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REPORTING OFFICE DALLAS	OFFICE OF ORIGIN DALLAS	DATE 5/17/68	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 1/29 - 5/9/68
TITLE OF CASE JOSEPH FRANCIS CIVELLO aka		REPORT MADE BY HAROLD J. EDGERTON	TYPED BY pw
		CHARACTER OF CASE AR	

REFERENCES: Report of SA HAROLD J. EDGERTON dated 3/28/68 at Dallas.
 New Orleans letter to Dallas dated 3/19/68.
 Chicago letters to Dallas dated 3/26; 4/6, 18/68.
 Houston letter to Dallas dated 3/29/68.
 St. Louis letter to Dallas dated 3/29/68.

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LEADS

DALLAS

AT DALLAS, TEXAS. 1. Will continue to spot check subject's activities so as to be aware of his whereabouts and activities.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED - None						ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:	
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		PENDING OVER ONE YEAR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
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- 1 - USA, Fort Worth
- 2 - Dallas (92-36)

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Dissemination Record of Attached Report				Notations
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Request Recd.	1	CC. AAG, Criminal Division,		
Date Fwd.	7/10	Organized Crime and Racketeering 5/28/68		
How Fwd.	55	MAY 28 1968		
By		Section, Room 2524	100299	

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2. Will maintain contacts with informants.
3. Will arrange with JAMES M. VAUGHAN, JR., Area Security Manager, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, to review toll records on public telephone located at the Airway Liquor Store.
4. Will, after background information on JOHN MATRANGA furnished by Houston Office, set out lead to have him interviewed as to his dealings and contacts with CIVELLO.

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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SHOULD NOT BE
DISSEMINATED OUTSIDE FBI OR DISCUSSED WITH
ANYONE OUTSIDE FBI UNLESS CORROBORATED BY
AN INDEPENDENT SOURCE.

On 1/29/68, LA 4487-PC advised SA ROBERT E. RUSSELL that he and JOSEPH FRANCIS CIVELLO had been close friends in Dallas when they were very young men, almost from the time CIVELLO first arrived in Dallas (about 1924). He said they "ran around together" a great deal before either of them became married. He said that CIVELLO preceded him in marriage. (CIVELLO was married 11/24/29).

He stated that CIVELLO's father operated a grocery store and that he (target) worked in a tobacco shop next door.

Target advised that although he, himself, moved to the Los Angeles area from Dallas in December, 1940, he and his wife have continued to be close friends of CIVELLO.

Without any questioning or prompting whatsoever, target voluntarily stated that CIVELLO and his wife MARY were his house guests for about ten days in November, 1967, when the CIVELLOs vacationed in California. Target stated that he took five or six days off work in order that he and his wife could drive the CIVELLOs to San Francisco where, he said, they stayed only long enough to take a tour of that city. He then drove them to Lake Tahoe, Reno, and Virginia City, Nevada.

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Target stated that ROSS MUSSO, Dallas, is also a close personal acquaintance of his and that MUSSO is married to FRANCES CIVELLO, the sister of JOSEPH CIVELLO. He advised that the MUSSOs and CIVELLOS reside in the same house in Dallas.

He stated that the MUSSOs visited him and his wife in March, 1967, when they were in the Los Angeles area vacationing for about two weeks.

The fact that MUSSO was in the Los Angeles area from approximately 3/14/67, until 3/28/67, and was in personal contact with target was verified through physical surveillance by Special Agents of the Los Angeles Office as set forth in the report of SA HAROLD J. EDGERTON dated 5/26/67, Dallas, captioned "ROSARIO MUSSO aka, AR", Bufile 92-4213, Dallas 92-195, Los Angeles file 92-2565.

ROSARIO MUSSO has been identified as a member of LCN in Dallas.

Target advised that the mother of JOSEPH CIVELLO, CATHERINE DI BENEDETTO, and the father of target's wife were brother and sister; therefore, JOSEPH CIVELLO and target's wife are first cousins.

The third contact with target by SA RUSSELL, held at the time and location selected by target, was 2/7/68.

He advised that CIVELLO's parents were CATHERINE DI BENEDETTO and PHILIP CIVELLO.

He stated that he does not at this time recall the name of his, target's, father-in-law, whom he reiterated was the brother of CATHERINE DI BENEDETTO. He said that his wife's father died when she was a child, before he (target) even knew her. He repeated that through the above relationship, his wife is a first cousin of JOSEPH CIVELLO.

He stated that when CIVELLO and his wife were in California in November, 1967, the few days they spent in the Los Angeles area were spent exclusively with target and his wife and they lived at target's apartment.

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NICK ANTHONY D'BENEDETTO
4458 Tupelo
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Previous investigation of target determined phone calls from target's residence were made to the above person.

On 2/7/68, target advised that this person was his wife's brother. He stated that this man died about three years ago following surgery in Houston, Texas, to replace a heart valve.

He stated that NICK ANTHONY D'BENEDETTO's wife is ELSIE and that she still resides at the above address.

CHARLES D'BENEDETTO
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Target advised that this man is his wife's brother.

FRANCES D'BENEDETTO

On 2/7/68, target stated that FRANCES D'BENEDETTO was the mother of his wife and that she lived for several years at 3654 West 63rd Street, Los Angeles, until her death a few years ago.

NICK D'BENEDETTO
Port Allen, Louisiana

Previous investigation of target's background developed that this person may be related to target and/or JOSEPH CIELLO. His wife has been determined to be PEARL L. D'BENEDETTO and an automobile registered to her at 819 Avenue F, Port Allen, Louisiana, was observed parked in the driveway of CIVELLO's residence in Dallas on 1/19/64.

Target advised that this NICK D'BENEDETTO is another branch of his wife's family and that he is not

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well enough acquainted with them to be able to explain the exact relationship of that person to JOSEPH CIVELLO. He stated that PEARL L. D'BENEDETTO is unknown to him.

On 3/29/68, KENNETH SHAW (protect), Manager, General Telephone Company of the Southwest, 100 West Oak Street, Denton, Texas, advised SA ROBERT P. BUTLER that Denton exchange 387-4402 was installed in October, 1967, in the name of THOMAS C. KLEYPAS, 1008 West Mulberry, Apartment C. The phone was disconnected on 1/29/68, and has been reassigned to another party. Information available in his records reflects that KLEYPAS is the son of EUGENE A. KLEYPAS, 2100 Louisiana Street, Baytown, Texas, whose telephone number is Area Code 713, 582-5406. KLEYPAS is a senior at North Texas State University, Denton.

Information obtained from the records of Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, 525 Florida Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on 2/27/68, by SA RICHARD K. BUTZ was made available by E. E. TURNLEY, District Security Supervisor, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, 525 Florida Boulevard, Baton Rouge.

IDENTITY OF INFORMANTS

DL T-1 is JERRY SLAUGHTER, Area Security Manager, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Houston, Texas, contacted on 3/7/68, by SA RICHARD W. SUTER.

DL T-2 is MI 623-C-TE.

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