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DAVE YARAS

I. June mail - Access only File

① memo to ~~at~~ Miami from Dir of FBI 6/10/64
92-7599-1 states that Miami has opened a new
AR case on the ^{Dave Yaras} subject, who is a Chicago hoodlum
currently residing in ~~at~~ Florida."

② memo-92-7599-1 TO Dir from Miami 6-5-64

"Dave Yaras"

p.1 "Information developed over the years in Miami
and Chicago indicates that Yaras is probably the chief
representative of the Chicago "family" in the Miami
area." ~~is~~ "Yaras is in constant travel status between
Chicago and Miami, and appears to make
a visit to Chicago at least once per month."

(In 1960 Lurie (Mex) was opened as PCI ~~but~~ for
Miami office but he did not furnish info of value
& was closed in 1961)

Info received indicates close relationship between
law firm of Biebler & Brodwin & ~~is~~ Lurie &
also indicates Yaras & Lurie relationship is more
than client-atty.

II. DOB 11/7/12 POB: Chicago FBI # 655697

2 sons - Ronald & Leonard

residence - 4410 Adams,
Miami Beach,
Fla

wife - Marilyn

Miami Beach PD # A-18493

since 1950 -
to 1964

YARAS

① 92-7599-2 6-28-64 miami

~~PP~~ P. C - missing.

Cover p.e. Hill Street Cigar & Liquor Store, 562 South Hill, L.A. - Yaras & Sam Yaras were alleged to be partners in this venture.

cover p.-p. "Yaras described by informants as member of organized criminal element of Chicago, connected primarily with Leonard Patrick, of Chicago."

"Informants state Yaras' present position in organized criminal element is to exert control and authority of Chicago group over certain activities in the Miami and South Florida area. Yaras, in 1962, was one of several individuals from Chicago who attempted an assassination of one Frank Esposito, Chicago union leader, said attempt to have been made in Hollywood, Fla." Yaras legit. activities in Miami area in field of linen supply & auto rental.

m.2 m.MT-1 advised in winter of 1962, that Yaras was involved in the carrying out of "contracts" or executions ordered by the hierarchy of organized crime in the Chicago area."

m.3 Associates

^J
a- Anthony Accardo

b- Felix "Milwaukee Phil" Alderisio

m.4 ^J
c- Peter Arnstein a/k/a Pete Arnold

d- Nicholas Brauos

- e - Jack Cerone
- p. 5 f - Michael Coppola
- g - William Dentamaro
- h - Pasquale Erra
- p. 6 i - Bernard Frank - councilman for City of Miami Beach
- j - Joseph Fischetti
- k - Samuel m. Giancana
- p. 7 l - Benjamin Husick - partner of Yaros in Klene
Towel & Linen Supply Co., Miami Beach.
- m - Joseph Massei
- p. 8 n - Leonard Patrick

Gangland slayings

1946 - James Ragen killing - Yaros was indicted.
also may be suspect in killing of William
Drury.

p. 9 "Yaros was known by the police [Chicago] to be a
gunman for the syndicate and was believed to have
been implicated in the gangland ^{murder} ~~slaying~~
of Willie Tarsch and "Zukie" the Bookie"
Zuckerman, Chicago gambler.

p. 11 During winter of 1962, informant advised that Yaros
held a series of meetings with Fiore Buccieri,
James "Turk" Torello, and Jack Cerone, concerning
ways to carry out execution order issued by Giancana
against Frank Esposito.

p. 17. MMT-1? advised in 1961 that the Roosevelt Rd - Central Park area in Chicago commonly known as the Fillmore District, is controlled mainly by Leonard Patrick who also has control of the Jewish district in Rogers Park of the northside of Chicago. According to this source, Patrick derived his power mainly from Dave Yaras & Yaras continues to exert influence in both of the above areas and also gains monetary benefits therefrom.

MMT-? advised on 4-2-62 that one of the largest handbook operations currently in Chicago is the New Lawndale Restaurant located near Independence Blvd., Roosevelt Rd. Controlled by Patrick & Yaras.

p. 19 is missing

p. 21. On ^{or} about Oct. 19, 1963 informant met with Dave (LIVU) & Teddy (LIVU) at Americana Hotel, NYC, re opening of club in San Juan, P.R. Identified photo of Dave Yaras as "Dave".

p. 25. Union Activities

p. 26. During Teamsters Convention in Miami in 1957, Ronald Yaras told Delores Yaras that Hoffa was giving Local 320 to Ronald as a favor to Dave. Dave financed Local 320 of the Taxi Cab Drivers Union in Miami to extent of \$4,000. Ronald only spent 2 months @ Local.

p.28 Informant advised that he has info that Yaras is interested in or associated @ following organizations:

a- Herman Sales Company, 1804-16 South Cicero, Chicago, Ill.

p.29 b- Little Big Dollar stores, Chicago

c- Gellman manufacturing co (Amco Industries)

d- mid-west Triumph Distributorship, Chi.

e- mid-States Jaguar- Chi

f- New Lawndale Post

g- A-1 Uniform Service,

h- Reliable Products, 3328 West Roosevelt or 4046 West Roosevelt, Chi.

p.30 i- Tavern at 3617 W. Roosevelt Rd

j- Capital Vending Company, Chicago, Ill
Ronald Yaras, UP Leonard Yaras - Treas.

k- Southwest Amusement Co, Dallas in partnership @ Sam Yaras.

+ others.

p.33 "MMT-10 advised on February 24, 1964, that he had recently learned that many of the line services throughout the country are financed by the organized criminal element."

p.43 from 1960 to 1964 Yaras frequented Bayshore Country Club.

② 92-7599-3 Sept. 11, 1964 "Dave Yaras" Miami

p- Yaras departed Miami for Chicago in 7/64 & returned Miami on 9/1/64.

③ p. 35- Phone calls made under name of Yaras for period of 2-29-64 through 6-6-64 (probably Ronzid) - All to Chicago.

③ 92-7599-5 1/21/65 Miami "Dave Yaras"

④ 92-7599-6 1-21-65 Miami

p. 2- David Yaras was residing at 8042 Knox St., Skokie, Ill. in 1963.

both brothers dead

2 sons - Ronald Joel Yaras 5-15-37

Marvin Leonard Yaras - 6-21-40

p. 3 Observations of Subject by Chicago Police Dept.

On April 26, 1963, Yaras was listed as being a close associate of Leonard Patrick, and Nick and George Bravos.

p. 4 On 3-20-63, Yaras listed as secretary and treasurer and a director of the A-1 Uniform Service, allegedly operated by Nick and George Bravos.

On 7-11-63- Yaras was stopped by Sergeant John Hinchy in Chicago Yaras in co. of son "Louis Yaras", manager of A-1 Industrial Laundry.

p. 4 On July 31, 1963 Yaras' car, a 1962 White Pontiac, was observed at 1217 North Oakley. Registered to subj. at 4410 Adams Street, Miami.

On 2-18-64, the "Chicago Daily News" identified David Yaras as an individual ranking among the major syndicate killers.

p. 6 In a memo of 1-14-47 it was indicated that Dave Yaras & Max Badolsky operated a handbook at 3613 W. Roosevelt Road with an alternate location of 3625 West Roosevelt Road, second floor.

phone p. 21 In July, 1963, the Miami Division advised that David Yaras could be reached at Chicago at telephone number RO 1-1699, which number is listed to Samuel Zabrin, 2952 West Fargo.

p. 27 Gus Alex - FBI # 244200. - "a former member of the Capone syndicate and a prominent syndicate hoodlum."

p. 35 CGT-5 advised that in September, 1963 there was a meeting at the Mark Hopkins Hotel in San Francisco, and present were Dave & Ronald Yaras, Leonard Patrick, Louis Tom Dragna, & Nicolò ~~Pizzuto~~ Licata.

p. 43 "Dave Yaras has previously been mentioned in the James Weinberg case investigation and is also known as a pal of Paul Labriola, a subj. of the James Weinberg investigation.

p.48- "As a result of information received from the Dallas office indicating that David Yaros was acquainted with Jack Ruby, alleged killer of Lee Harvey Oswald, Yaros was interviewed on December 5, 1964, by SA John R. Bassett, at Joe Pierce's restaurant, Chicago. Yaros claimed that Ruby was a small-time hustler and tight fan and was 'positively on his own and not outfit connected.' Yaros advised that he had a brother, Sam Yaros, who was connected with the machinery business in Dallas; however, Sam died about seven years ago. Yaros stated that he had not been in Dallas since the death of his brother, and emphatically denied having any relationship whatever with Jack Ruby."

⑤ 92-7599-7 5/7/65 miami "Dave Yaros"

p.7 Ronald Yaros is reported to have utilized Pan American Airways (PAA) Ticket 02623873176 flight from Miami to Costa Rica on 1-27-64

p.12 incorporators of A-1 = George Bravos, Dave Yaros, Herbert S. Schelly, Richard Weinberger, Leonard Yaros - sales manager.

p.15 MMT-25 advised on 11-9-62, that Yaros is a "close friend and associate of Jake Arvey, National Democratic Committeeman, and is also closely associated with Sidney Korshak, hoodlum attorney."

p. 15 M.M.T-25 advised on 11-20-62 that George Brauos was at Joe Stein's Restaurant about 7 P.M. on 11/17/62. located at Edgewater Beach Hotel. Brauos accompanied by Howard Sobor.

III main file - 92-7599 section 2

① 92-7599-40 - miami 1/24/74

-C- Dave Yaras died 1/4/74 at miami beach, Fla. Lenny Patrick, Gus Alex, Jackie Cerone, and Gus Zapas attended the wake. Natural causes

-3- On 1-17-74, advised that A-1 Industrial Uniform C is operated by Leonard Yaras. Gus Zapas controls the Laundry Workers Cleaners, and Dye workers union (Local 46) located in Chicago, and was a business associate of Dave Yaras.

Dave Yaras has also been associated @ Meyer Lansky, the underworld king pin." Yaras and Patrick shared half interest each in the Black Angus Restaurant in Chicago, before selling to Chris Carson.

Jimmy Hoffa was "a close acquaintance" of Dave Yaras.

② 92-7599-37 miami 9/10/73

p. 3 According to informant Joseph Leonard Romano and informant attended a meeting in early 1973 in miami, Florida for purpose of discussing the development of a severance pay program to be sold to the Teamsters

in Southern California. Present at that meeting was

Santo Trafficante, several of his operatives, Angelo Bruno, operatives Willie Weisberg, Steve Montrose, Stanley Sobolsky, Davey Yaras and Marshall Caifano.

③ 92-7599-36 4/30/73 miami

-B-

Informant on 1/4/73 advised that he had been in touch with Santo Trafficante, Jr. of Tampa and that Trafficante is interested in the possibility of financing the promotion of a Teamster funded insurance program.

Joseph Romano has held a meeting with T, in Miami seeking \$60,000 to cover his expenses. Santo told informant that a hoodlum associate, Dave Yaras, would be willing to put up the money if Trafficante okayed it.

④ 92-7599-35 "Correlation Summary" 2/12/73

~~7-4520-9 pt~~ 62-81093-9-430 p.83

p.3 - Chicago report, 10/23/46 revealed that Columbus 0877 was the unlisted phone no of David Yaras, 5518 W. Gladys Street Chicago. "Yaras was described as a minor Chicago hoodlum, brother of Sam Yaras, and associate of hoodlums Paul Labriola and James Weinberg. He spent most of his time in Dallas, Texas, and had been arrested off and on since 1930 by the Chicago PD mostly for disorderly conduct and investigation.

p.12 Clarence H. Huddleston, NA, Chief of Detectives, Miami Beach PD, advised that a huge amount of currency was being maintained for Fidel Castro at the residence

During the past weekend Miami Beach PD officers caught Miami Top Jewel Thief Chester Zochowski on Kardint's property as he was obviously seeking a way to enter the house. Zochowski had been p.13 seen at the Bayshore County Club in a meeting with "Top Jewel Thieves Joseph Merola, Abe Katz and David Yaras." (Miami Airtel 1/22/59)

p.16 Harold Konigsberg (92-5177) advised that in 1963, he had been requested by Seymour Flax (not identified) to approach Teddy Gleason, President of the International Longshoremen's Association, and for Gleason, in turn to contact Jimmy Hoffa, President of the Teamster's Union, to secure a \$900,000 loan for Frankie's market, Lodi, New Jersey. Konigsberg did not know the ultimate outcome of this deal, but did know that subsequently Joseph Zicarelli (not identified) went to Chicago where supposedly he spoke with Dave Yaras who was then to see Hoffa or else use his influence in obtaining the loan. The loan was ~~was~~ to come out of the Teamster's Pension Fund. (92-5177-156, ep. 2)

p.16 The following references in the Ruby file pertain to Yaros from 9/26/63 - 12/5/63. " On 11/27/63 it was reported that there was a tie-in between Ruby in Dallas and Yaros in Miami in connection with shylocking and girls. Yaros was interviewed in Chicago on 12/5/63 and denied having any relationship whatever with Ruby, business or otherwise, subsequent to Ruby's departure from Chicago approximately fourteen years ago. He did admit that he had known Ruby as "Sparky," a young hustler and fighter fan in Chicago. Also, his brother Sam Yaros had been acquainted with Ruby in Dallas, but Sam had died seven years ago. Yaros had not been in Dallas since 1945 when he and his brother had a "split." The President's Commission requested information regarding certain individuals' telephone calls during the period 9/26/63 - 11/22/63. One of these individuals, Robert Baker, 5900 North Sheridan, Chicago, RA 8-41031, placed a call to JE 8-3255, Miami, listed to Yaros, 4410 Adams Ave., Miami Beach, during this period:

(44-24016-302 p. 1, 2

482 p. 1, 2

490 p. 1

804 p. 29

1366 p. 80)

Leonard Yaras

1970 Soc. Sec # 265-64-452 3600 N. Lake Shore Drive
Chicago.

Ronald Yaras

Soc. Sec # 264-52-0658
4410 Adams Ave, Miami Beach

II Main File & References.

① 63-8-1 Sept. 30, 1953 memo to Dir, FBI from
SAC, Miami

p.1 on 2-16-53 Fred Freed advised that he had
been designated Gambling Commissioner in Cuba &
held that position for several months until Jan. 1953.
Freed stated he had heard rumors that Joe Massei,
leading Italian Racketeer in the Miami area, had
bought out fifty percent of the Sammy Mannarino
gang's interest in the Sans Souci Gambling Casino,
Havana, Cuba. Dave Yaras was reputed to have $\frac{1}{2}$ of
Massei's interest in the Sans Souci. He stated

p.2 that Norman Rothman was the front man for the
Mannarino Gang in the operation of the Sans Souci.
(Miami file 62-33⁹88, re "American Gambling Interests
in Cuba", GLIF")

on 1-14-53, informant advised Yaras was
definitely connected at that time with the Sans
Souci Gambling Casino, Havana, Cuba.

① Late in 1952 SA Williams called at the apt. house owned by Arnstein, the Ocean Creek Apartments, 5980 Indian Creek Drive, Miami Beach, under the pretext of wanting to rent apt. Ollie Arnstein answered door. Williams noticed there was some sort of meeting of 10 men in living room. Williams identified Paul Labriola, FBI # 1153214; Edward Vogel, FBI No. 4329702; & Robert Bennett, - chauffeur for Miami Beach City Councilman Marcie Lieberman. "Labriola and Vogel are well-known Chicago criminals..."
Dave Yaros might have been at meeting.

② 74-2423-0 7-12-73 Tampa

"Sam Cagnina, III"

cover page Q- "Dave Yaros is a top Chicago and Miami hoodlum who spends most of his time in the Miami area and is in constant contact with top jewel thieves, etc. Chicago files indicate Dave Yaros appeared before the Federal Grand Jury (FGJ) in Chicago on 11-8-72, however he took the Fifth Amendment. . . . A-1 Industrial (927-7313) uniforms is a laundry owned by Yaros and Lenny Patrick, north side gambling bosses for the Chicago organized crime element. They are closely associated with Gus Alex, considered by Chicago sources to be an operating director and commissioned member of the Chicago group. . . ."

③ 87-38828-1 12/16/57 Airtel to Dir from SAC Miami.

p.1 Yaros is originally from Chicago, Ill and in 1939 resided at 1210 South Katin Avenue, Chicago. married Patricia Posucek and had a 2 1/2-year old son.

p.2 Chicago informants state Yaros is presently active among Jewish bookmakers in Chicago area, and also among gamblers and gambling places in Miami area.

④ 87-38828-6 memo to Director from SAC, Chicago 7/23/58 "Dave Yaros"

p.3 "Bureau letter to Chicago, dated 8/27/46 reflects that the following information was furnished by Paul Roland Jones in the course of interviews with sources C and D (not further identified) dating from 7/27/46, through 8/3/46."

"At this time the Southwest Amusement Company in Dallas, Texas was owned by Sam Yaros and Sam's brother, Dave Yaros. Sam Yaros lost \$180,000 in crap games. Dave Yaros, upon learning of his brother's heavy losses, immediately called on him for an accounting. Sam Yaros then approached Buddy Satcher and offered Satcher one half interest in the company, but later, due to difficulties with Sam Yaros, Satcher sold his interest to Marcus Lipsky."

Dallas Report, 8/5/46, by SA Alton M. Bryant, "James Weinberg, was., et al," reflects is

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p.3 "The following individuals have not been reported as
active associates of the Weinberg group, but informants
of the Dallas Division indicated that they have associated
with Weinberg, Paul Labriola, and Martin Ochs in
p.4 Dallas, but the extent of their activities is not known."

Among those listed was Dave Yaris. "Yaris is
reported to be in and out of Dallas and an associate
and close friend of Paul Labriola and James Weinberg.
Informants further state that Yaris hung out at the
San Jacinto Liquor Store and the Western Distributing
Company, which locations were owned by members
of the Weinberg gang."

p.5 Chicago memo dated 3/19/47, by SA Frank S. Staab
states that "It is to be noted that Dave Yaris
operated a restaurant, tavern and bookie at 3617
West Roosevelt Road, Chicago, and is the employer of
Block, who is under indictment in the Ragen killing."

⑤ Airtel, 8/20/64 TO Dir FBI, from SAC Chicago
File no 92-3088-1049

Informant furnished following info concerning activities
which took place on 8/17/64:

A 2:05 P.M Chicago top hoodlum Ross Frio arrived
with his bodyguard & chauffeur, Vince Solano, in order to
meet with Chicago hoodlum Felix "Milwaukee Phil"
Alderisio.

p. 3 - According to info obtained from _____ the following Chicago top hoodlums met at the Cart Restaurant on August 17, 1964.

Murray Humphries, Ralph Pierce, Anthony Accardo, Paul de Lucia, Jack Cerone, Les Krue, Frank Ferraro, p. 4 and Hy Godfrey.

"It became obvious during this conversation that Prio favors the election of President Johnson over Senator Goldwater."

p. 5 Prio & George Bieber discussed Hoffa. Prio indicated his great dislike for A.G. Kennedy.

He mentioned that Kennedy had to get Hoffa before he got out of office. Again Prio indicated, "we will be in more trouble if Goldwater wins the election than if Johnson stays in office. If Goldwater wins the national election, Ogilvie will be the boss of your party here and he will not give us a day's rest."