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INFORMANTS

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CV T-1 is CSCV-379-S.

CV T-2 is IRWIN EHREN, neighborhood source, 17002 Judson Drive, contacted by SA (A) JOHN J. BARRETT.

CV T-3 is PCI [REDACTED] contacted by SA DAVID A. SHAPIRO on June 1, 1959.

CV T-4 is CV-304-C contacted on June 3, 1959, by SA DAVID A. SHAPIRO.

CV T-5 is EDWARD L. BRAUNE, Agent, New York Telephone Company, New York City, contacted by SA PAUL F. ROWLANDS on May 7, 1959.

CV T-6 is Dun and Bradstreet, New York City, contacted by IC JOHN T. LYNCH on May 15, 1959.

CV T-7 is JAMES W. CURTIS, General Commercial Manager, Cincinnati and Suburban Bell Telephone Company, Cincinnati, Ohio, contacted by SA JAMES P. TUCKER on May 21, 1959.

CV T-8 is WILLIAM MEREDITH, Special Agent, Bell Telephone Company, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

CV T-9 is CV-427-C contacted by SA THOMAS J. O'HARA on May 26, 1959, and June 2, 1959.

CV T-10 is JANET SUMMERS, District Manager, Clerk, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, Miami, Florida, contacted by SA LEMAN L. STAFFORD, JR., on May 15, 1959.

CV T-11 is VELMA O'NEAL, Service Representative, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, Miami, Florida, contacted by SA LEMAN L. STAFFORD, JR., on May 15, 1959.

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CV T-12 is MN-647-PC contacted by SAS ELMER F. EMRICH and ROBERT F. FETZNER on April 28, 1959.

CV T-13 is ROBERT SHEEHMAN, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, Hollywood, Florida, contacted by SA DENNIS J. O'SHEA, on June 28, 1959.

CV T-14 is TED BRUNST, SA, Intelligence Division, Internal Revenue Service, Cleveland, Ohio, contacted by SA (A) JOHN J. BARRETT on July 24, 1959.

CRIMINAL INFORMANT COVERAGE

The following informants and sources are presently being utilized:

CV-304-C, who has known BIRNS for over thirty years and is a personal friend.

PCI [ ] an acquaintance of BIRNS.

PCI [ ] This PCI was also a personal friend of BIRNS.

CV-394-C. This informant is personally acquainted with BIRNS.

CV-308-C. This informant should be in a position to furnish information concerning BIRNS's activities.

MAURICE HERSCH, United Loan and Discount Company, Cleveland, who has known BIRNS most of his life.

IRWIN EHREN, 17002 Judson Drive, neighbor of BIRNS who lives directly across the street.

PCI [ ] young Cleveland attorney who is the son of ANTHONY MILANO, former well known Cleveland racketeer and nephew of FRANK MILANO, Los Angeles Office top hoodlum.

CV-427-C. This informant is a close associate of BIRNS.

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*OHIO*  
On May 26, 1959, CV T-9 reported to SA THOMAS J. O'HARA that he had visited ALEX SHONDOR BIRNS at his home during the last several days and that BIRNS told him about being involved in the affair at Miami, Florida, where U. S. Customs Agents seized an airplane, munitions and arrested DOMINICK ~~BARTONE~~. *DOMINICK EDWARD BARTONE*

CV T-9 reported that BIRNS told him he was one of the key men in the deal and that if it had gone off, he would have made a lot of money.

CV T-9 stated that while at BIRNS' residence BIRNS telephoned someone in New York City whom he called TONY and during the phone conversation from what was said it was apparent that TONY was also involved in the Florida affair. This phone call was made after 9:30 PM. BIRNS stated that he was not going to contact anyone down in Florida. He revealed to CV T-9 that on one of the last nights that he, BIRNS, was in Florida he was with two other men and the wife of one of them. They decided to go look at the plane involved and stopped to drop off the wife in question and have a few drinks at their house. On the way out of the house it started raining heavily so they did not go see the plane, but returned to the house. BIRNS told CV T-9 that he was lucky in this instance because undoubtedly the plane was being watched at this time by U. S. Customs personnel. CV T-9 stated he received the impression from what BIRNS said that the two men with him were from Cuba. CV T-9 stated BIRNS told him that he is not returning to Florida until the heat is off.

By letter dated July 15, 1959, the Miami Office advised as follows:

CV T-10 on May 15, 1959, advised SA LEMAN L. STAFFORD, JR., that UN 6-8334 was an unpublished phone listed to C. D. ~~KURTZ~~, 9540 West Bay Harbor Drive, Apartment 4. *OHIO* This phone was connected on December 31, 1957. The files of CV T-10 reflect that this individual is a retired clothing manufacturer from Serpentine, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He previously had service at 10 6-1348, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, which was disconnected probably the latter part of 1957.