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Re Atlanta airtel to NY, 2/13/61 and NY teletype to the Director, 3/3/61.

Subject, born ANTONINA ANGELINA BERNADETTE BUFALINO, 6/22/31, Detroit, Michigan, of BLANCHE and CHARLES BUFALINO, both deceased. Subject advised that she is the niece of RUSSELL BUFALINO, who is a top hoodlum figure. Subject is a cousin of WILLIAM BUFALINO, a Detroit attorney for JAMES HOFFA's Teamsters Union.

Subject confidentially advised that she obtained the following information concerning the 2/16/59 robbery of ALEXANDER GUTERMA in NYC from her close friendship with JEANNE FOLI, 572-A 17th Street, Brooklyn, NY. JEANNE dated AL CIMEI while subject dated PHILIP ARCURI, both Brooklyn gamblers. JEANNE worked for ALEXANDER GUTERMA as a confidential employee and apparently made trips to and from Canada for him. She was well compensated for this work and in 1958 bought a brand new pink, 4-door Buick, which she gave to AL CIMEI as a present.

On 2/8/59, JEANNE stated that Mrs. GUTERMA had flown in from Las Vegas that day and acted very excitedly. She called Mr. GUTERMA and apparently he said he would be over later that same night. JEANNE was in the room when the conversation took place. PHIL ARCURI stated that he surmised that Mrs. GUTERMA had apparently brought something very valuable from Las Vegas to New York and that he was going to get it. ARCURI and AL CIMEI left and picked up JOSEPH CIMEI, uncle of AL CIMEI. At 11 o'clock that night, AL CIMEI called JEANNE and they discussed the contents of a valise and decided that it contained stock. Later she learned that JOSEPH CIMEI and PHILIP ARCURI went to the GUTERMA apartment and gained entrance and carried out certain valuables. AL CIMEI waited downstairs in the pink Buick but because GUTERMA knew him and the Buick, he became scared and took off. After the robbery, ARCURI and

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JOSEPH CIMEI were unable to find AL CIMEI and hailed a cab, which they rode for a few blocks, and then they transferred to another cab, rode another few blocks, and took a subway. Subject assumed that they all met at JOSEPH CIMEI's residence. After determining that the valise contained "stock", they took the "stock" and threw it in Sheepshead Bay. Subsequently they learned that the loot was not "stock" but in fact was \$500 bills in Canadian currency. They returned to the spot and retrieved a wet, broken valise. The money was in a paper bag, which they had thrown in the Bay, but they were unable to locate it.

Among the loot was also over \$150,000 in American currency, which they split three ways. Also in the loot were jewels which subject believes they peddled through "Frank the Wop", owner of the Black Magic Bar, which is located near 4th Avenue and 3rd Street in Brooklyn. They were bitter over the paltry amount they received for the jewels but did nothing about it.

Within two months, AL CIMEI and PHIL ARCURI blew their entire take at local race tracks. PHIL ARCURI purchased a new Oldsmobile "88" at Gaynes Oldsmobile Company, Flatbush, NY, approximately one week after the robbery. AL CIMEI and PHIL ARCURI jointly purchased for \$5,000 a pizzeria next door to the Club 18, 18th Avenue and 56th Street, Brooklyn, NY. Subject only vaguely familiar with JOSEPH CIMEI and does not know what he did with his share of the loot.

Several days after the robbery, she heard from PHIL ARCURI that the local precinct, NYCPD precinct (covering the Club 18 in Brooklyn), received an anonymous letter stating that AL CIMEI and PHIL ARCURI robbed GUTERMA. Detectives came to the Club 18 looking for ARCURI and CIMEI. Subject heard nothing further concerning this matter.

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It is to be noted that the NYO will attempt to develop the subject ([redacted]) as an informant because she is related to RUSSELL BUFALINO and WILLIAM BUFALINO, and in view of her apparent knowledge of an important Bureau case, the GUTERMA robbery, her potential as an informant will be given prompt and careful consideration.

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[redacted] stated she fears CLIFFORD FULLER and does not want him to know her whereabouts inasmuch as he has allegedly killed a man, shot his wife and stabbed another woman. Until these allegations can be checked out in order to establish the reliability of the subject's information, her location should not be revealed.

LEADS

ATLANTA

At Atlanta, Georgia

Will conduct appropriate investigation concerning criminal activities of CLIFFORD FULLER and father.

Will interview Mrs. HARLEY (SYLVIA) GIBSON, waitress at Luau Restaurant, to ascertain value of GIBSON's clothing allegedly taken by subject and full circumstances of alleged theft.

Will interview TOMMY HUNTER regarding purchase and ownership of 1957 Ford from FULLER.

Will determine from all persons interviewed relationship of FULLER and subject and FULLER's knowledge of subject's whereabouts.