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FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (92-236)
SUBJECT: GABRIEL MANNARINO, aka.
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Confidential Source [redacted] (protect), a Pittsburgh businessman with whom contact has been insufficient to determine his degree of reliability, on 1/22/59 advised SA JOHN S. PORTELLA that he was introduced to subject early one morning during March, 1958, at the Ankara Night Club on Route 51, Pleasant Hills Borough, Pa. During their brief conversation [redacted] mentioned to MANNARINO that he might possibly vacation in Miami during the summer whereupon MANNARINO took a "Seagull" Hotel match book out of his pocket and wrote his name on the inside cover, saying if HOAG came to Miami to "just ask for KELLY" after registering at the hotel. As a matter of information [redacted] did not follow through with his plans to vacation in Florida and has not seen MANNARINO since their meeting in the Ankara. He stated he did not know of the Bureau's interest in MANNARINO at the time otherwise he would have made this information available.

MIAMI note: ALBERT SEID, aka. AL ROSS, FBI #574183, reputed triggerman for the MANNARINO organization, in interview with SA ROBERT K. LEWIS in Miami 7/10/58, mentioned that WILLIE SAMS, FBI #3029519, long identified with the organization, stayed at the "Seagull" Hotel during July, 1958. This was confirmed by SA LEWIS in interview with top jewel thief JOE MEROLA during July.

PCI [redacted] (protect), a numbers writer in Wheeling, W. Va., who has furnished reliable information in the past

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based on his experience in the rackets, on 1/7/59 advised SA BRONI S. MACYS that subject had been hiding in Cuba until the revolution broke out and then returned to Florida where he has been staying permanently. [] developed this information through a source he refuses to identify and pointed out his source says there is no question that SLIM SILVERMAN and SHIKE LEVINE are close to subject in Miami and know his whereabouts at all times. [] said his source knows that subject attended the Orange Bowl game in Miami on 1/1/59 in the company of SILVERMAN and LEVINE and that he lost a large sum of money betting on the outcome of the game. According to [], subject frequently goes to Tropical Park Race Track and that jockey SAMMY BOULMETIS, who is very close to SILVERMAN and LEVINE, might be in contact with subject. Regular contact is being maintained with [] for additional information.

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Miami note - subject is rumored to be with SEBASTIAN JOHN LA ROCCA, another Pittsburgh top hoodlum.

The Bureau has instructed that intensive effort should be made to determine subject's whereabouts and each lead should receive prompt and vigorous attention. The Bureau advised that auxiliary offices receiving such leads should recognize the importance of affording them preferred attention.

Miami, through sources and informants, or if advisable through open contact with established sources at "Seagull" Hotel, attempt to determine whether MANNARINO has accommodations there and, if so, notify the U. S. Marshal. Suggest particularly check be made of hotel registrations for month of July, 1958 when SAMS was stopping at the "Seagull" Hotel if such investigation considered advisable under the circumstances.

Miami follow through on allegation that SILVERMAN and LEVINE and possibly BOULMETIS know subject's whereabouts. If sources and informants are unable to pin down this allegation consider interviewing BOULMETIS to develop as informant.

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