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REFERENCE

Report of SA SAMUEL A. MILLER, Pittsburgh, 9/15/60.

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LEADS

NEWARK (INFORMATION)

A copy of this report is being sent to the Newark Office for information purposes in view of the fact that the Newark Office has an outstanding lead in this matter.

PHILADELPHIA (INFORMATION)

A copy of this report is being sent to the Philadelphia Office for information purposes in view of the attendance of the adopted son of LA ROCCA at Valley Forge Military Academy at Wayne, Pa., and the occasional visits made by LA ROCCA and former Pittsburgh top hoodlum ANTONIO RIPEPI to the vicinity during the school year.

Approved <i>[Signature]</i> Special Agent in Charge	Do not write in spaces below		
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At Pittsburgh, Pa. (Allegheny County)

1. Will continue contacting established potential and actual criminal informants of the Pittsburgh Office in order that complete coverage may be obtained regarding any new interests of LA ROCCA and his close associates MIKE GENOVESE and ARTHUR D. NELSON, noting that a great deal of emphasis is being placed on legitimate enterprises as far as this trio is concerned.
2. Will maintain contact with the Chief of Police of the McCandless Township Police Department and these officers conducting regular spot checks in the neighborhood in which LA ROCCA resides so that immediate notification by them may be made of any unusual activity observed in the vicinity of that residence.
3. Will maintain contact with the U.S. Attorney and the U.S. Marshal for the Western District of Pennsylvania so that any new information concerning the issuance of a subpoena for the appearance of LA ROCCA or his associates anywhere may be immediately brought to the attention of the Pittsburgh FBI Office.
4. 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 recently called.
5. Will make spot surveillances in the Pittsburgh vicinity of the establishments regularly visited by LA ROCCA and, when advisable, will conduct physical surveillances of the subject on a periodic basis so that his habits and pertinent contacts may be ascertained.

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,

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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 Cocktail Lounge, 412 Larimer Ave., 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. He 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 Co., Loan Department, Pittsburgh, who is being utilized for his knowledge of the Bankers Exchange in

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Pittsburgh from which he can obtain information regarding bank loans made to Pittsburgh top hoodlums. 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.

INFORMANT COVERAGE RELATING TO THIS REPORT

The source who furnished information relating to the telephone toll calls made to and from the LA ROCCA residence is WILLIAM MEREDITH, SA, Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania, who was contacted by IC GEORGE C. DIPPOLD on 10/30/60 and who has requested that his identity be concealed.

PG T-1 is GEORGE (MOON) MESSER, a PCI of the Pittsburgh Office who was contacted by SA ROBERT A. VOEGE on 9/13/60.

PG T-2 is PG 585-C who was contacted by SA ROBERT A. VOEGE on 9/16/60.

PG T-3 is PG 612-C who was contacted by SA RICHARD GORDON DOUCE on 10/4/60.

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