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To recommend that Pittsburgh be authorized to install a microphone surveillance on Top Hoodlum Sebastian John La Rocca.

BACKGROUND'

La Rocca is a national top hoodlum. He and the notorious Mannarino Brothers have dominated racket activities in the Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania area since the 1930's. La Rocca attended the meeting of hoodlums at Apalachin, New York, in 1957 and was mentioned in connection with a report received from our highly confidential source in Chicago concerning an underworld "commission."

He operates the North Star Cement Block Co. at Ingomar, a suburb of Pittsburgh, and daily conducts his operations at this company. Informants and reliable sources have advised this company is the scene of many decisions affecting Western Pennsylvania racketeers.

RESULTS OF SURVEY

Pursuant to Bureau authority, Pittsburgh conducted a survey to determine the feasibility of establishing microphone coverage at the cement company to obtain information as to La Rocca's daily racketeering activities, his associates, financial status and his connection with top hoodlums in order parts of the country. Pittsburgh advises such coverage is feasible through the use of a radio-microphone technique. The installation will be monitored at the Pittsburgh Office central plant by personnel already assigned to the central plant. The leased line to be used will cost approximately \$17.50 per month. Trespass will be involved but Pittsburgh days advised no unusual risks will ensue.

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LABORATORY EVALUATION OF PROPOSED INSTALLATION

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Pittsburgh has submitted a detailed explanation of the mechanics of the installation and the type of equipment utilized. This information has been evaluated by the Laboratory which advises that although there are technical difficulties involved, it is felt that because of the importance of the subject an installation attempt should be made. The Laboratory suggests that an engineer of its Electronics Section proceed to Pittsburgh in order to supervise this installation.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That inview of the national notoriety of the subject and the possibility that a microphone surveillance will develop information of material significance on racketeering activities in the Pittsburgh area, this installation be authorized.

2. That in view of the technical aspects involved, a qualified engineer from the Bureau be designated to supervise this installation.

If approved, an appropriate airtel to Pittsburgh is enclosed.

