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| TITLE OF CASE JOSEPH FRANCIS CIVELLO, aka | | REPORT MADE BY SA JOHN B. HOTIS | TYPED BY WAM |
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REFERENCES: Report of SA IVAN D. LEE, Dallas, 12/15/64.
 Los Angeles airtel to Bureau, 1/15/65.
 Los Angeles letter to Dallas, 12/21/65.

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LEADS

Unless otherwise specified, all offices receiving leads will identify subscribers to telephone numbers indicated, conduct appropriate credit and criminal checks and review office indices for pertinent information. In addition, appropriate local sources and informants should be contacted in an effort to determine nature of subscribers' association with CIVELLO and extent of their involvement, if any, in criminal activities.

CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. LO 1-0700 called on 1/26/64.

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of any contacts that he might have with the criminal element were contacted on the below dates and advised they had no information which would indicate that CIVELLO is presently engaged in criminal activities:

| <u>INFORMANTS</u> | <u>DATES</u> |
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| DL 181-C-TE | January 11, 1965 |
| DL 185-C-TE | January 12, 1965 |
| DL 197-C | January 25, 1965 |
| DL 140-C | February 1, 1965 |

All of the above informants were contacted by SA's IVAN D. LEE and ROBERT M. BARRETT.

On 1/13/65, LA 4448-C-TE advised that during a conversation with NICK LICATA, "Under-Boss" of the Los Angeles "Brugad" of La Cosa Nostra, LICATA mentioned that FRANK DESIMONE, "Boss" of the Los Angeles "Brugad" represented the smaller Western "Brugads" before the "Commissione" on those occasions when a Western U.S. representative was necessary. After such meetings, according to LICATA, it was the responsibility of DESIMONE to relay the instructions of the "Commissione" to the "Bosses" of other Western "Brugads." LICATA did not further identify such groups. He mentioned that DESIMONE had numerous expenses in connection with these trips. He stated that DESIMONE had to go "out east" at least a half dozen times last year and after such trips, he had to relay instructions to certain other "Bosses." LICATA did not further identify such contacts except to mention that DESIMONE had among other contacts, relayed some "Commissione" instructions to "the Boss in Texas," on at least one occasion. (It should be noted that in earlier interviews by Bureau Agents, CIVELLO has identified FRANK DESIMONE as his cousin. Moreover, both CIVELLO and DESIMONE were attendants at the Appalachian meeting in November, 1957.) LICATA also mentioned "our group" in Texas, but did not elaborate further on the matter.

LA 4448-C-TE further advised that DESIMONE was to be in New York on 1/25/65, to attend a meeting of the "Commissione." Subsequent to this meeting, he reportedly will relay certain instructions to "Bosses" of certain other smaller "Brugads." Periodic surveillances were maintained by Bureau Agents of subject's residence at 4908 Gulfstream, Dallas, and the Airway Liquor Store, 3122 W. Mockingbird Lane, Dallas, on 1/20 - 26/65. CIVELLO was observed at his residence by SA JOHN B. HOTIS on 1/23 and 25/65; subject was accompanied on both occasions by his brother-in-law ROSS MUSSO.

DL 92-36

On 1/21/65, MRS. VITA MUSSO (protect identity), owner of Robinwood Liquor Store, 2437 Inwood Avenue, Dallas, advised SA IVAN D. LEE that JOSEPH CIVELLO has borrowed money from her late husband ROSS in October, 1957, in the amount of \$1,000, claiming that he would pay it back within two or three weeks. She stated that her husband passed away approximately two weeks later and that CIVELLO waited until March, 1958, before repaying the loan, at which time he gave her the money in cash. (It is noted that CIVELLO borrowed the money approximately one month prior to his appearance at the Appalachen meeting in New York which was held on 11/14/57.) MRS. MUSSO further advised she is aware of no business connection which may have existed between her late husband and CIVELLO.

By letter dated 12/23/64, Legat, Rome, advised the Central Bureau, Criminal Division, Italian National Police (INP), Rome, Italy, furnished a list of names and identifying data and requested that they be advised of any criminal convictions and pending criminal actions against any of the individuals named. Included in this list was the name of JOSEPH FRANCIS CIVELLO. The INP explained that they presently have all of the individuals named on a watch list so as to preclude their entrance into Italy and had requested the above information in order to update their list.

Indices of the Dallas Office reflect the following information with regard to persons listed as registrants of vehicles which were observed by Bureau Agents during the surveillance of CIVELLO's activities:

FRANK LA COKE, a self-employed builder, is a known close associate of several Dallas Italian hoodlum figures. He reportedly built a home in 1955 for PHILIP S. BOSCO, the estimated value of which was \$25,000 (DL 92-331). On 4/2/63, confidential source JEROME J. CRANE advised that FRANK LA COKE, along with CIVELLO, PHILIP BOSCO, and others, attended the funeral of JOHN MICHAEL CARCELLI, FBI #4955844, who had committed suicide.

Among the signatures of persons in attendance at the Rosary of PHILLIP CIVELLO, deceased father of subject, in Dallas, Texas, on 4/30/59, were those of JO JO LA BARBA

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ml REFERENCES: Report of SA IVAN D. LEE at Dallas dated 7/28/64.
Bureau letter to Dallas dated 10/23/64.

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LEADS

DALLAS

AT DALLAS, TEXAS. (1) Will continue to contact sources and informants acquainted with or familiar with the activities of subject in an effort to cover his activities.

(2) Will consider interviewing Mrs. ROSS MUSSO, owner of Robinwood Liquor Store, 2734 Inwood Road, in an effort to ascertain if she possibly has potential as a source to be used against CIVELLO. (It should be noted this Mrs. ROSS MUSSO is not related to CIVELLO's brother-in-law, ROSS MUSSO.)

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(3) Will continue to monitor toll calls charged to telephones available to the subject.

(4) Will attempt to ascertain the sales transactions for the house sold at 5311 Denton Drive and the house purchased at 4908 Gulfstream, as mentioned in the details of this report.

ADMINISTRATIVE

As per referenced Bureau letter, Dallas initiated investigation of CIVELLO in an effort to ascertain his activities and contacts. No information has been developed to indicate that subject is traveling outside of the Dallas area or is active with the criminal element in the Dallas area. Spot surveillances conducted on CIVELLO since 10/25/64 indicate that CIVELLO spends a considerable amount of time at his residence and occasionally visits the Airway Liquor Store, 3123 West Mockingbird Lane, owned by his brother, CHARLES CIVELLO.

Since referenced report, no information has been received by other FBI field offices to indicate that CIVELLO has had any contact with the criminal element in other divisions.

Spot surveillances were conducted on CIVELLO on the following dates when he was not observed: 11/5,6,9,13,17,19,20,25 and 27/64 and 12/1,3 and 4/64. On the above dates, the surveillances were conducted in the area of CIVELLO's new residence 4908 Gulfstream, with his 1964 F-85 Oldsmobile being observed parked in the garage; however, CIVELLO was not observed nor was any information obtained to indicate that he had departed his residence.

The following informants in the Dallas, Texas, area, who are acquainted with CIVELLO or who are in position to know of any contacts that he may have with the criminal element, advised they had no information to indicate that CIVELLO is active with the criminal element in the Dallas, Texas, area:

DL 181-C-TE

DL 185-C-TE

DL 140-C

DL 170-C

DL 197-C

DL 208-PC

DL 2-C

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Confidential Source JERRY CRANE

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The above informants were contacted by SAs IVAN D. LEE and ROBERT M. BARRETT.

Surveillances as mentioned in the details of this report were conducted by SAs LEE and BARRETT.

The records of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company as mentioned in the details of this report were furnished for review by Mrs. BULA M. SETTLE, Secretary, office of the Security Supervisor.

INFORMANTS

DL T-1 is JERRY CRANE, Crane Funeral Home, who has requested his identity be protected.

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