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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 invasion 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, 1961, 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 Clarke 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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he was now in a position to furnish additional information regarding the situation involving the subjects at Las Vegas, Nevada. At this time, Maheu offered his explanation (set forth in detail in a previous memorandum concerning Central Intelligence Agency involvement in this matter) that Rowan's hotel room was to be the subject of electronic surveillance in connection with determining the source of a leak of information on the part of an individual in the Chicago area. Maheu stated that his work could be verified by "Shef Edwards", Colonel Sheffield Edwards, Director of Security, CIA.

The Director of the Bureau advised the Attorney General by memorandum dated May 22, 1961 that the full investigation requested in this matter is continuing, although the memo noted in view of the information regarding CIA's attempted utilization of the "hoodlum element" in connection with anti-Castro activities, CIA has requested that this information be handled on a "need-to-know" basis. The Bureau also attached to this memorandum the results of an interview on May 3, 1961 with Colonel Sheffield Edwards, Director of Security, Central Intelligence Agency, which has previously been set forth in detail in the memorandum setting forth the CIA's involvement in this matter.

By communication dated April 11, 1961, the FBI Laboratory advised that the handwriting on the Kenilworth Hotel, Miami Beach, registration card and the hand-printed name of J.A. Rollins was not comparable with the handwriting on the Riviera

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Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, registration card bearing the signature of J.W. Harrison.

On May 13, 1961, records of the Clark County Sheriff's Office reflect that the State charges against Arthur James Balletti were dismissed on April 24, 1961, since the complaining witness did not desire to prosecute.

A Bureau investigative report dated June 6, 1961 at Washington, D. C. reflects that on May 25, 1961, Maheu again advised of his involvement with the Central Intelligence Agency in connection with their attempt to utilize Giancana in connection with the CIA's activities against the Castro government. Maheu stated that the original contact with Giancana was made by "Johnny" who Maheu declined to further identify. Maheu stated that it was his decision to have a microphone coverage installed in Rowan's room and he was extremely careful as he did not want to involve the CIA. Maheu advised that DuBois did not know the CIA's interest in this matter and in requesting DuBois to handle the assignment, he had used a pretext indicating to DuBois that a Los Angeles, California attorney had made the original request for coverage of Rowan. Maheu still denied that he had called DuBois instructing him to send only one man to Los Angeles and that he, Maheu, would supply the second man. Maheu subsequently advised that he had sent word to Sam Giancana as to the extent of the investigation following his Bureau interview on May 25, 1961.

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An FBI report dated June 26, 1961 at Miami, Florida reflects that Edward DuBois and Arthur Balletti, after viewing a photo of John Roselli, said on June 20, 1961 that they did not recognize him and that they have not been in contact with him in connection with their investigation of Rowan at Las Vegas, Nevada. However, one employee of the Kenilworth Hotel advised that she believed the photograph of John Roselli was a photograph of J.A. Rollins, but could not make a positive identification without seeing the man in person. An FBI report dated June 29, 1961, at Las Vegas, Nevada, reflects that on June 17, 1961, the manager of the Riviera Hotel advised that he knows John Roselli by sight and that so far as he knew, Roselli had never stayed at that hotel and he felt sure that Roselli was not the individual who checked into the hotel on October 26, 1960, using the name J.W. Harrison.

According to a Bureau investigative report dated June 30, 1961, at Los Angeles, Robert Maheu advised on June 29, 1961 that the "Johnny" to whom he made contact with Sam Giancana was John Roselli and that he discussed the plan to wire Rowan's room with Roselli before it was done. It was pointed out to Maheu that the explanation he gave in a previous interview for wiring Rowan's room did not appear logical and was far removed from the purpose for which he was hired by the Central Intelligence Agency. Maheu stated that he would stick to the explanation previously given and wished to add that he would never have ordered Rowan's room wired except for his connection with the CIA.

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An FBI investigative report dated July 19, 1961, at Chicago, reflects that Samuel M. Giancana was interviewed at O'Hare International Airport, Chicago, on July 12, 1961 by special agents of the Bureau and he refused to make any comment regarding Maheu and refused to admit that he was acquainted with Dan Rowan. In the course of the interview, Giancana became very abusive and obscene. During this time, Miss Phyllis McGuire, who apparently traveled with Giancana, was also interviewed by special agents of the Bureau, although the results of that interview were not reflected. The special agents' conversation with Giancana was terminated upon the appearance of Miss McGuire. Giancana left accompanied by Miss McGuire.

An FBI report dated July 20, 1961 at Los Angeles, California, reflects that Maheu was interviewed on July 15, 1961 and persisted in his story with respect to the bugging of Rowan's hotel room. Maheu denied that the installation of the device in Rowan's room was made at the request or for the benefit of Sam Giancana or John Roselli.

The same report reflects that Roselli was interviewed on July 7, 1961, and admitted that he had known Maheu for approximately 5 years. When asked if he knew Giancana, Roselli stated, "Let's discuss the weather. I do not care to answer any more questions."

On August 2, 1961, United States Attorney Howard W. Babcock, at Las Vegas, Nevada, advised that he is not certain that it could be proven that any information received by Balletti and the unknown subject was ever "disseminated" and also

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he was very concerned about the possibility of information becoming known of Robert Maheu performing work for the CIA.

By letter dated October 13, 1961, Mr. Babcock noted that his successor assumes office on October 16, 1961 and, therefore, felt it appropriate that his successor review the file and investigative reports.

In response to a request from the Criminal Division dated January 31, 1962, the Bureau ascertained from the Director of Security of the Central Intelligence Agency, Col. Sheffield Edwards, that his Agency would object to any prosecution which would necessitate the use of CIA personnel or CIA information and that the introduction of any evidence concerning the CIA operation would be most embarrassing to the United States Government. This Bureau reply was dated February 9, 1962.

In response to an additional request from the Criminal Division dated March 19, 1962, the Bureau replied, by memorandum dated April 10, 1962, that Col. Edwards advised that Maheu's prosecution undoubtedly would lead to exposure of most sensitive information relating to the abortive Cuban invasion in April 1961 and in view of this, his Agency objects to the prosecution of Maheu.

By memorandum dated April 24, 1962, Mr. Herbert J. Miller, Jr., Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, advised the Attorney General that it is clear that the national interest will preclude any prosecution resulting from the Nevada wiretap case, adding at the conclusion of the memo that prosecutive action will be declined.

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Date: October 18, 1960

To: Director
Central Intelligence Agency

Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: ANTI-CASTRO ACTIVITIES
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

The following information has been reported by a source whose reliability has not been tested but who is in a position to obtain information concerning the activities of Samuel M. Giancana, well-known racketeer from Chicago, Illinois:

According to the source, during recent conversation with several friends, Giancana stated that Fidel Castro was to be done away with very shortly. When doubt was expressed regarding this statement Giancana reportedly assured those present that Castro's assassination would occur in November. Moreover, he allegedly indicated that he had already met with the assassin-to-be on three occasions, the last meeting taking place on a boat docked at the Fontainbleau Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida. Reportedly, Giancana claimed that everything has been perfected for the killing of Castro and that the "assassin" had arranged with a girl, not further described, to drop a "pill" in some drink or food of Castro's.

The source further advised that Giancana reportedly stated that Castro is in the advanced stages of syphilis and is not completely rational. We are making efforts to obtain additional information concerning these allegations, which have not been substantiated, and recipient agencies will be kept advised of any additional pertinent data received.

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14 May 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

SUBJECT: Arthur James Balletti et al - Unauthorized Publication or Use of Communications

1. This memorandum for the record is prepared at the request of the Attorney General of the United States following a complete oral briefing of him relative to a sensitive CIA operation conducted during the period approximately August 1960 to May 1961. In August 1960 the undersigned was approached by Mr. Richard Bissell then Deputy Director for Plans of CIA to explore the possibility of mounting this sensitive operation against Fidel Castro. It was thought that certain gambling interests which had formerly been active in Cuba might be willing and able to assist and further, might have both intelligence assets in Cuba and communications between Miami, Florida and Cuba. Accordingly, Mr. Robert Maheu, a private investigator of the firm of Maheu and King was approached by the undersigned and asked to establish contact with a member or members of the gambling syndicate to explore their capabilities. Mr. Maheu was known to have accounts with several prominent business men and organizations in the United States. Maheu was to make his approach to the syndicate as appearing to represent big business organizations which wished to protect their interests in Cuba. Mr. Maheu accordingly met and established contact with one John Rosselli of Los Angeles. Mr. Rosselli showed interest in the possibility and indicated he had some contacts in Miami that he might use. Maheu reported that John Rosselli said he was not interested in any remuneration but would seek to establish capabilities in Cuba to perform the desired project. Towards the end of September Mr. Maheu and Mr. Rosselli proceeded to Miami where, as reported, ~~Maheu was~~ introduced to Sam Giancana of Chicago. Sam Giancana arranged for Maheu and Rosselli to meet with a "courier" who was going back

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and forth to Havana. From information received back by the courier the proposed operation appeared to be feasible and it was decided to obtain an official Agency approval in this regard. A figure of one hundred fifty thousand dollars was set by the Agency as a payment to be made on completion of the operation and to be paid only to the principal or principals who would conduct the operation in Cuba. Maheu reported that Rosselli and Giancana emphatically stated that they wished no part of any payment. The undersigned then briefed the proper senior officials of this Agency on the proposal. Knowledge of this project during its life was kept to a total of six persons and never became a part of the project current at the time for the invasion of Cuba and there were no memoranda on the project nor were there other written documents or agreements. The project was duly orally approved by the said senior officials of the Agency.

2. Rosselli and Maheu spent considerable time in Miami talking with the courier. Sam Giancana was present during parts of these meetings. Several months after this period Maheu told me that Sam Giancana had asked him to put a listening device in the room of one Phyllis McGuire, reported to be the mistress of Giancana. At that time it was reported to me that Maheu passed the matter over to one Edward Du Boise, another private investigator. It appears that Arthur James Balletti was discovered in the act of installing the listening device and was arrested by the Sheriff in Las Vegas, Nevada. Maheu reported to me that he had referred the matter to Edward Du Boise on behalf of Sam Giancana. At the time of the incident neither this Agency nor the undersigned knew of the proposed technical installation. Maheu stated that Sam Giancana thought that Phyllis McGuire might know of the proposed operation and might pass on the information to one Dan Rowan, another friend of McGuire's. At the time that Maheu reported this to the undersigned he reported he was under surveillance by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, who, he thought. were exploring his association with John Rosselli and Sam Giancana incident to the project. I told Maheu that if he was formally approached by the FBI, he could refer them to me to be briefed that he was engaged in an intelligence operation directed at Cuba.

3. During the period from September on through April efforts were continued by Rosselli and Maheu to proceed with the operation. The first principal in Cuba withdrew and another principal

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was selected as has been briefed to The Attorney General. Ten thousand dollars was passed for expenses to the second principal. He was further furnished with approximately one thousand dollars worth of communications equipment to establish communications between his headquarters in Miami and assets in Cuba. No monies were ever paid to Rosselli and Giancana. Maheu was paid part of his expense money during the periods that he was in Miami. After the failure of the invasion of Cuba word was sent through Maheu to Rosselli to call off the operation and Rosselli was told to tell his principal that the proposal to pay one hundred fifty thousand dollars for completion of the operation had been definitely withdrawn.

4. In all this period it has been definitely established from other sources that the Cuban principals involved never discovered or believed that there was other than business and syndicate interest in the project. To the knowledge of the undersigned there were no "leaks" of any information concerning the project in the Cuban community in Miami or in Cuba.

5. I have no proof but it is my conclusion that Rosselli and Giancana guessed or assumed that CIA was behind the project. I never met either of them.

6. Throughout the entire period of the project John Rosselli was the dominant figure in directing action to the Cuban principals. Reasonable monitoring of his activities indicated that he gave his best efforts to carrying out the project without requiring any commitments for himself, financial or otherwise.

7. In view of the extreme sensitivity of the information set forth above, only one additional copy of this memorandum has been made and will be retained by the Agency.

Sheffield Edwards

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