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that their company truck, a 1955 light grey Chevrolet panel truck, closely resembles the S & S Distributing Company panel truck and that since it is regularly parked in the vicinity of their warehouse, someone might have mistaken it for the S & S panel truck.

PAT DREW, 413 Freeport Street, New Kensington, whose home is adjacent to the National Cash Register Company Warehouse, and EDWARD ZBRZYSKI, Apartment D, 605 - 4th Street, New Kensington, whose second floor apartment overlooks the National Cash Register Company Warehouse, on 3/9/59 stated that the S & S panel truck has never been parked in the vicinity of the warehouse. Both noted the similarities between the National Cash Register Company and the S & S panel truck.

Confidential source MIKE ZERVOS on 3/1/59 stated that DANIEL HANNA recently confided to him that WILLIE SAMS told him to stop worrying about the possibility of being convicted for the part he played in the gun-running operation. HANNA told ZERVOS that WILLIE SAMS said the government would not be able to obtain a conviction in his case but if they did, the MANNARINO organization would make sure that HANNA was paid for every day he spent in the penitentiary.

JOHN CHRISTOPHER FONTANA,
FBI #821285B

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PCI [redacted] on 2/20/59 advised SA ROBERT A. VOEGE that she was present at the MANNARINO gambling establishment at New Kensington, Pa., during late evening hours of 11/4/58. She said that on that afternoon a plane load of rifles stolen from Ohio National Guard Army at Canton, Ohio, was forced down at Morgantown, W.Va., and that the MANNARINO brothers had already been mentioned as having had something to do with the transportation of these and other weapons to Cuban rebels. She recalled that the bar was not too busy that night, but that the usual large number of patrons were filtering into the gambling rooms. She said she spoke briefly to JOHN FONTANA, a

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permanent member of the MANNARINO organization and a close associate of both MIKE GENOVESE and JOHN LA ROCCA. She recalled that FONTANA told her that the place would be closing early and when she asked him what was wrong, he shrugged his shoulders and said, "Oh, just a few little problems that we can handle." She said FONTANA definitely had referred to the gun-running because AL "CHIPS" RINALDO, a croupier and dealer in the MANNARINO gambling set-up, for many years and who had taken her to the gambling establishment, walked out of the gambling rooms shortly after 1:00 AM, and advised because of some trouble "that will be in the newspapers" the place was closing early.

PHILIP JAMES MAINER,
FBI #868314A

It is recalled that PHILIP JAMES MAINER and his associate, GEORGE MIKE FLOREA, FBI #2888609, were named by a Canton, Ohio, Police Department informant as the perpetrators of the burglary of the Ohio National Guard Armory on 10/14/58.

Investigation to date in New Kensington has established that MAINER was in contact with PCI HENRY ABRAHAM of this office approximately two years ago for the purpose of selling a load of stolen cigarets.

PCI HENRY ABRAHAM on 2/13/59 was interviewed by SA JOHN S. PORTELLA at his place of business, Pecky's Bar, in New Kensington, during which interview PCI was questioned concerning some stolen cigarets being offered for sale by two individuals, one a Syrian man and the second believed to be PHIL MAINER. PCI stated that he recalls a Syrian man from the New Castle-Farrell, Pa., area coming to New Kensington sometime ago offering cigarets and other merchandise for sale at low prices. He identified this Syrian man as UFFIE CHARLES of New Castle, Pa., who operated a restaurant there and he believes that CHARLES' wife continues to operate this restaurant. PCI stated that UFFIE CHARLES passed away about a year ago.

ABRAHAM stated that when CHARLES came to New Kensington he was generally accompanied by a small man named FREDDIE and he believed that UFFIE CHARLES' wife could identify FREDDIE.

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PCI stated that UFFIE CHARLES was accompanied on one or two occasions by other people whose names he could not recall. He stated that the names PHIL MAINER or FLEAGLE mean nothing to him.

ABRAHAM further stated that at no time did he ever refer UFFIE CHARLES and his friends to anyone else in New Kensington who would be in a position to purchase stolen merchandise.

NICK TRIKILIS
(Cleveland suspect)

It is recalled that on 8/31/58 (FNU) MOORE made a collect telephone call from Pittsburgh, telephone number Court 1-9000, to the home of NICK TRIKILIS in Canton, Ohio, HOWard 2-5772. CO 1-9000 is listed to the First Lutheran Church on Grant Street in Downtown Pittsburgh.

The following investigation was conducted by SA VOEGE to determine the significance of this call:

On 2/27/59 JAMES W. MORENTZ, Director of the Layman's Program at the First Lutheran Church of Pittsburgh, 615 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, was contacted by SA VOEGE and was advised that on 8/31/58 a person named MOORE (FNU) telephonically contacted NICK TRIKILIS at his Canton, Ohio, home, telephone HOWard 2-5772. MORENTZ was not advised that the aforementioned TRIKILIS is a suspect in the burglary of the Ohio National Guard Armory at Canton.

MORENTZ advised that telephone GRant 1-4965, or any other telephone in the church for that matter, is accessible to any parishioner wishing to use it at almost anytime. He advised that many calls are made without the knowledge of the pastor or members of the church staff and that he would have no idea who placed a call to Canton, Ohio, on 8/31/58. He advised that the only man named MOORE who he knows is a FRED R. MOORE, who presently resides at 200 West Stockton Avenue, Pittsburgh, and has been coming to the church for some time. He stated that MOORE is a

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2. Will interview PCI HERB RAU and VICTOR H. RAMS PUENTE, former captain of Military Intelligence, Cuban Army, for information concerning NORMAN ROTHMAN, etal, and the part they played in the transportation of weapons stolen from the Ohio National Guard Armory.

3. Will obtain a photograph of DR. LOUIS C. PESSOLANO and thereafter display it to sources and logical residents at the Seagull Hotel, in an effort to show that PESSOLANO was in contact with SAMUEL MANNARINO during the period 10/24-11/8/58.

4. Will locate and interview WILLIE DENTAMARO, FBI #394200A, aka., "Dee," to determine whether he was with JOE MEROLA at the Warwick Hotel in New York, N.Y., during September and October, 1958. If DENTAMARO admits being at the Warwick Hotel with MEROLA, he should be interviewed at length concerning the purpose of MEROLA's trip to New York bearing in mind MEROLA's involvement in a case under investigation by ATU, Newark, N. J., in September, 1958, involving the seizure of a shipment of arms and ammunition off the New Jersey coast.

If admissions are made by DENTAMARO, he should be also questioned concerning the identity and whereabouts of JERRY GLICK. (for background information concerning this phase of the investigation, refer to cover letter, pages H through I in report of SA DOUCE, Pittsburgh, 2/12/59. Supplemental investigation concerning JERRY GLICK is reported herein under the heading JOSEPH MEROLA.)

5. Will make arrangements for CHARLES F. SMITH to observe MEROLA. (Pittsburgh airtel to Bureau, 3/19/59)

6. Will review indices in an effort to identify the alleged confidence man and professional card shark, JERRY (GERALD) GLICK, who may use the aliases HENRY COHEN and HENRY ROSEN.

7. Will, through sources of information, on Star Island, attempt to identify GLICK and thereafter interview him along the same lines as set out above concerning WILLIE DENTAMARO.

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NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Will determine through FREDERICK NOWICKI, resident manager, Warwick Hotel, whether JERRY (GERALD) GLICK, HENRY ROSEN or HENRY COHEN, probably listing a Florida address, was registered at the Warwick during the period August through October, 1958. (for background, refer to information in this report and cover letter under heading, JOSEPH MEROLA)

PITTSBURGH

AT LOWER BURRELL TOWNSHIP, PA. (WESTMORELAND)

Will interview ALBERT SEID, FBI #574183, 2644 Paige Street, concerning long distance telephone calls to his unpublished telephone number, EDison 5-3517, on 9/25 and 27/58 from a suite at the Warwick Hotel, New York City, occupied by JOE MEROLA and CHESTER GRAY.

AT NEW KENSINGTON, PA. (WESTMORELAND)

1. Will attempt to obtain a recent photograph of SAMUEL MANNARINO and forward to Miami for their use in connection with investigation being conducted at the Seagull Hotel.

2. Will consider interviewing SAMUEL MANNARINO concerning the part he played in this case when and if Miami is able to establish that MANNARINO was actually staying at the Seagull Hotel in Miami and in contact with other co-conspirators in this case during the period 10/24 - 11/8/58.

3. Will attempt to obtain a photograph of VICTOR CARLUCCI's black English Prefect sportscar and display same to ALVIN FISH.

4. Will reinterview PCI HENRY ABRAHAM; display photograph of PHILIP JAMES MAINER, FBI #868314A, and determine

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whether MAINER is identical with an individual already identified by a confidential source as the person who approached ABRAHAM sometime during 1956 to sell a load of stolen cigarets.

*5. Will interview BOB (LNU) said to be a new employee of the S & Distributing Company, to determine his activities on 10/26/58 and 11/4/58, and whether he noticed any suspicious activities involving the panel truck during that period of time.

AT RUSSELLTON, PA. (WESTMORELAND)

*1. Will consider advisability of interviewing subscribers called from the office of the Allegheny Valley Airport around 10/26/58 and 11/4/58.

2. Will consider obtaining elimination prints from JOHN RICHARD REMICH and HENRY H. FAHRNER for comparison with the latent impression on the five gallon oil can recovered at the airport on 11/5/58.

3. Will, at the 74th AAA Missile Battalion, Battery D, attempt to identify, interview and obtain elimination prints from the trash collector who periodically hauls away used five gallon oil cans from the Battery D launching site to determine whether he recalls selling or giving such a can to someone at the Allegheny Valley Airport.

AT CLAIRTON, PA. (ALLEGHENY)

Will contact MAX KAHN, editor of the "Clairton Free Press" newspaper, and local Police Department for information concerning JERRY GLICK.

AT GIBSONIA, PA. (ALLEGHENY)

Will, at the North Pittsburgh Telephone Company, attempt to locate information concerning a toll call to Pittsburgh during the last two weeks of October, 1958, from the home of THOMAS OCCELI, near the Allegheny Valley Airport, Russellton.

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