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("New York Mirror", 12/30/58, page 44).

Addendum of Reporting SA:

An informant of the NYO (PCI [redacted]) advised on 9/12/58 that one ~~HARRIS OSMAN~~ of Orange, Connecticut, together with others, was attempting to obtain a New York State license to operate a flat racing track in the vicinity of Rochester, New York. The new track has tentatively been named the Finger Lakes Park Association, according to the informant. OSMAN has been making use of the informant's knowledge of rack track promotion in his efforts to obtain this license and set up the track.

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According to the informant, an individual known as "Joe the Wop" has a definite interest in this venture. (This individual appears to be identical with ~~JOSEPH CATALDO~~, aka, Joe the Wop, who is known to the NYO as an associate of ~~ANTHONY STROLLO~~, a Top Hoodlum of the Bureau). CATALDO is a behind-the-scenes owner of Tony Pastor's Night Club in the Greenwich Village section of New York City.

The informant met with OSMAN on 9/12/58 at New York City, at which time the new track was discussed. Present at this discussion was a young man known as ~~JACK MAGUIRE~~, whose father is reportedly a millionaire in the banking and investment field at New York City. Also present was an individual referred to only as LOUIE, whom the informant believed to be a Cuban. Informant related that OSMAN is dealing with one ~~WALTER JEFFORDS, Jr.~~ in connection with this race track venture. JEFFORDS is connected with the Brooklyn Union Gas Company and his father is Chairman of the Board of the Greater New York Association, which controls all New York flat racing tracks, according to the informant. Informant

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further related that OSMAN's lawyer, who is handling his interest in connection with attempts to obtain this license, is an individual known as RED FRANCIS and described by OSMAN as an ex-FBI agent. FRANCIS maintains an office either in New Haven or Hartford, Connecticut, according to the informant.

Also, in connection with prior discussions with OSMAN concerning this venture, the informant stated that OSMAN told him that the individual who would be most instrumental in obtaining the license for the race track is CARMINE DE SAPIO, Tammany Hall political boss in New York City. OSMAN told the informant that DE SAPIO said to clear any negotiations on this matter through "Joe the Wop".

OSMAN tried to get together with "Joe the Wop" concerning this matter during the latter part of September, 1958, however, "Joe the Wop" told him that it would be impossible as he had to leave New York City and be in Havana, Cuba for a very important conference with SALLY BURNS and a number of other important people.

It is noted that SALLY BURNS is the main alias of SALVATORE GRANNELLO, who is well known to the NYO and the Bureau, having figured prominently in the investigation to locate former Top Ten Fugitive CARMINE DI BIASE.

BERNARD E. "Red" FRANCIS is a former SA of the Bureau, who presently resides in West Hartford, Connecticut, where he is engaged in the practice of law with Attorney JOHN F. KEARNS. According to recent information developed by the New Haven Office, FRANCIS enjoys a good reputation in the community of West Hartford.

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