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finer while GIORDANO was sentenced to three years imprisonment but was not fined.

On 3/24/60, the defendants appealed their convictions to the Third Circuit Court of Appeals, Philadelphia, Pa. No ruling has been handed down to date.

Recently, Intelligence Division, IRS, Pittsburgh, transmitted information from one of its informants to the effect that the Empire Treasury lottery ticket is being printed in New Kensington and clipped and bound in Johnstown, Pa. Inasmuch as all illegal activity of an organized nature in New Kensington area is controlled directly or indirectly by the MANNARINOS, it is logical to assume they have some interest in this operation. PG 615-C has advised that the Empire Treasury lottery ticket can be purchased in New Kensington and in Youngstown, Ohio. A new case has been opened and is being vigorously investigated by the Pittsburgh Division.

2. As regards to vulnerable areas of possible violations with the Bureau's jurisdiction, the following should be considered:

The MANNARINOS in the past have had gambling interests in Cuba, and NORMAN ROTHMAN, who has indicated he is the MANNARINOS' Cuban contact man, has boasted of his closeness to and influence with former Cuban dictator FULGENIO BATTISTA and, to a lesser degree, the current dictator FIDEL CASTRO. Inasmuch as there are reportedly numerous MANNARINO slot machines in Cuba today, especially in Camaguey Province, it is possible that there will be a Neutrality Matter violation.

In numerous instances, information has been received that various items are for sale in New Kensington, the price of which would indicate them to be stolen. There has been nothing to link the MANNARINOS with any TFIS violations under the "Receiving" portion.

There has been no information to tie in the MANNARINOS directly with WSTA matters. However, there is some prostitution activity in the New Kensington area, and further investigation may at least involve MANNARINO henchmen and underlings.