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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

New Orleans, Louisiana May 31, 1965

SYMBOL NUMBER

NO 1244-C-TE

BUREAU FILE NUMBER

137-9919

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT OR ACTIVITY

This informant operates a restaurant and lounge owned and controlled by New Orleans's top hoodlum CARLOS MARCELLO. He is in almost daily contact with MARCELLO and is associated with such well-known associates of CARLOS MARCELLO as VINCENT CAMPO, FELIC GALINO, ERNEST PALMISANO, and others who have been suspected members of the organized Italian Criminal Element. Some informants have described CAMPO, at one time, as being more important in the Italian Criminal Element than MARCELLO.

DATES OF CONTACT

May 10 and 28, 1965 (Attempts-April 19, 27, 1965 May 4, 18, 24, 25, and 26, 1965.)

It is noted that during late April and early May, 1965, informant was suffering from a lung condition.

OUTCOME OF CASES

None.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION FURNISHED

CARLOS MARCELLO AR

NO 92-36

106-2542-11-33

ENCLOSURE

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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New Orleans, Louisiana May 31, 1965

SYMBOL NUMBER

NO 1227-C-TE

BUREAU FILE NUMBER

137-9347

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT OR ACTIVITY

There has been no change from that set forth in the April 30, 1965, memorandum concerning the informant.

DATES OF CONTACT SINCE APRIL 30, 1965

May 1, 17, 22, and 31, 1965.

OUTCOME OF CASES

None.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION FURNISHED

CARLOS MARCELLO AR NO 92-36

On a May 1, 1965 contact, informant said that he had spent that afternoon with one of CARLOS MARCELLO's attorneys who was to represent him in a coming jury tampering trial, U. S. District Court, New Orleans, Louisiana. He and the attorney got to talking about HUBERT HEBERT, an alleged government witness in a recent trial against MARCELLO, during which trial HEBERT gave the U. S. Government an affadavit testifying he had been hired by MARCELLO to kill another government witness by the name of CARL NOLE who had testified against MARCELLO in the same trial.

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The attorney, named G. WRAY/CILL indicated that HEBERT had contacted GILL and another MARCELLO attorney, Mr. WASSERMAN, as well as CARLOS MARCELLO recently at MARCELLO's camp at Little Farms, Jefferson Parish. HEBERT apparently told MARCELLO and his attorneys that although he had told the FBI or Justice Department attorneys that MARCELLO had hired him to kill NOLE; that this had been strictly oral and he had never given a written statement. He told MARCELLO's attorneys that the FBI and/or the Justice Department attorneys had offered him \$75,000 to testify that he had been hired to kill NOLE. Supposedly at this meeting with MARCELLO and his attorneys, HEBERT gave a signed statement in which he has allegedly related that he had never actually been contacted by MARCELLO or anyone else to kill the Government witness Informant stated that supposedly HEBERT and the MARCELLO attorneys are of the belief that the Government does not know that HEBERT has gone to MARCELLO and his attorneys and given a statement refuting his previous testimony as a Government witness.

Informant stated that GILL appeared to be very optomistic that MARCELLO would be acquitted of the bribery charges against him pending in USDC; further MARCELLO's attorneys wanted the attempted murder and bribery charges brought at the same time in USDC. Apparently the Departmental Attorneys had requested the court to hear the bribery and attempted murder charges separately. Informant also stated that HEBERT had indicated toamARCELLO and his attorneys that he had been an undercover man for the Government in connection with the JIMMY HOFFA case.

Informant also advised that BENNIE LE HANN, presently operating a motel and restaurant for CARLOS MARCELLO in Alexandria, Louisiana, had bilked MARCELLO out of \$25,000. Informant did not know if LE HANN was still operating the motel in Alexandria or not.

Informant also stated that GILL's former investigator DAVE FAIRRIES (phonetic) had recently been operating a gas station on Airline Highway near the airport. FAIRRIES had started this station on money loaned him or on credit from CARLOS MARCELLO. FAIRRIES allegedly lost control of this gas station as the gas company owning the station learned of his past reputation.



Informant also stated that a millionnaire by the name of LEE RATTNER (phonetic) from Miami, Florida, was coming to see CARLOS MARCELLO for a conference at Little Farms to buy the acreage around Little Farms. Supposedly the land involved was to be used as an expressway.

Informant also stated that while riding around with G. WRAY GILL, GILL stated he wanted to go to an address on Loyola Avenue to look at some stolen property he might be able to use. He and GILL stopped at 4737 Loyola Avenue and looked at some of the alleged stolen property which consisted of duplicating machines, dictaphones, IBM calculating machines and the like.

The above was considered very pertinent as it indicates possible defense plans MARCELLO's attorneys may use in MARCELLO's coming trial for jury tampering. It is also considered good intelligence information concerning the well-known New Orleans criminal attorney G. WRAY GILL.

On a 5/22/65 contact with informant, he advised that he has been having considerable trouble with a well-known madam KAY ROBERTS. ROBERTS had taken over one of the informants best prostitutes by the name of POLLY SUE HARRINGTON. connection with this, he had put much "heat" on ROBERTS and HARRINGTON is a close friend of EARNEST PALMISANO, HARRINGTON. who in turn is a very close associate of CARLOS MARCELLO. Apparently HARRINGTON told PALMISANO about informant's possibly harming HARRINGTON. PALMISANO in turn went to CARLOS MARCELLO who told PALMISANO that if HARRINGTON could come up with \$500, MARCELLO would arrange to have four men beat up the informant to where he would be hospitalized for at least three months. The four men to be hired to beat up the informant were to be lead by one of the CONFORTO brothers named JUNIOR. The informant learned of this through HARRINGTON who apparently decided, at the last moment, that she did not want the informant maimed.

Although the above is a minor instance, it points out that CARLOS MARCELLO is an individual who can be contacted to arrange for "muscle". It is also interesting to note that informants have previously described the CONFORTO brothers as being very important cogs in the Italian Criminal Element.

