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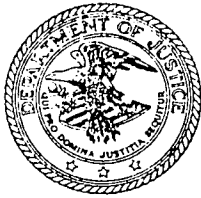
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Conspiracy to Violate Title 47, U.S.C. §605
(Wiretapping)

The following consists of a summary of the Bureau's investigation and the results of their investigation into the wiretapping of Dan Rowan's phone in his hotel room at the Riviera Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, in October 1960.

The Bureau's initial investigative report dated November 10, 1960, reflects the results of an interview with Lt. Carl Smith of the Detective Bureau, Clark County Sheriff's Office on November 1, 1960, involving the arrest of Arthur Balletti on October 31, 1960 for bugging the telephone box in Dan Rowan's hotel room. A search of Balletti's hotel room reflected notes and notations which Balletti had written down dates and times on which he had recorded portions of Rowan's telephone conversations. A black suitcase in Balletti's room was opened and it contained a large quantity of electronic devices, including transmitters, receivers, wall plugs, a minifon wire recorder and a set of 17 professional-type lock picks. On his arrival at the Clark County Sheriff's Office, Balletti admitted that he had been hired by Investigations Incorporated of Miami, Florida, a company owned by former FBI Agent Edward DuBois, and that this company apparently had a client who had requested an investigation concerning Rowan's private life. Balletti admitted listening to and recording Rowan's telephone conversations since October 26, 1960. According to Balletti, one Fred T. Harris, an investigator from Miami, had entered Rowan's room and installed the listening device.

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Results of Bureau Investigation Conducted
at Criminal Division Request

By a report dated December 23, 1960, at Miami, captioned, "Arthur James Balletti; J. W. Harrison Unauthorized Publication and Use of Communications," a Special Agent of the Bureau advised that Edward L. DuBois, Jr., was interviewed on December 13, 1960, in Miami, Florida, at which time he stated that he had handled certain matters for a Robert Maheu, who operates a private investigation organization in Washington, D.C. DuBois stated that on October 25, 1960, he received a telephone call from Maheu's principal assistant, one Walter Fitzpatrick, requesting him to send two men to Las Vegas, Nevada right away for physical surveillance work. Maheu subsequently instructed DuBois to send only one man to Las Vegas and advised DuBois that he had hired one J. W. Harrison to accompany whomever DuBois sent. DuBois advised that he sent Balletti to Las Vegas on October 26, 1960. DuBois next heard from Balletti when Balletti phoned stating that he had been arrested in Las Vegas as a result of a wiretap and DuBois added that Balletti had been hired strictly for a physical surveillance.

The above-mentioned report dated December 23, 1960, reflects that on December 13, 1960, Arthur James Balletti was interviewed in Miami, concerning his activities in Las Vegas, Nevada. Balletti stated that he would discuss his activities with great reluctance and that it was very probable that he would refuse to answer many questions. Balletti advised that on October 26, 1960 he had flown from Miami, Florida to Las Vegas on a physical surveillance assignment on the orders of his employer, Edward L. DuBois, and that it was his understanding that he was actually working for some other private

In the course of questioning by Lt. Smith, Dan Rowan advised that within an hour of discussing the wiretapping of his phone with Phyllis McGuire of the McGuire Sisters Trio, he received a call from the "bosses" whom he would not identify who told him that under no circumstances was he to press charges against Balletti or try to determine why his conversations were being recorded and that if he did they would see that he was ruined professionally. Lt. Smith asked Rowan if Sam Giancana, the Chicago hoodlum, who was known to have kept company with Phyllis McGuire in the recent past might have wanted to know what conversations Rowan and McGuire were having. Rowan replied, "How did you know about that?" and stated, "You certainly could have the answer." On November 1, 1960, Rowan appeared at the Clark County Sheriff's Office and signed a release, stating that he desired that all charges against Balletti be dropped and that no action be taken by the Clark County Sheriff's Office with regard to the burglary and the intrusion of privacy by use of a listening device, stating that Balletti was only working for someone else.

Request for Investigation

By memorandum dated December 5, 1960, the Criminal Division requested the Federal Bureau of Investigation to conduct a full investigation, noting that the facts set forth in the report referred to above indicated a violation of the provisions of 47 U.S.C. §605, and a conspiracy by Arthur James Balletti, Fred T. Harris, and possibly Investigations, Inc., Edward DuBois and others.

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investigator who had requested the assistance of DuBois. According to Balletti, at the Miami International Airport he met an individual he identified as J. W. Harrison from a description previously given him and they flew together to Las Vegas. Balletti advised that while in Las Vegas he physically surveilled Dan Rowan and that Harrison apparently put some sort of wiretap in Rowan's room there and monitored Rowan's phone conversations and that he, Balletti, had nothing to do with the tap, did not see it installed and never did any monitoring. Balletti denied that he was accompanied to Las Vegas by one Fred T. Harris, stating that Harrison had used a ticket in the name of Harris and, for this reason, the police in Las Vegas apparently assumed Harrison was Harris. According to Balletti, Harrison left Las Vegas before Balletti was arrested on October 31, 1960. Balletti said he could not comment upon the electronic equipment found in his room.

An FBI investigative report dated December 22, 1960, at Los Angeles, reflects that on December 21, 1960, Dan Rowan furnished a signed statement to special agents of the Bureau at Los Angeles, California. According to Rowan, after originally signing a complaint against Balletti, he discussed the phone tapping incident with Harvey Silbert and Elias Atoll, members of the corporation which operates the Riviera Hotel and he, Rowan, decided that pressing charges against Balletti would inconvenience him. On November 1, 1960 at the Sheriff's Office, Rowan signed a release and dropped charges against Balletti. Rowan advised that he

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did not give
/anyone authority to record telephone calls or to install
listening devices in his Room No. 228 or No. 226 at the
Riviera Hotel.

A Bureau investigative report dated December 30, 1960
at Salt Lake City reflects that on December 20, 1960, Lt.
Carl Smith advised that Balletti had been charged with in-
vasion of privacy, a felony; possession of burglary tools,
a misdemeanor; and operating as a private detective without
a license, a misdemeanor, with a preliminary hearing set
for April 24, 1961 in Justice of the Peace Court, Las Vegas.

The manager of Trans World Airlines, Las Vegas, advised
that company records reflect that one, F. T. Harris departed
Las Vegas on Trans World Airlines Flight No. 292 at 10:30 a.m.,
on October 30, 1960, to St. Louis, Missouri, where he made
connections with Trans World Airlines Flight No. 76 to Miami,
Florida.

On December 22, 1960, the desk clerk at the Riviera Hotel
was contacted and shown nine photographs, including one of
Fred T. Harris. The desk clerk advised that he could not
identify anyone whose photo had been exhibited as being identical
with the individual who checked into the Hotel on October 26,
1960 under the name of J. W. Harrison. The desk clerk added
that he did not think he would recognize either Balletti or
Harrison if he should see them in person.

On December 21, 1960, at Las Vegas, Nevada, Lt. William
Witte, Clarke County Sheriff's Office, furnished a list of
articles in Balletti's possession at the time of his arrest.

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These included a telephone bug transmitter recovered from behind the bed in Room 228 at the Riviera Hotel; 17 lock picks; 2 telephone bug devices; one ear phone; one cigarette case containing a miniature transmitter; one Minox camera; one Minox film and other electronic and physical devices, equipment and tools, all enumerated on three typed pages of the foregoing investigative report dated December 30, 1960.

The hotel manager of the Riviera Hotel advised that hotel records reflect that from October 27 to November 5, 1960, Rowan made 15 long distance calls to Edgewood, Nevada, and that most of the calls had apparently been made to Phyllis McGuire.

The hotel manager also advised on December 21, 1960 at Las Vegas, Nevada, that according to hotel records, Arthur J. Balletti checked into the hotel on October 26, 1960 and was assigned Room 331 and that the registration card bears the notation, "in room with Harrison". Since Balletti's hotel bill was in excess of \$100 and he was not known, the manager and the chief of security for the hotel went to Room 331 and no one was in the room when they entered. At this time, they observed a yellow pad with the notation of time and a date which referred to Dan Rowan and the hotel manager observed in the top desk drawer what appeared to be a recording device. After discussing the bill with Balletti and receiving a somewhat uncertain identification, the hotel manager subsequently notified the Clark County Sheriff's Office that he had observed what appeared to be a recording device in Balletti's room and suspected that a listening device might be installed in Rowan's room. The hotel manager and Deputy Sheriff Eversole

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and another Deputy, name unrecalled, entered Rowan's room and the hotel manager observed what appeared to be some type of microphone taped to the rear headboard on the bed in Rowan's room with wires running to the telephone wall box. The hotel manager observed the Deputy Sheriff remove the article from the headboard.

This matter was discussed with Assistant United States Attorney Raymond Sutton on December 22, 1960, and he advised Special Agents of the Bureau that he desired to have the results of a full investigation prior to rendering a prosecutive opinion. Mr. Sutton stated that upon the receipt of results of full investigation he would, in all probability, present the matter to the next federal grand jury which meets in Las Vegas.

By letter dated January 19, 1964, ^{Jek} the Assistant Attorney General of the Criminal Division advised the United States Attorney at Reno, Nevada, Mr. Howard W. Babcock, attention: Mr. Raymond Sutton, that the United States Attorney furnish the Criminal Division with his prosecutive opinion upon completion of the investigation and that he not institute criminal prosecution without our prior authorization, unless time is of the essence.

According to a Bureau report dated December 12, 1961, at Washington, D. C., Robert Maheu of Maheu and King Associates, Inc., Washington, D. C., advised on December 27, 1960 that he had received a call from a Los Angeles attorney asking Maheu to recommend someone to do investigative work in Las Vegas,

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Nevada for a client. Maheu stated that he recommended Edward DuBois and that the Los Angeles attorney requested him to contact DuBois to make the necessary arrangements to handle the investigation in Las Vegas. Maheu stated that he could not recall if he or Walter Fitzpatrick, an associate of Maheu, had contacted DuBois regarding this request. He stated that his firm was not involved in this matter and that DuBois had been contacted only as a favor to the Los Angeles attorney. Maheu denied that he had made a second call to DuBois instructing him to send only one man to Las Vegas, adding that he does not know any J. W. Harrison and is not acquainted with Arthur James Balletti. Maheu advised that he did not desire to furnish the identity of the Los Angeles attorney who originally contacted him without the attorney's consent.

By letter dated January 27, 1961, Mr. Howard Babcock advised the Criminal Division that prior to any presentment that office would be furnished with a prosecutive opinion and noted that the Bureau investigation in this matter has not yet been completed.

An FBI investigative report dated February 8, 1961, at Salt Lake City, reflects that efforts to identify unknown subject, J. W. Harrison, have been unsuccessful.

The above report dated February 8, 1961 also reflects that on January 2, 1961, at New York City, Phyllis McGuire advised that she had not given authority to anyone to install a listening device on Dan Rowan at any time and had no prior knowledge that such a device had been used before the arrest of Arthur James Balletti.

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The above report also reflects that Thomas Foley, Attorney-at-Law, advised on February 6, 1961, at Las Vegas, Nevada, that during the latter part of October 1960, he received a telephone call from James P. Cantillion, a Los Angeles attorney, requesting Foley to represent Arthur J. Balletti who had been arrested by the Clark County Sheriff's Office. Foley asked Cantillion about payment of the legal fee and Cantillion stated that he would personally guarantee its payment. Foley stated that he immediately contacted a bail bondsman and arranged bond for Balletti. Foley stated that he was of the opinion that James P. Cantillion is the son of father and son team, Cantillion and Cantillion, a law firm in Los Angeles, California. Foley advised that Balletti's trial on the local charge was set for April, 1961.

A Bureau investigative report dated January 28, 1961 at Miami, Florida, reflects that Fred T. Harris advised on January 24, 1961 that although he formerly worked as a private investigator for Investigations, Inc., from June 1960 until November 16, 1960, he did not work for Edward L. DuBois. However, since November 16, 1960, he has been back with DuBois almost full time. Harris stated he definitely did not accompany Balletti to Las Vegas and knew nothing of this affair and while he could not pinpoint his complete activities, he was certain that he was never out of Miami during the period from October 26 through 30, 1960. Harris also stated that he knew nothing of electronic devices and never had any sound training and would have no idea as how to install any ^{sort of} wiretap.

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The same report reflects that Edward DuBois was interviewed on January 24, 1961, at Miami, Florida, stating again that Maheu had informed him that he could only send one man to Las Vegas, that he gave two round-trip tickets to Balletti who went to the Airport, met Maheu's man and travelled to Las Vegas. DuBois stated that Fred Harris definitely did not accompany Balletti to Las Vegas and did not work for him from June until the middle of November, 1960. DuBois stated he had no idea who had hired Maheu and that he had received \$1,000 from Maheu for Balletti's services in Las Vegas. When he, DuBois, learned of Balletti's arrest, he contacted Maheu in Los Angeles and Maheu knew of Balletti's arrest and arranged for a Los Angeles attorney to defend him. Maheu indicated he had made these arrangements through a Los Angeles attorney whose identity he did not disclose.

According to the above-mentioned report, dated January 28, 1961, at Miami, Florida, the desk clerk of the Kenilworth Hotel advised, on January 25, 1961, that registration records reflect that Robert A. Maheu of Washington, D. C., was registered in Room 722 from October 11-29, 1960 and that he was accompanied by one J. A. Rollins, also of Washington, D. C., who stayed in Room 701 from October 11-30, 1960. It was the desk clerk's recollection that Maheu paid the bill for both of the rooms and she noted that it was possible that either Rollins or Maheu could have left the hotel for a few days and return and if the room was not given up, such information would not be reflected on the registration card.

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A Bureau investigative report dated February 14, 1961, at Miami, Florida, reflects numerous long distance phone calls of Robert Maheu made in October 1960 from the Kenilworth Hotel and four such calls made by J.A. Rollins during October 1960.

A Bureau investigative report dated March 6, 1961, at Los Angeles, California, reflects the telephone listing for the Los Angeles number called by DuBois immediately after Balletti's arrest and the telephone listing for Los Angeles numbers called by Maheu and J.A. Rollins from Miami Beach in October 1960. In addition, the report reflects that James P. Cantillion, attorney, Los Angeles, California, advised on March 1, 1961, that his first knowledge of the microphone incident in Las Vegas, Nevada, came from a telephone call to him from a man in custody at Las Vegas whose name he could not recall. When given the name Balletti, Cantillion acknowledged that the name was probably correct but stated that he had no knowledge of Balletti prior to the call which came from a Lieutenant either from the Clark County's Sheriff's Office or the Las Vegas City Jail. He claimed privilege for his conversation with Balletti but advised that he referred the caller to attorney Tom Foley in Las Vegas. Cantillion stated that he knew Robert Maheu. Cantillion denied telephoning or otherwise contacting Maheu in Washington, D. C., or elsewhere, to ask him to perform surveillance on Dan Rowan.

A Bureau memorandum dated March 13, 1961, at Los Angeles, California, reflects information concerning James P. Cantillion, including that one John Roselli stayed at the Beverly Hilton Hotel when he came to Los Angeles and he visits with an attorney,

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James Cantillion of Beverly Hills, California. Records of the Los Angeles, California Police Department reflect that John Roselli, FBI # 3339986, was first arrested by the Los Angeles Police Department in 1924 for carrying concealed weapons, but the charge was dismissed. During the period from 1924 to 1932, he was arrested on several occasions on charges of suspicion of grand larceny, carrying concealed weapons and robbery. In testimony before the Kefauver Committee in October 1950, Roselli advised that he met Al Capone in Chicago and that he spent a day with Capone in Los Angeles, California, in about 1930. Records of the United States District Court indicate that on December 22, 1943, Roselli was found guilty of violation of Section 402A, Title 18, U.S.C., and sentenced to 10 years imprisonment. The charge involved extorting money from motion picture producers to insure the studios against labor strikes.

The above report reflects that Cantillion was apparently involved in business transactions with Roselli and had been visited by Roselli and one Louis J. Lederer, a close friend of Roselli and apparently linked to nationally-known hoodlum and gambler, Frank Costello, of New York. Cantillion, Lederer and Roselli were, according to the report, all involved in hotels and gambling operations in Las Vegas, Nevada.

A Bureau investigative report dated March 27, 1961, at Washington, D. C. reflects that on January 19 and January 30, 1961, Robert Maheu was interviewed and remained unable to supply the name of the Los Angeles attorney who had originally contacted him and requested him to contact Edward DuBois.

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Maheu advised that he had stayed at the Kenilworth Hotel in Miami Beach during the latter part of October 1960, but denied that he had instructed DuBois to send only one man to Las Vegas and stated that his only involvement in the matter was to have DuBois contacted at the request of the Los Angeles attorney. Maheu identified the J.A. Rollins who was with him at the Kenilworth Hotel as John A. Rollins and would not identify him further, stating Rollins was working indirectly for him in Miami. Maheu denied that Rollins was the individual who went to Las Vegas to assist Balletti. Shortly after the interview, Mr. Maheu telephonically contacted a Special Agent of the Bureau at the Washington Field Office, stating that "he had just received a telephone call and if this matter could be held up for a few days, it would be all straightened out."

A Bureau report dated April 6, 1961, at Miami, Florida, reflects that Balletti was interviewed on March 29, 1961 at which time he denied ownership of the technical equipment confiscated in his hotel room aside from a tape recorder and cameras. Balletti stated that he did not recall telling the arresting officers at Las Vegas that J. W. Harrison was actually Fred Harris of Miami. Balletti stated that on October 30 or 31, 1960, he received a long distance telephone call from Robert Maheu who instructed him to contact T. W. Richardson at the New Frontier Hotel. Maheu advised Balletti

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that Richardson would pay him \$1,000 and that when Balletti contacted Richardson giving a password, Richardson gave him 10 one hundred dollar bills in a men's room. Balletti again denied that he knew the true identity of J. W. Harrison.

The same report reflects that on March 20, 1961, DuBois advised that Robert Maheu had paid him \$1,000 in cash as his retainer. DuBois claimed that Balletti had told him that on October 31, 1960, he, Balletti, received a long distance telephone call from Maheu who claimed that he was calling from Los Angeles and instructed Balletti to contact a Mr. Richardson and that Richardson would pay him the retainer. DuBois was asked if he knew John A. Rollins and he stated that he did not know anyone by that name. DuBois was questioned regarding the equipment found in Room 331 of the Riviera Hotel at the time Balletti was arrested and DuBois denied that any of the technical equipment aside from the minifon tape recorder and the cameras belonged to his agency. DuBois assumed that the equipment belonged to J. W. Harrison. DuBois reiterated that he did not know the name of the principal in this case who contacted Maheu to have the surveillance conducted on Rowan.

A Bureau report dated April 11, 1961 reflects that a communication from the Washington Field Office dated February 13, 1961, advised that Maheu was still unable to secure permission from the attorney to divulge the attorney's name to the FBI. Maheu denied that Rollins was the individual who went to Las Vegas with Balletti, stating that the Kenilworth Hotel records

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in Miami would reflect that Rollins was there during the period Balletti was in Las Vegas.

This report reflects that by communication dated March 28, 1961, the Riviera Hotel registration card, which contained the handwriting of the unknown subject, also known as J. W. Harrison, was submitted to the FBI Laboratory to be compared with the handwriting on the registration card from the Kenilworth Hotel at Miami Beach which bears the name J. A. Rollins.

According to a Bureau investigative report dated April 12, 1961 at Los Angeles, California, Dan Rowan telephonically contacted a special agent of the Bureau on April 5, 1961 at which time he advised that he did not believe that he had any information of pertinence to add. Rowan stated that he first heard of Sam Giancana from a Lt. Smith with the Clark County Sheriff's Office, Las Vegas, Nevada and stated that he had never met Giancana. Rowan advised that he has discussed Giancana on one or two occasions with Phyllis McGuire, observing that she was hesitant to discuss Giancana and stated that her relationship with him took place long ago and she saw no reason to discuss it. McGuire stated that Giancana still sends her gifts and flowers, but that this is entirely his idea and she has nothing to do with him.

CIA Involvement

A Bureau memorandum dated April 20, 1961 at Washington, D.C., reflects that on April 18, 1961, Maheu advised that following the recent invasion of Cuba by anti-Castro forces

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