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On April 18, 1958, Albany Confidential Informant T-28, contact with whom has been insufficient to determine reliability and who is an Italian businessman at Apalachin, New York, advised Special Agents PATRICK A. MUNLEY and JAMES C. MEE that he was born and raised at Pittston, Pennsylvania, and that he has known DOMINICK ALAIMO, RUSSELL BUFALINO, JAMES OSTICCO and ANGELO SCIANDRA, all of Pittston, Pennsylvania, who are hoodlums who attended instant meeting at JOSEPH BARBARA, Sr.'s estate on November 14, 1957, as being members of the Sicilian Group in the Pittston area.

T-28 related that SANTO VOLPE of Pittston, Pennsylvania, is the head of all the Sicilians on the Eastern Coast and that he is probably the individual who gave the orders for the meeting which was held at BARBARA's. T-28 said that BARBARA, from his observations of the Sicilians, would rank about either number three or four in the Sicilian Group.

The informant said that the group that met at BARBARA's was made up of mostly "muscle men" and apparently few of the real leaders of the Sicilians. He said that from his knowledge of the Sicilians he would say that the meeting was for the purpose of instructing those that were there concerning the new "bosses" so that they would return to their own areas and pass the word to other Sicilians in the group.

T-28 stated that the Sicilians for years have been running the "rackets" in the Pittston, Pennsylvania area, and that he has observed the activities of the individuals mentioned above who were at the meeting and others in the Pittston area, and knows that they have always been involved in some kind of illegal activity.

On April 25, 1958, T-28 advised SA MUNLEY that he had talked to SALVATORE (SAM) ALECCIA, with alias BLACKIE ALECCIA, an associate of top hoodlum ANTHONY F. GUARNIERI on April 22, 1958. He said that ALECCIA told him that ALECCIA and LOUIS CORDI, another associate of GUARNIERI, were supposed to have attended the meeting at JOSEPH BARBARA's on November 14, 1957, but did not make it because of having to work during the day. Informant said he did not ask whether they had intended to be at the meeting in the evening. ALECCIA

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allegedly said that the meeting was for the purpose of naming the bosses and that the meeting was strictly a Sicilian Group. Informant said ALECCIA believes the informant to be a Sicilian.

On May 7, 1958, T-28 informed SA MUNLEY that SALVATORE ALECCIA had appeared at informant's place of business on Tuesday night, May 6, 1957, and he had tried to get ALECCIA talking, but was unable to have him make any conversation.

In respect to the above information, it is noted that the investigations of the individual top hoodlums who attended instant meeting have reflected that they are all of Italian origin and a major portion of them were born abroad, and became naturalized citizens of the United States.

By letter dated May 2, 1958, the New York Office forwarded to the Bureau and to Albany copies of the report of New York State Acting Commissioner of Investigation ARTHUR L. REUTER on the activities and associations of persons identified as present at the residence of JOSEPH BARBARA, Sr. at Apalachin, New York, on November 14, 1957, and the reasons for their presence. This report bears date of April 23, 1958.

The report is a summary of the investigation conducted by REUTER's office into captioned meeting upon instructions of the Governor of the State of New York issued November 15, 1957.

The New York Office received the report May 1, 1958, from Chief Investigator HYMAN ROSENBLADT of the office of Commissioner REUTER. It should be noted that the office of Commissioner of Investigation is no longer existent, having been supplanted by the New York State Crime Commission, set up by legislative enactment in 1958.

The New York Office has forwarded summaries of information on individual hoodlums mentioned in the REUTER report to interested offices for their files on the particular individual hoodlums.

Additional details from this report will be set out hereinafter.

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In the instance above related from Commissioner REUTER's report of JOSEPH BARBARA, SR. being stopped and found in possession of a gun in New York City in 1931, investigation has determined that he was accompanied by NATALE EVOLA. This was approximately 27 years ago. Also with them was VINCENZO COPPOLA.

The data set forth from Commissioner REUTER's report concerning BARBARA's arrest for murder have previously been reported. It is noted that these incidents also occurred approximately 27 years ago, and that the first murder mentioned was allegedly due to a dispute between the victim and SANTO VOLPE, SAM VOLPE and CHARLES BUFALINO.

In the second murder it is noted that SANTO VOLPE and ANGELO POLIZZI were allegedly involved and that during the investigation calls were traced from BARBARA's home to the telephone of SALVATORE FALCONE and Brothers, 550 Bleecker Street, Utica, New York. Brothers SALVATORE and JOSEPH FALCONE were, of course, attendees at instant meeting at BARBARA's home.

It is noted that ANGELO POLIZZI was a Detroit hoodlum who visited JOSEPH BARBARA, SR. at Apalachin, New York, not long before POLIZZI's death in September 1957.

Since the above-mentioned murders occurred nearly 30 years ago, it is seen that the period of friendship covered is extensive.

In connection with the relationship between BARBARA and SANTO VOLPE, Albany Confidential Informant T-29, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on February 10, 1958, made available to SA PATRICK A. MUNLEY

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By memorandum to the Director May 9, 1958, in instant case, the Pittsburgh Division forwarded copies of a memorandum detailing comments made by an attorney in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Confidential Informant Albany T-32, in respect to instant meeting. T-32 was interviewed after he had indicated a desire to discuss the meeting with a Bureau representative. Pittsburgh commented that T-32 is a politically prominent figure and a somewhat controversial one since unconfirmed rumors have linked him with racket figures over a considerable number of years. The rumors have never been substantiated, according to Pittsburgh. Pittsburgh noted that T-32 was very close to Mayor DAVID L. LAWRENCE of Pittsburgh who is a likely successor to the governorship of Pennsylvania in the next election.

It should be noted that T-32 gave the impression to interviewing agents that he felt there might be some possibility JOSEPH FILARDO could be influenced to talk about instant meeting as his attitude was far less rigid than that of CIVELLA and his position on citizenship more tenuous. T-32 stated that he feels that FILARDO may have attended as a victim of the group rather than a member of it. It is believed an Italian speaking agent would fare better in attempting to interview FILARDO. Both FILARDO and CIVELLA are mentioned specifically below by T-32.

T-32 was interviewed on May 6, 1958, by Special Agents DAMON W. PITCHER and JOHN S. PORTELLA. He said that after the meeting of the hoodlums at Apalachin, New York, he was telephonically contacted by NICK CIVELLA and an elderly Italian who owns a bake shop in Kansas City (believed to be JOSEPH FILARDO). They requested him to represent them before the Federal Grand Jury and State Grand Jury in New York City. T-32 said he told the hoodlums he was unable to represent them directly, but would look out for their interests and would arrange for them to obtain counsel in New York, which he did. T-32 did not identify the counsel he obtained for CIVELLA and FILARDO.

T-32 met the two hoodlums in New York City the night before their hearing before the Federal Grand Jury and, although he had an eight o'clock appointment, they kept him waiting until 12:15 A.M. When they appeared they refused to say anything to the attorneys whom T-32 had arranged to represent them. They said that they had conferred with some unnamed persons while en route to New York City and had been told to say nothing, and that

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they did not require the services of an attorney; however, they did decide to retain the counsel selected by T-32 for their appearances the following day.

The informant related that the elderly baker (FILARDO) was naturalized about 13 years ago and was extremely afraid of losing his citizenship and of being deported. He had no record, according to T-32, and had never even been interrogated by police before. T-32 said he was unable to speak English very well and was scared to death.

T-32 said that FILARDO gave the impression he would have talked to the attorneys except that CIVELLO counseled him frequently against saying anything. CIVELLO told T-32 that he would not and could not admit to him that he had been present at the captioned meeting and his story was that he had been in the area to visit a girl friend who was married and whom he did not care to involve. CIVELLO said that he would be unable to admit to the Grand Jury that it was raining outside even if it was at the time he appeared before them.

T-32 said that the two hoodlums and the attorneys conferred for about an hour and a half before the hoodlums appeared before the Grand Jury and the attorneys briefed the hoodlums on what questions they could refuse to answer and invoke the Fifth Amendment. A series of possible questions which they might be asked were reviewed with them and CIVELLO would frequently state, with respect to those directed to the baker, "he can't answer that." T-32 stated the review was conducted in a reception room outside the room where the Grand Jury was sitting.

T-32 said that numerous witnesses who had been subpoenaed to appear and who had been in attendance at the captioned meeting were present and absolutely refused to talk to one another and acted like strangers.

T-32 related that he had no knowledge of the subject matter discussed at instant meeting at Apalachin, but related that from his experience and various contacts he was of the opinion that in the late 20's or early 30's a national organization was formed for the purpose of controlling illegal activities. This organization had a national council and local "overlords" who would communicate with each other by courier not trusting mail or telephone contacts. He stated he believed that JOE BIANCO was a courier in the Pittsburgh district. (It is noted that BIANCO was convicted in about 1951 for Interstate Transportation of Lottery Tickets. He was arrested at that time after getting off an airplane with a

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T-32 said that after talking to both CIVELLO and FILARDO and observing CIVELLO's attitude toward answering any questions about the Apalachin meeting he had formulated the opinion that the meeting was for an illegal purpose and that those who attended have been warned that they are not to discuss its purpose with anyone under any circumstances. T-32 stated that he feels that the reorganization which he believed to be the purpose of the meeting was not effected because of the investigative attention the local, state and federal agencies have been giving the meeting.

By airtel May 13, 1958, Philadelphia advised that Confidential Informant T-33, who is widely acquainted in the Italian underworld in Philadelphia and is probably one of the best persons in that area to develop information concerning captioned meeting had been contacted on April 15, 29 and on May 7, 1958, but was unable to furnish any additional information concerning any other meeting.

Philadelphia reported that at the time T-33 was reactivated and contacted on January 20, 1958, he pointed out that the doubts of many concerning the existence of a mafia should now be settled in view of the publicity concerning the meeting of hoodlums at Apalachin on November 14, 1957. T-33 said that he felt that the proof of the meeting, together with the identity of the persons there and the amount of ready cash on their person should be a concrete example of the power held by the mafia. The informant advised that from his contacts in South Philadelphia, he had learned that this was a meeting of the bosses and under-bosses, but he did not know the purpose of the meeting other than that there was some indication of discussion of business which concerned ALBERT ANASTASIA.

T-33 has referred to the mafia as the "organization" and he insists that the "organization" is the present day mafia. In his description of the organization, its membership and activities, according to Philadelphia, he has always stated that to be a member one must be an Italian, either from the Old Country or a direct descendent thereof and must be sponsored by a member of the organization. He has pointed out that by far the majority of the members of the organization originate either from Sicily or from the Province of Calabria, near the top of the boot in Italy. Informant is from Calabria, and is an alien. He said there are a few individuals who are believed by him to be active with the organization whom he believes originated from Napoli, Italy.



The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents PATRICK A. MUNLEY and JAMES C. MEE. on 4/28 and 5/1,2/58:

Confidential Informant Albany T- 34 whose reliability is unknown at the present time due to the fact that there have been only a few contacts made with him, advised that he has been associated with JOSEPH BARBARA, SR. since March of 1955, and has had access to the estate and home of JOSEPH BARBARA since that time.

He advised when he first became acquainted with Mr. BARBARA it was the usual routine for BARBARA to leave his home about 6 AM. in the morning to go to the Canada Dry Bottling Company plant at Endicott, New York, and that he would return home around 3 PM for his meal and then would return to the plant and return home later in the evening. He usually drove himself to and from the plant and on his business trips around the Binghamton, New York area.

He stated that the home of JOSEPH BARBARA was always well supplied with food and drink. He related that in the basement of the home canned goods, soup, soft drink, ice cream, fish and other items are maintained in ice cream coolers, and that also in a separate section of the basement are foods such as oranges, grapefruit and other fruits. He stated there was nothing unusual about the basement, no vaults or safes or any locked rooms maintained there. He related that in the garage BARBARA maintains a walk-in meat cooler, an ice cream freezer and a shelf-type freezer wherein meats and vegetables are stored.

He stated that there is only one phone line into the home of BARBARA, but there are connections from BARBARA's home to the summer house and also to the two other homes that are maintained on the BARBARA estate. He related the phone connections between the main home and the summer house and the two houses on the estate are strictly house to house phones and not connected with the main telephone line.

He said when he first was in the employ of BARBARA he noticed that an Italian couple named LUCILLE (Last Name Unknown) and JOE (Last Name Unknown) visited the BARBARAs frequently during the years 1955-1956. He believed LUCILLE was a nurse and JOE worked in a furniture store in Endicott, New York. He said he also noticed that EMANUEL ZICARI visited BARBARA regularly. He said that from what he observed ZICARI and BARBARA were old friends and frequently ZICARI brought his wife with him.

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He also advised that ~~RUSSELL BUFALINO~~ was a frequent visitor at BARBARA's home. PA NY

He stated that from his recollection since 1955 there have been three what he would call big parties held at the home of JOSEPH BARBARA. He stated that in the Fall of 1955 a large group of men was at BARBARA's home. He related that this group numbered about 35 men; that in the Summer of 1957 there was another large group of people, both men and women and this party was considered an engagement party for BARBARA's daughter ANGELA. The next large group that he recalls was on November 14, 1957.

He related when each of these groups was at BARBARA's home they appeared to be regular barbeques where people were walking around the estate and steaks were being cooked and other food was being served to the guests.

At no other time he said that he noticed any large gathering in BARBARA's home or on the estate. He said that on numerous occasions BARBARA had visitors at his home during the day at which time they would have lunch and visit and then leave the estate. He said these luncheons never included more than three or four individuals.

In connection with the November 14, 1957, group he related he had no advance notice that such a large group was going to be at BARBARA's. He said that on November 13, 1957, Mr. BARBARA told him in the early morning hours that there was an order of meat at Armour and Company in Binghamton, New York, to be picked up and that he could pick it up anytime during that day. He said that this was the usual thing for him because he has been doing the same thing since 1955, and had picked up vegetables and fruit at the Green Lantern, groceries from McTighe Groceries and other items at different stores at Endicott and Binghamton, New York.

He said that it was his job to see that the fireplaces at the summer house always had charcoal and wood and it was his recollection that Mr. BARBARA asked him on the thirteenth whether or not there was enough charcoal and wood at the fireplaces but he is not sure of that.

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He relates that he recalls no activity at the BARBARA home on the night of the thirteenth of November, but that in the morning of November 14 around 9:30 to 10:00 AM he noticed a few cars and a few people at the BARBARA home and that thereafter individuals were gradually appearing on the estate. He said all of the visitors were men and there were no women visitors on that particular day.

He stated on the morning of November 14 the only strange car that was on the estate was a black Cadillac Sedan, but that he did not know the license plate as to whether it was from New York State or any other state.

He said that he did not pay any particular attention to the people that were there on that date and did not know that the New York State Police were checking the guests at BARBARA's house until about 7 or 7:30 PM in the evening when he went to the Canada Dry Bottling Company to secure some parts to fix a pump in one of the houses on the estate. He said he went to the Canada Dry Bottling Company and could not locate JOSEPH BARBARA, JR. and then went to O'Brien's Heating and Plumbing at Endicott to obtain a part there, and on his return to the estate was stopped by the New York State Police at which time they asked him to identify himself and asked him what business he had at BARBARA's estate.

He stated that during the day of November 14 he did not notice any unusual activities such as any of the guests going into the woods or leaving the estate.

On the morning of November 15, 1957, he said that he saw a pink Lincoln and a dark colored sedan in BARBARA's garage, but he did not observe any strangers at the house that day. He related that he was not in BARBARA's home until November 17, at which time he did not notice any strangers at the home.

He stated that he has gathered no ideas from anyone in the BARBARA family or anyone at BARBARA's home as to the reason for the gathering there November 14, 1957.

He stated that he observed that ANTHONY FRANK GUARNIERI was at the BARBARA home early in the morning of November 14, 1957, and he believes that he observed JOSEPH CAPALACES at one of the fireplaces that morning. He said he is not sure of this identification.

He related that Mr. BARBARA, SR. did not leave the estate that morning, but that JOSEPH BARBARA, JR. left the estate with the BARBARA Cadillac and came back with it about 9 or 9:30 AM and then drove away again in one of the other BARBARA cars. He related he did not see JOSEPH BARBARA, JR. return with the car and did not know whether anyone was in it, but did see him driving away with one of the other cars.

He was shown a group of photographs of individuals believed to be at BARBARA's on November 14, 1957, but stated that he was unable to identify any others other than the ones he mentioned above, because he did not pay particular attention to the individuals and had spent most of his time that day working on a pump that was out of order at the home that he resides in on the estate.

He advised that during the year 1957 Mr. BARBARA had been ill and did not follow his usual routine of going to work daily. He stated that in the Summer of 1957 he periodically went to the Canada Dry Bottling plant for a few hours a day and spent most of his time on the estate. He said that during the year he had gone to New York City, Buffalo and New Jersey for several days at a time, but generally he was accompanied by his doctor.

Since November 14, 1957, he related that BARBARA, SR. has not left the estate and there have been very few callers at BARBARA's home. He related that EMANUEL ZICARI is a regular caller and has generally been coming to see the BARBARAs on Friday evenings around 5 or 6 PM, usually staying for one hour and then leaving. He related that during the past few months there have been several luncheons held at the BARBARA home at which lawyers from the Endicott and Binghamton area have been in attendance. He related that he believes that during the year 1957 Mr. BARBARA had more individual callers visiting at his home than in the years 1955 and 1956.

He stated that he sees BARBARA generally daily and that at the present time BARBARA does not look good to him and has indicated to him that he does not feel too good. He stated that Doctor BORELLI generally visits Mr. BARBARA every Sunday.

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The report of New York State Commissioner ARTHUR L. REUTER mentioned previously in this report, reflects that the above meat was ordered on November 5, 1957. Confidential Informant T-34, mentioned previously herein, advised that he personally picked up the order and delivered it to BARBARAS on November 13, 1957.

Dr. LOUIS BORELLI, 106 Murray Street, Binghamton, New York, advised SA MUNLEY confidentially on March 6, 1958, that he has been acquainted with JOSEPH BARBARA, SR., and his family for about four or five years and that he has had BARBARA, SR., as a patient for the past year and during that time he has seen him many times at his home and at the Charles S. Wilson Memorial Hospital, Johnson City, New York.

He related that BARBARA, SR., has a very bad heart condition and that he believes that an operation performed on him in early part of 1957 has been responsible for his living out the year. He said that he is very bad right now and any excitement would cause him grave trouble and may even kill him. He said that he has been under orders not to work and not to engage in any activity at all for the past year, (but that he has not been following these orders as strictly as he would like him to do).

He said that in all his trips to BARBARA, SR.'s home, he never noticed anything that would indicate that BARBARA, SR., was engaged in any illegal activity. During the summer, about the later part of June or July, BARBARA, SR., called him to his home especially to see a Mr. POLIZZI from Detroit, Michigan, who was visiting there, and when he, BORELLI, checked him, he found he was suffering from a bad heart and gallstones. BORELLI stated he told him he better return to his home and his own doctor because he was in bad shape and could not survive an operation which would be necessary because of the gallstone condition he had at the time.

He stated that on another occasion he went to BARBARA's home to see a son of DAVE OSTICCO from Pittston, Pennsylvania, who was also visiting BARBARA, and this boy had been turned down by the Army because of a poor heart, but that he examined him and found that he was in good health and certified that the boy was in good health so that he could enlist in the Army.

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He stated that Suites 1505, 1506, and 1507 were especially used by these individuals and it was known that ~~RUSSELL BUFALINO, FRANKIE CARBO, and JIMMY DOYLE~~ utilized the ~~above-mentioned Suites~~. N.Y.

CARBO and DOYLE, alias of JAMES PLUMERI, are top hoods of the New York Office.

BUFALINO is a Philadelphia top hoodlum.

Confidential Informant T-38, who resides at the Forrest Hotel, advised in 1953, that the D & H TV Company had offices on the second floor of the Forrest Hotel and was frequented by EDDIE COCO and other well-dressed Italian-looking gangsters including ANTHONY CORRALLO, with alias TONY DUCKS, and FRANKIE CARBO.

He added names M. GENOVESE and BILLIE BROWN appeared on the D & H door.

CORRALLO is a top hood of the New York Office. BROWN is a matchmaker for Madison Square Garden, New York City, and EDDIE COCO is now serving a life sentence in Florida State Prison for murder.

On January 29, 1958, and February 14, 1958, T-38 advised SA EDWARD F. DE ROSA that the D & H TV is out of business. He stated he knows of no meetings having been held at the Forrest Hotel by any hoodlums. He also stated he knows of no hoodlums who presently used the hotel as a hangout. He advised that the last couple of years he has noticed no individuals who "appear to be hoodlums" hanging around the hotel and added that the hotel is now under new management.

On March 12, 1958, MABEL DOWNEY, Switchboard Operator, Forrest Hotel, advised SA VICTOR CARRELLI that the management of that hotel has changed completely in March, 1957, and she is the only employee remaining. She stated that many publicized racketeers formerly frequented that hotel, but no longer do since the management policy changed and no longer caters to the hoodlums. She stated she knows of no meetings having been held at that hotel by hoodlums in the past.

