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JOSEPH FRANCIS CIVELLO
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Re Dallas airtel to the Director 5/1/61 captioned "Top Hoodlum Program - AR, Weekly Summary."

For the information of El Paso and San Antonio on 4/28/61, DL 105-C advised new efforts are being made by the Italian element represented in Dallas by Joseph Francis Civello, to set up policy rackets in Dallas. He advised that this group has tried for 15 years to get a "foothold" with city officials whereby they could operate. He said prior to 15 years ago the policy racket was very lucrative for the group. He stated "Fritz Rechenberg" is the Number One lay-off man for the Italian gamblers and through Rechenberg's connection with Charlie Gordon, Kansas City, Mo., Rechenberg would be able to handle as much as \$1,000,000.

DL 105-C explained Civello's present or current setup in Dallas follows:

Civello receives two per cent of certain legal or illegal activities operated by the Italian group in either one or more territories of the United States. This amount is paid Civello by the group for being their representative in the Texas territory, whether or not Civello has any illegal operation going at the present time. In addition, informant stated the group "up East" has "trunks full of cash." This money is used

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