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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA RALPH R. HILL
Date: May 31, 1961

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Title: SAMUEL M. GIANCANA

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Results of interviews with ROCCO PRANNO, Key Lounge, FRANK EULO, Gus' Steak House; JAMES and MARIE PERNO, GIANCANA's nephew and niece; CHARLES NICOLETTI, GIANCANA's lieutenant, set forth. All persons interviewed disclaim knowledge of GIANCANA's activities. 1960 Federal Income Tax re GIANCANA reflects

JFK Law 11(a)

[Redacted] Full schedule of horses ENGLISH purportedly wagered upon in 1959 and 1960 set forth. Activities regarding GIANCANA associates and alleged enterprises set forth. GIANCANA SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS SINCE HE ALLEGEDLY HAS A VICIOUS TEMPERAMENT, PSYCHOPATHIC PERSONALITY AND HAS BEEN KNOWN TO CARRY FIREARMS.

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An involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed against the Sterling-Harris Ford agency at Chicago on March 13, 1961, and the agency was adjudicated bankrupt on April 4, 1961. Messrs STERLING and HARRIS invoked the Fifth Amendment pleading self-incrimination of the question concerning the assets of that firm. Officials of the Associates Discount Corporation (ADC) who floor planned and financed the automobiles sold by Sterling-Harris advised that on March 3, 1961, an inventory conducted at Sterling-Harris reflected that all automobiles charged to that firm had on that date been accounted for. A total of over 300 cars were inventoried (u)

On March 7, 1961, ADC determined that practically all these cars were missing and on March 7, 1961, 112 of the missing Fords and Thunderbirds were located in a vacant lot at Park City, Illinois. As of April 13, 1961, 147 of these automobiles were still missing. The missing cars have been traced to numerous individuals in the Chicago area including among them being FELIX ALDERISIO, CHARLES NICOLETTI, described previously as associates of GIANCANA. (u)

CG T-4 furnished [redacted] and [redacted] on [redacted]
[redacted], relating to the [redacted] JFK Law 10(a)2
[redacted] which reflect that [redacted]
Informant exhibited [redacted]
[redacted] These [redacted]
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CG T-5 advised as follows:

She advised that she was employed from about January 15, 1961, to Easter Sunday, 1961, as an organist at the Key Lounge, 1724 Mannheim Road, Stone Park, Illinois. She advised that she worked directly for JIM PRANNO, also known as JIM MARTELL, "ROCKY" PRANNO. She stated that she left her employment at the Key Lounge on the false premise of being ill, however, her real reason for leaving was because of her fear of becoming involved with the "syndicate" (u)

She explained that the Key Lounge is managed by JIM PRANNO but stated that at least two other individuals are silent partners in this organization. She said she did not recall the silent partners' names but believes she can obtain same in the future. She related that one of the silent partners appeared to have the "say-so" as to what operations the Key Lounge should be engaged. She advised that in addition to the silent partners, PRANNO employs a woman, whose first name is MARIE and whom she further advised is a tall blonde, white, female. She said MARIE appears to be the general overseer of the restaurant portion of the lounge and is PRANNO's "trusted servant" (u)

She advised that PRANNO's brother, AL PRANNO, is supposedly operating a legitimate constructions business, however, in recent weeks he has been ill and has not visited the lounge often. She advised that the operation of the club is such that a key has to be obtained for \$10.00 to enter. This key bears a serial number and is registered to a person by name and address thereby preventing its use by some other person. She said that if a person entered the Key Lounge and is not known by the management, this person's business in the club is immediately requested by the "management". (u)

On 5/12/61 at Des Plaines, Illinois File # 92-924
 by SAS WILLIAM L. BAILEY and RUDOLPH H. MANCINI/pat:BJD Date dictated 5/15/61

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In addition to the \$10.00 club, she stated that the basement of the Key Lounge has recently been remodeled for a "Golden Room" and to enter this room a \$50.00 key is needed. Further, the building directly to the south of the Key Club is utilized for gambling and is also operated by PRANNO. She stated that a person is never admitted to the gambling building without an invite and without an escort by one of the operators of the lounge. She advised that the upstairs of the Key Club houses an apartment and she believes PRANNO resides there (u)

She stated that the front door of the Key Lounge has two locks, however, only one, the door-knob, is utilized by key members to enter. She advised that two ex-prize fighters are employed at the club, one as a bartender and another as a chef. (u)

She related that PRANNO "beat hell" out of two waitresses about a month and a half ago. One waitress, Mrs. DOROTHY ALEXANDER, 1735 North 21st Street, Melrose Park, Illinois (telephone FI 5-1625) was beaten badly by PRANNO and stated PRANNO pulled her hair out. She said that ALEXANDER is married and that her husband is employed as a milkman. (u)

The other waitress that PRANNO "beat up" is LEE (LNU), who resides with ANN PETERS, 245 East Grand, Northlake, Illinois (telephone FI 4-0764). She stated LEE (LNU) and PETERS may be prostitutes. (u)

She said that she knows "a lot of well known hoodlums" cater to the Key Lounge but stated that she doesnot know their names, however, she feels certain she could identify these individuals should she see their photographs. (u)

Prior to working at the Key Lounge, she worked as an organist at the Franklin House, Grand and River Road, Franklin Park, Illinois, and recalls seeing SAM GIANCANA there on several occasions. She stated she has never seen GIANCANA at the Key Lounge. She stated that she has heard that the upper echelon of the "syndicate" hold meetings at least once each month at Remick's Terrace, 17th and 22nd Streets, Melrose Park, Illinois. (u)

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In addition to the above, she advised that she is "in love" with GEORGE MICHAEL WILLIAMS, white, male, 47 years of age, 6', 170 pounds, who "is in deep with the PRANNO operation". She said WILLIAMS is married and resides with his wife at 424 Waterman, Arlington Heights, Illinois. WILLIAMS is an "ex-alcoholic" and is presently an Alcoholics Anonymous member. WILLIAMS is a salesman of Peerless windows and works out of 7770 West Irving Park Boulevard, Chicago. WILLIAMS is also connected with the Desoto and Mc Cable Realtors, 9456 West 167th Street, Orlon Park, Illinois, and "probably handles a lot of big deals for the syndicate". She is of the opinion WILLIAMS buys and sells real estate for "hoodlums". She stated that she feared WILLIAMS is getting in "too deep" and is afraid to pull out. (u)

In addition, she advised that she recently obtained employment at Nielsen's Restaurant located at 79th Street and Western Avenue in Chicago as an organist. She advised that on the night of May 11, 1961, an individual who identified himself as FRANK BARRONE (Phonetic) personally contacted her at Nielsen's and asked her several questions pertaining to her past employment. She stated that she is of the opinion that BARRONE was sent by PRANNO to determine if she was actually ill and was unable to work at the Key Lounge. (u)

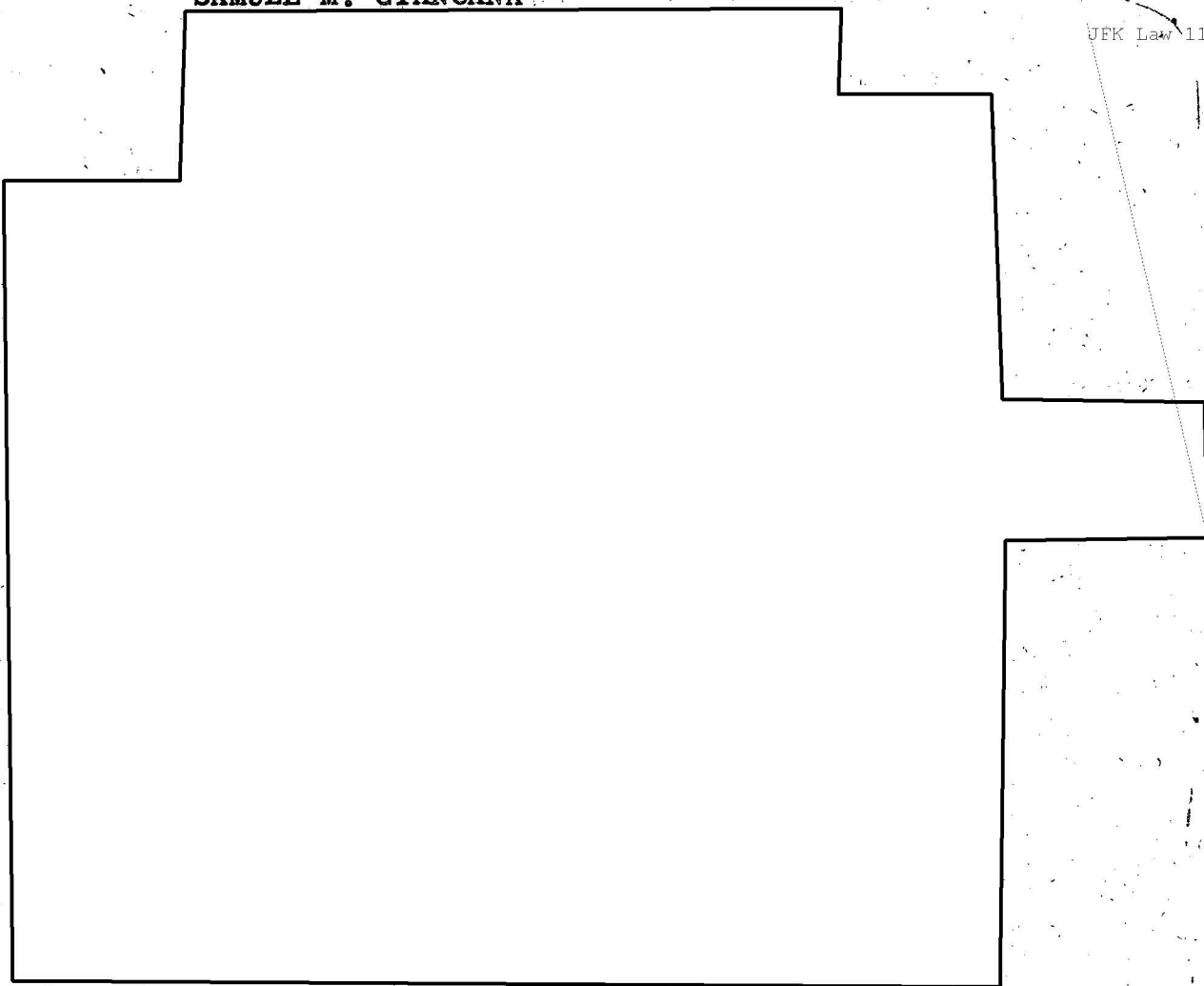
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SAM GIANCANA for the Year 1960

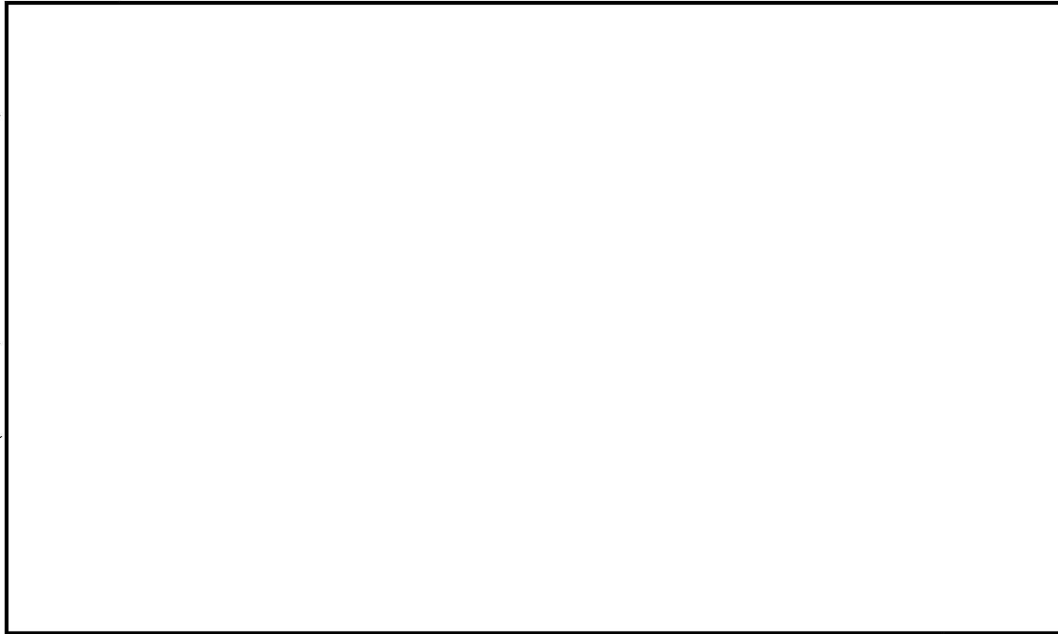
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SAMUEL M. GIANCANA

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