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ARNOLD R. DANIELS, Manager, Williamsburg Furniture Shop, Inc., 1018 Perry Highway, Pittsburgh, advised on May 9, 1958, during a conversation concerning MIKE GENOVESE, a Pittsburgh top hoodlum, that he is well acquainted with the subject of this investigation. He stated that he has known the subject for a long time because he also resides at Ingomar. He recalled that he has not seen LA ROCCA since sometime during 1957, and that LA ROCCA has been in his shop on only one occasion. He said that he believes the subject purchases his furniture from GILBERT's Furniture Store in Downtown Pittsburgh but could not be certain of this.

Results of Hospital Check Made at Tampa, Florida

The Miami Office advised on May 2, 1958, that Mrs. R. JAMES, Clerk, Records Room, St. Joseph's Hospital, and Mrs. DOROTHY T. COURSEY, Records Room, Tampa General Hospital, both Tampa, Florida, advised SA STEPHEN J. LABADIE that they had no record of the subject's name or aliases as ever having received treatment in either of these hospitals.

Verification of Birth Date of LA ROCCA

T-10 on April 30, 1958, stated that Dr. COSTANTINO FONTANA, Central Bureau Italian Criminal Police, Rome, Italy, had advised from records on April 18, 1958, that SEBASTIAN LA ROCCA, the son of IGNAZIO and ROSARIA SCANCARELLO, was born at Villarosa, Italy, on December 19, 1901, and not on September 18, 1902, as previously believed. It was noted that LA ROCCA departed from this village prior to 1927, which was the year in which the registration of the inhabitants was begun. It was, therefore, impossible to ascertain whether or not the subject received any formal schooling during the time that he resided in Italy, but police records fail to indicate that he had a criminal record, according to T-10.

B. ASSOCIATES

ANTHONY LA ROCCA, brother of the subject, was interviewed by SA ROBERT A. VOEGE at his place of business, The McKnight Barbershop, 8003 McKnight Boulevard, Pittsburgh, on May 9, 1958. LA ROCCA was obviously evasive during this contact and advised



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at Wayne, Pa. He advised that the majority of these calls were made from telephone Mur 8-9842, and Mur 8-9865. He stated that another call was placed on April 30, 1958, from Eagle, Pa., which is the location of the Valley Forge Motel, whose number is GL 8-5320.

The informant advised that on April 15, 1958, a collect call was made from the LA ROCCA residence to New York City AL 7-2715, and that the time of the call was 23 minutes. He stated the only other toll call made during the period from April 15, 1958, to May 16, 1958, was a three minute call to Buffalo, New York, Moh 9610.

T-5, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that he is acquainted with LA ROCCA, having been introduced to him many years ago by one JAMES LUMIA of Tampa, Florida, who is now deceased. He recalled that LUMIA was shot and killed by shotgun blasts in an unsolved murder at Tampa during 1950. He stated that he has not seen LA ROCCA for at least two years, but that LA ROCCA comes to Tampa irregularly. He advised that LA ROCCA often goes to Miami, Florida, where he has many friends whose identities are unknown to the informant. He advised that Mrs. JAMES LUMIA resides at 1020 25th Avenue, Tampa, but that she is not related to LA ROCCA. He recalled that the subject attended the wedding reception for CAROL LUMIA following her marriage several years ago. He further stated that if the subject were in the Tampa vicinity, he was certain that the subject would have contacted him and that if medical attention were necessary for his throat and he was anywhere near Tampa, he was positive that the subject would have contacted him.

The Miami Office advised on May 2, 1958, that Mrs. MARY LUMIA, aka., Mrs. JAMES LUMIA, and her daughter, CAROL FONTE, aka., Mrs. ANGEL FONTE, 1020 25th Avenue, Tampa, advised SA STEPHEN J. LABADIE on May 1, 1958, that LA ROCCA has not recently visited them and that they do not know his present whereabouts. Mrs. LUMIA advised that she met the members of the LA ROCCA family between ten and fifteen years ago through her deceased husband, and that she never knew what the subject did for a livelihood. She advised that she did not know where LA ROCCA stayed when he was in Tampa, but believed he stayed on the beaches where she could suggest no place in particular. She recalled that she saw Mrs. LA ROCCA last when she visited

Board of Directors for the General Plastics Corporation, a toy manufacturing concern in Leetsdale, Pa. He said that this individual is a certified public accountant who is presently handling accounts for the MANNARINO brothers and other racket figures in the Tri-state area. He stated that SENGI has initiated court action to effect an accounting of the company's finances, claiming that there are irregularities. The informant said that this is having an adverse affect on the company inasmuch as it is financially embarrassed and members feel that the court action will cause the creditors to demand immediate payment of outstanding debts. The informant contacted one ROCCO BUFFONE, a cousin of the MANNARINO brothers, so that BUFFONE could contact GABRIEL MANNARINO regarding the situation at the General Plastics Corporation. BUFFONE, in turn, advised the informant that he has not seen GABRIEL MANNARINO since February, 1958, and that he would be unable to get in contact with him.

The informant advised further that he heard that LA ROCCA was in Pittsburgh around the first part of April, 1958, but could not elaborate on this information nor specify as to exactly where or when LA ROCCA had been seen. He stated that HYMAN MARTIN, a close associate of LA ROCCA, has his boat up for sale at the Brilliant Docks in Pittsburgh, for \$10,000. He stated further that a company owned by MARTIN known as the American Pallet Company at Ellerslie, Maryland, is being placed in a sheriff's sale and is presently inoperative.

### C. CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

#### Ostensible Verification of the Presence of LA ROCCA at the Apalachin, New York, Residence of JOSEPH BARBARA, SR., on November 14, 1957

The Albany Office advised on May 29, 1958, that Mrs. NORMAN RUSSELL, Rural Delivery, Owego, New York, a former maid at the home of JOSEPH BARBARA, SR., Apalachin, New York, advised on May 23, 1958, after observing a photograph of the subject, that he was present at the home of BARBARA on the morning of November 14, 1957. She recalled that he was walking around in the home talking to several groups of individuals who were there at the time.

INFORMANTS

- T-1 [redacted] a potential criminal informant of the Pittsburgh Office, who was contacted on 5/12, 19, 27, and 6/3/58, by SA ROBERT A. VOEGE
- T-2 [redacted] a potential criminal informant of the Pittsburgh Office, who was contacted on 5/20 and 6/2/58, by SA VOEGE
- T-3 HERBERT W. FINNEY, Auditor, Peoples First National Bank and Trust Company 232 Oliver Avenue, Pittsburgh, who was contacted on 5/8/58 by SA VOEGE and who has requested that his identity be concealed. OTHER 4
- T-4 WILLIAM MEREDITH, Special Agent, Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania, who was contacted by SA HAROLD L. STEVENS on 6/18/58, and who has requested that his identity be concealed.
- T-5 [redacted] a potential criminal informant of the Miami Office, who was contacted by SA LAWRENCE E. THOMPSON, at Tampa, Fla., on 4/22/58
- T-6 H. W. GLENN, Postal Inspector, United States Post Office, Pittsburgh, who was contacted on 6/6/58 by SA VOEGE and who has requested that his identity be concealed.
- T-7 SAMUEL N. LEVINE, a former top hoodlum of the Pittsburgh Office who is presently under development as a potential criminal informant and who was contacted by SAS DAMON W. PITCHER and JOHN S. PORTELLA, on 4/30/58
- T-8 CHARLES J. CAPUTO, a Pittsburgh attorney, who was contacted by SAS DAMON W. PITCHER and JOHN S. PORTELLA on 5/6/58 and who has requested that his identity be concealed. CAPUTO is a politically prominent figure in Pittsburgh and a somewhat controversial one in that unconfirmed rumors, which have never been substantiated, have linked him with racket figures over a considerable number of years. He is presently the Assistant City Solicitor for the City of Pittsburgh and acts as liaison between Mayor DAVID L.



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