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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2914)

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FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH (92-236-Sub 2)

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SUBJECT: GABRIEL MANNARINO, Aka.
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Re SAC Letter dated 6/11/59 stressing the necessity for being alert to situations in which extraordinary techniques could be used to advantage.

Pittsburgh national top hoodlums GABRIEL and SAM MANNARINO head one of the most aggressive and well organized criminal combinations operating in the eastern part of the United States today. GABRIEL MANNARINO attended the conference of hoodlums at Apalachin, N. Y., on 11/14/57. His present status in the matter entitled "UNITED STATES VS. BONANNO, ET AL" (BUFILE 92-4225) is that of an un-indicted co-conspirator.

The MANNARINO mob is currently under investigation in connection with two major theft matters with international ramifications. One case involves an alleged plot to finance FIDEL CASTRO's 26th July Movement through the proceeds of twelve million dollars worth of stolen Canadian bonds, jewelry and cash, apparently in exchange for exclusive slot machine and gambling casino rights following the defeat of the BATISTA Government. The other matter concerns a conspiracy to transport weapons stolen from a National Guard Armory in Ohio to assist in the rebel movement during the uprising in Cuba.

Recently unverified reports have been received from a MANNARINO confederate confined to the Federal Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pa., linking SAM MANNARINO with a conspiracy to smuggle opium and heroin into the United States during 1956 through sources of supply in Guatemala and Mexico.

Since the inception of the Top Hoodlum Program the Pittsburgh Office has waged a vigorous campaign against the MANNARINO organization and has long recognized the urgent need for coverage at a regular meeting place. Early in the Top Hoodlum Program, informants and sources close to the situation in

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New Kensington, were urged to remain alert for evidence of any new homes or buildings under construction for either of the MANNARINO brothers.

PG 545-C on 12/4/59 reported that the Fiorina and Murin Construction Company, known front for the MANNARINO mob, was then in the process of completing a rustic, four room, cottage for SAM MANNARINO, located on a secluded and densely wooded ten acre hillside tract approximately two hundred yards off the Shearsburg Road in Allegheny Township, Pa. As a matter of information, Allegheny Township is a small village located in a remote area near New Kensington.

The informant recalled that during 1956 when he was helping SAM MANNARINO acquire over three hundred acres of land in the same area, MANNARINO remarked that he might use one of the tracts as a possible site for a lodge. Moreover, the informant recalled MANNARINO specifically mentioned that the lodge, if constructed, would be used as a meeting place and stop-over point for out of state associates on cross-country trips. The informant also remembered MANNARINO mentioning that the land in Allegheny Township would be ideally suited for such an undertaking because of the secluded nature of the area.

On 12/15/59, PG 545-C was requested to contact SAM and GABRIEL MANNARINO in their office at the Ken Iron and Steel Company for the purpose of obtaining additional information regarding the cottage in Allegheny Township. During conversation with the MANNARINO brothers on the afternoon of 12/15/59, the informant learned that SAM MANNARINO had turned over the ten acre tract on which the cottage is located to his brother GABRIEL and that the cottage would be GABRIEL MANNARINO's new summer home. The informant was present when the MANNARINO brothers discussed plans to move certain pieces of furniture from their respective homes into the new cottage once it is completed.

Informant stated that judging from the actions and expressions of the MANNARINOs in discussing the new construction in Allegheny Township, it was obvious to him that the cottage would actually be the private meeting place mentioned by SAM MANNARINO in 1956, and not GABRIEL MANNARINO's summer home.

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TO: SAC, Pittsburgh (92-236-2)

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FROM: Director, FBI (92-2914) - 65

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**GABRIEL MANNARINO, aka.
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Reurmemo 12/28/59, requesting authority to conduct a survey to determine the feasibility of installing a misur in a new cottage being constructed in Allegheny Township, Pennsylvania, for Top Hoodlum Gabriel Mannarino.

Authority for this survey is granted and it should be promptly instituted. Care should be exercised to insure security and to protect Bureau interests in view of the fact that the Mannarino mob is currently under investigation in two FBI major theft matters involving an alleged plot to finance Fidel Castro's 26th July Movement through proceeds of stolen Canadian bonds, jewelry and cash, and in a conspiracy to transport weapons stolen in Ohio to assist in the rebel uprising in Cuba.

This survey should be very carefully planned and every logical and feasible avenue should be thoroughly and completely explored in an effort to establish this important coverage.

Advise the Bureau promptly of the results of your efforts in this matter.

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NOTE: Pittsburgh top hoodlums Gabriel and Sam Mannarino head one of the most aggressive and well-organized criminal combinations operating in the eastern part of the U.S. Gabriel Mannarino attended the conference of hoodlums at Apalachin, N.Y., 11/14/57 and was an unindicted coconspirator in the Government's prosecution arising therefrom.

Pittsburgh advises that a rustic 4-room cottage is currently being constructed for Sam Mannarino in a remote area near New Kensington, Pa. PG 545-C has obtained information indicating the cottage will be turned over to Gabriel Mannarino and will probably be used as a meeting place for Mannarino associates and acquaintances. Pittsburgh Office believes such meetings might relate to highly placed racket activities throughout the U.S. and advises that this situation affords an excellent opportunity for the utilization of extraordinary techniques.