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REFERENCES

- Report of SA ROBERT A. VOEGE, Pittsburgh, 10/8/59.
- Pittsburgh letter to Bureau, 10/8/59.
- Pittsburgh letter to Detroit, 11/30/59 (interoffice).
- Detroit letter to Pittsburgh, 12/22/59 (interoffice).

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LEADS

JACKSONVILLE and MIAMI--INFORMATION

Jacksonville and Miami are being furnished a copy of this report for information purposes in the light of allegations made by the wife of LA ROCCA and Pittsburgh informants concerning the travel of LA ROCCA to Florida and Cuba during his disappearance from Pittsburgh following the Apalachin, N.Y., conference of hoodlums during November, 1957.

With the background supplied it is felt that these offices can intelligently handle the coverage of any future leads requested in the vicinity.

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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-S, 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.

PG 585-C, 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 Avenue, Pittsburgh. Informant 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. Informant is presently traveling with Mrs. JULIA MINTZ, widow of JAKE MINTZ, 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. He 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.

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 pPCI of the Pittsburgh Office who is being utilized for information concerning Pittsburgh prostitution activities and as a check on the activities of PG 585-C.

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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 tie-ups 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.

It is anticipated that THOMAS MARTIN, Vice-President of the Real Estate Department of the Fidelity Trust Company, Potter Branch, in Pittsburgh, will keep the Pittsburgh Office advised of any new developments concerning the completed construction of a motel financed by MIKE GENOVESE and ARTHUR D. NELSON in the Monroeville, Pa., vicinity which would undoubtedly have to have the approval and overall financial backing of SEBASTIAN JOHN LA ROCCA.

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claim to fame is his resemblance to JACKIE GLEASON and that therefore he may need a sharper front man to run the lounge - a man who could meet executives on a little higher level.

The aforementioned informant advised that FEO hinted that he could use a waitress of the calibre of FRANCES PRIAM, longtime head waitress at the Genovese Cocktail Lounge, 412 Larimer Avenue, which he now operates as the Red Eagle Club. He also stated that unescorted girls visiting the lounge would be given drinks at no cost so that they could stay on the premises and attract male patrons. He emphasized that he had no wish to operate an escort service but that high-class prostitutes would certainly "add flavor" to the establishment. The informant explained that FELIX "PHIL" GENOVESE and MIKE GENOVESE have often stated that they do not want FEO in any of the rackets and wish to keep his name "clean" as far as police records are concerned. She said he was not allowed to attend any of the "top-level" administrative sessions which were held at the Genovese Cocktail Lounge prior to the Apalachin meeting and believes this was as much the wish of JOHN LA ROCCA as it was of his older brothers.

The informant advised that the aforementioned FEO used to date a small blonde prostitute named BARBARA GARRETT, and that when word got around that she was connected with the GENOVESE brothers in some way her business was curtailed by cautious prospects. She said BARBARA will marry one AUGIE (LNU), an Italian boy about twenty-five years of age shortly. She does not think AUGIE is in the rackets but has the potential, inasmuch as he is a good-looking Italian boy now employed as a waiter at "Club 30," notorious gambling establishment at Chester, W. Va. She believes that he was screened for this position by "JO-JO" PECORA, GENOVESE's organizational lieutenant. She said BARBARA is known to the FBI, having been unfortunate enough to be picked-up in several police raids, and that she once roomed with NORMA GRILLO, well-known Pittsburgh prostitute. She stated that BARBARA is a small, twenty-four year old blonde who has not been prostituting for about three or four months and is determined to stay out of the racket for the sake of her fiance. She does not believe BARBARA would know very much about anything other than prostitution, despite her once close association with

FEO GENOVESE because FEO was and is very close-mouthed with the little information his brothers allow him to know. She said BARBARA is living with her boyfriend, AUGIE, on the corner of Fifth and Shady Avenues and was given a bridal shower by her friends in the prostitution racket recently.

The informant advised that "Young Johnnie" LA ROCCA has not been in the Pittsburgh area for at least four months, to her knowledge, but had a date with a prostitute on Centre Avenue when last in the city. She said he was accompanied by a businessman from Johnstown, Pa., from whom he was seeking backing for some venture and that the man was being entertained by "Young Johnnie" during the visit. She stated that the businessman was "goofy-looking" and not interested in securing a date for himself.

The informant advised that MIKE GENOVESE is still in the Pittsburgh area, to her knowledge, although he has not lived at his farm in Gibsonia since early October, 1959. She believes his wife is having trouble with her health, but states that most of this trouble is in her mind and that she worries about her husband a great deal. She advised that the Red Eagle Club is quiet and still caters to a neighborhood clientele preferring pizza and beer. She said JOHN LA ROCCA does not visit here any longer and that most of Pittsburgh's racketeers who once made the Genovese Cocktail Lounge their hangout prefer not to even be observed in its vicinity. She stated that she had heard from "Young Johnnie" LA ROCCA that his older brother, "Big John," might have to appear with MIKE GENOVESE at a trial in New York City but that "things will eventually all clear up."

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The informant advised that she or any other close-mouthed established prostitute could contact GABRIEL "KELLY" MANNARINO and be placed for expensive dates either in New Kensington, Pa. (a city controlled by the MANNARINO top hoodlum combination), or at the Town House Motel in Monroeville, Pa. She explained that "SONNY" CIANCUTTI, shylock and procurer for the organization, would make necessary arrangements. She advised that she has personally observed LOUIS VOLPE (former Pittsburgh top hoodlum who controls the Wilmerding, Pa., area), at the Town House on at least two occasions between May-October, 1959, and said that VOLPE is always good for a "touch" if the prostitute is one he likes.

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INFORMANTS

PG T-1 is WILLIAM MEREDITH, Special Agent, Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania, who was contacted by SE GEORGE DIPPOLD on December 18, 1959, and who has requested that his identity be concealed.

PG T-2 is H. W. GLENN, Postal Inspector, United States Post Office, Pittsburgh, Pa., who was contacted by SA ROBERT A. VOEGE on November 27, 1959, and who has requested that his identity be concealed.

PG T-3 is PG 585-C who was contacted by SA VOEGE on October 28, 1959, and again on December 1, 1959.