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Information set forth herein will be set forth using T symbols to assist possible dissemination at the Bureau level and symbol numbers assigned are as follows:

T-1	PH 591-C*
T-2	PH 614-PC
T-3	PH 623-C*

Information developed by PH 623-C\*, February 11, 1962, because it pertains to the commission, organization, and operation thereof, has been set out verbatim in a separate communication, which will go to all offices who have "Commission" members under investigation.

*NY*  
*PA*  
*PETER MAGGIO*  
Philadelphia confidential informant T-1 during January 1961 and on January 6, 1962, furnished information that PETER MAGGIO (brother-in-law of ANGELO BRUNO), who operates the Maggio-Cheese Company and Milk Maid Dairies, had a hearing before the Milk Control Commission for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

On November 8, 1961, T-1 said that he had heard that PETER MAGGIO had dined the previous evening with ANGELO BRUNO, that the case against the MAGGIOS' companies has been "thrown out of court," that PETER MAGGIO intended to go to New York to attend some "seminars," and that PETER would be accompanied by his wife LENA (ANGELO BRUNO's sister) and would while in New York stay at the Commodore Hotel. On this day PETER MAGGIO said his home was worth \$40,000.

*JAMES CEREVALO*  
*Y*  
On November 9, 1961, T-1 advised that VINCENT CEREVALO (JIMMY CEREVALO), owner Medallion Provisions, 1933 Reed Street, Philadelphia, furnished the following information:  
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the implication being that this investigation is continuing because of their association with ANGELO BRUNO.) LOU said, "There are some problems." ANGELO said, "That's why I'm sitting down." LOU said, "Yeah, let me finish this. You will know what the score is. You'll see that there is no change. You'll see that the three '58 returns, yours (BRUNO), PETE (MAGGIO) and the other (apparently return of MICHAEL MAGGIO, deceased, father of MAGGIO brothers) will be surveyed by this other guy (RAGUSA) because of the report that I (PERSICHETTI) submitted." LOU explained to MARIO a new law coming out in regard to casualty losses and deductibility of casualty losses. He was asked by LOU if he had made any settlement. MARIO said that the property had been sold. LOU then said, "You sold in '59, all right. Now on this new crime thing (Intelligence Division, IRS investigation) one guy says to me, 'Lou,' he says, 'have you ever been down here (MAGGIO's).' I say, 'Yeah, I checked the '57 and '58 (returns).' He (co-worker of LOU), I heard from an FBI guy off the record, he says 'Do you think that from this place down here there is a racket going?'"

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x (It is believed LOU is making reference to information previously furnished by PH 261-C, who observed ANGELO BRUNO's son, MICHAEL, clearing numbers calls in an office of Maggio Cheese Company. Per specific instructions, this information was disseminated to IRS. The co-worker of LOU who approached LOU regarding this information is believed to be IRS Agent JOHN J. CHIOVERO who is assigned to the Intelligence Division, IRS, Philadelphia. He is presently in charge of the BRUNO investigation and has been in charge or assisting the Agent in Charge of the investigation since IRS's emphasis on ANGELO BRUNO.)

LOU said after MARIO and ANGELO BRUNO finished snickering, apparently to further gain their favor, "Whatever FBI Agent made that remark is a horse's (obscene)." LOU then explains, "Now he (probably Intelligence IRS Agent CHIOVERO) says that somebody saw you (ANGELO or MARIO) or somebody else, see, while they were working out." (It is

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asks, "Is MARTUCCHI (phonetic) still up there?" LOU says "MARTUCCHI is in the Collections Division in the Gimbels Building across the street." (The Gimbel Department Store has an office building adjoining. It is located at Ninth and Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia, across the street from the Federal Building where LOU is located.) ANGELO asked LOU, "Where are you, at the Post Office?" LOU, "Yeah, on the sixth floor, I can walk across the street." ANGELO, "He (MARTUCCHI) is only in Collection, that is not too important then." LOU, "No. The guys that you got to know are like AL CIACCIA, see." ANGELO, "Now how about CHIOVERO?" (JOHN J. CHIOVERO, 3726 Conshohocken Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa., presently in charge of the IRS investigation of ANGELO BRUNO's inquiry by Intelligence Division during period while case supervisor WILLIAM F. LYNN, JR., was in Miami, Fla., conducting investigation re BRUNO.) LOU, "I'll tell you, he is a personal friend of mine, JOHN CHIOVERO). He is the first guy who came to me and asked (if I knew you). I said, 'Look JOHNNY, if you want to go see anybody (see) the boss. . . he was telling me something about records they found down in Florida.'" BRUNO's comment was not understandable. LOU, "You know they got one checking down there, I guess I don't have to tell you, this is what he mentioned to me. He says, 'LOU, who know what, they're going to get ANGELO.' I said, 'JOHN, I don't know JOHN, that is a pretty hard situation.' I said, 'I have not seen his returns so I can't answer your question.'"

LOU: "He says, you know what went wrong with his activity when CASTRO took over in Havana. He said some of them guys, he did not say you, some of those guys were stupid. They filed a claim with LLOYDS OF LONDON. I said well what does that show. He says, that would prove that certain people made investments over there, where did this dough come from? So that is what I wanted to tell you, see?" (PH 261-C furnished information he obtained directly from ANGELO BRUNO re Lloyds of London paying \$185,000 for damage done to the gambling casino in Havana, Cuba, on the day that CASTRO took over Havana. This information was furnished IRS with the identity of the informant protected.)

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BRUNO on December 5, 1961, <sup>PA</sup> attempted to contact an individual described as BONNIE BROOKS for the purpose of having BROOKS "reach" Judge DOTY (Philadelphia County judge) in order to fix a forthcoming case. T-2 believed that BRUNO was attempting to fix a case involving FRANK SINDONE, <sup>PA</sup> one of ANGELO BRUNO's workers. Informant said that GEORGE KATZ, <sup>PA</sup> manager of record of Philadelphia heavyweight CHARLES "SONNY" LISTON, had contacted WALTER BATES' Bar, 15th Street, center city Philadelphia, in an effort to contact BONNIE. It was believed BONNIE frequented this club.

<sup>PA</sup> On January 11, 1962, T-2 advised that MITCHELL COHEN, a bookmaker, was formerly SAM ROSE's "boy." SAMUEL ROSE (deceased) was a former Philadelphia City Councilman. Informant said that COHEN turns his numbers action into ANGELO BRUNO and that BRUNO uses COHEN on occasion to "pull political strings" to effect favorable action for ANGELO BRUNO.

<sup>PA</sup> On February 8, 1962, T-3 advised that ANGELO BRUNO met with WILLIE WEISBERG and later were joined by RUSSELL BUFALINO. Informant stated that the reason BRUNO had this meeting with WEISBERG was explained as follows:

WEISBERG (subject of AR investigation, OO: Philadelphia) with partners operates the Cadillac Linen Supply Company, Philadelphia. MICKEY TINITSKY, aka, Philadelphia, is an associate of ANGELO BRUNO. TINITSKY is employed by the Gordon Davis Linen Supply. Informant said that WILLIE WEISBERG had taken away customers from MICKEY TINITSKY, which customers TINITSKY had personally solicited. On this day the informant said that BRUNO claimed, "MICKEY is with me and has done me a world of good." BRUNO explained his loyalty to MICKEY TINITSKY as follows: "Listen, MICKEY came to me and he had a case. I was going to jail, there was no question about it. MICKEY came to me and I had nothing going for me. The only thing for me was MCBRIDE (THOMAS MCBRIDE, Philadelphia attorney, <sup>PA</sup> former Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice and Attorney General). He (TINITSKY) came to me and said I hear that you're going to court on Monday or Tuesday. What have

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MICHAEL BRUNO, Vice President  
(ANGELO BRUNO's son)

SUE BRUNO, Secretary-Treasurer  
(ANGELO BRUNO's wife)

Cigarette machines owned by ANGELO BRUNO are stored at the Garden State Vending Company warehouse in New Jersey, which company ANGELO BRUNO also owns.

On December 20, 1961, T-2 advised that FELIX JOHN DE TULLIO (subject AR investigation, OO: Newark, who resides in Camden, New Jersey) set up a meeting for ANGELO BRUNO with an unknown individual, with the meeting to take place at the Garden State Vending Company. On the same date informant advised that ANGELO BRUNO had purchased a 1958 Chevrolet truck from CHARLES COSTELLO of Trenton, New Jersey, which truck was to be used in ANGELO BRUNO's business venture and the Penn Jersey Vending Company.

Regarding BEN GOLOB, on December 16, 1962, T-2 advised that GOLOB has a son at a college in Syracuse, New York. ANGELO BRUNO's daughter JEAN is doing work in the vending company after school according to the informant. JEAN is attending Temple University and is a Senior. Informant stated that MARIO "SONNY" RICCOBENE, stepbrother of "HUNCHBACK HARRY" RICCOBENE, long time associate of ANGELO BRUNO presently serving time in the State Penitentiary, Philadelphia, for narcotics violation, had a disagreement with ANGELO BRUNO. Informant explained that BRUNO wanted to purchase cigarette vending machine stops owned by "HUNCHBACK HARRY" RICCOBENE and that "SONNY" RICCOBENE had contacted HARRY for this purpose but that HARRY RICCOBENE had instructed "SONNY" not to sell the machines as HARRY wanted the vending business as security upon HARRY's release from jail. JOSEPH MARTINO, a former bookkeeper for the M. Maggio Company was hired as an employee of ANGELO BRUNO. Informant said further that an individual described only as Jewish and from Havertown, Pa., was working for BRUNO in suburban Philadelphia.

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to intercede for him and contact other parties interested in "SONNY" LISTON, whose identities were unknown to the informant.

~~FRANK~~ PALERMO

~~PA~~ PALERMO, T-2 on January 19, 1962, advised that FRED "BLINKY" and GEORGE KATZ, the current manager of record for LISTON, and ANGELO BRUNO held a meeting at 775 South 8th Street where ANGELO BRUNO operates the Penn Jersey Vending Company. Informant said that BRUNO, PALERMO and KATZ conversed for a short period and then went to the Giardino del Torino Restaurant located directly across the street from BRUNO's business establishment. The informant stated that this meeting was alleged to have been held to discuss "SONNY" LISTON and the meeting was held between 4:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m., January 19, 1962.

T-2 said that on January 20, 1962, PALERMO contacted ANGELO BRUNO at 775 South 8th Street. Informant related that PALERMO was making efforts to contact one MICKEY, not further described, a person from out of town, whom PALERMO wanted to meet Wednesday, January 24, 1962, concerning "SONNY" LISTON.

T-3 on February 6, 1962, advised that GEORGE KATZ met with ANGELO BRUNO. KATZ mentioned a figure of 80,000 and that something was costing him, KATZ. From the 80,000, it was said according to T-3, that the city automatically would get 45,000. T-3 said that KATZ had talked this figure over with MIKE and that it seems to be a satisfactory arrangement but it appeared to T-3 that BRUNO classified MIKE, not further described, and KATZ as "nuts" in regard to this financial arrangement. BRUNO told the informant that he had talked to an unnamed party and had instructed this party that he, BRUNO, was going away and instructed the party to wait until ANGELO BRUNO's return. BRUNO told KATZ that an unnamed party was to talk to him, BRUNO, and until this party did so nothing could be done. Informant said that KATZ mentioned that LISTON had talked to him on the phone but furnished no details.



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KLEIN. It is also <sup>PA</sup>suggested that Philadelphia boxing manager ANTHONY ~~FERRANTE~~ has in the past been associated with AL ~~LEWIS~~ <sup>PA</sup> in promoting boxing matches.

BRUNO then makes the following comment in which it is believed that BRUNO is going to meet with FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO and when he makes reference to "that black (obscene)" it is believed BRUNO is making reference to "SONNY" LISTON. It is further believed that LISTON, through PALERMO, is being instructed not to telephonically contact KATZ any more.

BRUNO said, according to T-3, "I'm going to tell him that tonight. I'm going to see him. I'm going to tell him very hard. I'm going to tell him you can tell that black (obscene) not to even call any more. If he is going to go around and kill people, first he's got to learn how to do it. All right is that all?" KATZ' reply was not understood by T-3.

#### NUMBERS OPERATION

<sup>PA</sup> <sup>NJ</sup> T-2 advised on November 13, 1962, that JOHN GIRGENTI presently works for ANGELO BRUNO at BRUNO's numbers operation. GIRGENTI was in the United States Army during the Korean War, is 28 or 29 years of age, and currently drives a 1960 or 1961 Buick convertible with New Jersey registration BSW 492. GIRGENTI was, according to the informant, not known to frequent the Maggio Cheese Company at 11th Street and Washington Avenue, Philadelphia.

<sup>PA</sup> FRANK "SNUFFY" ~~DIANNARELLA~~ <sup>PA</sup> formerly worked for ANTONIO ~~POLLINA~~ (subject AR investigation, OO: Philadelphia) starting in approximately 1948 or 1949. This informant said he is currently working for BRUNO in BRUNO's vending machine business.

This informant on December 14, 1961, advised that JOE GIRGENTI, also known as "Joe the Gent," visited BRUNO at the Penn Jersey Vending Company on December 14, 1961. JOHN GIRGENTI on January 8, 1962, was explained

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to be the son of JOE GIRGENTI, also known as "Joe the Gent."

On January 8, 1962, T-3 advised that during 1954 and 1955, ANGELO BRUNO had a luncheonette located at 8th Street two doors south of Fitzwater Street in South Philadelphia. JOHN GIRGENTI, the son of "JOE the Gent," both of whom are from Camden, New Jersey, fronted for ANGELO BRUNO in the luncheonette business. It was said that JOHN GIRGENTI, after the Korean War, was in financial difficulties, contacted ANGELO BRUNO, and BRUNO thereafter put JOHN GIRGENTI to work in BRUNO's numbers office as a representative of ANGELO BRUNO. JOHN also during this period was working at the Poquessing Club, 1955 to 1959, as a manager, operating the club at night and working in BRUNO's numbers house during the day. The Poquessing Club was a club originally chartered in the Holmesburg area of Philadelphia but was moved to center city Philadelphia where "Little JOHNNY" (a dwarf who formerly appeared in commercials as a bellboy for Phillip Morris cigarettes) and MARIO MAGGIO were the proprietors of the club. During this period of time, 1955 to 1959, JOHN GIRGENTI used to complain of working two shifts, working until 4:00 a.m. in the Poquessing Club and then having to report to a numbers office for BRUNO by 12:00 noon the following day.

On January 22, 1962, T-2 advised that PHIL TESTA, ANGELO BRUNO's chief lieutenant and also in charge of BRUNO's numbers operation, accompanied by FRANK IANNARELLA, also known as "SNUFFY," met with BRUNO at BRUNO's business address of 775 South 8th Street, Philadelphia. On this date the informant identified IANNARELLA as working in the capacity of assisting BRUNO and handling the deliveries and servicing of cigarette machines as well as in the capacity of pickup man for BRUNO's numbers operation.

The informant on February 9, 1962, further explained that IANNARELLA picks up all steady numbers bets for ANGELO BRUNO in a given area and reports to an unknown location each day at 12:00 p.m. and returns at 2:30 p.m. and goes to another area at 4:30 p.m. and returns at 4:45 p.m.

The utmost care should be used in handling the

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following information furnished by T-2 on February 8, 1962:

T-2 on February 8, 1962, advised that ANGELO BRUNO received a call from an unknown individual and immediately contacted a "CHICKIE" (last name unknown) who works for BRUNO in the numbers operation and instructed "CHICKIE" to get in touch with PHIL TESTA to bring \$2500 in the largest bills (denominations) he has. Informant said an additional call was received from a person unknown to the informant who wanted to know, "Where shall I deliver the cigarettes? At clubhouse one or clubhouse two?" There was some delay in the reply by BRUNO and the party said, "Nevermind, I will pick them up." This language, according to the informant, was used to camouflage their conversation when in reality the caller was telling BRUNO when he said he would pick them up that he, the caller, would stop by and rendezvous with BRUNO at the Penn Jersey Vending Company. It was further explained that clubhouse one and clubhouse two are references to saloons operated by BRUNO's associate DOMINICK COLLOZI, 2503 South Garnet Street, Philadelphia. <sup>PA</sup> These bars or taverns are located at Chadwick and Moore Streets and 17th and Wolf Streets, Philadelphia. It was the informant's opinion, based on the above incident, that ANGELO BRUNO has a depository of money in PHIL TESTA's house which money is accrued from BRUNO's illegal operations in numbers.

By separate communication, information furnished by T-3 showed that ANGELO BRUNO at the present time had all of his numbers activity handled by PHILIP TESTA. Informant said that BRUNO stated that he declined new numbers business.

#### LOAN SHARKING

<sup>PA</sup> On December 20, 1961, T-2 advised that EDDIE BARRETT, a numbers book operator who hangs at ABE GLASSMAN's <sup>PA</sup> ticket office, 13th and Locust Streets, Philadelphia, had recently indicated to friends that he owed ANGELO BRUNO \$1,000. The informant said that BRUNO had sent FRANK MENDEL, true name FRANK MATTEO, PHILIP TESTA, and JOHN



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<sup>PA</sup>  
JOHN DESIMONE as "muscle" to collect the debt from BARRETT who was slow paying.

This informant on February 9, 1962, advised that BRUNO was discussing business with his son MICHAEL, who operates the Globe Sanitation Company and Exterminating Business, with offices at 775 South 8th Street. The conversation, according to this informant, was generally what business would be available for an exterminating company in Atlantic City, New Jersey, through connections of ANGELO BRUNO. Extreme care should be used in dissemination of the following information:

BRUNO indicated to his son that he had collected \$1,000 from an unknown individual for the owner of the Lobistro Club and the owner, KOLKER, therefore owed BRUNO a favor. Through this, MICHAEL BRUNO obtained a contract for the exterminating business of the Lobistro Club. BRUNO indicated that he had not charged KOLKER his usual ten per cent fee for collection of the above-mentioned \$1,000 and, therefore, felt sure he could obtain favorable action at Atlantic City.

In this regard, BRUNO indicated that he could, if he branched out with his vending machine business, obtain contracts for placing of cigarette machines in the following locations in Atlantic City:

Escort Bar,  
Luigi's,  
Lobistro Club,  
Louie Vilotti's Motel,  
Stumpy Orman's Motel,  
Bamboo Club, and  
Hialeah Club.

#### TEAMSTERS UNION CONTACTS

T-2 on December 16, 1962, advised that EDDIE WALKER, a leading power of Local 107 who was influential in other local Teamsters unions in the Philadelphia area,  
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has a girl friend, GLORIA (last name unknown), who has sixteen vending machine stops in her name but that the vending machines were actually owned by WALKER. GLORIA was described as Italian extraction who resides with her mother and who is employed as a hat check girl at the 24 Club in Philadelphia. WALKER presently lives with GLORIA at GLORIA's residence.

T-3 on November 10, 1961, advised that ANGELO BRUNO was discussing a proposition with an individual whereby this person could place machines that were coin operated and issued insurance covering land travel. These machines were explained to operate in a similar fashion to those at airports that dispense insurance for air travel. T-3 said that BRUNO related that this person should go over to Moon Carrier in Camden, New Jersey, and see Mr. HENNY who had the authority to place this machine. This person was told to tell Mr. HENNY that ANGELO BRUNO had told him to come over.

In regard to other locations where these machines could be placed, informant said that BRUNO told this person that he, BRUNO, could also intercede with Local 107 of the Teamsters and he, BRUNO, was sure that he could put the machines anywhere Local 107 had connections. BRUNO also said that he had connections with his Teamsters Union in New Jersey and, in fact, he could direct this person to New York and he could place these machines at the Union Bus Terminal in New York.

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