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3. If employed by either of the above, what are his duties and income?
4. What is his legal residence?
5. What is his connection with the Little Copa Club, Greenwood Lake, New York?
6. Does he have any interest in the El Borracho Club, 159 East 53rd Street, NYC?
7. What kind of a car is he now driving and does he own an automobile?
8. How long does he plan to stay in Miami Beach and where can ~~be~~ reached when he leaves?
9. Is he currently receiving income from his previous interest in Cuba, and if so, how does he receive it in view of the current international situation?

On 4/2/62, NY 3368-C-TE advised SA WARREN J. DONOVAN, that prior to leaving Miami, Fla., after a recent visit, he had occasion to visit with AL BERLIN, who was connected with the Teamsters Local and operates the South Florida Labor Journal.

NY 3368-C-TE stated that while talking with BERLIN, the latter told him that SALVATORE GRANELLO also known as Sally Burns, made a great deal of money running guns to Cuba and is a very wealthy individual in his own right. BURNS is allegedly the sole owner of the Marlboro House at 50th Street and Collins Avenue, Miami Beach, Fla. He stated that SALLY BURNS was partners with JOE RIVERS and (FNU) ROTHMAN in transporting guns to Havana, Cuba, during the time of BATISTA. ROTHMAN's son owns the Candy Store, a "Twist Joint" in Miami Beach. The informant stated that BERLIN told him that ROTHMAN was convicted of gun running, but that SALLY BURNS and JOE RIVERS went free due to an alleged pay-off of \$20,000 to the Federal Agency which investigated this matter. There, apparently was, according to BERLIN, a suppression of evidence.

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On 4/3/62, SA SAMUEL H. GLANZER, Internal Revenue Service, US Treasury Department, 245 West Houston Street, NY, NY, advised that

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GLANZER further advised

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On 4/16/62, the records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Kings County, Brooklyn, NY, as made available to IC WAYNE E. RIVENBURG, failed to reflect any record identifiable with JOSEPHINE DE VITO, the subject's mother.

On 4/18/62, Mr. SIDNEY A. DAVIS, Assistant Chief, Records Administration and Information Section, INS, 20 West Broadway, NYC, advised SA WILLIAM F. MARTIN the records of that agency failed to reflect any information identifiable with MICHAEL GRANELLO, deceased father of the subject.

On 4/17 and 4/18/62, attempts were made to contact PCI ABE GOLDSTEIN, with negative results.

On 4/18/62, an attempt was made to contact ROBERT RYERSON, with negative results.

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INFORMANTS

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SA SAMUEL H. GLANZER,
Internal Revenue Service,
US Treasury Department,
245 West Houston Street,
NYC

SA EUGENE J. HINDES

NY T-2
PCI [REDACTED]

SA FREDERICK W. KUHLMAN

NY T-3
NY 204-C

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SAS PAUL G. DURKIN
and CHARLES G. DONNELLY

NY T-4
NY 1894-PC

SA WARREN J. DONOVAN

MMT-1
PCI [REDACTED]

SA WILLIAM E. DOWLING

LEADS

MIAMI

1. Will endeavor to afford surveillance coverage of the subject during his daily absences from his residence at Miami Beach, Florida, in an attempt to determine his associates and possible business interest. It may be noted that it has been repeatedly reported that the subject maintains interest in a cooperative apartment venture in the Miami area. A review of the NYO files reflects that on 9/14/59, SA ROBERT F. FETZNER, observed the building at 5333 Collins Avenue, Miami, Florida, which once housed the Rio Club, had been torn down and in its place the Hamilton House Cooperative Apartments were being constructed. GRANELLO had been reported to have an interest in the Rio Club.

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4. Will review the list set forth in the administrative pages of instant report, relative to the information furnished by NY 3597-C*, to determine if any information appears to concern any individuals within the Newark territory. If so, identify, conduct credit and criminal checks, and consider interview unless information is available which would preclude such action.

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

1. Will consider the interview of Mr. T. MUSCALLI, care of B and M Express, Inc., 38-12 30th Street, Long Island City, NY.

2. Will attempt to verify the subject's interest in the Peppermint Twist Lounge, Miami Beach, Florida.

3. Will review the records of the NYCPD relative to the subject's alleged rape of a teenage girl in the NYC area.

*4. Will contact PCI ABBE GOLDSTEIN, 79 Avenue A, NYC, for any information he may possess relative to the subject.

5. Will display the pictures furnished by NY 3597-C* to NY 204-C to determine if he is able to identify any of these individuals.

At Greenwood Lake, New York

1. Will consider interview of COSMO POLIZZI, Monroe, NY, for any information he may possess relative to the subject.

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BURNS was said to be banished from the neighborhood and is believed to be living in exile in Florida. An individual, believed by NY T-2 to be a brother-in-law of BURNS, and whose name is thought to be SOLIY MARTIN, has also been banished from the area for selling narcotics. According to NY T-2, MARTIN is supposed to have incurred the deep displeasure of the underworld powers in the area.

On April 30, 1962, Detective TIM TALTY, 5th Squad, New York City Police Department, advised he recalls conducting an investigation concerning the alleged rape of a young girl by the subject, sometime in 1959. The incident was supposed to have taken place at the subject's summer residence at Greenwood Lake, New York, where the victim was visiting the subject's daughter.

TALTY identified the girl as FLORA ANN BILETTO, 52 West Oakdale Street, Brentwood, Long Island, New York, but at the time of the incident, she resided at 274 Mott Street, New York City. TALTY stated he recalls interviewing the girl, her mother, and her aunt. The father was an elevator operator on 58th Street, New York City.

Detective TALTY stated he could not recall any additional details regarding the incident, but believes that it was his conclusion that the allegation did not warrant any further investigation. He stated the complete results of the investigation are on file with the Fifth Squad, New York City Police Department.

Detective TALTY added that the subject is still an accepted member of the criminal element on the Lower East Side of New York City, although he very infrequently visits the neighborhood.