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Weight	200 lbs.
Hair	Black, graying
Complexion	Dark
Eyes	Brown
Present address	900 West Ingomar Road Ingomar, Pa.
Past address	6426 Apple Street Pittsburgh, Pa.

Marital status Married,
 wife MARY S. LA ROCCA
Date of birth April 2, 1910
Place of birth Jessup, Pa.
Date of marriage September 30, 1928,
 Pittston, Pa.

Son
Date of birth JOHN LA ROCCA
 October 1, 1943
Adopted TW HOWARD LESLIE HOFFMAN,
 February 25, 1944
 at Greensburg, Pa.,
 through Westmoreland Orphans
 Court

Brother
Date of birth ANTHONY LA ROCCA
 May 14, 1912
Place of birth Whiskey Run, Indiana County
Residence 6323 Glenview Place
 Pittsburgh
Employed Barber, 8003 McKnight Road,
 Pittsburgh

Brother
Date of birth JOSEPE LA ROCCA
 August 4, 1893
Place of birth Villa Rosa, Caltanissetta,
 Sicily, Italy
Residence 835 Farragut Street
 Pittsburgh
Employed Barber, Penn and Shady
 Avenues, Pittsburgh
Naturalized Court of Common Pleas
 Indiana County, March 5, 1924

Brother
Address JOHN J. LA ROCCA
 118-20 Walnut Street
 Johnston, Pa.
Owner Keystone Vending Co.
 Johnston, Pa.

Sister
Marital status LEONA ROSE
 Widow
Children 3
Residence With daughter, Mrs. ANGELO
 RICCI, Broadhead Rd.
 Glenwillard, Pa.

INFORMANTS

<u>INFORMANT</u>	<u>CONTACTED BY</u>	<u>DATE</u>
T-1 is AL BUCK, former Allegheny County Detective and Vice President of the Fidelity Trust Company Loan Dept. Pittsburgh, (Oliver Building)	SA WILLIAM R. WALL and SA ROBERT A. VOEGE	1/17/58 2/7/58
T-2 is former PCI 	SA J. EDWARD KERN	7/50
T-3 is WILLIAM MEREDITH SA of Bell Telephone, whose identity is being concealed due to his position.	SA HAROLD L. STEVENS SA VOEGE	12/30/57 2/11/58
T-4 is JOHN PERHACH, investigator District Attorney's Office, Broome County, Binghamton, New York	SA PATRICK A. MUNLEY	
T-5 is Mrs. MARGARITE JACKSON, South Western Bell Telephone Company, Hot Springs, Arkansas, whose identity is being concealed due to her position	SA ROBERT E. HICKAM	1/22/58
T-6 is GEORGE M. KEEFER, Vice President, General Manager, North Pittsburgh Telephone Co., Gibsonia, Pa., identity being concealed due to his position	SA WALL	1/16/58

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T-7 is VINCENT A. ROSELLA owner, Gulf Service Station, Larimer and Meadow, Pittsburgh, who requested his identify be protected	SA THOMAS G. FORSYTHE, III JFK Act 6 (4)	1/14/58
T-8 is [redacted] PCI 271 N. Craig Street Pittsburgh	SAS WALL and NORMAN T. THOMPSON	1/15/58
T-9 is HAROLD W. LAUVER INS investigator, who requested that his identity relative to certain information furnished be concealed	SA WALL	
T-10 is ROBERT F. MEHRLING Agent in Charge, Intelligence Division INS, 4th Ave, and Market St., Pittsburgh	SA GENE H. STUDEBAKER	12/10/57
T-11 is LEILA PATTON Bell Telephone Co., Wilkes-Barre, Pa.	Philadelphia Agent Unknown	12/12/57 12/16/57

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