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The image shows a close-up of a heavy, metallic vault door. The door is partially open, revealing a complex internal mechanism with multiple locking bolts and a central handle. A bright blue light emanates from the gap between the door and the frame, creating a strong glow and casting shadows on the surrounding metal. The overall aesthetic is industrial and mysterious.

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TO : Director, FBI (92-2940) DATE: 4/14/61

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh (92-226-Sub 2) J U N E

SUBJECT: JUSTIFICATION FOR CONTINUATION OF TECHNICAL OR MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCE

RE: Title SEBASTIAN JOHN LA ROCCA; aka

Character of Case ANTI-RACKETEERING
 Field Office Pittsburgh
 Symbol Number PG 622-C* ~~CONF. INFT.~~
 Type of Surveillance: (Technical or
 Microphone) Microphone (MUTT
 installation)

1. Name of person or organization on whom surveillance placed:
SEBASTIAN JOHN LA ROCCA (Owner, North Star Cement Block Co.,
12 McCandless Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.)
2. Address where installation made. Also give exact room number or area covered:
The Pittsburgh Office of the North Star Cement Block Co., 12 McCandless Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.
3. Location of monitoring plant: Pittsburgh FBI Office, 450 Union Trust Building, Fifth Ave., and Grant St., Pittsburgh, Pa.
4. Dates of initial authorization and installation:
Initial authorization: 1/26/61
Installation: 1/30/61 (actually activated on 2/7/61)
5. Previous and other installations on the same subject (with dates and places):
No other installations

6. If installation is a technical surveillance, answer following questions: *noted*
 (There is no tesur involved in this installation)

a. Is a trunk line utilized?

b. Is the surveillance on a switchboard?

c. Is the surveillance on a public coin-operated telephone?

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- d. Is surveillance on a private line or a party line?
- e. If a party line, how many parties?
7. If a microphone surveillance involved, state number of microphones actually used and location of each: **One MUTT unit is installed and concealed in the floor space between subject's business office and lavatory.**
8. Is the installation part of a tel-mike? If so, give symbol of other side of the combination:
Not part of a tel-mike.
9. Specific examples of valuable information obtained since previous report with indication of specific value of each item and the date information received. State what use was made of each item involved: (Add insert pages)
Consult insert pages. All information was utilized for intelligence purposes and appropriate dissemination was made where pertinent.
10. Could above information have been obtained from other sources and by other means?
No
11. Number of live informants (in field division) who cover same subject:
Two live informants cover LA ROCCA but there are no live informants furnishing information relating to the North Star Cement Block Co.
12. Has security factor changed since installation?
No change
13. Any request for the surveillance by outside agency (give name, title and agency):
No requests made
14. Costs of Plant Premises:
- a. Rental costs for plant premises: **None, (costs included in office rental)**
- b. Give total number of other surveillances monitored at same plant.
One misur (PG 148-S*, installed on 4/16/57)

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On 3/23/61, the informant advised that LA ROCCA had just returned from Florida and had entered his office at the North Star Cement Block Co. at approximately 2:15 PM. Informant advised that LA ROCCA appeared to be extremely tanned and physically fit and indicated that he would be in the Pittsburgh area for an undetermined period. Indications were that he would seek some information on the automation of his plant on or about 3/27/61.

On 3/24/61, the informant advised that SAM TEDESCO visited North Star but did not indicate whether or not he came to see LA ROCCA. TEDESCO is known to the Pittsburgh Office as a burglar and expert safeman who is extremely active in the Southern Ohio area. His prior connection with LA ROCCA has not fully been determined but his activities are being fully covered by a live informant, PG 575-C.

On 3/27/61, LA ROCCA was in his office and was advised, according to this informant, that JOHN CONTI and ROY VEY, who were operating the company in his absence, have "deactivated" ALMO PRUNER as Vice President of the "association," although he still holds this position in what is ostensibly a cement block organization. LA ROCCA asked if it were true that this "association" is "cutting" prices and was advised by CONTI and VEY that the "association" is doing a lot more than this and that they do not feel that North Star should become involved in view of the position of LA ROCCA. LA ROCCA did not comment upon this. The informant advised that it appeared that LA ROCCA was attending to some personal affairs and would put in regularly scheduled appearances at his office as soon as he straightens up some details to which he did not attend while he was vacationing in Florida.

On 3/28/61, this informant advised that LA ROCCA visited his property at 500 North Craig St., Pittsburgh, during the late morning hours of 3/27/61, and inquired whether the FBI had been there looking for him or asking any questions relative to the operation of several businesses to whom he is renting at that location. The informant stated that LA ROCCA is anxious to sell the entire building at the aforementioned address but will not name his price and must be called personally by anyone desiring to buy or inspect. He stated that this sale will not include the carwash which adjoins 500 North Craig St.