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subject's financial relations with LENNIE PATRICK, with particular emphasis on the recently sold Black Angus Restaurant and the industrial laundry in Chicago.

2. Will interview MAX ROTHFIELD, if practical, regarding his business ventures with the subject.

3. Attempt to ascertain if subject has established a residence in the Chicago area.

MIAMI

At Miami, Fla.:

Will follow and report subject's activities.

ADMINISTRATIVE

The following information from informants is being set out on the administrative pages as they could easily be traced back to the source.

CG 9561-PCI, on 6/12/72, advised that some years ago the Chicago outfit headed by LENNIE PATRICK, JACKIE CERONE, and others, muscled their way into the Black Angus Restaurant, Chicago. This place became a meeting spot for Chicago hoodlums. It was operated by BEN EPSTEIN, who died, and the operation later was taken over by IRV SINGER. DAVE YARAS became involved shortly following the outfit's taking over the Black Angus. YARAS spent much time in Miami Beach, but when in Chicago he operated out of the Black Angus. The report is that he takes money out of the restaurant for the outfit.

On 7/19/72, informant advised that Black Angus had been sold to one CHRIS CARSON, associated with the Millionaires Club, and that allegedly YARAS, with LENNIE PATRICK, had something to do with the deal. Reportedly, BEN EPSTEIN, who formerly had an interest in the Black Angus, was eased out by PATRICK and YARAS who took out of the place a considerable amount of money. This was managed somehow through manipulation of the liquor bills for the restaurant. Informant also advised in September, 1972,

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that GUS ALEX, a good contact man for the outfit, has for some time been closely associated with the subject and that they may have worked out some "sweetheart contracts" with hotels.

During July, 1972, CG 6597-PCI advised that he had determined that there was a new State of Illinois regulation requiring all shop windows in Illinois to be, henceforth, made of safety glass. According to the informant, most of this is now being provided by large companies such as Pittsburgh Plate Glass, however, because of the weight involved, it is extremely expensive to ship. Informant advised that he understood on the plan he had that this glass would be produced in Chicago, and if successful, it would have a tremendous profit potential. Informant went on to state when they had a meeting to consider and discuss this glass manufacturing, there was present MORRIE KELLMAN, JOE EPSTEIN, and individuals who were introduced as DAVID YARAS and his son, LENNIE. Informant stated that he understood that YARAS is an outfit-connected individual and that he is closely associated with two "juice" men who ran a laundry on the north side of Chicago. According to the source, YARAS made a comment to the effect that an investment by his associates would be an excellent "tax shelter." Additionally, the informant advised that at the meeting one JOE EPSTEIN made the remark that YARAS' offer was to be taken very seriously as he was with good people with almost unlimited funds.

[redacted] and [redacted] who were served subpoenas on [redacted] in Miami, were ordered to appear before the Federal Grand Jury in [redacted] during [redacted]. The Grand Jury was inquiring into [redacted]. By letter dated 12/15/72, the New York Office was requested to interview one JOHN J. MARTIRE, with whom [redacted] was seen in conversation at the Hialeah Race Track.

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By letter dated 12/15/72, the Tampa Office was requested to contact one CARL MANNELLI at New Port Richey, Florida, for information concerning the subject. MANNELLI, at one time was associated with MAX ROTHFIELD, an associate of YARAS'.

Periodic observations were made in the vicinity of subject's home, 4410 Adams St., Miami Beach, and at the Bayshore Golf Course, Miami Beach, by SA RALPH DE SENA. While subject was observed from time to time, nothing pertinent to this investigation was noted.

The investigative period of this report is extensive, but it is to be noted it includes investigation conducted by auxiliary office prior to date of referenced report, but received subsequent to the preparation of that report.

INFORMANTS

MM T-1 is former CG 7607-C-TE

MM T-2 is MM 1506-PC

MM T-3 is CG 7495-C-TE

MM T-4 is CG 6187-C

MM T-5 is FRANK OLIVER - Manager, Bayshore Golf Course, Miami Beach (request)

MM T-6 is MM 2100-PC

MM T-7 is JOSEPH WUNDERSCHIED, IRS Intelligence Agent, Miami

MM T-8 is MM 2655-PC

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