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NY T-2	Lt. JACK THOMPSON, Central Investigations Bureau, NYCPD contacted 12/12/57, by SA GRIFFIN P. MARTIN.
NY T-3	WALTER DOUD, Senior Parole Officer, NY State Division of Parole, 320 Broadway, NYC, contacted by SA FRANK W. CORNETT.
NY T-4	Mr. MARTIRE, Manager, First National City Bank Branch at 116th St., and First Ave., NYC, contacted by SA FRANK W. CORNETT.
NY T-5	Former PCI JOHN ENGLISH, Elevator Starter, 500 Seventh Ave., NYC, contacted by SAs FRANK W. CORNETT and JOHN J. BRENNAN
NY T-6	<div data-bbox="716 1226 1338 1310" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">JFK Law-11(a)</div> by the US Attorney's Office, SDNY on 12/12/57.
NY T-7	Mr. DAVID UNGER, Bankers Trust Co., Branch at 39th St. and Seventh Ave., NYC, contacted by SA FRANK W. CORNETT
NY T-8	JOHN O'MARA, Chief Investigator, NY State Anti-Crime Commission
NY T-9	Former PCI IRVING MISHEL
NY T-10	US Narcotics Bureau, NYC

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NY T-11	NY 136-C contacted by SA FRANK R. GERRITY
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NY T-13	NY 842-C contacted by SA JOHN R. ANDERSON and SA FRANK R. GERRITY
NY T-14	CSNY -1 contacted by SA FRANK W. CORNETT
NY T-15	NAT FLEISCHER, Editor of Ring Magazine, contacted by SA JOSEPH GAMBLE
NY T-16	NY 204-C, contacted by SA JAMES J. TURBIDY and SA ARMAND A. CAMMARATA
NY T-17	Central Intelligence Squad, NYCPD
NY T-18	JOSEPH KATZ, Chief Investigator, NY State Crime Commission, contacted by SA JOHN J. DIXSON

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Date: 10/24/60

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Bureau File No: 92-2836

Title: JOSEPH ANTHONY STRACI

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Subject born January 1, 1906, in Sicily, and naturalized 11/7/45, NYC. Married CECILE M. RAO, 6/10/34, and has a daughter and son by this marriage. Subject allegedly has another son, JOSEPH THOMAS STRACCI, who was sentenced to ten to twenty years at Sing Sing Prison 8/18/58, for robbery, unarmed. Subject's brother, SALVATORE sentenced to six months and placed on probation after arrest in policy raid. Subject resides Englewood, New Jersey, and part owner of D. Zimet, Incorporated, a NYC manufacturer of women's coats and suits. FBI and NYCPD records set out. Informant advised subject was one of the top men in the East Harlem Italian mob and a power in the garment district. Subject affiliated with D. Zimet Incorporated; Jovon Fashions Incorporated; NYC ladies garment manufacturers. Description set out.

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Details:

I. PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

A. Birth

The records of NY T-1 reviewed in 1954, reflect that subject indicated in 1940, that he was born at San Fortello, Messina, Italy, on January 6, 1906; that he was not a citizen of the United States; that at that time he was a citizen or subject of Italy, and that his permanent address has been in the United States since March 11, 1907.

On February 26, 1958, Dr. COSTANTINO FONTANA, Central Bureau, Italian Criminal Police, Rome, Italy, advised that JOSEPH ANTHONY STRACI was born January 1, 1906, at San Fratello, Messina, Sicily. The parents were listed as ANTONIO and MARIA LO BALBO.

B. Naturalization

On December 6, 1957, the naturalization records of the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, were reviewed by SA WALTER C. ZINK, and reflected the following information:

JOSEPH ANTHONY STRACI filed Petition for Naturalization Number 377018 in this court on April 30, 1941, and was denied naturalization on July 24, 1945. He was described as being 35 years of age, born January 6, 1906, at San Fortello, Italy. He indicated that he entered the United States on April 25, 1907, at New York City, via the "SS ITALIA", under the name GPPE DI ANTONIO STRACI. The following persons were witnesses for the subject and indicated that they had known him since April 1, 1931:



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On December 12, 1957, NY T-2 made available the following description of CECILE STRACI, wife of the subject:

Name	CECILE STRACI
Date of Birth	December 2, 1909
Race	White
Weight	130 pounds
Height	5'5"
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black

In March, 1958, Detective TOM RYAN, Englewood, New Jersey Police Department advised SA BERNARD J. PIROG, JR. that JOSEPH STRACI is known at Englewood, New Jersey as a respectable citizen who is engaged in the garment manufacturing business at New York City. His wife, CECILE, is a housewife who leads a normal life at Englewood, New Jersey. STRACI's son RONALD is presently a student at the Fordham University Law School at New York City. His daughter, CECELIA, is presently attending Immaculata College at Malvern, Pennsylvania.

On March 5, 1958, Sister MARGARET MARY, Registrar, Immaculata College, Malvern, Pennsylvania, advised SA T. EDWARD UMPERES that CECELIA STRACI, Woodland Road, Englewood, New Jersey, is a sophomore at this girl's college and she resides in Lourdes Hall, a dormitory on the campus.

#### D. Relatives

In 1944, STRACI indicated to NY T-1 that his relatives consist of the following persons:

Wife	CECILE MARIE STRACI, born December 2, 1911, Residence 2276 Second Avenue, New York City
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Son	RONALD A. STRACI, born June 26, 1935, resides 2276 Second Avenue, New York City
Daughter	CECILE M. STRACI, born January 24, 1939, resides 2276 Second Avenue, New York City
Mother	MARIE STRACI, age 69, resides 238 East 106th Street, New York City
Brother	BENJAMIN STRACI, age 26, resides 241 East 108th Street, New York City
Mother-in-Law	FRANCES RAO, age 60, resides 455 East 114th Street, New York City
Brother-in-Law	LOUIS RAO, age 45, resides 455 East 114th Street, New York City
Brother	SALVATORE STRACI, age 34, resides 238 East 106th Street, New York City
Brother-in-Law	VINCENT RAO, age 38, 455 East 114th Street, New York City
Brother-in-Law	JOE RAO, age 44, 419 East 116th Street, New York City
Sister-in-Law	NETTI PESANO, age 40, Resides Bronx, New York

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Address</u>
February 18, 1929	313 East 107th Street New York City
March 4, 1929	313 East 107th Street New York City
April 12, 1939	2276 Second Avenue New York City
May 22, 1941	2276 Second Avenue New York City

On December 23, 1957, NY T-3 advised their records reflected subject's address as 2276 Second Avenue, 335 East 116th Street, and a business address of 500 Seventh Avenue, all in New York City, for the period May 1943 - December 3, 1952.

G. Employment

In 1940, subject indicated to NY T-1 that he was the owner of the Metro-Urban Trucking Company, 205 West 57th Street, New York City.

In 1944, STRACCI advised NY T-1 that he was employed as the Production Manager of Zimray, Incorporated, 512 Seventh Avenue, New York City.

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York, as furnished on December 6, 1957, by PAULINE DE FIORE to SA PAUL F. ROWLANDS, reflect a credit report dated May, 1951, pertaining to JOSEPH A. and CECILE STRACCI, 80 South Woodland Road, Englewood, New Jersey. This file indicates that STRACCI has been employed for

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the past 11 years as General Manager of D. Zimet, Incorporated, 500 Seventh Avenue, New York City.

NY T-5 who was contacted regularly during the period May, 1958 to December, 1959, advised that subject was in the office of D. Zimet, Incorporated, on the 12th floor at 500 Seventh Avenue, New York City, daily during that period. NY T-5 said that subject normally arrived at about 8:45 a.m. and departed irregularly usually after 5:45 p.m.

NY T-5 said that after the death of subject's partner, DAVID ZIMET, in December, 1957, the subject spent more time in the office at D. Zimet, Incorporated and apparently gave up his usual trip to Florida due to the necessity for him to manage the business.

#### H. EDUCATION

In 1940, STRACCI indicated to NY T-1 that his education consisted of eight years of elementary schooling.

#### I. Financial Information

On December 12, 1957, NY T-6

JFK Law 11(a)

According to NY T-6

On December 23, 1957, NY T-4 advised that subject had a regular checking account at the First National City Bank, branch at 116th Street, and First Avenue, New York City. He stated the account was opened in