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DETROIT DIVISION
AT DETROIT, MICH.

Check available sources to identify gambler CHARLIE GORDON and furnish Dallas background information concerning him.

HOUSTON DIVISION
AT HOUSTON, TEXAS

Identify H. T. WILLIAMS, First National City Bank. Ascertain if CIVELLO has bank account at First National City Bank in his or his wife's name (MARY CIVELLO). Ascertain if they have a safety deposit box at that bank.

DALLAS DIVISION
AT DALLAS, TEXAS

1. Will maintain contact with established sources; continue spot checks and attempt to develop additional sources relative to CIVELLO's activities.
2. Will interview EDWARD ARTHUR STRICKLAND for information concerning his knowledge of CIVELLO's activities.
3. Will make further attempts to obtain information concerning CIVELLO's investments in oil leases and other financial dealings in the Dallas area.

ADMINISTRATIVE

INFORMANT COVERAGE

The following list of informants are being utilized in following the activities of CIVELLO:

DL-99-C

DL-105-C

PCI

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Confidential Source

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Confidential Source JEROME J. CRANE
 Confidential Source WILLIAM CRAIG
 Confidential Source R. A. BURROW
 Confidential Source [REDACTED]
 Confidential Source [REDACTED]

IDENTITY OF INFORMANTS

T-1 DL-105-C
 T-7 R. A. BURROW, Confidential Source, Dallas.
 T-8 JEROME J. CRANE, Confidential Source, Dallas.
 T-13 HODGES DUBOIS HAMILTON, Former PCI
 T-21 PCI [REDACTED]
 T-22 Lt. JACK REVILL, Dallas PD
 T-24 PCI [REDACTED]
 T-27 PCI [REDACTED] Southwestern Bell Telephone
 Co., Dallas, Texas
 T-28 PCI [REDACTED]
 T-29 [REDACTED] PCI
 T-25 PCI [REDACTED]

JFK Act 6 (4)

Careful consideration was given to each source concealed by T symbols in this report and T symbols were utilized only where identities must be concealed.

The above individuals have been known to furnish reliable information and have been in a position to furnish information concerning CIVELLO's activities.

Mr. JOSEPH COREY, Departmental Attorney, appeared at the Dallas Office on 8/1/61 and conferred with SAC CURTIS O. LYNUM and SAs ROBERT M. BARRETT and MILTON L. NEWSOM relative to the investigation of JOSEPH FRANCIS CIVELLO. The CIVELLO case was discussed with Mr. COREY and details of this discussion were furnished the Bureau by airtel dated 8/2/61. During the above conference Mr. COREY mentioned that in a narcotic report dated 8/11/57 by Narcotics Agent JOHN RIPA, information reflected CIVELLO contacted one H. T. WILLIAMS, First National City Bank, Houston, Texas, on or about 2/27/57. Mr. COREY requested that H. T. WILLIAMS be identified and records of the First National City Bank be reviewed to ascertain if CIVELLO has a bank account in his or his wife's name or if they have a safety deposit box at that bank.

Mr. COREY further stated that in [REDACTED] testimony before a grand jury at [REDACTED] developed that he was [REDACTED]

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[redacted] as is reflected by FBI Identification Record. A discussion of this charge indicated that a 15 year old boy was the only witness to the incident in which CIVELLO killed a man with a shotgun in a store located in the downtown area of Dallas. The man killed reportedly came into the store with a shotgun wrapped in paper and handed same to CIVELLO to hold for him. The gun went off killing the individual who brought the package into the store. Mr. COREY requested that the witness be identified and interviewed relative to his recollection of this incident. It should be noted there are no records at the Dallas PD or SO concerning the investigation of the above murder. Sheriff BILL DECKER, Dallas County SO recalls the incident and will be contacted to see if he can furnish the name of the witness mentioned above.

Mr. COREY stated he recognized the difficulty in obtaining the conviction of CIVELLO in view of CIVELLO's inactivity at present, however, he pointed out that the Department hopes to eventually prosecute all hoodlums of CIVELLO's caliber in some manner, either by uncovering state violations or federal violations.

JFK Act 6 (4)

On 6/29/61, arrangements were made on a strictly confidential basis with [redacted] Supervisor, Sanitation Division, City of Dallas, who is now listed as a confidential source to place a trash cover on the residence of JOSEPH FRANCIS CIVELLO at 5311 Denton; the Airway Liquor Store, 3122 W. Mockingbird; and the residence of JOHNNY ROSS PATRONO, 4411 Munger. The trash cover became effective on 7/3/61.

The trash of PATRONO and CIVELLO was examined 7/5-13/61 by SA JAMES W. SAMMON. No letters, pertinent mail, notes or any other information of pertinent value was obtained. On 7/13/61 the trash cover was removed.

Long distance telephone calls made from the residence of JOHNNY ROSS PATRONO and FRANK TORTORIELLO, as set out in the details of this report, are being checked under the investigation entitled FRANK TORTORIELLO, aka., AR, Dallas file 92-196. Therefore, leads are not being repeated in this case.

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Dallas T-24 advised on June 5, 1961, Justice of the Peace GLEN BYRD said CIVELLO was highly perturbed because JOE CAMPISI introduced CIVELLO to ASAC BREEN on the night of June 4, 1961. T-24 said it is the consensus of opinion of those in attendance that CAMPISI would be admonished by CIVELLO because of the incident. T-24 said JOE CAMPISI continues to be the weak link among the Italian gamblers.

T-24 further advised that PETE INTERRANTE, owner Ross's Drive-In, McKinney and Lemmon Streets is a cohort of JOE CIVELLO's. T-24 recalled INTERRANTE a few years ago was practically penniless, however, recently he has acquired a car for himself as well as buy a new Corvette for his son. He further stated PETE INTERRANTE will purchase any hot or stolen merchandise that comes to his attention and will do practically anything to make a dollar. He stated the premises that Ross's Drive-In is located on is owned by JOE CIVELLO and he is confident that since PETE INTERRANTE did not have any funds for which to do business, that CIVELLO undoubtedly put up the funds for this business. He stated that he feels he also has an underworld contact with CIVELLO and since his association with CIVELLO has appeared to come into considerable amounts of money. He recalled that Ross's Drive-In had formerly been under the maiden name of PETE's wife, named JOSEPHINE (last name unknown) however, she recently had the registration of the property changed to JOSEPHINE INTERRANTE. T-24 recalled that he and PETE INTERRANTE had a partnership relation for a two week period a few years ago for the purpose of going into business and getting a beer license, however, he later learned INTERRANTE has a long criminal record and that the City would not authorize the issuance of a beer license to PETE INTERRANTE. Thereafter the partnership was disbanded. He stated he feels that if INTERRANTE's background is brought to the attention of local authorities the beer license for that property will be repealed.

T-24 recalled the name which he had previously forgotten as the man in the telephone company in Dallas who is closely associated with the Italian criminal element. He said the man's name is ACE LEWIS.

The true identity of the above person is believed to be A. C. LEWIS, an executive in the business office of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company.