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DETAILS:A. MUTUAL INTERESTS OF HOODLUMS AT MEETINGI. Origin

On April 18, 1958, Albany Confidential Informant T-28, contact with whom has been insufficient to determine reliability and who is an Italian businessman at Apalachin, New York, advised Special Agents PATRICK A. MUNLEY and JAMES C. MEE that he was born and raised at Pittston, Pennsylvania, and that he has known DOMINICK ALAIMO, RUSSELL BUFALINO, JAMES OSTICCO and ANGELO SCIANDRA, all of Pittston, Pennsylvania, who are hoodlums who attended instant meeting at JOSEPH BARBARA, Sr.'s estate on November 14, 1957, as being members of the Sicilian Group in the Pittston area. *Pitt.*

T-28 related that SANTO VOLPE of Pittston, Pennsylvania, is the head of all the Sicilians on the Eastern Coast and that he is probably the individual who gave the orders for the meeting which was held at BARBARA's. T-28 said that BARBARA, from his observations of the Sicilians, would rank about either number three or four in the Sicilian Group. *N.Y.*

The informant said that the group that met at BARBARA's was made up of mostly "muscle men" and apparently few of the real leaders of the Sicilians. He said that from his knowledge of the Sicilians he would say that the meeting was for the purpose of instructing those that were there concerning the new "bosses" so that they would return to their own areas and pass the word to other Sicilians in the group.

T-28 stated that the Sicilians for years have been running the "rackets" in the Pittston, Pennsylvania area, and that he has observed the activities of the individuals mentioned above who were at the meeting and others in the Pittston area, and knows that they have always been involved in some kind of illegal activity.

On April 25, 1958, T-28 advised SA MUNLEY that he had talked to SALVATORE (SAM) ALECCIA, with alias BLACKIE ALECCIA, an associate of top hoodlum ANTHONY F. GUARNIERI on April 22, 1958. He said that ALECCIA told him that ALECCIA and LOUIS CORDI, another associate of GUARNIERI, were supposed to have attended the meeting at JOSEPH BARBARA's on November 14, 1957, but did not make it because of having to work during the day. Informant said he did not ask whether they had intended to be at the meeting in the evening. ALECCIA

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allegedly said that the meeting was for the purpose of naming the bosses and that the meeting was strictly a Sicilian Group. Informant said ALECCIA believes the informant to be a Sicilian.

On May 7, 1958, T-28 informed SA MUNLEY that SALVATORE ALECCIA had appeared at informant's place of business on Tuesday night, May 6, 1957, and he had tried to get ALECCIA talking, but was unable to have him make any conversation.

In respect to the above information, it is noted that the investigations of the individual top hoodlums who attended instant meeting have reflected that they are all of Italian origin and a major portion of them were born abroad, and became naturalized citizens of the United States.

By letter dated May 2, 1958, the New York Office forwarded to the Bureau and to Albany copies of the report of New York State Acting Commissioner of Investigation ARTHUR L. REUTER on the activities and associations of persons identified as present at the residence of JOSEPH BARBARA, Sr. at Apalachin, New York, on November 14, 1957, and the reasons for their presence. This report bears date of April 23, 1958.

The report is a summary of the investigation conducted by REUTER's office into captioned meeting upon instructions of the Governor of the State of New York issued November 15, 1957.

The New York Office received the report May 1, 1958, from Chief Investigator HYMAN ROSENBLADT of the office of Commissioner REUTER. It should be noted that the office of Commissioner of Investigation is no longer existent, having been supplanted by the New York State Crime Commission, set up by legislative enactment in 1958.

The New York Office has forwarded summaries of information on individual hoodlums mentioned in the REUTER report to interested offices for their files on the particular individual hoodlums.

Additional details from this report will be set out hereinafter.

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In the instance above related from Commissioner REUTER's report of JOSEPH BARBARA, SR. being stopped and found in possession of a gun in New York City in 1931, investigation has determined that he was accompanied by NATALE EVOLA. This was approximately 27 years ago. Also with them was VINCENZO COPPOLA.

The data set forth from Commissioner REUTER's report concerning BARBARA's arrest for murder have previously been reported. It is noted that these incidents also occurred approximately 27 years ago, and that the first murder mentioned was allegedly due to a dispute between the victim and SANTO VOLPE, SAM VOLPE and CHARLES BUFALINO.

In the second murder it is noted that SANTO VOLPE and ANGELO POLIZZI were allegedly involved and that during the investigation calls were traced from BARBARA's home to the telephone of SALVATORE FALCONE and Brothers, 550 Bleecker Street, Utica, New York. Brothers SALVATORE and JOSEPH FALCONE were, of course, attendees at instant meeting at BARBARA's home.

It is noted that ANGELO POLIZZI was a Detroit hoodlum who visited JOSEPH BARBARA, SR. at Apalachin, New York, not long before POLIZZI's death in September 1957.

Since the above-mentioned murders occurred nearly 30 years ago, it is seen that the period of friendship covered is extensive.

In connection with the relationship between BARBARA and SANTO VOLPE, Albany Confidential Informant T-29, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on February 10, 1958, made available to SA PATRICK A. MUNLEY

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Also furnished by T-29

By memorandum to the Director May 9, 1958, in instant case, the Pittsburgh Division forwarded copies of a memorandum detailing comments made by an attorney in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Confidential Informant Albany T-32, in respect to instant meeting. T-32 was interviewed after he had indicated a desire to discuss the meeting with a Bureau representative. Pittsburgh commented that T-32 is a politically prominent figure and a somewhat controversial one since unconfirmed rumors have linked him with racket figures over a considerable number of years. The rumors have never been substantiated, according to Pittsburgh. Pittsburgh noted that T-32 was very close to Mayor DAVID L. LAWRENCE of Pittsburgh who is a likely successor to the governorship of Pennsylvania in the next election.

It should be noted that T-32 gave the impression to interviewing agents that he felt there might be some possibility JOSEPH FILARDO could be influenced to talk about instant meeting as his attitude was far less rigid than that of CIVELLA and his position on citizenship more tenuous. T-32 stated that he feels that FILARDO may have attended as a victim of the group rather than a member of it. It is believed an Italian speaking agent would fare better in attempting to interview FILARDO. Both FILARDO and CIVELLA are mentioned specifically below by T-32.

T-32 was interviewed on May 6, 1958, by Special Agents DAMON W. PITCHER and JOHN S. PORTELLA. He said that after the meeting of the hoodlums at Apalachin, New York, he was telephonically contacted by NICK CIVELLA and an elderly Italian who owns a bake shop in Kansas City (believed to be JOSEPH FILARDO). They requested him to represent them before the Federal Grand Jury and State Grand Jury in New York City. T-32 said he told the hoodlums he was unable to represent them directly, but would look out for their interests and would arrange for them to obtain counsel in New York, which he did. T-32 did not identify the counsel he obtained for CIVELLA and FILARDO.

T-32 met the two hoodlums in New York City the night before their hearing before the Federal Grand Jury and, although he had an eight o'clock appointment, they kept him waiting until 12:15 A.M. When they appeared they refused to say anything to the attorneys whom T-32 had arranged to represent them. They said that they had conferred with some unnamed persons while en route to New York City and had been told to say nothing, and that

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they did not require the services of an attorney; however, they did decide to retain the counsel selected by T-32 for their appearances the following day.

The informant related that the elderly baker (FILARDO) was naturalized about 13 years ago and was extremely afraid of losing his citizenship and of being deported. He had no record, according to T-32, and had never even been interrogated by police before. T-32 said he was unable to speak English very well and was scared to death.

T-32 said that FILARDO gave the impression he would have talked to the attorneys except that CIVELLO counseled him frequently against saying anything. CIVELLO told T-32 that he would not and could not admit to him that he had been present at the captioned meeting and his story was that he had been in the area to visit a girl friend who was married and whom he did not care to involve. CIVELLO said that he would be unable to admit to the Grand Jury that it was raining outside even if it was at the time he appeared before them.

T-32 said that the two hoodlums and the attorneys conferred for about an hour and a half before the hoodlums appeared before the Grand Jury and the attorneys briefed the hoodlums on what questions they could refuse to answer and invoke the Fifth Amendment. A series of possible questions which they might be asked were reviewed with them and CIVELLO would frequently state, with respect to those directed to the baker, "he can't answer that." T-32 stated the review was conducted in a reception room outside the room where the Grand Jury was sitting.

T-32 said that numerous witnesses who had been subpoenaed to appear and who had been in attendance at the captioned meeting were present and absolutely refused to talk to one another and acted like strangers.

T-32 related that he had no knowledge of the subject matter discussed at instant meeting at Apalachin, but related that from his experience and various contacts he was of the opinion that in the late 20's or early 30's a national organization was formed for the purpose of controlling illegal activities. This organization had a national council and local "overlords" who would communicate with each other by courier not trusting mail or telephone contacts. He stated he believed that JOE BIANCO was a courier in the Pittsburgh district. (It is noted that BIANCO was convicted in about 1951 for Interstate Transportation of Lottery Tickets. He was arrested at that time after getting off an airplane with a

T-32 said that after talking to both CIVELLO and FILARDO and observing CIVELLO's attitude toward answering any questions about the Apalachin meeting he had formulated the opinion that the meeting was for an illegal purpose and that those who attended have been warned that they are not to discuss its purpose with anyone under any circumstances. T-32 stated that he feels that the reorganization which he believed to be the purpose of the meeting was not effected because of the investigative attention the local, state and federal agencies have been giving the meeting.

By airtel May 13, 1958, Philadelphia advised that Confidential Informant T-33, who is widely acquainted in the Italian underworld in Philadelphia and is probably one of the best persons in that area to develop information concerning captioned meeting had been contacted on April 15, 29 and on May 7, 1958, but was unable to furnish any additional information concerning any other meeting.

Philadelphia reported that at the time T-33 was reactivated and contacted on January 20, 1958, he pointed out that the doubts of many concerning the existence of a mafia should now be settled in view of the publicity concerning the meeting of hoodlums at Apalachin on November 14, 1957. T-33 said that he felt that the proof of the meeting, together with the identity of the persons there and the amount of ready cash on their person should be a concrete example of the power held by the mafia. The informant advised that from his contacts in South Philadelphia, he had learned that this was a meeting of the bosses and under-bosses, but he did not know the purpose of the meeting other than that there was some indication of discussion of business which concerned ALBERT ANASTASIA.

T-33 has referred to the mafia as the "organization" and he insists that the "organization" is the present day mafia. In his description of the organization, its membership and activities, according to Philadelphia, he has always stated that to be a member one must be an Italian, either from the Old Country or a direct descendant thereof and must be sponsored by a member of the organization. He has pointed out that by far the majority of the members of the organization originate either from Sicily or from the Province of Calabria, near the top of the boot in Italy. Informant is from Calabria, and is an alien. He said there are a few individuals who are believed by him to be active with the organization whom he believes originated from Napoli, Italy.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents PATRICK A. MUNLEY and JAMES C. MEE. on 4/28 and 5/1,2/58:

Confidential Informant Albany T- 34 whose reliability is unknown at the present time due to the fact that there have been only a few contacts made with him, advised that he has been associated with JOSEPH BARBARA, SR. since March of 1955, and has had access to the estate and home of JOSEPH BARBARA since that time.

He advised when he first became acquainted with Mr. BARBARA it was the usual routine for BARBARA to leave his home about 6 AM. in the morning to go to the Canada Dry Bottling Company plant at Endicott, New York, and that he would return home around 3 PM for his meal and then would return to the plant and return home later in the evening. He usually drove himself to and from the plant and on his business trips around the Binghamton, New York area.

He stated that the home of JOSEPH BARBARA was always well supplied with food and drink. He related that in the basement of the home canned goods, soup, soft drink, ice cream, fish and other items are maintained in ice cream coolers, and that also in a separate section of the basement are foods such as oranges, grapefruit and other fruits. He stated there was nothing unusual about the basement, no vaults or safes or any locked rooms maintained there. He related that in the garage BARBARA maintains a walk-in meat cooler, an ice cream freezer and a shelf-type freezer wherein meats and vegetables are stored.

He stated that there is only one phone line into the home of BARBARA, but there are connections from BARBARA's home to the summer house and also to the two other homes that are maintained on the BARBARA estate. He related the phone connections between the main home and the summer house and the two houses on the estate are strictly house to house phones and not connected with the main telephone line.

He said when he first was in the employ of BARBARA he noticed that an Italian couple named LUCILLE (Last Name Unknown) and JOE (Last Name Unknown) visited the BARBARAS frequently during the years 1955-1956. He believed LUCILLE was a nurse and JOE worked in a furniture store in Endicott, New York. He said he also noticed that EMANUEL ZICARI visited BARBARA regularly. He said that from what he observed ZICARI and BARBARA were old friends and frequently ZICARI brought his wife with him.

He also advised that RUSSELL BUFALINO was a frequent visitor at BARBARA's home. *PA NY*

He stated that from his recollection since 1955 there have been three what he would call big parties held at the home of JOSEPH BARBARA. He stated that in the Fall of 1955 a large group of men was at BARBARA's home. He related that this group numbered about 35 men; that in the Summer of 1957 there was another large group of people, both men and women and this party was considered an engagement party for BARBARA's daughter ANGELA. The next large group that he recalls was on November 14, 1957.

He related when each of these groups was at BARBARA's home they appeared to be regular barbeques where people were walking around the estate and steaks were being cooked and other food was being served to the guests.

At no other time he said that he noticed any large gathering in BARBARA's home or on the estate. He said that on numerous occasions BARBARA had visitors at his home during the day at which time they would have lunch and visit and then leave the estate. He said these luncheons never included more than three or four individuals.

In connection with the November 14, 1957, group he related he had no advance notice that such a large group was going to be at BARBARA's. He said that on November 13, 1957, Mr. BARBARA told him in the early morning hours that there was an order of meat at Armour and Company in Binghamton, New York, to be picked up and that he could pick it up anytime during that day. He said that this was the usual thing for him because he has been doing the same thing since 1955, and had picked up vegetables and fruit at the Green Lantern, groceries from McTighe Groceries and other items at different stores at Endicott and Binghamton, New York.

He said that it was his job to see that the fireplaces at the summer house always had charcoal and wood and it was his recollection that Mr. BARBARA asked him on the thirteenth whether or not there was enough charcoal and wood at the fireplaces but he is not sure of that.

He relates that he recalls no activity at the BARBARA home on the night of the thirteenth of November, but that in the morning of November 14 around 9:30 to 10:00 AM he noticed a few cars and a few people at the BARBARA home and that thereafter individuals were gradually appearing on the estate. He said all of the visitors were men and there were no women visitors on that particular day.

He stated on the morning of November 14 the only strange car that was on the estate was a black Cadillac Sedan, but that he did not know the license plate as to whether it was from New York State or any other state.

He said that he did not pay any particular attention to the people that were there on that date and did not know that the New York State Police were checking the guests at BARBARA's house until about 7 or 7:30 PM in the evening when he went to the Canada Dry Bottling Company to secure some parts to fix a pump in one of the houses on the estate. He said he went to the Canada Dry Bottling Company and could not locate JOSEPH BARBARA, JR. and then went to O'Brien's Heating and Plumbing at Endicott to obtain a part there, and on his return to the estate was stopped by the New York State Police at which time they asked him to identify himself and asked him what business he had at BARBARA's estate.

He stated that during the day of November 14 he did not notice any unusual activities such as any of the guests going into the woods or leaving the estate.

On the morning of November 15, 1957, he said that he saw a pink Lincoln and a dark colored sedan in BARBARA's garage, but he did not observe any strangers at the house that day. He related that he was not in BARBARA's home until November 17, at which time he did not notice any strangers at the home.

He stated that he has gathered no ideas from anyone in the BARBARA family or anyone at BARBARA's home as to the reason for the gathering there November 14, 1957.

He stated that he observed that ANTHONY FRANK GUARNIERI was at the BARBARA home early in the morning of November 14, 1957, and he believes that he observed JOSEPH CAPALACES at one of the fireplaces that morning. He said he is not sure of this identification.

He related that Mr. BARBARA, SR. did not leave the estate that morning, but that JOSEPH BARBARA, JR. left the estate with the BARBARA Cadillac and came back with it about 9 or 9:30 AM and then drove away again in one of the other BARBARA cars. He related he did not see JOSEPH BARBARA, JR. return with the car and did not know whether anyone was in it, but did see him driving away with one of the other cars.

He was shown a group of photographs of individuals believed to be at BARBARA's on November 14, 1957, but stated that he was unable to identify any others other than the ones he mentioned above, because he did not pay particular attention to the individuals and had spent most of his time that day working on a pump that was out of order at the home that he resides in on the estate.

He advised that during the year 1957 Mr. BARBARA had been ill and did not follow his usual routine of going to work daily. He stated that in the Summer of 1957 he periodically went to the Canada Dry Bottling plant for a few hours a day and spent most of his time on the estate. He said that during the year he had gone to New York City, Buffalo and New Jersey for several days at a time, but generally he was accompanied by his doctor.

Since November 14, 1957, he related that BARBARA, SR. has not left the estate and there have been very few callers at BARBARA's home. He related that EMANUEL ZICARI is a regular caller and has generally been coming to see the BARBARAs on Friday evenings around 5 or 6 PM, usually staying for one hour and then leaving. He related that during the past few months there have been several luncheons held at the BARBARA home at which lawyers from the Endicott and Binghamton area have been in attendance. He related that he believes that during the year 1957 Mr. BARBARA had more individual callers visiting at his home than in the years 1955 and 1956.

He stated that he sees BARBARA generally daily and that at the present time BARBARA does not look good to him and has indicated to him that he does not feel too good. He stated that Doctor BORELLI generally visits Mr. BARBARA every Sunday.

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The report of New York State Commissioner ARTHUR L. REUTER mentioned previously in this report, reflects that the above meat was ordered on November 5, 1957. Confidential Informant T-34, mentioned previously herein, advised that he personally picked up the order and delivered it to BARBARAS on November 13, 1957.

Dr. LOUIS BORELLI, 106 Murray Street, Binghamton, New York, advised SA MUNLEY confidentially on March 6, 1958, that he has been acquainted with JOSEPH BARBARA, SR., and his family for about four or five years and that he has had BARBARA, SR., as a patient for the past year and during that time he has seen him many times at his home and at the Charles S. Wilson Memorial Hospital, Johnson City, New York.

He related that BARBARA, SR., has a very bad heart condition and that he believes that an operation performed on him in early part of 1957 has been responsible for his living out the year. He said that he is very bad right now and any excitement would cause him grave trouble and may even kill him. He said that he has been under orders not to work and not to engage in any activity at all for the past year, (but that he has not been following these orders as strictly as he would like him to do).

He said that in all his trips to BARBARA, SR.'s home, he never noticed anything that would indicate that BARBARA, SR., was engaged in any illegal activity. During the summer, about the later part of June or July, BARBARA, SR., called him to his home especially to see a Mr. POLIZZI from Detroit, Michigan, who was visiting there, and when he, BORELLI, checked him, he found he was suffering from a bad heart and gallstones. BORELLI stated he told him he better return to his home and his own doctor because he was in bad shape and could not survive an operation which would be necessary because of the gallstone condition he had at the time.

He stated that on another occasion he went to BARBARA's home to see a son of DAVE OSTICCO from Pittston, Pennsylvania, who was also visiting BARBARA, and this boy had been turned down by the Army because of a poor heart, but that he examined him and found that he was in good health and certified that the boy was in good health so that he could enlist in the Army.

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He stated that Suites 1505, 1506, and 1507 were especially used by these individuals and it was known that ~~RUSSELL BUFALINO, FRANKIE CARBO, and JIMMY DOYLE~~ utilized the ~~above-mentioned Suites.~~ *N.Y.*

CARBO and DOYLE, alias of JAMES PLUMERI, are top hoods of the New York Office.

BUFALINO is a Philadelphia top hoodlum.

Confidential Informant T-38, who resides at the Forrest Hotel, advised in 1953, that the D & H TV Company had offices on the second floor of the Forrest Hotel and was frequented by EDDIE COCO and other well-dressed Italian-looking gangsters including ANTHONY CORRALLO, with alias TONY DUCKS, and FRANKIE CARBO.

He added names M. GENOVESE and BILLIE BROWN appeared on the D & H door.

CORRALLO is a top hood of the New York Office. BROWN is a matchmaker for Madison Square Garden, New York City, and EDDIE COCO is now serving a life sentence in Florida State Prison for murder.

On January 29, 1958, and February 14, 1958, T-38 advised SA EDWARD F. DE ROSA that the D & H TV is out of business. He stated he knows of no meetings having been held at the Forrest Hotel by any hoodlums. He also stated he knows of no hoodlums who presently used the hotel as a hangout. He advised that the last couple of years he has noticed no individuals who "appear to be hoodlums" hanging around the hotel and added that the hotel is now under new management.

On March 12, 1958, MABEL DOWNEY, Switchboard Operator, Forrest Hotel, advised SA VICTOR CARRELLI that the management of that hotel has changed completely in March, 1957, and she is the only employee remaining. She stated that many publicized racketeers formerly frequented that hotel, but no longer do since the management policy changed and no longer caters to the hoodlums. She stated she knows of no meetings having been held at that hotel by hoodlums in the past.

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<u>Attending</u> <u>Hoodlum</u>	<u>En Route</u> <u>Via</u>	<u>Companions</u> <u>En Route</u>	<u>Return Via</u>	<u>Companions</u> <u>Returning</u>
LOMBARDOZZI (Continued):				2. REUTER's report reflects that when stopped by State Police road-block, LOMBARDOZZI was in automobile with EVOLA, RICCOBONO and FRANK CUCCHIARA of Boston. 3. REUTER's report suggests LOMBARDOZZI possibly came by air as he was <u>on foot</u> when questioned by State Police. This inconsistency is not made clear by the report. It is noted EVOLA informed that he, RICCOBONO, and LOMBARDOZZI drove up from New York City and this would appear to be the best evidence available. 4. REUTER's report reflects that at the Del Motel on 11/13/57 were CHARLES S. CHIRI and JOSEPH RICCOBONO. EVOLA was at the Carlton Hotel as set out above.

ANTONIO MACADDINO (Buffalo)	Automobile of JOHN MONTANA	JOHN MONTANA	Automobile	JOHN MONTANA
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1. As indicated in Buffalo letter to Albany 4/11/58, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] and it is assumed they returned in the same fashion in which they arrived. It is not known whether MONTANA returned directly to Buffalo or not.

STEVE MACADDINO (Buffalo)	Automobile(?)	JAMES V. LA DUCA(?)	Unknown	Unknown
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1. See Above under JAMES V. LA DUCA for supporting data.

JOSEPH MACLIOTTO (New York)	Automobile	JOSEPH PROFACI	Automobile	JOSEPH PROFACI
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what was the purpose of the meeting at JOSEPH BARBARA's Apalachin estate. He said the only thing he obtained in his conversations was that the "Big Men" were meeting. The informant added that by "Big Men" was probably meant JOSEPH BARBARA, SR., JOHN C. MONTANA, and others. The informant said he could not find out exactly why they had been at BARBARA's.

Confidential Informant Albany T-28, mentioned previously herein, advised SA'S MUNLEY and JAMES C. MEE on April 18, 1958, that JOSEPH BARBARA, SR., from his observations of the Sicilians (whom he alleged composed the group meeting), would be about number 3 or number 4 man in the group leadership. The informant said that the group which had met at BARBARA's was made up of mostly "muscle men" and apparently few of the real leaders of the Sicilians. The informant said he believed that WILLIAM MEDICO of Pittston, Pennsylvania, should have been at the meeting because he believed that MEDICO was directly under SANTO VOLPE and was considered a big man in the Sicilian group. The informant said he thought that "SWIMMEY" DI BELLA of Pittston, Pennsylvania, and another individual whom he identified as "SLUGGER" of Pittston, were probably at the meeting and that "SLUGGER" had been a chauffeur for SANTO VOLPE and had driven him many times to New York City.

The informant said that from his observations in the Binghamton-Endicott, New York area JOSEPH BARBARA, SR. does not have any one individual who would be known as his "righthand man." He said that BARBARA is looked upon in the area by the Sicilians there as a "king" and may be the head of the Sicilian group there.

In respect to "SWIMMEY" DI BELLA, the informant said that from his own knowledge and personal contact with the Pittston group, he would say that "SWIMMEY" DI BELLA would be the type who would follow orders to kill someone, such as ALBERT ANASTASIA. It was the informant's opinion that ALBERT ANASTASIA was murdered by the Sicilian group because he was endeavoring to take control of it.

Confidential Informant Albany T-36, previously mentioned herein, advised SA PATRICK A. MUNLEY on April 21, 1958, that he had obtained information concerning instant meeting from conversations with ANTHONY FRANK GUARNIERI, hoodlum who attended instant meeting. The informant said that on questioning GUARNIERI about the meeting, he ascertained that the "Big Men" at the meeting were JOHN MONTANA (Buffalo); SAVERIO and PASQUALE MONACHINO (Auburn, N.Y.); RUSSELL BUFALINO (Pittston, Pa.), representing SANTO VOLPE of Pittston; JOSEPH and SALVATORE FALCONE (Utica, N.Y.); VITO GENOVESE (Newark); and a few others whose names he could not recall. He said the rest of the individuals at the meeting were chauffeurs and bodyguards.

previously mentioned herein, succinctly characterizes captioned meeting as follows: "The convergence of these men, many from considerable distances, at Apalachin on November 13 and 14, clearly indicates a planned meeting. Their accommodations were reserved in advance by the BARBARAS, their food was ordered in advance. The fact that several traveled by airline under false names indicates that their purposes were secret."

Confidential Informant Albany T-46 has been contacted on a number of occasions in respect to instant meeting and he said that he has talked to EMANUEL ZICARI, PASQUALE TURRIGIANO and BARTOLO GUCCIA, all of whom attended the captioned meeting and in his conversations with these individuals, T-46 said, he has been unable to develop any information indicating the reasons why the group met. He said that in his conversations with them the best information he could obtain from them was the fact that BARBARA, SR. had been a very sick man for the past year and that these individuals were all old friends of BARBARA and were visiting him because of that reason. The informant said that he is now making efforts to locate a mutual friend of the mentioned hoodlums who attended the meeting who might be able to furnish him with information obtained from them.

Confidential Informant Albany T-8 has been interviewed on a number of occasions and he advised that he has been in conversation with JOSEPH MARCONI (brother of LOUIS MARCONI, associate of some Apalachin hoodlums particularly ANTHONY F. GUARNIERI) on several occasions but has been unable to develop any information from MARCONI regarding the reason for the meeting. The informant said he has more or less steered the conversation to this particular affair but has been unable to get any response from MARCONI other than that a group of Italian friends met to have a big affair; meaning, eating, drinking and gambling. The informant will continue his efforts to ascertain the reason for the meeting.

Confidential Informant Albany T-52 advised that over 20 or 25 years ago the subject, JOSEPH BARBARA, SR., was known to have been an associate of SANTO VOLPE, West Pittston, Pennsylvania. T-52 related that VOLPE and others in the Pittston area were associated in coal mining activities. He stated that all the Italians who are known today as hoodlums, engaged in gambling and other activities, mostly originate from the Pittston, Pennsylvania area and that SANTO VOLPE was considered the boss of all the Italians in the area.

By airtel May 8, 1958, the Newark Office informed the Bureau that Lieutenant JOHN HUNT (NA) of the New Jersey State Police had told SA's MARTIN J. GASS and OLIN E. JESSUP on May 8, 1958, that a source had informed him that ANGELO BRUNO of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, then residing in Miami, Florida, was in the process of selling all his holdings in Philadelphia and allegedly is getting ready to move in on the gambling in Cuba.

The same source also stated, according to Lieutenant HUNT, that the Apalachin meeting had been called for the purpose of each member contributing \$10,000 to a fund which was to be used in backing FIDEL CASTRO (Cuban Rebel Leader) in his attempt to take over the control of Cuba. In return for this support, they would obtain the concession for gambling in Cuba. In addition some of the money was allegedly to be used in Caracas, Venezuela, to set up gambling establishments. Lieutenant HUNT pointed out further that Attorney ANGELO MALANDRA of Camden, New Jersey, who represents "the mob" and who was also the Deputy Mayor of Camden until recently, had taken a trip to South America about a year ago and was alleged to have gone there to see about obtaining concessions for gambling.

Confidential Informant T-36, previously mentioned, informed on April 21, 1958, that ANTHONY F. GUARNIERI, hoodlum who attended instant meeting, during conversations has told him that captioned meeting included as one of the matters discussed "Havana gambling" since LOUIS SANTOS from Cuba was there for only a short time and was in BARBARA'S home talking to the "big men." The informant said that he did not get any information on the "big men" because GUARNIERI said he did not know who was in there and there were so many around the place that everybody was moving around in and out of the house and he did not know whom SANTOS was actually talking to at the time he was there.

6. Other Gambling

T-36 also said that on another occasion when he talked to GUARNIERI, GUARNIERI told him that the money men in the group at Apalachin had been connected with gambling (horse rooms, bookmaking, dice games, etc.) where they have put their money into small operations of other individuals and built up the operations with their connections. He said they would take a small "bookie" and give him financial backing and then "throw their business" to him from other sections of the country. He said GUARNIERI told him that if the small bookie did not cooperate, then the money men would cut out his facilities for getting results and blacklist him with the group; or, according to GUARNIERI, if they were in a gambling room operation and did not cooperate with the money men when the money men became interested in them, they would make it miserable for the gambling room operation so that it would be forced out of business by frequent arrests or lack of business.

The informant commented that GUARNIERI has been a lottery ticket operator in the past but has not been in this racket since 1948 and that GUARNIERI is a small-time gambler and could not do any big-time gambling because he does not have anything. The informant said he has been trying to make a living at the dress manufacturing business but has not been too successful at

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that operation either. (The informant meant GUARNIERI had been trying to make a living at the dress manufacturing business.)

In connection with the lottery, attention is directed to the interview of AMEDEO BERSANI of Syracuse, New York, previously set out in this report. BERSANI advised the agent that he thought the Apalachin meeting had been held in regard to lotteries. BERSANI also stated that VITO GENOVESE, who was in attendance, was the outstanding lottery organizer and operator in the United States today and the Apalachin group needed him because of his know-how and ability to make connections, although he is not a Sicilian.

By airtel February 26, 1958, Dallas advised the Bureau that Confidential Informant T-59 had informed that he has known the CIVELLO family all of his life and went to school with CHARLES CIVELLO, brother of JOSEPH FRANCIS CIVELLO, who attended instant meeting.

The informant said that he was aware of the "setup" in regard to JOSEPH CIVELLO'S visit to Apalachin, New York. He said that CIVELLO was invited to attend but was reluctant to furnish details of the invitation.

The informant indicated that "they" wanted to know from CIVELLO the present political setup in the Dallas-Fort Worth area and whether Dallas would be good for certain organized activity at this time such as gambling devices, headquarters for a narcotics route to the east or other interests.

CIVELLO stated, according to informant, that Dallas had never had an organized syndicate and never would have one. According to the informant, CIVELLO further pointed out to the group that there were small-time gamblers and other hoodlums on individual bases who had operated in the past but they never had any national connection. By letter dated May 5, 1958, Dallas advised that this informant has been unable to furnish any further information concerning this matter.

On May 12, 1958, Confidential Informant T-60 advised SA PATRICK A. MUNLEY that he was in Buffalo, New York, when the Apalachin meeting took place on November 14, 1957, and when the information appeared in the newspapers, all the hoodlums in Buffalo discussed it to some extent at the various bars there. The informant said that from all the conversation he heard, no one had information concerning the reason for the meeting. The presumption by all was that it had to do with the rackets, gambling, narcotics and illegal alcohol. The informant mentioned that another group of people who knew the individuals in the Buffalo area who had attended the meeting was surprised that these individuals were associated with the group at Apalachin because the Buffalo individuals had such good reputations and were in legitimate businesses at Buffalo and vicinity. He said one of the individuals was closing his bar and restaurant because of the publicity of the Apalachin meeting. The informant said he did not know the name of this individual but thought it was CARLISI. (ROY CARLISI of Buffalo is a bar owner.)

8. Raising Funds to Influence Officials

On April 22, 1958, Confidential Informant T-62, considered in the past a major hoodlum with particular connections with bootlegging and gambling and now "legitimate," advised in connection with captioned meeting that he had no personal information about why it was held and had not received any information from anyone who attended it. He said, however, that it was certain the purpose of the meeting was financial. The informant said that this was the only possible explanation based on his years of experience with hoodlums of this type. He said that the only explanation of the wide attendance including people from the West Coast, Texas, etc. was that the meeting had a fund-raising purpose or, in the informant's words, that they were "gettin together a jackpot" to influence legislation or for investments.

It is noted that SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR. was at the meeting and it would appear logical that a prime investment considered was the Havana gambling enterprise mentioned previously in instant report.

In this connection, Confidential Informant T-63 advised SA EDMUND L. MC NAMARA of Boston (as previously reported, page 13, report of SA ARTHUR V. HART, March 5, 1958, Albany) that on the evening of February 9, 1958, SAM ROSENCRANZ, "front" man of Boston top hoodlum FRANK CUCCHIARA, told him the Apalachin meeting had caused a lot of trouble. ROSENCRANZ allegedly said he understood that the purpose of the meeting was (1) to discuss the murder of ALBERT ANASTASIA and (2) to see if the group could get together with certain law enforcement officials and make a deal whereby they would stop the importation of narcotics from Europe and in return would be allowed to run gambling enterprises in their various locations without hindrance from law enforcement officials.

9. ALBERT ANASTASIA Operations

As previously set forth in the report of SA ARTHUR V. HART dated March 5, 1958, at Albany, a number of sources has advised that the Apalachin meeting was called for the purpose of discussing what was to be done about ALBERT ANASTASIA'S operations.

By airtel May 6, 1958, New York advised that a review reflected that ALBERT ANASTASIA had the following alleged interests:

1. Data in respect to ANASTASIA'S apparent attempt to obtain the gambling concession at the Havana Hilton Hotel in Cuba have previously been set forth.

2. ANASTASIA was a powerful boss of the New Jersey-New York waterfront, according to the New York City Anti-Crime Committee. ANASTASIA had strong control over the East River piers and the Brooklyn piers with control of shylocking, numbers, bookmaking and narcotics on these piers.

at the meeting were interested in.

The informant said that he was not personally acquainted with JOSEPH FRANCIS CIVELLO of Dallas, Texas, who attended the meeting, but was acquainted with T-67 from Dallas who he thought would be acquainted with CIVELLO and would certainly be in a position to know individuals in Dallas who would know CIVELLO and who could, in his opinion, obtain from CIVELLO the reason he attended the Apalachin meeting.

Confidential Informant T-36 advised on May 9, 1958, that he had had one contact with ANTHONY F. GUARNIERI since last interviewed. He said he asked GUARNIERI what was going on at the meeting and GUARNIERI told him that the "money men" were "figuring things out." The informant said that GUARNIERI had given him similar information in the past. He said that GUARNIERI then explained that from the conference of the "money men" some one or two of the group are told that they are going to be set up in some business someplace where it is thought that the business involved would be a good business. The informant asserted that GUARNIERI said it might be a legitimate business or a horse room, lottery or other specialty like that. The informant said he asked GUARNIERI if anything was decided on the day of the meeting and GUARNIERI told him that he did not know but thought it broke up too fast for any decision to be made.

Confidential Informant T-28 advised SA PATRICK A. MUNLEY and SA JAMES C. MEE on May 1, 1958, that SALVATORE ALECCIA, friend of ANTHONY F. GUARNIERI, who attended instant meeting, told him on the night of April 29, 1958, that the meeting was for the purpose of introducing the younger men to the older men in the group and for dividing and assigning territory. The informant said that he could not get any other information.

12. Illegal Alcohol

It is noted that a major portion of the hoodlums in attendance at captioned meeting have prohibition violations and bootlegging experience in their backgrounds. It appears logical that they are currently involved in some instances in illicit alcohol operations.

Confidential Informant T-63, previously mentioned, for example has advised that SAM ROSENCRANZ, FRANK CUCCHIARA'S "front" man, told him on January 10, 1958, that he had an illicit still apparently operating in Rhode Island and, without specifically stating, indicated that FRANK CUCCHIARA was the financial backer in this still.

By letter dated February 6, 1958, the Buffalo Office advised that JOHN FOY, NA, New York State Safety Commission, who conducted an investigation relating to the Apalachin meeting for Governor AVERELL HARRIMAN of New York, told SAC WESLEY G. GRAPP that his investigation indicated a principal reason for the meeting was arrangements for obtaining sugar to manufacture illegal alcohol without it being traced. FOY was reinterviewed by Buffalo and on

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informant said, he heard NICK ALAIMO (DOMINICK ALAIMO who attended instant meeting) and SAMMY DI BELLA, associates of RUSSELL BUFALINO (who attended instant meeting) discussing the purpose of the meeting and they in their conversations said that this was the purpose of the meeting.

The informant related that the only one who told him directly the purpose of the meeting was LEONARD BLANDINA but added that on three other occasions he overheard conversations indicating this was the purpose of the meeting. He said BLANDINA did not institute or commence these conversations but they were conversations by ALAIMO and DI BELLA.

The informant said the instant meeting was to include jobbers, manufacturers, truckers and others who would have only a financial interest and the meeting was for the purpose of deciding what proportion or what interest or what phase of the operation each would have when they took control of the industry. The informant said they intended eventually to put pressure on buyers to force them to buy garments from their group.

The informant stated that SCIANDRA and his associates in the Pittston area intended to completely dominate the area from Binghamton, New York, to Buffalo, New York, as they had assurance that they would have garment trucking rates from that area to New York City guaranteed to them. It was their intention to use the plant of SCIANDRA for cutting and distribution and any garment manufacturer in Northern New York would be forced to operate through SCIANDRA'S plan, according to informant.

15. Control of Vending Machine Business

As previously set out in the report of SA ARTHUR V. HART dated March 5, 1958, at Albany, page 21, Confidential Informant T-22 advised that THOMAS ALOYSIUS MARINO, was., a New York top hoodlum, said that the Apalachin meeting was for the purpose of organizing the vending machine business throughout the United States. The informant said he got the impression from MARINO that this would include slot machines as well as juke boxes and cigarette machines. MARINO mentioned that he and JOHNNY ROBILCTTO controlled this organizational drive in Brooklyn, New York.

I. MEETING BROKEN UP BEFORE COMPLETION OF AGENDA

As previously set forth in Albany airtel to Bureau May 12, 1958, the New York State Police surveillance of instant meeting was set up on the early afternoon of November 14, 1957, and was detected by persons at BARBARA'S residence shortly thereafter. As has previously been reported in several instances, persons fled through the woods to escape the roundup and were located by the police. It is indicated that the meeting was rather rudely and abruptly terminated when the police activity was detected and it would thus appear that the meeting had not gone to its contemplated conclusion.

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- T-3 PCI [REDACTED] Buffalo Division.
- T-4 New York Confidential Informant NY 169-C.
- T-6 Albany PCI RICHARD T. MORRISON, JR., a salesman for Canada Dry Bottling Company of Endicott, Inc., over 10 year period.
- T-8 Albany PCI JOSEPH CHITTENDEN, Private Detective, Binghamton, New York.
- T-16 Buffalo Confidential Informant BU 14-C.
- T-19 Detroit Confidential Informant DE 370-C, an individual on the secondary leadership level of the LICAVOLI-BOMMARITO-RUBINO Group in Detroit, according to Detroit letter to the Director dated May 16, 1958.
- T-22 New York Confidential Informant NY 2151-C.
- T-25 Pittsburgh Confidential Informant PG 514-C.
- T-28 Albany PCI ANTHONY M. POLICARE, Apalachin, New York, operator of Tony's Inn, Route 17.
- T-29 EDWARD VITKUS, Intelligence Unit, U.S. Treasury Department, Binghamton, New York.
- T-30 SAMUEL A. KLUGER, Cashier, First National Bank of Wyoming, Wyoming, Pennsylvania.
- T-31 Miami Informant MM 647 PC, as related in Miami airtel to Albany dated April 17, 1958.
- T-32 CHARLES J. CAPUTO, Pittsburgh attorney, who is very close to Mayor LAWRENCE of Pittsburgh and whom rumor links to racket figures. He is assistant solicitor of the City of Pittsburgh and acts in a liaison capacity between Mayor LAWRENCE and the Governor, through contact with Senator JOSEPH BARR, head of the Democratic Party in Pennsylvania. CAPUTO's office is 400 Bakewell Building, Pittsburgh, Pa.

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- T-33 Philadelphia Confidential Informant PH 251-C, as set out in Philadelphia airtel dated May 13, 1958.
- T-34 Albany PCI MELVIN J. BLOSSOM, an employee on the estate of Top Hoodlum JOSEPH BARBARA, SR. Employed since March, 1955.
- T-35 JOHN PERHACH, Investigator, District Attorney's Office, Broome County, Binghamton, New York, who furnished a list of all local telephone calls from the home of JOSEPH BARBARA, SR., for a period of a year.
- T-36 Albany PCI LOUIS DIMBRO, Binghamton, New York.
- T-37 FRED LUSSEN, Inspector, Manhattan West Detectives, New York City Police Department.
- T-38 New York PCI EDDIE BORDEN, a resident of the Forrest Hotel, New York City, as quoted in New York airtel to the Director dated March 13, 1958.
- T-39 PCI FRANK SMITH, Buffalo Division, as set out on Page 3, Buffalo letter to Albany dated April 11, 1958.
- T-40 Deputy Inspector GREEN, Manhattan West Detective Division, New York City Police Department.
- T-41 Detective JOHN J. O'FLAHERTY, New York City Police Department.
- T-42 Kansas City PCI MARY FRICK.
- T-43 Lieutenant JOHN THOMPSON, Central Intelligence Squad, New York City Police Department, who informed SA STEPHEN L. HALPIN, January 29, 1958, as set out in New York letter to Albany dated April 2, 1958.
- T-44 ROBERT MC GUINNESS, New York State Joint Legislative Committee on Government Operations (Watchdog Committee), 217 Broadway, New York City, who furnished information to SA WILLIAM DAVID KANE, March 10, 1958, as in New York airtel to Albany dated May 14, 1958.

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- T-45. Lieutenant JOSEPH SUAREZ, 25th Precinct, Detective Squad, New York City Police Department, who furnished information to SA HUGH G. FORD, February 15, 1958.
- T-46 Albany PCI FELIX ANTHONY JULIAN, Binghamton, New York.
- T-47 Albany Confidential Informant AL 2937-C.
- T-48 Albany PCI LOUIS J. FARONE.
- T-49 Albany PCI JOHN CAVACCHI.
- T-50 Albany PCI TOM DE LORENZE.
- T-51 Albany PCI WILLIAM C. MORRISON.
- T-52 MARTIN HOLLERAN, Coal Dealer, Binghamton, New York, who has furnished reliable information in the past.
- T-53 Unidentified source in Potter Bank and Trust Company, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as set out in Pittsburgh airtel to Albany dated April 16, 1958.
- T-54 FBI representative (Legat, Havana).
- T-55 Miami Confidential Informant MM 416-C, as set out in report of SA STEPHEN J. LABADIE dated February 20, 1958, Miami, entitled "SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR., AR."
- T-56 JULIO HERNANDEZ, Sales Manager, Hotel Nacional, Havana, Cuba, as quoted in report of SA LABADIE, above.
- T-57 PCI PEDRO P. TAPIA, Racing Director, Oriental Park Race Track, Havana, Cuba, as in the above report of SA LABADIE.
- T-58 Former SA GEORGE MC SWAIN, as in Bureau letter to Legat, Havana, dated March 5, 1958, captioned "AMERICAN GAMBLING ACTIVITIES IN CUBA."
- T-59 Dallas PCI FRANK EDWARD LOBIANCO, as in Dallas airtel February 26, 1958.

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T-60 JOHN FORMATO, formerly pimp, gambler and racket operator in Binghamton, New York area, who has been working legitimately near Buffalo, New York, for the past five years.

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T-61 Boston PCI [REDACTED] as set out in report of SA EDMUND L. MC NAMARA, May 5, 1958., Boston.

T-62 Albany Confidential Informant AL 2990-C, a leading gambling operator in Saratoga Springs, New York, and former well known bootlegger and owner at one time or another of three of the most prominent gambling casinos in Saratoga Springs when Saratoga Springs was "open" and considered in the past to be a major hoodlum although now "legitimate."

T-63 Boston Confidential Informant BOS 692-C.

T-64 Albany Confidential Informant AL 2841-C.

T-65 Kansas City Confidential Informant KC 254-C.

T-66 ANTHONY FERTITTA, as described in Houston airtel to Director dated May 29, 1958, captioned "TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM - WEEKLY SUMMARY."

T-67 Philadelphia PCI JAMES VINCENT DE ANGELIS, as set out in Philadelphia airtel to the Director dated March 28, 1958, captioned "TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM, WEEKLY SUMMARY."