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SAC, Philadelphia (92-441 Sub A)

6/5/64

Director, FBI (92-2839) - 221

JUNE

- 1 - J. D. Donohue
- 1 - M. F. Row
- 1 - Electronics Section, Laboratory
- 1 - K. A. Lofgren

**RUSSELL BUFALINO**  
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Reurairtel 6/2/64.

Provided full security assured, authority granted to install a misur in the subject's business office, 119 North Main Street, Pittston, Pennsylvania. Promptly advise Bureau when symbol number assigned and source activated. This authority is for a 30-day period from date source activated. In the event you recommend source be continued beyond the authorized period, submit your recommendations one week prior to the expiration of this authority.

Furnish the Bureau a weekly airtel summary of significant information obtained from this source.

**NOTE:** The subject is one of the most important underworld figures in the nation. He attended the 1957 Apalachin hoodlum meeting and has a long history of racket activity in the New York-Pennsylvania area. He is an important underworld figure in the racket-ridden garment industry in New York-Pennsylvania, and is in close contact with underworld leaders in that industry in New York City. There is a definite need to develop additional information regarding subject's activity. PHO reports having a unique opportunity to install misur coverage in the subject's business office at the present time since he has requested telephone service at his business office. This service will be installed on 6/9/64. A misur installation can be made by an SA of the PHO acting under pretext of being a telephone installation man.

The cost of the leased line to monitor this source in the PHO will be from \$350 to \$400 per month. This method of monitoring the source at the PHO would be considerably less expensive than the operation of a separate plant in the vicinity of Pittston, Pennsylvania, which would also require transferring an employee to the resident agency to monitor. In view of the importance of Bufalino in the underworld, and since there is an excellent opportunity to establish misur coverage with security, it is recommended the request of the PHO be approved.

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- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Casper \_\_\_\_\_
- Callahan \_\_\_\_\_
- Conrad \_\_\_\_\_
- DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_
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Date: 6/2/64

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Via AIRTEL REGISTERED MAIL  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2839)  
FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (92-441 SUB A)  
SUBJECT: RUSSELL BUFALINO JUNE  
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Enclosed herewith is an FD 142 requesting authorization for installation of microphone coverage at the new business address of captioned subject, 119 North Main Street, Pittston, Pa.

Philadelphia, prior to the current time, has been at a disadvantage because of the labor troubles in the telephone company in the area surrounding the Scranton and Wilkes-Barre Resident Agencies. All problems have been alleviated and complete cooperation is now available which will enable Philadelphia to make the requested installation with complete security. The installation will be made by a sound agent under pretext of a telephone installation man.

The subject has requested service at this address and the service is being delayed by the telephone company until Tuesday, 6/9/64. Time is of the essence.

Philadelphia is sending to the Laboratory, Attention ROBERT A. MILLER, Electronics Section, a 500 series type phone that will be installed at this location. It is requested that this phone be altered by placing a mate or something similar in the network of the phone. This method will afford best available security for this type of installation.

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

JUNE

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (Bufile 92-2839 ) DATE: 6/2/64

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*5/1* : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (92-441 SUB A)

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION FOR INSTALLATION OF TECHNICAL OR MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCE

RE: Title RUSSELL BUFALINO

Character of Case AR  
Field Office Philadelphia  
Symbol Number  
Type of Surveillance (~~Technical~~ or  
Microphone)

1. Name and address of person or organization on whom surveillance is to be placed:

RUSSELL A. BUFALINO, 304 East Dorrance Street, Kingston, Pa.

2. A. Address where installation is to be made (set forth exact room number or area to be covered): 119 North Main Street, Pittston, Pa., 2nd floor, A.B.S. Contracting Company  
B. Location where monitoring plant is to be maintained:

Central Monitoring Plant at Philadelphia, Pa.

3. Previous and other current installations on the same subject:

None. Bureau has previously authorized coverage at former address of subject which could not be effected due to security in the neighborhood. Bureau by letter 10/24/63, withdrew the authority in this regard.

4. Cost and manpower involved:

No additional manpower is anticipated in monitoring Central Plant. Cost of running leased line from Pittston, Pa., to Philadelphia would be \$3.00 per air mile and estimated mileage of 120 miles. Estimated cost per leased line - \$350 to \$400 per month.

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5. Adequacy of security:

Complete security or installation will not be made.

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11. Possibilities of obtaining desired information by other means  
(Explain in detail):

Confidential informants can furnish movements of subject. Philadelphia, however, has been unable to develop a confidential source in the Wilkes-Barre - Scranton area that can furnish information as to the current activities of LaCosa Nostra members in the vicinity.

12. Risks of detection involved:

Philadelphia contemplates the utilizing of an altered 500 series telephone. Inspection of this type installation by telephone personnel does not reveal presence of a microphone.

13. Probable length of technical surveillance:

90 day trial period recommended.

14. Request made for technical surveillance by any outside agency  
(name specific official, title and agency):

\ None.