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By airtel, 3/7/61, Miami Office advised that on that date MM 660-C stated that GABRIEL MANNARINO was then vacationing at the Mariner Motel, Hollywood Beach, Fla.

The 3/9/61 issue of the "Pittsburgh Post-Gazette," daily newspaper published in Pittsburgh, Pa., page 37, contains an article captioned "Burrell Well is Reported." The article set out that on 3/8/61, the Ken Oil and Gas Company reported completion of a second well, called Ken No. 3, which is initially producing at the rate of 90 barrels of crude oil and 600,000 cubic feet of natural gas per day. The article said the first well, Ken No. 2, is 2,000 feet northeast of Ken No. 3 and is now producing at the rate of 15 barrels of crude oil and 200,000 cubic feet of natural gas per day. Both wells are said to be located on the farm of Attorney P. K. Jones in Lower Burrell Township, Westmoreland County, Pa. The article concluded that a third well will be drilled on this same tract of land, according to A. J. WISE, President of the company.

It is noted that it has been reported previously from PG 545-C that in April or May, 1960, SAM MANNARINO, with one JACK WISE, a 45 year old geological engineer from Butler, Pa., formed the

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on either side, and it has no street or alley behind it. Customarily, the back yard is clearly illuminated at night by several permanent spot lights. GABRIEL MANNARINO, his wife, JEAN, and their two teenage daughters occupy the house.

As the Bureau has been notified previously, GABRIEL MANNARINO's cottage on Old Leechburg Road, in Allegheny Township, Westmoreland County, Pa., is a one-story, frame building, which sits back about 300 feet from the road on a 10 acre tract which slopes from front to rear. It has a small lake in front of it, and it is surrounded by wooded area. It has 3 bedrooms, a kitchen, a living-dining room, and a screened porch. To the right rear and about 20 feet from the house is a wire pen, which holds three German Shepherd dogs. PCI [redacted] who lives nearby, says there are no private telephone lines in the area, and it is known that the cottage has no telephone.

From past experience, it is known that GABRIEL MANNARINO almost never has visitors at his home, especially those having any connections with racket activities, politics, or law enforcement. SAMUEL MANNARINO occasionally has visitors of the above types, but the visits are so infrequent and unpredictable, that it does not seem feasible to consider establishing a highly confidential source.

With regard to the MANNARINO offices at 1263 Third Avenue, New Kensington, Pa., it is noted that this is a one story, red brick building. It is located completely inside a ten foot metal fence which surrounds the scrap metal yard, and it sets back from the gate, which is locked at night, about 50 feet. The area between the gate, the scrap piles and the office building is brightly illuminated by a group of spotlights. Recently, it has been determined that this office is protected by the Silent Service System, an electronic burglar alarm system which is monitored directly by the New Kensington PD.

It would seem that the most likely spot to attempt to establish a highly confidential source would be at the MANNARINO cottage, but efforts will have to be made to resolve some of the problems, such as monitoring (the cottage is about 35 miles from the Pittsburgh Office); ingress (the dogs and a caretaker whose schedule is irregular) and security (location and coverage of all possible visitors, and possibility that there is a burglar-alarm installed).

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In connection with the case captioned "LOUIS COHEN, ETAL:  
ITLT - CONSPIRACY" in which it has been previously reported  
that an unidentified IRS informant stated [redacted] JFK Law 11(a)

[redacted] it is noted that on 3/1/61,  
SA JOHN S. HUGHES and SAC BERNARD C. BROWN traveled to the  
area in the vicinity of the airport at Johnstown and  
observed that [redacted]

All three roads giving access to the airport were thoroughly  
checked, and it was determined that the diagram was not  
accurately drawn.

On 3/3/61, PG 545-C advised as follows:

Although he is not certain they are doing so, he feels the  
most likely individuals in New Kensington to be printing  
lottery tickets would be the brothers GEORGE and ROBERT  
BUHL. They reside at RD 2, Logan's Ferry, New Kensington.  
GEORGE BUHL is president of the local printers union and  
employed by "Valley Daily News," a daily newspaper published  
in nearby Tarentum, Pa. ROBERT BUHL may be working in a  
new printing shop on Greensburg Road, outside of New  
Kensington.

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