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SUBJECT: SEBASTIAN JOHN LA ROCCA, aka.
ANTI-RACKETEERING
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ReBuairtel to Pittsburgh, 10/31/61, stressing the necessity for developing additional highly confidential sources to penetrate LA ROCCA's activities in line with LA ROCCA having been designated the "Big Boss" while national top hoodlum, VITO GENOVESE, is in jail.

At the present time this office has Mutt coverage on LA ROCCA's private office at the North Star Cement Block Company, 12 McCandless Avenue, Pittsburgh, but due to the infrequency of his visits to his office it is believed that additional technical coverage of his residence might be more productive. Sources and informants agree that LA ROCCA has no other established offices or meeting places and it is possible that his residence may be the scene of decisions affecting major criminal activities.

In connection with the survey of LA ROCCA's residence for the purpose of effecting technical coverage, the following was ascertained:

Subject owns and occupies a stone mansion situated in a wooded tract of land at 900 Ingomar Road, Ingomar, Pa., a suburb of Pittsburgh, which is located at the corner of Ingomar Road and Brant Avenue. The house faces on Ingomar Road and is set back from this road at an approximate distance of 275 feet while the driveway enters off Brant Avenue and runs for an approximate distance of 125 feet from this avenue to the house. At the present time these premises are occupied by LA ROCCA, his wife, and a maid and yardman who are employed full time and are loyal to the subject.

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Subject has private residence service, telephone number F0rest 4-5296. This service consists of one main telephone instrument, one wall phone extension, and one portable (phone-jack) extension, all instruments being of the 500 series and serviced by a single twist-pair drop line.

The instruments are serviced by Aerial Cable 6, Pair 198, which is lead sheathed and egressed from the Forest Central Office Exchange into the immediate neighborhood. The working appearance of Pair 198 appears in an outside terminal box attached to pole 6/3 which is located on Brant Avenue and directly across the street from subject's driveway. At the working appearance Pair 198 is fitted into a two inch pipe which goes underground and into subject's residence. In this connection subject's power lines also appear on the same pole and are egressed into subject's residence through a similar pipe. Pair 198 reappears in an outside terminal box attached to pole 5/6 which is located on Lindsay Road at a distance of 2,212 wire-feet from pole 6/3. This is the only multiple of this Pair.

All known ways and means of establishing technical coverage have been carefully considered. In consideration of all aspects of technical coverage involving the technical problems, security consideration and investigative advantages, the following conclusions have been reached:

1. Although no information has been developed to indicate that subject is actually using his residence for activities relating to personal contacts, it would appear that he considers his residence to be secure and might conduct other activities there, particularly in regards to telephone contacts.
2. Inasmuch as the power and phone lines servicing his residence are engressed into his residence through underground conduits from pole 6/3, which is an estimated distance of 125 feet from his residence, it would be a major problem to install additional underground wires for conventional microphone coverage.
3. The use of the RFMT unit is not feasible since the lead aerial cable cannot be broken between the working appearance and the multiple and the multiple is located 2,212 wire feet from the working appearance.

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4. The use of the SPMT unit, although feasible, necessitates looping Pair 198 through a monitoring plant which must be located between subject's instrument and the Central Office. Such an arrangement would require a local monitoring plant and additional monitoring personnel.

5. Due to the nature of the steel and cut-stone construction of subject's residence and the distance between his residence and a point considered to be secure for installing the Vega receiver, it is believed that the Mutt's range would be reduced to the extent that the signal would be lost.

In view of the above factors the following proposals are being made:

1. A tesur be initiated immediately with the bridge being made at the multiple on pole 5/6. This coverage would appear to be secure due to the distance away from subject's residence, it can be initiated immediately and monitoring would be done at the Pittsburgh Office control plant. It is suggested that this tesur be maintained for a period of several weeks during which interim an evaluation could be made as to whether the subject utilizes his residence in the operation of his activities and thereby justifying the need for additional technical coverage at his residence.

2. During this interim arrangements would be made to effect SPMT or mictel coverage if it is ascertained that additional technical coverage of subject's residence would be warranted. In regards to the use of the SPMT with its limitations, it would be necessary to obtain monitoring facilities in the proximity of pole 6/3 or pole 5/6 in order to loop Pair 198 through this unit. The alternative would be to run additional wires into subject's residence by way of his phone conduit. In connection with the latter the local telephone company's cooperation would be solicited and through the local exchange's test center trouble would be thrown on subject's line and maintained until the subject would make a formal complaint to the company who would in turn so notify the sound trained agents. The sound trained agents, using the company's truck, would proceed to the subject's residence

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and, under a pretext of trouble-shooting, would survey subject's telephone facilities. At a predetermined time the test center would then remove the trouble to indicate that the surveying agents had located the trouble. Several days later the test center would again throw trouble on the subject's line and the agents would then make it known that the old twist pair drop line would have to be replaced. Thereafter, this line would be replaced with a four conductor line to be installed by the agents in conjunction with telephone company personnel who would be selected by the Special Agent's office. While this line change was being made a modified 500 series instrument that had been previously modified would be substituted for mictel coverage. Inasmuch as the subject is security conscious it is believed that this method of penetrating his residence could be accomplished.

Bureau authority is requested to immediately initiate tesur coverage.

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SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.