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[redacted] a potential criminal informant who is well acquainted with many of Pittsburgh's top hoodlums and who is being utilized for coverage of the GENOVESE-LA ROCCA interests.

PG 573-8, who is extremely friendly with the GENEVESE brothers, particularly FIORE, and who is being utilized for general coverage of the Red Eagle Club and its visitors.

[redacted] a potential criminal informant who is intimately acquainted with many Pittsburgh top hoodlums through association with them when they began their racket careers and who is being utilized for coverage of the GENOVESE-NELSON interests as well as LA ROCCA's travel plans.

AL BUCK, former Allegheny County Detective and present Vice President of the Fidelity Trust Company, Loan Department, Pittsburgh, Pa., who is being utilized for his knowledge of the Bankers' Exchange in Pittsburgh, whereby he can obtain information regarding bank loans made to Pittsburgh top hoodlums. BUCK is also familiar with the activities of several of Pittsburgh's top hoodlums, particularly, those of LA ROCCA, from having worked on criminal matters for many years in the city of Pittsburgh.

In an effort to increase criminal informant coverage, efforts will be made to persuade [redacted] to again work as a waitress in the Red Eagle Club, formerly known as the Genovese Cocktail Lounge, as soon as it becomes apparent that racket operations are again under way at the club.

The aforementioned coverage will also be extended through the contemplated interview of [redacted] paramour of PHIL GENOVESE, the older brother of MIKE GENOVESE who is subject's protege. This individual could be an invaluable potential criminal informant if the fear ostensibly surrounding her relationship with the GENOVESE family can be overcome.

LEADS

BALTIMORE, BUFFALO AND SAN FRANCISCO - INFO

One copy of this report is being furnished to Baltimore inasmuch as that office has leads outstanding in this matter and because a sister of the subject is presently residing in that city.

LEADS CONTINUED

One copy of this report is being furnished to Buffalo in view of the numerous leads outstanding in that office and because the subject has a sister presently residing in that city.

One copy of this report is being furnished to the San Francisco office in view of the fact that JAMES JOSEPH LANZA, a known associate of the subject, is now a top hoodlum under investigation in that office.

MIAMI

At Miami, Florida

Will make arrangements with Eastern Airlines to notify the Miami office as soon as the subject makes reservations to return to Pittsburgh. This return is expected to occur sometime prior to Easter and similar arrangements are being made at Pittsburgh for contemplated travel thereafter.

It should be noted that the subject is either in Florida or Cuba at present and it is not known with whom, if anyone, he is traveling.

NEW YORK

At New York City, N. Y.

1. Will maintain liaison with AUSA WILLIAM S. LYNCH for further developments concerning his contemplated issuance of a subpoena for the appearance of subject's lawyer, VINCENT CASEY of Pittsburgh before the Federal Grand Jury of the Southern District of New York in the near future.

JFK Law 10(a)2

2. Will follow and report the results of before the Federal Grand Jury when they are forthcoming.

3. Will identify the subscriber to telephone CE 5-8367 and will ascertain the background of this individual. It will be noted that this number was called from the LA ROCCA residence on December 29, 1957 and again on January 5, 1958.

LEADS CONTINUED

2. Will, upon the arrival of the subject at his Ingomar, Pa. residence for the Easter holidays, conduct discreet surveillances of his travel, noting pertinent contacts made by him.
3. Will, upon receipt of Bureau authorization already requested, initiate a thirty-day mail cover on the residence of the subject and set out appropriate leads on tangible results obtained therefrom.
4. Will, through established informant coverage, endeavor to ascertain subject's specific whereabouts during the months of February and March, 1958 inasmuch as it is believed he visited Miami, Fla. and Cuba during that period.
5. Will maintain regular weekly contact with [redacted] now an established potential criminal informant, so that ample coverage may be obtained regarding the LA ROCCA-GENOVESE interests.
6. Will, through CHARLES H. THOMAS, Box 71, Ingomar, (telephone Forest 4-9995), the owner and operator of the Gulf Service Station near the LA ROCCA residence, establish a pattern of habits for the subject so that it can be determined during what time of the day subject can usually be found at his residence. JFK Act 6 (4)
7. Will maintain contact with the Pittsburgh offices of the Immigration and Naturalization Service and the United States Marshal so that any new developments concerning their interest in this matter will be received immediately.
8. Will contact ROBERT GANLEY, Investigator, Internal Revenue Service, New Federal Building (Grant 1-0800, Extension 462), who has been conducting an investigation of this matter for his agency, for any information which has not already come to the attention of the Pittsburgh office.
9. Will maintain regular weekly contact with [redacted] MESSER, now an established potential criminal informant, so that ample coverage may be obtained regarding the LA ROCCA-GENOVESE-NELSON interests.