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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office PITTSBURGH	Office of Origin PITTSBURGH	Date 8/3/59	Investigative Period 6/24 - 7/28/59
TITLE OF CASE SEBASTIAN JOHN LA ROCCA, aka.		Report made by ROBERT A. VOEGE	Typed By: APR
		CHARACTER OF CASE ANTI-RACKETEERING	

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REFERENCE

Report of SA ROBERT A. VOEGE, Pittsburgh, 6/29/59

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LEADS

PHILADELPHIA - Information

Copy being sent above office in view of the attendance of the adopted son of subject at Valley Forge Academy, Wayne, Pa.

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AT DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA

- Will ascertain the identity of the subscriber to telephone, CL 2-9609, from which number a collect telephone call was made to the LA ROCCA residence on 6/14/59 and will set out pertinent background concerning this individual.
- If the aforementioned individual is not known to the Jacksonville Office, will interview exhaustively to determine the relationship of this individual to LA ROCCA or

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3. Will check the list of toll calls made from Forest 4-5296, the home telephone of LA ROCCA for the names of racket associates and personal business contacts of the subject not now known to the Pittsburgh Office and will further identify and obtain appropriate background information of subscribers to telephone numbers called.

4. Will continue to conduct discreet surveillances of the subject whenever practicable to note any pertinent contacts made by him.

5. Will set out appropriate leads on tangible results obtained from a mail cover placed on the North Star Cement Block Company, 12 McCandless Street, with the Postal Inspector at the Pittsburgh Post Office.

6. Will remain alert to any new subpoenas received by the United States Marshal at Pittsburgh for service to LA ROCCA.

7. Will maintain contact with the Chief of Police of the McCandless Township Police Department and arrange for immediate notification by him of any unusual activity in the vicinity of the LA ROCCA residence.

CRIMINAL INFORMANT COVERAGE.

The following individuals are presently being utilized by the Pittsburgh Office in the SEBASTIAN JOHN LA ROCCA investigation:

PG-573-C, who is extremely friendly with the GENOVESE brothers and particularly FIORE GENOVESE, younger brother of MIKE GENOVESE, and who is presently being utilized for the general coverage of the Red Eagle Club and its visitors.

PG 585-C, who is well acquainted with most of Pittsburgh's top hoodlums and who was formerly employed as a waitress in the Red Eagle Club, once known as the Genovese

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Cocktail Lounge, 412 Larimer Avenue, Pittsburgh. Informant still visits this establishment and comes in constant contact with MIKE GENOVESE and other members of Pittsburgh's racketeering element in her role as a medium-priced prostitute. Informant is presently traveling with Mrs. JULIA MINTZ, widow of JAKE MINTZ, co-owner of EZZARD CHARLES, former world's heavyweight boxing champion. She is presently being utilized for the coverage of the GENOVESE-LA ROCCA-NELSON interests.

GEORGE "MOON" MESSER, a PCI who is presently very active in Pittsburgh numbers operations and who was arrested during the month of August, 1958, in connection with his operation. MESSER is intimately acquainted with many Pittsburgh top hoodlums and racketeers through association with them when they began their racket careers. He is presently being utilized for coverage of the GENOVESE-NELSON interests and is also contributing information regarding the VOLPE brothers who are close associates of GENOVESE and LA ROCCA.

GEORGE "ZIP" ZAPPA, a PCI of the Pittsburgh Office presently engaged in racket activity in the City of Pittsburgh who is being utilized for general coverage of lottery and numbers operations in the Pittsburgh area.

HENRY J. BARBER, a PCI of the Pittsburgh Office who is part owner of the notorious gambling establishment at Chester, W.Va., known as Club 30, who is being utilized for information concerning the club and the interest in it of Pittsburgh hoodlums associated with both LA ROCCA and GENOVESE.

Miss MARIAN FOGEL, a PCI of the Pittsburgh Office who is being utilized for information concerning Pittsburgh prostitution activities and as a check on the activities of PG 585-C.

AL BUCK, former Allegheny County Detective and now Vice-President of the Fidelity Trust Company, Loan Department, Pittsburgh, who is being utilized for his knowledge of the Bankers Exchange in Pittsburgh from which he can obtain information regarding bank loans made to Pittsburgh top hoodlums.

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BUCK is also familiar with the activities of several of Pittsburgh's top hoodlums, particularly those of LA ROCCA, from having worked on criminal matters for many years in the City of Pittsburgh.

HERMAN ISRAEL, a confidential source of the Pittsburgh Office who is being utilized for information concerning the MANNARINO organization in New Kensington, Pa., and who is also furnishing information regarding tie-ups with the GENOVESE organization in Pittsburgh.

WILLIAM A. DOBKIN, a confidential source of the Pittsburgh Office who was extremely helpful to Pittsburgh Agents during the investigation of the RALPH KINER extortion investigation several years ago and whose brother-in-law, NORMAN FARBER, is a member of the MANNARINO organization.

In an effort to increase criminal informant coverage, the PCIs under development are being contacted on a continuing and regular basis so that information obtained from them may be used on a day-to-day basis in connection with spot surveillances of the establishments frequented by the subject when he is in the Pittsburgh vicinity.

It is anticipated that THOMAS MARTIN, Vice-President, of the Real Estate Department of the Fidelity Trust Company, Potter Branch, in Pittsburgh, will keep the Pittsburgh Office advised of any new developments concerning the commenced construction of a motel financed by MIKE GENOVESE and ARTHUR D. NELSON in the Monroeville, Pa., vicinity which would undoubtedly have to have the approval and overall financial backing of SEBASTIAN JOHN LA ROCCA.

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Immigration and Naturalization Service at Pittsburgh which is looking into his Petition for Naturalization. Informant said that she does not believe LA ROCCA will leave Pittsburgh as long as he is so close to getting his citizenship status resolved inasmuch as it has been the foremost thought in his mind for many years. PG T-3 further advised that LA ROCCA goes home nightly instead of visiting friends as he used to do and seems to be generally keeping himself available.

The aforementioned informant advised that she is now dating "RED" GIORDANO, New Kensington, Pa., racketeer, and close associate of the MANNARINO brothers (Pittsburgh and national top hoodlums). Informant explained that the dates are unscheduled for the most part and that he usually takes his dates to New Kensington's gambling establishments which are controlled by the MANNARINO brothers. Informant said he knows that she is aware of his indictment by a Federal Grand Jury at Pittsburgh as a co-conspirator in the theft of rifles at a Canton, Ohio, armory for shipment to Cuban rebels during October, 1958, but never speaks of this or his other racket activities. Informant said that although GIORDANO is married, he enjoys dating other women, and is not afraid to spend money. Informant advised that he mentions the MANNARINO brothers by name occasionally and has mentioned the name LA ROCCA to her on only one occasion in connection with a social contact.

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PG T-3 and PG T-4, who has furnished reliable information in the past, both advised that SEBASTIAN JOHN LA ROCCA has not traveled outside the Pittsburgh vicinity since his appearance before the Senate Labor Rackets Committee on June 11, 1959, to their knowledge. Both advised that they expect LA ROCCA to stay at home until his citizenship status is resolved and that he seems particularly worried about this aspect of his life.

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Status of LA ROCCA With the Immigration and Naturalization Service

NED HEIMOVITZ, Naturalization Examiner, Immigration

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INFORMANTS

- PG T-1 WILLIAM MEREDITH, Special Agent, Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania, who was contacted by SA HAROLD L. STEVENS on 7/24/59 and who has requested that his identity be concealed.
- PG T-2 H. W. GLENN, Postal Inspector, U.S. Post Office, Pittsburgh, Pa., who was contacted by SA ROBERT A. VOEGE on 7/20/59 and who has requested that his identity be concealed.
- PG T-3 PG 585-C, who was contacted by SA VOEGE on 7/27/59
- PG T-4 GEORGE "MOON" MESSER, a PCI of the Pittsburgh Office who was contacted by SA VOEGE on 7/28/59