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SUBJECT'S RESIDENCE PHONE

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According to SCSV-☐-S, subject's residence phone at 29299 Gates Mills Boulevard remains TE 1-8293.

SUBJECT'S SON-IN-LAW

On November 18, 1959, JEAN SUITS, Managing Director, Eden Roc Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida, was interviewed by SA LEMAN L. STAFFORD, JR. Mr. SUITS produced a letter which he stated he received on November 10, 1959, from WILLIAM ALEXANDER MORGAN, a Cuban revolutionary figure of United States citizenship who fought as a Major in a group known as the Second National Front of Escambray prior to the downfall of the Batista Regime in Cuba on January 1, 1959. It is to be noted MORGAN admittedly acted as a double agent in favor of FIDEL CASTRO in August, 1959, which resulted in the seizure of a large quantity of arms and ammunitions and the arrest of certain counter revolutionary figures who were of the belief that MORGAN would create a counter revolutionary drive against the forces of FIDEL CASTRO, Prime Minister of Cuba.

Through the cooperation of Mr. SUITS on January 18, 1959, examination was made of clothing and personal effects left by MORGAN at the Eden Roc Hotel and among other things, there was found a letter in one of MORGAN's coats postmarked at Cleveland, Ohio, July 22, 1959. This envelope was addressed to Mr. DOMINICK BARTONE, Moulan Rouge Hotel, 41st and Pine Street, Miami Beach, Florida. On the back of the envelope was the return address, "Local 436, 2070 East 22 Street, Cleveland, Ohio." In the envelope was an original and a copy of an unsigned letter which read as follows:

DOMINICK BARTONE

Niagara Michigan
"July 14, 1959"

"Board of Directors
Doors Concessions, Inc.
4525 Collins Avenue
c/o Eden Roc Hotel
Miami Beach, Florida"

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ALLEN DORFMAN, both listing the address of East Huron Street, Chicago, Illinois, were registered at the Carter Hotel on July 24 - 25, 1959, and possibly attended the wedding reception following the marriage of subject's daughter.

It is to be noted that Chicago files reflect that in connection with the case entitled, "ABRAHAM TELVIE, aka (deceased), ET AL; VICTOR RIESEL - VICTIM; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE, CONSPIRACY," names and addresses were obtained from the personal effects of hoodlum JOHN DIOGUARDI, among which were Mr. and Mrs. ALLEN DORFMAN, 3420 Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, Illinois, and Mr. and Mrs. PAUL DORFMAN, 7347 North Sheridan Road, Chicago, Illinois.

PAUL DORFMAN was reportedly responsible for obtaining DIOGUARDI's charter in the UAW - AF of L and reportedly has big time mob associates.

On July 24, 1959, KEN HAWTHORNE, Carter Hotel, Cleveland, advised that HARRY GIBBONS, Teamster official, was expected to attend the reception following the marriage of subject's daughter.

By letter dated November 23, 1959, the St. Louis Office advised that a review of the investigation captioned, "HAROLD JOSEPH GIBBONS, aka. ANTI - RACKETEERING," disclosed no information indicating GIBBONS attended the wedding reception of TRISCARO's daughter on July 25, 1959.

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ILLEGAL UNION ACTIVITIES

On November 4, 1959, PCI [] furnished the following information to SA FRANK G. DOUDS and SA WARREN W. MATTHEW:

This information should not be disseminated outside the Bureau. Any dissemination or an open investigation in this manner would pinpoint the informant. The informant was bombed himself during January, 1958, and will not testify to any of this information. [] advised that JOE BLUMETTI, was sent to prison on a White Slave Traffic Act charge and

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reportedly made contact with WILLIAM ~~PRESSER~~ while incarcerated. Source stated that upon his release he made ABE ~~SCHWARTZ~~ an associate of JOHN ~~ANGELO~~, both of whom were connected with the Teamsters Union, Youngstown, Ohio.

The informant advised at the present time JOE ~~ALEXANDER~~ is the front man for JOE ~~BLUMETTI~~ in regard to cigarette machines, juke and pinball machines. Ohio

[] advised that during summer of 1956, he received a call from JOE BLUMETTI to come to the Center Restaurant, Youngstown, and pick up an item which BLUMETTI wanted the informant to keep for him. [] stated he went to the Center Restaurant and followed two men out of this establishment. He stated after they were on a back street in Youngstown, [] was given a trunk to keep. [] advised that during the summer of 1957 he called BLUMETTI and asked BLUMETTI how long he was to keep the trunk. BLUMETTI then informed him he would meet him and take the trunk off his hands, which he did.

Ohio [] stated that when the trunk was being returned to the same two men, BLUMETTI introduced them to [] as JACKIE ~~PRESSER~~ and "BABE" TRISCARO. [] stated that "BABE" TRISCARO seemed to be embarrassed because he was introduced to him. [] stated he had the key to the trunk, which he had hidden on a farm in Pennsylvania. [] stated the trunk contained stench bombs, incendiary bombs, bottles of chemicals, giant fire crackers for use on automobiles, gloves, and a set of license plates from each State in the United States.

While in Cleveland, Ohio, on November 23, 1959, Departmental Attorney FRANK KIERNAN called at the Cleveland Office, and during his conversation, he confidentially made available to SA DAVID A. SHAPIRO a photostatic copy of a document. Mr. KIERNAN said this seven page letter was obtained by him during a review of the McClellan Committee Files. According to Mr. KIERNAN, the letter was sent by a "Cleveland Press" news reporter, LOWELL BRIDWELL (a Scripps - Howard writer) to "BOB," Committee Council ROBERT KENNEDY, and bears the date January 27, 1959. Mr. KIERNAN suggested that this Office retain a copy of this letter for future references.

It should be noted a copy of this letter is being retained in instant file and the original photostat was returned to Mr. KIERNAN on December 3, 1959.

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The letter from LOWELL BRIDWELL stated in part, "My interest in FRANK ~~CONVERSE~~ and his operating engineers was in connection with the construction industry - primarily highway construction.

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"In my opinion, CONVERSE has been and still is the enforcing arm of an organization which has very strong control of practically all big construction programs in the Cleveland Metropolitan area, including who gets the contract, where the contractor buys his materials, how much he pays for them, etc.

"Contractors in the Cleveland area are forced to go along with this program on the threat of having wildcat strikes by the operating engineers or TRISCARO's dump truck drivers. They also are threatened with sabotage and general labor unrest.

"This organization, which is headed by ERNEST GREEN of Cleveland, exercises control over construction projects in Cuyahoga County, all of Geauga County, and parts of Summit, Medina, and Lorain Counties...

"I first ran across this situation when specifications were switched suddenly on a project to widen and rebuild Route 42 on the outskirts of Cleveland in connection with an Ohio Turnpike Interchange.

"At the time, I think it was about 1953 or 1954, the Columbia Southern Chemical Corporation, a Barberton, Ohio, subsidiary of Pittsburgh Plate Glass, had an overload of material it produces as a byproduct and can be used as aggregate, interchangeably with regular limestone or slag. In this project, specifications called for slag, but were switched to Columbia's byproduct at an extra cost to the contractor. He kicked up a fuss because this meant his profits on the job were cut substantially. His name is RAY SCHLOSS of the Asphalt Paving Company.

"I talked with SCHLOSS from Columbus by telephone, and he told me he was so angry he was willing to tell the whole story on how the organization operated. I immediately drove to Cleveland, but by the time I arrived some four hours later, he changed his mind and refused to even talk with me."

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A review of the 1959 Shaker Heights, Ohio, City Directory reflects that ~~RAYMOND E.~~ and ~~MARY G. SCHLOSS~~ reside at 19800 Marchmont Road, Shaker Heights, Ohio. ~~RAYMOND SCHLOSS~~ is listed as being employed by the ~~William Schloss~~ Paving Company. *Ohio*

AKROS DYNAMICS

WASH., D.C.

On October 22, 1959, CV 428-C furnished the following information to SA W. CLARK FULLER:

Source stated that he, accompanied by JOE GREGG, met with DOMINIC BARTONE in ~~AL NAIMAN~~'s Office on Monday, October 18, 1959. Source stated at this time BARTONE displayed a big roll of cash plus two \$50,000.00 Cashiers Checks which source believed were drawn on a South American bank since the word bank was spelled "Banca." Source advised that BARTONE indicated this money had come from an airplane deal involving the BATISTA group. Source further stated that BARTONE also had mentioned Nicaragua in connection with the receipt of the money. Source stated that at this time BARTONE remarked that the group still had ten planes left and that the airplane seized by Customs Agents in Miami, Florida, had been recovered. *N.J.*
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Cuba
Ohio

Source further stated that BARTONE claimed that at this time the case involving BARTONE in Florida resulting from the seizure of the plane and arms had been "fixed" and would not come to trial.

On October 27, 1959, CV 428-C advised SAs W. CLARK FULLER and ROBERT L. SCHWARTZ that Akros Dynamics still reportedly retained the C-74 Globemaster airplanes purchased as surplus property from the Government. Source stated that insofar as he had been able to ascertain, NAIMAN and BARTONE were still the owners of the planes. It is to be noted that source had previously stated that he had heard that these planes had been sold to unknown individuals in California.

Source was questioned concerning the origin of the arms and ammunitions confiscated by the Customs Service in Florida from the cargo hull of one of the C-74 Globemasters.

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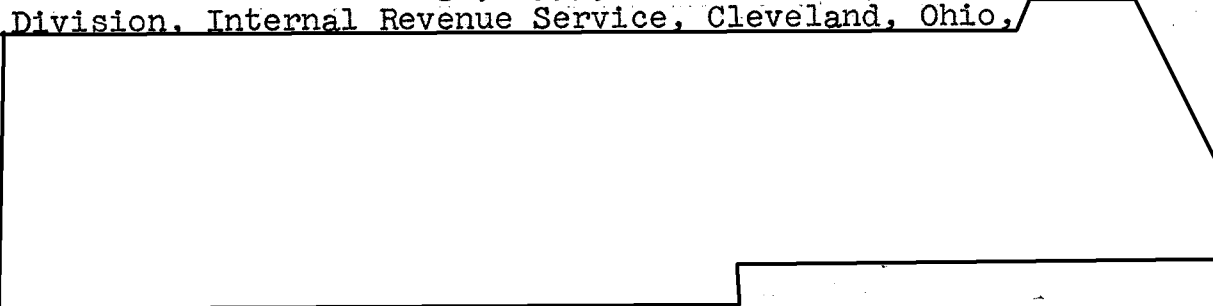
The informant stated he had no specific information concerning the source of the arms other than he had heard through the grapevine that they had "come from armories."

On December 16, 1959, ROBERT JOYCE, a Confidential Source, Manager of the Hollenden Hotel, advised SA JOHN J. BARRETT that he personally flew to Miami, Florida, on Eastern Airlines Flight 737, which departed from Cleveland at 2:05 AM on December 11, 1959. JOYCE stated that "BABE" TRISCARO was on this flight and he spoke to him briefly on the plane. He advised that when they landed in Miami he had breakfast at the airport with TRISCARO and an individual whom TRISCARO introduced to him as Mr. BARTONE. JOYCE advised that TRISCARO informed him he planned to fly back to Cleveland on the same day.

On December 23, 1959, CV 428-C advised SA W. CLARK FULLER that BARTONE had been accompanied by "BABE" TRISCARO on a trip to Florida and that BARTONE entered a plea of guilty in Federal Court. The informant stated that he understood that BARTONE and TRISCARO had both returned to Cleveland and that BARTONE was confident that he would receive a probationary sentence on the Florida case.

On January 15, 1960, CV 428-C advised SA W. CLARK FULLER that he is firmly convinced there was either a financial or political payoff in order to get BARTONE a probationary sentence in Florida in connection with the arms smuggling case. Source advised that he had no information to support his belief.

On December 30, 1959, FRANK NOUSEK, Intelligence Division, Internal Revenue Service, Cleveland, Ohio,



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TRI - MIX

On October 27, 1959, CV 428-C furnished the following information to SAs ROBERT L. SCHWARTZ and W. CLARK FULLER:

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* ~~MC DERMOTT~~ (phonetic), the scale weighmaster at Tri - Mix informed source that while source was in Canada, "BLACKIE" JOSEPH; RAY ~~TRISCARO~~, the son of subject's brother, JOE; the subject

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and BARTONE had visited the business premises of Tri - Mix. Source stated that according to MC DERMOTT, MC DERMOTT had been issued instructions that henceforth all trucking from Tri - Mix would be done by "BLACKIE" JOSEPH. *Ohio*

The source advised that on Saturday, October 17, 1959, the subject, riding in BARTONE's car, visited Tri-Mix. Source stated that he kept an appointment in AL NAIMAN's Office on this same date, and shortly thereafter, BARTONE and the subject entered NAIMAN's Office. According to the informant, NAIMAN had advised the source that NAIMAN was short of money and had to take in "these people." Source stated that NAIMAN did not further identify his business associates.

ALVIN NAIMAN CORPORATION

On October 22, 1959, CV 428-C furnished the following information to SA W. CLARK FULLER:

Source stated that he and JOE GREGG met with DOMINIC BARTONE in AL NAIMAN's Office on Monday, October 18, 1959. Source advised that BARTONE informed them that he wanted them to continue to run the retail end of the crushed stone business in Cleveland and that BARTONE and his group would operate the Niagara Crushed Stone Quarry in Canada.

According to the informant, BARTONE told the source that he planned to fly to Detroit on this date in order to make proper financial arrangements through a Detroit bank for the Alvin Naiman Corporation. Source stated that BARTONE displayed a large roll of cash plus two \$50,000.00 Cashier's Checks which source believed were drawn on a South American bank since the word bank was spelled "Banca." Source stated that BARTONE indicated that this money had come from an airplane deal involving the BATISTA group. Source further stated that in this regard BARTONE also mentioned Nicaragua. Source advised that BARTONE stated, "they still had ten airplanes left," and BARTONE advised they had recovered the airplane that was seized by the Customs Agents in Miami, Florida.

Source stated that BARTONE claimed that his case in Florida growing out of the seizure of the airplane and arms had been "fixed" and would not come to trial.

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On October 27, 1959, CV 428-C furnished the following information to SAs ROBERT L. SCHWARTZ and W. CLARK FULLER: *FIA.*

Source stated that on October 17, 1959, while in *Ohio* AL NAIMAN's Office, he ascertained that "BABE" TRISCARO is definitely one of the new owners of the Alvin Naiman Corporation. Source advised he also heard that JAMES *Hoffa* was, "in on the deal," but that he personally could not furnish any information to substantiate this. *Indiana* *Wash. D.C.* *Minnesota*

Source advised that JOHN YEAGER (phonetic), an Attorney in the Terminal Tower, Cleveland, Ohio, reportedly met BARTONE in Detroit, Michigan, on Tuesday, October 20, 1959, and the purpose of the meeting was to establish banking connections for the Alvin Naiman Corporation.

Source advised that on October 19, 1959, a meeting was held in AL NAIMAN's office and that this time BARTONE told NAIMAN to, "get out of his own office." Source stated that BARTONE made the statement, "My people have got money in this thing and I'm running it." Source stated that at this time BARTONE displayed a large roll of money in bills of large denominations. Source advised that he observed two \$50,000.00 Cashier's Checks, yellow and black in color and believed by the source to be drawn on an unknown Nicaraguan bank.

Source stated on or about October 5, 1959, he heard that \$150,000.00 in cash had been deposited in the Toronto Dominion Bank located in Crowland, Ontario. Source stated this money was also reportedly accompanied by a deposit of \$66,000.00 plus an additional \$21,000.00, the latter having been taken out of Tri-Mix and given to AL NAIMAN. Source stated this money had been deposited to "get the creditors off of AL NAIMAN's back," and that apparently checks had been written against the full amount of the deposit by Niagara Crushed Stone, the stone quarry in Canada.

Source advised that according to AL NAIMAN, BARTONE was to put \$500,000.00 into the Alvin Naiman Corporation this week. Source stated that according to NAIMAN, when the transaction has been completed, NAIMAN stated he would then personally take control of the Alvin Naiman Corporation, advising, "Then I'll show you whose boss."

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Source stated he did not know the origin of this \$500,000.00 reportedly to be placed on deposit by BARTONE.

On October 30, 1959, CV 428-C furnished the following information to SA W. CLARK FULLER:

Source advised that he had just returned from Canada, having made arrangements for Canadian stone to be shipped to him in Cleveland. Source stated that while in Canada he saw BARTONE in Port Colbourne, Ontario, Canada, but he did not believe BARTONE had observed him.

Ohio Source stated that upon returning to Cleveland on the evening of October 30, 1959, he ascertained that "BABE" TRISCARO had pressured Mayor ~~CELEBREZZE~~ and Port Director ~~ROGERS~~ of Cleveland to permit TRISCARO to unload a boat load of stone at the Nike Site located on the Lakefront Airport. Source stated that he understood that if any inquiries were made regarding this stone being unloaded at the airport, the answer was to be that the material was for city use on the airport. Source stated that this was not true as the stone was to be delivered to any customers TRISCARO, NAIMAN and BARTONE could secure and that the stone was to be hauled from the airport by TRISCARO's trucks.

On November 5, 1959, source advised SA FULLER that NAIMAN and TRISCARO had three more boat loads of stone coming in which would be unloaded at the Lakefront Airport and that they were not paying the city for the privilege of unloading the stone on city property.

On November 12, 1959, CV 428-C furnished the following information to SA W. CLARK FULLER:

Source advised that TRISCARO had sold very little stone from the storage site on the Lakefront Airport as most of the customers did not want to do business with the TRISCARO group as the customers were apparently afraid of an investigation which would bring investigators in to look at the company books in tracing TRISCARO's and NAIMAN's affairs. Source speculated that apparently potential customers of TRISCARO and NAIMAN were afraid that investigators might turn up some of the companies' own "dirty linen."

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Ohio X Source advised that on November 11, 1959, he and JOE GREGG had returned from Canada about 6:30 PM and found that BARTONE had been trying to reach GREGG all day. Source advised that GREGG called BARTONE and BARTONE's home phone number is Longacre 1-0403. Source stated that BARTONE requested GREGG to come to the Zephyr Room immediately to meet with BARTONE, "BABE" TRISCARO and AL NAIMAN. Source stated that GREGG and GREGG's son went to the Zephyr Room and met with BARTONE who offered to sell ~~GREGG's stone~~ from the Niagara Crushed Stone Quarry in Canada. Source advised that GREGG informed BARTONE that he did not want to do business with BARTONE. According to source, BARTONE informed GREGG that GREGG had better reconsider since it was to their mutual advantage and could be a good "thing" financially for GREGG. Source stated that according to GREGG, BARTONE acted like he was running the quarry in Canada since apparently NAIMAN and TRISCARO let BARTONE do all the talking.

On November 30, 1959, CV 428-C advised SA W. CLARK FULLER that the Niagara Crushed Stone plant at Port Colbourne, Ontario, had been shut down since November 15, 1959. Source stated that apparently the shut down was due to a lack of operating capital, since the payments on equipment, mortgage, insurance, etc., amounted to about \$50,000.00 per month. On January 15, 1960, CV 428-C advised SA W. CLARK FULLER that DOMINIC BARTONE is operating out of AL NAIMAN's Office in the Terminal Tower.

Source stated he is firmly convinced that JOE and LOUIS "BABE" TRISCARO both have money tied up in the Alvin Naiman Corporation stone business, but he is unable to furnish any additional facts to support his opinion.

CHIEFTON TRUCKING

Ohio On November 30, 1959, CV 428-C advised SA W. CLARK FULLER that BLACKIE JOSEPH continues to operate Chiefton Trucking Company for JOE and "BABE" TRISCARO. Source advised that BLACKIE had returned the ten Mac Dump trucks owned by NAIMAN to NAIMAN. Source stated these trucks are presently parked under the Stones Levy Bridge and are not being utilized.

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CSDE 295 advised SA JACK G. WILSON on June 15, 1959, that VE 7-9987 is a non-published telephone number of subscriber JAMES R. HOFFA at 16154 Robson.

It should be recalled that in referenced report Mr. KEN HAWTHORNE, Carter Hotel, advised that Mr. and Mrs. BUFALINO were expected to attend the TRISCARO wedding.

On November 4, 1959, [REDACTED] PCI, Detroit, furnished the following information to SA LEO C. SHIRLEY:

PCI, who is well acquainted with BUFALINO advised that BUFALINO travels considerably and quite often source is not aware of the fact that BUFALINO is out of town.

On November 26, 1959, [REDACTED] PCI, advised SA SHIRLEY that he did not know whether or not BUFALINO attended the TRISCARO wedding in Cleveland.

It is to be noted PCI is an acquaintance of BUFALINO.

On November 10 and 13, 1959, Sergeant [REDACTED] Seventh Precinct, Detroit Police Department, residence 12337 Wilshire, Detroit, a neighbor of BUFALINO was contacted by SA EVERETT J. BICKFORD.

It is to be noted [REDACTED] has been a confidential source of information of the Detroit Office concerning the activities of BUFALINO.

It is to be further noted that [REDACTED] daughter is a regular baby sitter for Mr. and Mrs. BUFALINO.

On November 10, 1959, Sergeant [REDACTED] stated that he believed that on the week ends of late July and early August, BUFALINO's wife and children were observed in the vicinity of their residence. He stated that he had no knowledge that BUFALINO or his wife were out of town on the week end of July 25, 1959.

On November 13, 1959, Sergeant [REDACTED] stated that he had occasion to visit with Mrs. BUFALINO in the BUFALINO residence. He advised that as a result of this conversation, there was no indication that Mrs. BUFALINO was in Cleveland during July or August, 1959.

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Sergeant [] further stated that through his conversation with the BUFALINO's son, age 13, he developed no information that Mr. and Mrs. BUFALINO were in Cleveland during the pertinent period.

Sergeant [] further stated that his daughter is the baby sitter for the BUFALINO's and when the BUFALINO's leave home they always notify Sergeant [] daughter where they can be contacted. Source stated that he felt that if the BUFALINO's had attended the wedding, he therefore would have been cognizant of this fact.

It is to be noted that in referenced report New York City was requested to identify the subscriber to telephone number GI 8-0244 and to identify MILTON GORDON, noting that a telephone call was placed to this individual at OX 5-1114. It was noted that when GORDON was not contacted at the aforementioned number the telephone call was changed to WA 5-9762, and the individual called at this address was one "BILL."

By letter dated December 11, 1959, New York advised that the records of the New York Telephone Company as furnished by EDWARD L. BRAUNE to SA PAUL F. ROWLANDS reflected the following information:

Telephone OX 5-1114 is listed to the Toy and Novelty Makers of America, Local 223, 132 West 43 Street, New York City.

WA 5-9762 is listed to the Amalgamated Workers Union, Local 139, AF of L, 225 Lafayette Street, New York City.

Telephone GI 8-0244 was changed on July 31, 1959, to GI 8-3242 and listed to JANE DE GRANDIS, 34 Cayuga Avenue, Staton, Island.

New York files reflect that MILTON GORDON resides at 97-30 64th Avenue, Forest Hills, New York, and is President of Local 139, International Union of Doll and Toy Workers, 225 Lafayette Street, New York City.

MILTON GORDON was an associate of labor racketeer JOHN DIO GUARDIA.

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On December 9, 1959, JOE DRAGOVICH, Personnel Manager, Evans Brick Company, advised he knew of no long distance call from the subject, but it was possible the call was made for the purpose of soliciting advertisement for the Teamsters year book.

On December 9, 1959, MERLE CRITES, Secretary, and LES YOUNG, Superintendent, Evans Brick Company, were unable to furnish any information of value.

FINANCIAL DATA

On October 27, 1959, CV 428-C advised SAs SCHWARTZ and FULLER that he had ascertained through JOE GREGG that "BABE" TRISCARO reportedly has money concealed in an unknown bank in South America.

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