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On March 7, 1958, 2:30 P. M. JOSEPH MC CANN, PCI, was contacted by SA HOWARD C. KENNEDY at his home, at which time he advised he is currently working a split shift as radio dispatcher Ace Cab Company, relieving other operators, and is now working there each Saturday, 8:00 A. M. to 4:00 P. M., on Sundays from 4:00 P. M. to 12:00 Midnight, Tuesdays from 12:00 Midnight to 8:00 A. M. and on Thursday from 4:00 P. M. to 12:00 Midnight. He is still off whiskey and still under treatment by Dr. WEBER, Wellston, Missouri, for chronic alcoholism.

MC CANN with reference to several new charge accounts or charges opened recently, for several residents at Claridge Hotel, MC CANN said that he had heard at Ace Cab Company, that these charges were "for some officials" who were staying at the Claridge, but he did not know their identities. He said the possibility exists that BARNEY BAKER, International Union Organizer, may be in St. Louis, but had not heard definitely that he is in the city.

With reference to COSTELLO, MC CANN advised that recently DUNCAN DAVIS has been driving COSTELLO around at night and he has heard that DAVIS has been taking COSTELLO to Attorney MORRIS A. SHENKER's office. He did not know any specific dates, but said that he had heard that DAVIS had driven COSTELLO around on several occasions at night recently. He stated that on the previous day, March 6, 1958, he had observed JOE COSTELLO in his office downstairs at 3:45 P. M. at which time COSTELLO was making a telephone call.

He said that at that time he observed COSTELLO's Cadillac parked just off Lucas Street in front of COSTELLO's Office. He said that he again observed COSTELLO (who apparently had left the office, time not known) at 7:45 P. M., when COSTELLO again pulled up on the lot in back of his office in his Cadillac.

He said COSTELLO a couple of minutes later called upstairs to him in the radio tower to inquire where DUNCAN DAVIS was at that time. MC CANN said he informed COSTELLO he