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bookmaking activities and his association with JOSEPH FRANCIS CIVELLO in bookmaking activities. This should be done especially in view of the forthcoming football season during which time it is believed the subject will become extremely active in bookmaking.

2. Will locate and interview ROSS PELTON, 8458 Bellingham, for information he has concerning the subject and subject's activities and associates, noting that PELTON's 1966 brown Oldsmobile, Texas license KPL 128, has been observed at PHILIP STEPHENS BOSCO's service station on numerous occasions.

IDENTITY OF INFORMANTS

DL T-1 is DL 299-PC

DL T-2 is DL 298-PC

DL T-3 is DL 271-C

DL T-4 is DL 247-C

DL T-5 is DL 185-C

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JOSEPH FRANCIS CIVELLO

TEXAS

On May 28, 1966, PHILIP STEPHENS BOSCO contacted the informant on a social basis. During the conversation informant steered the conversation to the subject of JOE CIVELLO and the Italian element in Dallas. Informant told BOSCO he recalled when the Italians in Dallas had to clear any activity through the PIRANIO brothers (CARLO and JOE). Informant stated he also heard that following their deaths, CIVELLO attempted to succeed them.

BOSCO then told the following to the informant, stating he had been furnished this information by JOE CIVELLO:

During the 1920's, a "group" of Italians was organized in Dallas. The "boss" was CARLO PIRANIO and the No. 1 man "under" CARLO was his brother, JOSEPH, who took over when CARLO died in about 1930. (The above words in quotation are those as used by BOSCO.) Members of this group, according to CIVELLO, were himself, ROSS MUSSO, FRANK IANNI, RALPH PATRONO, JOE's father PHILIP, CARLOS CAMPISI, PETE DUCA and ROSS INTERRANTE.

This group engaged in some narcotics, gambling and fencing but they never were involved on a very large scale as all of the rackets in Dallas were then controlled by a group of non-Italians. Through the PIRANIOS the group had connections with an Italian group in the Houston - Galveston, Texas, area but CARLO and JOE PIRANIO were the bosses for both of these groups. CIVELLO had bragged to BOSCO that under the PIRANIOS the group was small but well organized and through the PIRANIOS the group also had connections "up East" (meaning New York City) and CIVELLO had identified one of these as ROCCO PELLEGRINO.

In the late 1930's, CIVELLO went to the Federal Penitentiary and according to BOSCO, CIVELLO has claimed this was the beginning of a downfall of the Dallas group, as he and PETER DUCA were the ones who held the Dallas group together.

Gambling and prostitution were extremely lucrative rackets in Dallas during the 1940's but were entirely under the control of non-Italian hoodlums. The Italian group at that time was not strong enough, nor big enough, to take over in Dallas and CIVELLO had noted that even an organization from Chicago was unsuccessful when it tried to move in and take over in Dallas.

CIVELLO has requested BOSCO to slowly, but surely, get rid of all non-Italians from the bookmaking operation. CIVELLO told BOSCO that if he gets a chance to increase the group in Dallas he would attempt to propose for membership BOSCO, PATRONO, NICK MORALE and SAM LOMONACO. TEXAS

LOMONACO is a close personal friend of BOSCO's and CIVELLO's and has assisted BOSCO in bookmaking operations in the past. CIVELLO told BOSCO he could not use IANNI because of his bad heart and could not use JOE CAMPISI because of his "big mouth". CIVELLO also stated he did not like to have any dealings with PETE INTERRANTE because PETE was "too hot headed".

BOSCO told the informant he would keep him advised of CIVELLO's progress as he knew it would be of interest to the informant who had expressed a desire to BOSCO to become actively engaged in any operation with which JOE CIVELLO was connected.

On June 20, 1966, DL T-1 furnished the following information which he obtained on June 16, 1966, from BOSCO:

BOSCO advised informant that baseball booking was now practically non-existent and that BOSCO and his associates, JOE CIVELLO and JOE IANNI, were anxiously awaiting the football season.

Informant in referring to his previous contact with BOSCO asked BOSCO how it was that CIVELLO would become such a close associate with BOSCO and IANNI if they were not already members of CIVELLO's group. BOSCO told informant he had never said that IANNI was or was not a real close "friend" of CIVELLO's but that CIVELLO could not use him because of his heart condition. (Informant further noted that BOSCO was using the term "friend" instead of member.)

BOSCO advised the informant that during the past two years he had had the only money-making bookmaking operation in the Dallas area and had been operating it in partnership with NORVELLE STANFIELD and CLARENCE HILL. TEXAS

NORVELLE YOUNG STANFIELD

In the Summer of 1965 CIVELLO contacted BOSCO and said he desired to buy "in" and perhaps there would come a time when BOSCO could use some help from CIVELLO's "friends up East". Because of their long friendship and BOSCO's desire to expand his bookmaking operation (which would require more money) and his further desire to be a closer "friend" of CIVELLO's, BOSCO agreed to let CIVELLO and IANNI have interest in the bookmaking operation. BOSCO then told the informant, "I'm not one of JOE's family yet but I think I will be someday and so will you and NICK." BOSCO was referring to NICK MORALE. BOSCO then told the informant, "We all will make more money this way and won't have to put up with people like NORVELLE or CLARENCE - just our own kind."

Informant further advised that BOSCO did not mention anything further about CIVELLO's efforts to expand La Cosa Nostra (LCN) activity and membership in the Dallas area and gathered from this that approval had not been received by CIVELLO "from up East".

On June 17, 1966, DL T-2 furnished the following information:

During the past two weeks informant has taken MORALE out to dinner on two occasions and has taken him to some private clubs for some "social drinking" on three or four other occasions under the pretext that informant was trying to interest MORALE in the purchase of insurance policies from the informant.

On June 16, 1966, while drinking at a private club, informant complained to MORALE that BOSCO would only take big bets and therefore informant was not in a position to bet on baseball or football like he desired. (BOSCO previously told the informant he would not handle anything but large bets.)

MORALE then told the informant that anytime the informant wanted to bet any amount, big or small, or anything, he should contact MORALE who would get it down for the informant with BOSCO. This discussion turned to the general discussion of gambling in Dallas, to which MORALE advised the informant that BOSCO and NORVELLE STANFIELD practically controlled all football betting during the Fall of 1965. MORALE said BOSCO will handle any sort of bet now on baseball or horse races but that business is very slow.

MORALE noted that BOSCO and STANFIELD appear to be having some arguments recently as MORALE heard BOSCO tell STANFIELD that if he was going to continue to put up all the money and make all the arrangements for the apartments and the telephones through his friends, he wanted at least two-thirds of the profit instead of only 50%. MORALE stated it appeared that BOSCO was trying to get rid of STANFIELD before the Fall of 1966.

Informant asked MORALE where BOSCO got all the money for his bookmaking operation and MORALE said that two of BOSCO's friends, JOE CIVELLO and JOE IANNI, had evidently bought an interest in BOSCO's book and had helped put up the money. MORALE told the informant that it appears these three men want to take over all bookmaking in Dallas and BOSCO once told MORALE that if it were needed, CIVELLO could get some money from some of his friends "up East".

MORALE then told the informant he would do anything for BOSCO as BOSCO had given him a job after MORALE went bankrupt running a liquor store. He stated BOSCO has always taken good care of him and recently told him that if he (MORALE) kept his nose clean and did what he was told, "We'll make sure you have got no worries."

MORALE then told the informant he was sure that BOSCO, CIVELLO and IANNI along with BOSCO's good friend, SAM LOMONACO, were trying to set up an Italian organization in Dallas. MORALE identified LOMONACO as BOSCO's friend who furnishes apartments and obtains telephone service for the bookmaking operation. BOSCO has described LOMONACO as an old and trusted "friend".

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activities and most likely this activity will increase with the forthcoming football season. Bureau is aware SA BARRETT was transferred to another office. In order to bring a fresh approach to this investigation in an effort to develop violations on the subject, an investigative type summary report will be prepared in an effort to explore all possible avenues of approach toward this end. More specific information needs to be developed with regard to BOSCO's relationship with other Italian hoodlums, his specific tie-up with JOSEPH CIVELLO and JOE IANNI. Further efforts need to be made with regard to an effective coverage of subject's place of business to detect bookmaking activities. Dallas Office believed concentrated effort will have to be brought on BOSCO if we are to make a gambling violation against him. IRS has conducted extensive investigation of BOSCO but has been unable to prove gambling. Efforts will be made to review its investigation results. } TEXAS

Will maintain contacts with informants and seek to develop others who can furnish inside information as to BOSCO's operation.

ADMINISTRATIVE

IDENTITY OF INFORMANTS

DL T-1 is DL 299-C-TE contacted by SA ROBERT M. BARRETT

DL T-2 is DL 271-C contacted by SA HAROLD J. EDGERTON

DL T-3 is DL 185-C contacted by SA HAROLD J. EDGERTON

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2. Will maintain contact with informants as to subject's bookmaking activities.

3. Will continue review of pertinent files of associates of subject in preparation of a summary report in this matter.

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For the information of the Bureau, it has not been possible to prepare a detailed summary type report in this matter in view of other matters requiring expeditious attention. The reporting Agent has discussed informally with AUSA B. H. TIMMINS, JR. the prior Grand Jury probe which involved the [redacted] of [redacted] and others, during which probe [redacted] was subpoenaed before the Grand Jury and [redacted]

[redacted] Mr. TIMMINS advised that the Grand Jury was [redacted] and as a result only the four principals in the STONE, et al., case were prosecuted. Mr. TIMMINS advised that he would give favorable consideration any time the FBI felt a Grand Jury probe could be productive to call a Grand Jury for that purpose.

A study of the BOSCO operation indicates that he has anywhere from eight to ten men working for him and has had others in the past. On most or all of these other individuals the Dallas Office has conducted investigation. The purpose of the summary at this time would hope to outline for the USA the scope of BOSCO's bookmaking operation, identify the principals, possibly pinpoint those who might be willing to waive immunity and testify. In addition it is hoped that after completion of a summary report we can better concentrate on those aspects of the BOSCO operation which offer the best chance of obtaining evidence and witnesses for a Grand Jury.

IDENTITY OF INFORMANTS

T-1 is DL 99-C contacted by SA WILL HAYDEN GRIFFIN.
T-2 is DL 299-PC contacted by SA EDGERTON.
T-3 is DL 298-PC contacted by SA EDGERTON.
T-4 is CS [redacted] contacted by SA EDGERTON.

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Detective HART also furnished the following information:

He advised that in checking the old Dallas directories at the public library, he determined that CHARLES EDWARD CIVELLO and JOSEPH FRANCIS CIVELLO were partners with FRANK M. LA MONTE in the operation of the Premier Distributing Company, 3205 Pennsylvania Avenue, Dallas, a foods and import company, during the period of 1946 to 1949. LA MONTE is the father-in-law of CORTEMEGLIA, currently resides with CORTEMEGLIA, who married LA MONTE's daughter. He advised during the same period ROSS MUSSO and JOSEPH CIVELLO had a grocery store at 8510 Denton Road, Dallas, and a liquor store at 8520 Denton Road, Dallas, latter store involving partners JOSEPH CIVELLO and JOSEPH C. MUSSO (father of ROSS MUSSO), with manager of the liquor store listed as P. S. BOSCO.

On September 23, 1966, DL T-1 advised that one CARLO MORAN, who has a relative in Mesquite, Texas, has been residing with that relative for about three weeks. T-1 advised that MORAN is laying off bets in Lafayette, Louisiana, and West Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana, for PHILIP S. BOSCO and Radio SAM LOMONACO, both located on Ross Avenue, Dallas. T-1 advised that MORAN is supposed to be in Mesquite for only a short period until a race track located about forty miles from Chicago, Illinois, opens and then MORAN will book at the track. T-1 further advised that when the race track near Chicago closes, MORAN will go to New Orleans, Louisiana, for the opening of the Fair Grounds Race Track on Thanksgiving Day and will stay at that location until it closes and then will move on to the Oak Lawn Race Tract at Hot Springs, Arkansas, when it opens.

On September 30, 1966, DL T-2 advised that the name CARLO MORAN was unfamiliar to him and he had no information that MORAN was working for BOSCO in any bookmaking operation.

On September 28, 1966, DL T-3 advised he has known BOSCO for a number of years and in the past placed bets with BOSCO. T-3 advised that he placed such bets with BOSCO by calling him on the telephone at his Gulf Service Station located on Ross Avenue, Dallas, to the telephone in the front of the station. T-3 stated he would always place the bet personally with BOSCO and no one else. T-3 stated that he never placed a bet for more than \$20 and on one occasion BOSCO told him that he would not accept any more bets unless T-3 was willing to go higher to at least \$50. T-3 advised that he could not afford that much money for betting and discontinued placing bets with BOSCO. T-1 advised that in the recent past, several months ago, BOSCO turned in one of his insurance policies and received a substantial sum and from what he heard it was around \$15,000.