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SUBJECT: SAMUEL M. GIANCANA
ANTI-RACKETEERING

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PURPOSE:

To advise you of developments in our investigation of Chicago top hoodlum Samuel M. Giancana. *u*

INTERVIEW WITH JOHN MATASSA, ALLEGED CHAUFFEUR AND BODYGUARD FOR GIANCANA:

John Matassa, a former Chicago policeman now on disability retirement, was interviewed March 1, 1961, concerning allegations that he is the chauffeur and bodyguard for Giancana. He denied being in the employ of Giancana but admitted acquaintance with the subject and numerous other hoodlums. Matassa claimed that he had absolutely no relation with Giancana or others, but said "I would like to be Giancana's chauffeur if he would have me." *u*

Matassa said he is a close friend of Frank Sinatra and chauffeurs him when he is in town. He had letters of recommendation from William Randolph Hearst and other influential persons. Hearst recommended Matassa to Illinois Governor Otto Kerner as his personal chauffeur. *(u)*

DEVELOPMENTS RE QUANTITY OF RADIO TELEPHONES DONATED BY RCA:

In connection with the reported \$600,000 of radio phone equipment reportedly donated by RCA to disabled American veterans organization through representative Harold McClintock, Miami informant 665-C has advised he understands McClintock is in some kind of racket where he sells machinery which he obtains from charitable organizations. *(u)*

It is the informant's understanding that some firms donate equipment to charitable organizations deducting such material at a high appraisal value. The charitable organizations then allegedly sell such equipment to obtain cash for their organizations. The informant said he had heard that McClintock gets a commission

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on such sales handled by him and that in some manner, not further described, makes a considerable additional sum on such deals. Giancana's connection with the radio phone equipment has not been identified and Chicago is pressing investigation to determine whether he is involved. (u)

INFORMANT ALLEGES RETIRED POLICEMAN CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF GIANCANA:

Retired Chicago policeman John Matassa, referred to above, according to Chicago informant 6443-C is a close associate of Giancana and acts as a guard for stolen merchandise brought into the Chicago area by jewel thieves. One of these thieves is an individual named Turk, who is described by the informant as a hillbilly from Kentucky, who operates the Spotlight Bar, Cicero, Illinois, for Giancana. (u)

According to the informant, when stolen merchandise is brought into Chicago the thieves contact Matassa and a meet is arranged at the Spotlight Lounge. A safe is maintained in the back room of the lounge to which only Giancana and Matassa have the combination. The informant believes that the safe is used to store stolen merchandise and that it also contains personal papers of Giancana. (u)

POSSIBLE VISIT OF GIANCANA TO LAS VEGAS AREA:

Martin Dardis, an enforcement officer of the Florida Beverage Bureau, recently advised that Giancana might be in the Las Vegas, Nevada, area. Las Vegas advised on March 1, 1961, that Joe Pignatello, known to be an advance agent for Giancana, rented an apartment at the Diplomat House in Las Vegas, on February 24, 1961, for a one-month period. (u)

Pignatello precedes Giancana to those areas where Giancana intends to visit. In the Summer of 1960, he rented a home near Las Vegas where Giancana, his family, and Phyllis McGuire resided for a month. (u)

REPORT THAT GIANCANA REGISTERED IN NAME OF CHICAGO ALDERMAN AT NEW YORK CITY HOTEL TO ATTEND WORLD SERIES GAMES:

A New York source has advised that in October, 1960, Giancana registered at the Hampshire House Hotel, New York City, when attending the World Series games, under the name of Chicago Alderman Rosenberg. (u)