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CRIMINAL INFORMANT COVERAGE

The following individuals are presently being utilized by the Pittsburgh Office in the SEBASTIAN JOHN LA ROCCA investigation:

PG 573-C, who is extremely friendly with the GENOVESE brothers and particularly FIORE GENOVESE, younger brother of MIKE GENOVESE, and who is presently being utilized for the general coverage of the Red Eagle Club and its visitors.

MISS FRANCES PRIAM, a PCI of the Pittsburgh Office, who is well acquainted with most of Pittsburgh's top hoodlums and who was formerly employed as a waitress in the Red Eagle Club, once known as the Genovese Cocktail Lounge, 412 Larimer Ave., Pittsburgh. She still visits this establishment and comes in constant contact with MIKE GENOVESE and other members of Pittsburgh's racketeering element in her role as a medium-priced prostitute. PRIAM is presently travelling with MRS. JULIA MINTZ, widow of JAKEMMINTZ, co-owner of EZZARD CHARLES, former World's heavyweight boxing champion. She is presently being utilized for the coverage of the GENOVESE-LA ROCCA-NELSON interests.

GEORGE "MOON" MESSER, a PCI who is presently very active in Pittsburgh numbers operations and who was arrested during the month of August, 1958, in connection with his operation. MESSER is intimately acquainted with many Pittsburgh top hoodlums and racketeers through association with them when they began their racket careers. He is presently being utilized for coverage of the GENOVESE-NELSON interests and is also contributing information regarding the VOLPE brothers who are close associates of GENOVESE and LA ROCCA.

GEORGE "ZIP" ZAPPA, a PCI of the Pittsburgh Office presently engaged in racket activity in the City of Pittsburgh who is being utilized for general coverage of lottery and numbers operations in the Pittsburgh area.

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HENRY J. BARBER, a PCI of the Pittsburgh Office who is part owner of the notorious gambling establishment at Chester, W.Va., known as Club 30, who is being utilized for information concerning the club and the interest in it of Pittsburgh hoodlums associated with both LA ROCCA and GENOVESE.

MISS MARIAN FOGEL, a PCI of the Pittsburgh Office who is being utilized for information concerning Pittsburgh prostitution activities and as a check on the activities of MISS FRANCES PRIAM.

AL BUCK, former Allegheny County Detective and now Vice-President of the Fidelity Trust Company, Loan Department, Pittsburgh, who is being utilized for his knowledge of the Bankers Exchange in Pittsburgh from which he can obtain information regarding bank loans made to Pittsburgh top hoodlums. BUCK is also familiar with the activities of several of Pittsburgh's top hoodlums, particularly those of LA ROCCA, from having worked on criminal matters for many years in the City of Pittsburgh.

HERMAN ISRAEL, a confidential source of the Pittsburgh Office who is being utilized for information concerning the MANNARINO organization in New Kensington, Pa., and who is also furnishing information regarding tieups with the GENOVESE organization in Pittsburgh.

WILLIAM A. DOBKIN, a confidential source of the Pittsburgh Office who was extremely helpful to Pittsburgh Agents during the investigation of the RALPH KINER extortion investigation several years ago and whose brother-in-law, NORMAN FARBER, is a member of the MANNARINO organization.

In an effort to increase criminal informant coverage, the PCIs under development are being contacted on a continuing and regular basis so that information obtained from them may be used on a day-to-day basis in connection with spot surveillances of the establishments frequented by the subject when he is in the Pittsburgh vicinity.

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AT PITTSBURGH, PA., (ALLEGHENY COUNTY)

- 1) Will set out appropriate leads on tangible results obtained from a mail cover placed for the month of March, 1959, on the residence of subject at Ingomar, Pa., with the Postal Inspector at the Pittsburgh Post Office.
- 2) Will continue to conduct discreet surveillances of subject whenever practicable to note pertinent contacts made by him.
- 3) Will maintain contact with the officers of the McCandless Township Police Department and arrange for immediate notification by them of any unusual activity in the vicinity of the LA ROCCA residence.
- 4) Will maintain close liaison with HUBERT I. TEITELBAUM, USA, WDPA, so that any pertinent information received by him from [redacted] or [redacted] during questioning of these individuals before the Federal Grand Jury on or about [redacted] may be acted upon immediately and other offices advised as the situation permits.
- 5) Will regularly contact established PCIs so that ample coverage may be afforded the LA ROCCA-GENOVESE-NELSON interests and will, through this established coverage, endeavor to ascertain the specific whereabouts of LA ROCCA since December, 1957.
- 6) Will check the list of toll calls made from Forest 4-5296, the home telephone of LA ROCCA, for the names of racket associates and personal business contacts of subject not now known to the Pittsburgh Office, and will further identify and obtain appropriate background of subscribers to telephone numbers called.
- 7) Will maintain contact with the offices of the Pittsburgh Offices of the U. S. Marshal, INS, and Internal Revenue Service so that any new developments concerning their interests in this matter will be received immediately.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Report of: ROBERT A. VOEGE
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BUREAU 92-2940

Title: SEBASTIAN JOHN LA ROCCA

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Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

[redacted] returned to Pittsburgh, Pa., vicinity on or about 2/6/59 and was promptly served with four subpoenas by USM, WDPA. Agreement subsequently arrived at by which two subpoenas requesting appearance of [redacted] before FGJ, SNDY, and Attorney General's Special Group canceled so that [redacted] may appear before FGJ at [redacted] with [redacted] national top hoodlum, on or about [redacted] USA, Pittsburgh, advises representative of Attorney General's Special Group will be present on this occasion. Date has not been set for appearance of subject before U. S. Senate Select Committee on Improper Activities in the Labor or Management Field. LA ROCCA advised Bureau Agent on 3/9/59 that he could not answer questions without approval and presence of Attorney VINCENT CASEY but indicated he would remain in Pittsburgh area. During conversation he lost composure when questions posed concerning his affiliation with Mafia and citizenship status. Efforts being made to determine whereabouts of LA ROCCA and GABRIEL MANNARINO during absence from Pittsburgh. IN VIEW OF THE CONVICTION OF SUBJECT FOR ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO KILL AND HIS ARREST FOR CARRYING A CONCEALED WEAPON, HE MAY BE ARMED AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED DANGEROUS.

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THOMAS A. MC QUAIDE, Identification Officer, Pittsburgh, Pa., Police Department, advised on March 11, 1959, that on March 2, 1959, GEORGE "MOON" MESSER, former business associate and close friend of LA ROCCA, appeared in Allegheny County Court on numbers charges. He stated that MESSER was fined \$100 and costs on one count and \$200 and costs on a second count, bringing the total to \$427.00.

HUBERT I. TEITELBAUM, U. S. Attorney, Western District of Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, advised SA VOEGE on March 12, 1959, that [REDACTED] and

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[REDACTED] had been subpoenaed to appear before a Federal Grand Jury sitting at [REDACTED] during the week of [REDACTED] and would be requested to answer questions relating to criminal activity in [REDACTED]

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D. LEGITIMATE ENTERPRISES

ARTHUR D. "ARCHIE" NELSON, former Pittsburgh top hoodlum who is presently in partnership with MIKE GENOVESE, was observed watching the construction of his new motel during a surveillance by SA VOEGE on February 17, 1959. Upon contacted, NELSON, who was driving a white 1957 Cadillac sedan bearing 1958 Pennsylvania license 1028J, advised that construction is proceeding according to plan and that he visualizes completion of the project during the first week of August, 1959. He said he has a six-month construction contract with a masonry contractor named ZAMPARANA (phonetic) from Fox Chapel, Pa., but that the contract is merely a gentlemen's agreement with no penalty clauses attached. He indicated that the builder submitted the lowest of six construction bids after he and GENOVESE had advertised in the trade journals and had further guaranteed that he could do the job in approximately six months, barring personnel injuries, equipment breakdown and inclement weather.

NELSON advised that his motel would consist of fifty-three compact units in the shape of a "U" with the open end facing the highway and would be of two-level construction.

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He advised that on February 6, 1959, however, he received information from an attorney who has handled many matters for both GENOVESE and LA ROCCA and whose name is VITO RICH, that [redacted] was then at home and was awaiting the arrival of the U. S. Marshal to serve him with whatever subpoenas were outstanding against him. He stated that he immediately proceeded to [redacted] and served [redacted] with two subpoenas which he had been holding for approximately one year. He described the first as a subpoena for the appearance of [redacted] before the Federal Grand Jury for the [redacted] to testify and give evidence in regard to an alleged violation of [redacted] and the second as a subpoena for the appearance of [redacted] before the U. S. Senate Select Committee On Improper Activities in the Labor or Management Field.

DIMEOLO could furnish no information regarding the whereabouts of LA ROCCA during his disappearance from the Pittsburgh area and advised that he did not think it was his duty to ask him such a question. He stated, however, that LA ROCCA had promised him that he would be available in Pittsburgh for whatever came up in the future and was "sick of running." He said LA ROCCA also advised him that he would proceed to Valley Forge Academy at Wayne, Pa., on that date to visit his adopted son and indicated that he would go by car.

HUBERT I. TEITELBAUM, U. S. Attorney, Western District of Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, advised SA VOEGE on March 12, 1959, that he had been visited by two attorneys representing the Attorney General's Special Group and that they had worked out a means whereby [redacted] would appear before a Federal Grand Jury sitting at [redacted] during the week of [redacted]. He stated that this appearance would cancel two previously scheduled appearances before a Federal Grand Jury for the [redacted] at which [redacted] was to appear on [redacted]. He stated that in all probability, [redacted] and his close associate, [redacted] who was successfully [redacted]

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served with subpoenas by the U. S. Marshal for the Western District of Pennsylvania on March 4, 1959, will appear before the Federal Grand Jury at [redacted] on [redacted] and that either one or two representatives of the Attorney General's Special Group will be present at the hearing although he will ask the pertinent questions. He said that no date has been set as far as he knows for the appearance of [redacted] or [redacted] before the Senate Labor Rackets Committee.

TEITELBAUM indicated that [redacted] Attorney for [redacted] indicated to him that [redacted] and [redacted] were extremely hesitant about appearing in [redacted] and preferred to appear in [redacted] despite the publicity such an appearance would create. TEITELBAUM said he did not know why the racketeers feared an appearance in [redacted] unless they connected it with the incarceration of their close associates, the VALENTI brothers. He said that he indicated to [redacted] that if [redacted] and [redacted] invoke the Fifth Amendment when asked questions regarding anything other than their name and address, he would see to it that they appeared in [redacted] regardless of their wishes.

Surveillances Conducted Relating to This Investigation

Spot surveillances were conducted on February 6, 9, 16, 18 and 27, 1959, and on March 5, 10 and 13, 1959, at 900 West Ingomar Road, Ingomar, Pa.; 12 McCandless St., Pittsburgh; and at 500 North Craig St., Pittsburgh, by SA VOEGE. Nothing of interest to this investigation, other than what has already been set forth, was observed during these spot surveillances.

Efforts Made to Determine Whereabouts of LA ROCCA and Associate GABRIEL MANNARINO During Their Absence From the Pittsburgh, Pa., Area

The Baltimore Office advised on February 26, 1959, that the following investigation was conducted in Washington County, Md., by SA ROBERT I. MC ENROE:

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PG T-1 is H. W. GLENN, Postal Inspector, Pittsburgh, Pa., Post Office, who was contacted on March 16, 1959, by SA ROBERT A. VOEGE and who has requested that his identity be concealed.

PG T-2 is GEORGE "MOON" MESSER, a potential criminal informant of the Pittsburgh Office who was contacted on February 26, 1959, by SA VOEGE.

PG T-3 is PAUL WILLIAMS, Manager of the First National Bank of Mercer County, Farrell Office, Farrell, Pa., which bank is the successor of the S. J. Gully Bank of Farrell. WILLIAMS was contacted by SA HOBART C. LOVETT on February 13, 1959, and requested that his identity be concealed.

PG T-4 is MISS FRANCES PRIAM, a potential criminal informant of the Pittsburgh Office, who was contacted on February 27, 1959, by SA VOEGE.