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SUBJECT: JUSTIFICATION FOR CONTINUATION OF TECHNICAL OR MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCE

RE: Title **SEBASTIAN JOHN LA ROCCA, aka**

Character of Case **ANTI-RACKETEERING**  
Field Office **Pittsburgh**  
Symbol Number **PG 622-C\***  
Type of Surveillance: (Technical or  
Microphone) **Microphone (MUTT  
installation)**

1. Name of person or organization on whom surveillance placed:  
**SEBASTIAN JOHN LA ROCCA (Owner, North Star Cement Block Company,  
12 McCandless Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.)**
2. Address where installation made. Also give exact room number or area covered:  
**The Pittsburgh Office of the North Star Cement Block Company,  
12 McCandless Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.**
3. Location of monitoring plant:  
**Pittsburgh FBI Office, 450 Union Trust Building, Fifth  
Avenue and Grant Street, Pittsburgh, Pa.**
4. Dates of initial authorization and installation:  
Initial authorization: **1/26/61**  
Installation: **1/30/61 (actually activated on 2/7/61)**
5. Previous and other installations on the same subject (with dates and places):  
**No other installations**
6. If installation is a technical surveillance, answer following questions:  
**(There is no tesur involved in this installation)**
  - a. Is a trunk line utilized?
  - b. Is the surveillance on a switchboard?
  - c. Is the surveillance on a public coin-operated telephone?

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- d. Is surveillance on a private line or a party line?
- e. If a party line, how many parties?
7. If a microphone surveillance involved, state number of microphones actually used and location of each:  
**One MUTT unit is installed and concealed in the floor space between subject's business office and lavatory.**
8. Is the installation part of a tel-mike? If so, give symbol of other side of the combination:  
**Not part of a tel-mike.**
9. Specific examples of valuable information obtained since previous report with indication of specific value of each item and the date information received. State what use was made of each item involved: (Add insert pages)  
**Consult insert pages. All information was utilized for intelligence purposes and appropriate dissemination was made where pertinent.**
10. Could above information have been obtained from other sources and by other means?  
**No.**
11. Number of live informants (in field division) who cover same subject:  
**Two live informants cover LA ROCCA but there are no live informants furnishing information relative to the North Star Cement Block Company.**
12. Has security factor changed since installation?  
**No change.**
13. Any request for the surveillance by outside agency (give name, title and agency):  
**No requests made.**
14. Cost of Plant Premises:
- Rental costs for plant premises: **None (costs included in office rental)**
  - Give total number of other surveillances monitored at same plant.  
**Two units of a tesur [PG 177-S\*] were installed on 1/8/62. One mate unit was installed on 6/6/62 in connection with Bufile 100-217722 and will be activated as soon as a line problem is resolved, probably by 7/2/62. 180-S\* (8/23/62)**

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- c. If any others, set out the proportionate cost of instant surveillance:  
Not applicable.

15. Cost of Leased Line for instant installation?  
\$9.31

16. Personnel Costs:

- a. Give total number of special employees and/or Special Agents working at plant and total salary costs. One Special Employee (GS-9) at \$7,425 per annum, monitors PG 622-C\* and both units of PG 177-S\* from 8:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Monday through Friday weekly. During periods of inactivity this Special Employee is able to perform regular duties as an applicant correlator. (See

b. Total number of man hours per week spent at plant? Supplemental Page 3a)  
44 hours

- c. If other installations monitored at same plant, list proportionate number of man hours per week spent on instant surveillance: 15 hours or approximately 33 percent of the total time spent monitoring all units.

- d. If other installations monitored at same plant, list proportionate salary expense per annum for instant surveillance:  
GS-5: Approximately \$2,606  
GS-9: Approximately \$4,010

17. Remarks (By SAC):

A great deal of potential has been demonstrated by this informant and information received on a daily basis is being utilized continually by those Agents assigned to the Criminal Intelligence Program in the Pittsburgh Office. Financial developments relating to the North Star Cement Block Company assume prime importance when it is realized that LA ROCCA has been designated as the prime target subject of an intensification program looking toward early prosecution on any Federal violation. LA ROCCA and the supervisory employees of North Star have spoken freely enough for this informant to ascertain their reactions to investigations being conducted by both the Internal Revenue Service and the FBI at Pittsburgh. (See supplemental page 3a)

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16a. Personnel Cost (continued):

One clerk (GS-5) at \$5,665 per annum, monitors PG 622-C\* and both units of [PG 177-S\*] from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday weekly.

16c. When the installation relating to Bufile 100-217722 is activated, the proportionate number of man hours per week spent on PG 622-C\* will be reduced below 33 percent.

17. Remarks (continued):

X The Pittsburgh Office is looking for a great deal more, as far as specific criminal intelligence information is concerned, in relation to the GENOVESE-LA ROCCA organization. In my opinion the position of prominence this phase of our activity has attained, as well as the issuance of recent Bureau instructions in this regard, and the information received thus far by the Pittsburgh Office justifies the continuation of this installation.

The Bureau will be promptly advised of the extent of any possible violations developed as a result of this technical surveillance. The LA ROCCA investigation and this coverage in particular is being given my personal attention on a continuing basis and I will insure that constant efforts are made to establish a Federal violation against this individual. When information of immediate interest or significance is received, it will be promptly brought to the Bureau's attention in the daily teletype being submitted relative to LA ROCCA.

IN VIEW OF THE CONVICTION OF LA ROCCA FOR ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO KILL AND HIS ARREST FOR CARRYING A CONCEALED WEAPON, HE MAY BE ARMED AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED DANGEROUS.

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Insert to FD-143 entitled, "JUSTIFICATION FOR CONTINUATION OF TECHNICAL OR MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCE."

The most important information furnished by this informant since the submission of the last FD-143 on 3/22/62 concerns a meeting of JOHN CONTI, alleged nephew of SEBASTIAN JOHN LA ROCCA, who is general manager at the North Star Cement Block Company in Pittsburgh, and SAMUEL MANNARINO of the MANNARINO organization of New Kensington, Pa., on whom an intensification target-type investigation is being conducted. It was noted by the informant that these two met last on a business proposition on Sunday, 6/3/62.

It was indicated that MANNARINO owns 600 acres of ground and is now dealing with the North Star Cement Block Company to build homes on his property. The building of 123 of these homes was to begin immediately and it was indicated that MANNARINO is definitely part of the entire proposition.

As a result of this information, the Bureau has advised that this matter should be given thorough investigative attention in connection with disruption objectives and possible future prosecution.

On 6/11/62, the Pittsburgh Office ascertained that there was considerable inductance and cross-talk on cable 56, counts 341 through 50 as well as considerable AC voltage running as high as two volts on count 348. CSPG 175-S was contacted concerning this undesirable condition and he immediately referred the matter to the Engineering Department of the Bell Telephone Co. Due to the complexity of these existing conditions monitoring of the misur and tesur operations was discontinued on 6/11/62 until the lines can be cleared and balanced. The Pittsburgh Office has not, therefore, had the benefit of the knowledge of the operations within the North Star Cement Block Co. since the aforementioned date.

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