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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
Attention: Electronics Section  
FROM : SAC, NEWARK

DATE: 3/14/58

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SUBJECT: CONFIDENTIAL SURVEILLANCE TRANSMITTER

Information is requested as to whether it would be possible to install a confidential surveillance transmitter in a 1951, Series 60 Cadillac, 4-dr. Sedan.

This car is driven by a chauffeur and is used for transportation by ABNER ZWILLMAN, a notorious racketeer and one of the most important top hoodlum figures in this division. ZWILLMAN rides in the front right hand side of the car.

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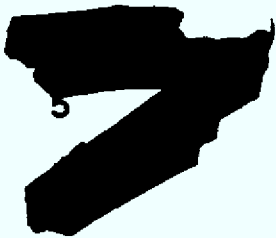
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**CONFIDENTIAL SURVEILLANCE TRANSMITTER**

Reurlet 3-14-58 requesting advice as to whether a transmitter could be installed in the Cadillac automobile used by Abner Zwillman.

The Bureau has considered the merits of this particular case and it has been decided that a transmitter installation should not be made in the above-described automobile.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-3105)

DATE: 4/30/58

FROM: SAC, WFO (92-236)

SUBJECT: ABNER ZWILLMAN, was.;  
ANTI-RACKETEERING  
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Re Newark let 3/13/58 to WFO and Bulet 3/17/58.

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SE [redacted] obtained the following information from central records of INS, at Washington, D.C., on 3/27/58:

RUBIN ZWILLMAN, Certificate Number 423080 filed Petition Number 250 on 6/20/11 at CPC of Essex Co., New Jersey, held at Newark. His address was shown as 18 Hillside Place, Newark, New Jersey, and his occupation as Real Estate. His date and place of birth was shown as 10/15/67, at Russia. He arrived in the U.S. on 2/22/98, at New York, on the "St. Paul". He was naturalized on 6/9/14. His wife and children were listed as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE OF BIRTH</u>	<u>PLACE OF BIRTH</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>
Wife, ANNIE	35 years	Russia	Newark, N.J.
BESSIE	3/11/99	Russia	Newark, N.J.
ABRAM	8/12/04	Newark, N.J.	Newark, N.J.
HATTIE	6/10/06	Newark, N.J.	Newark, N.J.
BARNEY	11/5/08	Newark, N.J.	Newark, N.J.
FREDA	1/3/10	Newark, N.J.	Newark, N.J.

No evidence of loss of citizenship or derogatory information appears in the file. It is noted that BESSIE's date of birth in Russia is subsequent to father's arrival in U.S. It is possible that RUBIN re-entered U.S. at a subsequent date. ANNIE derived U.S. citizenship through her husband, RUBIN, but she has not filed in her own right. BESSIE also derived U.S. citizenship through her father, but has not applied for a certificate in her own right. e

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The INS records reflect that subject ABNER (ABRAM) ZWILLMAN has a file dated 6/3/55, numbered A-10137118, which is located at the INS District Office, Newark, New Jersey,

Newark review file for pertinent information on ABNER ZWILLMAN, and if considered necessary, have entries of RUBIN ZWILLMAN checked by New York to determine if father re-entered U.S. with family subsequent to ABNER ZWILLMAN's birth date of 8/12/04.

Investigation continuing by WFO. P.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>NEWARK</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>NEWARK</b>	DATE <b>MAY 15 1958</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>3/6, 7, 10-12, 20, 21, 24, 26-28, 31; 4/1, 8, 9, 14-30; 5/1, 2, 4, 5/58</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>ABNER ZWILLMAN, was.</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED]</b>	TYPED BY <b>[REDACTED]</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ANTI-RACKETEERING</b>	

SYNOPSIS:

INS advises subject entitled to derivative citizenship via father's naturalization in 1914, regardless of where born.

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DETAILS:

A. BIRTH AND CITIZENSHIP

On April 23, 1958, SA [REDACTED] located and reviewed Petition of Naturalization #2700, at the record vault of the County Clerk of Essex County, New Jersey. This record pertained to the naturalization of the subject's father, RUBIN ZWILLMAN, who then resided at 18 Hillside Place. It reflected that RUBIN ZWILLMAN was born on October 15, 1867, at Skopiniak, Russia, had left Liverpool on approximately February 15, 1898, and arrived at New York on February 22, 1898, on the ship St. Paul. This record further reflects that he was married to ANNIE, who was born in Russia, and that at the time of the filing in 1911, they had five children as follows:

BESSIE, born March 14, 1899, at Russia.  
ABRAM, born August 12, 1904, at Newark, New Jersey.  
HATTIE, born June 10, 1906, at Newark, New Jersey.  
BARNEY, born November 5, 1908, at Newark, New Jersey.  
FREDA, born January 3, 1910, at Newark, New Jersey.

This record reflects that Certificate of Naturalization #423080, was issued to RUBIN ZWILLMAN on June 9, 1914.

EARL GREENLEAF, Investigator, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), Newark, New Jersey, advised on April 29, 1958, that the question of whether or not the subject was born outside the United States, is academic from the standpoint of citizenship. GREENLEAF stated that since the subject was listed on the above Naturalization Petition he, as a minor child, automatically became entitled to citizenship upon his father's naturalization.

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On May 4, 1958, GREENLEAF advised that the INS file concerning the subject has been sent to the New York Office of INS for an investigation being conducted by that agency concerning the Apalachin, New York hoodlum convention.

B. FAMILY

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G. ASSOCIATES

The subject comes in daily contact with large numbers of individuals with whom the degree of his association has not yet been clearly established. Several days a week he spends time at the Public Service Tobacco Company and the General Truck Sales Corporation. Both of these establishments have a steady stream of visitors every day and presumably some of these individuals visit these firms to confer with the subject and do not enter into any legitimate business dealings with these firms.

SAM "BIG SUE" KATZ

At the General Truck Sales Corporation, 570 Belmont Avenue, Newark, New Jersey, SAM "BIG SUE" KATZ appears to be a full-time receptionist for visitors who are not exclusively concerned with the truck service business at that location. KATZ resides at 42 Collamore Terrace, West Orange, and has a long history of gambling and other activities. In 1929, KATZ was identified as the individual who attempted to "buy off" the complaining witness in the assault and battery case for which ZWILLMAN subsequently served his only prison sentence.

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KATZ has been repeatedly observed in the company of the subject and chauffeuring the subject regularly. During the 1940's, KATZ operated a gambling establishment at Two Bridges in Morris County, New Jersey.

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It may be noted that the records of the County Clerk of Essex County, New Jersey, in a civil suit involving JOSEPH STACHER, reflect that STACHER contracted with a builder for the construction of a "restaurant and casino" at Two Bridges, New Jersey.

b7D [REDACTED] JOSEPH STACHER has long been regarded as ABNER ZWILLMAN's "first lieutenant."

HERMAN "RED" COHEN

COHEN resides at 332 Harding Drive, South Orange, New Jersey, and appears to be a close friend of the subject. COHEN was associated with ZWILLMAN during prohibition days

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ZWILLMAN has been observed at the Supreme Beverage Company, 631 Bergen Street, Newark, New Jersey, a beer distributorship which COHEN owns. In addition, COHEN is reflected in the records of the General Motors Corporation as one of the owners of the General Truck Sales Corporation, concerning which more is set out below.

JEROME SILVERMAN

SILVERMAN resides on Hill Road, South Orange, New Jersey, and appears to be a close social and possibly business associate of ZWILLMAN. SILVERMAN is president of J & J Distributing Company, 312 Frelinghuysen Avenue, Newark, a large wholesale liquor firm. On December 29, 1957, ZWILLMAN was observed at SILVERMAN's home and SILVERMAN's son's automobile was observed at the ZWILLMAN residence on December 14, 1957.

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It should be noted that in Federal Court in 1950, in a trial involving the income tax violation of a prohibition associate, ZWILLMAN's attorney admitted that "three SILVERMAN brothers" had been "fronts" for ZWILLMAN in a post prohibition liquor firm.

BERNARD "TOOTS" SHOR

SHOR is a well known New York restaurant owner

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MORRIS BARNEY "MOE" DALITZ

DALITZ is part owner of the Desert Inn Hotel at Las Vegas, Nevada, and appears to be a very close associate of the subject.

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while in Las Vegas in January, 1958, ZWILLMAN was constantly seen in the company of DALITZ.

ARTHUR J. MOORE

On January 11, 1958, Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed an individual driving a black Dodge, bearing New Jersey license plate W43MG, pick up an elderly man at the ZWILLMAN residence and proceed to Cornwall, New York. Subsequent investigation determined that this vehicle was registered to the Fire Department of the City of Newark and assigned to ARTHUR J. MOORE, Superintendent of the Newark Fire Alarm System.

On February 10, 1958, MOORE was interviewed by SAS [redacted] and [redacted] in his office at Newark City Hall. MOORE advised that he had been a friend of

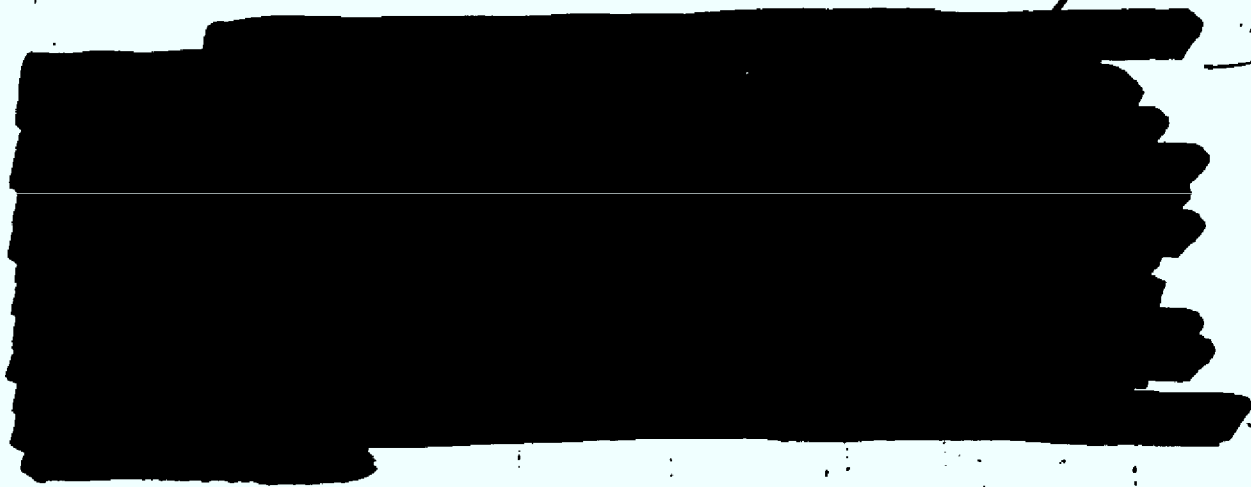
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ZWILLMAN for many years and that he at the present time is especially friendly with ZWILLMAN's father-in-law, EUGENE MENDELS. He stated that he visits the ZWILLMAN residence at least weekly mainly to visit MENDELS. MOORE stated that on January 11, 1958, MENDELS had accompanied him to Cornwall, New York where they visited a former member of the Newark Fire Department.

MOORE stated that he has read newspaper accounts concerning ZWILLMAN but that he does not believe them, and considers MR. ZWILLMAN to be a highly successful businessman and nothing more. MOORE stated that he felt a strong loyalty to ZWILLMAN and would do nothing to harm him and that he would not assist in any investigation concerning ZWILLMAN.

MOORE, in speaking of MENDELS, stated that he was 83 years old but was in wonderful physical condition for a man of his age and took a daily long walk regardless of the weather. It should be noted that during ZWILLMAN's income tax trial, testimony of MENDELS was obtained by deposition due to the allegation that he was in poor physical condition.



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D. BUSINESS ACTIVITY

Public Service Tobacco Company  
1464 North Broad Street  
Hillside, New Jersey

Subject and his stepson, JOHN STEINBACH, continue to be observed several times a week at this firm, which operates a cigarette vending machine business. The subject's

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wife is listed as a partner in the firm.

General Truck Sales Corporation  
570 Belmont Avenue  
Newark, New Jersey

Subject continues to be observed regularly at this firm which is a General Motors truck dealership handling sales and service of trucks.

b7c On March 10, 1958, [REDACTED] of General Motors, Truck and Coach Division, Pontiac, Michigan, advised SA [REDACTED] that his files reflected that the following individuals were officers of the General Truck Sales Company:

SAMUEL I. CHASLOW  
President and Treasurer

A. J. HABIG  
Secretary

HERMAN COHEN

I. GEORGE GOLDSTEIN

MOLLY GOLDSTEIN

b7c [REDACTED] advised that during the KEFAUVER investigations in 1950 or 1951, ZWILLMAN's interest in this firm had been publicly discussed. At that time, CHASLOW, in response to a letter from General Motors, stated that ABNER ZWILLMAN was not a director or officer of that company and that while he possessed stock in the corporation, other individuals were in the process of acquiring that stock. [REDACTED] file reflected that a local GM representative had determined that CHASLOW and COHEN were in the process of paying ZWILLMAN \$75,000 for his stock in General Truck Sales.

ZWILLMAN has testified before the KEFAUVER committee that I. GEORGE GOLDSTEIN has handled accounting work for him since shortly after prohibition days. HERMAN COHEN is a close associate of the subject as shown under "Associates" above.

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Federal Automatic Company  
Evans Terminal  
Hillside, New Jersey

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This company installs and services coin operated washing machines in apartment houses and housing projects. From 1950 - 1956. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] subject has not been observed on the premises of this firm [REDACTED]

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Alkimo and Company

This company existed during the early 1940's and is believed to have gone out of existence at the end of World War II. During subject's income tax evasion trial, depositions furnished indicated that the subject had 1/4 interest in this firm as did his father-in-law. MENDELS furnished a deposition attesting that he was in fact a partner and not a "front" for ZWILLMAN.

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H & S Amusement Company  
122 Hawthorne Avenue  
Newark, New Jersey

Although the subject is not known to have any financial interests in this company, one of the three partners therein is the subject's brother, IRVING ZWILLMAN. A second partner is DAVID LIEBERMAN, [REDACTED] who has a long history as a gambler, lottery operator, and bootlegger during prohibition.

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In 1945, LIEBERMAN and IRVING ZWILLMAN took over the interest of BARNET SUGARMAN in H & S Amusement. SUGARMAN has been in the ZWILLMAN entourage since prohibition days and upon leaving H & S Amusement, became President of Runyon Sales Company.

Runyon Sales Company  
221 Frelinghuysen Avenue  
Newark, New Jersey

This is a large juke box and coin vending machine concern. Its president, BARNET SUGARMAN, mentioned above, owns a 1/3 interest as does GERARDO CATENA. In 1936, CATENA, ZWILLMAN, and JOSEPH "DOC ROSEN" STACHER incorporated Public Service Tobacco Company. CATENA subsequently sold his interest in Public Service Tobacco and bought the interest of MRS. JOSEPH STACHER in Runyon Sales for between \$100,000 and \$125,000. CATENA attended the November, 1957, Apalachin "underworld convention."

While ZWILLMAN is not known to have a direct financial interest in Runyon Sales, it is possible that either SUGARMAN or CATENA may be "fronting" for him.

J & J Distributing Company  
312 Frelinghuysen Avenue  
Newark, New Jersey

While subject is not known to have any direct financial interest in this firm, which is a very large liquor wholesaler, JEROME SILVERMAN, president of J & J is a very close associate of the subject. SILVERMAN may be connected with the "three SILVERMAN brothers" who were admittedly "fronts" for ZWILLMAN in a post prohibition liquor firm which was sold to Seagrams distilleries in 1940 for approximately \$8,000,000.

Hotel Belmont and  
El Morocco Bar  
1007 Broad Street  
Newark, New Jersey

67D [REDACTED] The records of the Bureau of Alcohol Beverage Control checked on April 1, 1958, by SA [REDACTED]

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reflect that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] There is no known connection between these two individuals and ABNER ZWILLMAN.

The records of the Secretary of State of New Jersey reflect that the Hotel Belmont is owned by the 1007 Broad Corporation which lists the following officers and shareholders:

LOUIS L. FEINSETH  
80 Park Place  
Newark - agent

RUTH F. SALERVE  
147 Baily Avenue  
Hillside, New Jersey

RAE J. GARDONICK  
327 Renner Avenue  
Newark, New Jersey

CARL SCHWARTZ

CHARLES BORINSKY

There is no known connection between these individuals and ABNER ZWILLMAN.

The Torch Bar  
258 Clinton Avenue  
Newark

[REDACTED] The records of [REDACTED] reflect that this bar has been owned for many years by [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] There is no known connection between [REDACTED] and ZWILLMAN.

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As noted elsewhere in this report, ZWILLMAN's name entered into the "protection" given to a gambling operation run by SAM KATZ in Morris County, New Jersey in the 1940's. GYP DE CARLO was prominent in that gambling operation.

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G. MISCELLANEOUS

On April 8, 1958, United States Attorney CHESTER A. WEIDENBURNER advised SA [REDACTED] that his files and the transcript of the subject's income tax evasion trial have been forwarded to the Attorney General's Office in Washington for review since a high level policy decision is required to determine if the case will be retried. WEIDENBURNER suggested that this file and transcript in his opinion would be singularly barren of investigative leads concerning

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the subject since the attorneys working on the government's case would be extremely careful to avoid any reference to any illegal activity of the subject in order to prevent a mistrial or reversible error. WEIDENBURNER pointed out that the case was built upon the so called "net worth" theory and that the U.S. attempted to show ZWILLMAN's undeclared income by showing that he had spent more money than he had admitted earning. In this respect, the transcript and file would be extremely unlikely to contain any references to the source of such undisclosed income.

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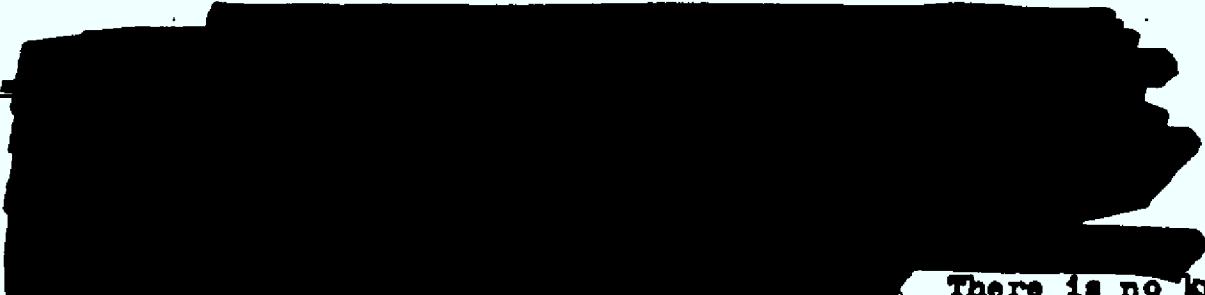
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advised SA [REDACTED] that he had determined that all funeral expenses for the late ex-Governor HAROLD HOFFMAN had been paid for by the Circus Saints and Sinners, a club of prominent individuals to which ex-Governor HOFFMAN had belonged.

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connection between [redacted] or [redacted] and ABNER ZWILLMAN. There is no known

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[REDACTED] has advised that [REDACTED] the FBI will find very few individuals, if any, who are willing to give information concerning the subject [REDACTED] the subject is held in reverential awe by most of his associates and that a huge number of successful Jewish business men owe their start to ZWILLMAN who has always been extremely generous in lending money to allow individuals to get a start in business or any legitimate enterprise.

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SA [REDACTED] is personally aware of one incident in which the creditors of an old bootlegging cronie of ZWILLMAN's were called together and advised by ZWILLMAN that he would make good all debts if the creditors would agree to allow no unfavorable publicity to be connected with the demise of his friend.

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Newark is continuing efforts to locate business men or competitors who have suffered financial loss through the activities of the subject or his cohorts.



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-3105)

DATE MAY 15 1958

FROM SAC, NEWARK (92-389)

SUBJECT: ABNER ZWILLMAN, was.  
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Rerep of SA [redacted] dated and captioned as above at Newark, two copies of which are enclosed.

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REFERENCE

Report of SA [redacted] dated 2/27/58 at Newark.

Newark has been unable to locate any handwriting samples of the subject. Efforts in this direction will be continued.

Newark has satisfactory current photographs of the subject.

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[REDACTED] were made by I.O. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

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CHICAGO:

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:

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1. [REDACTED]  
2. [REDACTED]

3. Will inquire of any well placed criminal informants as to the existence of any interests of "LONGIE" ZWILLMAN in the Chicago area.

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AT TOLEDO, OHIO:

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LEADS ( continued )

NEW YORK:

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK:

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SALT LAKE CITY:

AT LAS VEGAS, NEVADA:

1. [REDACTED]

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WASHINGTON FIELD:

AT WASHINGTON, D.C.:

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NEWARK:

AT TRENTON, NEW JERSEY:

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AT NEWARK, NEW JERSEY:

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LEADS (continued)

NEWARK:

AT NEWARK, NEW JERSEY:

2. [REDACTED]

3. Will determine ownership of property at 32 S. Munn Avenue, East Orange, N.J., in which subject formerly resided. [REDACTED]

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5. [REDACTED]

6. [REDACTED]

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEWARK**

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEWARK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>6/18/58</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>5/29; 6/2, 3, 5/58</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED]</b> <span style="float: right;">b7C</span>
TITLE <b>ABNER ZWILLMAN, was., Abe Zwillman, Abraham Zwillman, Longy Zwillman, Longie Zwillman, Longie Zwillman, George Long, A. Long, Abe Spitzel, Al Spitzel</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ANTI-RACKETEERING</b>

**Investigatory Report**

Subject born 7/27/05 at Newark, New Jersey; married with two grown children, and resides at 30 Beverly Road, West Orange, N.J. Subject was prominent and successful bootlegger during Prohibition, and has been described as "established boss of New Jersey's underworld" at time of the repeal of Prohibition. Legitimate business interests set out.

**[REDACTED]** Associates set out. Descriptive data furnished.

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

The subject resides at 50 Beverly Road, West Orange, New Jersey, with his wife, the former MARY DE GROOT MENDELS STEINBACH, his stepson, JOHN STEINBACH, and his daughter, LYNN ZWILLMAN. The subject's father-in-law, EUGENE MENDELS, resides with them.

The records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, City of Newark, reflect that the subject was born on July 27, 1905 at Newark, New Jersey, the second of six children. The subject's parents are shown as RUBIN and ANNA SLAVINSKY who were both born in Russia.

The subject was arrested six times between 1926 and 1928, charged with atrocious assault and battery and disorderly conduct. In 1930 - 1931 the subject served six months on one of the above counts. All other counts were dismissed when the complaints were withdrawn.

Before a Senate Committee investigating crime, the subject, in 1950, admitted having been a prominent bootlegger during Prohibition. Testimony before this Committee indicated that the subject's bootlegging combine did an estimated \$50,000,000.00 business during Prohibition.

In U.S. vs. Ratkin in 1950, SAM KESSLER, a Newark Lawyer, testified that in 1943 he represented the subject in part of the dissolution of a liquor concern that had been an outgrowth of the Prohibition bootlegging operation. This concern, Browne Vintners, Inc., was sold to Distillers Seagrams Limited, for approximately \$7,500,000.00.

As an aftermath of subject's refusing to answer forty-one questions put to him by the Senate Committee, Collier's Magazine on August 25, and September 1, 1951 contained articles concerning the subject, which stated among other things that "Longie Zwillman ranks with Frank Costello as one of the richest and most powerful figures to come out of the mobs...., (Zwillman's) influence has

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"been one of the best kept secrets in the American politics, in labor, in business, and in the underworld." These articles also stated that upon repeal of Prohibition "Longie was the established boss of New Jersey's underworld."

II. CURRENT LEGITIMATE ACTIVITY

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the Greater Newark Truck Sales Corporation. The subject has been observed to spend much time at this firm's offices, 570 Belmont Avenue, Newark, New Jersey, and it appears possible that one or more of the current shareholders are "fronting" for him.

In 1956, a Federal Income Tax evasion trial of the subject ended when the jury was unable to reach a verdict. The Internal Revenue Service had attempted to prove its case on the "net worth" theory. The defense contended that much of the money that the Government claimed was spent by the subject was, in reality, money belonging to EUGENE MENDELS, his father-in-law. The latter denied being a "front" for the subject.

In January, 1958, the subject was observed by Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Las Vegas, Nevada, in the company of one SAM GARFIELD, who was described as a Midwest oil millionaire, and JOHN "JAKE THE BARBER" FACTOR, and the latter's wife, RELLA FACTOR.

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III. CURRENT ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES

A. Income Tax Evasion

Subject has been regularly observed in contact with individuals who were associated with him during Prohibition days, and who are now wealthy businessmen. The Internal Revenue Service has, under consideration, the possibility that the subject has an interest in some of these firms, which is being disguised to avoid payment of Federal Income Taxes thereon.

B. Gambling

Cars belonging to trusted members of the ZWILLMAN entourage have been, as recently as January, 1957, observed at the headquarters of ANGELO "GYP" DE CARLO, a major New Jersey gambling operator. ZWILLMAN's close associate, GERARDO CATENA, was identified as a partner of DE CARLO during a series of State trials in the late 1940s and early 1950s, resulting from a crackdown of major gambling operations in northern New Jersey. DE CARLO and CATENA were identified as prominent operators in these gambling syndicates.

SAM "BIG SUE" KATZ, a constant companion of the subject, has a long history of gambling operations and arrests.



C. Union Activities

Subject has been subpoenaed to appear before the Senate Committee currently investigating racketeering in union activities. The Collier's articles, noted above, cite specific incidents where the subject's intervention in labor matters produced significant results.



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The "Newark Evening News", a daily newspaper, on October 25, 1943 contained an article concerning a half million dollar extortion case by officials of the International Theatrical Stagehands and Employees Union. One of the defendants in this case was quoted by the newspaper as identifying ZWILLMAN as the "big boss". ZWILLMAN was also identified as being present when one of the defendants in the extortion case received a sealed briefcase that figured in the "shakedown" of movie industry officials.

ABRAHAM G. LEW, the Business Manager of the Department Store Employees Union, Local 21, has been observed in the past to have access to ZWILLMAN's private offices and has identified himself as a "cousin" of ZWILLMAN.

D. Associates

Investigation has disclosed that ZWILLMAN has maintained an association with many individuals of national prominence including:

- FRANK COSTELLO - New York rackets figure;
- MORRIS DALITZ - Former Midwest gambler, now Las Vegas hotel operator;
- MEYER LANSKY - New York rackets figure, now prominent in Havana gambling circles;
- FRANK ERICKSON - Nationally known bookmaker;
- JOE ADONIS - Deported racketeer;
- NICKY DELMORE - New Jersey and Florida gambling figure;
- JOSEPH STACHER - Former New Jersey gambler, now located in Los Angeles;
- SAM GARFIELD - Of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, who may be identical with a former member of the Detroit "Purple Gang".

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JOHN "JAKE THE BARBER" FACTOR - Former Chicago rackets figure, presently active in Los Angeles and Las Vegas;

GERARDO CATENA - New Jersey underworld figure, now a successful businessman.

(CATENA attended the November, 1957 Apalachin "underworld convention".)

JEROME SILVERMAN - Former Prohibition associate, now President of a large New Jersey wholesale liquor company;

JOSEPH A. SISTO - President, Republic Industries, New York City, which owns Barium Steel in which ZWILLMAN had a substantial interest.

WILLIAM J. EGAN - Prominent Newark Lawyer and political figure;

MEYER G. ELLENSTEIN - Former Mayor of Newark and presently Labor Relations Specialist;

TOOTS SHOR - Prominent New York restaurant operator;

SAM "BIG SUE" KATZ - New Jersey gambler;

ABRAHAM G. LEM - Local labor union official.

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N. Descriptive Data

APNEITZWILLMAN

The following is the subject's physical description:

Race	White	<u>N.I.</u>
Sex	Male	<u>NEV.</u>
Date of Birth	July 27, 1905	
Place of Birth	Newark, New Jersey	
Height	6' 1 1/2"	
Weight	200 pounds	
Build	Athletic	
Hair	Brown, greying	
Eyes	Grey-Blue	
Complexion	Tanned	
Teeth	Good	
Scars and Marks	None	
Peculiarities	Heavy eyebrows; Wears glasses; Smokes cigars.	
Residence	50 Beverly Road, West Orange, New Jersey	
Relatives	Mother, ANNA ZWILLMAN, 120 Hansbury Avenue, Newark, New Jersey;	

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**Relatives**

**Sisters, BESSIE WARSHOWSKY,**  
444 Clinton Place,  
Newark, New Jersey,  
Age about 56;

**ETHEL ZWILLMAN,**  
Millburn, New Jersey,  
Age about 49;

**PHOEBE OLMIER RUBENSTEIN,**  
Brighton, Massachusetts,  
Age about 43;

**Brothers, BARNEY ZWILLMAN,**  
Hillside, New Jersey,  
Age about 46;

**IRVING ZWILLMAN,**  
Newark, New Jersey,  
Age about 45;

**LARRY ZWILLMAN,**  
Union, New Jersey,  
Age about 39.

The subject's residence is a large twenty-one room stone mansion on a private road in West Orange, New Jersey. The subject has not been known to drive an automobile reportedly due to poor eyesight for the past ten to fifteen years. His wife drives a 1957 dark blue Chrysler Imperial sedan, with New Jersey License Number HI 3186. Subject's stepson, JOHN STEINBACH, often chauffeurs the subject in a 1956 white Chrysler, with New Jersey License Number HI 2H3. SAM KATZ has been regularly observed chauffeuring the subject in 1953 black Chrysler, with New Jersey License Number DM 96.

In 1939 the subject was arrested and charged with contempt of court in New York City for refusing to testify in a criminal matter. He was sentenced to six months, but upon appeal, sentence was reversed. Since Prohibition days the subject has not been arrested with the above exception and that of the 1954 income tax count.

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DATE: 6/23/58

FROM: SAC, NEWARK (92-389)

SUBJECT: ABNER ZWILLMAN, was.  
ANTI-RACKETEERING

OO: Newark

Reference is made to the investigative summary report of SA [redacted] dated and captioned as above at Newark, three copies of which are enclosed.

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This information is not being set out in the details inasmuch as the identity of the informant would be compromised if this information were to reach any individuals friendly to ZWILLMAN.

Investigation at Newark continuing pursuant to leads set out in report of SA [redacted] dated 5/15/58 at Newark

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Reference is made to the summary reports submitted in the above-captioned investigations. It is noted that the summary reports were submitted in lieu of investigative reports. The Bureau feels that investigative reports should be submitted periodically in order that the investigation can be intelligently followed and more adequately supervised. The investigative report is more detailed and should not be replaced by the summary report. Investigative reports should be submitted in the above-captioned matters within ten days of the receipt of this communication.

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DETAILS:

BACKGROUND

The subject continues to be regularly observed by Agents of the Newark Division at his residence, 50 Beverly Road, West Orange, New Jersey, and at the Public Service Tobacco Company, Hillside, New Jersey, and the General Truck Sales Corporation, Newark, New Jersey.

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In a civil trial in New York State Supreme Court in June, 1958, concerning alleged breach of contract,

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Clinton Caterers and JACK KRIEGER were represented by MORRIS SHILENSKY, who has previously represented both ZWILLMAN and FRANK COSTELLO.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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DATE: 8/5/58

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SUBJECT: ABNER ZWILLMAN, was.  
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Re report of SA [redacted] dated and captioned as above at Newark, 2 copies of which are enclosed herewith.

REFERENCE

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Newark reports of SA [redacted] dated 5/15/58 and 6/13/58.

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

Agents observing the subject at his residence and places of employment are SA [redacted] SA [redacted]

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		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ANTI-RACKETEERING</b>	

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SUBJECT: ABNER ZWILLMAN, Was.  
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Enclosed herewith are two copies of the report  
of SA [redacted] dated 8/22/58 at St. Louis,  
Missouri.

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REFERENCE

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Newark letter and report of SA [redacted]  
dated 8/5/58.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI DATE: 9/3/58  
 FROM : SAC, NEWARK (92-389)  
 SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION FOR INSTALLATION OF TECHNICAL OR MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCE

RE: Title ABNER ZWILLMAN

Character of Case **ANTI-RACKETEERING**  
 Field Office **NEWARK**  
 Symbol Number  
 Type of Surveillance (Technical or  
Microphone)

1. Name and address of subject:  
ABNER "LONGIE" ZWILLMAN  
 50 Beverly Road, West Orange, New Jersey
2. Location of technical operation: **Supreme Beverage Co.**  
 (office and warehouse)  
 470 S. 10th St., Newark
3. Other technical surveillances on same subject:  
 None

4. Cost and manpower involved:

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5. Adequacy of security: The installation will be made with the assistance of [REDACTED] and will be monitored [REDACTED]


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[REDACTED] Trespass will be required. Security will be assured.

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6. Type of case involved: ANTI-RACKETEERING (Top Hoodlum)
7. Connection or status of subject in the case: ZWILLMAN's close associate HERMAN "RED" COHEN operates Supreme Beverage Co. ZWILLMAN visits COHEN's office regularly during business hours. There is excellent possibility that COHEN is a "front" for ZWILLMAN in this enterprise.
8. Specific information being sought: Whether ZWILLMAN is the actual owner of and receiving income from Supreme Beverage Co. and/or General Truck Sales Corp. (a GMC Truck Dealership). Also, whether he is conducting illegal activities in connection with these businesses. COHEN has recently "bought out" ZWILLMAN's interest in the truck agency as a result of pressure from General Motors Corp.
9. Reasons for believing the specific information will be obtained by the technical surveillance:  
ZWILLMAN and COHEN are close associates and confer several times weekly. 
10. Importance of case and subject: ZWILLMAN is generally regarded as most powerful underworld figure in New Jersey and of first rank in national underworld prestige.

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11. Possibilities of obtaining desired information by other means (Explain in detail):

Very poor prospects to date. ZWILLMAN's operations are extremely circumspect. He has a highly organized operation and commands unusual loyalty and prestige among his associates. He has top-flight lawyers and accountants advising him on his extensive business operations. Internal Revenue has conducted a long investigation into his activities with little success.

12. Risks of detection involved:

No foreseeable risks.

13. Probable length of technical surveillance:

30 days subject to continuance by justification letter.

14. Request made for technical surveillance by any outside agency (name specific official, title and agency):

No.

15. Remarks:

I recommend that this request be approved inasmuch as it may produce information which could not readily be obtained by other means.

16. Recommendation of Assistant Director:

17. Recommendation of Assistants to the Director:

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen *R*

FROM : W. B. Welte *W*

SUBJECT: ABNER <sup>Q</sup>ZWILLMAN, was.  
ANTI-RACKETEERING

DATE: 9/12/58

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Newark Division by FD-142 (attached) dated 9/3/58 requests authority to install misur in an office of the Supreme Beverage Company, 470 S. 10th Street, Newark. This is the office of Herman "Red" Cohen, a close associate of Zwillman, whom Zwillman visits regularly during business hours. The possibility exists that Cohen is a "front" for Zwillman in the Supreme Beverage Company. Cohen is closely associated with Zwillman in other matters.

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Zwillman is the subject of an active top hoodlum investigation in the Newark Office. He has been extremely notorious as a top level hoodlum for many years and numbers among his close associates many of the top hoodlums in the U.S. Newark states he is generally regarded as the most powerful underworld figure in the State of New Jersey and among those of first rank in national underworld prestige.

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The proposed misur installation will be made with the assistance of [REDACTED] and will be monitored [REDACTED]

Trespass will be necessary in the installation if made.

As to possible risks of detection involved, the Newark Office advises that there are no foreseeable risks.

RECOMMENDATION:

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That the attached airtel be sent to Newark authorizing misur for a 30-day period and instructing Newark that its continuance must be justified each 30 days.

Enclosure

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To: SAC, Newark (92-389)  
From: Director, FBI (92-3105)-36

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ABNER ZWILLMAN, wa~~X~~ - 133  
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reur FD-142 dated 9/3/58.

Provided full security assured, authority granted to install misur for 30-day period in Herman "Red" Chhen's office at the Supreme Beverage Company, 470 S. 10th Street, Newark, N.J. Advise immediately of time and date installation made and symbol number assigned.

Submit justification prior to end of 30-day period with your recommendation in event misur desired for longer period.

NOTE: Based on memo W. B. Welte, Jr., to Mr. Rosen, 9/11/58, entitled as above.

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DATE: 9/25/58

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-3105)

FROM : SAC, NEWARK (92-389)

SUBJECT: ABNER ZWILLMAN, was.  
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Re Newark report of SA [redacted] dated 8/5/58.

Name and address at top of page 7 of referenced report were inadvertently included. Enclosed are copies of amended pages. Newark copies have been amended.

Newark will set out Subject's connection with CILENTO in a subsequent report.

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- 1-St. Louis (2-encl)
- 1-New York (2-encl)
- 1-Newark

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>NEWARK</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>NEWARK</b>	DATE <b>10/7/58</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>8/6, 8, 12, 18-23, 26, 28; 9/2-5, 11, 15, 17-19, 22-25, 29, 30/58</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>ABNER ZWILLMAN, was.</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED]</b>	APPROVED BY <b>[REDACTED]</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ANTI-RACKETEERING</b>	<b>b7c</b>

SYNOPSIS:

*1/28/58*

**[REDACTED]** Association with SOL CILENTO, N.Y. labor figure, set out. **b7D**

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DETAILS:

As recently as September 29, 1958, the subject has been observed at the General Truck Sales Company, Belmont Avenue, Newark, and the Public Service Tobacco Company, Hillside, New Jersey, which appear to serve the subject as operating headquarters. He continues to reside at 50 Beverly Road, West Orange, New Jersey.

A. BUSINESS ACTIVITY **b3, 26 USC 6103**

**[REDACTED]**

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On July 22, 1950, HERBERT LEVINE, Scott Creations, 512 Seventh Avenue, New York City, was interviewed and advised that he is a brother of ARTHUR LEVINE and the son of HERMAN BENJAMIN LEVINE.

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HERBERT LEVINE advised that he is acquainted with AEMER ZWILLMAN and that his brother, ARTHUR, who is presently vacationing in Maine, was involved two or three years ago in a real-estate venture with the subject's wife, MARY ZWILLMAN, and several others. He stated that this venture involved the property at 20-40 Seventh Avenue. HERBERT LEVINE advised that he himself purchased MARY ZWILLMAN's interest in this real-estate venture in approximately December, 1957. He stated that since that time the property has been sold to the Maritime Union.

B. ASSOCIATES

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CILENTO recently served a one-year sentence in New York State on a count involving kickbacks in labor union welfare funds and the placing of labor union insurance. During an investigation of CILENTO by the New York Division, informants alleged that it was rumored that ABNER "LONGIE" ZWILLMAN was the real power behind CILENTO's union and that CILENTO and LOUIS SAPERSTEIN were in a conspiracy involving kickbacks on millions of dollars worth of union insurance and welfare funds. SAPERSTEIN and CILENTO have both been seen on various occasions with ZWILLMAN. Both SAPERSTEIN and CILENTO admit investing in an apartment house at 32 Munn Avenue, East Orange. This building was at one time ZWILLMAN's residence, and it has been alleged that ZWILLMAN at one time owned that building. N.J.

C. MISCELLANEOUS

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Records of the Court of Chancery at the State House, Trenton, New Jersey, were checked by SA [REDACTED] on September 11, 1950, and were found to contain no record of any divorce filed for ETHEL ZWILLMAN or FREDERICK MORGENSTERN from the year 1935, when they were married, to date.

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ANTHONY NOWESKI, 19 Maurice Avenue, Keansburg, New Jersey, was interviewed by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on September 23, 1950, at his employment, General Expressways, Dell Avenue, North Bergen, New Jersey. NOWESKI denied being in close contact with the subject and stated that on rare occasions NOWESKI's wife telephones her cousin, who is MARY ZWILLMAN, the subject's wife. NOWESKI categorically denied knowing anything concerning the subject's business or activities and stated that he cannot recall the last time he has actually seen the subject.

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Newark is presently in the process of installing a misur which is calculated to furnish information concerning the subject.

Attempts to locate and interview individuals who would be potential sources of information concerning the subject are continuing.