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An intensive investigation was conducted to locate SNYDER in various parts of the U.S. and Mexico. A great deal of this investigation is negative and is not being included in this report, but will be located in this file.

Investigation by the Seattle Office revealed that SNYDER was traveling SNYDER was subsequently located and apprehended by the Newark Division at Ventnor City, New Jersey as a result of Seattle's establishing close liaison with that area.

cooperative with the Seattle Office and, therefore, any information received from them is not being set out in the details of this report.

In conducting investigation to locate and apprehend SNYDER, facts were developed that

was summoned before a Federal Grand Jury, Los Angeles and the U. S. Attorney's office, Los Angeles was interested in proceeding against him for harboring, however, venue in this regard was outside the Los Angeles area and lay in Philadelphia. The U. S. Attorney, Los Angeles has indicated that since SNYDER is now in custody, they may bring this to the attention of the U. S. Attorney in Philadelphia for any action he may desire to take.

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LOS ANGELES OFFICE

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. Will follow and report prosecutive action concerning sentence to be imposed on on 6/3/68, and the outcome of the Friars Club trial to begin 6/4/68.

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4/5/68, USDJ HAUK authorized a Federal bench warrant charging SNYDER as a material witness and set bail at \$50,000. On same date, 4/5/68, an authorized complaint filed before USC RUSSELL R. HERMANN, Los Angeles charging SNYDER with perjury and conspiracy. On 4/18/68, Federal bench warrant authorized by USDJ HAUK charging SNYDER with failure to appear and bond set at \$50,000. SNYDER on 5/9/68, arrested by FBI Agents at Ventnor City, New Jersey; was released on \$30,000 bail 5/10/68; afforded a hearing before USDJ, Camden, New Jersey on 5/14/68, and ordered to return to Los Angeles. On recommendation U. S. Attorney Los Angeles, the complaint charging SNYDER with perjury and conspiracy not executed on 5/9/68. This process was dismissed by U. S. Attorney, Los Angeles on 5/16/68. On 5/15/68, USDJ WILLIAM P. GRAY

ordered a Federal bench warrant U. S. District Court, Los Angeles charging SNYDER as a material witness in the upcoming Friars Club trial scheduled to begin Los Angeles 6/4/68. Bond set by USDJ at \$50,000. SNYDER arrested by Bureau Agents Los Angeles 5/15/68, at Los Angeles and remanded to the custody of the U. S. Marshal in lieu of bond. SNYDER appeared before Judge HAUK on 5/16/68, on an order to show cause why he should not be held in contempt. On 5/17/68, trial was held in U. S. District Court before USDJ HAUK; SNYDER was found guilty of contempt of court by the Judge and sentenced to six months in the custody of the Attorney General in violation Title 18, U. S. Code. Section 402. He was denied bail pending appeal.

Club trial to begin Los Angeles 6/4/68. USDJ GRAY on 5/15/68, authorized a material witness warrant and set bond at \$100,000. arrested by FBI Agents Los Angeles 5/16/68, and released after posting \$100,000 cash bond.

DETAILS:

Re:

Re: ALBERT B. SNYDER

Information was received on April 3, 1968, that

ALBERT B. SNYDER, a key witness in and the June 4, 1968, trial of defendants in the Friars Club case, had left the Los Angeles area.

On April 4, 1968, AUSA DAVID R. NISSEN telephonically contacted SNYDER's attorney, and requested a pre-trial interview with SNYDER. AUSA NISSEN advised on April 5, 1968, that he had been advised that SNYDER could not be located, that his phone had been disconnected and none of his close friends seemed to know his whereabouts.

On April 5, 1968, U. S. District Judge HAUK issued a material witness warrant for SNYDER with \$50,000 bail recommended.

On the same date, a complaint was issued by U. S. Commissioner RUSSELL R. HERMANN charging SNYDER with violation Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 371, Conspiracy and Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 1621, Perjury. Bond was set at \$50,000.

On April 18, 1968, when SNYDER failed to appear as a witness when subpoensed by the U. S. Attorney's office, U. S. District Judge HAUK issued a bench warrant charging SNYDER with failure to appear and bond was set at \$50,000.

On May 9, 1968, SNYDER was arrested by Bureau Agents at Ventnor City, New Jersey. On the request of U. S. Attorney W. MATTHEW BYRNE, JR., the complaint charging SNYDER with conspiracy and perjury was not executed at this time and the arrest of SNYDER was based on the bench warrants issued April 5 and 18, 1968, by U. S. District Judge HAUK at Los Angeles. SNYDER was remanded to custody of the U. S. Marshal, Camden, New Jersey in lieu of \$100,000. On May 10, 1968, SNYDER appeared before U. S. District Judge THOMAS M. MADDEN, U. S. District Court, Camden, New Jersey, who reduced the \$50,000 bail on each of the aforementioned warrants to \$15,000 each. SNYDER was released on bail and was ordered to appear in U. S. District Court, Camden on May 14, 1968. On May 14, 1968, SNYDER was ordered removed by Judge MADDEN to the U. S. District Court, Central District of California.

On May 15, 1968, U. S. District Judge WILLIAM P. GRAY issued a material witness warrant for ALBERT B. SNYDER with bond set at \$50,000. On May 15, 1968, SNYDER was arrested

by SAs and was placed in the custody of the U. S. Marshal, Los Angeles in lieu of \$50,000 bond.

On May 16, 1968, SNYDER appeared before U. S. District Judge HAUK on an order to show cause why he should not be held in contempt. Judge HAUK ordered SNYDER to appear before him on May 17, 1968, and refused to allow any bail for SNYDER pending this appearance before him.

On May 16, 1968, AUSA GERALD F. UELMEN dismissed the complaint charging SNYDER with Conspiracy, Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 371 and Perjury, Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 1621.

On May 17, 1968, ALBERT B. SNYDER was found guilty by U. S. District Judge HAUK for contempt of court for failing to appear as a witness when subpoensed by the U. S. Attorney's office in Los Angeles in the GEBHARD trial. He was sentenced by Judge HAUK to six months in custody of the Attorney General and Judge HAUK refused bail for SNYDER pending appeal.

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Re Los Angeles teletype to Bureau 6/4/68.

On 6/4/68, U. S. District Judge WILLIAM P. GRAY postponed the trial of the Friars Club defendants to 6/11/68, because of the publicity in the Loa Angeles newspapers following \ by U. S. District Judge A. ANDREW HAUK on 6/3/68.

The Bureau will be kept advised of all pertinent developments.

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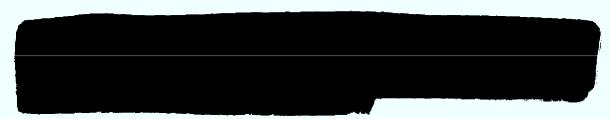
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AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. (1) Will continue to follow and report the prosecution of ALBERT SNYDER for contempt of court and perjury.

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OF COURT; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

Synopsis:

JOHN ROSELLI.

appeared U. S. District Court, Los Angeles, on 2/3/69 and were sentenced to the following terms for violation of conspiracy to violate the ITAR - Gambling statute and for violation of the ITAR - Gambling statute, Title 18, USC, Sections 371 and 1952 by U. S. District Judge WILLIAM P. GRAY: ROSELLI sentenced to custody of the Attorney General for five years and fined \$55,000.

Each received additional concurrent sentences for additional counts of the indictment.

ALBERT B.

SNIDER to be tried U. S. District Court, Los Angeles, for contempt of court and perjury on 3/25/69. Disposition sheets submitted.

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DETAILS:

On January 20, 1969, in U. S. District Court, Los Angeles, before U. S. District Judge WILLIAM P. GRAY, arguments were heard to dismiss all charges against the defendants in this matter, namely JOHN ROSELLI.

denied all motions

Judge GRAY

Sentencing for the other defendants mentioned above was set for February 3, 1969.

On February 3, 1969, Judge GRAY sentenced the above named defendants for violation of conspiracy to violate the Interstate Transportation in Aid of Racketeering - Gambling statute and for violation of the Interstate Transportation in Aid of Racketeering - Gambling statute, Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 371 and 1952 as a result of their conviction by a jury on December 2, 1968. JOHN ROSELLI, who was found guilty of six counts, was sentenced to custody of the Attorney General for five years and was fined \$55,000.

ordered all defendants to immediately start serving their sentences until the fines were paid. The judge then granted all defendants a five-day stay to give them an opportunity to

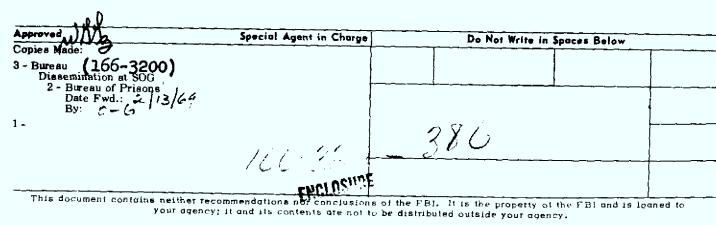
pay these fines. All defendants were released on \$5,000 bond pending appeal.



ALBERT B. SNYDER appeared in U. S. District Court, Los Angeles on January 28, 1969, at which time his trial was set for March 25, 1969 before U. S. District Judge HARRY PREGERSON. SNYDER is under indictment for contempt of court and perjury.

PAROLE REPOR. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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RE: JOHN ROSELLI

Outline of Offense:

Convict has been a close personal friend of In the Friars Club cheating scheme, for many years.

in a scheme to cheat wealthy individuals out of hundreds of thousands of dollars in rigged gin rummy games at the Friars Club, Beverly Hills, California. This scheme was in existence from June 1962 until July 1967 and involved the establishing of observation points (peep holes) in the ceiling from which the cards of the convict and his victim could be observed. This information was then relayed by a co-conspirator in the ceiling to the convict. The scheme involved interstate travel on the part of the convict in furtherance of the scheme as well as convict causing other conspirators to travel in interstate commerce in furtherance of the scheme and the interstate transportation of stolen funds.

Aggravating or Mitigating Circumstances

Testimony at the trial in this matter revealed that had told a co-conspirator in this scheme that ne, and did not desire convict know of the scheme to cheat at cards at the Friars Club as convict would then demand a percentage. Except this information from convict from June 1962 until April 10, 1963 when was forced to include convict as a partner.

U. S. District Judge WILLIAM P. GRAY, in sentencing convict. stated that he was convinced that convict "muscled" into the scheme and then stayed in the background and participated in the benefits.

testified in the trial in this matter and fabricated a defense intended to relieve convict of any involvement in this matter. Judge GRAY, in sentencing commented had lied on the witness stand and attempted to obstruct justice by manufacturing an invalid defense.

Several witnesses who testified in this matter stated that they feared convict and had been reluctant to give testimony

RE: JOHN ROSELLI

against him because of fear of hodily harm.

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Prior to the start of the trial in this matter and after Judge GRAY had denied convict, his attorneys, and fellow conspirators the use of transcripts of testimony given by witnesses before the Federal Grand Jury that returned the indictment against these individuals, convict and others conspired and obtained, through payment of money, all transcripts of prospective witnesses in this matter from which they attempted to fabricate a defense.

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On May 23, 1968, in U. S. District Court, Los Angeles, convict was convicted of failure to register as an alien and failure to advise the Attorney General of his address during the years 1963 through 1967. Convict was sentenced on February 4, 1969 in U. S. District Court, Los Angeles, to a six month sentence to run concurrent with the sentence in this case.

There are no known mitigating circumstances.

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A disposition sheet is not being submitted reflecting the conviction of

AUSA DAVID R. NISSEN has advised that he is interested in learning who was responsible for ALBERT BERNARD SNYDER fleeing from the Los Angeles area to avoid testifying and also who was responsible for SNYDER refusing to testify when he was called as a witness for the Government in the recently completed Friars Club case. AUSA NISSEN advised that he planned to conduct an inquiry through a Federal Grand Jury in Los Angeles concerning the above.

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ALBERT BERNARD SNYDER served subpoenas immediately following the sentence of SNYDER for perjury and contempt of court on June 10, 1969. They appeared before the Federal Grand Jury

Both ALBERT
District Judge ALBERT LEE STEPHENS, JR. and upon application
by the Government, were granted immunity. They both returned
to the Federal Grand Jury

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Then taken again before Judge STEPHENS
who ordered SNYDER to testify only to questions asked him on a
prior appearance before the Grand Jury or he would be immediately
sentenced to jail until he answered these questions. Judge
STEPHENS ruled that any questions asked other than the ones
previously asked, SNYDER should refuse to answer until they
were brought to the attention of the Judge. Judge STEPHENS

also ruled he would not order

As a result of Judge STEPHENS' order, ALBERT SNYDER again appeared before the Federal Grand Jury

SNYDER will appear again on June 19, 1969 before the Federal Grand Jury.

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AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. Will follow appeals in this matter.

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INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION IN AID OF RACKETEERING - GAMBLING; PERJURY; INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN PROPERTY; OPERATING UNCERTIFIED COMMUNICATION DEVICE; SUBSCRIBING TO FALSE TAX RETURN; CONSPIRACY; CONTEMPT OF COURT; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

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A trial of ALBERT BERNARD SNYDER for violation of Title 18, USC, Section 401, Contempt of Court, and nine counts of violation of Title 18, USC, Section 1621, Perjury, began in U. S. District Court, Los Angeles, 5/13/69. On 5/15/69, SNYDER was found guilty of the Contempt of Court charge and eight of the nine Perjury counts. During the trial,

was called as a witness for the Government. He was granted immunity and ordered to testify by U. S. District Judge. Trefused and on 6/9/69, was found to be in Contempt of Court in violation of Title 18, USC, Section 401 by U. S. District Judge HARRY PREGERSON and sentenced to four months in custody of the Attorney General

Judge PREGERSON sentenced ALBERT SNYDER to six months in custody of the Attorney General for violation of the 18, USC, Section 401, and to four years in custody of the Attorney General on each of the eight counts for violating Title 18, USC, Section 1621, to run concurrently. The six months contempt sentence and the four year perjury sentence are to run consecutively. Judge PREGERSON also fined SNYDER

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\$2,000 on each of two of the perjury counts to run consecutive for a total fine of \$4,000. Bond was set at \$7,500 pending appeal.

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DETAILS:

On May 13, 1969, the trial of ALBERT BERNARD SNYDER on one count charging a violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 401, Contempt of Court, and nine counts of violating Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 1621, Perjury, began in U. S. District Court, Los Angeles, before U. S. District Judge HARRY PREGERSON.

During the course of this trial,
was called as a witness by the Government, was granted
immunity by U. S. District Judge HARRY PREGERSON, and ordered
to testify. Fefused. On June 9, 1969, was
found by Judge PREGERSON to be guilty of Contempt of Court,
Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 401, and sentenced to four months
in custody of the Attorney General

ALBERT BERNARD SNYDER, following a three day trial, was found guilty on May 15, 1969 by U. S. District Judge PREGERSON of one count of violating Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 401, Contempt of Court, and eight counts of violating Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 1621, Perjury. Sentencing was set for June 10, 1969.

On June 10, 1969, Judge PREGERSON sentenced SNYDER to six months in custody of the Attorney General on the contempt charge and to four years in custody of the Attorney General on each of the eight counts of perjury. The four year sentences are to run concurrently. The six months contempt sentence and the four year perjury sentence are to run consecutively. Judge PREGERSON also fined SNYDER \$2,000 on Count Two and \$2,000 on Count Three for a total fine of \$4,000. SNYDER was allowed to remain on \$7,500 bond pending appeal.

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12/4/68, Los Angeles, California

Code and section under which charged:

Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 401; Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 1621.

Section under which sentenced:

Sections 401 and 1621.

Date and nature of plea:

12/23/68, not guilty.

Date and place of conviction:

5/15/69, U. S. District Court, Los Angeles.

Date and duration of sentence:

6/10/69, 6 months custody of the Attorney General for violating Title 18, USC, Section 401, and 4 years custody of the Attorney General for

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RE: ALBERT BERNARD SNYDER

Outline of Offense:

Convict was called as a witness in a criminal case being tried in U. S. District Court, Los Angeles, on August 8, 1968 and November 4, 1968. He was granted immunity by U. S. District Judge WILLIAM P. GRAY on each occasion and was ordered to testify. Convict refused this order by Judge GRAY.

Convict was called as a witness before the Federal Grand Jury, Los Angeles, California, on September 14, 1967. Convict was charged in the indictment returned December 4, 1968 with nine counts of perjury as a result of his testimony on this date.

Aggravating or Mitigating circumstances:

Convict testified before a Federal Grand Jury in Los Angeles on September 14, 1967

During subsequent interviews with SNYDER and in testimony before the Grand Jury on October 12, 1967,

SNYDER was served a United States District Court subpoens on February 15, 1968 to testify in a perjury case.

He asked to be placed on call as a witness, which was agreed to by the U. S. Attorney. SNYDER did not appear as a witness in this matter when called. A bench warrant was issued and he was arrested while using an assumed name in Ventnor City, New Jersey. SNYDER did not testify

RE: ALBERT BERNARD SNYDER

in the perjury case causing numerous counts of the indictment to be dismissed. SNYDER, during his fugitive status, traveled to Chicago and Philadelphia using assumed names.

As a result of this contempt of court, he was found guilty in U. S. District Court, Los Angeles, and sentenced to six months in custody of the Attorney General. SNYDER is on bond pending appeal.

During the trial in U. S. District Court, Los Angeles, of defendants JOHN ROSELLI, (the Friars Club case), SNYDER was called as a witness on August 8, 1968 and November 4, 1968 by the U. S. Government, was granted immunity, and ordered to testify by the trial judge. SNYDER refused to obey the order of the court.

SNYDER has been paid money during the course of the Friars Club trial.

There are no known mitigating circumstances.

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The return of the above indictments continues to receive most favorable and extensive press, radio and television coverage. The Bureau will be kept advised of continuing developments in this case.

WH. MATTHEW EYRNE, JR. United States Attorney 1200 U. S. Courthouse Los Angeles, California 90012

Telephone: 688-2400

August 6, 1969

PRESS RELEASE

United States Attorney Matt Byrne announced today that a Federal Grand Jury in Los Angeles has returned four indictments charging 12 individuals, culminating a year-long investigation, into the improper obtaining, distributing and use of secret Federal Grand Jury transcripts. The Grand Jury inquiry also uncovered perjury, bribery and obstruction of justice violations in connection with the case of <u>U. S. v. Friedman</u> (Friar Club case) which was tried in U. S. District Court in Los Angeles in 1968.

In one 25-count indictment it is charged that eleven persons were involved in various ways in the obtaining, distributing and use of transcripts relating to the Grand Jury investigation of conspiracy to cheat in gin rummy games at the Friers Club in Beverly Hills, California. Three defendants are also charged with obtaining and using transcripts of additional Federal Grand Jury investigations in Los Angeles including investigations resulting in the prosecution of RUBY IAZARUS, convicted of perjury in U. S. District Court in April of 1968, and FILLIPPO SACCO, also known as JOHN ROSELLI, convicted of failure to register as an alien in Murch 1968.

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The indictment charges that RAYMOND BERNARD COHEN, the manager of a court reporting company under contract with the federal government, unlawfully provided copies of transcripts to WILLIAM SCHWARTZ. Pursuant to a previous arrangement made by HAROLD ROSENTHAL, SCHWARTZ AND MILTON ROSENTHAL took the transcripts to TWYMAN WARNER RICHARDSON in Las Vegas, Nevada, where some of them were copied.

The indictment goes on to state that in January 1968

SCHWARTZ and MILTON ROSENTHAL sold copies of the transcripts

to MAURICE H. FRIEDMAN and these three individuals along with

NATHAN ROSS arranged for additional copies to be made at the office

of F. & R. Associates in Beverly Hills. It is further charged

that FRIEDMAN then advised his attorney, THOMAS A. BAIRD, that

Friars Club Grand Jury transcripts had been obtained and delivered

to JAMES P. CANTILLON. BAIRD advised GRANT B. COOPER of this fact.

The charges continue that COOPER then attempted to contact CANTILLON

in order to get copies of these transcripts.

The indictment further charges that WILLIAM SCHWARTZ delivered additional copies of Grand Jury transcripts to MANUEL "RICKY" JACOBS and that these transcripts eventually came into the possession of his attorney, WILLIAM MARSHALL MORGAN. It then charges that COOPER upon learning of MORGAN'S possession of transcripts asked

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for and subsequently received a copy of these transcripts. It is further charged that on July 23, 1968, COOPER brought a copy of the Grand Jury testimony of Phil Silvers, which he had received from MORGAN, to the U.S. District Courtroom where the case of U.S. v. Friedman was being tried.

The indictment further charges that during a Cour inquiry following the discovery of the Silvers! transcript in the courtroom, attorney COOPER made false statements to the Court while attorneys MORGAN and CANTILLON willfully concealed their knowledge concerning the subject matter of the Court's inquiry.

Byrne stated that the 26 count indictment charged these individuals as follows:

- 1) RAYMOND BERNARD COHEN, age 33, of 3810 Franklin Avenue, Los Angeles, California, is charged with conspiracy, possession of stolen Government property, and obstruction of justice. The maximum penalty for these offenses is 20 years imprisonment and/or fines of \$25,000.
- 2) MAURICE H. FRIEDMAN, age 52, of 363 Desert Inn Road,
 Las Vegas, Nevada, is charged with conspiracy, contempt
 of Court, possession of stolen Government property,
 and
 obstruction of justice, perjury in his testimony at the trial
 of the Friars Club case. Friedman faces a maximum
 penalty of 60 years imprisonment and/or fines totaling
 \$56,000.
- 4) TWYMAN WARNER RICHARDSON, age 64, of 401 Rosemary Lane, Las Vegas, Nevada, is charged with conspiracy, contempt of Court, aiding and abetting the possession of stolen Government property, and obstruction of justice. He faces a possible maximum sentence of 30 years imprisonment and/or fines totaling \$35,000.

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- 5) HAROLD ROSENTHAL, of 900 Bay Drive, Apt. 107, Miami, Florida, is charged with conspiracy, aiding and abetting the possession of stolen Government property, and obstruction of justice. He faces a maximum penalty of 30 years imprisonment and/or fines totaling \$35,000.
- 6) MILTON EDWARD ROSENTHAL, age 57, of 23649 Aetna Avenue, Woodland Hills, California, is charged with conspiracy, contempt of Court, aiding and abetting the possession of stolen Government property, and obstruction of justice. He faces possible maximum sentences of 30 years imprisonment and/or fines totaling \$35,000.
- 7) NATHAN ROSS, of 351 Palm Drive, Beverly Hills, California, is charged with conspiracy, aiding and abetting the possession of stolen Government property, obstruction of justice, and perjury in his testimony at the Friars Club case. Ross faces a total maximum sentence of 35 years imprisonment and/or fines totaling \$37,000.
- 8) WILLIAM SCHWARTZ, age 42, of 3636 N. Sepulveda Blvd., Sherman Oaks, California, is charged with conspiracy, possession of stolen Government property, and obstruction of justice. He faces a maximum penalty of 40 years imprisonment and/or fines totaling \$45,000.

The attorneys, all members of the California Bar, charged in the indictment, include:

- 1) JAMES P. CANTILLON, age 42, of 9107 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills, is charged with one count of contempt of Court, in wilfully failing to respond to inquiries of the Court relating to his knowledge of how the Grand Jury transcripts were acquired.
- 2) GRANT B. COOPER, age 66, of 3910 Oakwood Avenue,
 Los Angeles, is charged with two counts of contempt of
 Court, relating to the possession and use of Grand Jury
 transcripts in violation of the secrecy requirements
 of Rule 6 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure,
 and wilfully making false statements concerning the source
 from which he had obtained Grand Jury transcripts in response
 to an inquiry by the Court.
- 3) WILLIAM MARSHALL MORGAN, age 49, of 1545 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, is charged with two counts of contempt of Court, arising from his wilful failure to respond to inquiries of the Court relating to his knowledge of how the Grand Jury transcripts were acquired, and his possession and use of Grand Jury transcripts in violation of the secrecy requirements of Rule 6 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

The contempt of Court charges are punishable by fine or imprisonment, in the discretion of the sentencing Court, with no maximum prescribed by law.

In separate indictments, the Grand Jury also charged NATHAN ROSS, with six counts of perjury before the Federal Grand Jury investigating the acquisition and use of Grand Jury transcripts. In three appearances before the Grand Jury on October 15 and December 30, 1968, and on January 7, 1969, Ross is charged with lying in testimony regarding conversations with Maurice Friedman concerning Grand Jury transcripts, as well as his denial that he was shown the transcripts, read them, and saw them being copied in his office. Ross faces total maximum punishment of 30 years imprisonment and/or \$12,000 fine on these charges.

Another indictment charged MAURCIE FRIEDMAN with bribery, obstruction of justice, and use of interstate facilities to further bribery, arising from the payment of \$25,000 to GEORGE EMERSON SEACH, on August 14, 1967, to influence Seach not to testify against him in the Friars Club trial.

A fourth indictment charges Attorney RICHARD G, SHERMAN, age 37, of 8500 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills, California, with two counts of obstruction of justice, and two counts of contempt of Court. The charges allege Sherman received payment of money from Manuel "Ricky" Jacobs to advise Albert B. Snyder to refuse to testify against Jacobs in the Friars Club trial, and that he received payments

of money from Maurice H. Friedman to advise William Schwartz not to testify against Friedman before the Grand Jury investigating the illegal acquisition of transcripts. The obstruction of justice charges carry maximum penalties of 10 years imprisonment and/or fines totaling \$10,000. Punishment for the contempt of Court charge is at the discretion of the sentencing Court.

The investigation of this case was handled by agents of the Los Angeles office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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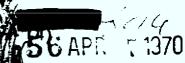
Enclosed for the Bureau are three copies of an Interesting Case write-up.

Also enclosed are 52 photographs, and two diagrams of floor plans for the Friars Club, and explanations of the photographs. These photographs were included in the Los Angeles report of SA dated 1/9/68. The photographs are the property of the FBI.

In the investigation of the Friars Club case, some witnesses were not candid with Bureau Agents when first contacted. In view of this, some of the information set forth in the Interesting Case write-up did not appear in Bureau reports, but was obtained from Federal Grand Jury testimony and testimony given by the witnesses during the trial. The Federal Grand Jury testimony was made public during the trial. These Federal Grand Jury transcripts and trial transcripts are in the United States Attorney's Office, Los Angeles, California.

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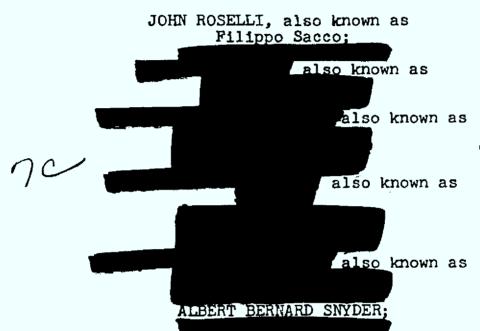
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The Friars Club was originally chartered in New York City as a social club with a membership predominantly of entertainers. A branch was subsequently formed in Beverly Hills. California, with its members consisting mainly of those involved in the motion picture business. In recent years, the membership of the Beverly Hills Friars Club has included many wealthy individuals and others of questionable reputation from various walks of life. A very small percentage of the movie personalities are presently members of this club. The Friars Club is noted for its many charitable functions, and for its "roasting" of many famous individuals. Those "roasted" have included JACK BENNY, Comedian: PHIL SILVERS, Comedian. A little-publicized activity at the Friars Club was its high-stake card games, which eventually lured gamblers and card cheats to its gin, pinochle, and klobiash tables. Among those included as victims in an elaborate cheating scheme, all of whom testified in the lengthy five and one-half months of trial PHIL SILVERS:

Acting upon information furnished by a Confidential Informant of the Los Angeles Office of the FBI, an investigation

was instituted into the alleged cheating in high stake card games at the Friars Club. The information from the informant indicated that certain individuals had traveled in Interstate Commerce between Las Vegas and Los Angeles, and Miami and Los Angeles, in violation of the Interstate Transportation in Aid of Racketeering - Gambling statutes. These individuals, including members of the Friars Club used "peek holes" to observe the cards held in their opponent's hand, and by use of an electronic device, transmitted this vital information to their co-conspirators.

Among the members of the Friars Club involved in this scheme were

JOHN ROSELLI, a Chicago and Los Angeles

La Cosa Nostra figure.

Also involved were

and ALBERT BERNARD SNYDER, a gambler.

The information furnished by the Confidential Informant was carefully analyzed by FBI Agents, and, as a result, a discreet investigation of each of the individuals, allegedly involved, began. A decision was then made to interview

(Trial transcript and Los Angeles report of SA dated August 9, 1967).

On July 20, 1967, Special Agents of the FBI interviewed all individuals involved in this cheating scheme and their victims, with the exception of ROSELLI Subpoenas for a Federal Grand Jury (FGJ) hearing on July 27, 1967, were served at the same time. ROSELLI was not served a subpoena inasmuch as it was not desired to have ROSELLI present near the Grand Jury Room, as it was felt his mere attendance would have an adverse effect on prospective witnesses. served as he had health problems and was undergoing tests in South Carolina. A search warrant for the Friars Club was obtained, however, the warrant was not served, and the FBI Agents were granted permission to search on July 20, 1967. As a result of searches of the attic and roof area of the Friars Club, Special Agents of the FBI obtained evidence that "peek holes" were located in the attic above the second floor of the Friars Club in the room now used as the main dining room, and in two small room located on each side of the stage. "peeks" consisted of false air vents, false electrical outlets, and a loud speaker that could be removed to allow a clear view of the space below. (Los Angeles report of SA! dated August 9, 1967, and trial transcript).

The search of the roof by Special Agents of the FBI at the Friars Club revealed two locked hatches for which the

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of the club did not have a key. The locks were broken by the Agents and upon entering one of the hatches, the Agents found that it led into an area above the main card room on the third floor. Four gin tables were located under this crawl way along a solid wall. The main victims of this cheating scheme testified during the trial that they felt more secure when playing at these tables as there was only one aisle that passed by the table, and there was less chance for someone to walk by, observe their cards, and pass on information to their opponent by use of an elaborate conversation code. The agents found that the hatch was the only entrance or exit into this space. The area above the card table was approximately three feet wide, four feet high, and twenty feet long. The metal pipes in the area were covered with tape, and rug padding covered the entire attic floor to apparently deaden any sound. The ceiling was approximately four feet from the top of the table. The Agents found that seven holes had been drilled in the ceiling at different locations to afford a view of all four of the tables. Each hole was coated with silicone rubber to keep plaster from falling on the green table tops below. A prescription lens was found in one of the holes. The air conditioning ducts had been cut into to allow air into the crawl way. The electrical system was spliced into to furnish the intruders with power. A

flashlight in working order was found near one of the holes. The flashlight was also coated with silicone rubber. Spare batteries were located in a paper bag near the flashlight. A pillow, as well as two jackets and a push-button transmitter switch, was also found. The inside of the hatch was equipped with a hinge and pin that could be used as a locking device. (Report of SA dated August 9, 1967, and trial transcript.)

An examination of the other locked hatch on the roof of the Friars Club was made and this led to the attic area over the poker room, which was located adjacent to the main card This was also the only entrance or exit to this area. The Agents found the interior had been set up similar to the larger crawl way mentioned above. The Agents found the same tape on the metal pipes, the same rug padding, the same type of hole with silicone rubber, and a partially completed hole. The completed hole was sprayed black and a can of black Krylon paint was also found. Investigation by the FBI determined that this paint was manufactured on February 10, 1965, and was not available to retailers until three to four months later. Latent Fingerprint Section of the FBI Laboratory developed two fingerprints on this can which were determined to be identical (Report of SA) to those of dated August 9, 1967, and trial transcript).

The FGJ at Los Angeles held testimony during a five months period from over 70 witnesses. On December 21, 1967, an indictment was returned against ROSELLI, charging them with Conspiracy, Interstate Transportation in Aid of Racketeering - Gambling, Interstate Transportation of Stolen Property, Operating an Uncertified Communication Device, and Subscribing to a False Tax Return. were named as unindicted co-conspirators. The many months of investigation by the FBI and the FGJ revealed a very interesting story. (Report of SA) dated December 28, 1967, at Los Angeles).

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(FGJ and trial transcript). ROSELLI were at the Friars Club that evening

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This was done, and the money was delivered to JOHN ROSELLI ROSELLI returned to Los Angeles, and the day following his return, ROSELLI became suspicious, at which time made him a partner in the scheme. (FGJ and trial transcript).

This agent obtained

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from the trash a small notebook from an electronics firm in Miami, Florida, which listed the name of AL and the unlisted telephone of ALBERT BERNARD SNYDER. (Report of SAMELLE AND DETERMINED AND DETERM

SNYDER, although he refused to testify in the Friars Club trial, admitted to FBI Agents, and to the FGJ, that he

(Report of SA

dated January 9, 1968).

During the lengthy investigation,

(Report of SA dated June 20, 1968).

ROSELLI, began in USDC, Los Angeles, on June 11, 1968. On November 22, 1968, after 78 days of trial, and hearing the testimony of approximately 150 witnesses, the case was submitted to the jury. On December 2, 1968, after five days of deliberation, verdicts were returned finding all five defendants guilty of all counts of which they remained charged. The charge of Operating an Uncertified Communication Device was

ROSELLI on 6 counts,

ROSELLI was sentenced to a concurrent prison term of three years on the conspiracy count, consecutive to concurrent prison terms of two years on the four remaining counts for a total of five years. He was fined \$10,000 on each of five counts and \$5,000 on the other, for a total fine of \$55,000.



All defendants are currently on bond pending appeal. (Report of SA defendants are currently on bond pending

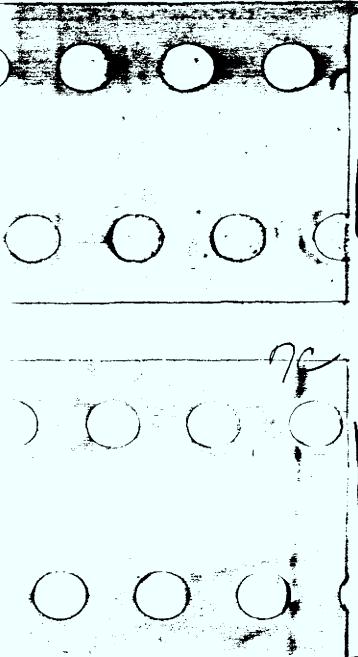
(Report of SA February 11, 1969, at Los Angeles).

During the Friars trial, both SNYDER were called as witnesses by the Government on August 8, and 9, 1968, respectively. Both were granted immunity and ordered to answer questions. They refused and were sentenced to the custody of the United States Marshal for the duration of the trial. At the conclusion of the Friars trial, both SNYDER were released from this sentence. (Trial transcript).

On December 4, 1968, SNYDER were indicted by a FGJ. SNYDER was indicted on one count of contempt of court and nine count of perjury.

dated February 7, 1969).

The trial of SNYDER for perjury commenced in USDC, Los Angeles, on May 13, 1969, and on May 15, 1969, he was



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Los Angeles hoodlums, and John Roselli, appeared before United Stat District Judge William Gray to argue motions for reduction of sentence.

Roselli appeared before Judge Gray for argument on motions previously filed for reduction of sentence based on Roselli's alleged participation with CIA in a plot to assassinate Fidel Castro. Other motions were filed to reduce sentence because of poor health and to modify his fine because Roselli is broke. Judge Gray indicated to Roselli's attorney that Roselli's story concerning CIA would hold no weight in his court and that su an event would have been catastrophic, Roselli's attorney then turned his attention his argument based on Roselli's financial cor Judge Gray delayed final decision in this matter until 10/18/71 to allow Government to look into Roselli's ability to pay fine of \$55,000.

Special Investigative Division concurs with recommendation of SAC, Los Angeles, that limited investigation into Roselli's financia condition based on information already developed concerning Roselli's ability to pay fine be conducted with the results being furnished to United States Attorney, Los Angeles, for transmittal to Judge Gray.



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JOHN ROSELLI

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE INTELLIPENCE FILE

(TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE)

ersonal History and Background

RUSSELLI JOHN RASSELLI JOHN F. STEWART. ROSELLI was born June 4, 1905, at Chicago, Illinois, of Italian parents. His parents died when he was quite young and he was reared by an uncle. At the age of 15 or 16, he went to Los Angeles where he worked in the motion picture industry for about five years. He completed the sixth grade in grammar school in Chicago. According to his own statement ROSELLI was "practically a bum until 35." He married WINIFRED JUNEVLASEK, better known as JUNEVLANG, a motion picture actress, on April 1, 1940, and was divorced in March, 1943. He is single at present

ROSELLI resides at 1259A North prescent Heights Boulevard, Los Angeles. His office address is Office No. 20 at the Monogram Pictures Studio lot where he is a motion picture producer. Corporation offices are at 4376 Sunset Drive, Los Angeles, telephone Normandy 2-9181.

ROSELLI was inducted into the United States Army on December 4, 1942, and served as a private until he was arrested on March 19, 1943.

At one time when he was interviewed he claimed he was in the general insurance business and was licensed as an insurance solicitor. He also claimed he formerly was engaged in public relations work for Pat Casey Enterprises in New York City and Los Angeles and that he had an interest in Nation-wide News Service at Los Angeles. He also claimed to have an interest in the Agua Caliente Race Track near Tijuana. Mexico.

Criminal Activities

On December 22, 1943, in the United States District Court at New York City, ROSELLI was found guilty by jury trial -

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of violation of Section 402A, Title 18, United States Code. This was in connection with the extortion of funds from several motion picture producers. Other defendants in the case were LOUIS OAL, CAMPAGNA, CHARIUSAGIOE, PHILLIA D'ANDREA, PAUL DE LUCIA.

and WILLIA BIOFF. On December 31, 1943, ROSELLI was sentenced to serve ten years in prison and fined \$10,000. ROSELLI, CAMPAGNA, GIOE, D'ANDREA, and DE LUCIA were paroled from federal institutions on August 13, 1947.

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ROSELLI was frequently seen in the company of BENJAMIN (BUGSEY) SIEGEL, now deceased, and formerly a prominent racketeer.

In a memorandum dated September 16, 1947, forwarded by the Bureau to the Los Angeles Office, it was reported that

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62 ער <u>Associates</u> As ociates of ROSELLI include JACK DRAGNA HARRY COHN. BRYAN Identification Record ROSELLI has FBI No. 3339986.

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The only other fingerprint record on ROSELLI is his arrest for violation of the Anti-Racketeering Statute by the Federal government for which he was convicted.



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JOHN ROSELLI, FBI No. 3339986 GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE INTELLIGENCE FILE (TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE)

Criminal Activities

ROSELLI continues his employment at Monogram Studios as a motion picture producer.

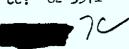
Identification Record

An additional identification record under FBI No. 3339986 was received from the Bureau and is as follows:

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USM, New York, NY	3/19/43	Mail fraud	On charge anti-rac eering

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On charge of anti-racketeering_-10/22/43, sentenced 10 years, \$10,000 fine

Contributor of Fingerprints	Arrested or Received	Charge	Dispo- sition (
FDH, New York, NY	2/15/14	Anti-Racketeering Act- conspiracy	10 years 3/25/44, discharged to USP, Atlanta
USP, Atlanta, Ga.	ቮ \/ቮ\/፫፫	Conspiracy to inter- fere with trade and commerce by coercion, threats and violence	10 years 9/29/46, transferred to USP, Terre Haute, Ind.
USP, Terre Haute, In	nd. 10/7/46; in transit from USP, Atlanta	Conspiracy to inter- fere with interstate trade and commerce by coercion, threats and violence	10 years 8/13/47 discharged paroled; released fro custody and reinstated to super-vision
USM, Los Angeles	7/27/48	Parole violation	
Los Angeles SO	7/ 27/48	Parole violation	

ROSELLI was fingerprinted by the Bureau field division at New York on March 19, 1943, on a charge of mail fraud.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE September 30, 1954



SAC, LOS ANGELES (94-430)

SUBJECT:

TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE INTELLIGENCE FILE PROGRAM

Re SAC Letter #53-58, 8/25/53, (Section B).

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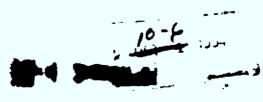
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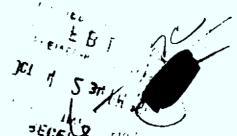
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JOHN ROSELLI, AKA ROSSELLI FBI #3339986 GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE INTELLIGENCE FILE (TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE)

CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES A prior summary regarding ROSELLI indicated that he No additional information has been obtained to indicate that ROSELLI is in association in such an operation. ROSELLI continues his employment at Monogram Studios as a motion picture producer. His residence remains the same as previously indicated, 1251 North Crescent Heights Boulevard, Los Angelas

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ROSELLI and his associates PAUL RICCA, LOUIS CAMPAGNA and CHARLES GIOE, all of Chicago, were released from their parole from federal prison at the expiration of sentence in March of 1954. They were released from the penitentiary in 1947 having served the minimum portion of 10 year sentences for extortion of large sums from the motion picture industry. Since release from their parole, GIOE was murdered in Chicago.

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Director, FBI

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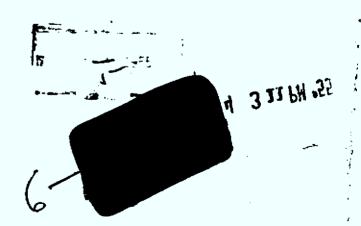
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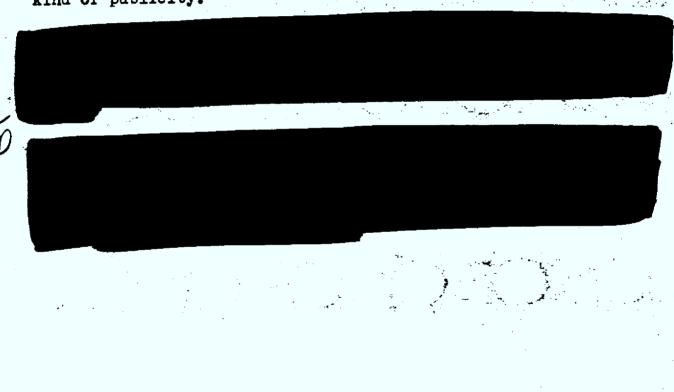


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CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

It can be assumed that ROSELLI is aware of the investigation being conducted by the Immigration and Naturalization Service into ROSELLI's status as a possible alien illegally in the United States. He is successful in retaining his position in the motion picture industry and in avoiding any kind of publicity.



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TO ' ' DIRECTOR, FBI'

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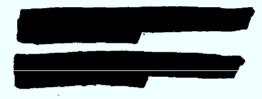
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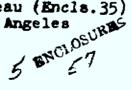
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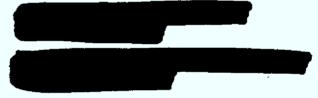
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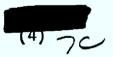
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December 27, 1956, and March 4, 1957, regarding Juhn RUSELLI.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1340 West Sixth Street Los Angeles, California 7-18-57

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

July 15, 1957

SAC. Re: JOHN ROSELLI, also known as John Rosselli, John Russelli, John Russelli, John R. Stewart FBI No. 3339986

Personal History and Background

ROSELLI claims birth on July 4, 1904, at Chicago, Illinois, of Italian parents. He claims that his parents died when he was quite young and that he was reared by an uncle. He claims that at the age of 15 or 16 he went to Los Angeles, California, where he worked in the motion picture industry for about five years. He claims his only formal school was six grades in grammar school at Chicago, Illinois. He married WINIFRED JUNE VLASEK, better known as JUNE LANG, a motion picture actress, on April 1, 1940, and was divorced from her in March 1943. He is reported not to have remarried.

ROSELLI resides at 1259A North Crescent Heights Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, in an apartment described as being furnished in a lavish manner.

ROSELLI was inducted into the U.S. Army on December 4, 1942, and served as a private until he was arrested on March 19, 1943, by officers of the Federal Government for violation of a Federal law.

has stated that he has been employed as a licensed insurance solicitor in a general insurance business. He also claimed employment in the past doing public relations work for Pat Casey Enterprises in New York City and Los Angeles and has claimed an interest in the former Nation-Wide News Service at Los Angeles. He also claimed to have an interest at one time in the Agua Caliente Race Track, near Tijuana, Baja, California.

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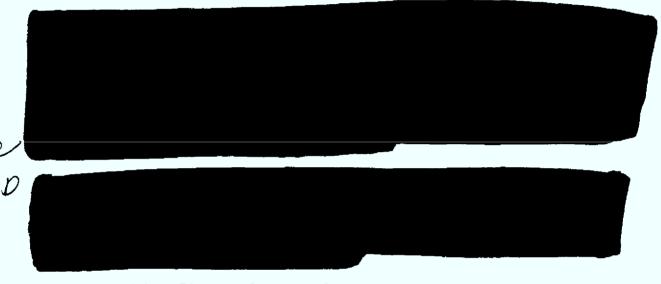
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On December 22, 1943, records of the U. S. District Court at New York City, New York, showed that ROSELLI was found guilty by a jury trial on charges of violation of Section 402A, Title 18, U. S. Code (Anti-Racketeering Statute). This charge was in connection with the extortion of funds from several motion picture producers. Other defendants in the case included LOUIS CAMPAGNA, CHARLES GIOE, PHILLIP D'ANDREA, PAUL RICCA, and WILLIAM BIOFF. On December 31, 1943, ROSELLI was sentenced to serve ten years in prison and to pay a fine of \$10,000. ROSELLI, CAMPAGNA, GIOE, D'ANDREA and RICCA were paroled from Federal institutions on August 13, 1947. ROSELLI's Identification

Record shows that he was arrested on July 27, 1948, by the U. S. Marshal at Los Angeles, California, on a charge of violation of parole. ROSELLI's parole was reinstated on November 15, 1948, and he was released to custody of the U. S. Probation Officer at Los Angeles.

D'ANDREA, GIOE, CAMPAGNA and BIOFF are deceased.



ROSELLI was frequently observed in the company of BENJAMIN (BUGSY) SIEGEL. SIEGEL was murdered at Beverly Hills, California, on June 20, 1947.

ROSELLI has been described as a leader in the Italian underworld organization at Los Angeles.

Business Activities

Upon his release from Federal custody in 1947, ROSELLI was provided immediately with employment by ERYAN FOY, a motion picture producer, as an assistant purchasing agent for Eagle-Lion Studios (now defunct) in Hollywood, California. ROSELLI remained with that company until FOY took employment with Warner Brothers Studios in about 1950.

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ROSELLI is known to frequent Charley Foy's Supper Club, on Ventura Boulevard west of Hollywood. California.

Identification Record

ROSELLI has FBI No. 3339986 and his Identification Record, dated April 6, 1956, is as follows:

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PD, Los Angeles, Calif.	John Rasselli #23903-M-1	4-4-26	suspicion robbery	8-19-26 dismissed
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U. S. Penitentiary Atlanta, Georgia	John Roselli #63774	 	conspiracy to inter- fere with trade and commerce by coercion threats and violence	10 years 9-29-46 transferred to U. S. Penitentiary Terre Haute, Indiana
U. S. Penitentiary, Terre Haute, Indiana	John Roselli #4305	10-7-46 in trans- fer from U. S. Peni- tentiary Atlanta	conspiracy to inter- fere with interstate trade and commerce by coercion threats and violence	and rein-
U. S. Marshal, Los Angeles, Calif.	John Rosselli #20864	7-27-48	violate parole	11-15-48 parole re- instated
SO, Los Angeles Calif.	John Rosselli #B 70091	7-27-48	violate parole (conspira- cy)	11-15-48 released custody U. S. Probation Officer

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California

September 30, 1957

Re: JOHN ROSELLI, with aliases, FRI No. 3339986

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Business Activities

The "Los Angeles Times" for July 28, 1948 carried an article stating that JOHN ROSELLI was a Purchasing Agent at Eagle-Lion Studios and Technical Assistant to the Producer of the motion picture film "Canon City." This picture was produced at Eagle-Lion Studios by BRYAN FOY and ROBERT T. KANE, featuring Actor SCOTT BRADY, directed and written by CRANE WILBUR, released July 21, 1948. This is a picture with a prison background (Colorado State Prison).

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Criminal Activities

It is reported that ROSELLI has not registered with appropriate law enforcement agencies at Las Vegas, Nevada as an ex-convict in order to comply with the Nevada laws.

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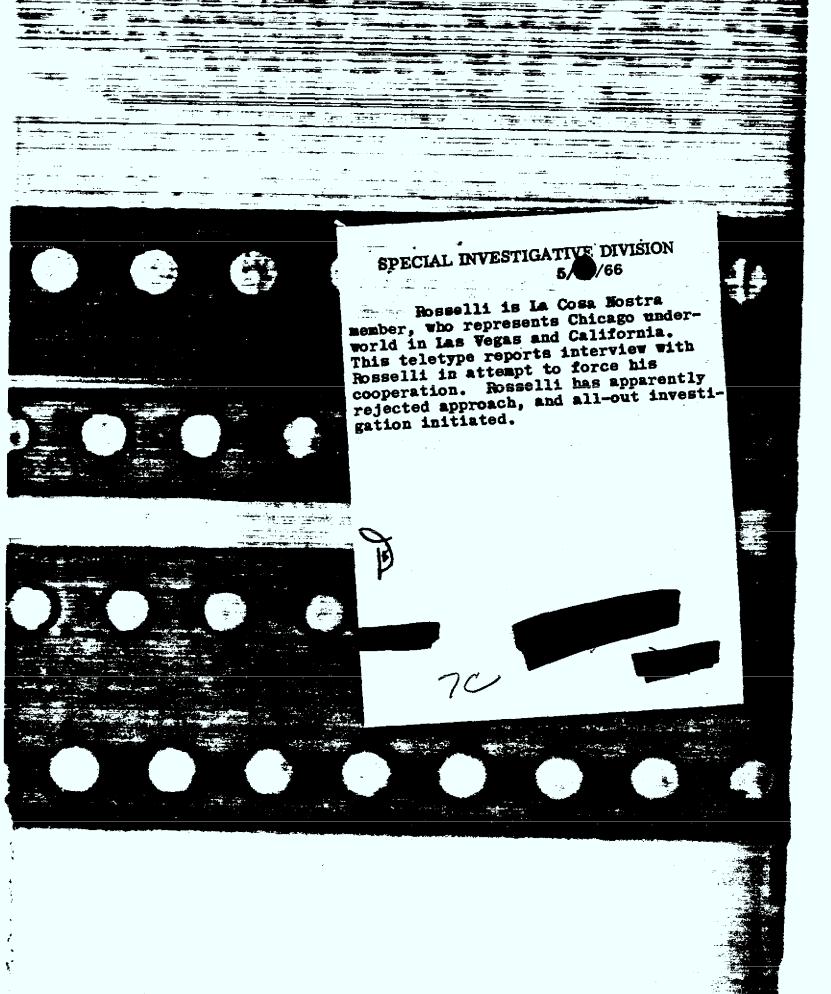
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT Mohr . Bishop emorandum Mr. D. J. Brennan, Jr. 1977 Trotter Tele: Room **Holmes** SUBJECT: JOHN ROSSELLI ANTIRACKETEERING furnished the following to the Liaison Agent on 2/8/55: ACTION: The above information is being directed to the attention of the Criminal Intelligence and Organized Crime Section of the Special Investigative Division. Lisison REO 27 92-9290 图7 FIB J 4 1958 ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIR IS UNCLASSIFIED copies made DATE 10-26-83 BYES OCEC 55FFR 231968 HECA re 1/10/78 To west. pros. TIG. WIII 3-1172909

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DATE: 8/6/76

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PURPOSE: To advise of the conferences held between Assistant Director Richard J. Gallagher, Assistant Attorney General (AAG) Richard L. Thornburgh, and William Lynch, Chief, Organized Crime Section, Criminal Division, concerning the missing status of John Roselli. It was the opinion of Thornburgh and Lynch that no Federal violation exists and this matter should be followed with local authorities.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. That the attached confirming memorandum to AAG Thornburgh be approved. $\ensuremath{\upolinity}$
- 2. That Legal Counsel Division advise Senator Baker of the Department's decision. \smile

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DETAILS: Senator Howard Baker contacted the Director on the afternoon of 8/3/76 concerning the disappearance of John Roselli, who has been missing since 7/28/76. Senator Baker felt that the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Activities (SSCIA) had a continuing interest in Roselli and a possible violation of the Obstruction of Justice or Kidnaping Statutes has occurred.

Roselli last testified 4/23/76 before former SSCIA and is not now under subpoena by the new SSCIA.

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Memorandum to Mr. Gallagher RE: JOHN ROSELLI

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This matter was discussed by Assistant Director Richard J. Gallagher, 8/4/76, with AAG Richard L. Thornburgh, Criminal Division, and William Lynch, Chief of the Organized Crime Section, Criminal Division, and both advised there appeared to be no Federal violation at this time and suggested this matter be followed with the local authorities. \(\chi_A\)

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August 6, 1976

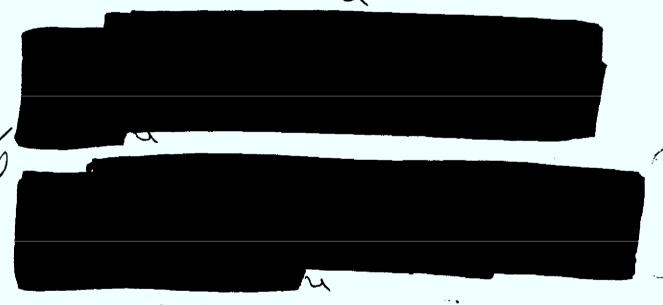
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- Mr. Gallagher

JOHN ROSELLI ANTI-RACKETEERING MISSING PERSON

The following relates to the August 4, 1976, conferences held with you by Assistant Director Richard J. Gallagher, General Investigative Division of the FBI, and Mr. Gallagher's conference with William Lynch, Chief of the Organized Crime Section, Criminal Division, concerning the missing status of John Roselli. 🔾



On the afternoon of August 3, 1976, U. E. Senator Howard Baker, SSCIA, contacted FBI Director Clarence M. Kelley to advise him that John Roselli was missing and the SECIA has a continuing interest in Roselli because of his previous testimony. Therefore, Senator Baker felt there was a possible Obstruction of Justice violation in connection with Recelli's disappearance.

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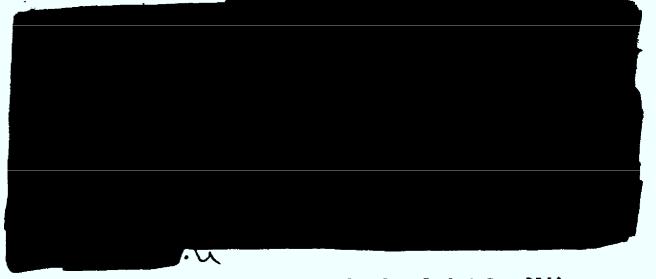
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The Minority Staff Director, SSCIA, has advised Roselli testified before that committee on June 24, 1975, September 22, 1975, and April 23, 1976, in Executive Session. On the first two occasions Roselli's testimony regarded plots to assassinate Fidel Castro. On the last occasion Roselli testified pursuant to an investigation being conducted regarding the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. The SSCIA recommended that a subsequent SSCIA continue its investigation into the Castro assassination plots and the assassination plot of President Kennedy. This committee has not issued subpoenas or made any agreements with any prospective witnesses to date.



Mo information has been developed that Roselli's disappearance is due to his testifying and me information has been developed that he was forcefully abducted. We are conducting no active investigation; however, are following closely with local authorities. Senator Baker is being so advised. \\

NOTE: See to Gallagher memo dated 8/6/76 captioned, "John Roselli, Anti-Racketeering, Missing Person."



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PURPOSE: On the afternoon of August 3, 1976, Senator Howard Baker, Senate Committee on Intelligence, contacted the Director and advised that John Roselli was missing and Senator Baker felt the Committee has a continuing interest in Roselli because of his testimony to the Committee. Senator Baker felt there was a possible Obstruction of Justice violation and that Roselli's connection with the Committee could be obtained from one of three individuals.

Assistant Attorney General Richard Thornburgh, Criminal Division, was briefed and has stated on the information developed so far there does not appear to be a Federal violation involved.

ACTION: Miami has been instructed to interview for complete details

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<u>DETAILS:</u> In response to Senator Baker's call to the Director August 3, the Office of Legal Counsel contacted Howard Liebengood, Minority Staff Director, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence. Mr. Liebengood advised that Roselli testified before the original Senate Select Committee on 6/24/75, 9/22/75, and 4/23/76 in executive session. On the first two occasions he testified regarding plots to assassinate Fidel Castro. On the last occasion

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