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TITLE OF CASE ✓ ANGELO BRUNO, aka.		Report made by J. ROBERT PEARCE	Typed By: MMR
		CHARACTER OF CASE ANTI-RACKETEERING	

Reference

Report of SA J. ROBERT PEARCE dated 10/8/59 at Philadelphia.

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Leads

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AT MIAMI, FLA.

*1. Will remain in contact with Miami 65-PC who, according to Miami letter to Philadelphia, 12/31/58, dined at the Luau Restaurant, North Bay Village, Fla., on 11/19/58 with ANGELO BRUNO. It should be learned from this informant if BRUNO has liquidated his interest in Cuba; if BRUNO has other financial interests in the Dominican Republic; if BRUNO intends to return to the Miami, Fla., vicinity; and the identity of all individuals with whom BRUNO had interests in the Hotel Plaza Gambling Casino in Havana, Cuba.

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AT NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLA.

*1. Will interview FNU BRUNO, alleged to be a Councilman at North Miami Beach, and a relative of ANGELO BRUNO, and endeavor to obtain the same general information as outlined above.

*2. Will consider interview of JOE MILLSTEIN, characterized as a night club owner, and shylock in Miami letter to Philadelphia dated 12/31/58, reportedly a friend of ANGELO BRUNO. The degree of association between Councilman BRUNO and JOE MILLSTEIN should be ascertained.

NEWARK

AT MT. HOLLY, N.J.

Can disregard previous lead to locate scene of operation of alleged crap game being operated there as informants have stated that this game is no longer in operation.

AT TRENTON, N.J.

Will ascertain the identity of the owner of the J. C. Vending Machines, Inc., 947 Southard Street, Trenton, N.J., and determine the association between this person and ANGELO BRUNO. Bear in mind that this individual might possibly be BEN GALLUP which is mentioned in the instant report and has previously been identified as an associate of BRUNO in Miami, Fla.

PHILADELPHIA

AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.

*1. Will attempt to locate and interview JOHNNIE ROCCO, allegedly connected with ANGELO BRUNO in disposing of Cuban currency brought into the country by BRUNO.

*2. Will endeavor to identify banking facilities used by BRUNO in Philadelphia.

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3. Will maintain contact with informants who have knowledge of BRUNO's activities to learn of his movements and activities.

Informants

T-1 PH 535-C to SA ROBERT W. HOLMES.
T-2 PCI ARTHUR NEWMAN, Havana confidential source, information furnished unknown date.
T-3 PH 269-C to SA DALE M. HIESTAND, 10/9,15/59
T-4 THERESA DOUGHERTY, Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania, to SE E. DAVIS PORTER.

Criminal Informant Coverage

PH 251-C South Philadelphia racket figures widely acquainted with racket element. Has identified BRUNO's associates and illegal activities.
PH 269-C Closely associated with subject. Has journeyed to Miami, Fla., with BRUNO.
PH 518-C A local prostitute, formerly married to racket figure. Knows BRUNO and many of his associates.
PH 489-C Numbers writer, Bootlegger. Familiar with BRUNO's activities.
PH 535-C Old-time bootlegger, gambler, widely acquainted. Knows BRUNO.
PH 523-C Former spouse, local Top Hoodlum. Well acquainted. Knows BRUNO.

Administrative Data

Credit and criminal checks in Miami, Fla. were conducted by IC CLIFFORD M. WERNER.

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As previously set out a lead was outstanding to contact JOHNNY ROCCO for interview regarding his connection with ANGELO BRUNO in disposing of Cuban currency. It is pointed out that ROCCO has not been interviewed because of active investigation of him for violations of ITSMV and ITSP Statutes. Process is outstanding in the EDPA on ROCCO for these violations and he will be interviewed at the earliest possible date when the interview will not interfere with other investigation.

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