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SAMUEL MANNARINO, was.; GABRIEL MANNARINO, was. AR (00-Pittsburgh)

As a matter of information, PCI MIKE ZERVOS in conversation with SAS RICHARD GORDON DOUCE and THOMAS G. FORSYTH, III, on 7/10/58 mentioned that he has been closely acquainted with D. MALCOLM ANDERSON, Assistant Attorney General and former U. S. Attorney in Pittsburgh, Pa., since ANDERSON's childhood in Donora, Pa.

ZERVOS explained that after arriving in the United States from Greece in 1913, he settled in Donora around 1919 where he operated a gambling casino during the period 1919-23 and retained Mr. ANDERSON's father, WRIGHT ANDERSON, then a young local attorney, as his legal advisor. ZERVOS pointed out that Mr. ANDERSON's father, now an Orphans' Court Judge in Washington County, Pa., did not openly associate himself with ZERVOS during the period 1919-23, but offered general legal advice regarding the operation of the gambling casino when solicited by ZERVOS to do so.

ZERVOS characterized the entire ANDERSON family, including MR. ANDERSON's brother; BERRY ANDERSON who has since taken over the family law practice in Donora, as exceptionally honest, trustworthy people and openly expressed his admiration for MR. ANDERSON.

ZERVOS went on to say that when MR. ANDERSON was serving as U. S. Attorney in Pittsburgh, he visited his office from time to time to pay his respects and during such visits, voluntarily passed along information in his possession to MR. ANDERSON regarding racket conditions in Westmoreland County, Pa., particularly with reference to the activities of the MANNARINO brothers.

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ZERVOS added that approximately three months ago while in Washington, D. C., to visit a friend in the Greek Diplomatic Service at the Greek Embassy, he stopped at the Department of Justice to say hello to MR. ANDERSON, but he was not in Washington at the time. ZERVOS said that upon his return to Pittsburgh, Pa., he received a personal note from MR. ANDERSON apologizing for his absence and inviting ZERVOS to make it a point to telephone him for lunch when he visited Washington again.

In the process of developing ZERVOS as an informant, he has been instructed and reminded periodically to consider his relationship with Special Agents of the FBI confidential and to furnish information only to the Bureau. Nevertheless, it seems reasonable to assume that because of the closeness of their alleged friendship, ZERVOS might disclose his informant status to MR. ANDERSON and furnish information regarding the activities of the MANNARINO brothers on his next trip to Washington.

Consequently, in order to avoid a situation of potential embarrassment, ZERVOS is being deleted as a PCI of this office. In the future, information will be accepted from ZERVOS on a voluntary basis and he will be considered a confidential source.