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Will follow and report activities of SEBASTIAN JOHN LA ROCCA and his associates in accordance with Bureau instructions.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Information from records of the South Pittsburgh Savings and Loan Association is confidential and should not be made public in the absence of a subpoena directed to J. DOUGLAS DOLE, Executive Vice-President and Secretary, South Pittsburgh Savings and Loan Association, 1712 East Carson Street, Pittsburgh, Pa.

INFORMANT COVERAGE RELATING TO THIS REPORT

PG T-1 is PG 622-C*, contacted by SA ROBERT A. VOEGE.

PG T-2 is PCI [redacted] contacted by SA J. EDWARD KERN.

PG T-3 is PG 585-C, who was contacted by SA ROBERT A. VOEGE.

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Report of: ROBERT A. VOEGE Office: PITTSBURGH
Date: 6/5/61

Field Office File No.: Pittsburgh 92-226 Bureau File No.: 92-2940

Title: SEBASTIAN JOHN LA ROCCA

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

Informants advise that LA ROCCA will spend period from approximately 5/30/61 to 6/4/61 at Wayne, Pa., near Philadelphia, in order to attend graduation of adopted son from Valley Forge Military Academy. Gift of Ford Thunderbird with special upholstery has been ordered for graduation gift and LA ROCCA and wife plan to stay at motel in Wayne, Pa., vicinity. Gross sales of cement block during 1960 at the North Star Cement Block Co., Pittsburgh, allegedly amounted to $431,624, and $70,000 in building supplies were sold during same period. For the first time, [redacted] JFK Law 11(a) Gun permit, bankruptcy and gasoline credit card records reviewed negatively. Information relating to associates, illegal activities, legitimate enterprises and banking connections set forth. IN VIEW OF THE CONVICTION OF LA ROCCA FOR ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO KILL AND HIS ARREST FOR CARRYING A CONCEALED WEAPON, HE MAY BE ARMED AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED DANGEROUS.

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C. ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES

General Information of a Criminal Nature Relating to the LA ROCCA - GENOVESE Organization Obtained Through Informant Coverage.

PG T-1 has advised that there is a definite possibility that the PRUNER brothers, officials at LA ROCCA's North Star Cement Block Company in Pittsburgh, have transferred stock in AT & T to LA ROCCA and that neither LA ROCCA nor the PRUNERs have listed this stock on their income tax returns. He further explained that although LA ROCCA has sold stock in the North Star Cement Block Company, he is holding this stock as security for his employees until they can come up with a set sum. The informant stated that he does not think that either LA ROCCA or his employees have paid tax on this stock and that the PRUNER brothers have threatened to "talk" if the stocks are not returned to them so they can be transferred and LA ROCCA given his money. The informant estimated that ROY VEY, another company executive, and the PRUNER brothers owe roughly $40,000 to LA ROCCA personally or $80,000 to the corporation, and that if either of these amounts is paid, the stock will be returned to them.

GEORGE ARMSTRONG, Vice-President, Stock Issue Corporation, AT & T, 50 Varick Street, New York City, advised on April 25, 1961, that a thorough review of all his records fails to indicate that ALDO and ALMO PRUNER hold any stock in AT & T nor have they held any stock at any time in the past.

On May 3, 1961, ARMSTRONG advised that JOHN S. LA ROCCA and MARY LA ROCCA, 900 West Ingomar Road, Pittsburgh, Pa., opened an account with AT & T on April 21, 1961, with a purchase of 39 shares of AT & T stock on that date. The stock records note them as joint tenants with right of survivorship.

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The Little Rock Office of the FBI advised on May 4, 1961, that SEBASTIAN JOHN LA ROCCA was not interviewed by Bureau Agents or the Hot Springs Police Department in relation to the jewel theft at the Arlington Hotel in Hot Springs, Arkansas, during 1957. While at Hot Springs during 1957, LA ROCCA associated with the MANNARINO brothers of New Kensington, Pa.

On May 3, 1961, GERALD VANDERSLICE, Room Clerk, Velda Rose Motel, Hot Springs, Arkansas, advised that LA ROCCA had not been a guest at this motel from January, 1961, to May 3, 1961, and that the MANNARINO brothers have not been visitors at the motel either.

PG T-1 advised on May 12, 1961, that LA ROCCA was extremely and unusually upset on that day concerning an impending investigation by the Internal Revenue Service at Pittsburgh and anticipated questions relating to gasoline consumption for two automobiles for business reasons.

D. LEGITIMATE ENTERPRISES

Information Relating to the North Star Cement Block Company, Pittsburgh, Pa. (SEBASTIAN JOHN LA ROCCA, President).

PG T-1 has advised that supervisory employees of the North Star Cement Block Company advised LA ROCCA recently that gross sales of block during the year 1960 were $431,624 and that the company sold $70,000 worth of building supplies during that year. They also advised him, upon his return from Florida, that there was only $19,000 in the North Star account at a Pittsburgh bank during April, 1961, and that $8,000 had been paid to LA ROCCA for loans. They stated that income tax and other incidentals had not yet been estimated and advised LA ROCCA that the company is much better off this year than in 1960 because it has a great deal of block in stock and is now handling five different types of mortar.

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The aforementioned informant advised that officials of the North Star Cement Block Company read a scientific magazine explaining technical devices on April 17, 1961, and decided on that date not to allow any Federal agents other than representatives of the Internal Revenue Service inside the company office. He said they believed that the FBI kept abreast of all situations by utilizing ballpoint pens which are actually tape recorders.

The aforementioned informant advised on May 9, 1961, that LA ROCCA was extremely concerned over the drive of the Attorney General of the United States against organized crime which was publicized in Pittsburgh newspapers on May 7, 1961, and told supervisory employees at the North Star Cement Block Company, "We can expect trouble." He advised employees not to talk to representatives of the Internal Revenue Service or volunteer information while records were being checked and stated that he planned to give the Internal Revenue Service a "hard time."

Information Concerning Keystone Sales, Inc., Johnstown, Pa. (SEBASTIAN JOHN LA ROCCA, Vice-President)

Special Agent ROBERT MADDEN, Intelligence Division, Internal Revenue Service, Pittsburgh, Pa., advised

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The United States National Bank, Johnstown, Pa.

On May 4, 1961, Special Agent ROBERT MADDEN, Intelligence Division, Internal Revenue Service, Pittsburgh, Pa., advised

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The Western Pennsylvania National Bank, Pittsburgh, Pa.

On May 5, 1961, Special Agent ROBERT MADDEN advised that

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F. MISCELLANEOUS

Information Relating to Gun Permit Records

On April 27, 1961, Lieutenant BENJAMIN LEE, Identification Bureau, Pennsylvania State Police Headquarters, Harrisburg, Pa., advised that his records do not contain an application for issuance of a gun permit for LA ROCCA; the true name of LA ROCCA and his known aliases as well as the name of the North Star Cement Block Company were checked in this regard.

Information Concerning Gulf Oil Company Records

On April 27, 1961, JOHN MAYLOHR, Clerk, Credit Department, Gulf Oil Company, City Line and President Avenues, Philadelphia, Pa., advised that Gulf Oil Company records contain no listing for the North Star Cement Block Company or for the subject under his true name or known aliases. The name, MARY LA ROCCA, was also checked negatively in this regard.

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