

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE NEW ORLEANS	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW ORLEANS	DATE 4/9/69	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 10/29/68-3/28/69
TITLE OF CASE CARLOS MARCELLO, aka		REPORT MADE BY SA JOHN C. MC CURNIN, II	TYPE - S
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REFERENCE:

New Orleans report of SA JOHN C. MC CURNIN, II,
11/25/68.

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INFORMANTS:

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NO T-3 is NO 1434-C-TE

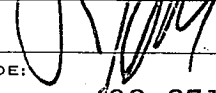
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Contacting Agent

SA THOMAS L. COLARELLI;
SA JACK EVANS MEHL

SA REED W. JENSEN

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NO T-27 is NO 1594-PC	SA TROY H. GIST
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SA NATHAN O. BROWN

NO T-46 is NO 1435-C-TE

SA THOMAS L. COLARELLI

NO T-47 is DAVE LETTERAL,
Jefferson Parish Sheriff's
Office Intelligence
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SA JOHN C. MC CURNIN, II

NO T-48 is Mr. BILL GREEN,
Manager, Bourbon Orleans
Hotel

SA JAMES W. HARDISON

NO T-49 is NO 1748-PC

SA JAMES W. HARDISON

NO T-50 is Officer BILL
BARFIELD, Long Beach,
California Police
Department Intelligence

Los Angeles Agent

NO T-51 is NO 1487-C

SA JAMES FRANCIS WRIGHT

NO T-52 is NO 1734-PC

SA JOHN C. MC CURNIN, II;
SA THOMAS L. COLARELLI

NO T-53 is Mr. HENRY THOELE,
Small Business Administration
Employee

SA JOHN C. MC CURNIN, II

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LEADS:

HOUSTON

- AT HOUSTON, TEXAS. 1) Will report results of indices check and credit check concerning BERNARD GERSZON.
- 2) Will maintain contact with HO 1293-PC concerning subject.
- 3) Will, if feasible, interview PHILLIP YAMIN, Pepperoni Pizza Village, and determine if he knows MARCELLO and, if so, to what extent.

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AT BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI. Will check with established sources at the Broadwater Beach Hotel re MARCELLO and his relatives visiting this area of Mississippi.

AT GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI. 1) Will determine if an individual by the name of GUISSIPPI or COSANDRA is known to authorities of that area and if he is associated with MARCELLO.

2) If the identity of such an individual is established, will attempt to determine if he has recently been in Vicksburg, Mississippi for the purpose of establishing prostitution and gambling.

AT VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI. 1) Will interview BERNIE BIERMAN and C. W. CAPPAERT, Manager, Magnolia Manufacturing Company, re their association with CARLOS MARCELLO. It being noted that BIERMAN listed as staying with JACK KENT in adjoining room, Bourbon Orleans Hotel, to CARLOS MARCELLO and other New Orleans hoodlums over Mardi Gras period.

2) Will interview JOHN M. KENT, Post Office Box 127, re his association with MARCELLO. Determine if he owns aircraft and if he has ever flown MARCELLO between New Orleans

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and Mississippi. Determine if he is related to DICK KENT, who formerly ran the Speakeasy Lounge, which was a gambling casino located outside Lafayette, Louisiana.

MOBILE

AT MOBILE, ALABAMA. Will interview KENNETH O'DAY, and determine if he is acquainted with CARLOS MARCELLO. Will determine if he received financial help from MARCELLO when purchasing Blue Lake Manor as President of Gulf Coast Technical Institute for \$21,000,000.00 at Pascagoula, Mississippi.

Mobile note that PCI WAYNE HOUSER, of unknown reliability, advised MARCELLO, in the past, had made an attempt to take over FHA housing project in Pascagoula, Mississippi.

NEW ORLEANS

AT BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA. Will do credit and criminal investigation and obtain Dun and Bradstreet report on Bagwell Neal Contractors.

AT COVINGTON, LOUISIANA. 1) Will conduct credit and criminal investigation re LEON POIRIER, 408 East Thomas Street.

2) Will review property records, St. Tammany Parish, to determine if LEON POIRIER or LUCILLE MICELI have purchased or sold property in the parish.

AT DES ALLEMANS, LOUISIANA. Will conduct credit and criminal investigation re ROOSEVELT DUFRENE, Box 193.

AT DESTREHAN, LOUISIANA. Will conduct credit and criminal investigation re HARRY O. DOLSEN, General Manager, Bunge Corporation.

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NO 1734-PC made available the following information concerning real estate transactions involving MARCELLO and corporations controlled by him.

This information contained in the files of MARCELLO at his office at the Town and Country Motel, Airline Highway, Metairie, Louisiana:

An agreement to purchase 1,785 acres of land, St. Charles Parish, belonging to the Highway Land Company, Inc.;

An agreement to purchase Sections 4, 39, and 40 in Jefferson Parish from the Highway Land Company, Inc., dated 9/1/68, total purchase price for land located in St. Charles and Jefferson Parishes \$1,000,000.00.

This agreement signed by JOSEPH C. MARCELLO, the son of CARLOS MARCELLO, President of Gems, Inc., which is owned by MARCELLO.

Contact being maintained with NO 1734-PC re full details of this purchase and particularly for what purpose this land is to be used by MARCELLO.

NO 1734-PC made available contracts of sales of lots located on Lapalco Boulevard, Jefferson Parish, which reflect certain corporations, owned by MARCELLO, have sold the above lots located on Lapalco Boulevard to either members of the MARCELLO family or close associates.

Plot E-6

Vendor - Garnet Lands, Inc. and Emerald Lands, Inc.
212,585 square feet

Sale price - \$120,000.00, payable in three annual installments beginning 4/8/69

Vendee - J. B. C. Company, a business partnership composed of JOSEPH C. MARCELLO, JOSEPH A. MATASSA, and JOE SALADINO;

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Plot E-2-A
Vendor - Garnet Lands, Inc. and Emerald Lands, Inc.
105,842 square feet
Price - \$79,395.00, payable in three annual
installments beginning 3/21/69
Vendee - ERNEST BARRIOS, husband of JOYCELYN TRACEY;

Plot B-1
Vendor - Gems, Inc., Garnet Lands, Inc. and Sapphire
Lands, Inc.
81,800 square feet
Price - \$61,425.00, payable in three annual
installments beginning 8/18/68
Vendee - JOHN E. BURGA, divorced husband of BEVERLY
CLAIRE CARTER;

Plot E-5
Vendor - Garnet Lands, Inc. and Emerald Lands, Inc.
106,295 square feet
Price - \$72,746.00, payable in three annual
installments beginning 3/1/69
Vendee - EDWARD E. CRUMPLER, husband of SARAH
SILVESTRI;

Plots D and E, Tract 9, Section C
Vendor - Sapphire Lands, Inc.
Price - \$55,527.75
Vendee - SIMON SHLENKER, III and HERMAN E. FREITAG

NO 1734-PC made available the following information
concerning CARLOS MARCELLO and his associates:

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NO 1734-PC telephonically contacted agents late evening of 11/21/68, requesting a recontact on early AM of 11/22/68. Contact made, and NO 1734-PC advised that, after considerable wrestling with his conscience during the night, he had come to the conclusion that he would cooperate without reservation. He stated he would do so only with complete assurances that his identity would never be revealed outside the Bureau. Thereafter, NO 1734-PC furnished the following information:

CARLOS MARCELLO is extremely upset with PHILLIP SMITH because MARCELLO's son, JOSEPH C. MARCELLO, is a possible target of a Federal Grand Jury subpoena for having witnessed the bill of sale between SMITH and CHARLES EVANS, the latter representing himself as LEONARD CUNNING, who was killed in gangland fashion in Kansas City on 10/1/68.

NO 1734-PC stated that MARCELLO has ordered PHILLIP SMITH to sell off real estate investments which would normally be held for long term speculative investments because MARCELLO is in dire need of ready cash. NO 1734-PC stated that PHILLIP SMITH has been associated with MARCELLO since 1950 and, outside the immediate family, is the most trusted confidant MARCELLO has, handling all his real estate transactions and advising him on a daily basis regarding his investments.

NO 1734-PC stated that GIUSEPPE GAGLIANO (former under boss in New Orleans) met with MARCELLO in his office at the motel yesterday for unknown reason. NO 1734-PC advised that FRANK GAGLIANO has approached MARCELLO for money to purchase a home and was turned down by MARCELLO. NO 1734-PC stated MARCELLO offered to lend GAGLIANO the \$300 closing costs but no more.

NO 1734-PC stated that an individual, known to him as Dr. FRANK (RAGANO), attorney for SANTO TRAFFICANTE, was in town approximately a month ago and met surreptitiously with MARCELLO

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and other unknown individuals. Dr. FRANK stayed at the Bourbon Orleans while in town. NO 1734-PC stated that MARCELLO ordered him to send to Dr. FRANK on 11/21/68, a package containing the complete deposition given by MARCELLO to Life Magazine recently.

NO 1734-PC advised that the reason for the coolness between JOSEPH PORETTO, suspected LCN member, and MARCELLO is that PORETTO allowed a sewerage bill in excess of \$10,000 to accumulate on the Town and Country Restaurant and Lounge, which was billed to the motel. PORETTO refused payment of this bill, and NO 1734-PC advised MARCELLO that, inasmuch as PORETTO's lease option had expired, to put him on a month-to-month rental basis, which was done. Therefore, PORETTO has nothing to sell if he wants to get out of the restaurant, except his fixtures and goodwill.

NO 1734-PC advised that CARLOS MARCELLO can read words in English but has difficulty in putting phrases and sentences together and, therefore, relies entirely on PHILLIP SMITH for direction and guidance. MARCELLO has recently instructed SMITH to tutor JOE C. MARCELLO in the handling of real estate matters, but JOE C. MARCELLO is not overly intelligent and probably, in NO 1734-PC's opinion, will not be able to grasp the intricacies of real estate transactions.

NO 1734-PC advised that JOE C. MARCELLO has PHILLIP SMITH's telephone tapped, as well as JOE C. MARCELLO's wife's telephone tapped. NO 1734-PC advised that BILLY GAUTREAU, former administrative assistant in the Jefferson Parish Coroner's Office, was one of the individuals utilized by MARCELLO to tap telephones. GAUTREAU was recently sentenced to eighteen months in Angola for obtaining funds fraudulently from the Coroner's Office.

NO 1734-PC advised that an individual known to him only as TEX, who is presently incarcerated in a prison in Texas, was another individual utilized by MARCELLO to tap

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phones. NO 1734-PC advised that JOE C. MARCELLO maintains a locked cabinet in his office where he stores tapes from the taped conversations, and NO 1734-PC has heard PHILLIP SMITH's voice on one of these tapes.

NO 1734-PC advised that, whenever CARLOS MARCELLO has to appear in court or any type of hearing, he empties the contents of his wallet and gives it to PHILLIP SMITH to place in an envelope until he returns.

NO 1734-PC advised that MARCELLO is an unscrupulous and vicious-type individual whenever he comes upon information which can be used to blackmail people for his services. He advised that his (MARCELLO's) long-time secretary, DOROTHY CROWDER, could be cited as a typical example, inasmuch as MARCELLO holds the mortgage on her home and the fact that she needs money in order to support her sick mother.

NO 1734-PC advised that JIMMY ARNONE, the night clerk at the Town and Country for the past three years, and his brother, JOE ARNONE, recently discharged from the military, and now chauffeuring MARCELLO, are related to MARCELLO on MARCELLO's wife's side of the family.

NO 1734-PC advised that MARCELLO for a long time has suspected a source among his employees at the Town and Country, and NO 1734-PC has assisted him in setting traps to reveal the identity of this source.

NO 1734-PC advised that MARCELLO has many contacts throughout the state and, therefore, NO 1734-PC is extremely concerned regarding his own identity as a source. NO 1734-PC refused to go into specifics because of the circumstances of the contact and the limited time of the contact, but this will be pursued with him in the future among the numerous other aspects of the MARCELLO operation.

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NO 1734-PC was contacted 12/3/68, telephonically, on 12/5/68, personally, and on 12/6/68, telephonically.

On 12/3/68, PC advised that CARLOS MARCELLO met with GIUSEPPE GAGLIANO again and also with ANTHONY CAROLLO. He advised that, because of the "heat" being placed on the Town and Country Motel office complex, MARCELLO was taking the precaution of leaving the area when someone came to talk to him about something important, and he did not wish law enforcement to be aware of their presence.

He noted that, for example, when CAROLLO came to meet him, they left almost immediately in CAROLLO's car, either to drive around or to drive to another location, and he does not know the topic of their discussion. In the case of GAGLIANO, he stayed only a few minutes and departed and left a newspaper for CARLOS MARCELLO to read, which MARCELLO put in his center desk drawer.

NO 1734-PC noted that in the case of the recent meetings between MARCELLO, GAGLIANO, and CAROLLO, it is the first such activity that he has noted since the LaStella Restaurant meeting in 1966. NO 1734-PC advised there is definitely something "in the wind" which is prompting these meetings, but to date he does not know the reason therefor, other than the fact that "Dr." FRANK RAGANO (TRAFFICANTE's attorney) called CARLOS MARCELLO on 12/3/68, and there very probably is a connection between this telephone call and these recent meetings.

On 12/5/68, NO 1734-PC advised that GIUSEPPE GAGLIANO again met with MARCELLO very briefly on the AM of 12/4/68. He further advised that Dr. FRANK had tried to reach MARCELLO today from Miami, but MARCELLO was unavailable, and MARCELLO's secretary advised RAGANO that he would not be back in town until late evening and to place the call tomorrow. NO 1734-PC advised that normally either himself and/or DOROTHY CROWDER

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know MARCELLO's whereabouts at any given moment but that today he left unaccompanied, driving his own personal car, and NO 1734-PC speculates that more than likely he drove to Baton Rouge, Louisiana to see his girl friend, GLORIA DE SANTOS; otherwise, he would have utilized a chauffeur.

NO 1734-PC stated that CARLOS MARCELLO had earlier called CROWDER long distance, place unknown, and informed her that he would be back that evening. NO 1734-PC stated that he overheard MARCELLO tell his brother, JOSEPH, that he should be ready to make a trip to Miami next week or the week after. NO 1734-PC speculates that this is probably a result of the meetings between MARCELLO, CAROLLO, and GAGLIANO. NO 1734-PC advised that he will follow this matter closely and immediately advise when he determines exactly how and when JOE MARCELLO departs.

NO 1734-PC advised that an individual by the name of (FNU) SIMON was to meet with CARLOS MARCELLO today concerning the prospective purchase of Churchill Farm Estate. At this point, NO 1734-PC knows only that SIMON represents Brown and Root in a proposed offer to purchase this property. NO 1734-PC noted that this property is estimated to be worth \$18,000,000, and CARLOS MARCELLO's net worth is approximately \$30,000,000.

NO 1734-PC advised that, as of a year ago, he has complete and sole authority to write checks on every corporate entity in which CARLOS MARCELLO is involved. He noted that yesterday for the very first time CARLOS MARCELLO asked him for the figures on the balance of each corporate bank account. He does not know the reason for this.

NO 1734-PC noted that he has copies of all the balance sheets and will make these available. He further noted that he has convinced MARCELLO for the need of a copy machine in the office and will utilize same this coming Saturday when he is alone and can work unencumbered by the

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presence of others to copy all documents in MARCELLO's financial empire and other related documents of possible interest. He noted that this task will take some time, as there are many variables involved concerning his access to them, and he will have to work at it piecemeal.

NO 1734-PC advised that CARLOS MARCELLO has essentially four large tracts of land; 1) Churchill Farm Estate; 2) Cyprus Gardens, which is a piece of property of approximately 150-170 acres in size, which is located between the Woodland West Subdivision and the Timberlane Country Club on the west bank of the Mississippi River in the Harvey-Gretna, Louisiana area; 3) the piece of property on Veterans Memorial Highway across from Dorignac's Super Market, approximately 50 acres in size, valued at \$1,250,000; and 4) a piece of property in St. Charles Parish on Highway 90 West, which presently houses a marina known as Al and Maria's on the road to Thibodaux, Louisiana.

This piece of property is 500 acres in size, consisting mostly of swamp land and is owned in the name of JOSEPH BALESTRE (phonetic), son of deceased Captain JOHN BALESTRE, long-time associate of MARCELLO from Morgan City, Louisiana. JOSEPH, as JOHN's heir, inherited one-half interest, and MARCELLO owns one-half interest. JOSEPH BALESTRE is an engineer currently working and residing in the Detroit area at a legitimate job.

NO 1734-PC noted that, in relation to the property across from Dorignac's, that CARLOS MARCELLO had sent him to the City Council meeting this afternoon in Gretna, Louisiana to have this piece of property sub-divided, inasmuch as it was too large for ready sale, and they have found a purchaser for half the property at \$600,000.

NO 1734-PC noted that WARREN DAY, formerly closely associated with CARLOS MARCELLO regarding real estate matters, has arranged for a buyer for this parcel of land and will

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receive a 6% commission on its sale. He noted, however, that WARREN DAY is no longer in good graces with CARLOS MARCELLO for several reasons. He stated that DAY is a braggadocio-type individual, drinks heavily, and on one occasion struck NO 1734-PC when he would not divulge to him CARLOS MARCELLO's whereabouts. He noted that DONALD STONE, long-time associate and chauffeur of MARCELLO, was present at the time and ejected DAY from the office. When MARCELLO found out about this specific incident, he severed his close association with him.

NO 1734-PC will follow this situation and advise as to the purchaser and other pertinent details.

NO 1734-PC advised that CARLOS MARCELLO also owns one-half interest in the Holiday Motel on Highway 90 West, but it is in JOSEPH MARCELLO's (JR.'s) name, and they are selling this tomorrow (12/6/68) to the party who owns the other half interest, named STANDRIDGE, for a piece of \$105,000.

NO 1734-PC advised that CARLOS MARCELLO owns several other pieces of land in lot size scattered throughout the parish, of which he can report later in detail, as well as the corporations which control this property.

NO 1734-PC was questioned as to the ownership of the property which houses the club known as Soul City. NO 1734-PC advised that this is owned by JOE C. MARCELLO, the son, and JOE MARCELLO, JR., the brother, but is in the name of an attorney named A. J. GRAFFAGNINO (phonetic). In this regard, PC advised that, before the MARCELLOS opened Soul City, CARLOS MARCELLO had been approached by EMILE IACOPANELLI and Jefferson Parish District Attorney FRANK LANGRIDGE to build an apartment complex on the property adjacent to Soul City, which formerly housed O'Shaunnessey's Bowling Alley, and utilizing both properties for this complex.

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NO 1734-PC advised that CARLOS liked the idea and agreed, but in the negotiations thereafter LANGRIDGE and IACOPANELLI left CARLOS MARCELLO's name out and, therefore, CARLOS did not go through with it.

NO 1734-PC advised that JOSEPH PORETTO sent word back to CARLOS on 11/27/68, that he was being interviewed by two FBI agents, and they were on the way back to interview him when they finished there. Later, PORETTO came to MARCELLO's office immediately after agents' departure, to report to him. At that point, CARLOS had a visitor in his office which he sent into NO 1734-PC's office, instructing NO 1734-PC to lock the door and give him coffee.

NO 1734-PC does not know the identity of this individual and, when the FBI did not show up, he went back into MARCELLO's office. When MARCELLO found out from PORETTO that ANGELO PALMISANO had been arrested, he instructed NO 1734-PC to arrange bond for him, which NO 1734-PC declined to do, telling CARLOS he had too many other important things to do and to have G. WRAY GILL or A. J. Bonding Company make the arrangements, which was done.

NO 1734-PC was queried as to whether or not CARLOS MARCELLO made an attempt to bribe any of the jurors at his recent trial in Laredo, Texas, to which NO 1734-PC responded no. NO 1734-PC noted that he feels that, if such an attempt had been made, he would have had knowledge of it.

The same question was posed to NO 1734-PC concerning CARLOS MARCELLO's trial in 1963, with JOSEPH "BABY" MATASSA on charges of obstruction of justice and jury tampering. NO 1734-PC advised that, although one juror claimed he had been approached, NO 1734-PC does not feel that MARCELLO instigated this but rather MATASSA, possibly at MARCELLO's instructions without NO 1734-PC's knowledge, had made the approach to the juror, it being noted that both MARCELLO and MATASSA were acquitted by a trial jury concerning the alleged bribery attempt.

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NO 1734-PC noted that MARCELLO is in almost daily contact telephonically with MATASSA concerning the operation of Pelican Tomato Company and that the reason that MIKE DE MARCO was recently hired by Pelican Tomato Company was that the volume of business had increased to the extent that MATASSA and JOE SALADINO could not handle it.

NO 1734-PC was questioned as to MARCELLO's relationship to State Senator JOHN SCHWEGMANN, whose chain of supermarkets is one of Pelican Tomato Company's largest customers. He advised that JOHN SCHWEGMANN and CARLOS MARCELLO are close friends, and he believes that MARCELLO loaned SCHWEGMANN money when he first began expanding his supermarket chain.

NO 1734-PC was questioned as to MARCELLO's exact relationship with Jefferson Parish District Attorney FRANK LANGRIDGE. He advised that they are just close friends and have been for many years, having grown up in the same area. He stated this was also true regarding MARCELLO's relationship with BEAUREGARD MILLER, Chief of Police of Gretna, Louisiana. NO 1734-PC advised that MARCELLO exercises no particular control over either of these individuals as such.

NO 1734-PC was questioned as to what, if any, relationship MARCELLO has with State Attorney General JACK P. F. GREMILLION and the exact purpose of telephone calls made to the State Capitol, from Stevie Motel, Inc., telephone numbers in 1966. NO 1734-PC responded that a great many of the calls were made by himself to Assistants in the Attorney General's Office with whom he had become friendly during his years as Parish Attorney of Jefferson Parish, wherein he would request legal opinions concerning servitude and other questions of realty law.

NO 1734-PC acknowledged that AUBREY YOUNG, former Aide to the Governor, was a contact of MARCELLO in the Governor's Office and frequented the Town and Country Motel

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