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WEEKLY SUMMARY

Re Kansas City airtel to Bureau 5/31/62.

Pertinent information regarding Top Hoodlum figures in the Kansas City Division has been submitted under separate communications on a continuing basis.

Reairtel reflected FELIX FERINA had surrendered to the U.S. Marshal to begin serving a ten-year prison sentence for conspiring to kill a Government narcotics informer, KENNETH BRUCE SHEETZ. The reason for this is not known to date, however, Capt. JOHN J. FLAVIN, Chief of Detectives, Kansas City, Mo. Police Department, advises that sources known to him have stated that higher-ups in the criminal organization in Kansas City have become displeased by FERINA's failures in unsuccessfully executing individuals such as SHEETZ. It is his belief that FERINA voluntarily entered the USP to keep from being eliminated by others of the Italian criminal element.

CARL ANGELO DE LUNA, FBI #4121983, was reportedly the individual to succeed FERINA as the executioner for the criminal element in Kansas City. Other authorities, both local and Federal, have no information concerning this matter.

PCI [redacted] former gambler during the PENDERGAST era in Kansas City, furnished information concerning the gambling element in Kansas City, Mo. He stated that GEOR/ BASKAS, who is associated with gambling in Hot Springs, Ark. has, from rumors obtained by him, had difficulty with the

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Italian group because BESKAS had been "swinging", which expression indicates he had been holding out some of the gambling money.

Information obtained from [redacted] PCI, indicates that loan operations are being conducted by the Italian criminal organization.

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The following is pertinent information received from KC 737-C*, since 5/29/62:

5/29/62:

MORRIS KLEIN indicates to one RUBY (LNU) that he had made reservations in Las Vegas for a Mr. and Mrs. (FNU) HUDSON.

5/31/62:

THOMAS CACIOPPO, MORRIS KLEIN, J. C. RISEMAN were at the Original Toy and Jobbing Co. No pertinent information.

6/1/62:

No pertinent information.

6/2/62:

NICHOLAS CIVELLA, AND THOMAS AND CHARLES CACIOPPO had conference at Original Toy and Jobbing Co. CACIOPPOS accused CIVELLA of "not liking" them and passing unfavorable information concerning them, which CIVELLA denied. CIVELLA stated THOMAS's troubles stemmed from his gambling losses and other activities. The CACIOPPO brothers had apparently visited an individual in Chicago who refused to speak to them. CIVELLA stated that in all his contacts throughout the country he had emphasized the fact that he should always be contacted by telephone or otherwise prior to any visit to assure him it was a legitimate visit, and not an informer or the FBI. He stated he had urged individuals in other parts of the country to do likewise, and this perhaps was the occasion in Chicago. THOMAS CACIOPPO apparently feels he is not getting a full share of money from Clique activities.

MORRIS KLEIN and NICHOLAS CIVELLA had financial discussion in which money is divided and a discussion is had concerning the amount of money still owed by DEAN (LNU). It is believed that this is referring to DEANE SHAPIRO, previously mentioned in these