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COMMENTS :

*1. Should fully review and evaluate papers relating to the purchase and sale of Cigarette Distributors, Inc., Northwest 54th Street, by ANGELO BRUNO, SUE BRUNO and others. In this regard, the will of IRVING CAREY, if probated, should establish the value of his interest in Cigarette Distributors, Inc.

*2. Will locate and interview the widow of IRVING CAREY to ascertain details of the sale of her husband's interest in this company to SUE BRUNO. It should be noted that ANGELO BRUNO has in the past been associated with IRVING CAREY in the Aluminum Products Sales Corporation, Hialeah, Fla.

*3. Miami, through contact with the Internal Revenue Service and other sources, establish if ANGELO BRUNO was an owner of record of any of the shares of the Aluminum Products Sales Corporation for the last five years. considering that BRUNO

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and that he owned two shares and MICHAEL BRUNO, his son, owned 48 shares of the corporation's stock which was established in prior investigation.

*4. Will, if feasible, establish a trash cover on the residence of CHARLES I. COSTELLO.

*5. Will fully report all contacts made by BRUNO in the Miami Division.

*6. Will identify subscriber to Miami, Fla., telephone PLaza 7-2624, which was called from BRUNO's residence.

7. Will note that the residence of CHARLES I. COSTELLO, during the summer of 1960 was vacant and utilize this information to continue efforts to establish a confidential source of information in regard to ANGELO BRUNO.

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INFORMANTS

T-1 MARY THOMAS, Bell Telephone Company
of Pennsylvania, on dates as indicated

T-2 PH 269-C, as indicated to SA DALE
M. HIESTAND

T-3 PH 591-C*

T-4 PH 523-C to SA J. ROBERT PEARCE

T-5 NY 3223-C*

T-6 CS NY-1 to IC THOMAS I. MC GUINNES

T-7 EDWARD L. BRAUNE, Agent, New York
Telephone Company, to SA EDWARD V.
SCHNEIDER, 3/23/61

T-8 PH 535-C, to SA ROBERT W. HOLMES,
3/16/61

T-9 Income tax returns of BRUNO received
by Bureau letter 4/3/61

T-10 MM 727-C, on 3/8/61

T-11 PSI

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

Bureau letter 3/23/61 requested Philadelphia Division to set out in report form information previously reported in the Administrative section of report of SA J. ROBERT PEARCE 3/6/61, in regard to the "commission."

PH 514-C advised that PH 514-C's brother, MARSHAL VENEZIALE, was murdered in Philadelphia in 12/54. This informant has always believed that BRUNO was responsible for this murder.

Bureau letter 3/10/61 advised that fingerprints of CARL IPPOLITO, MICHAEL TRAMANTANA and FRANK POLLASTRELLI were not identical to latents of value on file in the Identification Division.

On 3/23/61, PH 540-C was repairing the vehicle of PHILIP TESTA. This vehicle, serial number 609W01581, a 1960 Oldsmobile with 27,482 miles thereon, inspection sticker #1430, has ignition key #9161 and trunk key #8012. It is serviced at the 11th Street Esso Service Station, Philadelphia. It is registered in the name of MARIE TESTA, 918 South 10th Street. The contents of this car, according to SA JOHN F. PHELAN, 3/23/61, provided no additional information.

The interview of ANGELO BRUNO by the Philadelphia Police Department was recorded. The verbatim transcript was furnished this division by Deputy Commissioner DAVID MALONE 4/4/61. This is being incorporated into Philadelphia file and the pertinent portions thereof have been set forth in this report.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: J. ROBERT PEARCE

Office: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Date: APR 21 1961

Field Office File #: 92-444

Bureau File #: 92-2717

Title: ANGELO BRUNO

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

ANGELO BRUNO, upon return to Philadelphia from Miami, Fla., 3/22/61, questioned by Philadelphia PD and results are set forth. BRUNO apparently, according to business papers on person, has interest in Maquinas de Diversiones, C. Para, Dominican Republic, which one informant relates controls all slot machines in operation in the Dominican Republic under direct supervision of VIRGILLO ALVAREZ PENNA, uncle of Dominican Republic's Generalissimo RAFAEL TRUJILLO. NORMAN FROMKIN shown as apparently connected with this company in Dominican Republic and known to BRUNO. FROMKIN may be connection for BRUNO in this regard. Bank records checked and results set forth regarding BRUNO and family. According to another source of information BRUNO [REDACTED]

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Another informant relates BRUNO's interest in gambling in New Jersey area and his authority to set policy in this operation. This source discloses close relationship between PETER MAGGIO, brother-in-law of BRUNO. Numerous associates or contacts of BRUNO developed and set forth. One informant discloses that BRUNO is "a representative of the Commission," which is identified by an additional informant as being a group controlling racket activity throughout the United States and Canada. BECAUSE BRUNO IS ALLEGED TO HAVE COMMITTED GANGLAND EXECUTIONS IN THE PAST, HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED DANGEROUS.

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TAILS: At Philadelphia, Pa.ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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T-3 stated that from information he had learned, it was definite that BRUNO could direct the activities of SAILOR and tell SAILOR whom he should turn his numbers into. He said that he was told that SAILOR did not want to associate with CHARLES, apparently CHARLES COSTELLO, as this would take 50 per cent of SAILOR's profits and that SAILOR did not like COSTELLO because COSTELLO had a mean temper. T-3 said it was also indicated that SAILOR did not want to have a "time clock" in his office, which T-3 believed was a machine to receive race horse results. SAILOR did not want this activity because there was no escape in the event of a police raid as the machines would be evidence, whereas in the numbers operation, he could hide the papers. T-3 said also that SAILOR believed that he was not in the good graces of BRUNO because he had promised BRUNO during a recent meeting that he would reaffiliate with CHARLES, with whom SAILOR had severed relations approximately three years ago in December. T-3 said that BRUNO told SAILOR's son got out of line.

E. LEGITIMATE BUSINESS

Philadelphia Confidential Informant T-9 advised that

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T-2 has previously indicated that BRUNO had an interest in a vending machine business and music machine business, which was a combined operation with offices in Miami Beach, Fla. Previous investigation has reported an interview of HARRY ZIMAND, owner of the Acme Music and Vending Company, 1504 Alton Road, Miami Beach, Fla., who, on March 8, 1961, advised that he did not know BRUNO by