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AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA:

1. Will ascertain full details concerning the Hill Street Cigar and Liquor Store, 562 South Hill, Los Angeles, in which YARAS was an alleged partner with SAM YARAS as of 1959.
2. Ascertain full details concerning a partnership between one HAROLD MELTZER, and RONALD J. and LEONARD YARAS, sons of DAVE YARAS.
3. Identify subscriber to telephone number Beverly Hills OL 2-4059.
4. Will reinterview MILTON ZUCKER MENDE who was originally interviewed on June 12, 1961, at which time he furnished information relating to the possibility of the purchase of a shopping center with DAVE YARAS at Spring Valley, New York. MENDE is to be questioned pertaining to any other legitimate enterprises and whether or not the Spring Valley Shopping Center materialized.
5. Will report all information relating to the Oxy-Aid Distributors, 8687 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, California, it being noted that in 1958, Mr. ROD GOERIZ, National Board of Fire Underwriters, stated that YARAS and PATRICK were partners in this enterprise.
6. Will report all details concerning the Capital Vendors, Incorporated at 1122 South La Cienega, it being noted that as of 1963 LA 4410-C-TE reported that this enterprise may be one in which YARAS and PATRICK are connected.

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- ADMINISTRATIVE -

Information obtained from MM 794-C, an inactive source, has been carefully paraphrased and included in the body of this report in order that a more cohesive picture may be had concerning YARAS' criminal activities, particularly while in the Miami area.

CG 6758-C* advised that on May 28, 1964, FELIX ALDERISIO, a Chicago top hoodlum, JOHN D'ARCO, former alderman, first ward, Chicago, MICHAEL BRODKIN, Chicago attorney, discussed the fact that D'ARCO's son was involved in an automobile accident in the Miami area, which could result in his being expelled from the University of Miami. According to this source, a payoff was or is being made from Miami and the money for this payoff is being sent from Chicago through MICHAEL BRODKIN to DAVE YARAS. YARAS was then to pass this money on to the proper individuals. It is noted that the person to be contacted in Miami relative to YARAS' known whereabouts is MAX LURIE, well known Miami criminal attorney, who represents DAVE YARAS.

It was ascertained by CG 6758-C* that YARAS was expected in the Chicago area sometime around the first of June, 1964. This would give credence to information wherein it was reported that YARAS makes monthly trips from Miami to Chicago, said journeys being made around the first part of each month.

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| <u>IDENTITY</u> | <u>DATE</u> | <u>CONTACTING AGENT</u> |
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| MM T-1 MM 794-C* | 2/62 | SA RALPH R. HILL, JR. |
| MM T-2 MM 509-C | various dates, 1962-64 | SA ROBERT F. FETZNER |
| MM T-3 ANTHONY RANDINO, IRS, Auditing Division, Miami, Florida (Req.) | 4/27/64 | SA RALPH R. HILL, JR. |
| MM T-4 SANDY SMITH, Crime Reporter "Chicago Sun-Times" (Req.) | various dates, 1963 | SA RALPH R. HILL, JR. |
| MM T-5 CG 6538-C-TE | various date, 2/64 - 4/64 | SA RALPH R. HILL, JR. |
| MM T-6 CG 5132-C | various dates, 1957 | SA WILLIAM J. Mc CORMACK |

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SA ROBERT
L. BAKER

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CG 6443-C

various
dates,
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SA JOSEPH
G. SHEA

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ELLIS BERNSTEIN,
PCI, Richmond Office

2/64

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MM 848-C

2/18/64

SA C.
GRAHAM
HURST

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Dun and Bradstreet

1/20/58

SA ROBERT
F. FETZNER

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MONROE GITELSON
PCI

various dates
1962-64

SA JOHN
P. LENIHAN
SA DON W.
WALTERS

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B. ROLLAND OPPENHEIMER

4/16/64

SA RALPH
R. HILL, JR.

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These individuals related that they are in the business of the home improvement field in Chicago, which operates in interstate commerce. They advised that on the advice of their attorney, whose name they refused to divulge, they contacted the FBI and related the following story:

They stated that approximately 5 to 6 weeks ago they were approached by LEONARD PATRICK and DAVE YARAS. They said that these individuals told them that they would have to start making payoffs amounting to \$1,000.00 per week. They advised that PATRICK and YARAS made no indication as to the reason for the payoff, but knowing the reputation of these two, they were fearful of them. The complainants stated that after some negotiation with YARAS and PATRICK they agreed to make a payment of \$1,250.00 per month commencing Saturday, April 6, 1957.

They stated that they had discussed this payoff with other individuals in the home improvement industry and found that they too had been approached and some were actually making payoffs.

These unknown complainants refused to furnish their names, the name of their company or the name of their attorney. They stated they did not want to get mixed up in any investigation in which they might become potential government witnesses against YARAS and PATRICK.

In February, 1964, MM T- 9 advised of the following:

In the early part of 1963 informant obtained an option for the operation of a gambling casino at the Normandy Hotel, San Juan, Puerto Rico, where informant has other business interests.

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Informant was anxious to obtain financial backing on a partnership basis in this venture and in July, 1963, he read an article in the magazine section of a Miami, Florida newspaper indicating that SAM GIANCANA, the well known Chicago hoodlum, was seeking partnership arrangements with American businessmen who could operate or obtain gambling concessions in the Caribbean area and South America, which article indicated that GIANCANA was interested in investment in such ventures.

Subsequently, the informant made a contact with a friend of his and asked how GIANCANA could be approached. The friend told the informant that he knew one of GIANCANA's close business associates and would arrange a contact.

Sometime later informant received a telephone call from one DAVE (LNU) and TEDDY (LNU), who claimed to be GIANCANA's business associates and desired a meeting to discuss this matter.

Informant met with DAVE and TEDDY in Miami and they seemed to know considerable information concerning informant's financial standing, the fact that his resources were committed and the fact that the brother of informant was a principal controller of their business interests.

On or about October 19, 1963, the informant met TEDDY and DAVE at the Americana Hotel, New York City. At this meeting DAVE and TEDDY began talking about "protection" and the ability of GIANCANA and his syndicate to furnish slot machines for the gambling operation. With this turn in the negotiations, based upon the informant's original understanding that GIANCANA desired to invest money, the informant insisted upon seeing GIANCANA. DAVE and TEDDY gave him no encouragement along this line and told informant it was not necessary to contact them but that they would contact him, always from a pay phone from wherever they were calling.