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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

Extended period of this investigation was to avoid submitting a status report to the Bureau who, however, has been kept advised of any pertinent developments in this investigation through weekly airtels.

A. PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

On 12/14/59, PH 523-C advised SA J. ROBERT PEARCE that ANGELO BRUNO's daughter JEAN is attending Temple University. Informant learned of this through a conversation with SUE BRUNO, ANGELO BRUNO's wife, who reported to the informant that JEAN was not doing too well in her studies due to her romantic escapades.

C. ASSOCIATES

Philadelphia

On 1/13/60, FRANK PALUMBO, restaurant owner, South Philadelphia, confidentially advised SA PEARCE that he had a conversation approximately two weeks ago with an individual named MITCHELL COHEN, aka. MITCH, who PALUMBO described as a police character with approximately 40 arrests for gambling, primarily on booking horse bets. PALUMBO said that COHEN told him that he, COHEN, was "with ANGELO BRUNO now." COHEN described BRUNO to PALUMBO as "the biggest man around these parts - the boss - and the highest one around." PALUMBO was also told that BRUNO was said to have "things" going in many parts of the country.

On 1/7/60, SAMUEL "SHORTY" FELDMAN, presently confined Montgomery County Prison, Philadelphia, awaiting trial for narcotics violation, Philadelphia, was interviewed by SAs J. ROBERT PEARCE and ROBERT W. HOLMES on another investigation. FELDMAN confidentially advised that he had for many years been friendly with SAMUEL HOFFMAN and WILLIAM MAXWELL WEISBURG, aka. "WILLIE," (Philadelphia Top Hoodlums). FELDMAN said that ANGELO BRUNO and WEISBERG were close friends but did not have any joint ventures going at the present time, but had in the past combined to take "edgeoff" on numbers plays. FELDMAN said that the Italian racket element and ANGELO BRUNO were very strong as compared to us - "the Jewish racket element," Philadelphia.

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Miami

By letter 11/20/59, the Miami Division advised that on 10/5/59, MM 665-PC told SA ROBERT F. FETZNER that he had observed ANGELO BRUNO at the Luau Restaurant, North Bay Village, Fla., two and a half to three months previously, but had not seen him since that date. Informant said that several weeks previous to 10/5/59, he had met RAYMOND A. BRALYNSKI, aka. HARRY BROWN, who related to the informant that he and BRUNO had been to Marathon, Fla., to purchase some property from an undisclosed individual, but that the purchase was not consummated due to the price quoted. BRALYNSKI told informant that he was staying at the Albert Pick Hotel in Bay Harbor Islands.

Newark letter 11/30/59 identified "DAYLIGHT" as MICHAEL S. TRAMANTANA, Vice-President of the Eastern Cleaners, Inc., 810 Brunswick Avenue, Trenton, N. J.

It is to be noted that information previously reported as received from PH 514-C identified "DAYLIGHT" as an individual associated with ANGELO BRUNO in a crap game operating near Mt. Holly, N. J.

D. CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

Numbers

Philadelphia

On 12/14/59, PH 523-C advised SA PEARCE that BARBARA CALAMARO, daughter of BOBBY CALAMARO, close friend of ANGELO BRUNO, was married recently and that BARBARA's bridesmaid was a daughter of PETER MAGGIO and granddaughter of MICHAEL MAGGIO, deceased, former Philadelphia Top Hoodlum. Informant said that the reception for the wedding at Lulu Temple, Philadelphia, was attended by the entire MAGGIO family and the family of ANGELO BRUNO. It is pointed out that BRUNO by marriage is related to the MAGGIO family.

On 12/4/59, PCI ZIGMUND BOGISH advised SA PEARCE "that a lot of numbers action" was going on in the Maggio

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Cheese Company at the present time. In this regard it is noted that DOMINICK POLLINA, Philadelphia Top Hoodlum, has for a long period of time been employed by the Maggio Cheese Company.

On 11/20/59, PH 269-C, who has of late been closely associated periodically with BRUNO in BRUNO's contemplated contract with the City of Philadelphia for removal of trash, said to SA DALE M. HIESTAND that the money derived from BRUNO's numbers activities was "positively" being maintained at the Maggio Cheese Company, 11th Street and Washington Avenue, Philadelphia, by ANGELO BRUNO.

On 12/30/59, PH 251-C advised that he had during the previous week seen MIKE BRUNO, son of ANGELO BRUNO, at the Maggio Cheese Company, who told the informant that his father was around and was doing o.k. Informant commented that BRUNO had lots of money. It has previously been reported that BRUNO according to information furnished by PH 269-C as characterized above, was observed by that informant handling BRUNO's numbers business at the Maggio Cheese Company.

E. LEGITIMATE ENTERPRISES

Contract - City of Philadelphia for Removal of Trash

Re report includes information that ANGELO BRUNO was making arrangements with a Philadelphia City Councilman, PAUL D'ORTONA, to receive a contract with the City of Philadelphia to remove trash from Philadelphia by means of water transportation to the vicinity of Salem, N. J., where it would be disposed of in a marshland near the river's end.

On 11/20/59, PH 269-C advised SA HIESTAND of a conversation that he had with BRUNO on the previous day. He pointed out that BRUNO was accompanied by PHILIP TESTA, frequently identified as one of BRUNO's trusted employees, and it was also noted BRUNO was driving at that time a new gray Oldsmobile with Pennsylvania registration.

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On this occasion informant learned that BRUNO's proposed contract with the City of Philadelphia had gone to the extent that the City Council had appropriated money for the proposed contract. It was said that BRUNO's associates in this contract would have to bid for the contract but that it appeared that this bid would be only to comply with formality. It was reported that BRUNO's associates had not at this time made final payment on the land to be purchased in Salem County, N. J., where the garbage will be dumped.

On 12/18/59, informant said that he had met with City Councilman SAMUEL ROSE on 12/14/59 and thought that in the near future he would have details on the latest development of ANGELO BRUNO's contemplated contract with the City of Philadelphia.

On 12/21/59, informant said that he had been consulted by BRUNO and his associates regarding the securing of a contract for the City of Philadelphia after conference with Councilman ROSE. Informant said that it now appears that the original deal would not go through due basically to strong opposition developed near the proposed dumping site in Salem, N. J. Informant was reported to have discussed with ROSE the possibility of handling garbage disposal and dumping in Tinicum Township, Delaware County, Pa., which according to the informant may have in some way brought about the present situation in order that the informant could secure the contract for himself. Informant pointed out that if he secured the contract, BRUNO would in no way enter into the business.

The following information, even though not derived from a confidential source, is included in this portion of the cover letter as it would have no meaning if included in instant report without benefit of the preceding information:

Philadelphia Inquirer 12/23/59 reported that a "storm of opposition" developed being led by the Mayor of Bridgeton, N. J., and a State Senator from Cumberland County, N. J., all opposed to using grounds for the dumping of refuse, based on the danger to health and loss of natural wildlife. This newspaper account, apparently having reference to the

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