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In view of the above information reflecting that DE SIMIO is at the present time in Cuba, no efforts will be made by the Cleveland Office to interview him.

On June 3, 1959, the Baltimore Office advised that Mr. ROBERT GARNER, Manager, Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, who requested his name remain confidential in view of his position, advised SA FREDERICK W. WILSON that Cumberland, Maryland, telephone number 9807 is non-existent. The following listings are the only ones in which that number group appears: Parkview 2-9807, which is a pay phone at DeHaven's Tavern, Corriganville, Maryland, and Parkview 4-9807, which is a pay phone at Home Pharmacy, Inc., Cumberland, Maryland.

In view of the above, no additional investigation is being conducted concerning these telephone numbers.

On May 29, 1959, Legat at Havana advised the Bureau HAV-4 stated that the following are the subscribers to the telephone numbers listed:

Havana telephone 34751 is listed to the Bank of Nova Scotia, Havana, Cuba. X(u)

Havana telephone 31-0562 is listed to OLIMPIA SAINZ of the Focsa Building, Havana, Cuba. It is to be noted that ROTHMAN in the past has resided at the Focsa Building, according to HAV-4. X(u)

Havana telephone 21-0958 is listed to ALBERTO ARDURA MOYA, one of the owners of the Tropicana Night Club in Havana, Cuba. X(u)

Havana telephone 30-5511 is listed to the Hotel Capri, Havana, Cuba. X(u)

Havana telephone 7-7189 is listed to ANGEL EUGENIO GONZALEZ. X(u)

Havana telephone 29-3063 is listed to MANUEL RODRIGUEZ, Avenida 49, No. 5410, Marianao, Cuba. X(u)

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Havana telephone 2-8892 is listed to the Tropicana Night Club. X(u)

This source stated that there was no listing for 4-7451 and stated that this was undoubtedly 3-4751. Source also advised that there was no listing for 29-4475. X(u)

Legat stated that they would attempt to identify TED KING, who was called at the Capri Hotel on October 27, 1958, and ANGEL EUGENIO GONZALEZ, who was called on November 21, 1958, and January 14, 1959, MANUEL RODRIGUEZ, who was called on January 14, 1959, and EFRAIN, who was called at the Tropicana Night Club X(u)

Report of SA ROBERT G. BARTHOL, dated January 28, 1959, at San Francisco entitled, "KENNETH MERLE SMITH, aka; RICHARD LEWIS BOWDEN, aka; ROY EUGENE MORGAN; HAROLD EUGENE RUPERT, aka., BANK ROBBERY, TGP, ITSP, ITSMV," reflects that subject RUPERT and MORGAN burglarized an armory in Indiana and obtained numerous weapons and later buried the guns near Benton Harbor, Michigan.

The San Francisco Office was requested to interview the subjects regarding their knowledge or possible implication in instant theft at Canton, Ohio.

On May 28, 1959, San Francisco Office advised that ROY EUGENE MORGAN was presently serving a sentence of one year in the Solano County Jail, Fairfield, California, on a burglary charge and was reinterviewed on May 11, 1959, by SA ROBERT G. BARTHOL. He again denied any knowledge of any armory burglary. It was noted by the San Francisco Office that Subject BOWDEN and SMITH were not involved in the armory burglaries and the whereabouts of RUPERT are unknown.

On May 28, 1959, PCI PETE SHRUM advised that he had no information regarding the sale of M1 rifles by GENE MITCHELL. He stated that he has not seen MITCHELL in over a month and does not believe that he is in the Canton area any longer.

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On June 22, 1959, CV-438-C advised SA JAMES E. GILLEY that ROSE LEE COSGROVE lived with a man named ROGERS who worked for the E. W. Bliss Company. Until about one month ago, ROSE COSGROVE had worked at the Coffee Cup in Canton and lived in the room above the Modern Diner.

CV-438-C advised on June 22, 1959, that he had not seen GEORGE FLOREA in several weeks and had not seen him frequenting the Varsity Cafe in Canton, Ohio, during that time. He stated he did not know the present whereabouts of FLOREA.

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