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and subsequently ROSSELLI called him from Las Vegas, Nevada.

said that he first tried to get in touch with ROSSELLI by calling but said he did not know how to get in touch with ROSSELLI and suggested call the Friar's Club.

said that has

been a friend of ROSSELLI for many years.

recalled that

employment for ROSSELLI when ROSSELLI was paroled from prison in about 1946 or 1947.

Information has been previously set out that is a friend and business associate of ROSSELLI.

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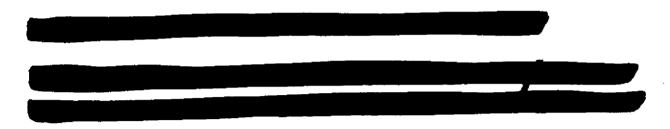
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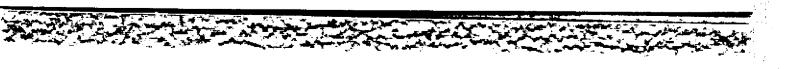
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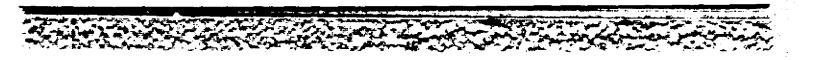
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67° LA 92-113 alh This girl is believed to be an associate of JOHN ROSSELLI because, as set out above, on March 28, 1963, and April 12, 1963, ROSSELLI stopped and picked up a blonde woman bil, D at Bev Beverly Hills, California, and as set out above, on March 28, 1963, ROSSELLI was at and left with and left with and went to

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On March 29, 1963, advised that he had learned that on that date ROSSELLI was in contact with a girl named that that had at one time operated a business in Las Vegas, she apparently has a store in the Los Angeles area and that ROSSELLI told that he was going to Las Vegas and would stay at the Desert Inn and that if she came up there, she should get in contact with him.

March 29, 1963, discussed an unknown woman who had recently seen and who she apparently was going to see again in the near future whose husband had left her practically penniless and who had recently been contacted by some law enforcement agency and a signed statement taken from her. Informant said that ROSSELLI told that she should tell this woman to furnish a copy of the statement if she had one to and that this woman, who is apparently drinking heavily, does not have to talk to them (apparently some law enforcement officers) because the Bill of Rights and the Constitution state that she can tell them to go jump in the lake.

From the above information furnished by it is possible that the woman being referred to by ROSSELLI in his contact with

It would appear also probable that the referred to is

On April 18, 1963, SA's and observed a parking ticket on the windshield

observed a parking ticket on the Windshield of ROSSELLI's car in the garage of his apartment on Crescent Heights Boulevard. This ticket was issued on April 17, 1963, by the Beverly Hills Police Department, parking ticket No. J00490. It was issued about 4 p.m. because an Austin Healey convertible bearing 1963 California license LFJ490 was parked illegally in an alley in the 400 block of North Roxbury and Bedford in Beverly Hills, California. On the reverse side of this parking ticket was printed in black crayon the word "bastard."

On April 18, 1963, the Department of Motor Vehicles, State of California, Los Angeles, California, furnished information that/1963 California license LFJ940 was issued to Los Angeles, California, 161 a 1959 Austin Healey convertible.

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#### LEGITIMATE ENTERPRISES

### NEVADA CONCESSIONS, INC.

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Information has been set out previously in this investigation indicating that JOHN ROSSELLI, through the firm Nevada Concessions, Inc., had business dealings with in connection with parking facilities at the Tropicana Hotel in Las Vegas and in connection with the rental of cars in Las Vegas.





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Information has been previously reported in this investigation that and ROSSELLI entered into an agreement whereby money furnished by ROSSELLI would be invested in a name in an adventure called Marina, Inc., which was to develop a marina on Lake Mead, Nevada. Information was also set out that both invested \$16,000. in this venture and that furnished over \$8,000. for in-

ROSSELLI and whereby they set up B & R Enterprises, through which would invest money for ROSSELLI in Marina, Inc. that money furnished by money loaned to ROSSELLI.

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nished information that recently had stated that ROSSELLI had not given money to to invest in Marina, Inc.) but rather had loaned money directly to and this money has been repaid to by



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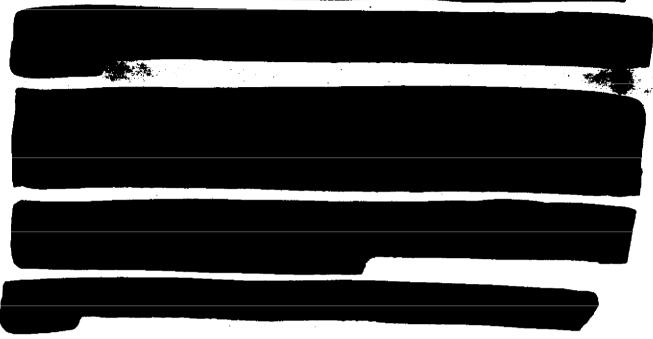
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Title JOHN ROSELLI

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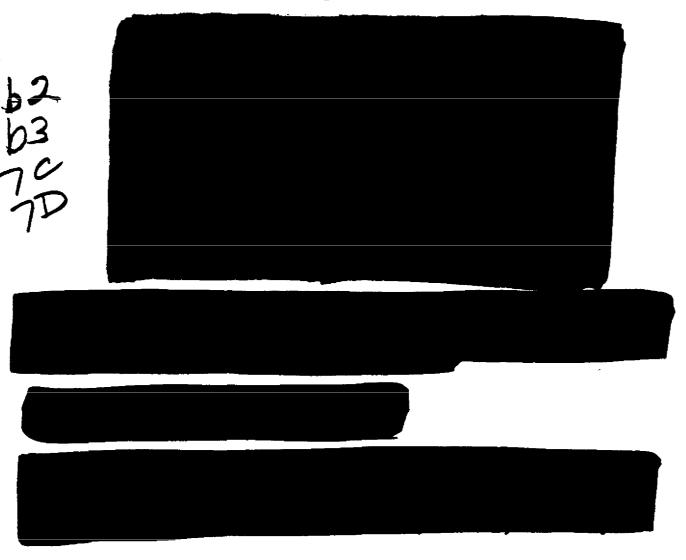
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ANTI-RACKETEERING

During first week in March, 1964, ROSSELLI changed his residence from 1251 North Crescent Heights Boulevard, Los Angeles, to Apartment 803. Glen Towers. 1333 South Beverly Glen Boulevard, Los Angeles,

ROSSELLI known to have been in Las Vegas, Nevada, from 1/19/64 to 1/27/64; 1/30/64 to (date unknown); and from 2/13/64 to 2/22/64. He reportedly traveled to New York City on 2/3/64 on same day that made a trip to New York, but they did not travel together.

still associating with During first part of February, 1964,

He reportedly is his current girl friend

Los Angeles area.

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A report of birth filed by ROSSELLI in 1936 in Chicago, Illinois, reflects his true name is spelled ROSELLI; however, investigation has shown that for many years he has spelled his name ROSSELLI and this is the spelling which will be used throughout this report.

### CURRENT RESIDENCE

During the first part of March, 1964, ROSSELLI changed his Los Angeles residence from 1251 North Crescent Heights Boulevard, Los Angeles, to Apartment 803, Glen Towers, 1333 Beverly Glen Boulevard, Los Angeles.

CURRENT ACTIVITIES

On January 30, 1964, a Special Agent of the FBI observed ROSSELLI leave his residence at 1251 North Crescent Heights Boulevard at about 10:20 AM in his 1963 Ford Thunderbird and proceeded to Beverly Hills, California, where he parked in a parking lot on Beverly Boulevard just north of Wilshire. He returned to his car in about 15 minutes and drove to Drucker's Barber Shop, where he remained for about an hour, and then proceeded to the Friar's Club where he put his car in the club garage.

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On various dates from February 3, 1964, until February 11, 1964, spot checks were made of ROSSELLI's residence, the parking lots at the International Airport, the Friar's Club and Drucker's Barber Shop in Beverly Hills, but ROSSELLI's car was not observed.

On February 11, 1964, a Special Agent of the FBI observed ROSSELLI leave his residence on Crescent Heights Boulevard at about 9:15 AM and proceeded to Mannie Dwork's Tailor Shop and Cleaning Establishment in the 8100 block of Santa Monica Boulevard.

On February 13, 1964, furnished information that ROSSELLI left Los Angeles at 12:30 PM on February 13, 1964, en route to Las Vegas via TWA Flight 196. Informant said ROSSELLI had purchased a one-way tourist class ticket.

On February 14, 1964, Special Agents of the FBI observed ROSSELLI and in the coffee shop of the Horseshoe Club in Las Vegas, at which time and ROSSELLI were sitting in a booth with and and two unknown individuals.

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On February 20, 1964, furnished information that ROSSELLI arrived in Los Angeles from Las Vegas at 1:10 PM on this date on Bonanza Airlines Flight No. 403, and that ROSSELLI departed from the airport in his car which he had parked there.

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On February 26, 1964, a Special Agent of the FBI observed ROSSELLI's car parked in front of his residence at about 10:30 AM.

On February 28, 1964, a Special Agent of the FBI observed ROSSELLI leave the Friar's Club in Beverly Hills in his 1963 Ford Thunderbird, California license NZJ 429, at about 2:47 PM, and ROSSELLI proceeded to 7959 West Third Street where he parked his car in the garage beneath the huilding. It is noted that this is the office building of

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observed two men come to ROSSELLI's apartment and move his personal belongings from the apartment. did not observe the car in which these men departed.

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On February 27, 1964, furnished information that ROSSELLI had moved to Apartment 803, 1333 South Beverly Glen Boulevard, Los Angeles, California.

Observation of this apartment reveals that is a new "high rise" apartment building called Glen Towers. It is a

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luxurious apartment building. During the first few days in March, observation by a Special Agent of the FBI at the garage in ROSSELLI's new apartment failed to reveal his car parked in the garage or a garage stall assigned to him.

On March 5, 1964, a telephone call was made to the Glen Towers Apartment, telephone number 474-4526, and in reply to a request to speak to ROSSELLI, the switchboard girl stated that Mr. ROSSELLI had not yet moved into the apartment.

advised SA. that

JOHN ROSSELLI has changed his residence to Apartment 803,

Glen Towers, on South Beverly Glen Boulevard in Los Angeles;

that ROSSELLI is having the apartment decorated and has not

yet moved in. said that he is of the opinion that

ROSSELLI was then in Las Vegas at the Desert Inn Hotel; however,

he added that he did not know this, it was just his opinion.

said that it was his impression that ROSSELLI's

rent for the apartment was around \$600 or \$650 per month.

An advertisement by the Wallace Moir Company, a mortgage banking firm, which appeared in a recent issue of the "Los Angeles Times" newspaper, revealed that this company had arranged a loan of \$2,100,000 for the Glen Towers, 1333 South Beverly Glenn Boulevard, West Los Angeles, California, and the advertisement described this apartment as "This high rise apartment building contains some of the most beautiful and luxurious apartments in the nation."

The advertisement further stated that the loan had been arranged for HAL WISEMAN, ROY NORRIS, and Dor-kap Investment Company.

On March 11, 1964, advised that on that date arrived in Los Angeles from Las Vegas at 5:15 PM and was accompanied by an unknown man who departed the airport in a 1962 Chrysler Imperial bearing California license NGD 385, which is registered to

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Informant further advised that JOHN ROSSELLI picked up at the airport and was not driving his 1963 Thunderbird, but rather a 1964 Ford bearing dealer's paper plates, the number of which the informant was unable to obtain. The indices of the Los Angeles Office contain no information concerning

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It is noted that ROSSELLI has, in the past, been to this hospital for physical examinations and check ups.

### CONTACTS AND ASSOCIATES

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Information has been previously set out in this investigation indicating an association between and ROSSELLI, especially during several days during the last of August, 1963.

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On January 30, 1964 the second telephonically contacted SA and an appointment was made for the following day for an interview.

first met JOHN ROSSELLI, who fairly frequently came to this restaurant the men are generally accompanied also by does not know ROSSELLI well and only sees him on infrequent occasions and said.

ROSSELLI claims to be a movie producer knows nothing about his activities, his sources of income, or his background.

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ROSSELLI prior to making this visit to Los Angeles, and probably met him either at the restaurant or in Las Vegas.

trip was made during the latter part of August.

arranged the reservations believes he got them through ROSSELLI. does not know whether these were complimentary reservations or whether ROSSELLI paid their bill. In any event, did not pay the bill.

they remained in Las Vegas for only a day or two and then returned to Los Angeles

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customer at where he frequently comes with JOHN ROSSELLI.

ROSSELLI on one occasion made the remark that he had been in prison, but he did not relate any of the details.

In conclusion, only knows

ROSSELLI casually is positive that ROSSELLI never knew
prior to the summer of 1963, and that they
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SAS , and that she has met ROSSELLI on several occasions She stated that ROSSELLI is a very nice individual but she does not know what he does for a living.

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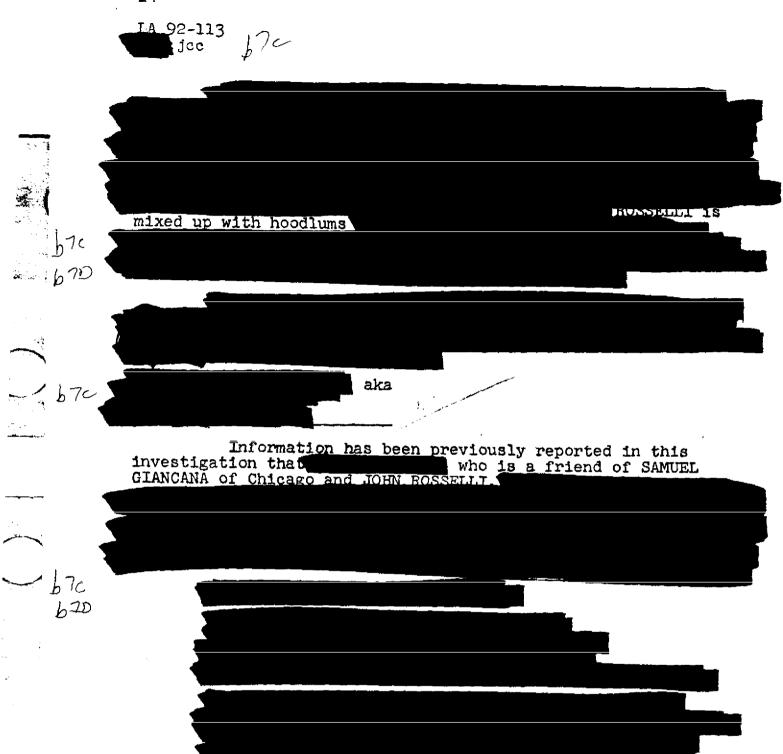
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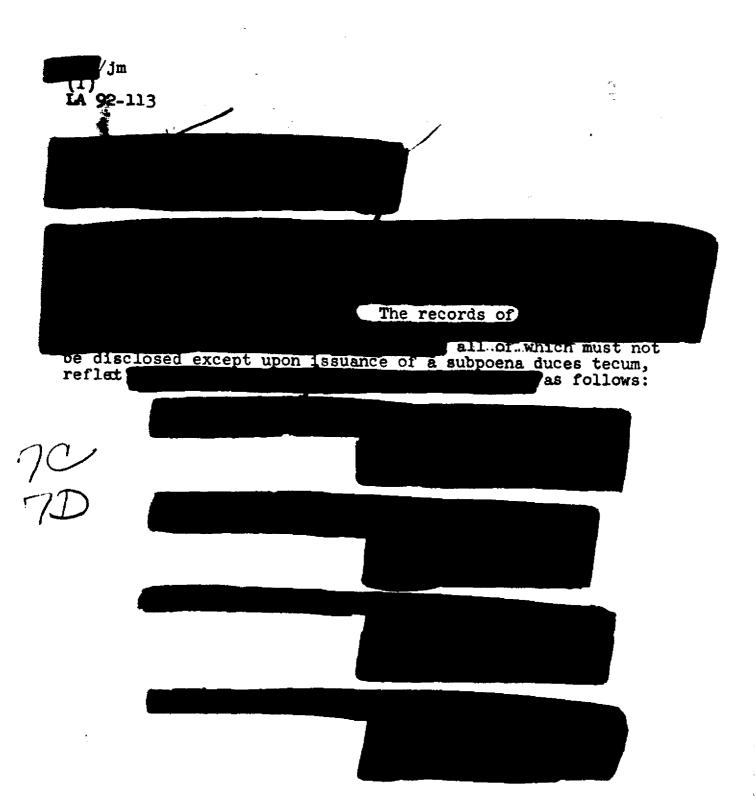
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has been previously identified in this investigation is a close friend of and JOHN ROSSELLI.

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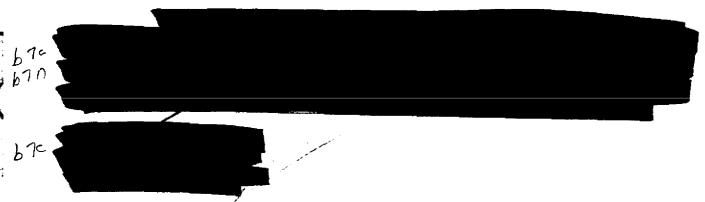
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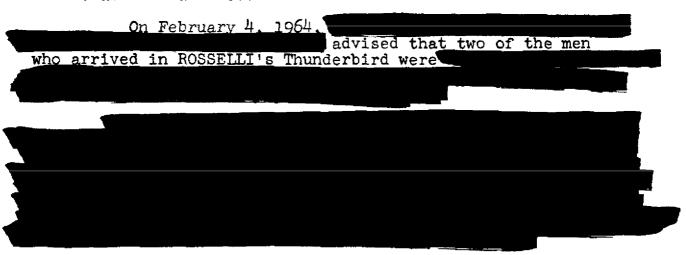
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On February 4, 1964, Special Agents of the FBI, at approximately 2:25 PM, observed ROSSELLI's 1963 Ford Thunderbird, California license NZJ 429, parked in the 600 block of La Cienega Boulevard directly across the street from the Bantam Cock Restaurant. At approximately 2:40 PM an attendant moved this car to the marquee of the Bantam Cock where four men were observed to enter the car and drive to Beverly Hills, where they parked the car on the lot of Litton Systems, 336 Foothill Road, Beverly Hills, and all four men entered the Litton Systems Office at this address.



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He stated that he was not acquainted with anyone named JOHN ROSSELLI and had never heard this name to his knowledge.

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On the night of February 17, 1964, ROSSELLI was observed by Special Agents of the FBI in Las Vegas seated at a table in the lounge of the Desert Inn Hotel in Las Vegas with These individuals were first observed at approximately 9 PM and at about 9:30 PM and ROSSELLI left the lounge and entered the coffee shop at the hotel. A few minutes before 10 PM was observed to enter the coffee shop and talked a short time to and ROSSELLI. Special Agents also observed ROSSELLI

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at Crequent intervals during the period 1 AM to 7 AM on February 18, 1964, at the Desert Inn Hotel when ROSSELLI left the lobby of the hotel, apparently to go to his room.

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### SALE OF ICE MACHINES

Information has been reported on numerous occasions in this investigation that ROSSELLI purchases ice cube making machines from Ajax West Coast Corporation in Santa Barbara, California, which he then resells to various Las Vegas Hotels.

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On February 14, 1964, Special Agents of the FBI in Las Vegas observe and JOHN ROSSELLI sitting in a booth in the coffee shop of the Horseshoe Club in Las Vegas with and two unknown individuals.

ROSSELLI "wanted to do some business

did not desire to conduct any business with ROSSELLI was aware of the reputation of ROSSELL

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Report of Special Agent dated and captioned as above at LosAngeles, California.

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Synopsis:

ROSSELLI continues to reside 1333 South Beverly Glen Poulevard. Los Angeles, California.

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He was in Las Vegas, Nevada from December 23, 1964 until January 4, 1965; from January 18, 1965 to February 1, 1965; and Reno and Las Vegas from about February 8, 1965 to February 12, 1965 and he went to Las Vegas on February 23, 1965.

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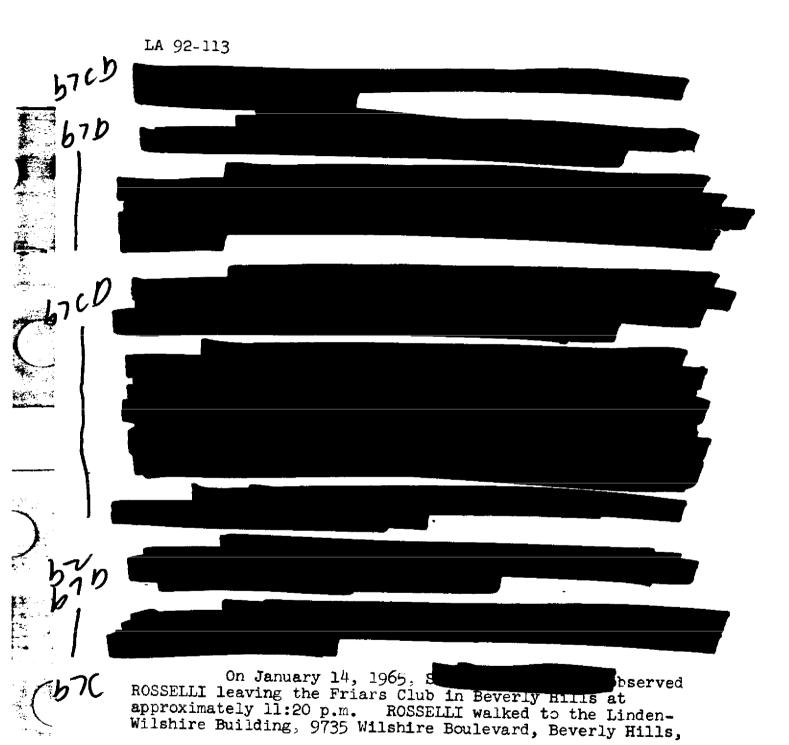
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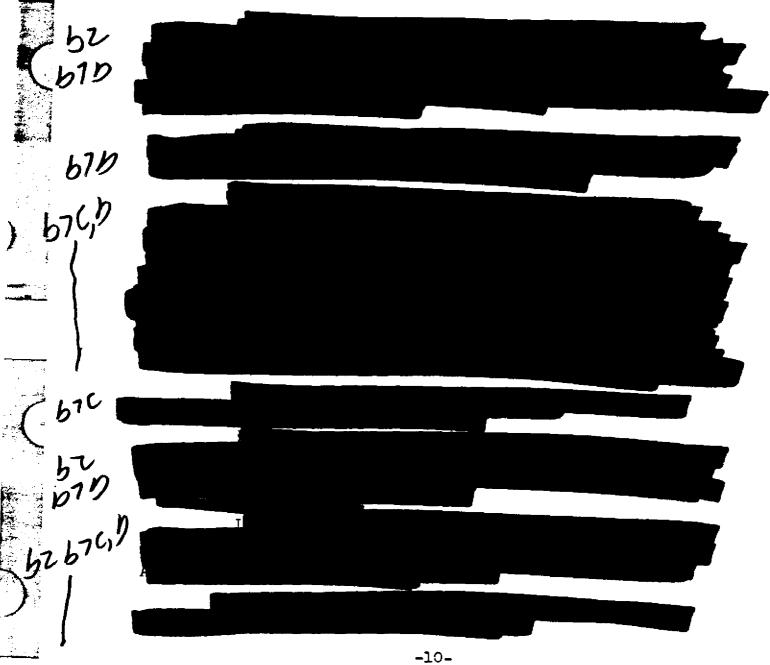
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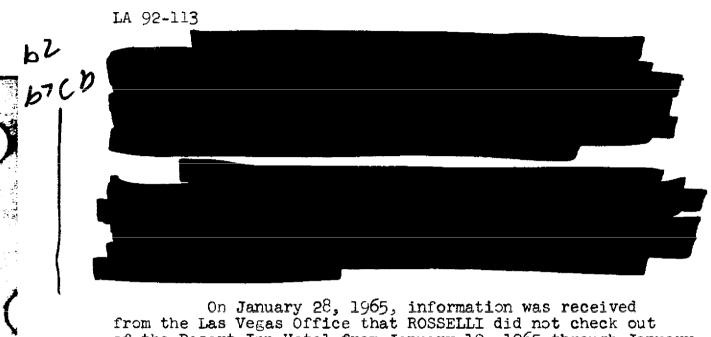
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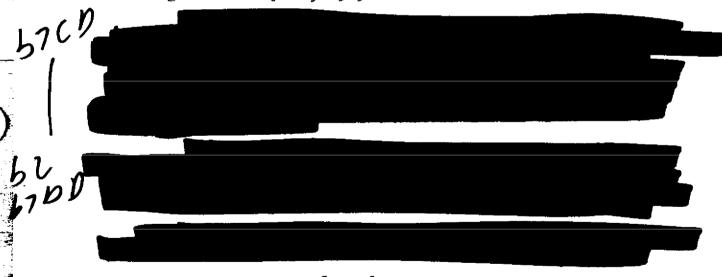


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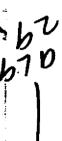
ROSSELLI was observed to leave the casino and join where they talked for some time. ROSSELLI then returned to the casino and in a few minutes was observed walking to the Country Club accompanied by an unknown white male.

On January 27, 1965, Special Agents of the Las
Vegas Office endeavored to locate
Las Vegas and it was determined that she was
allegedly in Los Angeles where she would remain for approximately
one week.

ROSSELLI was observed at the Desert Inn Country Club on January 29, 1965 by SA ROSSELLI was talking with

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On the night of February 1, 1965, ROSSELLI was observed by Special Agents of the Las Vegas Office in the company of at the closed circuit fight on television at the Hacienda Hotel.



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On February 11, 1965, Special Agents of the Las Vegas Office observed ROSSELLI having lunch at the Desert Inn Hotel.

On February 15, 1965, a Special Agent of the FBI observed ROSSELLI leave his apartment at about 11:24 AM, in his Pontiac automobile. He stopped at a gasoline station at Santa Monica Boulevard and Beverly Glen Boulevard, and then proceeded to the San Diego Freeway south to the Santa Monica Freeway, east to the Santa Ana Freeway, and south on the Santa Ana Freeway. At approximately 1:02 PM, ROSSELLI was proceeding south on Highway 101, towards San Diego and was about halfway between San Diego and Los Angeles.

On February 16, 1965, a Special Agent of the FBI observed ROSSELLI leave his apartment at about 11:30 AM, and proceed in his Pontiac to Beverly Hills, California.

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# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California March 5, 1965

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JOHN ROSELLI

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Report of SA dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

### Memorandum

TO

Mr. DeLoach

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DATE: May 23, 1966

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SUBJECT:

JOHN ROSELLI, also known as ANTI-RACKETEERING

The Central Intelligence Agency recently advised of a contact Roselli made with Colonel Sheffield Edwards, former Director of Security, now retired. Roselli, a member of the Chicago "family" of La Cosa Nostra who represents their interests in Las Vegas and on the west coast, was contacted by Agents of the Los Angeles Division shortly before this and they apparently touched a sensitive spot. Colonel Edwards, who obviously contacted Roselli in the past, thought he looked worried and distraught. The contact by our Los Angeles Agents flushed Roselli out and he went to the Central Intelligence Agency for protection. Central Intelligence Agency, in the past, compromised themselves by dealing with Roselli when they had him contact Sam Giancana, head of the Chicago "family" of La Cosa Nostra, ' to get someone to assassinate Castro.

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Los Angeles Agents recently selected Roselli as a target to develop him as a top echelon criminal informant and in the alternative to put pressure on him to develop information leading to his possible deportation. Los Angeles has developed information through a

that Rosellis true name is Felipe Sacco, that he was brought to the United States as a child and his mother, TOP an alien, still resides in Boston, Massachusetts. Roselli's youth, he assumed the name John Roselli, using this identity to the present time.

On May 6, 1966, Agents in the Los Angeles Division contacted Roselli in Beverly Hills, California, and confronted him with compromising information concerning his true identity. The Agents suggested that Roselli secretly meet them to discuss this matter. About one hour after Roselli was contacted, James Cantillon, Roselli's attorney, called the Los Angeles Office and told the contacting Agent that if the FBL desired to

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interview Roselli, it would have to be done in Cantillon's presence. Cantillon was told we desired to interview Roselli, but not in the presence of an attorney. Shortly after the contact was made with Roselli, he suddenly departed Los Angeles, as now determined from Central Intelligence Agency, to secretly make contact with that agency.

#### ACTION:

This matter will be followed with the Central Intelligence Agency through the Liaison Section. The Los Angeles Office will be advised of Roselli's contact with Central Intelligence Agency so they can capitalize on his inner turnmoil to develop him as a top echelon criminal informant regarding his vast knowledge of the Chicago La Cosa Nostra.

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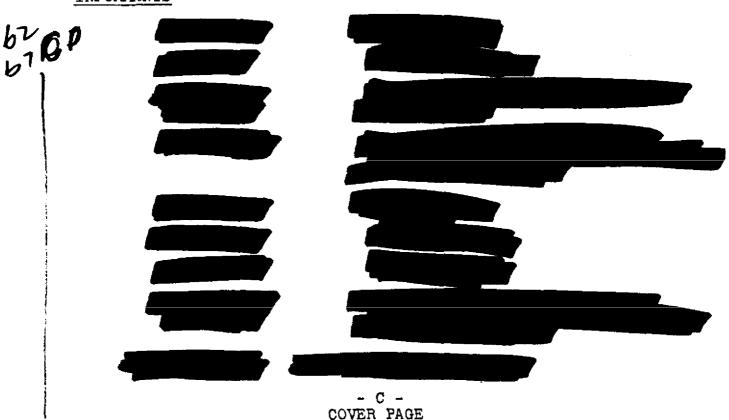
in the San Diego "Capo Regima" of LCN and that BOMPENSIERO frequently meets with JOHN ROSSELLI.

On 4/25/66, Special Agents of the FBI observed BOMPENSIERO enter the Fox and Hounds Restaurant on Wilshire Boulevard in Santa Monica, California just before 12:00 noon. After entering the restaurant, BOMPENSIERO went to the bar where he sat down.

Special Agents of the FBI observed JOHN ROSSELLI enter this restaurant at about 12:15 p.m. on 4/25/66, and he was observed to go to the bar and speak to BOMPENSIERO and then they moved to a booth where they sat together and had lunch.

Both ROSSLII and BOMPENSIERO left the restaurant shortly after 1:00 p.m.

#### INFORMANTS



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LAS VEGAS

AT LAS VEGAS, NEVADA: Will continue to conduct investigation concerning ROSELLI's activities in Las Vegas.

LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: Will conduct continuing investigation concerning ROSSELLI's activities.

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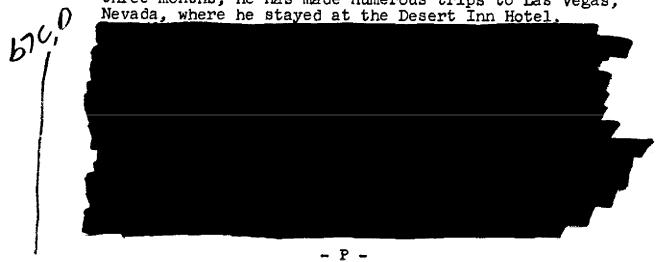
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Synopsis:

ROSSELLI resides at Apartment 803, 1333 South Beverly Glen Boulevard, Los Angeles, California. During past three months, he has made numerous trips to Las Vegas, Nevada. where he staved at the Desert Inn Hotel.



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### CURRENT RESIDENCE

ROSSELLI maintains a residence in Los Angeles, California, at Apartment 803 Glen Towers Apartments, 1333 South Beverly Glen Boulevard,

ROSSELLI makes numerous trips to Las Vegas, Nevada, and in nearly every instance, he has resided at the Desert Inn Hotel in Las Vegas.

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Observation by Special Agents of the FBI revealed the following information:

On April 26, 1966, ROSSELLI had not left his apartment as of 4:30 p.m.

On April 27, 1966, ROSSELLI left his apartment alone at 12:35 p.m. and went directly to the Friars Club in Beverly Hills and was still there as of 4:00 p.m.

On April 28, 1966, ROSSELLI left the apartment alone at 12:06 p.m. and went directly to the Friars Club and was still there at 4:00 p.m.

On Friday, April 29, 1966, ROSSELLI left his apartment at 12:05 p.m. and went directly to the Friars Club and was still there as of 5:30 p.m.

On Monday, May 2, 1966, ROSSELLI left his apartment alone at 12:15 p.m. and went directly to the Friars Club and was still there as of 4:15 p.m.

On Tuesday, May 3, 1966, ROSSELLI left his apartment alone at 11:03 a.m.

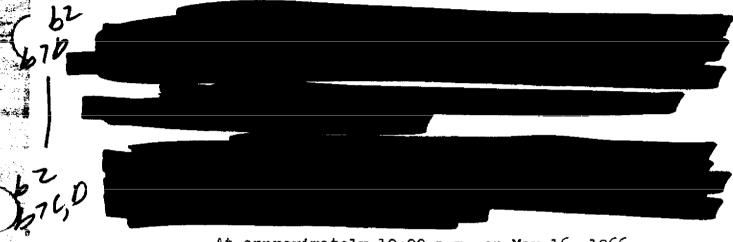
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On May 4, 1966, ROSSELLI left his apartment alone at 11:40 a.m. and drove to the Beverly Hillcrest Hotel. At 1:10 p.m., he left the Beverly Hillcrest Hotel with and the two men drove in ROSSELLI's car to the corner of La Cienega Boulevard and Wilshire

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Boulevard in Beverly Hills, where got out of the car and ROSSELLI proceeded directly to the Friars Club, where he arrived at 1:40 p.m.

On May 5, 1966, ROSSELLI left his apartment shortly after noon and proceeded to Beverly Hills.



At approximately 10:00 p.m. on May 16, 1966, ROSSELLI was observed in the lounge of the Desert Inn Hotel by Special Agents of the FBI.

On May 8, 1966, Special Agents of the FBI observed ROSSELLI in the casino of the Desert Inn Hotel at approximately 10:00 p.m., where he conferred briefly with and After a brief conversation with these men, ROSSELLI was observed leaving the casino and walking toward the Desert Inn Country Club.

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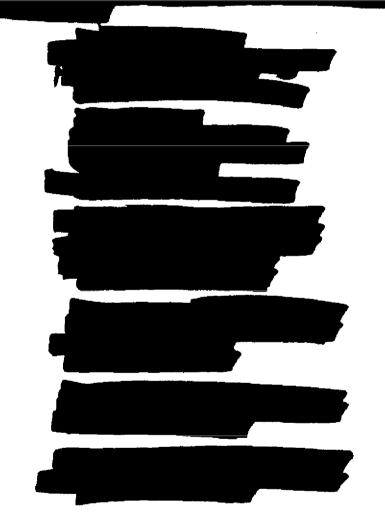
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### AFFILIATION WITH LA CASA NOSTRA (LCN) MEMBERS

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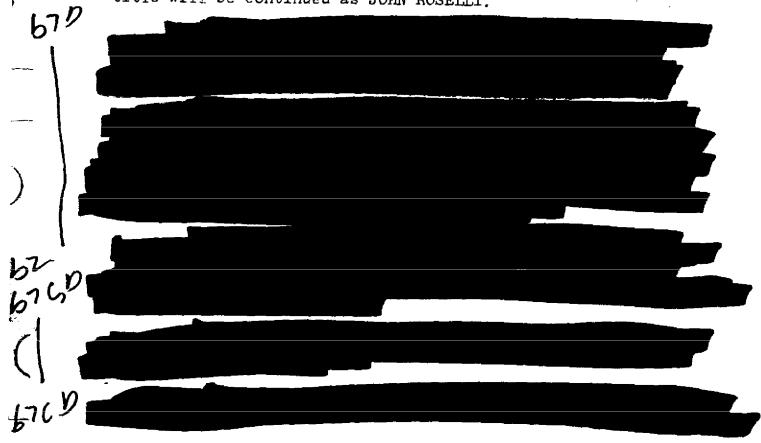
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For over forty years subject has used the name JOHN ROSSELLI. In 1936 he filed a report of birth in Chicago, Illinois, in the name of JOHN ROSELLI. However, because he has for many years spelled his name ROSSELLI this is the spelling that will be used throughout this report, The title will be continued as JOHN ROSELLI.



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At 12:06 PM, JOHN ROSSELLI was personally contacted at the corner of Rodeo Drive and Brighton Way, Beverly Hills, California. He was alone and walking east on Brighton Way.

Agents identified themselves and ROSSELLI promptly said, "See my attorney".

advised ROSSELLI that the FBI knew that ROSSELLI's true name was FILIPPO SACCO; that we knew where he was born and when he entered the United States; that we had a copy of his birth certificate and a photograph of his mother and of ROSSELLI when he was a young boy in grade school in Boston. He was advised by Agent that the FBI was the only agency that knew his true name was FILIPPO SACCO. He refused to look at the birth certificate or the photographs and said, "Go see my attorney. I don't know what you are talking about."

ROSSELLI was advised by both Agents that he could help the FBI if he would cooperate and that the Agents would like to make an appointment to see him at DuPar's Restaurant, Thousand Oaks, California on Monday, May 9, 1966. Agent endeavored to hand ROSSELLI a card with DuPar's address on it. ROSSELLI started to reach for the card and then pushed it away and said again, "Go see my attorney."

The name FILIPPO SACCO was mentioned to ROSSELLI several times during the contact which lasted about two to three minutes. During the interview ROSSELLI kept walking east on Brighton Way.

ROSSELLI was asked to think about this matter and to contact agents if he desired to cooperate with the FBI.

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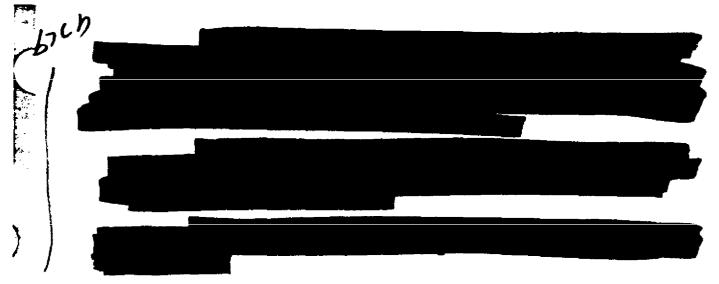
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On 5/25/66 ROSSELLI was interviewed alone for approximately one half hour by SA He was advised in general of the facts known to the FBI concerning his true identity. He was informed that the FBI had learned this through painstaking thorough discreet investigation involving the search of numerous records; that the Bureau's next step would normally be an open investigation into the past under the name TTLIPPO SACCO; that the use of a Federal Grand Jury would be considered in such an investigation; that the FBI knows he is a member of an Italian association and has associated with numerous persons throughout the United States who are members of this organization; that the FBI knows that he is knowledgable of facts concerning many phases of gambling activities in Las Vegas, Nevada; that the Bureau is interested in receiving the type of information that ROSSELLI has; and his cooperation was solicited.

During this interview ROSSELLI refused to answer any questions whatsoever. At the close of the interview he made no comment except to request that the interviewing Agent repeat the above statements in the presence of his attorney. This was not done, and ROSSELLI was requested to think this matter over. He was advised of a meeting place and was requested to be there on 5/27/65 if he desired to cooperate.

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on 5/26/56 Attorney JAMES CANTILLON telephonically contacted SA and stated that he had had a long talk with JOHN ROSSELLI and that ROSSELLI will not meet Agents on 5/27/66. CANTILLON then said, "So we'll be seeing you, I guess."

On 5/17/56 during the conversation with CANTILLON he advised that on Tuesday afternoon, 5/10/66, he and ROSSELLI left Los Angeles by airplane for New York City and that CANTILLON returned on 5/12/66 and ROSSELLI returned on 5/13/66. CANTILLON did not state the reason for this trip. However, it is known that on 5/12/66 ROSSELLI contacted Colonel SHEFFIELD EDWARDS, former Director of Security of Central Intelligence Agency in Washington, D.C., and related to him the fact that he had been contacted by FBI Agents. He told Colonel EDWARDS that the FBI Agents left at his apartment a picture of a woman and of a child about four years old. He told Colonel EDWARDS that the child was himself at that age. Colonel EDWARDS tried to get more details concerning the woman but ROSSELLI was, according to Colonel EDWARDS, very touchy on this.

By airtel dated 12/28/65 the Bureau advised that Central Intelligence Agency feels that an appearance by Colonel EDWARDS as a witness would "open the door" to probable exposure of an extremely sensitive intelligence operation and that Central Intelligence Agency officials admit that ROSSELLI has that agency in an unusually vulnerable position.

It is noted that after the original approach to ROSSELLI on 5/5/66 a picture of ROSSELLI's mother and a picture of himself as a young boy in grade school were placed in an envelope and left at ROSSELLI's apartment.

It is further noted that on 5/10/66 the day ROSSELLI and CANTILION proceeded to New York City.

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law firm of Vincent V. Welch and Edward P. Morgan, Washington, D.C. EDWARD P. MORGAN is a former inspector of the FBI.

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#### LAS VEGAS

AT LAS VEGAS, NEVADA: Will continue to conduct investigation concerning ROSSELLI's activities in Las Vegas.

#### LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: Will conduct continuing investigation concerning ROSSELLI's activities.

(2) Will maintain contact with AUSA RICHARD COLEMAN, Chief, Special Prosecutions Unit, USA's Office.

The New York and Eoston Offices currently have pending investigation in this matter. These leads are not being restated and future leads will be sent out by separate communication.

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Additional aliases of ROSSELLI determined to be Filippo Sacco, Fillippo Sacco, Filipo Sacco, Philippo Sacco, Phillippo Sacco, Phillipo Sacco, and Philip Sacco. ROSSELLI, FBI Number 333 998, claims birth at Chicago, Illinois, on 7/4/04 on the basis of a Report of Birth, filed in Chicago in 1936 which sets forth his father's name as VINCENZO and his mother's name as MARIA. FBI Laboratory examination of signatures on the Report of Birth and on an Affidavit of Birth which supports the Report of Birth, reveals the signatures to be

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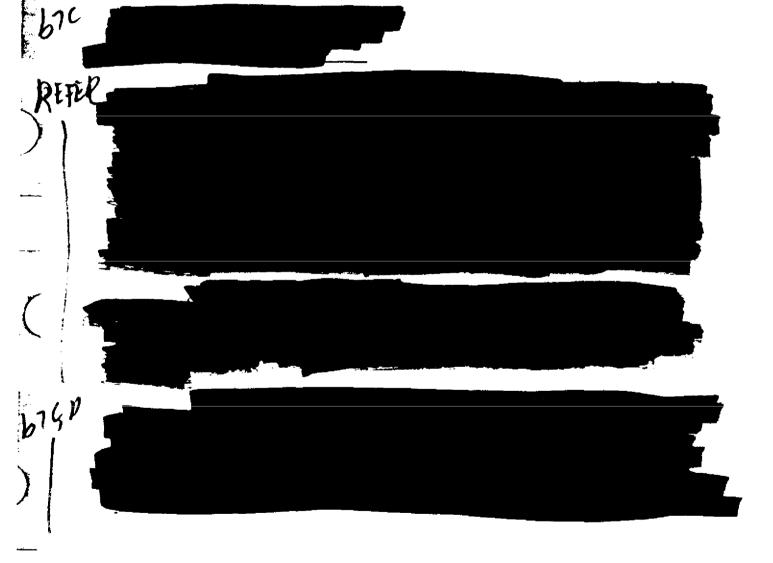
These records contain a report of birth (certified copy of which is maintained in the Los Angeles files) Number 14328, filed June 1, 1936, which contains the following information:

> Name of child GIOVANNI ROSELLI Sex Male Race or color White Number of children of this mother How many now living 2 Date of this birth July 4, 1904 Place of birth 190 Grand Avenue Residence of mother 190 Grand Avenue Place of birth of father Italy, Age 29 Place of birth of mother Italy, Age 23 MARIA ROSELLI Name of mother Maiden name of mother MARIA RUSSO Name of father VINZENZO ROSELLI Occupation of father Laborer Reported by JOSEPH EVANGELISTA 5642 Belleplaine June 1, 1936

These records also contain an affidavit of birth (certified copy of which maintained in the Los Angeles file) which reflects that JOSEPH EVANGELISTA being first sworn, states that he is a cousin of GIOVANNI ROSELLI,



and that he has full knowledge of the facts regarding the birth of said GIOVANNI ROSELLI are true and correct. The affidavit further reflects that the mid-wife who attended the birth "is now deceased" - "cannot be located." (One of these phrases was to be crossed out but neither was.) The affidavit is signed by JOSEPH EVANGELISTA and reflects that he signed this before JOHN B. OLSON, a notary public, on June 1, 1936



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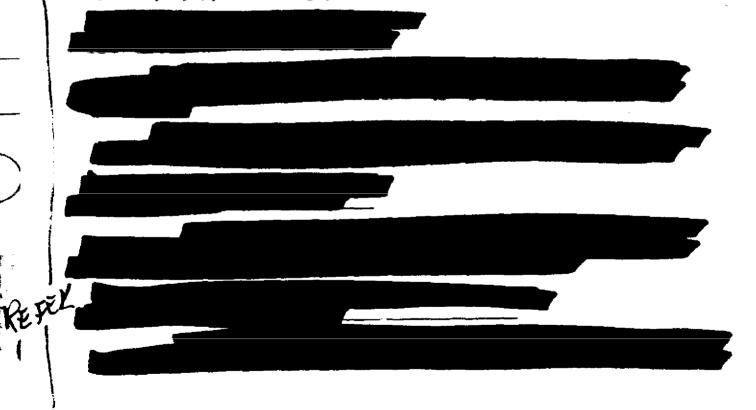
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On October 21, 1958, the FBI Laboratory advised that examination of the known signatures of JOSEPH EVANGELISTA, with the JOSEPH EVANGELISTA signature on the affidavit of birth, was made and it was concluded that the JOSEPH EVANGELISTA signature on the affidavit was not written by JOSEPH EVANGELISTA mentioned above.

Records of U.S. Board of Parole,

United States Army, Special Committee of United States Senate to Investigate Organized Crime in Interstate Commerce (Kefauver Committee)

These records reflect ROSSELLI's birth date as June 4, 1905, at Chicago, Illinois, rather than July 4, 1904.



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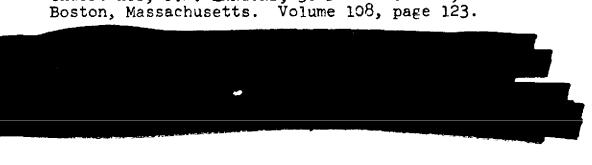


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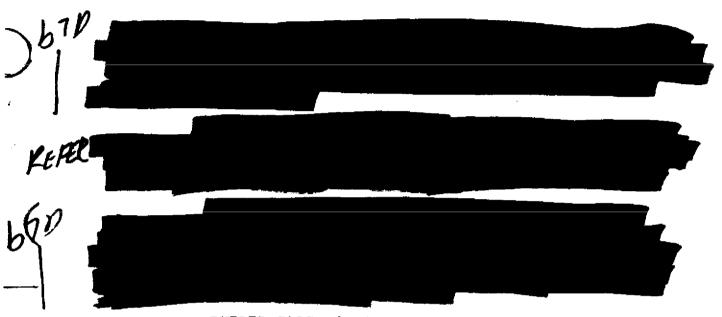
The records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, State House, Boston, Massachusetts, were checked by IC on March 26, 27, and April 10 and 29, 1964, which reflected the following:

VINCENZO SACCO, 13 Belmont Street, Somerville, Massachusetts, a white male, born 1884 in Italy. Died October 13, 1918, Somerville, Massachusetts, at age 34 years. Married; wife MARIA; occupation of deceased, laborer. Father, FELIPPE SACCO, born in Italy. Mother, TERESA CALAZI, born in Italy. Cause of death, influenza. Contributory, Pneumonia (Broncho); Doctor, H.M. STOODLEY, 283 Highland Avenue. Place of burial, Holy Cross Cemetary, Malden, Massachusetts, on October 15, 1918. Undertaker, J.A. LANGONE, 30 Prince Street, Boston, Massachusetts. Volume 108, page 123.



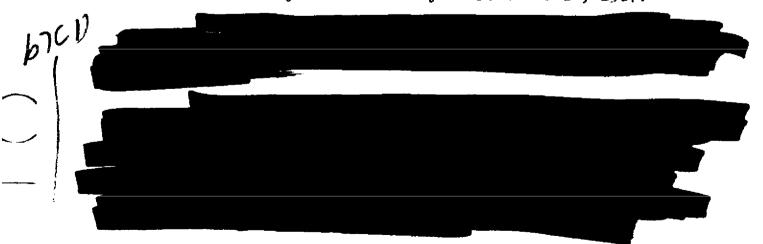
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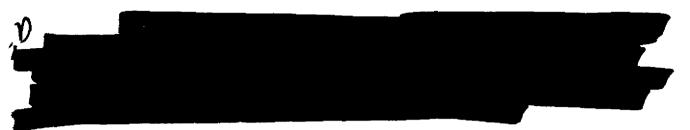
PHILIP SACCO died at the Medfield State Hospital, Medfield, Massachusetts. These records reflected that PHILIP SACCO, 12 Webster Avenue, East Boston, Massachusetts, married, age 60 years, as of the time of his death (December 8, 1917) at the Medfield State Hospital, was born in Italy. His occupation was listed as tailor. His father's name was listed as GIASCINTO SACCO, born in Italy; mother GUISA. The cause of the death was "pulmonary tuberculosis." The place of burial was the Holy Cross Cemetery on December 12, 1917.



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The records reflect that one BALILEA SACCO, a male, born July 22, 1912, at Boston, Massachusetts, his father was VINCENZO and his mother was MARY A. PASCALE, both born in Italy. His father was a shoemaker and resided at 376 Summer Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

VINCENT SACCO, 31 Cherry Street, Summerville, Massachusetts, a white male, single, died May 30, 1936, in Brookline, Massachusetts, at age 24 years. Born in Boston; occupation, fruit dealer; father, VINCENT; mother, MARIE DE PASQUALE, both born in Italy. Cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis. Doctor, ANTHONY BARONE, 282 Hanover Street, Boston. Place of burial, Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden, Massachusetts. Undertaker, JOSEPH A. LANGONE, JR., 190 North Street, Boston, Massachusetts. VINCENT SACCO was born in 1912. Volume 29, page 390. (Person who furnished this information, WILLIAM SACCO, brother, 31 Cherry Street, Summerville.)

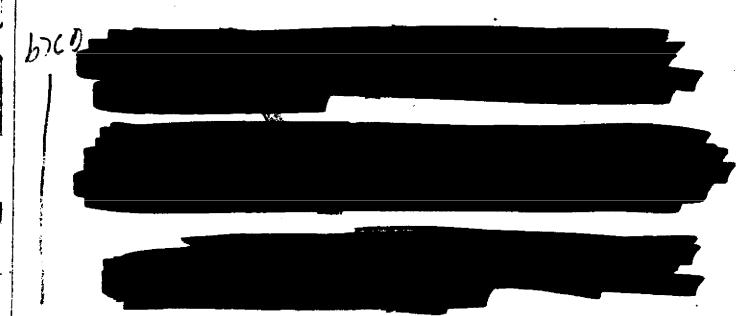


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Records of Marriage, State House, Boston, Massachusetts, as checked on October 5, 1966, revealed that in Volume 1, Page 99, the following was set forth regarding LOUIS SACCO, uncle of ROSELLI:

Place of Marriage Date of Marriage

Name: Residence: Occupation:

Born: Father: Mother: Boston March 5, 1916

LOUIS SACCO 86 Chelsea Street -Shoemaker Italy, age 27 FILIPPO SACCO TERESA COLOZZI MARY STASIO 4 Oliver Court Candy maker Boston, age 24 ANTONIO STASIO ROSE CICATELLI

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The Records of Death, State House, Boston, as checked on October 5, 1966, revealed the following information in Volume 17, Page 269, for LOUIS SACCO, uncle of ROSELLI:

Date of Death:
Place of Death:
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Mother:
Residence:
Cause of Death:
Husband of:
Age:
Occupation:
Business:
Place of Birth:
Place of Burial:

May 24, 1960
Boston
PHILIP SACCO, born in Italy
TERESA GALOZZI
563 Main Street, Stoneham, Massachuse
Pneumonia
MARY STASIO
71 years
Retired Shoeworker
Copley Shoe Company
Italy
Oak Grove, Medford, Massachusetts,
on May 28, 1960

(Note: Same mother and father as on Death Record of brother, VINCENZO SACCO, who died on October 13, 1918. VINCENZO is the father of ROSELLI).

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#### INTERVIEWS OF JOHN ROSSELLI

on May 5, 1966. ROSSELLI was approached by SA's and the streets in Beverly hills, California, and was informed that the FBI was aware of his true identity as PHILIP SACCO and Agents would like to talk to him. He stated he did not know what the Agents were talking about, advised Agents to see his attorney, and walked away.

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On May 25, 1966, ROSSELLI was interviewed alone by SA through arrangements made through his attorney, He was again advised that the FBI knew his true identity, but he refused to answer any questions, and on May 26, 1966, his attorney telephonically advised SA that ROSSELLI would not meet again with Agents.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION Los Angeles, California

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JOHN ROSELLI

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Report of SA dated and captioned as above

at los Angeles, California.

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On 10/20/67, Federal Grand Jury, Los Angeles, indicted ROSELLI with failure to register as alien. FBI is handling case. Trial is scheduled 4/2/68. Evidence to be used this trial is circumstantial since no available witnesses identified to testify that JOHN ROSELLI and PHILIP SACCO are identical.

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Since this case scheduled for trial 4/2/68, Bureau has instructed all leads in this case receive priority attention.

Enclosed herewith for the NYO are 3 photographs of subject for assistance in their investigation.

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Investigation continuing.

Details to follow.

May 27, 1968

Director, FBI
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JOHN ROSELLI
ANTI-RACKETEERING

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On May 23, 1968, John Roselli was convicted after a jury trial in United States District Court, Los Angeles, California, on six counts charging him, as Filippo Sacco, with failure to register as an alien and failure to advise the Attorney General of his changes of address for the years 1963 through 1967.

John Roselli is the west coast representative of Sam Giancana's Chicago La Cosa Nostra family. He is a former lieutenant of Al Capone. Roselli was convicted in the infamous Bioff-Browne case and was sentenced to prison for ten years in 1944 for plotting the extortion of millions from film producers and a studio union. He has been a lifelong companion and representative of such hoodlum figures as Frank Costello, Al Capone, Murray Humphreys and others.

Extensive investigation by this Bureau into the activities of this hoodlum developed evidence that Roselli was actually born in Italy as Filippo Sacco and had forged birth records indicating his birth as John Roselli in Chicago, Illinois.

Roselli's trial lasted an entire month. Roselli admitted his identity as Sacco but in his defense contended he had derivative citizenship based on the marriage of his mother to a naturalized United States citizen. With information we had obtained at Boston, Massachusetts, and in Italy, this purported marriage was proved to be bigamous and invalid and as such did not pass derivative citizenship to Roselli.

John Roselli has also been indicted on seven counts pertaining to his interstate gambling activities as a result of our investigation into extensive cheating at the plush of Friars Club at Beverly Hills, California, He is acheduled to go to trial on these additional charges in early June, 1968.

This conviction is regarded as a cubstantial achievement in this Bureau's continuing war against leading hoodluns in this country.

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The Los Angeles Office has conducted an extensive investigation into the activities of La Cosa Nostra hoodlum John Roselli is a notorious member of the John Roselli. hoodlum hierarchy, a former lieutenant of Al Capone, who was convicted in the extortion case involving Bioff-Browne in 1944. In an investigation, evidence was produced that he is actually Filippo Sacco, born in Italy. He never acquired United States citizenship. In 1923 he adopted the identity of John Roselli and forged birth records in Chicago. We have investigated his activities also with relation to the Friars Club cheating at Beverly Hills, Calif. We indicted him for failure to register as an alien and notify the Attorney General of changes of address. After a trial lasting an entire month and involving expedite investigation in Boston and in Italy to disprove a surprise phony claim of derivative citizenship, Roselli was convicted on all six counts. This is a substantial blow at an important member of the La Cosa Nostra Empire, and the Attorney General is being advised of his conviction.

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## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Title.

JOHN ROSELLI

Character:

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Synopsis:

Th 5/23/68, subject found guilty by jury in U. S. District Court, Los Angeles, California, on one count Failure to Register as an Alien, alien case, Title 8, U. S. Code, Section 1035 and 1306 (a), and five counts of Failure to Advise Attorney General of his Address for years 1963-1967, Title 8, USC, Section 1305 and 1306 (b). Sentence postponed until conclusion of another Etrial in which subject was defendant, "Friars Club case." On 2/4/69, trial judge in alien case ruled no evidence used in trial was derived from electronic surveillance. On 2/4/69, subject sentenced to six months custody of Attorney General for Failure to Register as Alien, and 30 days on each of five counts of Failure to Furnish Address to run concurrent with six month sentence and the six month sentence to run concurrently with five year sentence received by subject in the "Friars Club case." On 12/2/68, subject in "Friars Club case" convicted on six counts of violations of Conspiracy, ITAR - Gambling, ITSP and Income Tax statute. On 2/3/69, was sentenced to five years custody of Attorney General and fined \$55,000. Subject registered as alien at Los Angeles on 1/15/69. Parole report and disposition sheet submitted regarding alien case.

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#### DETAILS: AT LOS AUGELES, CALIFORNIA

On May 23, 1968, subject was found guilty by a jury in U. S. District Court, Central District of California, Los Angeles, California, of Failure to Register as an Alicn, Title 8, U. S. Code, Section 1305 and 1306 (a), and on five counts of Failure, as an alien, to Furnish his Address to the Attorney General in January of each of the years 1963 through 1967, Title 8, U. S. Code, Section 1305 and 1306 (b).

Subsequent to the conviction, Federal Judge PEIRSON M. HALL postponed sentencing of subject in this "alien case" until conclusion of another trial, "Friars Club case," in which subject was a defendant.

On December 2, 1968, after a lengthy trial of several months. ROSELLT and four other defendants, namely and

were found gullty by a jury on numerous counts involving Conspiracy, Interstate Transportation in Aid of Racketeering - Gambling; Interstate Transportation of Stolen Property, and Income Tax statutes. ROSELLI was found guilty on six counts of the above violations.

On February 3, 1969, ROSELLI was sentenced in the "Friars Club case" to five years imprisonment in the custody of the Attorney General and to pay \$55,000 in fines.

On February 4, 1969, Judge PEIRSON M. HALL conducted a hearing in the alien case to determine whether or not evidence used in this case, as claimed by the defense, was obtained from electronic surveillances. After hearing evidence, he ruled that none of the evidence used in the conviction of ROSELLI in the alien case was obtained from electronic surveillances.

On February 4, 1969, Federal Judge PEIRSON M. HALL sentenced ROSELLI to six months in the custody of the Attorney General for Failure to Register as an Alien and to 30 days in the custody of the Attorney General on each of five counts of Failure to Notify the Attorney General of his Address during the years 1963 through 1967, the 30 day sentences to run concurrently with the six month sentence and the six month sentence to run concurrently with the five year sentence received in the "Friars Club case."

On February 4, 1969, ROSELLI's attorney advised the court that an appeal would be taken and the judge ordered that ROSELLI provide a \$1,000 appeal bond.

Directly after ROSELLI had been sentenced, his attorney, JAMES P. CANTILLON, filed a document with the court reflecting that on January 15, 1969, subject had registered as an alien at Los Angeles, California, although he believed he was a citizen through derivative citizenship obtained by the marriage of his mother to LIBERATO CIANCIULLI in Boston in the first part of 1922.

At the trial of the alien case, evidence was introduced by the Government that at the time of the above marriage of subject's mother, the man whom she married was still married to LIBERATA CIAMCIULLI, who was, at the time, alive and residing in Italy.

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Date and place of conviction:	place of conviction: 5/23/68, U. S. District Court, Los Angeles,					
Date and duration of sentence:	California. 2/4/69, six months custody Attorney General					
Fines:	None					
Aggravating or Mitigating circumstances:	See page 2.					
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#### RE: JOHN ROSELLI

Aggravating or Mitigating Circumstances:

Convict, born in Italy, was brought to the United States by his mother when he was six years old. He never acquired United States citizenship either by derivation or naturalization.

In 1922, convict, under name PHILIP SACCO, was arrested in Boston, Massachusetts on a charge of selling heroin and in 1923, also in Boston, on a charge of larceny. He was released on bond in both cases. In 1923, prior to trial of either case, he fled from Boston and came to Los Angeles, California, where he assumed the name JOHN ROSSELLI. In 1936, he had forged documents entered and false entries made in the birth records of the City of Chicago, Illinois to reflect that he, as JOHN ROSSELLI, was born in that city. Through the period from 1924 to 1967, convict made every effort to hide his true identity, his family and background and his alien status.

Convict did not admit until after the return of the jury's verdict that he was, in fact, FILIPPO SACCO.

Several witnesses who could have furnished information that JOHN ROSSELLI was FILIPPO SACCO refused to testify at his trial because of fear of severe reprisal by the convict. Consequently, the Government was forced to rely on circumstantial evidence to prove convict's identity and had to call many witnesses from various cities throughout the United States.

Subsequent to convict's conviction, information was received that convict, with others, had conspired and had obtained, through the payment of money, transcripts of the secret testimony of witnesses who had appeared before the Federal Grand Jury which returned the indictment and had these transcripts at the time of the trial. During the trial, convict's attorney requested that the transcripts of the testimony of witnesses before the Grand Jury be furnished to the defense but the trial judge denied the request.

On December 2, 1968, convict was convicted in U. S. District Court, Central District of California, Los Angeles, California, on six counts of Conspiracy, Interstate Transportation

#### RE: JOHN ROSELLI

in Aid of Racketeering - Gambling, Interstate Transportation of Stolen Property and Income Tax violation and was sentenced on February 3, 1969 to five years in the custody of the Attorney General and the payment of \$55,000 in fines.

# SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION August 9, 1976

Our Miami office advises that on 7/28/76, John Roselli, a well-known LCN figure, left his sister's residence in Plantation, Florida, in her automobile and did not return for a considerable amount of time, which alarmed the sister. She felt he may have met with foul play and notified Roselli's attorney.

On 7/30/76, Joseph Daigle located the car driven by Roselli in a parking garage at Miami International Airport.

Attorney David Walters, Miami, Florida, Roselli's attorney, notified our Miami office that Roselli appeared to be missing and stated he was notifying the FBI because of Roselli's pending deportation case.

At approximately 2:00 p.m., 8/7/76, the Dade County Public Safety Department (DCPSD) advised that at approximately 11:00 a.m., 8/7/76, fishermen in a boat cruising the intra-coastal waterway in Miami Beach observed an oil drum floating in the vicinity of their boat. The 55 gallon oil drum was sealed but had several large holes cut in the side. The fishermen observed what they thought were human limbs through the holes in the drum and not ified DCPSD. Homocide detectives recovered the drum and extracted a body which was in a decomposed state

### At the time of Roselli's disappearance

Due to the decomposed state of the body

The Identification Division of the FBI made a

positive identification

as that of John Roselli.

At this time this matter is being investigated as a local homocide by DCPSD.

Miami advises no apparent violation within the Bureau's jurisdiction present at this time. On 8/4/76, details regarding Roselli's disappearance were furnished to the Assistant Attorney General, Richard Thornburgh, and William Lynch, Chief of the Organized Crime Section of the Criminal Division. Mr. Thornburgh advised that he did not feel there was any Federal jurisdiction at that time and the matter should be followed with local authorities.

Bureau sources are being contacted and Miami is maintaining liaison with local authorities. You will be kept advised.

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Reference is made to R. J. Gallagher memo to Mr. Adams dated 8/4/76, which reported a call the Director received from U. S. Senator Howard Baker on 8/3/76, concerning the disappearance of John Roselli, who last testified before the original Senate Select Committee on 4/23/76, regarding plots to assassinate Fidel Castro. Senator Baker felt the Senate Committee on Intelligence has a continuing interest in Roselli and felt there was a possible Obstruction of Justice (because of his disappearance). AAG Thornburgh was briefed and advised there does not appear to be a Federal violation involved but requested Roselli's brother in-law (Joseph Daigle) be interviewed concerning his knowledge of Roselli and his location of Roselli's car on 7/30/76. Attached from Miami Office advises Daigle

Attached from Miami Office advises Daigle, supra, interviewed and he (Daigle) last heard from Roselli 7/28/76, when Roselli left Daigle's residence (Plantation, Florida) wherein Roselli also resides. Daigle notified attorney David Walters (who represents Roselli in deportation proceedings) on 7/30/76. Daigle was advised by Walters to check hospitals, morgues, and the airport. Walters then offered to contact Sheriff, Broward County, Florida. Daigle recalled that Roselli had said in jest that if he was ever missing to check the parking lot of the airport. Daigle located Roselli's car at Miami Airport 7:00 p.m., 7/30/76, and then notified attorney Walters. Daigle states Roselli generally stayed close to his residence and could offer no reason for his disappearance.

The Department is being advised.

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## SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION August 10, 1976

In response to inquiry by the Bureau, our Los Angles Office has furnished a summary that would provide logical motives which may have contributed to the death of John Roselli, prominent West Coast La Cosa Nostra (LCN) figure.

John Roselli was active in California and Las Vegas in handling affairs for the Chicago LCN family. Roselli, in the 1940's, was convicted for the extortion of individuals in the movie industry and was sentenced to 10 years. The primary witness in this matter was killed as a result of a bombing of his automobile.

In the late 1960's, Roselli was convicted for entering this country illegally. He was sentenced to 11 months in custody of the Attorney General. At the same time, he was convicted in a conspiracy to violate the ITAR - Gambling Statute. This involved a scheme using electronic devices to cheat at the famous Beverly Hills Friars Club. He was sentenced in this case to four years' custody of the Attorney General. Because of his alien status, deportation proceedings were brought against him by the INS. He was ordered deported, but this could not be effected because no country could be located who would receive him.

In May, 1970, Roselli was called as a witness before the FGJ, Los Angeles, dealing with the hidden ownership of the Frontier Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada. Roselli was granted immunity and testified before this FGJ. He was quoted by newspapers as saying, "I'm doing my best to cooperate. I just hope I'm doing the right thing." Subsequent to this, Detroit LCN members were convicted in the Frontier Hotel matter.

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matter and you will be advised of developments in this case.

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#### <u>ADMINISTRATIVE</u>

It would appear that Miami organize arise figure SANTOS TRAFFI-ANTE could be expected to have had knowledge that a contract was out on ROSELLI. Also, by virtue of his position, not only was in LCN leader in the Miami and Tampa areas, but also because of his status and contacts within the Cuban community, TRAFFI-CANTE could have had the homicide handled in the Miami area by people of his selection.

As previously reported under the AR classification in this case, JOHN ROSELLI testified on seven occasions before the FGJ at Los Angeles in 1970. During this time

this Grand Jury indicted

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interviewed in ROSKIL. RICCA and LA PORTE are dead.

It is desired, therefore, that continuous investigation and interviews be conducted not only with appropriate informants.

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2. Will contact appropriate criminal informants for any pertinent information relating to JOHN ROSELLI's homicide.

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CHICAGO

#### AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

1. Will recontact the following individuals for any information they may have received subsequent to their initial interviews in this case:

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2. Will contact appropriate Chicago informants for any additional information developed by them.

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Will recontact plus any other Detroit informants for any additional information in reference to ROSKIL.

#### PITTSBURGH

Rais 17 Will submit any information developed

#### LAS VEGAS

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1. Will interview the following individuals for any information they may have received concerning ROSKIL subsequent to their interviews in this case.

2. Sources should be contacted in Las Vegas in an attempt to develop information as to

As a final measure, consideration should be given to interviewing

#### LOS ANGELES

1.As requested above, will interview the following:

2. Will also contact appropriate criminal informants for any additional information developed concerning ROSKIL.

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MM 92-517 3. Will contact appropriate criminal informants for any information concerning ROSKIL. SAN DIEGO Will submit any pertinent information from criminal informants developed since the initial interviews in this case. SAN FRANCISCO 2. Will contact appropriate criminal informants for information developed since the initial interviews in this case. TAMPA Will submit any information developed concerning ROSKIL WASHINGTON FIELD MIAMI

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### AT MIAMI, FLA.

1. Will contact appropriate criminal informants re ROSKIL.

2.Will contact appropriate Cuban informants re Cuban aspects of ROSKIL.

3. Will maintain liaison with Homicide Unit, Dade County Public Safety Department.

# UNI. D STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Title:

JOHN ROSELLI

Character:

OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

Synopsis:

JOHN ROSELLI, true name FILIPPO SACCO, FBI #333 998 6, born 7/4/05, Esperia, Italy, disappeared from sister's residence, Plantation, Fla., 7/28/76. Body recovered 8/7/76. FBI investigation predicated on T18, Section 1505, USC, to determine if ROSELLI's homicide was related to his appearances and testimony before the Select Committee on Intelligence Activities, United States Senate. Personal history set forth. On 2/3/69, ROSELLI was sentenced in USDC, L.A., Calif., to five years plus a \$55,000 fine for conspiracy to cheat at cards at the Friar's Club, Beverly Hills, California. In 1970, he appeared before and testified before a Federal Grand Jury, L.A., Calif., which was concerned with hidden underworld ownership of the Frontier Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada. In 1968, ROSELLI was convicted, L.A., Calif., as an alien who failed to register and failed to notify authorities of his residence. Subsequently he was ordered deported from the United States. He appealed his conviction and the deportation order was under appeal at the time of his homicide. In late 1960, ROSELLI, together with SAM GIANCANA of Chicago, and SANTOS TRAFFICANTE of Miami, cooperated with the CIA in a plot to assassinate FIDEL CASTRO, which was unsuccessful. Cuban sources contacted had no information relating to ROSELLI or his murder. On 8/7/76. ROSELLI's body was recovered by detectives of Dade County Department of Public Safety (DCDPS),

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Miami, Florida, from a 55-gallon steel drum which had been floating in Dumfoundling Bay. His sister's 1975 Chevrolet which he was driving at the time of his disappearance was recovered 7/30/76, in a parking facility at Miami International Airport. Dade County Medical Examiner stated ROSELLI's death caused by asphyxiation. Medical Examiner's report set forth. Physical evidence at scene identified. Crime scene search conducted. Tracking dogs at crime scene indicated ROSELLI's body had been on the ground area adjacent to Dumfoundling Bay. Neighborhood investigations conducted at Plantation, Florida, NE 189th Street, Miami, Florida, and Miami International Airport. No significant information developed. Following individuals considered as suspects:

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efused to be interviewed in this matter.

Police report

set forth in Appendix.

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JOHN ROSELLI, true name FILIPPO SACCO, FBI #333 998 6, born July 4, 1905, Esperia, Italy, according to records of Dade County Department of Public Safety, Miami, Florida, disappeared from his sister's residence, 5220 SW 10th Court, Plantation, Florida, on July 28, 1976. His body was recovered August 7, 1976.

I. PREDICATION FOR INVESTIGATION

#### PREDICATION FOR INVESTIGATION

Investigation in this case is predicated on the instructions set forth in the following memorandum from the Attorney General:

"To:

Director Date: August 13, 1976

Federal Bureau of Investigation EHL:RLT:WSL:ajm

From:

The Attorney General

123-18-265

Subject: John Roselli Homicide

"I have been advised by Senators DANIEL INOUYE and HOWARD BAKER, Chairman and Vice Chairman, respectively, of the Select Committee on Intelligence, that JOHN ROSELLI gave testimony before that Committee, on three occasions, relating to matters being investigated under its authority. I am further advised that Mr. ROSELLI, on several occasions, expressed fear for his life as a result of his having testified. Mr. ROSELLI's testimony has been made available for review.

"I understand that the Federal Bureau of Investigation has in the past worked successfully with Mr. E. WILSON PURDY, Director of the Dade County Public Safety Department, on matters of joint Federal-State interest, and that the Bureau, in the interest of sound and effective cooperative law enforcement, is presently actively engaged in assisting Mr. PURDY's office in the ROSELLI homicide investigation. This assistance is certainly desirable and should include whatever resources the Bureau is prepared to allocate thereto.

"In addition, however, in view of the substance and circumstances of his testimony as well as Mr. ROSELLI's expressed fears, I believe that appropriate investigation

should be undertaken by the Bureau in an attempt to determine whether Mr. ROSELLI's homicide was related in such a way to his testimony before the Select Committee as to bring it within the proscriptions of the relevant Federal criminal statutes, particularly Title 18, United States Code, Section 1505. This investigation should in no way, however, hamper or interfere with the Dade County homicide investigation, nor with the assistance the Bureau is rendering therein, and should be conducted insofar as possible in cooperation and coordination with the appropriate Dade County officials.

"You are requested to undertake immediately the investigation as described above and advise the Criminal Division on a regular basis."

II. PERSONAL HISTORY

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#### EMPLOYMENT

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After odd jobs in and around the city of Boston, in 1923, at age 17, as a result of an arrest for Grand Larceny, he jumped bail and

went to Chicago, Illinois. After a few months in Chicago, in unidentified employment, he proceeded in February, 1924, to Los Angeles, California. While in Los Angeles and San Francisco, he engaged in bootlegging activities. Sometime in the early 1930's JOHN ROSELLI became associated with organized crime in Los Angeles. By 1936, he was part owner of Nationwide News Service, a horse racing information service used by bookmakers throughout the country. He was a known close associate of Los Angeles underworld leader JACK DRAGNA and associated himself with the Columbia Motion Picture Studios and was known as a labor consultant for the motion picture studios in Los Angeles. In 1943, ROSELLI was indicted on a charge of conspiracy to extort millions of dollars from motion picture producers by a coercion of labor unions. Also indicted were union officials BROWNE and BIOFF, and also prominent members of the Chicago organized crime organization. In 1944, ROSELLI was convicted and was sentenced to 10 years in prison. He was paroled in 1947 and upon his release from prison, he returned to Los Angeles and again was associated with the motion picture industry. Thereafter, through his association with SAM GIANCANA of Chicago, ROSELLI became the Chicago representative for underworld interests in Las Vegas, Nevada.

During 1956 to 1958, he was active in the construction and development of the Tropicana Hotel in Las Vegas. However, because of his past criminal activities, the Nevada Gaming Control Board forced ROSELLI to disassociate himself

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from the Tropicana Hotel and its operation. He then engaged in selling ice machines to most Las Vegas hotels and was the recipient of numerous finder's fees for various hotels and casinos in Las Vegas for services performed by him.

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#### RESIDENCES

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From 1927 until 1973, with the exception of years spent incarcerated in prison, JOHN ROSELLI was a resident of Los Angeles, California, and the Las Vegas, Nevada areas. After his parole from prison in October, 1973, he moved to Plantation, Florida, where he resided with his sister, Mrs. EDITH DAIGLE, until his demise in July, 1976.

### MARRIAGE

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Book Number 54, Page 598, File Number 3587, Yuma County Courthouse, Yuma, Arizona, indicated that JOHN ROSSELLI was married to WINIFRED JUNE VLASEK (stage name JUNE LANG), on April 1, 1940. This marriage was dissolved by divorce in 1942 on the grounds of incompatibility.

#### MILITARY SERVICE

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ROSELLI was inducted into the United States Army on December 4, 1942, at Fort McArthur, California, and had Army Serial Number 39 54 7191. On December 23, 1942, he was transferred to the Fifth Armored Division, Camp Hook, California, and on May 25, 1943, he was transferred to Governor's Island, New York City. He remained at Governor's Island until he was confined by civil authorities on December 30, 1943. He received a discharge, other than honorable, on June 30, 1945, at Fort McPherson, Georgia, under the provisions of Section 3 AR 615-366, because of his conviction of a crime by a civil court.

### RELATIVES

MM 92-517

Signer EDITH DAIGLE (Mrs. JOSEPH E. DAIGLE)

Brother, VINCENZO SACCO, deceased, born July 22, 1912, died May 30, 1936.



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B. THE FRIAR'S CLUB CASE, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

According to the publication of the Friar's Club, Beverly Hills, California, JOHN ROSELLI became a member of the club in 1962.

In July, 1967, a Federal Grand Jury was convened in Los Angeles, California, looking into electronic cheating conducted at the Beverly Hills Friar's Club. Defendants subsequently indicted for Interstate Transporation in Aid of Racketeering-Gambling; Obstruction of Justice-Conspiracy were organized crime figure JOHN ROSELLI

The trial in this matter began in June, 1968.

On February 3, 1969, U.S. District Judge WILLIAM P. GRAY, Los Angeles, California, denied pleas for probation by four individuals convicted of conspiring to cheat at cards at the Friar's Club. Judge GRAY sentenced them as follows:

JOHN ROSELLI. 62. five years and a \$55.000 fine:

The above were convicted of conspiracy in bilking and other notables out of more than \$400,000 in rigged card games at the Beverly Hills Friar's Club.

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## IMMIGRATION & NATURALIZATION TRIAL CONCERNING ROSELLI'S ALIEN STATUS

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On October 20, 1967, the Federal Grand Jury at Los Angeles, California, returned an indictment against FILIPPO SACCO, also known as JOHN ROSSELLI.

The first count charged that FILIPPO SACCO, also known as JOHN ROSSELLI, an alien required to apply for registration and to be fingerprinted in the United States under the provisions of Title 8, U.S. Code, Section 1302, did willfully fail and refuse to make such application and to be fingerprinted in violation of Title 8, U.S. Code, Section 1302(a).

The second count charged that during the period January 1, 1963, to January 31, 1963, FILIPPO SACCO, also known as JOHN ROSSELLI, an alien then in the United States and required to be registered under Title 8, U.S. Code, Section 1302, did fail to give written notice to the Attorney General of his current address as required by Title 8, U.S. Code, Section 1305, in violation of Title 8, U.S. Code, Section 1306(b).

The remaining four counts were identical to the second count with the exception that they charged failure to furnish current address in the years 1964, 1965, 1966 and 1967.

On October 20, 1967, United States District Judge WARREN J. FERGUSON issued a bench warrant for the arrest of JOHN ROSSELLI and set bail at \$5,000.

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On October 20, 1967, JOHN ROSSELLI was arrested in Los Angeles by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. At the time of his arrest, he was accompanied by his attorney, JAMES P. CANTILLON. On the same date ROSSELLI was released on \$5,000 bond.

In 1968, ROSSELLI was subsequently convicted and sentenced to six months in custody of the Attorney General on the above charges.

This conviction was appealed. As a result of the above, an order of deportation was issued for ROSSELLI and as of July, 1976, the order of deportation was under review by the Immigration Court in Washington, D.C. MM 92-517 67C

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#### FRONTIER HOTEL-CASINO CASE LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Investigation into hidden underworld ownership of the Frontier Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada was initiated in 1970 at Los Angeles, California,

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In the course of the investigation JOHN ROSELLI

On May 1, 1970, JOHN ROSELLI invoked the Fifth Amendment before the Federal Grand Jury. He was then granted immunity by the U.S. District Court in Los Angeles on May 1, 1970, and ordered to return to the Federal Grand Jury room.

In addition to the appearance of JOHN POSELLI

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The following press coverage took place in Los Angeles, California, in 1970 and 1971 during the period the Federal Grand Jury was hearing testimony relating to the Frontier Hotel case:

The "Los Angeles Herald Examiner" for May 13, 1970 contained the following item:

"JOHN ROSSELLI, 63, of Beverly Hills, is due to receive an invitation today for a third appearance before a Federal Grand Jury investigating interstate racketeering.

"The dapper, silver-haired ROSSELLI, who testified before the panel for three and one-half years yesterday, will be asked to return next Monday, according to Assistant U.S. Attorney DAVID NISSEN.

"During a recess yesterday, ROSSELLI said,: 'I'm doing my best to cooperate. A few things are a bit touchy. I just hope I'm doing the right thing . . . you never know'.

"He first testified before this Grand Jury on May 1 after U.S. District Judge MANUEL REAL granted him immunity from prosecution and ordered him to answer questions.

"U.S. Attorney MATTHEW BYRNE declined to comment on the specific scope of the Grand Jury probe, but it is known that it is focusing on Las Vegas casino activities.

"Earlier in the investigation records of the Frontier Hotel sale to billionaire HOWARD HUGHES were scrutinized by the jurors.

"JAMES CANTILLON, ROSSELLI's attorney, revealed that his client has been questioned about the activities of several racketeering figures, including SAM (MOMO) GIANCANA, one time mafia boss of Chicago."

The "Los Angeles Times", May 15, 1970, contained the following item:

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"Alleged underworld figure JOHNNY ROSSELLI was ordered again Thursday to answer a Federal Grand Jury's questions which it was revealed in court deal with secret 'skimming' of gambling proceeds by hidden interests in Las Vegas casinos.

"The nature of the inquiry became known for the first time when ROSSELLI who had been granted immunity from prosecution to testify, was returned to court for balking at certain questions. ROSSELLI, 65, stopped answering when the questioning turned to the subject of a meeting at the office of attorney JAMES P. CANTILLON with FRANK LA PORTE, alleged Chicago mafia figure.

"'Who was present with you when you and FRANK LA PORTE met at CANTILLON's office?', he was asked.

"ROSSELLI complained he was being set up for a perjury charge and refused to answer any more questions. A record of the proceedings read for U.S. District Judge JESSE W. CURTIS revealed.

"Other questions he refused to answer were 'How was the meeting arranged?'. 'Did you converse with FRANK LA PORTE at any other location?'.

"Also read was a statement by Assistant U.S. Attorney DAVID R. NISSEN informing ROSSELLI of the nature of the investigation.

"It included possible violations of Federal law involving the holding of hidden interests in Las Vegas casinos and hotels and interstate travel for the removal of 'skim' or secretly removed funds.

"NISSEN told Judge CURTIS it was a 'very sensitive' case and requested that other portions of the Grand Jury proceedings not be made public.

"CANTILLON representing ROSSELLI charged that it was not a legitimate inquiry.

"He said an affidavit by U.S. Attorney MATT BYRNE in support of the grant of immunity stated that ROSSELLI had certain knowledge which would be of aid to the Grand Jury.

"'Then they proceed to cross examine him, to elicit from him some testimony which they can subsequently use as a basis for perjury' CANTILLON alleged.

"'I think they were surprised when he started to testify. It is apparent this is not a legitimate inquiry'.

"CANTILLON challenged the government to release the entire transcript of the testimony, which he said would bear out his contentions.

"NISSEN said CANTILLON was 'speaking from ignorance rather than knowledge' but he offered to let Judge CURTIS read privately a transcript of ROSSELLI's first day of testimony May 1.

"Judge CURTIS retired to his chambers to do so and emerged an hour later with the order that ROSSELLI must answer the questions.

"The Judge said the Grand Jury appears to be making an investigation in an area it is entitled to probe, and the scope of the inquiry is legitimate.

"However, he admonished NISSEN that some of the questions asked of ROSSELLI appeared to deal with his own culpability and no other person's. He cautioned the prosecutor to be more careful.

"NISSEN contended that all questions related to ROSSELLI's knowledge of illegal activities on the part of other persons as well as himself.

"ROSSELLI returned to the Grand Jury room and testified for another 30 minutes, then was excused until Tuesday at 9:30 AM.

"ROSSELLI is appealing convictions for his part in card cheating at the Friar's Club and for failing to register as an alien."

The "Los Angeles Times" for July 10, 1971, contained the following item:

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"Millionaire developer MAURICE H. FRIEDMAN has been threatened with death in prison because of testimony he gave the government against underworld figures, it was reported Friday.

"FRIEDMAN was described in Federal court as one of the key witnesses against six men in a corporation charged with a scheme to hide ownership of the Frontier Hotel gambling casino in Las Vegas.

"FRIEDMAN is serving Federal prison terms for his role in the Friar's Club card cheating case and related offenses. He also is named as an unindicted co-conspirator in the hidden ownership case.

"At a hearing on pretrial motions before visiting U.S. District Judge GUS J. SOLOMON or Portland the threat on FRIEDMAN's life was disclosed reluctantly by Assistant U.S. Attorney HORNBECK. HORNBECK said FRIEDMAN was one of four or five witnesses whose testimony before a Grand Jury should not be released to the defense at this time for fear of reprisals.

"Pressed for explanation as to how a person in Federal custody could be in danger, HORNBECK said FRIEDMAN's life already has been threatened. He said that as a result, FRIEDMAN was moved from the Terminal Island facility to the Lompoc Prison.

"JOHNNY ROSSELLI an alleged underworld figure, also convicted in the Friar's Club case, was identified as another imprisoned witness who may have given testimony in the case. SOLOMON berated HORNBECK for his reluctance to hand over the information that the government would not want to release FRIEDMAN's testimony at this time. He said he would rule on the matter later.

"Defendants in the case are alleged mafia figures ANTHONY JOSEPH ZERILLI and MICHAEL SANTO POLIZZI of Detroit, and ANTHONY GIORDANO of St. Louis.

"Others are Detroit attorney PETER JAMES BELLANCA, former Michigan municipal judge ARTHUR JAMES ROOKS, former Las Vegas casino operator JACK SHAPIRO and the Emprise Corporation."

## ROSELLI-CIA CUBAN ASSOCIATION AND FIDEL CASTRO ASSASSINATION PLOTS

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According to press items appearing in the "Los Angeles Times" and the "New York Times", JOHN ROSELLI on June 24, 1975, appeared before the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, Washington, D.C., which was chaired by Senator FRANK CHURCH. At the time, according to the press items, ROSELLI testified that he had been contacted by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) through ROBERT MAHEU in an attempt to assassinate Premier CASTRO of Cuba.

According to the "Los Angeles Times", on July 30, 1975, RICHARD M. BISSELL, a former Chief of Clandestine Services for the CIA, testified before the CHURCH committee that he personally had approved the CIA cooperation with "mafia" figures to assassinate Cuban Premier CASTRO in 1960. BISSELL, when questioned by reporters, said arrangements with the mafia had been handled by the office of the late Colonel SHEFFIELD EDWARDS through ROBERT A. MAHEU. Colonel SHEFFIELD EDWARDS was the CIA's Director of Security. BISSELL told reporters that Colonel EDWARDS had arranged the highly secret cooperation with underworld figures SAM GIANCANA and JOHN ROSELLI, but that he, BISSELL, had approved it.

BISSELL said that the arrangements with the mafia began "in the last half of 1960" and might have been suggested to the CIA by GIANCANA or other mafia figures because "they did have very large interests in Cuba that were totally eclipsed or destroyed by CASTRO".

BISSELL also speculated that underworld figures were seeking to build up credit with the U.S. Government against possible Federal prosecution in the future.

According to the "Los Angeles Times" and "Los Angeles Herald Examiner" on July 31, 1975, ROBERT A. MAHEU testified before the CHURCH committee on July 30. 1975. Following his two days of testimony behind closed doors, he told reporters that he once helped the CIA develop plans to poison CASTRO because "I felt we were involved in a just war". MAHEU told reporters that he had recruited ROSELLI and GIANCANA in 1960 at the suggestion of two CIA officials. MAHEU said he was also approached on the CASTRO matter in 1960 by JAMES J. O'CONNELL, a CIA supervisor who had previously served as his contact. MAHEU told reporters that O'CONNELL asked him to contact JOHN ROSELLI in Los Angeles and asked ROSELLI if he would assist the CIA in a program for removing CASTRO. MAHEU told reporters that ROSELLI was reductant to participate but later agreed to help "when I explained this would be on behalf of his government, unpleasant as it may sound". MAHEU told reporters that the value of ROSELLI and GIANCANA was their contacts and sources of information in Havana where they previously had interests in lucrative gambling casinos closed down by CASTRO. MAHEU said the assassination plan he knew about was a scheme to poison CASTRO that O'CONNELL discussed at a series of meetings at Miami's Fontainebleau Hotel in early 1961. ROSELLI was to deliver poison capsules to one of CASTRO's cooks or domestics, "who would be in a position to administer them if the CIA gave us the 'go' signal". MAHEU said that O'CONNELL showed him the capsule in a white envelope and stated that as far as he knew, the CIA never gave the "go" signal. MAHEU said that after the CIA sponsored the Bay of Pigs Invasion in April of 1961, he phased out his cooperation with the CIA.

## ROSELLI-CIA CUBAN ASSOCIATION AND FIDEL CASTRO ASSASSINATION PLOTS

An Interim Report of the Select Committee to Study Governmental Operations with respect to Intelligence Activities, United States Senate, together with additional supplemental and separate views, report number 94-465, stated, in part, with reference to JOHN ROSELLI, in August, 1970, the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) took steps to enlist members of the criminal underworld with gambling syndicate contacts to aid in assassinating CASTRO. Colonel SHEFFIELD EDWARDS, CIA Director of the Office of Security, and the CIA Support Chief decided to rely on ROBERT A. MAHEU to recruit someone "tough enough to handle the job". The CIA operation Support Chief had served as MAHEU's case officer since the agency first began using MAHEU's services and by 1960, they had become close personal friends. Sometime in late August or early September, 1960, the Support Chief approached MAHEU about the proposed operation. MAHEU recalled that the Support Chief asked him to contact JOHN ROSELLI, an underworld figure with possible gambling connections in Las Vegas, to determine if he would participate in a plan to dispose of CASTRO. The Support Chief on the other hand said that it was MAHEU who raised the idea of using ROSELLI.

MAHEU had known ROSELLI since the late 1950's. He claimed not to have been aware of the extent of ROSELLI's underworld connections and activities, but he recalled that "it was certainly evident to many that he was able to accomplish things in Las Vegas and nobody else seemed to get the same kind of attention". Initially

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MAHEU was reluctant to become involved in the operation since he thought it might interfere with his relationship with his new client, HOWARD HUGHES. He agreed to participate because he felt that he owed the agency a commitment.

According to ROSELLI, he and MAHEU met at the Brown Derby Restaurant in Beverly Hills in September, 1960. ROSELLI testified that MAHEU had told him that "high government officials" needed his cooperation in getting rid of CASTRO and that he asked him to help recruit Cubans to do the job.

MAHEU stated that ROSELLI was very hesitant about participating in the project and finally said that he felt he had an obligation to his government and finally agreed to participate.

A meeting was arranged for MAHEU and ROSELLI with the Support Chief at the Plaza Hotel in New York in September, 1960. The Support Chief said he was introduced to ROSELLI as a business associate of MAHEU. He said MAHEU told ROSELLI that MAHEU represented international business interests which were pooling money to pay for the assassination of CASTRO. It was arranged that ROSELLI would go to Florida and recruit Cubans for the operation.

During the week of September 24, 1960, the Support Chief, MAHEU and ROSELLI met in Miami to work out the details of the operation. ROSELLI used the cover name "JOHN RAWLSTON" and represented himself to the Cuban contacts as an agent of some business interests of Wall Street that had properties around Cuba.

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Thereafter, ROSELLI introduced MAHEU to two individuals on whom ROSELLI intended to rely; "SAM GOLD" subsequently identified as SAM GIANCANA, a Chicago gangster and one "JOE", later identified as SANTOS TRAFFICANTE, an organized crime figure in Cuba and Miami. In February, 1961, the Support Chief received pills from the Technical Services Division of the CIA with the assurances that they were lethal. He then gave them to ROSELLI.

The pills were then given to a Cuban for delivery to the island sometime prior to the Bay of Pigs Invasion in mid-April, 1961.

ROSELLI and the Support Chief testified that the Cuban official who was to have made the attempt on CASTRO got "cold feet". ROSELLI was certain that only one attempt to assassinate CASTRO was made prior to the Bay of Pigs. It was possible that only one pre-Bay of Pigs attempt was made against CASTRO and that a Cuban exile leader was the contact in the United States who arranged for a Cuban close to CASTRO to administer the poison.

ROSELLI told the Support Chief that TRAFFI-CANTE believed a certain leading figure in the Cuban exile movement might be able to accomplish the assassination. A subsequent report from the Inspector General suggested that the Cuban may have been receiving funds from TRAFFICANTE and other racketeers interested in securing a monopoly on criminal activities in Cuba after the overthrow of CASTRO. That report speculated that the Cuban was interested in the assassination scheme

as a means of financing a purchase of arms and communications equipment. Money and the pills were delivered at a meeting between MAHEU, ROSELLI, TRAFFICANTE, and the Cuban at the Fontainebleau Hotel in Miami Beach. ROSELLI recalled that MAHEU came up with the capsules and explained how they were going to be used.

A different version of the delivery of the pills to the Cuban was offered to the Senate Committee by JOSEPH SHIMON, a friend of ROSELLI and GIANCANA who testified that he was present when the passage occurred. According to SHIMON, he, GIANCANA, ROSELLI and MAHEU shared a suite in the Fontainebleau Hotel. At that time MAHEU stated he had "contracted" to assassinate CASTRO and had been provided with a "liquid" by the CIA to accomplish the task. SHIMON said the Cuban was contacted outside the Boom Boom Room of the Fontainebleau Hotel and that when ROSELLI left with the Cuban, MAHEU said "JOHNNY's going to handle everything; this is JOHNNY's contract". SHIMON testified that GIANCANA subsequently told him "I am not in it, and they are asking me for the names of some guys who used to work in casinos . . . MAHEU comming the hell out of the CIA". The attempt met with failure.

In late 1961, the operation was transferred to WILLIAM HARVEY of the CIA who was assigned the responsibility for establishing a general capability within the CIA for disabling foreign leaders. The Support Chief introduced HARVEY to ROSELLI in Miami, where HARVEY told ROSELLI to maintain his Cuban contacts but not to deal with MAHEU or GIANCANA. At a meeting in New York in April, 1962, four poison pills were given to the Support Chief to pass them on to HARVEY. HARVEY arrived

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in Miami on or about April 21, 1962, and gave the pills to ROSELLI. ROSELLI kept HARVEY informed of the operation's progress and notified him sometime in 1962 that the pills and guns had arrived in Cuba. He told HARVEY in June, 1962, that the Cuban had dispatched a three-man team to Cuba. HARVEY then met ROSELLI in Miami in September, 1962, where HARVEY was told that the pills were still safe in Cuba. HARVEY testified that he had doubts that the operation would ever take place and so informed ROSELLI. Thereafter, HARVEY terminated the operation in mid-Pebruary, 1963. At a meeting with ROSELLI in Los Angeles it was agreed ROSELLI would taper off his communication with the Cuban. ROSELLI testified that he simply broke off contact with the Cuban.

Agency personnel who dealt with ROSELLI attributed his motivation to patriotism and testified that he was not paid for his services.

The CIA's involvement with ROSELLI caused the agency some difficulty during ROSELLI's subsequent prosecution for fraudulent gambling activity and living in the country under an assumed name.

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