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on 9/10/58, an anonymous caller contacted the NYO and advised that he had information of value to furnish to the FBI and wished to be interviewed by an Agent in the lobby of the Belmont Plaza Hotel, 49th Street and Lexington Avenue, NYC. The caller declined to furnish information as to either his identity or the nature of the information he wished to divulge.

on 9/10/58, SA RICHARD F. KEEFE contacted this individual at the Belmont Plaza Hotel, and the individual identified himself as being 362 Washington Street, Hempstead, Long Island, WHe advised he was publisher of the trade publication, Statewide Publishing Company, Incorporated, 119 West Columbia street, Hempstead, Long Island. It developed that land also contacted Mr. DANIEL MC MAHON, Chief of the Criminal Division of the US Attorney's Office, SDNY, and had arranged for Mr. MC MAHON to also be present during the interview at the Belmont Plaza Hotel. The following is the information furnished by identity must be protected, concerning which, identity must be protected and no dissemination should be made available outside the Bureau.

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resided in Monticello, Me his childhood and adult life until about 1954 we he moved to Hempstead, Long Island. At this time became publisher of the Statewide Publishing Inc., which was engaged in organizing and print an annual building trades magazine. In July, I was experiencing some minor financial of in this business venture and at this time was approached by one JOENCENNA and was asked by GE to meet two individuals in the bar at the Waldon	hen me Company, ing 957, ifficulty NNA	4
Astoria Hotel, NYC, for the purpose of discussi a business transaction. He advised that he met individuals who introduced themselves as being BURNS and GEORGE LEVINE. He had never met thes before and at the time of the meeting had no in as to their background or business enterprises.	these SALLY e individuals dication	
It is noted SALLY BURNS is the material alias used by SALVATORE GRANELLO, well known to and to the Bureau in connection with the CARMIN Fugitive case. It is known that GEORGE LEVINE associated with GRANELLO in mutual gambling intin Havana, Cuba.	the NYO E DI BIASE Top Ten is closely erests	
BURNS and LEVINE requested with them in setting up a Ready-Mix Cement busi in Havana, Cuba. Their suggestion was that "front" the enterprise, which they indicated we necessarily be successful due to political conr which these individuals had in Havana. this venture did not ultimately materialize due difficulties which arose in obtaining a second ready-mix plant from the United States. Howeve the time plans were being made for setting up made three trips to Cuba between July, and November 1, 1957.	ness puld nections stated to hand er, during this business,	ER 4
advised that he made each		ER 4

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with GEORGE LEVINE, who at that time resided at the On the first Hotel Rosita de Horanodo in Havana. trip LEVINE took them to a proposed plant site and assured them that they would have no difficulty obtaining an option on this land or any problems during the setting up stages of the plant due to his excellent connections in the Cuban Government. On what | believed to be the second trip, LEVINE, GENNA and arranged for corporation papers to be drawn up in order that the business could be instituted when they were able to obtain the necessary equipment in the United States. LEVINE assured them that he and SALLY BURNS would guarantee contracts from the Cuban Government which They expected would insure a profitable operation. 50% of the proceeds of the operation for the use of their influence in establishing this business. as mentioned above, the business never got into operation due to GENNA's difficulty in obtaining the correct equipment stemming from a financial problem on GENNA's part.

While in Havana on these three trips,
accompanied LEVINE to various gambling casinos
in Havana and to the Oriente Race Track near Havana,
which LEVINE told he and BURNS owned.
remarked that the horse races at the track did not
seem to be set up with the idea of a large profit being
made on the racing end of the business, inasmuch as
most of the races involved only a \$50 or \$100 purse.
Instead, LEVINE indicated that they made their money
from two gambling casinos, which they operated at
the track site. During his visits to various Havana
casinos, advised that he met a large number
of individuals who appeared to be connected with these
casinos, whom LEVINE appeared to know very well.

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	mentioned that LEVINE introduced him to an individual identified only as LEFTY CLARK, who	O.M.I.	A
	was a pit boss in one of the casinos. It is	OTH	ER 4
	noted that this individual is probably identical		
	with WILLIAM BISCHOFF, with alias LEFTY CLARK, Miami	٠.	
	top hoodlum. In addition to LEFTY CLARK,		
	advised that he met MEYER LANSKY and SANTOS	•	•
ہد	TRAFFICANTE, who was introduced as Mr. SANTOS.		
5	Cube According to on the last day		
	of his most recent stay in Havana with LEVINE,	OTH	IER 4
	remarked that he and GENNA were waiting downstairs at		
	the Hotel Rosita de Horanodo for LEVINE who planned		
	to leave for the United States with them by air.		
	According to when LEVINE failed to appear		
	in the hotel lobby after a considerable wait, he		
	left GENNA in the lobby and went up to LEVINE's hotel		
	room to hurry him up. He advised that he walked		
	in without knocking and LEVINE seemed quite upset		
	about his bursting into the room in this manner. stated that there were approximately six		
	men in the room besides LEVINE, one of whom he recognized		
	as the individual previously introduced to him as		
	Mr. SANTOS. LEVINE referred to one of the men seated		
	apart from the others as "JOEY A.". From subsequent		
	discussion with LEVINE and from observing a newspaper		
	photo. advised that the individual referred		
	to as JOEY A. was JOE ADONIS, well known NY		
	hoodlum who had been deported to Italy in 1956.		
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	Inasmuch as this Ready-Mix Cement deal fell through, indicated that he had no	ОТН	FD /
	further dealings with SALLY BURNS until a time which	OIM	EK 4
	he believed to be in January, 1958, when he became		٠.
	in a serious need of money in connection with his		
	business: In about January, 1958. contacted		
	BURNS and received a \$5.000 loan to be repaid in six		
	months with \$1,000 in interest. \$2,000 of this loan		;
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was to be used as a deposit with the Telephone Company on a number of telephones installed at the Statewide Publishing Company, Inc. . BURNS stipulated that this deposit with the Telephone Company be placed in the name of JOE COAGLIARELLO, whom ____ came to know as both JOE CHELLI and Little Joe, a close associate of BURNS In about February or March, 1958, BURNS and unexpectedly demanded that contacted | the \$5,000 loan and interest be repaid immediately. told BURNS he did not have the money at the time and would experience difficulty in obtaining such a sum at the time. BURNS became very insistent with a beating if he did not. and threatened repay the money immediately. During the next month, contacted close friends and from these individuals borrowed the \$6,000 which was repaid to BURNS in about four installments. After paying the balance that he had decided of the loan, BURNS told that \$4,000 interest was owed on the loan in addition to the \$1,000 already paid. During the next three or four months, paid the additional \$4,000 due to the threats and pressure exerted by EURNS. advised that during the time he was repaying the loan and interest to BURNS, he was subjected to three beatings by BURNS and two of his musclemen ____said that identified only as BABE and CHICK. \square two of these beatings took place in BURNS' apartment at 215 Mott Street, and the other beating took place in an unmarked office maintained by LEVINE and BURNS on the 20th floor at 40 Exchange Place, NYC. He stated he had no choice in his estimation, but to come to the instant address when requested to do so by BURNS.

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	During the course of visits to BURNS!	
	apartment at Mott Street, related that he	OTHER 4
	also became acquainted with a young muscleman	
	referred to only as HUDDY, who appeared to be closely	
	connected with BURNS. From description	
	of this individual, he may be identical with BUDDY COPPOLLA,	
	known to the New York Office as being associated	
	with GRANELLO: added that during his visits	
	to Mott Street, he often met BURNS and his associates	
	in a small cafe located on the West Side of Mott	
	Street near Kenmare Street, which seemed to be a	
	regular hangout for BURNS and his underlings. N.Y.	
	According to I during/various visits to Bunns'	
	apartment, he observed VITO GENOVESE in the apartment	
	on one occasion, an individual referred to as TONY	
ċ	BENDER on another occasion and an individual referred	
•	to as JOHNNY B. and JOHNNY BATHBEACH on another	
	occasion.	
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	identified photographs of	OTHER 4
	ANTHONY STROLLO and JOHN ODDO as the individuals	
	referred to as TONY BENDER and JOHNNY BATHBEACH, respectively.	
	He also remarked that on one occasion at a time when	
	he had \$1,000 to pay BURNS on the interests BURNS	
	claimed to be accumulated, BURNS, during a telephone	
	call instructed him to drop off the \$1,000 with JOHNNY BATHBEACH at the Club 13 at Avenue U and 13th	
	Street, Brooklyn, New York. continued	
	that when he appeared at the Club 13, ODDO introduced	
	him to an individual referrred to only as MINX	
	on MINITE Oppo then left the club alone with	
	or MINXIE. ODDO then left the club alone with and directed to a late model Cadillac automobile	
	parked outside the club where he actually turned	,
	over the \$1,000 to ODDO. advised that the	
	above was the extent of his contact with ODDO.	
	above was one choose of the	
	Both STROLLO and ODDO are top hoodlums of the	
	NYO. The individual introduced as MINX or MINXIE may be	
	identical with JOEVIIVOTO, wa., MINX, a close associate of	
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	ODDO.	

	Concerning STROLLO and GENOVESE,		
	related that he once accompanied SALLY BURNS to the Erb Strapping Company at what he believed to be 180 Thompson Street and upon entry into this company's office, BURNS inquired of a receptionist where GENOVESE was. According to she replied that Mr. GENOVESE was in conference to which BURNS replied to the best of recollection "To hell with him", and proceeded directly into GENOVESE's office. From what observed, GENOVESE did not appear disturbed by this and BURNS and GENOVESE proceeded to converse in the inner office in a friendly manner.	OTHER	4
	appeared to have been in conference with an individual referred to as being from New Jersey who he believed was called "Gyp The Blood" or RAY, and an individual referred to only as Johnny The Bug.	OTHER	4
/	identified a photograph of JOHN STOPPELLI, with alias, Johnny The Bug as the individual referred to above. It is noted that STOPPELLI is known to the NYO as a close associate of STROLLO and GENOVESE.	OTHER	4
	also advised that on one occasion when he was told to proceed to the above-mentioned unmarked office at 40 Exchange Place, NYC, that he observed VITO GENOVESE leaving the office as he entered. He advised that he had no conversation with GENOVESE, and that GENOVESE did not acknowledge his presence at the time.	OTHER	4
	Another individual advised he met through contact with SALLY BURNS was a hoodlum from Greenwich Village referred to only as Joe The Wop	OTHER	4

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and JOE C. remarked that this individual appeared to own or manage TONY PASTOR's Night Club in the Greenwich Village Section, NYC.

This individual appears to be identical with JOSEPH CATALDO, with alias Joe The wcp, who is known to the NYO as an associate of STROLLO and as the behind-the-scene owner of TONY PASTOR's night club.

related that a short time after he
had completed his payments to SALLY BURNS, aggregating
\$10,000, that he was contacted by BURNS and instructed
to come to BURNS' apartment on a business matter. Upon
arrival at his apartment, BURNS explained to him that
he was taking over an interest in a New York night
club, the Cafe de Paris, at 53rd Street and Broadway,
New York City, a club featuring a big name entertainment
policy. It was explained to that LOUWALTERS, well-known New York City night club impresarie, was in a
well-known New York City night club impresaric) was in a
financial jam in this club which he had opened, and
BURNS told that he, was to assume
duties as front man in the club. According to
when he complained to BURNS that he had no particular
interest in entering such a venture, BURNS reportedly
instructed him in no uncertain terms that he was to
take the job that he had no choice in the matter. In
view of the physical violence inflicted on during
previous contacts with BURNS and his group,
related that he saw no alternative but to follow BURNS!
instructions. According to he served as manager
at this club for about four or five weeks until the
club folded and went into bankruptcy. During this period, he related that SALLY BURNS contributed a total of about
\$13,000 to the operation of the club and he, figured he personally contributed close to \$30,000, which he had
been able to borrow from close friends. When asked
why he contributed his own money in a venture in which he
had no choice at the outset, explained that once
he became connected with the club, he figured that if they
could survive the comparitively slim summer night club trade,
that he was convinced the club would be a success once the
winter season began. noted that the club featured
such entertainers as BETTY HUTTON, JERRY LEWIS, and BOB
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explained that while the club was in operation, BURNS gave the indication that the \$13,000 he contributed was as an investment in this venture. However, when the club went into bankruptcy, BURNS then informed	OTHER	4
Though SURNS took no active part in managing this club, remarked that he was often there during the evening hours as were some of his underlings, specifically, the individuals referred to previously as BABE, CHICK, and BUDDY.	OTHER	4
also noted that a part of the \$13,000 contributed by BURNS was raised in the following manner:	OTHER	4
At a particular time when was having difficulty meeting the payroll, BURNS instructed him to accompany JCE QUAGLIARELLO to New Jersey, where they were to pick up \$2,500 from the RAY previously mentioned as having been in the office of VITO GENOVESE on Thompson Street. accompanied QUAGLIARELLO to New Jersey, to a roadside club where they met RAY who turned over	OTHER	4
the \$2,500 to QUAGLIARELLO. From description of his trip to New Jersey, and the layout of this roadside club, together with his description of RAY, a group of photographs including that of ANGELO DE CARLO, Newark top hoodlum, was exhibited to identified the photograph of as the RAY who furnished the \$2,500 and as the individual from New Jersey he had		
previously observed in the office of GENOVESE in New York City. stated that this was his only contact with		
The roadside club where this money was obtained appears to be the Martinique restaurant, operated by in Mountainside, New Jersey.	OTHER	4

of the Cafe de Paris, his o	hat following the closing nly contacts with BURNS and mes when BURNS has demanded e \$13,000 he put into this	OTHER	4
menuioned that at of while he was with BURNS at Long Island, an individual ORMENTO came over to their BURNS on his way out of the	table and said hello to tavern. I noted that he meeting, and that there was	OTHER	4
Subsequently, of JOHN ORMENTO, New York to the observed in the above ta	op hoodlum, as the individual	OTHER	4
Cuba, on one of his visits introduced him to a casino with whom LEVINE seemed to	al is JOSEPH SILESI, with alias,	OTHER	4
During the above the following telephone numand/or his associates:	interview, furnished bers relating to SALLY BURNS	OTHER	4
Worth 6-1559	Residence of SALLY BURNS, 215 Mott Street, New York City		
CAnal 6-9667	Cafe on Mott Street, where BURNS and associates hang out.		

Telephone at summer residence Greenwood Lake New York 7-2168 of SALLY BURNS. Located at office utilized WHitehall 3-9033 by BURNS at 40 Exchange Place, New York City. Telephone numbers at which WAlker 5-9389 BUPNS could often be located GRamercy 3-9644 CAnal 6-4822 when not at home. Location unknown. Telephone number in Havana Havana, Cuba where GEORGE LEVINE could be BO--9655 reached. Residence telephone of JOE CLoverdaly QUAGLIARELLO, 1559 East 33rd 2-9021 Street, Brooklyn, New York MICKEY WEINER, lawyer utilized New Jersey, by ANGELO DE CARLO CHestnut 1-0022 ROCKY GRAZIANO, former boxer GEneral 1-5508 said by to be god-father of SALLY BURNS' youngest OTHER 4 child. Home telephone of JOHN ADE MAO, BE 3-2592 is who according to OTHER 4 employed in Purchasing Department of City of New York, and close friend of BURNS.

OTHER 4 stated that he was furnishing this information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), inasmuch as he felt that matters had reached the point where SALLY BURNS and associates had no intention of leaving him alone regardless of the amount to them. He feels that BURNS now feels he has "hooked" and will continue to bleed him for money.

He further advised that BURNS intimated wi be subjected to further beatings and suggested that wife and three children might also be subject to inconvenience and mishap if were to be "uncooperative." further related that he expects to gain a one-third interest in the Victoria Acres Race Track at Winnepeg, Canada, within a couple of weeks. He advised that because of his familiarity with the construction business, and race track matters, he was called upon by the prominent people backing the track to give them advice and assistance in developing the track. For this, he was offered one-third of the stock in the track, which stock expects will be issued within a couple of weeks. He advised that the track is for trotters and that there has already been approved by the Canadian Government. He advised the entire track transaction is entirely legitimate. From a portion of the proceeds of the stock from this track, he expects to repay SALLY BURNS a total of \$13,000 and clear up numerous personal loans. On September 15, 1958, the records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York, reflected that | OTHER 4 has approximately ten judgments and suits pending in the New York City area for amounts of approximately \$200 or less with the exception of one judgment in Nassau County, New York, which is in the amount of \$1,559.50.

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All of these judgments were filed in either November and December, 1957, or May, 1958. The credit records further

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OTHER 4 again contacted the NYO on 9/12/58 and furnished the following information: He explained that while attempting to make arrangements to leave town until he could raise the amount mentioned above, he contacted one LEO, BLANK whom he described as a good friend who has various interests in trotting tracks in New York and Florida. He mentioned that BLANK was from Liberty, NY, and he hoped to arrange to obtain accommodations through BLANK in the vicinity of Liberty, NY, until he could raise sufficient money to get himself out of his difficulties with SALLY BURNS. He mentioned that if he is successful, he will probably be out of town for from ten days to two weeks. OTHER 4 also mentioned during this contact that he had been in touch with one HARRISXOSMAN, a friend of his who is in business in Orange, Conn., Supplying traffic light and other traffic equipment to various communities both in New York and New England. He related that OSMAN, together with others, is presently attempting to obtain a New York State license to operate a flat racing track in the vicinity of Rochester, NY, and that OSMAN has been making use of knowledge of race-track promotion in his attempts to obtain this license and set up the track. OTHER 4 advised that he was to meet OSMAN earlier that afternoon, 9/12/58, at the Belmont Plaza Hotel in NYC and that when he was unable to locate OSMAN in his room at the above hotel, he located him in the restaurant in that hotel at a table with the individual he mentioned previously in this letter as "JOE C." or "Joe the Wop". It is noted that from information furnished by this individual may be identical with JOE CATALDO, mentioned above. According to OSMAN proceeded to discuss

the new race-track venture and it became apparent that "Joe the Wop" had a definite interest in this venture.

added that also present during portions of this discussion was a young man he knows as JACK WAGUIRE (ph.) whose father is supposed to be a millionaire in banking and investments in NYC. Also present was an individual referred to only as LOUIE, whom the informant believed to be a Cuban.	OTHER	4
related that OSMAN is dealing with a WALTER JEFFORDS, JR., in connection with this race-track venture, remarking that JEFFORDS' father is Chairman of the Board of the Greater New York Association which, according to controls all NY State flat racing tracks. noted that WALTER JEFFORDS, JR., is connected with the Brooklyn Union Gas Co.	OTHER	4
also noted that OSMAN'S lawyer who is handling his interests in connection with attempts to obtain this license is an individual he knows as RED FRANCIS who has been identified to by OSMAN as an ex-FBI Agent stated that FRANCIS maintains an office either in New Haven or Hartford, Conn.	OTHER	4
Also in connection with past discussions with OSMAN concerning this venture, related that OSMAN told him that the individual who would be most instrumental in obtaining the license is CARMINE SAPIO, well-known NYC political figure. stated that OSMAN told him that DE SAPIO had told OSMAN to clear any negotiations on this matter through "Joe the Wop".	OTHER	4
added that this new track has tentatively been named the Finger Lakes Park Association and OSMAN and associates reportedly have an option on a track site near Rochester.	OTHER	4
advised that OSMAN told "Joe the Wop" that they must get together again concerning this matter during	OTHER	4

the latter part of September, 1958. According to "Joe the Wop" replied that this would be impossible since he was leaving NYC for Havana, Cuba, on 9/27/58, and must be in Havana on the morning of 9/28/58 for a very important conference with SALLY BURNS and a number of other important people. "Joe the Wop" also mentioned that he expected to see a number of his friends in Havana at that time.

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The NYO will attempt to identify individuals mentioned above in addition to determining the subscribers of telephone numbers furnished by in an attempt to evaluate reliability in his extensive discussions of his contacts with upper echelon of the NYC criminal element.

Legat, Rome, is requested to make appropriate inquiries in an attempt to determine if it was known that JOE ADONIS had left Italy and may have been in Havana, Cuba, during the latter part of 1957.

Copies of this letter are being furnished Miami in view of information concerning top hoodlums in their area.

Newark is requested to determine subscriber of telephone number Chestnut 1-0022 which was furnished as the telephone number of one MICKEY WEINER reportedly a lawyer utilized by ANGELO DE CARLO. Newark is also requested to advise if it is known whether WEINER is associated with or has been utilized by DE CARLO.

Newark is also requested to advise if there has been any previous indication of an association between SALVATORE GRANNELLO, wa. Sally Burns, and Newark Top Hoodlum ANGELO DE CARLO. Photographs of GRANNELLO will be furnished separately to Newark in connection with this request.

New Haven is requested to identify HARRIS OSMAN, Orange, Conn., who, according to is in the traffic equipment business there.	OTHER	4
New Haven is also requested to identify RED FRANCIS, New Haven or Hartford, Conn., attorney, who states is an ex-FBI Agent.	OTHER	4
It is noted that came to the attention of the NYO in Sept., 1945, in a case entitled BRIBERY". This matter involved an allegation that was attempting to bribe certain U. S. Army Officials at Fort Slocum, NY, in connection with the outcome of a court-martial of one HAROLD SCHWARTZ who at that time was incarcerated in the Rehabilitation Center at Fort Slocum, NY. was interviewed at that time and although he	OTHER 4	4
admitted receiving \$96.50 from the parents of HAROLD SCHWARTZ for his personal expenses incurred in attempting to intercede for HAROLD SCHWARTZ at Fort Slocum, he denied that there had been any attempt to bribe any officials. This matter was referred to the office of the appropriate U. S. Attorney in NYC who declined prosecution inasmuch as there appeared to be no violation in this matter.	^	

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	A PCI case is being opened in the NYO, and any	
addition	nal pertinent information from will be	OTHER
	nd the Rureau and interested offices	