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WEEKLY SUMMARY

Re Dallas airtel 5/8/61.

Re: JOSEPH FRANCIS CIVELLO, aka.  
AR (DL 92-36; DL 162-1)

On 5/14/61, ASAC DAVID W. BREEN talked with PCI [redacted] and he related the following: He pointed out that JOE CIVELLO is one of the smartest "Dagos" in Dallas and he is highly respected and regarded among the Italian element and it will be very unlikely that the FBI would find anyone who would have anything to say concerning CIVELLO. He pointed out CIVELLO apparently has untold resources and that he is most anxious and willing to underwrite any enterprise so long as he can be assured of a ten percent profit on his investment. CIVELLO reportedly complains that he is hurting financially because the trial concerning the Apalachin meeting cost him between \$35,000 and \$50,000.

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a loud-mouth "Dago" who talks too much at times and who could be used ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> back ~~him~~ <sup>him</sup> up against the wall ~~to~~ force cooperation.

PCI stated FRANK TORTORIELLO bears considerable watching as he appears to be loaded with money, is very close to JOE CIVELLO and makes frequent and numerous trips to Chicago (probably runner). PCI has stated that CIVELLO has been backing the Pedigo's Drive-In Grocery, approximately 6 to 7 throughout Dallas. He is presently financing the construction of a big Pedigo Drive-In Grocery at the intersection of Fitzhugh and Cole.

PCI stated that approximately 3 or 4 months ago he was looking for a drive-in grocery himself and had made preliminary negotiations with the Metzger Dairy people to assist in a financing of a new location. While he was negotiating for this new location he was contacted by JOE CIVELLO whom he knew of previously, but did not know personally. CIVELLO told him that he had heard that he was interested in going into the drive-in grocery business and that he should deal with CIVELLO as CIVELLO could finance everything and anything he needed. As a result of this contact with CIVELLO he met CIVELLO at CIVELLO's instructions each day at approximately 9 AM at the "pump" (Gulf Station on Ross) and they would ride around town looking for new locations. This went on for approximately 1½ weeks. PCI stated that a decision was made for him to open up a drive-in grocery at the intersection of Inwood and Lemmon Avenue. CIVELLO would put up \$90,000 to lease the property and PCI would have to pay \$400 a month rent for the property over a 5 year period with a 5 year option for renewal. PCI stated that CIVELLO is extremely cagey and non-committal and when he came to draw up the contract PCI was concerned as CIVELLO's name did not appear anywhere in the transaction. He inquired of CIVELLO as to where he would stand if the thing fell through and CIVELLO told him that he would have no worry that he, CIVELLO, would take care of everything for him. PCI stated that CIVELLO wants a minimum of 10% profit from all investments of this type he undertakes. Before the contract was fully negotiated there was some difficulty in the actual obtaining of the property, therefore, PCI was able to get out of the agreement. He was having considerable trouble by his wife's pressure being brought on him not to negotiate with CIVELLO and this was a graceful way for him not to deal with CIVELLO. PCI stated that ~~PETE INTERBRANNE~~, who operates the Ross Drive-In on Lemmon, was completely financed by CIVELLO.

He stated INTERRANTE's place is known by the Italian element to handle anything hot regardless of what it may be. It will either be handled at that location or arrangements will be made for delivery to a specific place. PCI stated that approximately 2 weeks ago he received a call from PETE INTERRANTE inquiring if informant was interested in a large load of hot "Mexican gold". PCI stated he would not deal with INTERRANTE on any matters and told him he could not handle the hot gold. At the point PCI stated the only thing he would buy would be tires and then that would only be a few for his own personal car.

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PCI stated that PHIL BOSCO is a chief in the numbers racket at the present time ~~PHIL BOSCO~~

PCI stated that JOE and SAM CAMPISI at the Egyptian Lounge have excellent contacts in the PD and TSO in Dallas and can learn anything they need to know. They also have close contacts in the telephone company and follow through on any installations made. PCI mentioned that JOE CAMPISI used to be a pimp and still does a little pimping of high class stuff out of the restaurant. He also stated JOE CAMPISI has an extremely large sum of money stashed away and that he is a heavy gambler and thinks nothing of dropping two, three or four grand. JOE CAMPISI is close with W. O. BANKSTON and actually considers W. O. BANKSTON a god and that W. O. could actually lead JOE CAMPISI in any direction necessary.

On 5/10/61, the Chicago Office advised that CIVELLO was leaving Chicago that date and would arrive in Dallas on 5/11/61. CIVELLO was observed by Bureau agents as he deboarded the train from Chicago with his wife and proceeded directly to his residence.

On 5/10/61, PCI [redacted] advised Bureau Agents that he operates a service station near CIVELLO's residence and has been doing business with CIVELLO and CIVELLO's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. ~~ROSS, MUSSO~~ for approximately 5 years. He said CIVELLO also does business with a station operated by ED BUTLER at 3040 W. Mockingbird Lane. [redacted] recalled that on several occasions during his acquaintance with CIVELLO, the subject came into [redacted] station accompanied by an Italian looking individual who has given the impression he was from New York. He described