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STUART SUTOR

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**STUART SUTOR, ET AL.  
THEFT OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY;  
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF  
STOLEN PROPERTY; FEDERAL  
FIREARMS ACT, NEUTRALITY MATTERS;  
CONSPIRACY**

Information has been received by our Miami Office from an informant who has requested that his identity not be revealed, that Joseph Merola, one of those convicted in captioned matter, has been making statements that he would not have to serve any of the sentence imposed upon him.

Merola was one of six subjects convicted in United States District Court, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in January, 1960, for his participation in the case involving the October, 1958, burglary of a National Guard Armory in Canton, Ohio, in which rifles, carbines, and submachine guns valued at over \$25,000 were stolen. Merola was sentenced on February 4, 1960, to a term of five years' imprisonment and was fined \$10,000. He has remained free on appeal bond since February 5, 1960. This conviction has been upheld by the Third Circuit Court of Appeals and the United States Supreme Court on June 19, 1961, denied his petition for a writ of certiorari. Merola and other defendants are to report to the United States Marshal in Pittsburgh by noon on August 25, 1961, to commence service of their sentences.

Merola is reported by the informant to have stated that this matter has been taken care of in Philadelphia and it has cost him a "tremendous bundle" to have his pending five-year sentence suspended and be placed on probation. Merola further indicated that he was to appear before a Federal judge in Pittsburgh on the 24th or 25th of August when he was supposed to start serving his sentence and will be placed on probation at that time.

No action has been taken by this Bureau with regard to this information and none will be taken in the absence of specific instructions from you.

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1 - Mr. Evans  
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Note: This info received from MM 722-C, close associate of Merola. Merola has been in contact with Departmental Attorney William S. Kenny. He is also considered a top jewel thief by the Miami Office and has admitted to Agents that he was responsible for major theft last winter in Hallandale, Florida.

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