

MEMORANDUM

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Subject: FBI Files-Giancana

I reviewed the FBI subject files, sections 1-16 (Series 92-3171), on Samuel M. Giancana, the Chicago Mafia Boss. Sections 1-16 commence with a review of Giancana’s criminal and personal history. The files are a compilation of the FBI’s surveillance of Giancana’s activities (criminal and legitimate enterprises, as well as, personal interactions) from 1958 until mid 1962. The files include reports gathered from both electronic surveillance and personal informants. The reports concerning the placement of electronic surveillance devices were forwarded to the HSCA for review and a copy remains in the FBI files.

The files are extremely detailed with respect to Giancana’s criminal activities including those which took place in Chicago, Miami, Las Vegas and New York. However, there is very little information concerning the individuals and activities related to the assassination. It seems odd that there is so little reference to Giancana’s hatred of the Kennedys and his connection to them through Frank Sinatra and Judith Exner Campbell. There were several references to Cuba and Mexico City, yet none of them relate to the assassination. For example, in the early years, Cuba was a place to “lam” or hide out from the authorities. Later references indicate that it became a business expansion zone for the Mob’s legitimate and criminal activities. Mexico City was a possible venue for gambling (casino and dog races) and later reports indicate that one of Giancana’s associates was permanently located in Mexico City in order to launder the organization’s money through Mexico to Switzerland.

While the documents in these files have been declassified, the information remains sensitive because the files contain cryptonyms and identifying information of FBI informants.

Without having viewed the remainder of the Giancana file, I can only surmise that there was some information that was excluded from the file by the FBI or that Giancana was not involved in the assassination events early on. I have compiled a list of documents from Series 92-3171 which may give some indication of Giancana’s level of involvement in the assassination or lead to other areas of research.

Section	File number	Notes
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2	92-3171-045	1/26/60 Mobsters in Cuba--Baron-Col. Army (Reserve) worked in Riviera Hotel, Cuba
3	92-3171-046 p.A39-A54	5/26/60 Clint Murchison, jr.-Dallas re: Union welfare fund investments
4	92-3171-1st & 2nd NR after 77 92-3171-NR after 80 92-3171-81 & NR after 81 92-3171-83	10/18/60 Giancana--Assassination of Castro
	92-3171-87 p.D	Charles White--political marriage to Cuban woman
	92-3171-89 p. 1A	12/1/60 Ruby--mention in conversation re Oil
	92-3171-89 p. 2W	Sinatra--Messenger for the Mob
5	92-3171-121-123	2/18/61--possible shipment of military radios to Cuba from a diversion from a charitable gift to DAV.
8	92-3171-258	6/12/61 Judith C. Exner--first reference
9	92-3171-NR before 313	7/13/61 Angry ref to Kennedys by Giancana
	92-3171-336	7/24/61 Ref. To showdown w/ the Kennedys --memo to AG
10	92-3171-369 pp. 1-9	Airport interrogation--FBI/Giancana--"I'm going to get the hell out of here and go to Cuba." Other references to Cuba, Batista
11	92-3171-443 92-3171-444 92-3171-449	Organization forms new company in W. Va Hoffa-flt from DC to Chicago to Vegas Conversation about mobster getting important --federal position

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12	92-3171-527	Giancana attempt to get Sinatra to intercede w/ Kennedys. Suggested working through K Sr. money to campaign. memo to AG
	92-3171-543	Young mobster in civ serv job--poss. INS
	92-3171-565	John Drew? Go-between for Giancana/Sinatra
	92-3171-569	Campbell (male)--connected to Lou Brady
	92-3171-573	Lou Brady-mobster/builder--Santa Fe hotel Cuban/American joint venture
	92-3171-579	Emil Arnstein, Robert Schiff--who are they? Info from Madrid--Legat
	92-3171-580	Sinatra lies to Giancana about controlling the AG's investigation of Giancana
	92-3171-588	Ref. to A.G's speech to Italian Amer grp-CH
	92-3171-591	Emile Hawkins--who is this?
	92-3171-594	Riff between Giancana and Sinatra about the --Kennedys
	92-3171-620	CH Mobsters--"Italians gave Kennedy the --election."
	92-3171-623	Heat is on the CH Mob--Kennedy investig.
13	92-3171-NR after 712	Memo from FBI top brass about CIA--assassination of Castro, "gutter gossip" that Giancana not being pursued due to relationship between Sinatra and the Kennedys. This letter is a poor photocopy of a cut and paste original.
	92-3171-751	Giancana brags of "US gov't contacts in high --places."
14	92-3171-799 pp.69-	Lou Brady & Santos Trafficante--bldg hotel Cal/Nev border

Discussion of Pearl Jane Campbell, a.k.a. Pearl

Jane Andrews, Jane Andrews Campbell--the
call girl and the executive (Mr. X).
Carmen Balino--Kennedy man

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	92-3171-821	2nd Ref to Judith Exner Campbell, where is Roselli?
16	92-3171-877	Agents refused permission to interview Sinatra/Martin during Liston-Patterson bout.
	92-3171-892	Visit to Frank Sinatra house.
	92-3171-915	"Political Football"--Pres. Kennedy --Crisis
	92-3171-917	Giancana criticizes Kennedy.
	92-3171-933	Discussion of weapon used in Mob hit. High powered rifle with scope/hollow point (exploding) bullets.
	92-3171-937	M. Lanskey becomes Avagaud (Counselor) to Miami Mob.