, 1957, stated that MIKE GENOVESE is the prodigy of JOHN LA ROCCA and will eventually succeed LA ROCCA in the latter's many gambling interests.

T-4, on September 4, 1954, stated that JOHN LA ROCCA, was at that time, "the boss" of gambling operations in the tri-state area and holds an interest in every big game.

Lieutenant JACK STACK, NA, Pittsburgh, Pa., Police Department, on December 16, 1957, advised SA JOHN D. ANTHONY that ANTONIO (TONY) RIPEPI of 4720 Brownsville Road, Whitehall, Pa., a naturalized American citizen, has for many years controlled numbers operations and gambling establishments in the vicinity of Pittsburgh. STACK said that during the past five or six years RIPEPI has been investing his resources in legitimate businesses.

~~FRANK JOSEPH VALENTI, 1384 Highland Ave., Rochester, New York, formerly 4606 Brownsville Road, Pittsburgh, Pa., was in 1953, according to JAMES O'CONNOR, then Chief Identification Officer, Pittsburgh, Pa., Police Department, considered the Number One racketeer in the City of Pittsburgh. O'CONNOR said that it was alleged that VALENTI had to give his personal approval before any new gambling or numbers operations could open in Pittsburgh.~~

~~MIKE GEORGE HAZIDAKIS~~ PA

T-1, on February 24, 1958, pointed out that he has known HAZIDAKIS since 1932, and added that for the past 12 to 15 years HAZIDAKIS has been a trusted lieutenant of the MANNARINO organization, directly responsible to KELLY MANNARINO. T-1 went on to say that at the present time HAZIDAKIS, along with JOHN FONTANA, is actively supervising the Barbout and crap games operating on the second floor of the building next to the Ken-Mar Hotel and has the direct responsibility for holding large amounts of cash and making a final accounting of the proceeds taken in each night to the MANNARINO brothers. T-1 mentioned that on many occasions KELLY MANNARINO has told him that he trusts HAZIDAKIS implicitly in money matters and has absolutely no hesitancy in relying on him to turn over every cent made on the gambling tables.

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By way of background information, T-1 explained that around 1932, HAZIDAKIS was convicted in U. S. District Court, Pittsburgh, for giving false testimony at a naturalization hearing in which he testified that a fellow countryman from Greece was deserving of citizenship in the United States and had no prior convictions. According to T-1, the individual seeking citizenship had several past arrests which were brought to light and HAZIDAKIS was convicted and sentenced to serve several months in the Westmoreland County Jail. T-1 pointed out that HAZIDAKIS has a wife and teen-age son living in Athens, Greece, and that HAZIDAKIS has told him on many occasions that he is very proud of the son's scholastic ability and the progress he is making in high school. T-1 stated that from conversations with HAZIDAKIS he believes the son, in addition to attending high school in Athens, is receiving private instructions from a tutor, and that the boy apparently is possessed with a very high IQ.

T-1 went on to say that in his opinion HAZIDAKIS is worth at least a half million dollars in American money and would actually like to return to Athens, Greece, permanently if it were not for KELLY MANNARINO and his influence over him. T-1 explained that about a year ago HAZIDAKIS visited his family in Athens and indicated to him before he left that he might stay in Greece permanently. T-1 stated that several months later, after HAZIDAKIS returned from Greece and from conversations with him, he gathered that KELLY MANNARINO either ordered HAZIDAKIS back to the United States or sent someone over to Greece to bring him back. T-1 said that HAZIDAKIS is actually terrified of KELLY MANNARINO and in his opinion only stays in the United States for fear of winding up with a bullet in his head if he refuses to follow KELLY MANNARINO's orders. According to T-1, HAZIDAKIS is also afraid that he is dying of cancer and has consulted many doctors and visited several of the major medical clinics in the United States where he has been assured that he does not have cancer, but he still continues to worry over the situation needlessly.

In regard to real estate holdings in Greece, T-1 stated that he recently learned that the office building owned by HAZIDAKIS is located in Perias, Greece, rather than Athens, and described the building as a large office-type building, occupied for the most part by doctors and

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professional men with the main floor of the building being leased out to merchants.

~~CHARLES FREDERICK TEEMER~~

~~FBI #4307432~~
~~(Top Hoodlum)~~

Mexico

T-5, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on February 18, 1958, furnished the following information:

On February 6, 1958, information was received from Mr. JACK LIEBOF, Assistant Protection Officer, U. S. Embassy, Mexico, D.F., that on the night of January 22, 1958, he had received a telephone call from one ROBERT TEEMER, who stated that his uncle, C. F. TEEMER, had been arrested by the Secret Service of the Metropolitan Police of the Federal District, and was being held at Police Headquarters. According to LIEBOF, ROBERT TEEMER insisted that the former should go to the Police Station and make available to the uncle, blankets and appropriate food in view of the fact that the uncle was ill and suffering from ulcers or some other stomach disorder.

ROBERT TEEMER admitted to LIEBOF that his uncle was a professional gambler, and as a result, LIEBOF refused to take any action with respect to the alleged apprehension.

On the following day, ROBERT TEEMER appeared at the Protection Section and spoke briefly to the Protection Officer, Mr. JOHN WILSON, advising the latter that he and C. F. TEEMER were at the Reforma Hotel. WILSON gave little sympathy to the representation of ROBERT TEEMER and no record of the matter was made at the Protection Section.

According to T-5, the files of the Reforma Hotel reflect that C. F. TEEMER and ROBERT TEEMER had arrived at that hotel on the evening of January 20, 1958, and had departed on the afternoon of January 23, 1958. Personnel of the hotel claimed to have no information regarding the alleged apprehension of C. F. TEEMER. (S)(u)(u)

T-5 stated that a check of the identification and arrest records of the Metropolitan Police was made by the Identification Chief, Colonel CARLOS ESPINOSA FELIX, without locating any record of the apprehension of C. F. or CHARLES TEEMER. (S)(u)(u)

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Colonel MANUEL MENDOZA, Chief of the Secret Service, advised T-5 that he was not aware of any arrest by personnel under his supervision of any Americans in connection with gambling activities but stated that his agents in the recent past, had raided and closed all known gambling establishments operating in the Federal District. He mentioned in particular a luxurious and high class gambling club which was being managed by one CRISTOBAL MARTINEZ ZORRILLA in the "Lomas de Chapultepec" residential area of Mexico City. (S+)(u)

T-5, on January 14, 1958, was informed by T-6, who is in a position to furnish reliable information, that CRISTOBAL MARTINEZ ZORRILLA was reported to be operating a luxurious gambling club in the "Lomas de Chapultepec" area of Mexico City at Calle Montanas Rocallosas, 310 Poniente. T-6 stated he had learned that ZORRILLA is a contact of one ALFONSO TREVINO, who is reported to smuggle arms to Cuba and to reside at 1302 East Washington St. Brownsville, Texas, telephone: Lincoln 2-2734. (S+)(u)

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T-7, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised T-5 (date of contact unknown) that MARTINEZ ZORRILLA is an agent of the Federal Security Police (DFS) who has acted as the intermediary in paying off DFS personnel in behalf of the Cuban Government in the amount of \$5,000 American money per month. (S+)(u)

T-5 stated that the files of the Mexican Department of Immigration of the Ministry of Government failed to disclose any information identifiable with CHARLES FREDERICK TEEMER, SAMUEL or GABRIEL MANNARINO. (S+)(u)

CHARLES FREDERICK TEEMER, FBI #4307432, on March 17, 1958, advised SAS JOHN S. PORTELLA and GENE H. STUDEBAKER that the MANNARINO brothers have a major interest in a number of slot machines now operating in the interior of Cuba under the supervision of NORMAN ROTHMAN, FBI #142585B.

~~ATTILO DE FELICE, wa., Ati De Phillips
1200 Third Avenue, New Kensington, Pa.
Telephone Number: Edison 5-7878~~

T-1, on February 24, 1958, stated that the individual previously identified as ATI DE PHILLIPS in connection with layoff bets in New Kensington is actually a close associate of his, whose true name is ATTILO DE FELICE, who owns his own home at the

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"YOUNG JOHNNY" LA ROCCA
 KELLY MANNARINO
 JOHN FONTANA
 HYMIE MARTIN
 TONY RIPEPI
 LOUIS VOLPE
 "JO-JO PECORA
 JOE SICA
 JOE ROSA

T-9 stated that on the basis of three years experience of working in the Genovese Cocktail Lounge in association with hoodlums of the Pittsburgh area, that she would consider SAM MANNARINO the chief racketeer in Western Pennsylvania with ~~SEBASTIAN JOHN LA ROCCA~~, his immediate underling. T-9 also mentioned that ~~PHIL GENOVESE~~, brother of MIKE GENOVESE, is close to the MANNARINO brothers.

T-10, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on January 21, 1953, stated that HYMAN MARTIN has been connected with the gambling rackets in the Pittsburgh area for many years.

Meetings at Ken Iron and Steel Company

T-1, on March 10, 1958, stated that based on conversations with WILLIE SAMS, he knows from personal knowledge that WILLIE meets with SAM MANNARINO practically every day in the latter's office at the Ken Iron and Steel Company, and undoubtedly discusses in detail their widespread gambling activities in Westmoreland County. T-1 also said that when SAM MANNARINO is in New Kensington, he is also visited in his office by his brother, KELLY, JOHN FONTANA, KELLY's bodyguard, TOM TANNAS, and Captain JOHN BORDINARO of the New Kensington Police Department. T-1 added that it is not uncommon for all of these men to meet with SAM MANNARINO, either collectively or individually several times a week from around 10:00 am to 12:00 noon at the offices of the Ken Iron and Steel Company. PA

T-2, on March 7, 1958, stated that he has visited SAM MANNARINO in his office at the Ken Iron and Steel Company many times since 1952, and has often observed TOM TANNAS, WILLIE SAMS, JOHN FONTANA and PHIL BETTOR, accountant for SAM MANNARINO, either leaving after a visit with SAM or waiting for an appointment in his office. T-2 stated that it would be PA PA

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