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TO : Director, FBI
 FROM : SAC, Albany
 SUBJECT: SARATOGA SPRINGS RACING MEETS
 1950 SEASON
 CRIME SURVEY
 CONFIDENTIAL CRIMINAL INFORMANT [REDACTED]

DATE: October 11, 1950

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The following is the report of SA [REDACTED] who was assigned to cover the general criminal situation in Saratoga Springs, New York during the 1950 racing meets held in that resort area. It is also a report on the coverage of confidence men activities effective through [REDACTED]

During the season just ended Saratoga wasn't "wide open" to gambling as in previous years and as a result there appeared to be a decrease in the number of confidence men, jewel thieves, burglars and hold-up men who gathered there formerly.

A. ORGANIZED GANGS

There are no criminal organizations presently active in Saratoga Springs, New York, or the nearby Northern New York resort area, that can be regarded as a gang or a mob.

(1) National Criminal Syndicate, Aka, Eastern Criminal Syndicate

No information was learned indicating that any members of the so-called National Syndicate of FRANK COSTELLO, [REDACTED] JOE ADONIS, MYER LANSKY, ET AL, visited Saratoga Springs during the past season.

Concerning this alleged organization Confidential Informant T-1, of questionable reliability, advised that there is a control in the Syndicate beyond that of FRANK COSTELLO, [REDACTED] and the others. He stated that they are dominated by the Italian underworld, which he claimed is the strongest faction in the country at the present time. The informant said that The Mafia (Unione Sicilione) is an organization of Italians who are the real power and stated that their headquarters is Tampa, Florida.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The following is a list of gamblers, bookmakers and dealers who have been put off the Saratoga Springs, New York race track:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Director, FBI

RE: SARATOGA SPRINGS RACING MEETS
1950 SEASON
CRIME SURVEY
CONFIDENTIAL CRIMINAL INFORMANTS

[REDACTED]

— FRANK (NOSES) CAPONE

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Saratoga

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9/19/46

8/9-9/13/46

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REACTIVATION OF THE CAPONE GANG

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION
CRIME SURVEY

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

CONFIDENTIAL

FRANK MILANO,

[REDACTED] three of the seven key figures in the Cleveland area, are absent from this district. MILANO is reported to be at Mexico City, Mexico.

[REDACTED] MILANO is suspected of being presently engaged in smuggling aliens from Mexico to the United States. He is also suspected of evading the payment of income taxes to the United States Government by reason of his claiming residency in Mexico.

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Re: [REDACTED] - INTERVIEW

[REDACTED] was interviewed by Special Agent [REDACTED] at the Resident Agency at [REDACTED]. He advised that he has been in the [REDACTED] and at the present time [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that in March, 1945 all the bookmaking establishments in Youngstown were closed by the local administration due to the adverse publicity received by the picketing of one of the bookie shops by a returned veteran named CASINO DOMINCENT, who is reported to have been subsequently murdered by the syndicate. [REDACTED] stated that he was in [REDACTED] and that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] observed other booking establishments reopening, he contacted [REDACTED] and requested that he be [REDACTED] refused, and upon this [REDACTED] contacted [REDACTED] and himself contacted [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] refused and told [REDACTED]. He gave no reason for this. [REDACTED] stated that he did not have any discussion with [REDACTED] about this matter, but had planned to go beyond him if necessary. However, on the same day as he contacted [REDACTED] he was contacted by [REDACTED] who advised him that he could [REDACTED] if he would take [REDACTED] and certain associates of his in with him as 50% partners. [REDACTED] stated that he was in no position to buck this outfit and that he agreed to do so. He stated that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He stated that the other members of the partnership placed an individual in [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] exhibited a copy of [REDACTED] which carried the names of the following individuals:

~~JOHN CARLO~~
~~FRANK POPE~~
~~JOSEPHIELLO~~

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SYNOPSIS:

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assistance from the Aireon Company of Kansas City.

[REDACTED] was interviewed on [REDACTED] by Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and advised that he had received information to the effect that [REDACTED]

This informant also stated that [REDACTED]

It is to be noted that ~~EDWARD DAVIS ROGEL~~, with aliases, from information secured in the investigation of "CAPONE", in 1942 made an affidavit of good character for ~~SALVATORE CAPONE~~, alias ~~FRANK CAPONE~~, brother of AL CAPONE, for the issuance of a license to carry a concealed weapon. In 1930

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INFORMANTS

[REDACTED] who requested his name be held in strictest confidence. It is to be noted that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] who requested his name be held in strict confidence. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He requested that his name be kept confidential. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He requested that his name not be disclosed. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He requested that his name not be disclosed. [REDACTED]

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Synopsis:

SUMMARY REPORT

JAMES E. RAGEN, SR., partner with a one-third interest in the Continental Press, alleged that remnants of the old CAPONE Syndicate have made efforts to take over the Continental Press; that a National Criminal Syndicate exists in the United States which organization through its members controls gambling and other illegal activities. This Syndicate has almost unlimited finances at its control and has been able to buy into many legitimate enterprises. Also because of its vast funds it is able to buy off politicians and law enforcement officials.

Unsuccessful efforts were allegedly made by ~~unsub~~ ^{RECORDED} individuals to assassinate RAGEN, SR. April 29, 1946. RAGEN, SR. was shot by unknown individuals at 39th and State Streets, Chicago, June 24, and died August 24, 1946. Many allegations that his death was caused by mercury poisoning appeared in Chicago newspapers. Cook County Coroner's Jury indicates death caused by "acute nephritis, result of gunshot wound in the shoulder and bronchial pneumonia superimposed on chronic nephritis complicated by mercury poisoning". Mercury found in RAGEN's system, according to toxicologists and pathologists, was from preservative used in blood plasma. To date assassins have not been identified or apprehended.

History and background of race news service showing RAGEN's connection with MOE L. ANNEBERG empire and

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EDWARD DAVID VOGEL, WITH ALIASES
EDDIE VOGEL, "BIG HEAD", EDDIE MILLER, GEORGE WALTERS
XV. LEL

EDWARD DAVID VOGEL is alleged to have been born in Chicago in the year 1895 or 1896. He is not to be confused with GEORGE "DUTCH" VOGEL, mobster of the prohibition era. For nine years he has resided at 4300 Marine Drive, Chicago. He has been married and divorced at least three times.

[REDACTED]

VOGEL is alleged to have an eighth grade education. He is dapper, financially independent, and has a contempt for law and law enforcement officials. It is alleged that he operated a tavern during the early 1920s and that he was subsequently errand boy for AL CAPONE and a lieutenant for [REDACTED]. In 1924 one EDWARD VOGEL made an affidavit as to the good character of FRANK CAPONE, brother of AL CAPONE, in connection with the issuance of a permit to carry a concealed weapon. In 1926 VOGEL was mentioned as a power in organized crime circles. In 1930 he and seventy-seven other defendants including AL CAPONE were indicted for violation of the prohibition law.

[REDACTED] Fraud Division, Internal Revenue Unit, Chicago, who is presently collecting \$60,000.00 assessed from VOGEL in connection with income tax irregularities, stated that to the best of his knowledge VOGEL got into the slot machine business in 1934. From 1936 to 1939 all machines in Chicago and vicinity with the exception of Cicero were controlled by VOGEL and FRANK NITTI, well-known underworld character now deceased. In 1939 VOGEL bought out NITTI's interest. [REDACTED] considers VOGEL only a front for others who are probably headed by JACK GUZIK.

Chief JOHN MC GINNIS, Cook County Highway Police, now deceased, in 1944 said VOGEL was boss of the Cook County slot machine racket except in Cicero.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Survey traces chronological growth of syndicalized crime in Chicago from the prohibition era mobsters, including "BIG JIM" COLOSIMO, JOHNNY TORRIO, "SCARFACE" AL CAPONE, and the NITTI-RICCA Mob, down to the present alleged Chicago syndicate leaders, [REDACTED], ALEX LOUIS GREENBERG, JACK GUZIK, et al. Analysis is set forth of current major criminal activities in Chicago today, including gambling, racketeering, and union activities, police and politics in crime, prostitution, numbers racket, hoodlum hangouts, regular business interests, outstanding hoodlums, and description of informant coverage. Survey includes Chinese criminal activities and study of juvenile delinquency in Chicago.

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FOREWORD

This report is the result of inquiry and research work of Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

It constitutes an intelligence survey of hoodlum and racketeering activities in the Chicago area, based upon information made available to the Chicago Field Division. This report is not meant to reflect a complete picture of organized crime, as it exists today, but is an attempt to establish a solid foundation or basis for further study, inquiry and expansion.

As for the general style used in presenting the material gathered, the reader will note that in most instances statements are attributed to no particular source. The reasons for this practice are two-fold.

- (1) Since the project is an intelligence survey and not an investigation looking toward prosecution, evidence and testimony as to conditions set forth will not be required.
- (2) This report synthesizes the material located for the most part in numerous files of the Chicago Field Office. In these files of course the sources are indicated. Individual files have been opened on practically all the fifty-five hoodlums believed to be the most outstanding, who are listed in Section II, Part IX. Where material has been taken from books or publications the source is indicated by footnotes.

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CHARLES FISCHEITTI

with aliases, Charles Fischer
Charles Franklin
(Chicago file #62-3316)

A. BACKGROUND:

FISCHEITTI was born March 24, 1901 in Brooklyn, New York; is married and has one child; resides at 3100 Sheridan Road, Chicago, and 6475 Allison Road, Miami Beach, Florida. Records at Selective Service Board 144, Chicago, reflect he registered February 14, 1942, assigned Order No. 1147, Serial No. 1526. He is classified LAH due to his being over 35 years of age. In addition to [REDACTED] carries \$3,000 life insurance policy with Minneapolis Mutual.

In July 1943 FISCHEITTI was reported to be the owner of the Liberal Loan Company, 26 East Adams Street, with [REDACTED] and ROSSO [REDACTED] affiliated with [REDACTED] a fence for jewelry. FISCHEITTI has stated his occupation as that of a speculator in Jewelry consignments and that of jewelry salesman. Credit reports reflect that FISCHEITTI paid \$35,000 cash for their Miami Beach home.

RELATIVES: Mother, MARY FISCHEITTI, age 62, 424 Second Street, Brooklyn, New York; [REDACTED]; brother, ROCCO FISCHEITTI, (member of Chicago gambling syndicate), 3100 Sheridan Road; [REDACTED]

B. CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES:

FISCHEITTI is a cousin and former bodyguard and chauffeur for "Scarface" AL CAPONE, and has been an active member of the Mob since it took over the leadership of the Chicago underworld. Newspaper files reflect the following information: In April 1924 FRANK CAPONE, brother of AL, was killed by Police in Chicago and was in the company of CHARLES FISCHEITTI; on November 20, 1925 FISCHEITTI was known to have arranged a hiding place in Cicero for MARTIN J. DURKIN, killer of Special Agent SHANAHAN of the F.B.I.; in April 1926 FISCHEITTI with RALPH CAPONE was arrested in a flat at 1924 South 49th Court at which time 5 shot guns, 7 revolvers and 1 machine gun were seized; in April 1926 FISCHEITTI was arrested for questioning in the killing of Assistant States Attorney WILLIAM H. MC SWIGGIN but was released; in 1926 FISCHEITTI was indicted in Cook County with the Capone Mobsters for conspiracy to violate the Prohibition laws but the case never came to trial; On August 1, 1931 FISCHEITTI appeared high in the public enemy list; in 1932 he was

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CHARLES FISCHETTI, wa, Charles Frischetti;
ROCCO FISCHETTI, wa, Rocky Frischetti;

The following was dictated by SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FISCHETTI brothers, CHARLES, ROCCO [REDACTED] are cousins of the notorious AL CAPONE and CHARLES FISCHETTI was with FRANK CAPONE in the Cicero election riot when FRANK was killed. They have continued their activities up to the present time, being mainly concerned with gambling in the North Chicago area. ROCCO FISCHETTI was known to have been involved in the old Vernon Country Club prior to its closing. His principal spot now seems to be Ralph's Place located near Golf and Waukegan Roads, where extensive gambling is presently taking place. Later information received from the Chicago Crime Commission indicates that this spot is considered so good that the gambling equipment from the Hill Top Club has been moved there and several roulette wheels have been installed for the convenience of the patrons. This same source has advised that during February, 1949 ROCCO FISCHETTI remarked at Ralph's Place that "they" (the Syndicate) were in the market to purchase any Protestant cemeteries they could get their hands on and that they had managed to buy a cemetery at Boston, Massachusetts, during July, 1948. This information has not been verified and no purchases in the Chicago area are known. However, it is interesting to note that Protestant cemeteries ordinarily possess crematories.

It has also been reported that "BUGS" SEIGEL, just prior to his death, "shook down" his associates for \$300,000 by threatening to tell what he knew about their operations. The remittance was supposed to have been made through the FISCHETTIs. "BUGS" then demanded more and was killed shortly thereafter.

ROCCO FISCHETTI is reported to have a girl friend named [REDACTED] a former singer at the Chez Paree and other Chicago night spots, whom he has used as a contact and for introduction purposes to people he wishes to meet. [REDACTED] is reported by the Chicago Crime Commission to be very close to [REDACTED] girl friend of "BUGS" SEIGEL, and during the past few months visited her in California. ROCCO FISCHETTI was reported to have sent phonograph recording equipment purchased at Hudson Ross, Chicago, to her at [REDACTED] address.