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SYNOPSIS:

Neighbors, friends, and business associates report subject's whereabouts unknown. On 3/3/58 a \$525 payment on subject's \$6300 note at U. S. National Bank, San Diego, California, made by SAM BOMPENSIERO. Subject obtained \$15,000 from GRACE VUDDO, half sister, during 1957.

and Alcohol Tax and Tobacco Unit, U. S. Treasury Department, also investigating subject. Subpoena outstanding for subject to appear before Federal Grand Jury, SDNY. Federal Narcotics Bureau, Los Angeles, attempting to locate subject to serve subpoena. Telephone call from subject's New York hotel room 11/13/57 traced to telephone of ELVIRA GARGUILO, girl friend of JAMES PLUMERI, alias JIMMY DOYLE, a New York top hoodlum. No change in subject's known bank accounts. Handwriting and hand printing specimens obtained.

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PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

EMPLOYMENT

ATTORNEY AT LAW PRACTICE

On March 27, 1958, CECIL HOWE, Building Manager for the California Bank Building, 9441 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, advised SA CHARLES E. STINE (A) that FRANK DESIMONE was a tenant in Room 436 from June, 1953, until sometime in the early part of 1954. He said that another attorney named JOHN WALSH shared an office with him. WALSH is presently in Room 412 of this building, according to HOWE. HOWE advised that if the exact dates of his tenancy ever become an issue, he would recommend contact with the Beverly Sign Company which placed the subject's name on the door and also removed it when he vacated this office. HOWE said he had little contact with the subject and believed he later had desk space in the law firm of Cantillon and Cantillon, which is also in the same building.

On March 27, 1958, T-1 advised that DESIMONE is associated with the Cantillon law firm only insofar as the Los Angeles County Supreme Court case of GEORGIANA vs. FISHER is concerned. T-1 said that this is a civil suit and has not been pressed because DESIMONE has not been in touch with the firm and his whereabouts are not known to any persons connected with this firm. T-1 advised that the subject is known to the CANTILLONS, who are the attorneys for the Tropicana Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. T-1 said that JOHN ROSELLI is also a client of this firm and believes he was introduced to the firm by DESIMONE. T-1 said that among the CANTILLON clients is ANTHONY MOSCIOTRA, 4115 Vally Vista Courts, Sherman Oaks, California. He is the manager of the Silver Fox, a tavern located in San Fernando Valley and actually owned by a family named PUCCI. T-1 said that RICHARD CANTILLON and MOSCIOTRA had a conversation in which the fact that the subject's whereabouts were unknown was a point of discussion. T-1 said it appeared apparent that neither knew where the subject might be, but it was also apparent that they were concerned about him.

T-1 has also advised that within a few days following the notoriety given the subject in the local press, RICHARD

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CANTILLON learned that a "Life" Magazine reporter had telephonically contacted the CANTILLON office and had engaged one of the clerical employees in conversation concerning the subject. According to T-1, it was apparent that CANTILLON was concerned that there would be publicity in which the subject's connection with the firm would become known. T-1 said that the subject was never a member of the firm and recently all calls for the subject have been referred to G. VERNON BRUMBAUGH, 139 North Broadway, Los Angeles. T-1 said that DESIMONE was never a member of the CANTILLON law firm.

On March 31, 1958, G. VERNON BRUMBAUGH advised SA STINE that he still had no idea of the subject's whereabouts.

EJECT-O-LETTE MANUFACTURING COMPANY

On March 7, 1958, W. D. HIGGINSON, United States Corporation Company, 210 West Seventh Street, Los Angeles, advised that at the request of the subject he had filed the necessary legal documents with the California Department of Corporations for this firm. He said that this business, to his recollection, was a machine shop located somewhere in the vicinity of Central Los Angeles. He said all names of persons listed as original stockholders were employees of the United States Corporation Company.

(It will be recalled that the United States Corporation Company specializes in forming corporations under the laws of the State of California and other states for a fee. They act on instructions of attorneys, and according to HIGGINSON, perform the function of a specialized law clerk insofar as the filing of proper documents with the states are concerned.)

HIGGINSON said that he has a vague recollection of the fact that this firm may not actually have begun operations and does not believe it is presently active. He said he cannot recall the exact circumstances for the formation of this particular company, but believes the only work he did in connection therewith was the result of a short telephone call from the subject. He said he does not know who may have been associated with the subject in this venture.

NEIGHBORHOOD AMUSEMENT CLUB

HIGGINSON stated that on November 27, 1939, the subject requested him to file Articles of Incorporation with the State of California for this non-profit corporation. He furnished a carbon copy of the Articles of Incorporation for inspection. This copy did not indicate who the officers or stockholders were, nor was the address shown. The only names shown were LOUIS BONO; J. DIGREGORIO, and DOMINIC SALO. There was no further identification of these persons and they were referred to as "incorporators". Among the purposes for the club there was set forth that for the benefit of members pool, billiard, and snooker tables would be provided. HIGGINSON stated that he did not know where this club was located.

CUCAMONGA WINERY

On March 31, 1958, HIGGINSON advised that on searching through old records he had found misfiled a record to the effect that at the request of the subject, he had caused to be filed with the State of California Articles of Incorporation for this firm. He said the date May 15, 1939, appeared in his records in connection with this firm. He advised that there were no other references in his records to this company and did not know whether or not the subject was an officer, stockholder, or merely attorney for the firm. He said he did not know whether this was still in business.

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Close Relatives

ROSALIA DESIMONE - Mother

On March 14, 1958, CHESTER PERKINS, Investigator, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Los Angeles, advised SAA STINE that the files of that agency include alien registration forms completed by ROSALIE CORDA DESIMONE bearing number A-494102 dated January 10, 1951; January 21, 1957; and January 12, 1958. She also registered as an alien on December 12, 1940. On this early registration form she listed her place of birth as Lucca Sicila, a province of Gergenti, Italy. The form indicated that she entered the United States under her maiden name at New York City on July 30, 1907.

Mr. PERKINS pointed out that the Immigration and Naturalization Service investigation at Pueblo, Colorado, developed that the records of the Mt. Carmel Catholic Church at Pueblo included a record of a marriage on December 23, 1906, of ROSARIO DESIMONE and ROSALIA CORDO.

PERKINS pointed out that in the 1951, 1957, and 1958 alien registration forms completed by Mrs. DESIMONE she consistently represented that she entered the United States in July, 1907, at New York City. The name of the steamship was listed as "unknown." She listed her relatives in Italy as MAICH CORDA; however, the degree of relationship was not shown. She listed all of her children, which included LEON who resided at 3831 Hepburn; FRANK, JOSEPH, and ROSALIE, 1028 North Paramount, Downey, California, the family residence; JOSEPHINE SHASHA, 3522 Carmelete, Maywood; and TONINA LORIA, 195 Alhambra, San Francisco, California.

T-2 on March 7, 1958, advised that the account of ROSALIA DESIMONE at the Security-First National Bank, Downey, California, was increased by \$226.35 in a deposit made March 4, 1958. This amount represented a check drawn on the U. S. National Bank, San Diego, California, El Cajon Branch. The balance as of March 7, 1958, was \$12,531.17.

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T-3 advised that as of February 28, 1958, the balance in ROSALIA DESIMONE's account at the Bank of America, Downey, California, was \$8,286.41. On March 25, 1958, T-3 advised that there were no large checks charged against this account during the month of March. No checks were issued to any member of her family.

GRACE UDDO - Half Sister

Elsewhere in this report is information concerning a \$6,000. check issued by GRACE UDDO which was deposited in the subject's account.

On April 4, 1958, JAMES DONLEY, Internal Revenue Agent, advised that

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JOSEPH DESIMONE - Brother

T-4 on March 14, 1958, made available a list of phone calls from LO 7-2137 and TO 2-5988. JOSEPH P. DESIMONE, the subject's brother, is the subscriber to these phones at 8420 California Avenue, South Gate, California, and 8135 Valdena Lane, Downey, California, respectively. These calls showed that on December 20, 1957, a call was made to FRANK DESIMONE at Tampa, Florida, to phone number 4-2713 (This has previously been traced to the home of FRANK DIECIDUE). On December 27, 1957, a call was made to this same number, and the name "JOSEPH PAZZARIA" appears on the toll ticket. It is noted that a Dr. A. PERZIA performed the operation on the subject in November, 1957, at Tampa, Florida.

Other calls from JOSEPH DESIMONE's business phone in South Gate, California, were as follows:

City Called	Number Called	Dates of Calls
Fullerton, California	LA 5-5871	12/28/57
Westminster, California	TW 3-7263	2/7/58

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<u>City Called</u>	<u>Number Called</u>	<u>Dates of Calls</u>
	FA 8-4644	1/17/58
	GE 9-0227	1/20/58
	EX 8-7585	1/24/58
	AT 4-5147	1/28/58
	UN 4-8450	1/29/58
	TH 2-6939	1/30/58
	TO 7-6047	1/31/58
	UN 8-1838	2/5/58
	OR 7-2183	2/6/58
	PO 2-2977	2/13/58
	OR 2-3418	2/14/58
	OR 7-7781	2/14/58
	AT 0-0269	2/2/58

The calls above cover the period December 7, 1957, through February 17, 1958.

Calls to his home phone in Downey, California, through February 17, 1958, showed toll calls only to Garden Grove, California, phone number LE 9-2287. These calls were made on January 26, 1958; February 8, 1958; and February 17, 1958, respectively.

As set forth elsewhere in this report, on March 6, 1958, when Attorney C. VERNON BRUMBAUGH was contacted, he mentioned that Dr. JOSEPH DESIMONE had informed him the subject's whereabouts was unknown, and for that reason it was necessary to request him, BRUMBAUGH, to perform legal duties that would ordinarily have been performed by the subject.

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NEIGHBORHOOD

On April 2, 1958, Mrs. NORMAN HAURET, 7839 Adoree Street, advised that she had been in frequent touch with ROSALIE DESIMONE on a neighborly basis, but the subject of FRANK's whereabouts and condition has never arisen. She said it is evident from the fact that ROSALIE continues to park her car in the HAURET garage that the subject's car is still on the DESIMONE premises. She said that in the event the subject's whereabouts become known to her she will immediately inform this office. She advised that she has the impression from her contacts with ROSALIE that the family continues to be concerned about the subject's failure to contact them.

On April 4, 1958, Mrs. RICHARD POWELL, 7833 Comolette, Downey, California, advised that she has observed that the DESIMONE family wash does not include male attire, and for this reason she believes the subject is not at home. She said when the subject is home the DESIMONE wash line, which is visible from the POWELL residence, includes many white shirts and other items which she assumes only the subject would wear inasmuch as he is the only male known to be living at those premises. She said she has not been in recent contact with the subject's family but would attempt to see them and, if possible, determine the subject's whereabouts and immediately inform this office.

On April 4, 1958, it was ascertained that the residence at 7832 Adoree Street, Downey, California, is occupied by THEODORE WORMLEY who is employed by the Union Oil Company at 17103 South Central Avenue, Compton, California. This information was obtained on March 28, 1958, by IC JOHN E. SANTOS from the records of the Southern California Gas Company.

T-5 on April 4, 1958, advised SAA STINE that the subject's mother and sister, ROSALIE, have not visited their old friends and appear to be embarrassed over the fact that the subject has been the subject of several newspaper stories

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in the local press. T-5 mentioned that the Federal Narcotics Bureau is evidently looking for the subject in order to serve a subpoena. T-5 said it has not been possible to engage the subject's mother in an extended conversation about him. T-5 stated that Mrs. DESIMONE does not respond to questions concerning her son, except to state generally that she would rest easier if she knew where and how he is.

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BANK ACCOUNTS

All information attributable to "T" symbol informants in this section of the report will be made available only upon the issuance of a subpoena.

Bank of America
Downey Branch
Downey, California

T-3 , on March 25, 1958, advised that the only entries against the subject's "clients account" and his regular checking account were bank charges of less than \$1 on each account, therefore, the balances have not been materially changed.

U. S. National Bank
Main Office
San Diego, California

On March 14, 1958, the San Diego Office reported that on March 3, 1958, a payment was made on the subject's loan account at this bank by a person who was identified by the bank officer receiving the payment as SAM BOMPENSIERO. The payment was in cash.

In connection with this loan, the San Diego Office on the same date advised that on February 28, 1958, Mr. ROBERT P. DRYDEN, Loan Officer, U. S. National Bank, El Cajon Boulevard Branch, San Diego, California, informed SA's FRANK V. SULLIVAN and WILLIAM W. LeBAR that FRANK DESIMONE had obtained a \$2000 loan from that bank on September 6, 1955, co-signed by WILLIAM R. LIPIN. Payments were made as agreed and the loan paid off in its entirety.

On November 20, 1956, a similar loan requested by LIPIN was made to DESIMONE in the amount of \$2000, which also was paid off.

On May 8, 1957, a loan of \$6300 was made again to DESIMONE, requested by LIPIN, a very close personal friend of DESIMONE, the funds to assist DESIMONE to buy a new business (type not stated). This new business allegedly would not interfere with DESIMONE's law practice. The note was guaranteed by LIPIN. Monthly payments were to be made in the amount of \$525.

Payments were made regularly on this loan until about December, 1957, payments having been made in cash. Mr. DRYDEN recalled that some individual other than DESIMONE, Italian appearing, frequently made these payments. When DESIMONE fell behind in his payment schedule, the bank wrote letters to him at his given address, 7838 Adoree, Downey, California. Such letters were dated December 18, 1957; January 23, 1958; and February 11, 1958. The last letter was sent by registered mail with the request that it be delivered to the addressee only and a return receipt card was requested to show the address to which it was delivered. To date no reply has been received, but Mr. LIPIN had made one of the payments. The bank contacted Mr. LIPIN on February 18, 1958, at which time Mr. LIPIN stated he believed DESIMONE, who supposedly had been in a hospital, was back in the Los Angeles area. Another payment was due as of March 3, 1958. Mr. DRYDEN stated that he would advise this office of any information received as to DESIMONE or his payments.

Relative to WILLIAM R. LIPIN, Mr. DRYDEN confidentially informed that he is a brother of LEWIS LIPTON and BERNARD LIPINSKY, both San Diego businessmen. WILLIAM R. LIPIN and BERNARD LIPINSKY are partners in a business known as B & B Enterprises, which operates coin machines such as stamp, cigarette, and candy machines, at military bases in the area. Their deposits at that bank total \$161,305.33. WILLIAM R. LIPIN is one of the largest stockholders in the U. S. National Bank outside of the "actual owners". He is associated also with the North Park Mortgage Company, 2896 Wightman, San Diego, California, telephone CY 8-9338.

Subsequent to receiving the foregoing information, Mr. DRYDEN, on March 3, 1958, telephonically contacted the San Diego Office and stated as set forth above that a payment had been made on DESIMONE's loan. At this point the identity of the person making the payment was unknown. DRYDEN stated that he asked this person where the subject was, and received the reply that he was in a hospital somewhere in Florida. DRYDEN advised that he asked this unknown person for his name and there was no answer. DRYDEN advised that he followed this person to the bank parking lot under the pretext of going to lunch and again engaged the unknown person in conversation. DRYDEN stated that this person advised that the subject had

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been his lawyer and because of all the help given him by the subject, the loan payment was being made for him. DRYDEN said he was unable to state whether or not the payment was being made by the unknown person out of his own pocket.

DRYDEN noted that this person was driving a 1956 Oldsmobile bearing California license LPF 919. The San Diego Office ascertained that this automobile was registered to FRANK or SUSANNE MARINO, 4007 Hope Street, San Diego. The San Diego Office files reflect FRANK MARINO, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Number 1651123, is a bartender for the Spot Cafe operated by SAM BOMPENSIERO and the latter frequently uses MARINO's automobile.

Photographs of several individuals of Italian descent were shown to DRYDEN and to tellers RICHARD MOORS and RICHARD CARSON, who had received payments on the subject's loan previously. DRYDEN and MOORS identified the photograph of SALVATORE (SAM) BOMPENSIERO as the person making the payment on March 3, 1958. CARSON recognized only the photograph of DESIMONE, who had made payments previously on other loans.

Great Western Savings and Loan Association
Crenshaw Branch
Leimert Park
Los Angeles, California

JAMES P. DONLEY, Intelligence Unit, Internal Revenue Service, on March 28, 1958, advised

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INSURANCE

On March 5, 1958, AMY L. HAUERT, Cashier's Department, Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company, 1111 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, advised SA CHARLES E. STINE (A) that DESIMONE is the holder of Policy Number 1955915 issued November 12, 1935. This is a \$1,000 ordinary life policy requiring payments of \$18.43 annually. She stated that payments are current on this policy and from notations made on duplicate copies of receipts maintained, it was possible to determine that the premiums were paid by checks drawn on the banks listed below in the years shown:

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<u>YEAR</u>	<u>BANK ON WHICH DRAWN</u>
1950	Bank of America Fourth and Spring Branch Los Angeles, California
1951	California Bank Beverly Hills Branch Beverly Hills, California
1952	California Bank Beverly Hills Branch Beverly Hills, California
1954	Bank of America Downey Branch Downey, California

Mrs. HAUERT was not able to locate the 1953 record of payment and stated that since 1955 it has not been office policy to note the bank on which the check covering the premium was drawn.

Mrs. HAUERT advised that on January 22, 1946, the subject borrowed \$265 on his policy. She said this loan has not been paid.

On March 5, 1958, F. O. SCHREINER, Jr., Golden Life Agency, 609 South Grand Avenue, advised SA CHARLES E. STINE (A) that this company has issued a life insurance policy, number 642288, for \$1,000 on the life of the subject, FRANK DESIMONE. This policy is of the ordinary life type and was issued November 7, 1934. Premiums of \$20.14 are due annually. He stated the payments are current, but their records do not indicate the bank on which the checks were drawn.

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ASSOCIATES

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

JOHN ROSELLI

JOHN ROSELLI, top hoodlum of the Los Angeles Office was contacted by SA BYRON C. WHEELER on February 26, 1958, at the Tropicana Hotel, at which time he advised he is well acquainted with subject and that many years ago he had used subject as his attorney. He stated subject had not been in Las Vegas for approximately four or five months and that he did not know the present location of subject; however, the last information he received regarding DESIMONE was that the latter had undergone an eye operation approximately two or three months ago in Florida. ROSELLI advised subject resides with his mother and sister in Los Angeles and his whereabouts should be known to them. He stated he would have subject contact SA WHEELER as soon as he was able to locate him or as soon as he saw him in Las Vegas.

BELDON KATLEMAN

On February 25, 1958, the Salt Lake City Office advised that the following information regarding BELDON KATLEMAN was located in the files of the Clark County Sheriff's Office, Las Vegas, Nevada, under Number 40-370:

ANN MOORE, Civil Department, Clark County Sheriff's Office, Las Vegas, previously advised on January 28, 1958, their records reflect BELDON RICHARD KATLEMAN made application for a gambling license on July 18, 1950, Clark County Sheriff's Office Number 40-370. The file contained the following description of KATLEMAN:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Born	July 15, 1914, Sioux City, Iowa
Height	6'
Weight	170 pounds
Hair	Dark brown
Eyes	Dark brown
Complexion	Medium
Former Employment	Katleman Brothers Western Auto Parks, Los Angeles, California

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As of February 11, 1958, no record could be located in the Identification Division of the FBI for KATLEMAN with the exception of his being fingerprinted by the Army on May 6, 1942.

A review of the Salt Lake City files failed to reflect any additional information concerning KATLEMAN.

NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK

AMEDEO L. LAURITANO

On March 18, 1958, the New York Office advised that AMEDEO L. LAURITANO was interviewed on January 30, 1958, by SA's RALPH De SENA and JAMES M. BEARDSLEY at his office, 205 West 34th Street. He advised that he has known FRANK DESIMONE for several years, but has not seen him in several months and has no information concerning his whereabouts. He stated that on about January 17, 1958, he was telephonically contacted by Attorney G. V. BRUMBAUGH, Los Angeles, California, who requested that he, LAURITANO, represent SIMONE SCOZZARI before the Special Federal Grand Jury, Southern District of New York. He stated that SCOZZARI had never appeared before this Grand Jury because he was in a hospital at Los Angeles for a tumor operation.

LAURITANO advised that he did not previously know either BRUMBAUGH or SCOZZARI and, therefore, assumes that FRANK DESIMONE recommended him to BRUMBAUGH as a New York attorney. He stated that he would assume that BRUMBAUGH might know the present whereabouts of DESIMONE inasmuch as BRUMBAUGH mentioned to him on the telephone that DESIMONE recently had an eye operation. He stated that he knew of no other acquaintance DESIMONE might have in New York City and could offer no suggestions as to his possible whereabouts.

New York City Office files reflect that the following information was contained in a memorandum dated April 5, 1952, from Mr. GEORGE WHITE to former Special Assistant to the Attorney General NEWBOLD MORRIS:

THOMAS LUCHESE, with alias Three Finger Brown, was reported very close to several public officials, including AMELIO LAURITANO, a New York City Magistrate and former

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Assistant United States Attorney. LAURITANO's son was the godson of LUCHESE and LAURITANO was discharged as Assistant United States Attorney by United States Attorney IRVING SAYPOL after admitting a relationship with LUCHESE.

Dr. VITO LaROCCA

The New York Office, by letter dated March 18, 1958, advised that on March 4, 1958, Dr. VITO LaROCCA, 30 Park Avenue, New York City, was reinterviewed by SA BEARDSLEY and advised that he had received no information concerning FRANK DESIMONE since DESIMONE was examined by him on November 16, 1957. He stated that DESIMONE did not mention to him having been arrested by the police at Apalachin, New York, on November 14, 1957, and did not mention anything about his activities.

Dr. MARIO F. TAGLIAGAMBE

The New York Office, on March 18, 1958, advised that on March 11, 1958, Dr. MARIO F. TAGLIAGAMBE, 110 President Street, Brooklyn, New York was reinterviewed by SA BEARDSLEY and advised that he had received no information concerning FRANK DESIMONE since he referred DESIMONE to Dr. LaROCCA in November, 1957. He stated that he recalled that he was consulted by DESIMONE prior to the meeting at Apalachin, New York, inasmuch as he noted DESIMONE's name in the newspaper articles about that meeting just a few days after he had seen DESIMONE. He stated that DESIMONE did not indicate to him that he was planning to attend any meeting and did not furnish him any information concerning his personal activities. He stated that DESIMONE apparently came to him because he had served in the Army on the West Coast during World War II with DESIMONE's brother, Dr. LEON DESIMONE.

Both Dr. LaROCCA and Dr. TAGLIAGAMBE stated that they would advise the New York Office if any information concerning FRANK DESIMONE's whereabouts came to their attention.

JAMES PLUMERI, with alias,
JIMMY DOYLE

Inclusion of PLUMERI as a possible associate of the subject is based on a telephone call made from a suite occupied by the subject and SIMONE SCOZZARI at the Hotel New Yorker

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on November 13, 1957. As reported earlier, a call was made on November 13, 1957, from this suite to OR 5-6492. The subscriber of this telephone is ELVIRA GARGUILO, and she resides at Apartment 3B, 156 West 20th Street, New York City.

The New York Office supplied the foregoing information in regard to PLUMERI and GARGUILO on March 18, 1958, and also reported at the same time that according to the records of T-6 another Government agency investigating hoodlum activities, JAMES PLUMERI, a top hoodlum of the New York Office, had a girl friend, DIANA ROSE, who operated the Diana Rose Sportswear Company, 106th Street and Third Avenue, New York City. According to those records, ROSE was also known as VERA, VICK, VICKIE DALE, YOLANDE GARGUILO, and ROSE CAUTERO. Those records reflected that her business was financed by PLUMERI and that he periodically lived with her in a penthouse located somewhere on Park Avenue in New York City. Those records reflected that PLUMERI was using her telephone number for certain contacts with his criminal associates.

New York City Office files reflect that on February 6, 1948, YOLANDA GARGUILO was arrested by Bureau agents at New York City in a Theft From Interstate Shipment case and the complaint against her was dismissed on November 10, 1948. YOLANDA GARGUILO has FBI Number 5051782.

On February 27, 1958, T-7 advised SA RICHARD A. ANDERSON that one "VICKIE" GARGUILO resides in Apartment 3B at 165 West 20th Street, with one JIMMY DOYLE. T-7 stated that they have lived there for approximately three years; however, he believes they are not married.

TAMPA, FLORIDA

Dr. A. P. PERZIA

On March 3, 1958, the Miami Office advised that Dr. PERZIA, who had operated on the subject in November, 1957, was again reinterviewed on February 14, 1958. He said that he had not seen nor heard from the subject since the subject telephoned him from Miami in early January, 1958. He also said the subject had never paid anything on the \$300 bill for the operation. He has promised to advise SA L. E. THOMPSON at Tampa, Florida, in the event the subject's whereabouts become known or if the subject's account is paid.

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ANTHONY DIECIDUE
FRANK DIECIDUE

On February 14, 1958, these brothers advised SA THOMPSON that they had not seen nor heard from the subject since he left Tampa reportedly to go to Miami in early January, 1958.

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

SALVATORE (SAM) BOMPENSIERO

According to information provided by Attorney C. H. AUGUSTINE, a former law associate of the subject, SAM BOMPENSIERO is a close friend of the subject.

T-8, on March 28, 1958, advised that long distance telephone calls made to BOMPENSIERO's telephone included a call dated February 10, 1958, to a JOSEPH VENOSA, Room 308, McKinley Hospital, Trenton, New Jersey.

On March 29, 1958, the Newark Office advised that VENOSA was not identical with the subject. He was identified as an employee of the Quick Photo Service, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and was in the hospital as a patient of Dr. WILLIAM WITTENBORN, who definitely identified his patient as not being identical with the subject.

Other telephone calls made from the BOMPENSIERO telephones are as follows:

<u>DATE OF CALL</u>	<u>NUMBER CALLED</u>	<u>PERSON CALLED IF KNOWN</u>
From Belmont 4-2545 - (residence, 2135 Columbia)		
12/9/57	TE 2-1161	GORDON F. BLAHNIK San Pedro, California
From Belmont 9-1007 (The Spot, a night club, 1046 Third Street, San Diego, California)		
1/20/58 2/20/58	GL 3-7125	ROBERT PRAETZEL San Rafael, California (call placed by SAM BOMPENSIERO)

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<u>DATE OF CALL</u>	<u>NUMBER CALLED</u>	<u>PERSON CALLED IF KNOWN</u>
2/10/58	OR 5-6024	ANGELO LOCOICO Inglewood, California
2/28/58	NO 4-5483	Los Angeles, California
12/21/57 1/8/58 2/19/58	CY 2-4956	SAL MORENO San Jose, California (from "SAM BOTENSARI")
1/2/58	TR 2087	FRANK MAHANY Los Angeles, California (call by SAM BOMPENSIERO)
1/6/58	GL 3-7125	ROBERT PRAETZEL San Rafael, California
1/23/58	LY 9-9918	Pomona, California
2/11/58	RI 9-6373	Los Angeles, California
2/2/58	LA 3-1275	San Jose, California
2/2/58	LA 3-1527	San Jose, California

CLARENCE HENRY AUGUSTINE

The San Diego Office, on March 14, 1958, advised that on March 5, 1958, Mr. CLARENCE HENRY AUGUSTINE, Attorney, 2055 Third, San Diego, was interviewed by SA's T. HYRUM CALLISTER and WILLIAM W. LeBAR. AUGUSTINE stated that he has not seen nor heard from DESIMONE for about a year, when he saw him in a Pacific Beach Bar. AUGUSTINE stated that he has known subject since about 1934 when the two had offices in the same suite in Los Angeles, California. In the early 1950's when the liquor scandals in San Diego came to light, DESIMONE contacted him and asked him to assist in representing the BOMPENSIERO brothers, FRANK BOMPENSIERO and SALVATORE (SAM) BOMPENSIERO. SAM BOMPENSIERO became AUGUSTINE's client and remains so today. As to subject's associates, AUGUSTINE stated that he personally has gone to the horse races at Caliente track in the past, as have the BOMPENSIERO brothers.

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He stated that he himself has not been to that track in the past four or five months, however. AUGUSTINE informed that he knows of no hobbies or special interests of subject aside from horse races and "women". He stated that he could furnish no additional pertinent information and when asked, stated that he probably would consult with DESIMONE before furnishing any information to this Bureau as to his whereabouts should it come to his attention.

On March 24, 1958, the San Diego Office advised that long distance telephone calls made from AUGUSTINE's telephone since August, 1957, included the following:

<u>CITY</u>	<u>NUMBER CALLED</u>	<u>DATE OF CALL</u>
Della, Iowa	MA 8-2451	9/25/57
San Francisco, California	HI 5-4711	2/17/58
Las Vegas, Nevada	DU 0-9151 "La BARBA"	10/21/57
	DU 2-9023 "La BARBA"	10/25/57
	DU 4-5801 Mrs. <u>La BARBARA</u>	9/11/57
	DU 4-7103 JOE <u>La BARBER</u>	10/14/57

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<u>NUMBER CALLED</u>	<u>DATE (1957-1958)</u>	<u>PERSON OR AREA CALLED</u>
TR 2087	8/23;10/30;11/26	"JEFFERIS"
SY 8-6326	8/26	
MU 8308	8/26;9/6,17	HARRY M. IRWIN
MA 6-5521	8/26;9/17	Dr. ALBRACH
	(Listed to DONALD H. ALBRECHT, Attorney, 510 South Spring, Los Angeles)	

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<u>NUMBER CALLED</u>	<u>DATE (1957-1958)</u>	<u>PERSON OR AREA CALLED</u>
GL 4-2162	8/27	LORA AUGUSTINE
EX 5-3108	9/6	
AN 1-8114	9/6	
HA 6-064R	9/6	
CL 6-3496	9/9	GRIGGERS
DU 5-1531	9/17	
WH 2-9998	10/2	(Lancaster, California)
VA 5591	10/3	WALTER C. DURST
VA 6151	10/4,21;11/23	BILL SIGMON
EX 5-3108	10/10	
MA 6-9291	10/29,31	LOUIS SAMUELS
RI 9-4711 Ext 656	11/29	"DRAPER"
(This is a United States Government telephone and the extention number is for Small Business Administration)		
OR 8-7617	12/4	
MA 6-0911	10/28/57;2/13,14/58	Mrs. OHARN
OR 4-8717	Several calls	
GL 4-2162	Several calls	
EL 8-4521	Several calls	
EX 7-0158	12/31	Santa Monica, California
MA 9-2521	1/8/58	
LA 5-6950	1/21/58	

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<u>NUMBER CALLED</u>	<u>DATE (1957-1958)</u>	<u>PERSON OR AREA CALLED</u>
ED 8-7842	1/30,31/58	
EL 9-2886		
PA 4-3383		Montebello, California
VE 9-6541		Culver City, California
DU 5-7211		

WILLIAM RICHARD LIPIN

On March 21, 1958, the San Diego Office advised that the city directories for the year 1942 disclose that W. R. LIPIN resided at 3454 Olive Avenue at that time. This was the address shown by the subject in his application for employment at the Solar Aircraft Company.

ROBERT DRYDEN on February 28, 1958, advised SA's FRANK V. SULLIVAN and WILLIAM W. LeBAR that LIPIN is one of the largest stockholders in the U. S. National Bank and a partner with his brother, BERNARD LIPINSKY in the B & B Enterprises, which operates coin machines such as stamp, cigarette, and candy machines on military bases in the San Diego area. Their deposits at the bank total in excess of \$160,000. LIPIN is also associated with the Northpark Mortgage Company, 2896 Wightman, San Diego, California.

The San Diego Office, on March 14, 1958, advised that on February 28, 1958, WILLIAM RICHARD LIPIN, 49-1 Yerba Santa Drive, San Diego 15, California, telephone JU 3-2200, was interviewed at his residence by SA's FRANK V. SULLIVAN and WILLIAM W. LeBAR. This residence is in a quite exclusive neighborhood and gives the appearance of being a very expensive home, probably valued at \$100,000 or more, with an elaborate lawn sprinkling system and, according to information received from T-8, there is a very elaborate telephone system installed in this residence - one which greatly impressed some of the telephone installers.

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Mr. LIPIN related that he is "very, very close" to FRANK DESIMONE, having known him since about 1927 when the two were attending Southern California University at Los Angeles, California. During that time the two helped support themselves by selling oranges by the crate. He knows the DESIMONE family well and refers to them by their first names. He stated that he always calls Dr. LEON DESIMONE as "Cousin LEON" and refers to ROSALIE DESIMONE, subject's unmarried sister, as "Baby".

LIPIN related that one incident that endeared him to the DESIMONE family was the securing of a loan of some \$100 by subject from one of his uncles who was a barber in Downey, California, in the early 1930's for LIPIN. LIPIN had needed this money to help his brother, LEWIS LIPTON, the latter having been practically ostracized by the family because of his marriage to a "non-Jewish" girl. LIPIN had gone to a wealthy uncle of his in the Los Angeles area to secure this loan and when he learned that it was to go to LIPTON, he refused to make the loan. When DESIMONE heard about it, he secured the loan voluntarily from an uncle of his who was in the most modest financial circumstances. LIPIN cited this to show the type of association he has had with subject.

Over the period of intervening years he has had frequent contact with subject; because of divergent interests, however, which resulted partly from the fact that LIPIN became a married man with a family and DESIMONE has always remained single, he has not been out socially with subject since about 1941 or 1942.

During the early World War II years, LIPIN accompanied subject on a trip to Washington in an attempt by subject to secure a commission in the Army. This failed because of subject's poor eyesight. It was then that LIPIN's brother, LEW LIPTON, who was on the Selective Service Board, suggested that subject enlist. This he did and served some time in the Army. Since subject's discharge, according to LIPIN, he has been a changed man and seems to have lost his "spirit". He has been very uncommunicative as to his personal affairs, having always been a rather unusual individual. Of late years he has remarked that his law practice has not been too good and he has wondered why he remains in the practice.

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LIPIN volunteered that he has been guarantor on several loans in the past few years which have all been paid off except the last in an amount of some \$3,000 to \$5,000. On the last loan subject has not made payments in the last few months and the bank, El Cajon Boulevard Branch, U. S. National Bank, has contacted LIPIN about the loan and LIPIN has made at least one of the payments. He informed that DESIMONE has never given a reason why he wanted the money and LIPIN, knowing subject's personality, has never inquired. He has never hesitated to make the loans because of his very close friendship, "almost like a brother", and would make other loans to him or be co-signer for such notes, if DESIMONE so requested, and with no questions asked. LIPIN remarked that he has noticed, however, that in spite of subject's comments about his meager law practice and his occasional need of loans, he always has driven a relatively new Cadillac automobile and "smokes long, black cigars".

LIPIN denied that he has had any contact whatsoever with DESIMONE in the past few months or that he knows of his whereabouts. He related that on about February 5, 1958, he had been in Los Angeles on business, taking a realtor's examination, and he happened to see "Cousin LEON" on the street. LIPIN inquired about subject and was told that LEON did not know subject's whereabouts. LEON added, "You know FRANKIE. He goes and comes and just doesn't communicate with his family".

LIPIN stated that about the middle of February he was told by an individual whose identity he would not disclose, that subject had recently tried to call LIPIN, but since LIPIN had moved, subject was unable to reach him. LIPIN assumed that from that conversation DESIMONE had been in San Diego, but that was purely an assumption. He promised to contact that source and attempt to obtain additional information concerning subject's whereabouts and the telephone call at that particular time. (LIPIN telephonically advised on March 3, 1958, that he still was unable to disclose the identity of the aforementioned source, but that he had contacted that source and learned that the source had, in about the middle of February, received a telephone call from DESIMONE in which he had said that he had attempted to call LIPIN, but without success. It is noted that LIPIN has recently moved into a new home and into a new business address. However, should subject have made a determined effort to contact LIPIN, he certainly should have succeeded. LIPIN advised that this source would not disclose whether the telephone call from DESIMONE was from a local or long distance

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telephone call, and he could furnish no additional information as to DESIMONE's whereabouts.)

LIPIN on February 28, 1958, continued that he knows of no close associates of DESIMONE either in Los Angeles or San Diego, or other areas. He described most of subject's associates as being of Italian extraction. About 15 or so years ago DESIMONE introduced LIPIN to the late GIRALOMO "MOMO" ADAMO and LIPIN always considered "MOMO" as a good friend because of his having been introduced by DESIMONE. Also DESIMONE has been related in law practice with an attorney by the name of C. H. AUGUSTINE in San Diego. He believes also that DESIMONE, in the past, has been invited to join the law firm of PROCOPIO, PRICE, CORY & SCHWARTZ.

As to subject's personal habits, LIPIN informed that DESIMONE considers himself a connoisseur of food and drink and will spend several hours at a meal at a good restaurant. He has no known hobbies; no serious girl friends, although he is much interested in "women"; is not interested in sports or television; is even-tempered and not inclined to violence; is a light drinker of alcoholic beverages. He has known subject to travel primarily in his personal automobile, which was last known to have been a Cadillac, license and identifying data unknown.

LIPIN informed that subject is known, although not intimately, by his brother, LEWIS LIPTON

LIPIN openly stated that if he learns of DESIMONE's whereabouts, he will tell the subject that the FBI is interested in locating him and suggest that DESIMONE contact the FBI. He stated further that he will attempt to locate DESIMONE for this purpose, but that he "probably would not" furnish information to this office as to DESIMONE's whereabouts without first talking to subject. He stated he was certain that if DESIMONE is hiding out, it is only to "protect someone".

On March 3, 1958, WILLIAM RICHARD LIPIN telephonically contacted SA WILLIAM W. LeBAR and informed that he has reconsidered the matter and will notify this office of any pertinent information as to the whereabouts of DESIMONE; however, he could not disclose his source which told him that subject had tried to contact him earlier in February.

LEWIS LIPTON

The San Diego Office, on March 14, 1958, advised that on March 3, 1958, Mr. LEWIS LIPTON, 5018 Marlborough, San Diego, California, was interviewed at his place of business, LEW LIPTON's Savoy, 1065 Fourth Avenue, San Diego, by SA T. HYRUM CALLISTER and SA WILLIAM W. LeBAR. LIPTON informed that he has known DESIMONE for 20 or more years, having met him through his brother, BILL LIPIN, who had gone to school with the subject. He stated that he does not know subject in a social way, having never gone out with him socially. He knows subject to be an avid horse race fan and "wouldn't miss a race for anything". He stated that he has not seen nor heard of subject for months, but that he will advise this office of information coming to his attention regarding subject.

LIPTON informed further that DESIMONE had been attorney for the deceased "MOMO" ADAMO, whose wife has since remarried and lives in San Diego. The former Mrs. ADAMO reportedly married someone who is not Italian, now employed at Convair, and as a result she may be "antagonistic" toward the Italian element of San Diego. Her name might be determined from MEL WILSON, U. S. National Bank. He advised that he believes subject was also attorney for TONY MIRABILE and PAUL MIRABILE. (TONY MIRABILE is a San Diego local hoodlum on whom reports have been forwarded and PAUL MIRABILE is a well known brother of his.) He believes that if DESIMONE came to San Diego, SAM BOMPENSIERO will be certain to know of it.

LIPTON informed that DESIMONE is peculiar in his eating habits and at times particular. He stated that a couple of years ago he remarked that he could not find a good meal in San Diego and was going to the Bernardo Winery (operated by VINCENT RIZZO, mentioned previously in this investigation) for a meal. LIPTON added that other Italians in the past have been known to go to that winery occasionally for meals.

LIPTON stated that DESIMONE is an unusual individual and his close associates other than mentioned above are not known. When DESIMONE was last seen by LIPTON, some months ago, he told LIPTON during his conversation that he thought his office had been "bugged" for a long time, reason not stated. LIPTON informed that he would talk with his brother, BILL LIPIN, to determine what information he could secure. During the conversation with LIPTON, he volunteered that he has been in

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business in San Diego for a long time and that he has become acquainted with individuals in the bar and restaurant business who are of Italian extraction. He mentioned among them the MATRANGA brothers, who sought LIPTON's aid two or three years ago in helping an Italian named DI GREGORIO. LIPTON described DI GREGORIO as an Italian who appeared refined and possibly with a university education who had come to Tijuana, B.C., Mexico, to seek entrance into the United States. While there he married one of the VITALE girls. He referred the matter to an attorney named VERNE WARNER. DI GREGORIO was not allowed to enter and went back to Italy with his wife. A child was born to them since. He was again contacted by the MATRANGAS and wrote to Representative BOB WILSON on his behalf. The last LIPTON claims to have heard, DI GREGORIO was still in Italy.

FRANK MARINO

On March 14, 1958, the San Diego Office advised that FRANK MARINO, FBI Number 1651123, was the registered owner of the automobile used by the person making the payment to the subject's loan account at the U. S. National Bank on March 3, 1958. It has been established that the person making the payment was SAM BOMPENSIERO, but in view of the fact that MARINO is a bartender for SAM BOMPENSIERO, the following information is being set forth concerning him at this point:

The records of the San Diego Merchants Credit Association, as made available by Mrs. OLIVE ROBINSON on March 4, 1958, show that FRANK MARINO and his wife, SUZANNE, have resided at 4007 Hope since 1951. This individual is, according to those files, the nephew of FRANK MARINO, 1360 Columbia, and the son of JOE MARINO. He is reported owner of Lamar Ura Company, San Diego, of which there is no record. He has been a fisherman and has been arrested as a suspect in bookmaking by the San Diego Police Department. He does his banking at the Security Trust and Savings Bank, Fifth and "E", San Diego.

The records of the San Diego Police Department, as made available on March 4, 1958, by Lieutenant JACK BAKER, reflect that FRANK B. MARINO, San Diego Police Department Number 67910, FBI Number 1651123, was born at San Diego on May 30, 1920, and was arrested on a bookmaking charge on November 13, 1950, the charge later being dismissed. He was a suspected partner of a bookmaker named LLOYD HAINES. A photograph of MARINO was secured.

Mrs. PATRICK GAVIN
4134 Lymer Drive
San Diego, California

The San Diego Office, on March 14, 1958, advised that Mrs. GAVIN was formerly married to "MOMO" ADAMO and as previously reported, allegedly she and DESIMONE had an "affair" prior to ADAMO's suicide. Through MEL WILSON, U. S. National Bank, the San Diego Office determined that Mrs. GAVIN's present husband is an engineer working for Convair and was reportedly left with only meager resources when ADAMO committed suicide.

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JOHN PERUMEAN

On March 12, 1958, Patrolman RICHARD BAUGH, Downey, California Police Department, advised that PERUMEAN was a close friend of DESIMONE, and during the day (March 12, 1958) had advised that he considered himself the closest friend the subject has in the city of Downey. BAUGH said that PERUMEAN expressed the attitude that the newspapers and law enforcement agencies had harrassed the subject unreasonably, and he did not think that the subject would come out of hiding until he decided to do so. He also told BAUGH that he was concerned for the subject's safety because he had not heard from him since the day the subject left for New York City in November, 1957.

On March 14, 1958, PERUMEAN advised SAA STINE at his place of business, the Downey Motor Company, 8112 South Firestone Boulevard, Downey, California, that he met the subject in 1923 and since that time has been with the subject on at least a once-a-week basis when they were both in the Los Angeles area (which includes Downey). He said the subject left Downey for New York City intending to have an eye operation performed by Dr. TAGLIAGAMBE in New York. He said the subject did not want his mother to know that he was being operated on and wished to spare her concern for him. PERUMEAN said that he had been in contact with the family (DESIMONE) since FRANK left for New York City and had not heard anything from them concerning his whereabouts since approximately January 1, 1958. He said at that time he had learned from Dr. JOE DESIMONE that the subject was in Tampa, Florida, and presumed that he was recovering from an eye operation. He said that as of March 14, 1958, he was convinced that Dr. JOE DESIMONE did not know where his brother was. PERUMEAN advised that he intended to go to the San Diego, California area where he believed FRANK might possibly be with friends.

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PERUMEAN said that he feels the subject has slighted him in not keeping him informed of his whereabouts or condition. He said that he regards the subject as "closer than a brother" and feels that if the subject is in any difficulty they know each other well enough to expect mutual help within their ability. He said that from time to time in the past he has loaned the subject money and has always been repaid. He said he knows that subject has not obtained a great deal of money from his practice as an attorney within the past two or three years. He advised the subject has taken clients who are unable to pay or are considered so close as friends that he does not charge them normal legal fees.

He stated that the subject in 1954 and 1955 spent a great deal of his time in San Diego defending FRANK BOMPENSIERO.

PERUMEAN stated that he is convinced from what DESIMONE has said that BOMPENSIERO was "railroaded to prison." He said the subject explained that BOMPENSIERO, who is now in prison, was put there as the direct result of uncorroborated testimony of one person who committed perjury. He advised that he, PERUMEAN, shared the subject's attitude toward law enforcement agencies in Los Angeles and San Diego that they have not been fair in their dealings with DESIMONE's friends. He said he included in this category JACK DRAGNA, "who was framed by the Los Angeles Police Department." PERUMEAN did not amplify this remark but stated it was because of "deals like this" that DESIMONE will have nothing to do with law enforcement authorities.

PERUMEAN said that he has become increasingly alarmed over the fact that the subject has not contacted him and believes there is a possibility that because of his physical condition the subject may be seriously ill. He said there is also the possibility that the subject is no longer alive. He advised that the subject has friends all over the United States, and if he wished to hide out from the authorities would be able to do so for as long as he wished. PERUMEAN advised that he would try to determine where the subject was but would not promise to alert this office in case his search

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or inquiries were fruitful. He advised that he would inform the subject and be guided by whatever he desired.

PERUMEAN said that recent stories in the Los Angeles papers concerning the fact that the Federal Narcotics Bureau is searching for the subject in order to serve him with a subpoena has caused the subject's family a great deal of embarrassment. He advised that a local newspaper had called the DESIMONE residence and had conversed with the subject's sister, ROSALIE. He said the reporter "gave her a bad time."

PERUMEAN said that the subject is an inveterate gambler and would not be at all surprised if when all the facts are known the so-called Apalachin, New York "hoodlum convention" was merely a gettogether by a group of friends wanting to gamble. He said he did not know any of the others who were present, except SIMONE SCOZZARI.

He advised that the subject is a close friend of FRANK DIECIDUE, Tampa, Florida, who provides him with the long black cigars which he, subject, always smokes. He said that TAGLIAGAMBE was discharged from the service on the West Coast, and after his discharge spent a great deal of time with the subject in Los Angeles.

PERUMEAN said that to his knowledge the subject has never been engaged in any illegal activities. He said the subject is a good attorney who usually represents fellow Sicilians. He said the subject's father, ROSARIO DESIMONE, was regarded as a very influential person among the Sicilians in the Los Angeles area, and as a result the subject has been sought after by other persons of this nationality to do their legal work.

He said the subject's father was a big gambler, and many games of poker with high stakes were played among friends in his home. He said the subject inherited his father's proclivity for cards and has also an avid interest in the horse races.

He said that DESIMONE's close friends include the BOMPENSIERO and the MIRABLI families in San Diego, California.

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BEN J. TORTORICI

As previously reported, there were several calls from the subject's phone to TORTORICI, who resides at 7406 South Halldale Avenue.

T-10 on March 14, 1958, ascertained that the following toll calls were charged to TORTORICI's phone, PL 1-2646, during the period September 13, 1957, through January, 1958:

City Called	Number Called	Dates of Calls
Tucson, Arizona	MA 2-9988	9/15/57
San Bernardino, California	TU 2-6030	9/17/57; 10/23, 30/57; 12/6/57
Buena Park, California	LA 2-1139	9/19, 21/57; 11/9/57
Ontario, California	YU 2-4302	10/8, 14/57
Riverside, California	OV 9-9624	12/22/57
Pueblo, Colorado	LI 4-9308	10/14/57 - to S. COLLETTI 11/5/57 - to S. COLLETTI
San Francisco, California	SK 1-9834	1/21/58
San Francisco, California	SK 1-1237	1/21/58

The calls to TU 2-6030, San Bernardino, California, were possibly to JOE DIPOLLITO, a hoodlum to whom were traced calls from the subject's phone and previously reported.

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The calls to Pueblo, Colorado, number shown, appear to have been made to JAMES COLLETTI, who also attended the Apalachin meeting. It is noted that one of the calls listed above was made on November 5, 1957. The subject left for New York City on November 11, 1957.

Through T-11 it was ascertained that TORTORICI has a safe deposit box and a savings account at the Florence and Vermont Branch of the Bank of America, Los Angeles, California. On March 17, 1958, T-11 advised that TORTORICI opened the savings account on August 31, 1952. As of March 5, 1958, the balance was \$729.05. He listed his occupation as a tailor, his birthplace as Lucca Licanta, Italy, and his mother's maiden name as ANTONIA DIGRADO. The safe deposit box, number 24, was rented on November 16, 1954. The bank does not maintain a record of entries to these boxes, except by date, and T-11 said it would be almost impossible to determine when TORTORICI entered this box. All records reflected his address as 7406 South Halldale.

JACK T. CANTELLA

As previously reported, CANTELLA was contacted telephonically by someone making a call from the subject's home phone. These calls were made on September 25 and October 22, 1957.

Mr. WARNER, Investigator, Alcohol Tax and Tobacco Unit, on April 4, 1958, advised SAA STINE that pursuant to his investigation of DESIMONE for possible violations of laws over which that agency has jurisdiction, he had contacted CANTELLA to ascertain the nature of the relationship between the subject and himself. CANTELLA explained to WARNER on April 3, 1958, that the subject was the brother of Dr. LEON DESIMONE, who cared for his (CANTELLA's) mother a few years ago. He said he met the subject and has enjoyed his friendship since that time. He explained to WARNER that he was last in touch with the subject sometime in October, 1957, when he noted an obituary of a person he thought was the subject's mother. He said he called

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the subject to convey his condolences because the obituary included the names of LEON and FRANK as sons of the deceased. He said he was informed at that time that the person who died was an aunt. He said he has never been a close associate of the subject.

WARNER said that CANTELLA is now operating the Trojan Rectifying Plant at 2365 East 57th Street, Los Angeles. CANTELLA was convicted in 1935 and 1941 in Cleveland, Ohio, for violation of Federal liquor laws. He has since received a Presidential pardon, and his civil rights have been restored.

WARNER stated that CANTELLA said he had no knowledge of the subject's whereabouts but would make inquiry and if they become known to him would notify WARNER. WARNER advised that he would immediately notify this office.

JOSEPH G. LEONE

As set forth elsewhere in this report, the El Rancho Vegas Hotel purchased ashtrays from the Leone Glass and Engineering Company, Los Angeles, California. The person responsible for introducing a representative of this company to the hotel was FRANK DESIMONE.

A Dun and Bradstreet credit report dated June 27, 1957, reflects that JOSEPH G. LEONE is the owner of this business, located at 8828 South Garfield Avenue, South Gate, California. This business was started in June, 1946, as a partnership with EDWARD B. BOURNE, who in March, 1953, filed suit for dissolution of partnership and accounting. LEONE then became employed by the Frawly Corporation, Culver City, California, until mid-1954 when he operated a company known as Leone Originals from his residence at 6411 West Eighth Street, Los Angeles. This business specialized in costume jewelry which was manufactured by others.

The present firm manufactures pressed glassware such as tail lights, stop lights, ashtrays, drinking glasses, etc. The credit report does not show that the subject is actively engaged in this business.

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CHARLES D. BENEDETTO

It has been previously reported that BENEDETTO operates the West Coast Burglar Alarm System in Los Angeles, California.

A Retail Merchants Credit Association report issued in January, 1958, reflects only that he resides at 4160 Guthwaite Avenue, Los Angeles, California. He is listed as the owner of the B. & G. Market, 4031 South Main Street, Los Angeles, California, and the West Coast Alarm System at an address which is not shown. Another address appearing on the form, 4256 Don Arellanes Drive, Los Angeles, appears without reference to either a business or residence address. No further information appeared there or in the records of the Los Angeles Police Department or Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office, which were checked on March 19, 1958, by SE LLOYD H. DUDLEY.

GAGLIO Brothers

It has previously been reported that this Ontario, California firm issued the subject \$750., which was placed in his "Clients Account" at the Downey, California Branch, Bank of America.

Mr. WARNER of the Alcohol Tax and Tobacco Unit on April 4, 1958, advised SAA STINE that he had contacted this firm relative to their business dealings with the subject. He advised that they had retained the subject as their attorney in the operation of their business, a beer and wine distributorship. WARNER said that the subject presently has the stock certificates of this firm, and within a matter of a few weeks will be required to supply these in order that his clients may obtain a new permit to operate their business.

WARNER said that JACK GAGLIO had informed him that they have been anxiously trying to locate the subject in order that the permit (not further identified) would be issued. He said that incidental to these efforts he has contacted

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Attorney G. VERNON BRUMBAUGH within the past few weeks and received the impression from BRUMBAUGH that the subject's whereabouts are unknown. WARNER advised that GAGLIO said BRUMBAUGH would be utilized as an attorney in the place of DESIMONE in the event the subject was not located. WARNER advised that he would keep this office informed of the subject's whereabouts.

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LOS ANGELES AREA - ASSOCIATES, CONTINUED

WINTHROP L. BROWN
Vice President and Manager
Arroyo - Colorado Branch
Bank of America
160 East Colorado Street
Pasadena, California

On March 27, 1958, BROWN advised that he is very probably the W. L. BROWN used by FRANK DESIMONE in the latter's application for 1942 employment at the Solar Aircraft Company. He said in 1942 he was the manager of the Fourth and Spring Streets branch of the Bank of America and knew the subject as a customer of the bank. BROWN said he knew the subject was an attorney and knew nothing of him except as a bank customer.

ANTHONY BENFATTI

T-12, on March 10, 1958, advised that he had learned from a source he did not care to disclose that BENFATTI was out of the Los Angeles area caring for a sick friend. T-12 said that his source knew that BENFATTI and DESIMONE were friends and mentioned that there was a possibility that the sick friend might be the subject.

On March 17, 1958, Mrs. JOE SAIDLIN, Apartment Manager, 4001 Coco Avenue, Los Angeles, advised SA CHARLES E. STINE (A) that BENFATTI was one of her tenants and had left town about January 15, 1958, and had returned over the week end of March 14-15, 1958. She said she did not know where BENFATTI had been. She said he did mention that due to the freeze of the Florida citrus and produce crops, he was going East. She said she did not know what he meant by this expression, but believed that he may have gone to Florida. She advised she had no way of knowing where he had been.

On April 1, 1958, Mrs. SAIDLIN advised that BENFATTI apparently was again out of town. She said it was apparent that his apartment had not been disturbed for approximately one week and she did not know his present whereabouts.

T-12, on April 1, 1958, advised that his source stated that BENFATTI had left town and would be gone for approximately two weeks. T-12 said that from what the source stated, he believed that BENFATTI was going to go to Idaho.

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T-13, on March 17, 1958, advised that BENFATTI had a regular commercial checking account at the 48th and Western Branch of the Bank of America, Los Angeles. T-13 advised that this account was opened on March 12, 1954, and as of March 17, 1958, there was a balance of \$86.55. He made application for and received a \$500 90-day loan on December 30, 1957. On his loan application he listed his employment as a produce buyer at the Los Angeles City Market. The purpose of the loan was to "make good purchases due to surplus supplies". He listed a reference as his brother, JOSEPH BENFATTI, but the address was illegible.

The bank signature card reflected that he was born in Pueblo, Colorado, and that his mother's maiden name was F. GARRIDOMANDO. Since 1954 he had several loans ranging from \$500 to \$1600 and appeared to be prompt in his payments.

The Los Angeles Police Department records on March 25, 1958, as checked by SA STINE, revealed that BENFATTI had been arrested five times between 1946 and 1956 on various gambling charges. He was arrested in August, 1949, at 2307 West 54th Street and found to be in possession of bookmaking paraphernalia. His attorney was JOE FORNO, and he was living with his brother, JOE BENFATTI, at 1639 West 64th Street. (There is no current listing in the Los Angeles city telephone directories for JOE BENFATTI.)

ANTHONY BENFATTI's FBI Number is 4589521, and his date of birth is shown as November 29, 1911, at Pueblo, Colorado.

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CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

Organized Crime - Meeting of
Hoodlums, Apalachin, New York,
November 14, 1957

On March 14, 1958, the Dallas Office advised that Attorney W. O. BRAECKLEIN had informed SA VINCENT E. DRAIN that he had been retained by JOSEPH FRANCIS CIVELLO as counsel in connection with an investigation by the Internal Revenue Bureau of CIVELLO's income tax returns. Incidental to this relationship BRAECKLEIN related that CIVELLO told him he had been invited to attend the Apalachin meeting by FRANK DESIMONE, whom he referred to as a cousin. He said when he asked CIVELLO what degree of relationship DESIMONE was to him, the reply was "just a cousin." BRAECKLEIN stated that CIVELLO told him further that he went to this meeting with DESIMONE and that he did not know beforehand that such a meeting was to be held.

The Philadelphia Office on March 17, 1958, advised that phone calls made from the rooms occupied by DESIMONE and SCOZZARI at the Hotel Casey, Scranton, Pennsylvania, on the night of November 13, 1957, reflect that there were three calls made. One was to Preno's Restaurant, which has recently been destroyed by fire. Another call was to the Pennsylvania Drape and Curtain Company, which business is owned and operated by RUSSELL A. BUFALINO, a Philadelphia top hoodlum. The last call was made to the A. B. & S. Contracting Company, 161 South Main Street, Pittston, Pennsylvania, which is also owned by BUFALINO.

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Los Angeles newspapers on March 10, 1958, carried stories to the effect that the Los Angeles Federal Narcotics Bureau was seeking DESIMONE in order to serve a subpoena for his appearance before a Federal Grand Jury in New York City which was investigating the Apalachin meeting.

On March 18, 1958, the New York Office advised that Assistant United States Attorney STEPHEN KAUFMAN had verified that a subpoena is presently outstanding for DESIMONE to appear before the Federal Grand Jury in the Southern District of New York and that the Federal Narcotics Bureau had been requested to attempt to serve this.

On March 31, 1958, SA LARRY KATZ, Federal Narcotics Bureau, Los Angeles, California, was contacted by SA's WILLIAM JOHN NOLAN and CHARLES E. STINE (A). KATZ advised he had learned from informants, which he did not disclose, that the subject might possibly be in the San Diego-Tijuana area. He said that his best source was to the effect that the subject was living in Tijuana as the guest of GASPARE MATRANGA. He advised that until FRANK's whereabouts are known it will not be possible to serve the subpoena unless he is in the United States. KATZ said he would keep this office informed of any developments of the subject or the service of the subpoena.

Prior to the above contact with KATZ, to whom the above Agents were referred by HOWARD CHAPPELL, the Los Angeles head of the Federal Narcotics Bureau, KATZ had been out of town for several days and contact was not immediately possible.

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Organized Crime - Mafia

FABIO DE GREGORIO (also spelled and previously referred to as DI GREGORIO) was interviewed on March 20, 1958, at the U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, San Ysidro, California, when he applied for "parole" into the United States to be near his wife who is eight months pregnant. Previously it was reported that DE GREGORIO had named DESIMONE as the person who had assumed leadership of the Mafia in Southern California after JACK DRAGNA's death.

The San Diego Office on March 21, 1958, advised in addition to the above, that DE GREGORIO related much the same information as he had furnished a Federal Narcotics Officer in Rome, Italy, in January, 1957. He said he did not personally know DESIMONE, nor did he now know where the subject might possibly be. He said he recognizes the subject's name only as one mentioned about in San Diego during 1955 when he was there. He said he does not recall the circumstances under which the subject's name was brought up but does remember that he received the impression that the name was treated with considerable respect. He said also that the name had been mentioned by one of the ADAMOS in San Diego, but he was unable to state which member of this family had said anything about the subject. DE GREGORIO said he did not recognize the subject's photo.

He said that he had read in Italian newspapers a list of the individuals present at the Apalachin meeting but did not recall that the name DESIMONE was included. He said he reviewed this list with his wife in Italy and that she acknowledged recognizing two or three of the names, including PRIZIOLA. He said he did not recall the other names which seemed to make an impression on his wife.

DE GREGORIO said that his family is engaged in an import-export business in Italy and that he has no blood relatives in the United States; that the only relatives are through marriage and that he has not been taken into confidence by the SALVATORE VITALE family so far as business matters are concerned. He said he has been treated well as a

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son-in-law by his wife's family who come from a rather low social strata in Italy. He said he has not become acquainted with the activities of his in-laws' family in the United States.

On February 28, 1958, the San Diego Office advised that DE GREGORIO arrived at Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico, from Italy on February 27, 1958. He traveled via New York, San Francisco, and Los Angeles. He was met at the Tijuana Airport by LEO MATRANGA, brother of JOE MATRANGA, a San Diego local hoodlum.

On March 20, 1958, the San Diego Office advised that T-14 informed that the MATRANGA family had rented an apartment in Tijuana at Number 374 Avenida Guanajuato but it had been unoccupied because DE GREGORIO did not wish to live in the immediate vicinity of JASPER (GASPARE) MATRANGA, a deportee from the United States. T-14 said that DE GREGARIO wishes to avoid contact in Tijuana with any questionable element in order to further his case for entry into the United States. T-14 stated that on March 1, 1958, DE GREGORIO had been contacted by a person referred to as Mr. CAPPELLO (phonetic) who might possibly be identical with HOWARD CHAPPELL, head of the Federal Narcotics Bureau, Los Angeles, California. T-14 said this U. S. Government agency to date has barred the possibility of DE GREGORIO's entry into the United States owing to a family (VITALE) history of dealing in narcotics.

In connection with the foregoing, it had previously been reported that DE GREGORIO wants to return to the United States in order to determine who killed his father-in-law, SALVATORE VITALE, who was last heard of in the first week of May, 1955, at Detroit, Michigan.

In connection with this, CLARENCE RICHARDS, an investigator for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office, Intelligence Squad, on March 4, 1958, advised SAA STINE that he had become acquainted in late 1955 with one of SALVATORE VITALE's sons. RICHARDS explained that VITALE's son, whose name was not immediately recalled, was hitchhiking along a main thoroughfare in Southeastern Los Angeles.

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RICHARDS said he offered VITALE a ride, and during the course of conversation VITALE noted that RICHARDS was a detective and commented that his father's disappearance had never been satisfactorily investigated. RICHARDS said that he met the VITALE son on one other occasion within a few days following his first contact and at that time the VITALE boy said that news that his father would not be seen again was first brought to the VITALE family by FRANK DESIMONE, the subject. RICHARDS said that VITALE explained that DESIMONE had never before or since been seen in the VITALE household. RICHARDS said that he tried to contact VITALE a few times following this second meeting and was politely informed that the VITALE boy had mentioned the meeting with RICHARDS to his family, and they told him to say nothing more about the incident. RICHARDS said it was not possible to engage this person in conversation any further on the disappearance of his father or of the part played by DESIMONE in notification to his mother about the disappearance.

HANGOUTS AND PLACES OF AMUSEMENT

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

On March 31, 1958, ALEXANDER PERINO, owner of Perino's Restaurant, 4101 Wilshire Boulevard, advised SA CHARLES E. STINE (A) that he has been unable to determine from any sources the present whereabouts of the subject. He said that the person he believes closest to DESIMONE is JOHN ROSELLI, who lives at the Tropicana Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. PERINO said that he did not press ROSELLI on the subject of DESIMONE's whereabouts when he last saw ROSELLI about two weeks earlier. He said that he detected in ROSELLI a reluctance to discuss DESIMONE some time ago; and also advised that ROSELLI has not been as polite to him (PERINO) in their recent dealings.

PERINO had advised earlier that the subject was friendly with BELDON KATLEMAN, principal owner of the El Rancho Vegas Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, and on occasions in the past the subject, when in Las Vegas, has stayed at KATLEMAN's hotel.

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

On March 21, 1958, KATLEMAN advised SA BRYON C. WHEELER at Las Vegas that he became acquainted with the subject about 1951 when the subject stayed at the El Rancho Vegas as a guest. He said he is not closely acquainted with the subject and has not seen him since approximately October 21, 1957, when the subject, whom he knew as an attorney and close friend of ROSELLI, stayed at his hotel.

KATLEMAN advised that when the subject was last at the hotel he introduced a man to him who was then selling ash trays from Los Angeles. He said he received a good price for these articles from this person and placed a substantial order for the hotel. SA WHEELER later determined that the hotel purchased its ash trays from the Leone Glass and Engineering Company, 8828 South Garfield, South Gate, California, and that the person identified with this firm is JOSEPH G. LEONE.

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KATLEMAN had been interviewed on March 3, 1958, by SA's ROBERT FETZNER and ELMER F. EMRICH at the Eden Roc Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida. He gave essentially the same information concerning his association with the subject during this interview as is set forth earlier in connection with his interview at Salt Lake City on March 21, 1958.

ROBERT CANNON, Manager, Tropicana Hotel, Las Vegas, has been interviewed by SA WHEELER on January 30, 1958; February 14 and 25, 1958. He has advised that DESIMONE has stayed at the hotel as a guest on only one occasion since the hotel was opened in April, 1957. On all occasions when he was contacted, CANNON advised that the subject was not registered as a guest.

CANNON said that he has known the subject for about ten years, having met him first at the El Rancho Vegas Hotel, where he, CANNON was then manager. He said the subject is the type of individual who liked to give the impression of being a millionaire, whereas actually he is a very "cheap" person. He said that he is quite certain that if the subject were to come to Las Vegas, he would definitely contact him and would stay at either the Tropicana or the El Rancho Vegas Hotel.

On February 25, 1958, MICKEY COLIHAN, Casino Manager, Tropicana Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, advised SA WHEELER he is personally acquainted with the subject, but had not seen subject in Las Vegas for three or four months. He stated he did not know subject's present whereabouts, but would advise the Las Vegas Resident Agency in the event he received information concerning subject.

On February 25, 1958, PHIL LONG, Pit Boss, Tropicana Hotel; KEITH CAMPBELL, in charge of slot machines, El Rancho Vegas Hotel; and JACKIE FIELDS, former world champion boxer and presently host at the Riviera Hotel, all advised they had seen subject at Las Vegas from time to time in the past; however, they stated it had been several months since he had been in Las Vegas, to their knowledge. FIELDS stated he was former host until approximately one month ago at the El Rancho Vegas Hotel and that he recalls having seen subject at the El Rancho Vegas Lounge on occasions, but had not seen him for a period of several months.

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On February 26, 1958, CHARLES BARON, Part-owner, Tropicana Hotel, advised SA WHEELER he is not acquainted with the subject and that he has not seen an individual bearing a resemblance to the subject at the hotel.

The following hotels were contacted on February 26, 1958, and advised they had no person by the name of FRANK DESIMONE registered as a guest. All hotels are at Las Vegas, Nevada:

Flamingo
Tropicana
Sahara
Sands
Riviera
Fremont
El Rancho Vegas
Wilbur Clark's Desert Inn
Hacienda
Thunderbird
Royal Nevada
New Frontier
Dunes
Colonial House
El Cortez

CARL COHEN, Vice President and former casino manager, Sands Hotel, Las Vegas, advised on February 14, 1958, he has heard the name of DESIMONE but that the latter is not personally known to him. He stated DESIMONE is not registered at the Sands Hotel at the present time.

RICHARD CHAPPELL, Manager, Riviera Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, advised on February 14, 1958, DESIMONE is not a registered guest at the hotel and that he is not personally acquainted with the subject.

MIAMI, FLORIDA

On February 21, 1958, SA ROBERT FETZNER, Miami Office, checked with ED McMANN, Thoroughbred Racing Association; JOHN MEDALA, and WILLIAM HAND of the Hialeah Track Police. These individuals advised that DESIMONE had not been seen during the current racing season at this track, nor had any information been received by them indicating the subject had been at that track during the current racing season.

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TIJUANA, MEXICO

On March 11, 1958, former SA KEITH JONES, Assistant Chief, Investigations Division, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, advised that one of his investigators had learned by contact with an unnamed Federal Narcotics Bureau agent that DESIMONE was residing at 950 Avenida Negrete, Tijuana, Mexico, as the guest of JASPER (GASPARE) MATRANGA.

On March 20, 1958, the San Diego Office advised that it had been determined that MATRANGA had not resided at that address for approximately two years; that he is now residing at Avenida Guanajuato 252, Tijuana, from which place he presently operates a small cold meat and cheese business. Through T-15's surveillances of that address and MATRANGA's residence, no indication that DESIMONE is or has been at either address was obtained. T-15 by contact with the landlady at the Las Vegas Apartment Hotel, Avenida Negrete 950, ascertained that the name of the subject was not familiar to her. T-15 talked to MATRANGA under pretext and no information indicating that DESIMONE had recently been in Tijuana was obtained, according to the San Diego Office.

On February 27, 1958, T-16, who frequents the Caliente Race Track at Tijuana, B.C., Mexico, advised that he recognized the photograph of DESIMONE as an individual who had been at the track many times with a former San Diego prosecuting attorney named AUGUSTINE. He said he had not seen either of them within recent weeks.

MISCELLANEOUS

NEVADA TAX COMMISSION

On February 25, 1958, the Salt Lake City Office advised that the following inquiries were made by SA CARROL T. NEVIN at Carson City, Nevada:

On January 27, 1958, the files of the Nevada Tax Commission, Gaming Control Board, were reviewed by Mr. WILLIAM SINNOTT, Board Member, without locating any reference to the subject.

Mr. ROBBINS CAHILL, Secretary, and Mr. SINNOTT, Board Member, both stated they had heard of FRANK DESIMONE, but could not recall that DESIMONE had ever represented any applicants for gambling licenses appearing before the Gambling Control Board.

INCOME TAX

By letter dated March 24, 1958, the New York Office forwarded income tax returns filed by FRANK DESIMONE for the years 1951 - 1956. These tax returns were confidentially furnished by the United States Attorney, Southern District of New York, relative to the subject. Inasmuch as information concerning the subject's tax returns for these years has been previously reported, they are not being set forth again at this point.

AUTOMOBILE

On March 10, 1958, the Chicago Office advised that on February 19, 1958, Mrs. C. McCLORY, Cal-Madison Currency Exchange, 2746 West Madison, Chicago, produced for SA WALTER H. SANDSTROM money order number C027289, of the Cal-Madison Currency Exchange. It was dated May 15, 1956, remittor FRANK DESMOND, made out pay to the order of Nodell Cadillac in the amount of \$4,817. It was signed C. McCLORY on the line for authorized signature. This money order was drawn on the Exchange National Bank, Chicago, Illinois. Endorsements on the back were Nodell Cadillac, HAROLD A. NODELL, President, First National Bank of Milwaukee, Nodell Cadillac, Inc., Federal Reserve Bank, Chicago, May 17, 1956.

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Mrs. McCLORY advised that the application made out for this money order was disposed of when the check was returned after payment. She searched the files for a possible signature card of the person who applied for the money order, but stated none is maintained and he was definitely not a regular customer of the currency exchange. She stated she does not recall the individual, does not recall anything about the transaction, and the only thing maintained is the money order itself. She stated the purchaser did not sign anything on the money order.

HANDWRITING AND HAND PRINTING SPECIMENS

The San Diego Office on March 21, 1958, provided a photostat of a five page application for employment executed by the subject on July 27, 1942, at the Solar Aircraft Company, San Diego.

On March 12, 1958, L. E. McDANNALD, General Petroleum Company, Santa Fe Avenue and 28th Street, Los Angeles, made available a typewritten letter addressed to him by FRANK DESIMONE. The envelope in which this letter, dated August 24, 1955, was enclosed is hand printed and bears a printed return address of the subject at 9441 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, California. The letter and envelope have been photographed and along with the aforementioned application for employment, will be forwarded to the Bureau as samples of the subject's handwriting, hand printing, and typewriter characteristics.

ENCLOSURES: TO THE BUREAU, DETROIT, NEW YORK, SAN DIEGO and
SAN FRANCISCO OFFICES

One (1) copy each of the Federal Narcotics Bureau interview with FABIO De GREGORIO in Italy on January 8, 1957.

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INFORMANTS

<u>SYMBOL NUMBER</u>	<u>INFORMANT</u>	<u>AGENT TO WHOM FURNISHED</u>
T-1	PAT LACKEY, 9441 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles	ROBERT R. CARMICHAEL, Jr. and CHARLES E. STINE (A)
T-2	ROBERT SANDS, Loan Officer, Security First National Bank, Downey, California	CHARLES E. STINE (A)
T-3	RICHARD SNYDER, Pro Assistant Cashier, Bank of America, Downey, California	CHARLES E. STINE (A)
T-4	R. H. WARNER, General Telephone Company, Santa Monica, California	SE JAMES L. MAHAN
T-5	PCI HENRY MILANO, 7843 Florence Avenue, Downey, California	CHARLES E. STINE (A)
T-6	Central Investigation Bureau, New York City Police Department	RICHARD A. ANDERSON
T-7	New York PCI ADRIAN SCOGGIN	RICHARD A. ANDERSON
T-8	GLADYS SHEPHERD, Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, San Diego, California	-----

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<u>SYMBOL NUMBER</u>	<u>INFORMANT</u>	<u>AGENT TO WHOM FURNISHED</u>
T-9	Not utilized	-----
T-10	CSLA 2	SE JAMES L. MAHAN
T-11	GERALD K. SORENSON, Assistant Cashier, Bank of America, Florence - Vermont Branch, Los Angeles	CHARLES E. STINE (A)
T-12	VIC DENISI, Los Angeles County District Attorney Investigator	CHARLES E. STINE (A)
T-13	G. F. GILLESPIE, Chief Clerk, 48th - Western Branch, Bank of America, Los Angeles	CHARLES E. STINE (A)
T-14	PCI JESSE C. HILL Immigration Counsellor Tijuana, B.C., Mexico	-----
T-15	SD 886-C	
T-16	SD PCI ARMANDO VERDUGO, Tijuana, B.C., Mexico	-----

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CRIMINAL INFORMANT COVERAGE

Informants Utilized to Date

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LA 3923-C
SD 886-C

Potential Criminal Informants
Utilized to Date

DAN SCARIANO - travel agent through whom subject
arranges travel.

ALEXANDER PERINO - Los Angeles restaurateur and
friend of subject as well as other top hoodlums.

HENRY MILANO - family friend.

JESSE C. HILL, Immigration Counsellor, Tijuana,
B. C., Mexico.

ARMANDO VERDUGO, Tijuana, B.C., Mexico.

ADRIAN SCOGGIN - New York Potential Criminal Informant
who knows "VICKIE" GARGUILO.

Contemplated Additional Informant Coverage

Mrs. NORMAN HARUET - Neighbor and close friend of
subject's sister. HARUET (nee ELEANOR FARMER) worked as FBI
Clerk at SOG.)

GENE LEMONS - Operates Trash Disposal Service
covering subject's residence.

HUGO GEHLING - Landlord. Will provide access to
residence.

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In the "Organized Crime - Mafia" section of this report there was reference to an interview by FABIO DE GREGORIO. In January, 1957, he was interviewed by CHARLES SIRAGUSA, a Federal Narcotics Agent in Rome, Italy. On March 4, 1958, a copy of the report of this interview was obtained from SAM DOUGLAS, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office, Intelligence Squad. Due to the length of this memorandum it has not been set forth fully in the body of this report. Photostatic copies have been prepared and are attached hereto to copies of this report designated for the Detroit, New York, San Diego, and San Francisco Offices and for the Bureau. On page 4 of this photostat in the penultimate paragraph there is reference to a Hollywood movie producer. It is possible that this person is JOHN ROSELLI, a top Los Angeles hoodlum on whom separate reports have been prepared.

On page 6 in the penultimate paragraph there is reference to a murder. It is possible that this victim was FRANK BORGIA, FBI Number 509119.

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Subject has not been in the Los Angeles area since November 11, 1957. When he returns, a surveillance will begin and when his current associates and pattern of activities are established, Los Angeles will be in a better position to plan appropriate coverage. Meanwhile, established contacts with banks and telephone company, as set forth in this report, will continue.

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Information copies of this report have been designated for the Albany, Boston, Buffalo, Cleveland, Dallas, Denver, Newark, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, and Springfield Divisions as top hoodlums of those divisions also attended the Apalachin, New York, meeting.

One information copy has been designated for Detroit in view of the pertinent information contained in the photostat covering the Federal Narcotics Bureau interview of FABIO De GREGORIO.

Additional copies have also been designated for the Los Angeles Division in view of surveillance investigation in widely separated residential communities within the Los Angeles area.

Careful consideration has been given to the use of "T" symbols in the enclosed report. Their identities have been made known to the Bureau in accordance with Bureau instructions.

LEADS

CHICAGO OFFICE

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

1. At the Cal-Madison Currency Exchange, 2746 West Madison, in accordance with Los Angeles airtel dated March 14, 1958, will attempt to determine the source of funds used by subject to purchase the \$4,817 money order on May 15, 1956. The deposit slip for the currency exchange may possibly identify a bank on which the check was drawn to purchase the money order.

2. Will, in the event the source of these funds leads to known Chicago hoodlums, report the nature of the subject's association with them, if known.

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MIAMI OFFICE

AT TAMPA, FLORIDA

Will continue to hold this case in a pending status until the subject's whereabouts are known, and until that time will arrange to periodically contact Dr. A. P. PERZIA and the DIE CIDUE brothers, FRANK and ANTHONY. These persons were friendly with the subject at the time of his eye operation and recuperation during November, 1957 - January, 1958.

NEW YORK OFFICE

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

* 1. Will maintain contact with the office of the United States Attorney, Southern District of New York, and report results of [redacted] appearance or non-appearance before the Federal Grand Jury investigating [redacted]

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* 2. Will maintain contact with Dr. VITO La ROCCA, 30 Park Avenue, and Mr. MARIO T. TAGLIAGAMBE to determine if the subject's whereabouts is known to them.

3. Will display photograph of subject and YOLANDA GARGUILO, FBI Number 5051782, to PCI ADRIAN SCOGGIN, and determine if she is identical with "VICKIE" GARGUILO, and also if subject has been observed recently at GARGUILO's apartment, 156 West 20th Street, New York City.

4. Will review the reports submitted to date in the subject case (FRANK DESIMONE) and compare information submitted therein with the results of investigation on JAMES PLUMERI, described as a New York Office top hoodlum in New York letter to Los Angeles dated March 18, 1958. If there appears to be a mutuality of associates, so advise.

5. Will maintain contact with the office of the United States Attorney, Southern District of New York, and report service or cancellation of the subpoena issued by that office for [redacted] to appear before a special grand jury investigating [redacted] (The Federal Narcotics Bureau has been requested to serve this subpoena.)

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(This case should be maintained in a pending status until the subject's whereabouts are known or until the United States Attorney, Southern District of New York, cancels the subpoena for the [] to appear before the Federal Grand Jury there.)

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SALT LAKE CITY OFFICE

AT LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

Will periodically contact BELDON KATLEMAN and JOHN ROSELLI, as well as other established logical informants at the El Rancho Vegas and Tropicana Hotels to ascertain the subject's whereabouts.

PHOENIX OFFICE

AT TUCSON, ARIZONA

Will identify the subscriber to telephone number MA 2-9988, which was called September 15, 1957, from one of the telephones available to SAM BOMPENSIERO.

SAN DIEGO OFFICE

AT SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

1. Will continue to monitor the subject's loan and checking account at the El Cajon Branch of the U. S. National Bank.

2. Will maintain contact with WILLIAM LIPIN, the co-signer of the subject's note at the U. S. National Bank.

3. Will also maintain contact with LEWIS LIPTON, brother of LIPIN, in order to determine if LIPIN is cooperating fully.

4. Will trace telephone calls made from the telephones of WILLIAM LIPIN and SAM BOMPENSIERO, as well as calls made from TONY MIRABLE's telephone.

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5. Will interview Mrs. PATRICK GAVIN, 4134 Lymer Drive, concerning the subject and his position in the "Mafia". She is the widow of GIROLAMO "MOMO" ADAMO, and it has been reported that she and the subject were amorously inclined toward each other prior to "MOMO's" suicide.

6. Will review reports submitted to date in this (DESIMONE) case with the results of investigation of other hoodlums of Sicilian extraction active in the San Diego area. In the event there appears to be a mutuality of friends or interests so advise, setting forth a summary of such information.

7. Will attempt to determine the identities of the children of SALVATORE VITALE and consider the advisability of contacting them for information concerning the death of their father. In the event of contacts with members of the VITALE family, they should not be limited to a discussion of how DESIMONE fits into the "Mafia" picture in San Diego, but should include reference to other known San Diego and Los Angeles top hoodlums. In connection with this lead, see the last paragraph of Page 42 of the report.

8. Will maintain contact with PCI JESSE C. HILL (T-14) and attempt to develop information on the subject and other top hoodlums of Sicilian ancestry through his contacts with FABIO DI GREGORIO.

SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

1. Will identify the subscribers to telephone numbers SK 1-9834 and SK 1-1237, called January 21, 1958, from a telephone available to SAM BOMPENSIERO.

2. Will, incidental to the investigation of JAMES LANZA and J. CERRITO, who may have attended the Apalachin meeting, bear in mind the fact that FRANK DESIMONE's whereabouts are unknown and the possibility that he may be in the San Francisco area. In the past he has telephoned LANZA.

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LOS ANGELES OFFICE

AT BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA

Will maintain contact with DAN SCARIANO, 3946 North Bedford Drive, to be kept informed of DESIMONE's travel arrangements.

AT ONTARIO, CALIFORNIA

Will, at Gaglio Brothers, a beer distributing firm, attempt to establish a contact who may be in a position to advise of the subject's location. This firm uses DESIMONE as their attorney and, according to the Alcohol Tax and Tobacco Unit of the United States Treasury Department, are trying to get in touch with the subject.

AT VAN NUYS, CALIFORNIA

* Will contact WILLIAM GARDNER, owner, Valley Auto Sales Company, and ascertain the nature of his contacts with the subject. The subject's telephone calls included telephone calls to GARDNER's telephone when the latter lived at 7922 Flight Avenue, Los Angeles, in late 1957.

AT DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA

1. Will continue to contact the subject's neighbors, NORMAN HARUET, 7839 Adoree Street, and RICHARD POWELL, 7833 Comolette Street, for information concerning the subject's whereabouts. Both Mrs. HARUET (a former FBI employee) and Mrs. POWELL (wife of a California Highway Patrolman) are friendly with the subject's sister, ROSALIE DESIMONE.

2. Will continue to obtain a record of all telephone calls made from the subject's telephone, Topaz 2-3106, and his brother's home telephone, Topaz 2-5988 and business telephone, LO 7-2137, and identify subscribers to the numbers called.

3. Will continue to monitor bank accounts of the subject at the Bank of America and the accounts of his mother, ROSALIA DESIMONE at this bank and also at the Security First National Bank.

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AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

* 1. Will obtain background information on JOE ALECCIA, 2008 West 74th Street, who is the subscriber to telephone number PL 9-0992. This number was called from the subject's home during the period January 1, 1957, - July 9, 1957.

2. Will contact EDWARD B. BOURNE, former partner with JOSEPH G. LEONE in the operation of the Leone Glass and Engineering Company, and determine from BOURNE the nature of the relationship between LEONE and FRANK DESIMONE.

3. Will consider contacting CHARLES D. BENEDETTO, owner of the West Coast Burglar Alarm Company and the B & G Market, 4031 South Main Street. He has been described as a cousin of the subject.

4. Will maintain contact with Mr. WARNER, Alcohol Tax and Tobacco Unit, U. S. Treasury Department, who is conducting an investigation of the subject.

5. Will maintain contact with SA LARRY KATZ, Federal Narcotics Bureau, who is attempting to locate subject in order to serve a subpoena on him to appear before a special grand jury in the Southern District of New York investigating the Apalachin meeting.

6. Will periodically contact G. VERNON BRUMBAUGH, attorney, 139 North Broadway, for information concerning the whereabouts of the subject.

7. Will arrange to obtain a record of long distance calls made from the business telephones of G. VERNON BRUMBAUGH, Vandike 7790, and Trinity 3838. When the subject's exact whereabouts are known, this may be discontinued.

8. Will arrange to obtain a record of long distance calls from the telephone of B. J. TORTORICI, Plymouth 1-2646.

9. Will maintain contact with T-1 (Los Angeles report dated 4/11/58) to determine if subject's whereabouts become known to the law firm of Cantillon and Cantillon.

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10. Will maintain contact with JAMES P. DONLEY, Internal Revenue Service, who is conducting an audit and examination of subject's 1950 - 1958 income tax returns.

11. Will identify the subscribers to telephone numbers in the Los Angeles area called by SAM BOMPENSIERO and set forth on Pages 20 and 21 of this report.

12. Will maintain contact with Dr. CLARENCE H. ALBAUGH, 727 West Seventh Street, who has treated the subject for eye difficulties.

13. Will maintain contact with ALEXANDER PERINO, 4101 Wilshire Boulevard, a good friend of the subject who has promised to cooperate in locating him.

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REFERENCES

Report of SA (A) CHARLES E. STINE, dated 2/28/58
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Teletypes:

Los Angeles to San Diego	3/1/58
Salt Lake City to Miami	2/27/58

Radiograms:

Los Angeles to San Diego	2/17;3/4/58
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Letters:

Chicago to Los Angeles	3/10/58
San Diego to Bureau	3/14/58

Airtels to Los Angeles from:

Miami	3/3,18/58
New York	2/24;3/18/58
Philadelphia	3/17/58
Salt Lake City	2/25,27;3/24/58
San Diego	2/28,29;3/14,20,21, 24,29/58

Airtels from Los Angeles to:

New York	3/11,27/58
San Diego	2/18,25;3/10/58

Airtels from San Diego to:

Bureau	3/4/58
Washington Field	2/22/58

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