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LA T-3	ROBERT VREELAND, Studio Manager, Hal Roach Studios, Culver City, California
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LA T-5	CG 5973-C
LA T-6	CSLA 3718-C
LA T-7	CSLA 3923-C
LA T-8	JULIAN BLODGETT, former Special Agent and former Chief, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, Bureau of Investigation
LA T-9	JOHN HUNT, ex-Los Angeles Mirror reporter
LA T-10	PETE AHLFIELD, Senior Examiner, California Division of Savings and Loan Associations Los Angeles.
LA T-11	JOHN H. HAINES, Federal Home Loan Bank Examiner Los Angeles
LA T-12	LOREN STIFFLER, Supervisor, California Division of Corporations, Los Angeles
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LA T-18 CARTER KOCHER, Investigator, Los Angeles  
County District Attorney, Bureau of Investi-  
gation.  
LA T-19 PCI NORMAN KAPLAN  
LA T-20 Former AUSA WILLIAM A. DOUGHERTY  
LA T-21 Former Deputy U. S. Marshal GEORGE ROSSINI  
LA T-22 LA 3445-C  
LA T-23 BARRY JAY SALL, ex-bail bondsman, Los Angeles  
LA T-24 LUPE MALDONADO, bail bondsman, Los Angeles  
LA T-25 LA 4381-PC  
LA T-26 JACK D. WALLER, Manager, Delmonico, Inc.  
Beverly Hills  
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LA T-28 LA 4379-PC  
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LA T-31 MORRIS GUREWITZ, PCI  
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Hollywood

LA T-38                   ANN CROFFORD, 1342 North Martell,  
Hollywood

LA T-39                   HELEN RIECHLE, 1907 West 6th Street, Los  
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LA T-45	ADELINE JEAN WATKINS, a madame
LA T-46	GORDON DUNN, former Mayor of Fresno
LA T-47	NORMAN PAULSON, Supervisor in Charge, Riverside County Welfare Department, Indio, California
LA T-48	Captain DEL FOUNTAIN, Blythe Substation, Riverside County Sheriff's Office, Blythe, California
LA T-49	MIKE FIGUEROA, Assistant Postmaster, Blythe, California.
LA T-50	SYLVIA ZANKICH, Proprietor, "The Docket" bar, Long Beach, California
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LA T-53	ELIZABETH TONSING, Special Investigator, Department of Investment, Division of Corporations 8117 Los Angeles State Office Bldg., 107 South Broadway, Los Angeles, California.
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LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA Will compile data  
useful in preparation for the next report scheduled to leave  
Los Angeles on 11/15/62.

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Again in furtherance of FBI investigation, T-20, in May, 1961, commented that the relationship between GLASSER and U. S. Commissioner THEODORE HOCHE is very CALIF friendly, although this source had no information to indicate GLASSER asserts any influence over the Commissioner.

T-21, a disgruntled former Federal employee, in May, 1961, spoke of frequent parties which he maintained are held in the Federal press room during the noon hour and after 5:00 p.m. He said alcoholic beverages and food are available, and that often poker games are played on these occasions. Present almost every day, he said, are GLASSER, U. S. Commissioner HOCHE and the newsmen assigned to the Federal beat, and an assortment of practicing attorneys, including well known MORRIS LAVINE. CALIF GLASSER allegedly picks up the tab for the cost of these parties.

GLASSER has always operated through "connections," according to T-22, a Civic Center figure who has known GLASSER for years. This source could not name any present connections of GLASSER but recalls unverifiable rumors in past years that GLASSER has had connections in the office of the U. S. Marshal, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, the Los Angeles District Attorney's office and the Los Angeles Police Department, all in a position to supply him with the names of persons arrested and booked.

This man believes GLASSER is the only bail bondsman with the capability of seeking out Commissioner HOCHE at his residence at night to sign a release or to set a bail. He knows GLASSER to be extremely close and friendly with Commissioner HOCHE, and he has observed them together on numerous occasions in restaurants and public places. He knows of no gratuities furnished by GLASSER to the Commissioner.

Still another source who commented on this situation is T-23, formerly in the bail bond business. According to him, GLASSER and U. S. Commissioner HOCHE work closely together, and GLASSER has several times been observed visiting at GLASSER's residence socially. They have been seen together at lunch on numerous occasions.



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SANTA MARIA

(This portion prepared by SA WILLIAM B.  
NOLAN, Jr.)

Major Operating Rackets

Northern Santa Barbara County

Chief of Police HAROLD L. ENGLISH, NA, Santa Maria Police Department; Captain A. L. OXFORD, Santa Maria Substation, Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office; LA T-58 and LA T-59, all advised that nothing has come to their attention indicating that any type of rackets are operating in Santa Maria, California, or elsewhere in Northern Santa Barbara County.

In a recent contact with T-60, the informant stated that his ex-brother-in-law, FRANK ~~TORNELLO~~, also known as "The Shiek," is an old time member of the "organization" from Manhattan, New York. He stated that not too long ago, TORNELLO came to Santa Maria, California, and contacted him for assistance. TORNELLO was ~~boke~~ and begging for a job of any kind. Informant stated that due to TORNELLO's reputation and long criminal record, he did not encourage TORNELLO to remain in Santa Maria. Informant stated that he offered this information as his biggest reason to think that there is no "organization," "syndicate," "major operating rackets" or whatever it might be called, presently operating in Santa Maria or vicinity, because TORNELLO would have contacted someone other than himself. He informed that after TORNELLO left Santa Maria, he was identified and arrested for the armed robbery of a liquor store in the Fresno or Bakersfield, California area, and is presently incarcerated in a California State Prison.

T-60 recently advised that LEON JIMMIE ~~HENSON~~, 935 South Conception, Santa Maria, California, a long established gambling figure in Santa Maria, has been booking bets on a small scale, from his residence telephone. The

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informant stated that there is apparently no wire service involved in HENSON's bookmaking activities inasmuch as HENSON recently contacted informant in regard to the possible purchase of a short wave radio to be used in obtaining race results from the Los Angeles area. Informant advised that he was of the opinion HENSON had been paying off bets on the following day, based on race results published in the newspapers. Further, that HENSON indicated he was being backed by the "group in Santa Barbara," but that HENSON also indicated that he would not stand large losses, which did not indicate that he was a part of a solid bookmaking organization. Informant is continuing to follow the activities of HENSON in regard to bookmaking.

T-58 has advised on several occasions that FRANK A. LIBBON, 736 East Cook Street, Santa Maria, California, the owner and operator of the Swiss Chalet Restaurant and Bar, 516 North Broadway, Santa Maria, is a contact of pimps who enter the Santa Maria area. Informant advised that LIBBON is a close friend of HELEN IVY, who formerly operated houses of prostitution at Pismo Beach and Grover City, California, and that when IVY was operating the houses, LIBBON sent many "tricks" to the houses from his bar in Santa Maria, as well as frequenting the houses himself.

Chief of Police HAROLD L. ENGLISH, NA, Santa Maria Police Department, advised that there has been a large increase in all types of crimes in Santa Maria during the past three years, which has undoubtedly been caused by the great increase in population resulting from the proximity of Vandenberg Air Force Base, and the large number of construction workers who have moved into the area. He stated that the greatest increase has been in homicides, there having been five since August, 1961, all of which have been solved. He informed that there has been no particular problem insofar as prostitution and gambling are concerned. Further, that there does not appear to have been any great increase in narcotics traffic in the area, and that the California Bureau of Narcotics sends an undercover man into the area occasionally to check the local situation.

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To the Kefauver Committee, one interest that GREENBERG revealed was real estate at San Bernardino, California, owned by "Store Properties, Inc." This was named as part of a larger complex of real estate properties in which GREENBERG "and other unsavory characters" were involved, and figuring in Store Properties was, again, PAUL ZIFFREN.

Heading Store Properties, Inc. as president was SAMUEL GENIS, now dead, who had been involved in four bankruptcies and had been arrested for passing bad checks. He had vaulted "with curious ease" into control of multi-million-dollar hotel and office-building holdings. When he died in 1955 in an accident, "his estimated four-million-dollar estate dwindled mysteriously." ZIFFREN, said VELIE, had supplied cash to GENIS for Store Properties, Inc., getting his money back in two years with five per cent interest and soon after receiving title to a portion of the property at San Bernardino.

When VELIE asked ZIFFREN about his business association with men like underworld figure ALEX GREENBERG, ZIFFREN reportedly said, "I don't believe in character assassination. GREENBERG was honorable in all the dealings I had with him." VELIE's comment on this retort is, "This tolerant attitude toward a man who, while associated with ZIFFREN, was also doing work for ruthless criminal gangs, poses a big question... Even if he wants to, can a man shed associations such as ZIFFREN has had?"

T-7, the researcher who provided material from which the "Reader's Digest" piece was drawn, has written of ZIFFREN: "He is a man of power with deep roots in the hoodlum world, socializing on the highest level for the benefit of press and public, with call girls and gamblers and the other denizens of the lower level when the camera is closed." This source credits ZIFFREN with building a lasting bridge between the underworld and the overworld, linking "the outright criminal with his billions of illicit dollars to the acceptable businessman whose needs for investment capital recognizes no moral or physical boundaries."