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Re Atlanta airtel 8/28/63 to Bureau and Philadelphia,
no cc New York or Newark.

Enclosed for the Bureau are articles appearing
in "Philadelphia Inquirer" on 8/28/63 and 8/29/63, captioned
"Leary: Gamblers Take \$100 Million a Year," and "GIBBONS Says
Police Get Huge Payoff From Rackets," respectively.

For information Newark and New York, following
is contents of referenced airtel:

Warden D.M. HERITAGE, U.S. Penitentiary, Atlanta,
and local office, Bureau of Narcotics, contacted on 8/27/63
by L.J. MURPHY and J.B. BRUNT representing themselves to
be reporters for the "Philadelphia Bulletin."

Warden HERITAGE states these individuals seeking
information re background of JOSEPH VALACHI and his mental
condition at time at U.S. Penitentiary, Atlanta. Warden

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In regards to the "tip" alleged to have been received by the "Bulletin" the following information may be of interest:

PH-269-C, who can be characterized as reliable and well informed, was contacted by ADRIAN LEE on Wednesday, 8/28/63, in an endeavor to ascertain where LEE could contact Philadelphia AR Subject WILLIE WEISBERG. LEE told the informant that he was preparing a series of articles in the "Bulletin" about gambling and racket activity in Philadelphia and wanted to contact WEISBERG in this regard. Informant inquired as to why LEE would contact WEISBERG, to which LEE replied that WEISBERG furnished him information.

Philadelphia does not know if WEISBERG would be the basis of a tip to the "Bulletin" to the effect that VALACHI's information was not reliable. It does not appear probable, however, inasmuch as WEISBERG during the current week has been vacationing in Atlantic City, N.J., area and the fact is noted that "Bulletin" employees MURPHY and BRUNT were in Atlanta making inquiry on 8/26,27/63.

The above is for information of interested offices and to alert them as to possible inquiry by MURPHY and BRUNT in regards to VALACHI. If any additional information is obtained by the Philadelphia Division in this regard, it will be forwarded to the Bureau and interested offices.

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