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DL 92-36

Under date of 11/29/68, the San Diego Office furnished the following information obtained from SD 1064-C-TE wherein on 11/19/68, informant mentioned and furnished information concerning subject CIVELLO:

The following information came about as result of meeting of the LCN Family on 11/9/68, at the home of San Diego Capo JOE ADAMO.

At one point during the meeting NICK LICATA, LCN Boss, Los Angeles, told the group that his consigliere, TOMMY PALERMO, was not in attendance as he was on vacation in Texas, visiting with his first cousin, LCN Boss JOE CIVELLO of Dallas.

At another point LICATA told the informant that his consigliere, TOMMY PALERMO, had recently returned from Dallas, Texas, where he had been in contact with his first cousin, LCN Boss JOE CIVELLO. The informant advised that for many years CIVELLO has been a close friend of Las Vegas casino operator BENNIE BINION aka Cowboy, owner of the Horseshoe Club. BINION has recently received a couple of anonymous threatening telephone calls demanding "money or else". Apparently BINION has contacted CIVELLO for assistance. CIVELLO asked PALERMO to contact his family and attempt to determine if the LCN is behind this in any way in an attempt to shake him down. LICATA told the informant that to his knowledge his Los Angeles LCN family is not involved in this in any way. He wanted the informant to contact FRATIANNO to determine if he is responsible for it. Informant later was in personal contact with FRATIANNO and FRATIANNO assured him he was not responsible for these telephone calls. He reported this to LICATA.

In regard to CIVELLO, the informant advised that he has not seen him since about 1953. In the old days CIVELLO frequently came to Southern California and would go to Tijuana, B.C., Mexico, with the informant and others to eat quail in a favorite Tijuana restaurant. They also used this occasion to conduct meetings with other visiting LCN bosses. In those days, CIVELLO frequently went to Los Angeles. He believed PALERMO is a first cousin and Frank Desimone was a second or third cousin to CIVELLO. He believed also that in some way CIVELLO was related to JIMMY LANZA, LCN boss in San Francisco although to his knowledge CIVELLO never went up to San Francisco, but remained in the Southern California area when visiting there.

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Information obtained from the records of South Central Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, 525 Florida Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on 10/28/68, by SA RICHARD K. BUTZ, was made available by E. E. TURNLEY, District Security Supervisor, South Central Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, 1986 Dallas Street, Baton Rouge.

IDENTITY OF INFORMANTS

DL T-1 is Dun & Bradstreet report concerning the JAMES RUSSO brothers as furnished the St. Louis Office.

DL T-2 is DL 289-C, contacted by the reporting Agent.

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IDENTITY OF INFORMANTS

DL T-1 is DL 395-CS contacted by reporting Agent.

DL T-2 is DL 289-C contacted by reporting Agent.

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On September 27, 1968, DL T-1 advised that while it might appear that JOSEPH CIVELLO has no connection with the Airway Liquor Store on West Mockingbird Lane, near Dallas Love Field, she was present when CHARLES CIVELLO called the owner of the real estate where the store is now located, in 1959, to arrange for the lease of the property. Source stated at that time JOSEPH CIVELLO was present with CHARLES CIVELLO and was the one who gave CHARLES CIVELLO instructions on what to say when he talked to the owner about the lease. Source advised that after CHARLES CIVELLO talked to the owner on the telephone, CHARLES and JOSEPH CIVELLO allegedly went to downtown Dallas to the Republic National Bank to obtain the necessary money required by the lease.

On November 17, 1968, a review of Cole's Criss-Cross Directory of Greater Dallas, Texas, shows the following subscribers to the telephone numbers noted:

BR 1-1732 - subscribed to by T. G. BEALE, 1599 1509 Carroll Drive, Garland, Texas. The 1968 City Directory for Greater Dallas, Texas, shows one TOM G. BEALE as Regional Claims Manager, Pacific Indemnity Group.

BR-8-6425 - subscribed to by PAUL J. HOLMES, JR., 705 Branch Drive, Dallas.

BR 8-3971 - subscribed to by QUINT Q. QUIGLEY, 2538 Ridgcrest Drive, Garland, Texas.

The files of the Dallas Office contain no identifiable information with T. G. BEALE, TOM G. BEALE, QUINT Q. QUIGLEY, or PAUL J. HOLMES, JR.

BL 3-1123 is subscribed to by the University of Dallas, 3113 University Avenue, Dallas.

On October 14, 1968, a spot check of subject's residence at 4908 Gulstream, at 9:30 - 9:40 a.m. disclosed that the automobiles of CIVELLO and his brother-in-law ROSS MUSSO were both in the garage. Parked at the rear driveway was the Comet automobile of CHARLES CIVELLO, and shortly MUSSO and CHARLES CIVELLO were observed to leave the residence in the Comet being driven by CHARLES CIVELLO. Shortly thereafter at 9:35 a.m. JOSEPH CIVELLO was observed to depart his residence in his 1964 Oldsmobile, F-85.

NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. Will note the information set forth in the details as furnished by T-1, and the description of the man who visited CIVELLO from White Plains, New York. It appears this man was ROCCO PELLEGRINO, longtime acquaintance of the IANNI family in Dallas, and known contact of CIVELLO. New York is requested to promptly forward a photo of ROCCO PELLEGRINO to Dallas so that same can be displayed to DL 289-C. PELLEGRINO, as New York has previously advised in LCN reports, is member of LCN.

DALLAS

AT DALLAS, TEXAS. 1. Will prepare summary of information re JOHN GILDO CARCELLI and his former relationship with CIVELLO and JOE IANNI, and furnish to Cleveland Office for further inquiries.

2. Will maintain contacts with DL 289-C and DL 275-C-TE and will display photo of ROCCO PELLEGRINO to DL 289-C when received from New York Office.

3. Will check with CARL C. WEICHSEL, President, Great Northern Insurance Company, concerning the lease on the Airway Liquor Store to determine if the lease was signed by or initiated by subject.

ADMINISTRATIVE

New telephone numbers appearing in this report as result of toll record review are being set out separately to determine the subscribers.

For information of the Bureau, Dallas directed a communication to the New York Office concerning subject and his closest associate in the LCN in Dallas, JOE IANNI, DL 92-192, an identified member with particular reference to several New York communications wherein CIVELLO was either mentioned or referred to by New York sources and in one instance where IANNI may have been referred to by a source. For this purpose, Dallas furnished New York photos of CIVELLO and IANNI and requested it display same to live LCN informants.

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Under date of 9/10/68, under caption, 'JOE IANNI, AR,' the New York Office advised as follows:

The following informants, who are in a position to furnish information regarding LCN activities in the New York area, were contacted on the dates indicated, and were shown the photographs of IANNI and CIVELLO:

<u>Informant</u>	<u>Date Contacted</u>	<u>Contacted By</u>
NY 4336-C-TE	8/29/68	SA THOMAS M. DUFFIN
NY 1839-C-TE	9/ 2/68	SA ANTHONY R. VILLANO
NY 5526-C-TE	9/ 5/68	SA ANTHONY R. VILLANO
NY 5813-C-TE	9/ 6/68	SA ANTHONY R. VILLANO
NY 3104-C-TE	9/ 6/68	SA NELSON J. CONOVER
NY 4754-C-TE	9/ 9/68	SA JEROME N. BOWERS
NY 5042-C-TE	9/10/68	SA WILLIAM J. CRUMLEY
NY 4263-C-TE	9/10/68	SA WILLIAM J. CRUMLEY
NY 4018-C-TE	8/30/68	SA JACK H. LUPTON

The above informants were unable to identify the photographs of the subject and CIVELLO. They could furnish no information regarding these individuals. Neither could these informants advise of any LCN activities between the PELLEGRINO "family" and the above-named individuals in Dallas, Texas.

A review of New York airtel to Bureau dated 1/25/61, captioned "MICHELINO CLEMENTE, aka, AR", and of the pertinent log, was made by SA GUY C. BERADO.

According to SA BERADO, the term "DON" is a title of respect, and again, in the parlance of the underworld, "DON" is used to refer to the old bosses in the Italian mob at the time this mob first became significant as a power in the United States years ago.

It is noted that CASSELL's Italian-English; English-Italian Dictionary defines "DON" as a title of honor for priests and noblemen.

SA BERADO further advised that he could not add to any of the information previously reported by the New York Office concerning the Dallas LCN group.

#### Identity of Informants

DL T-1 is DL 289-C contacted 8/5/68 by SA BARDWELL D. ODUM.

DL T-2 is DL 275-C-TE contacted 8/15/68 by reporting Agent.

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*J. J. O'Dell*

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>DALLAS</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>DALLAS</b>	DATE <b>7/23/68</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>3/6 - 7/5/68</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>JOSEPH FRANCIS CIVELLO aka</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>HAROLD J. EDGERTON</b>	TYPED BY <b>CC</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>AR</b>	

**REFERENCES:** Report of SA HAROLD J. EDGERTON dated 5/17/68 at Dallas. Houston letter to Dallas dated 5/22/68.

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**LEADS:**

**HOUSTON**

**AT HOUSTON, TEXAS.** Will interview JOHN F. MATRANGA in detail as to his association, how long, and involvement with subject CIVELLO. Houston will note from its file on CIVELLO that the subject has previously been in contact with MATRANGA and Houston will recall Dallas' earlier communication containing information reported by DL 289-C, who advised that an older man and his son from Houston were at the residence of CIVELLO in Dallas and general

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purpose of the meeting appeared to have something to do with financial backing, at that time possibly buying land in the area of the new Dallas-Fort Worth airport.

It is also suggested that before interviewing MATRANGA, Houston check with the Federal Bureau of Narcotics in Houston, as the reporting Agent in reviewing files of that agency in Dallas, noted its files make reference to a JOHN MATRANGA from Houston in the 1930's who was strongly implicated in a narcotics operation between Houston and Kansas City, Missouri. No identification of MATRANGA was available in the files here, but it is thought that if during the interview of JOHN F. MATRANGA sufficient background data can be elicited from him it will assist Dallas in determining whether the two are identical. It would also be pertinent to determine from MATRANGA whether or not he is related by marriage or otherwise with CIVELLO and if not how their association started and when. Bear in mind that any information by way of background obtained from MATRANGA will not only be helpful to Dallas but may assist Houston in its investigation of LCN there. Houston should use caution in mentioning to MATRANGA that he was seen in Dallas to protect informant, however, there is no objection to asking him if he has ever visited CIVELLO in Dallas. Houston note MATRANGA previously admitted acquaintance with the MACEO brothers SAM and ROSE from Galveston, who were also known contacts of CIVELLO prior to their deaths.

DALLAS

AT DALLAS, TEXAS. 1. Will maintain contact with informants concerning CIVELLO's activities and whereabouts.

2. Will send separate communication to the Los Angeles Office in effort to locate the testimony of [redacted] before FGJ there in [redacted] as result of the [redacted] in [redacted] during which testimony [redacted] claims he testified for several hours and furnished considerable background on [redacted] and [redacted]

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Investigative period precedes the period of the prior report due to the fact an insert was not received in time to be included.

IDENTITY OF INFORMANTS

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DL T-2 is DL 271-C contacted by reporting Agent.

DL T-3 is DL 146-C contacted by SA JAMES W. BOOKHOUT.

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