Mémorandum to Mr. Adams
Re: JOHN ROSELLI

he testified pursuant to an investigation being conducted regarding the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. The original Senate Select Committee chaired by Senator Frank Church recommended to the new Senate Select Committee it continue its investigation into the Castro assassination plots and into the assassination plots of President Kennedy. No action has been taken by the new Committee which has no official agreement with any witnesses at this time. Roselli would be considered a critical witness into any investigation of these assassination plots.

SAC States, Washington Field Office, has advised that Agents have learned that Jack Anderson intends to run a column on the disappearance probably as early as August 5.
Memorandum to Mr. Adams
Re: JOHN ROSELLI

On the afternoon of August 4, the above information was furnished

to Assistant Attorney General Richard Thornburgh and to William Lynch,
Chief of the Organized Crime Section, Criminal Division. Assistant Attorney
General Thornburgh stated that there did not appear to be any violation of
Federal law, that we had a missing persons case, and there would be no
Obstruction of Justice. Mr. Lynch felt there would be no Obstruction of Justice
unless there was some definite information to the effect that harm befell Roselli
because of his testimony which in this case occurred many months ago.
Mr. Thornburgh felt this case should be closely followed and that
be interviewed to find out

Mr. Thornburgh felt that this matter should be followed with local authorities
but we should not at this time conduct a real active investigation.
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92-18113-3
This is to confirm the conversation held between Edward Lowenberg, Attorney, Criminal Division, United States Department of Justice (USDJ), and Special Agent of the FBI, regarding

By way of background,

NOTE: Original and one copy forwarded to Criminal Division, USDJ, by 0-6(D). One copy forwarded to Gerald McGuire, Organized Crime Section, Criminal Division, USDJ, by 0-6(D), same date.

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Date: 6/6/61 | Investigative Period: 5/25/61

TITLE OF CASE

ARTHUR JAMES BALLETTI; UNKNOWN SUBJECT, aka J. W. Harrison

CHARACTER OF CASE

UPUC

REFERENCE

Bureau airtel to Las Vegas dated 5/12/61.

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DATE 3/9/61 BY SP 492 RN 1262

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MAHEU advised during Fall, 1960, at request of CIA, contacted SAM GIANCANA in Chicago for information regarding Cuban activities. While working with GIANCANA, it was believed that a leak of information had developed and it was decided to cover the activities of PHYLLIS MC GUIRE and DON ROWAN. Decision to install microphone coverage of ROWAN's room in Las Vegas made by MAHEU. MAHEU believes BALLETTI went too far in installing telephone coverage. MAHEU worked through DUBOIS for this coverage. DUBOIS supplied both men who worked on this installation. Pretext of Los Angeles attorney used as DUBOIS did not know of CIA's interests in this matter. MAHEU unable to identify unknown subject, aka HARRISON.
ROBERT NAMEU, NAMEU and KING Associates Incorporated, 1125 19th Street, N.W., advised that during the latter part of 1960, he was contacted by [REDACTED], who requested NAMEU to contact DAI GIANCANA in Chicago, Illinois, since gambling activities in Cuba, under the BATISTA government, were controlled by the underworld, it was believed that GIANCANA would still have sources and contacts in Cuba which could possibly be used in connection with CIA's activities against the CASTRO government.

NAMEU stated that the original contact with GIANCANA was made by "JOHNNY," who NAMEU declined to further identify. NAMEU stated that he talked with GIANCANA on several occasions but was never sure of his true name. NAMEU advised that while working with GIANCANA, information was received that his interests in the Cuban situation was being disclosed by GIANCANA to other individuals.

NAMEU stated that it was ascertained that GIANCANA was very much in love with PHYLLIS MC GUIRE of the McGuire Sisters Trio, and had, in fact, asked Miss McGuire to marry him. It was his understanding that Miss MC GUIRE had rejected GIANCANA's offer but was still considered a close, personal friend of GIANCANA. It was believed that if GIANCANA had talked of NAMEU's interests in the Cuban situation that he might possibly have mentioned it to PHYLLIS MC GUIRE. NAMEU also stated that it has been ascertained that PHYLLIS MC GUIRE was a close, personal friend of BAN ROYAN of the comedy team of Rowan and Martin. It was learned that during October, 1960, ROYAN was working in Las Vegas, Nevada, and that PHYLLIS MC GUIRE was going to visit ROYAN in Las Vegas.

NAMEU stated that he decided to have microphone coverage installed in ROYAN's room in Las Vegas. NAMEU stated that he had made this decision himself recognizing the risk involved in setting up this coverage. He stated that he was extremely careful as he did not want to involve CIA.

NAMEU stated that in order to secure coverage of ROYAN and Miss Mc GUIRE, he instructed WALTER FITZPATRICK, an associate of NAMEU, to contact EDWARD BURROIS, Investigations.
Incorporated, Miami, Florida, to arrange to have DUBOIS send two men to Las Vegas to install and operate microphone coverage of ROWAN. MAHEU stated that he could not recall the exact instructions that he had given but it was his intentions to have only microphone coverage maintained in ROWAN's room. He felt that BALLETTO and the unknown subject went too far in installing telephone coverage of ROWAN.

MAHEU advised that DUBOIS did not know of CIA's interests in this matter and in requesting DUBOIS to handle this assignment, he had used a pretext indicating to DUBOIS that a Los Angeles, California, attorney had made the original request for coverage of ROWAN. MAHEU stated that he was in touch with DUBOIS on several occasions but denied that he had called DUBOIS, instructing DUBOIS to send only one man to Las Vegas and that he, MAHEU, would supply the second man. MAHEU stated that he did not know BALLETTO prior to this incident but did talk with BALLETTO on the telephone after BALLETTO was arrested. He made arrangements for an attorney to defend BALLETTO but again declined to furnish the details of these arrangements.

Subsequent to the interview with MAHEU, he telephonically contacted SALV anon May 25, 1961, advising that he had sent word to SALVIANI as to the extent of the investigation which had been conducted by MAHEU of SALVIANI. MAHEU stated that since SALVIANI would probably be interviewed regarding this matter, he felt that it would be less embarrassing to him, MAHEU, if SALVIANI knew of this situation.

MAHEU again stated that he alone had made the decision to install the technical surveillance of ROWAN, that he had considered the risk involved and that in setting it up, he was trying to eliminate the possibility of involvement of CIA.

MAHEU stated that in the event it were decided to reconctact him regarding this matter, he could always be reached through his office in Washington, D. C., or his home in Falls Church, Virginia.
To: SACs, Los Angeles (130-77)
   Las Vegas (130-1)
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   Washington Field (130-61)
   Chicago

From: Director, FBI (130-1901)

DATE: JAMES BALLETI
UNCLASSIFIED SUBJECT, aka J. W. Harrison

CC: Las Vegas


Las Angeles, furnishes photo of Balletti's to Las Vegas in order that Las Vegas can display photo to possible subject at Riviera Hotel, Las Vegas, to ascertain if it is identical with J. W. Harrison. Las Vegas should forward notes, reservations, card bearing signature of J. W. Harrison to Laboratory for comparison with signature of Balletti.

In addition to other leads set out for Los Angeles' airtel 6/9/61, display photo of Balletti to Balletti to ascertain if identical with J. W. Harrison.

NOTE: Case involves wire tap placed on phones of Sam Bowan, member of comedy team of Bowan and Martin. Subject Balletti has stated that tap was placed by J. W. Harrison who was not further known to him. Robert Nabeau, former FBI agent, stated he ordered coverage of Bowan on behalf of CIA's anti-Castro activities but did not order telephone tap. Present developments indicate Sam Giancana and possibly John Rosselli (both under investigation as top hoodlums in CG and LA, respectively) may be involved. All aspects of case being vigorously pursued to resolve matter.
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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (139-77)
RE: ARTHUR JAMES BALLETTI
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ReBuairtel 2/27/61 and Salt Lake City airtel 2/7/61.

James Carrillon, Beverly Hills, California, interviewed today by SAC and SAC. He is in partnership with his father and brother in what appears to be an affluent practice. James Carrillon has represented

Carrillon said his first knowledge of this matter came with a phone call to him from a man in custody at Las Vegas. He claimed inability to recall the man's name and said he had never before heard of him. Given the name Arthur James Balletti, arrested acknowledged that that was probably correct, but he advised he had no knowledge of Balletti prior to the call which came, he said, from the office of a Lieutenant in either the Clark County SO or

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Approved: Special Agent in Charge

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WHEN advised that there is a good chance he will be subpoenaed before the FGJ in Las Vegas relative to this matter, CANTILLON said that that would be all right that he is in partnership with his father and brother in what appears to be an affluent practice. JAMES CANTILLON has represented...

On 3/1/61... advised SA that JAMES L. ARDITTO, Attorney, was a former legal counsel for HOWARD HUGHES. Further, that ARDITTO now has pending a suit against HUGHES in the amount of about $1,200,000.00 for payment of legal services rendered.

In regard to... Attorney. His reputation is doubtful.

Attention is called to the Office of Origin, Las Vegas, of the report of SA... at Miami dated 2/14/61, page 4, which set out telephone numbers of MA 9-2451 and LA 6-9511. This is to advise that these numbers and prefixes appear to be incorrect. The telephone number Madison 6-9511 is the public listing for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office in Los Angeles, California.

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Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (139-77)

SUBJECT: ARTHUR JAMES BALLETTI

DATE: 3/13/61

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RE: Bureau airtel to Los Angeles, 3/3/61.

Enclosed for the Bureau is a letterhead memorandum consisting of six pages, a copy of which is furnished to the office of origin for information. The sources of information in this letterhead memorandum concerning are identified as follows:


The businesswoman of Las Vegas, Nevada, on Page 5.

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MAR 27, 1961
The Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, Volume 1, 1961, Pages 182 and 183, sets out the following information concerning JAMES P. CANTILLON:

Cantillon and Cantillon, Suite 438, California Bank Building, 9441 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, California, telephone number CCRE 5-3555 and BEADSHAW 2-4386, is a firm engaging in the General and Trial Practice and Federal Courts. The firm is made up of RICHARD H. CANTILLON, born Chicago, Illinois, September 16, 1898, an associate; RICHARD H. CANTILLON, born Los Angeles, California, January 16, 1887; and JAMES P. CANTILLON, born Los Angeles, California, January 16, 1927. JAMES P. CANTILLON was a member of the California Bar and United States District Court of Los Angeles, California. Preparatory education was taken at the University of Virginia at Los Angeles, California, and his legal education was taken at Loyola University of Los Angeles, California. He was listed as an invitee in 1951. Preceding the above, Mr. CANTILLON was listed as RICHARD H. CANTILLON. He was listed as Advocate and Director of the American Board of Trial Advocates, 1958. He was listed as a member of the Beverly Hills - Los Angeles County Bar Association (member, Committee on Criminal Law and Procedure, 1959), the Criminal Court Association, the State Bar of California.

Regarding JAMES P. CANTILLON, 5 ft. 10 in., 160 pounds, brown hair, hazel eyes, his residence was listed as Los Angeles, California, his birthplace as California, and his father as RICHARD H. CANTILLON of Los Angeles, California.
While conducting official investigations, the Los Angeles Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation has been the recipient of reported information concerning JAMES P. CANTILLON, a summary of which is set out below:

A Special Agent of the Los Angeles Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that JOHN ROSELLI stayed at the Beverly Hilton Hotel when he came into Los Angeles and that he visits with an Attorney, JAMES CANTILLON, 9441 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, California.

The JOHN ROSELLI referred to and who will be further referred to in this communication is identified as JOHN ROSELLI, also known as John Roselli, John Roselli, John Roselli, John Roselli, John F. Stewart, Rand Field, and Giovan Roselli.

Records of the Los Angeles, California, Police Department reveal that JOHN ROSELLI, FBI Number 3339886, was first arrested by the Los Angeles Police Department in 1924 for carrying concealed weapons, but the charge was dismissed. During the period from 1924 to 1932 he was arrested on several occasions on charges of suspicion of grand larceny, carrying concealed weapons, and robbery.

In testimony before the Kefauver Committee in October, 1950, ROSELLI advised he met AL CAPONE in Chicago, Illinois, at the Dempsey-Tunney fight, and that he spent a day with CAPONE in Los Angeles, California, about 1930.
Records of the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service, Los Angeles, California, indicate that JOHN ROSELLI claims birth in Chicago, Illinois, on July 4, 1904.

The records of the United States District Court, New York City, indicate that on December 22, 1943, ROSELLI was found guilty of violation of Section 402A, Title 18, United States Code, and sentenced to ten years imprisonment. He was released on parole after serving one third of his sentence. The charge involved the extorting of money from motion picture producers to insure the studios against labor strikers.
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The source advised that JAMES CANTILLON was an attorney from Los Angeles, California, and had represented JOHN ROSELLI in the past.
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Copies of this report are being furnished Chicago, Miami, and Washington Field offices for information inasmuch as they have outstanding investigation in this matter.

With reference to the telephone toll calls charged to J.A. ROLLINS at the Kenilworth Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida, in October, 1960, as set out in referenced report of SA, it is noted that two of the calls were to telephone

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number WH 3-1155 in Chicago, which is the telephone number of one of the calls was to the telephone number of and one was to the Desert Inn Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. 

Both are close friends of JOHN ROSELLI, aka, who is currently under investigation by the Los Angeles Office as a top hoodlum in the case entitled, JOHN ROSELLI, aka AR". JOHN ROSELLI receives many telephone calls at the Desert Inn Hotel in Las Vegas. From the above facts, it would appear possible that ROLLINS was trying to contact JOHN ROSELLI in October, 1960. As set out in the attached report,

Florida, during October, 1960. Neither are acquainted with a JOHN A. ROLLINS. The had no house guests at that time. The person calling the ROLLINS telephone number could have asked for ROSELLI and as he was not at the residence then the person answering the telephone at the residence might not have been advised that the call was from Florida. 

ROSELLI left Los Angeles for Las Vegas, Nevada on September 15, 1960, via Western Airlines and is not known to have been in Los Angeles again until November 14, 1960. On Las Vegas, Nevada, furnished information that he had not observed ROSELLI in or around the Diplomat Apartments for the past two or three weeks. His telephone at the Diplomat Apartments was disconnected on 10/20/60 for non payment of the bill. It has since been reinstalled.

The request to interview DON ROWAN, Los Angeles, California, to determine specifically if SAM GIANCANA had any connection with the wire tapping case
Transmit the following in PLAIN
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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority or Method of mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (139-1201)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (139-77)
RE: ARTHUR JAMES BALLETI;
UNKNOWN SUBJECT, aka
J. W. Harrison
UPUC
CO: LAS VEGAS

Rerep of SA dated 6/6/61
at Washington Field and report of SA dated 4/12/61
at Los Angeles.

On the basis of the information developed to date
in this investigation, it appears that there is a strong
possibility that JOHN ROSELLI, aka John Rosselli, who is a
National Top Hoodlum and the subject of a current investigation
by the Los Angeles Office, may be involved in this case and
may be the individual who registered at the Kenilworth Hotel
in Miami Beach, Florida, in October, 1960, as J. A. ROLLINS.
The following information is set forth to support this
possibility:

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Special Agent in Charge
1. J. A. ROLLINS was charged with telephone calls to telephone number WH 3-1155, Chicago, Illinois. is a very close friend and associate of ROSELLI. \

2. ROLLINS was charged with a call to telephone number LA 139-77, California. is also a close friend and associate of ROSELLI. \

3. ROLLINS was charged with a call to the Desert Inn Hotel, telephone number DU 2-6000, Las Vegas, Nevada. ROSELLI has received many telephone calls at the Desert Inn Hotel. \

4. JAMES CANTILLON, Beverly Hills, California, attorney, was called by BALLETTI subsequent to his arrest. CANTILLON is ROSELLI's attorney and has been a business associate of ROSELLI. On 11/1/60, CANTILLON's office was charged with a telephone call to BOB MAHEU, telephone number JE 3-9655, Washington, D.C. MAHEU has stated that he used as a cover for the Las Vegas investigation, a pretext that a Los Angeles attorney had requested the investigation. MAHEU has refused to identify the attorney. It is not known at the present time whether MAHEU actually had the attorney make the request or whether he, MAHEU, merely told EDWARD DU BOIS that an attorney had made the request. In any event, MAHEU probably would have contacted the attorney and received permission to use the attorney's name. JAMES CANTILLON has been interviewed and denied that he participated in this matter except to recommend a Las Vegas attorney to BALLETTI. \

5. On interview on 5/25/61, MAHEU stated that the original contact with GIANCANA was made by "JOHNNY" who MAHEU declined to identify. ROSELLI is acquainted with a number of Chicago hoodlums and no doubt is acquainted with GIANCANA. \

6. Recent check of toll telephone calls charged to ROSELLI reflects that on 4/29/61, he was charged with calls to the following numbers:
LA 139-77

JE 3-9655 - Falls Church, Virginia (CANTILLON called BOB MAHEU at this number on 11/1/60)

SU 7-7200 - Chicago, Illinois

UN 4-2922 - Miami, Florida

The subscribers to the Chicago and Miami numbers are not known to the Los Angeles Office.

7. ROSELLI has had contact with R. W. RICHARDSON in the past.

Unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau or the Los Vegas Office, it is suggested that the following investigation be conducted:

WASHINGTON FIELD

AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

Reinterview MAHEU and ask him if "JOHNNY", J.A. or JOHN A. ROLLINS is JOHN ROSELLI.

MIAMI

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA

1. Ascertain the subscriber to telephone number UN 4-2922.

2. Exhibit photograph of JOHN ROSELLI to appropriate personnel at the Kenilworth Hotel to determine if they can identify ROSELLI as J. A. ROLLINS.

3. Submit the original registration card of J. A. ROLLINS to the FBI Laboratory, Document Section, so that the handwriting may be compared with ROSELLI's handwriting, which is on file at the Bureau in the ROSELLI case, Bufile 92-3267.

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LA 139-77

CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Ascertain the subscriber to telephone number

SU 7-7200.
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Via **AIREL**

**AIR MAIL**

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**TO:** DIRECTOR, FBI (139-1201)

**FROM:** SAC, LAS VEGAS (139-1)

**RE:** ARTHUR JAMES BALLETTI;

UNSUB, aka

J. W. Harrison

UPUC

*(OO: Las Vegas)*

Re Busairtel, 6/7/61, Los Angeles airtel to Bureau dated 6/9/61.

The following reports have been submitted by Las Vegas in this matter:


It is noted that Chicago has also submitted report of SA (A) dated 3/17/61 at Chicago.

Referenced Los Angeles airtel 6/9/61 sets forth suggested leads for Washington Field Office, Miami, and Chicago. In view of the fact that there does exist a possibility that JOHN ROSELLI, subject of case entitled JOHN ROSELLI, aka, A-R, Los Angeles, may be involved in this matter, it appears pertinent to Las Vegas that the suggested investigation by Los Angeles be carried out immediately; therefore, Washington Field, Miami, and Chicago handle and sureport immediately.

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Approved: 15 June 1961

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D. L. W. Special Agent in Charge
Miami has also been requested to re-interview subject BALLETTI relative to his claim that T. W. RICHARDSON paid him $1,000, while subject was in Las Vegas. It is noted T. W. RICHARDSON, when interviewed at Reno, Nevada, denied paying BALLETTI any money and denied even knowing BALLETTI.

UACB, upon receipt of results of investigation presently being conducted, this matter will be presented to the United States Attorney at Las Vegas in order that this matter may be brought to a logical conclusion.
To: SAC, Las Vegas (139-1)
    Chicago (139-105)
    Los Angeles (139-77)
    Miami (139-60)
    UFO (139-61)

From: Director, FBI (139-1981)

ARTHUR JAMES BALLETTI
ENBUD, Dir. J. W. Harrison

CC: Las Vegas

BRID: 6-29-61

Re: Current 5-23-61 and LVAP 6-14-61.

CG immediately advises of further efforts to interview Giancana relative to this case and if available and not already done, interview him and surveil. Include in surveil effort to locate and observations of his associates regarding Giancana's indicated evasive tactics in avoiding interview by FBI agents as set forth in uratol 5-23-61.

Complete Giancana phase and surveil by 6-29-61.

Offices having outstanding leads in Roselli phase, complete and surveil by 6-29-61.

Complete Giancana phase and surveil by 6-29-61.

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DATE 6-23-61 BY JOSEPH A. 107

NOTE: 

Case involves wire tap placed on phone of Dan Rowan, member of comedy team of Rowan and Martin. Subject Balletti has stated that tap was placed by J. W. Harrison who was not further known to him. Robert Maheu, former BuAgent, stated he ordered coverage of Rowan on behalf of CIA's anti-Castro activities but did not order telephone tap. Present developments indicate Sam Giancana and possibly John Rosselli (both under investigation as top hoodlums in CG and LA, respectively) may be involved. All aspects of case being vigorously pursued to resolve matter.
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**ARThUR JAMES BALeTTI;**
UNKNOWN SUBJECT, aka
J. W. Harrison

**REFERENCES:**
- Bureau airtel to Las Vegas, Chicago, Los Angeles, Miami, and Washington Field dated 6/22/61.

**ADMINISTRATIVE**
Information copies of this report are being furnished to Chicago, Miami, and Washington Field since results in this report may affect investigation being conducted by these offices. ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HERIN IS UNCLASSIFIED.

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cc: AAG Criminal Division

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Synopsis: ROBERT MAHEU admitted JOHN ROSSELLI is "JOHNNY" through whom he made contact with SAM GIANCANA and that he discussed plan to wire ROWAN's room with ROSSELLI before it was done. Stated would stick with explanation previously given and added would not have ordered this done except for his connection with CIA. ROSSELLI not located at Los Angeles apartment.

DETAILS

DECLASSIFIED BY 5/9/81, 3:22:33
* CIA info declassified per John E. Bacon 8/27/80

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 2/10/84 BY 5/9/81
ROBERT MAHEU was interviewed at the Bel-Air Hotel, 701 Stone Canyon Road, West Los Angeles, California.

MAHEU was questioned regarding the identity of JOHNNY referred to in a previous interview as the person through whom he had made contact with SAM GIANCANA. MAHEU declined to name the individual but agreed to verify this person's identity if the agents named him. The name JOHN ROSELLI was given to MAHEU and he admitted that ROSELLI was the "JOHNNY" referred to and that ROSELLI was also identical to J. A. ROLLINS who registered with him at the Kenilworth Hotel in Miami Beach, Florida, in October, 1960.

MAHEU admitted that he had discussed his plan to wire DAN ROWAN's room at the Riviera Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, with ROSELLI prior to ordering that this be done.

It was pointed out to MAHEU that the explanation he gave in a previous interview for wiring ROWAN's room did not appear logical and was far removed from the purpose for which he was hired by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). He said he would stick to the explanation previously given and wished to add that he would never have ordered ROWAN's room wired except for his connection with CIA.
Attempts were made to locate John Ruggi for interview.

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URGENT 6-30-61

TO DIRECTOR AND SAC LAS VEGAS

FROM SAC LOS ANGELES 300246

ARTHUR JAMES BALLETTI, ET AL., UPUC, 00 LAS VEGAS. RE WASHINGTON FIELD TELETYPETO DIRECTOR AND LOS ANGELES JUNE 28 LAST. ROBERT MAHEU LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED JUNE 29, IDENTIFIED JOHN ROSSELLI AS JOHNNY THROUGH WHOM HE MADE ORIGINAL CONTACT WITH GIANCANA AND WHO REGISTERED WITH HIM AT KENILWORTH HOTEL AT MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, UNDER NAME J.A. ROLLINS. CLAIMS MET ROSSELLI TWO YEARS AGO THROUGH ADMITTED HE DISCUSSED PLANS TO WIRE DAN ROWAN'S ROOM WITH ROSSELLI BEFORE ORDERING IT DONE. STATED HE WOULD STICK TO EXPLANATION PREVIOUSLY GIVEN AND WOULD NOT HAVE ORDERED INSTALLATION IF HAD NOT BEEN WORKING FOR CIA. ROSSELLI NOT AT LOS ANGELES APARTMENT AND BELIEVED TO BE IN LAS VEGAS. REPORT FOLLOWS.
This case involves a wire tap placed on the telephone of Dan Rowan of the comedy team of Rowan and Martin by Arthur James Balletti and one J. W. Harrison, not further identified. Balletti is employed by Edward DuBois, a former Bureau Agent who runs a private investigating agency in Miami, Florida. Balletti admits to having been assigned to surveil Rowan in Las Vegas, Nevada, and was accompanied by J. W. Harrison, not further known to him who was supplied by Robert Maheu, another former Bureau Agent. Dan Rowan is reportedly engaged to Phyllis McGuire of the McGuire Sisters trio, who is also reportedly a girlfriend of Sam Giancana who is under investigation by the Chicago Office as a top hoodlum.

Maheu has claimed that the coverage of Rowan was put on in behalf of Central Intelligence Agency's (CIA) efforts to obtain intelligence information in Cuba through the hoodlum element, including Sam Giancana, which has had interests there. Maheu advises that he was put in contact with Giancana in connection with these intelligence activities through an individual known only to him as "Johnny."
Memorandum to Mr. Belmont

Balletti proceeded to Las Vegas to surveil Rowan. Balletti, Maheu and Dubois have continually denied knowing the identity of J. W. Harrison and other investigation to date has been unfruitful in this regard. It is possible that he is identical with Roselli.

Maheu admits he discussed plans to wire Rowan's room with Roselli before ordering that it be done. He stated he would stick to his explanation previously given and would not have ordered the installation if he had not been working for CIA. Giancana is taking evasive action to avoid interview and his attorney has stated Giancana would not talk to FBI Agents.

ACTION

The field is locating Roselli to interview him. Investigation is being vigorously pressed to ascertain the identity of J. W. Harrison and determine the full implication of Maheu, Giancana, Roselli and the other subjects in this case.
To: SACs, Las Vegas (139-1)
   Los Angeles (139-77)
   Miami (139-63)
   WFO (139-61)

From: Director, FBI (139-L18N)

ARTHUR JAMES BALLETI, et al.
UPUC

RE LA radiogram dated 6-30-61.

If not already done, Roselli should be immediately located and thoroughly interviewed for full details of his knowledge of this matter and appropriate offices advised in the event re-interviews with other subjects and suspects are indicated as a result of information furnished by Habeu and Roselli.

This matter must be vigorously pressed and completed and reports submitted to reach Bureau by 7-12-61.

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1 - Mr. Staffeld (Room 4708)
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In view of Maheu's admission that he ordered wiring of Rowan's room, Los Angeles should thoroughly interview him for the full details as to Roselli's role in the matter, how the plan was conceived and implemented, including identities of personnel involved. You should resolve the identity of J. V. Harrison and ascertain if DuBois and Balletti's story of how Balletti was supplied by DuBois and Harrison supplied by Maheu is substantiated by Maheu.

The interview of Maheu should be thorough, searching and of such a nature as to resolve the complete planning and implementation of the wire tap and the implication of each of the subjects and suspects in this case. This interview must be conducted immediately and leads sent out to other offices to resolve any questions or discrepancies noted on the basis of prior information developed.

Based on the results of the above interview of Maheu, Los Angeles should attempt to reinterview Roselli and, if indicated, Miami should thoroughly reinterview Balletti and DuBois. ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

DATE 6/10/64 BY SPH-76K-00

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Chicago should advise if Giancana has changed his attitude and is making himself available for interview and, if so, thoroughly interview him relative to this matter.

This matter must be vigorously pressed to resolve any questions, results of interview with Maheu submitted immediately and leads developed from this interview completed and reports submitted within ten days of receipt of this airtel.

NOTE:

Case involves wire tap placed on phone of Dan Rowan, member of comedy team of Rowan and Martin and boy friend of Phyllis McGuire, songstress. Subject Balletti has stated tap placed by J. W. Harrison who was not further known to him. Robert Maheu, former BuAgent previously stated he ordered coverage of Rowan on behalf of CIA's anti-Castro activities but did not order phone tap. Now admits authorizing wiring of Rowan's room and discussed with John Roselli, top hoodlum, LA. Roselli on interview only admits knowing Maheu but refused to give any other information. Investigation indicated Sam Giancana and John Roselli (both under investigation as top hoodlums in CG and LA, respectively) were possibly involved. Investigation being vigorously pressed to ascertain Maheu's, Giancana's and Roselli's and other subjects' full implication in this matter.
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Via AIRT-L AIR MAIL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (139-1192)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (139-77)
RE: ARTHUR JAMES BALLETTI; ET AL
UPUC
OC: Las Vegas

Re Buairtel 7/10/61 and 7/11/61.

MAHEU reinterviewed in Beverly Hills, California on 7/13/61.

MAHEU stated that in October, 1960, he requested EDWARD L. DUBOIS, JR., Miami Beach, Florida to institute technical surveillance on DAN ROWAN at the Riviera Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada, but left details to DUBOIS. He claims he does not recall if he specified type of installation to be used but was interested only in conversation within ROWAN's room and had in mind the installation of a microphone and transmitter and not a telephone tap. He claims he definitely did not request a physical surveillance.

MAHEU stated he takes full responsibility for ordering this installation and that although he discussed installation with JOHN ROSELLI it was not made at ROSELLI's request or at the request of SAMUEL GIANCANA or for GIANCANA's benefit. He stated that this was his own decision based on reasons given in a previous interview.

MAHEU insists he does not know unknown subject, aka J. W. Harrison and denies he made a call to DUBOIS to substitute one of his own men as claimed by DUBOIS. Stated DUBOIS charged him for transportation and time for two men.

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ROSELLI in Las Vegas, Nevada but MAHEU expects him to be in Los Angeles the first of next week.

Miami will reinterview BALLETI and DUBOIS in an effort to identify unknown subject.

Los Angeles will attempt to reinterview ROSELLI on 7/17/61 if he is at his Los Angeles apartment.

Report being submitted.
**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

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**TITLE OF CASE**

| ARTHUR JAMES BALLETTI; UNSUB, aka J. W. Harrison |

**REFERENCES:**

- Bureau airtel to Los Angeles dated 7/10/61.
- Los Angeles airtel to the Bureau dated 7/1-61.

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ROBERT MAHEU stated he requested technical surveillance on DAIR ROWAH by DUBOIS, but does not recall specific instructions. Was interested only in conversation in room and had in mind microphone, not telephone, tap. Claims decision to order installation was his own and not made at the request or for benefit of GIANCANA or ROSELLI. Denied knowing identity of unsub. ROSELLI admits knowing MAHEU but declined to answer other questions.
ROBERT MAHEU was interviewed at 190 North Canon Drive, Beverly Hills, California, on July 13, 1961. MAHEU was informed of his right to an attorney and that he did not have to answer questions and that anything he did say could be used against him in a court of law. MAHEU stated that in connection with the confidential assignment for Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) he had been in contact with SAMUEL GIANCANA and had received valuable assistance from GIANCANA, which, in turn, was furnished to CIA. MAHEU had reason to believe that GIANCANA may have disclosed information regarding the project and, in view of the sensitive nature of the project, he, MAHEU, decided to determine whether or not GIANCANA had actually talked to unauthorized persons. He was aware that GIANCANA was very close in a romantic way with PHYLLIS MC GUIRE of the Mc Guire Sisters Trio. He said that if GIANCANA had disclosed this information regarding project to anyone, he would have disclosed it to PHYLLIS MC GUIRE. He said that he was also aware that in the fall of 1960 the relations between PHYLLIS MC GUIRE and GIANCANA were strained and that PHYLLIS was romantically involved with DAN ROWAN, who was appearing at the Riviera Hotel in Las Vegas. He considered it very vital to determine whether or not GIANCANA was reliable and decided to order an installation on DAN ROWAN's room in an effort to determine whether or not GIANCANA had disclosed any information regarding the project to PHYLLIS MC GUIRE. MAHEU stated that this decision was his own and that GIANCANA had no knowledge that the installation was made. He said that he did discuss this with JOHN ROSELLI, since he felt obligated to discuss it with ROSELLI, as ROSELLI had been instrumental in putting him in contact with GIANCANA. MAHEU denied that the installation was made at the request of ROSELLI or GIANCANA or for the benefit of either ROSELLI or GIANCANA.
He said that he did discuss his decision with ROSELLI some time prior to ordering the installation but does not recall the specific date or place where he discussed the matter with ROSELLI. He pointed out that he does not recall whether or not this occurred during October, 1960, when they were both registered at the Kenilworth Hotel in Miami Beach, Florida. He pointed out that he had met with ROSELLI on a number of occasions and, therefore, does not recall the specific occasion in which he discussed his decision with ROSELLI. He does not recall what comment ROSELLI made when informed of his decision.

MAHOU said that he requested EDWARD L. DUBOIS, Jr., a Miami Beach private investigator, to institute a technical surveillance of DAN ROWAN's room at the Riviera Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. He said that he does not recall what his specific requests were regarding the type of installation to be used, but had left this up to DUBOIS. He said that he was interested only in conversation within DAN ROWAN's room and had in mind the installation of a microphone and transmitter and not a telephone tap. He said, however, that he does not recall whether or not he specified not to make a telephone installation. He said that he does recall that he definitely did not request a physical surveillance of ROWAN.

MAHOU stated that he does not know the identity of the unknown subject, also known as J. W. Harrison. He said that he definitely did not contact DUBOIS and tell DUBOIS that he would send one of his men. He insisted that DUBOIS had furnished both men to handle this assignment in Las Vegas and that DUBOIS had charged him for transportation and time for two men.
MAHEU repeated that he would take full responsibility for ordering the installation, that the installation was made for the reasons he had given above and in a previous interview, and definitely was not made at the request or for the benefit of JOHN ROSELLI or SAMUEL GIANCANA.
JOHN ROSELLI was contacted at Drucker's Hairdressers, 3015 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, California. ROSELLI was informed of his right to have an attorney and that he did not have to say anything and that anything he did say could be used against him in a court of law.

ROSELLI admitted that he has known ROBERT MAHEU for approximately five years. When asked if he knew SAM GIANCANA, ROSELLI stated, "Let's discuss the weather. I do not care to answer any more questions." ROSELLI stated that he knew of nothing illegal that MAHEU had done, but for any additional information regarding his association with MAHEU, the Agents should talk with MAHEU himself.
JOHN ROSELLI was telephonically contacted by SA at his Los Angeles apartment, 1251 Crescent Heights Boulevard, Los Angeles, on July 19, 1961, in an effort to arrange an interview. ROSELLI advised that he did not care to discuss his association with MAHEU at any time with the FBI.
TO:  Mr. Belmont  
FROM:  A. Rosen  
SUBJECT:  ARTHUR JAMES BALLETTI, ET AL.  
UNAUTHORIZED PUBLICATION OR USE OF COMMUNICATIONS  

DATE:  February 2, 1962

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CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS

The Department, by memorandum dated 1/31/62, has requested that we reinterview in order to determine whether the CIA would object to the institution of a criminal prosecution in which Robert Maheu might be a defendant.
Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
Re: ARTHUR JAMES BALLETTI

ACTION

It is recommended that the Liaison Agent with CIA
reinterview [REDACTED] in accordance with the Department's
request.

ADDENDUM 7-f-62 (SJP: han):
On February 7, 1962,
This case involves a wiretap placed on the telephone of Dan Rowan of the comedy team of Rowan and Martin by Arthur James Ballelli and J. W. Harrison. Ballelli was employed by Edward DeBalsi, who runs a private investigating agency in Miami, Florida. Ballelli admits to having been assigned to surveil Rowan in Las Vegas, Nevada, and was accompanied by one J. W. Harrison, not further identified, who was supplied by Robert Makin, who also conducts private investigations. Dan Rowan was reportedly engaged to Phyllis McGuire of the McGuire Sisters trio, who was also reportedly a girl friend of Sam Giancana. Giancana is a hoodlum.

Makin claimed that he ordered coverage of Rowan in behalf of Central Intelligence Agency's (CIA) efforts to obtain intelligence information in Cuba through the hoodlum element, including Sam Giancana, which had interests there. Makin said he was put in contact with Giancana in connection with these intelligence activities through John Roselli, a Los Angeles hoodlum. Makin authorized wiring of Rowan's room and discussed the matter with John Roselli.
At the request of the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice, this matter was discussed with the CIA Director of Security on February 7, 1962, and we were advised that your agency

The Criminal Division has now requested that CIA specifically advise whether it would or would not object to the initiation of criminal prosecution against the subjects, Ballotti, Makeu, and the individual known as J. W. Harrison for conspiracy to violate the "Wire Tapping Statute." 

An early reply will be appreciated in order that we may promptly inform the Criminal Division of CIA's position in this matter.
Our files contain the following information concerning the captioned matter, much of which has been furnished by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) on a strictly highly confidential "need-to-know" basis. In view of this, it is requested that it be handled on a most restrictive basis.

This matter first came to our attention in the Spring of 1961 in connection with our investigation of a violation of the Unauthorized Publication or Use of Communications Statute on the part of Arthur James Balletti, who had been arrested by local authorities in Las Vegas, Nevada, on a local wire tapping charge. Balletti and another unidentified individual in October, 1960, had reportedly placed a wire tap on the telephone of Dan Rowan, a member of the comedy team of Rowan and Martin. Rowan at the time reportedly was engaged to Phyllis McGuire of the well-known McGuire Sisters singing trio who was also known to be a girl friend of Sam Giancana, a top hoodlum.

During the course of the Balletti investigation it was ascertained that Robert A. Maheu, a private detective, was involved. Maheu during interview claimed he ordered coverage of Rowan in behalf of CIA's efforts to obtain intelligence information in Cuba through the hoodlum element, including Sam Giancana, which had interests there. Maheu said he was put in contact with Giancana in connection with these intelligence activities through John Roselli, a Los Angeles hoodlum. Maheu stated also that he authorized the wiring of Rowan's room and had discussed the matter with Roselli.

The essence of the above was furnished Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy by letter dated May 22, 1961, which enclosed a memorandum of the same date containing data made available on May 3, 1961, by Colonel Sheffield Edwards, who at that time was Director of Security at CIA, regarding his utilization of Maheu in connection with anti-Castro activities. Since our files show that Mr. Kennedy returned the original of our letter and its enclosed memorandum dated May 22, 1961.
The Attorney General

to us for filing purposes, a copy of the May 22, 1961, memorandum is attached hereto for your information.

You will note that Colonel Edwards advised he personally contacted Robert Maheu during the Fall of 1960 for the purpose of using Maheu as a "cutout" in contacts with Sam Giancana in connection with CIA's clandestine efforts against Castro. Colonel Edwards stated that Giancana's activities were completely "backstopped" by Maheu, who would frequently report Giancana's actions and information to Edwards. No details or methods used by Maheu or Giancana in accomplishing their missions were reported to him, according to Edwards, as such involved "dirty business," of which Colonel Edwards could not afford to have knowledge. Accordingly, he said he had no prior knowledge of the above-mentioned wire tapping by Baldetti.

Further with respect to this matter, I was informed of the following on a highly confidential basis by former Attorney General Kennedy during a conference in my office on May 9, 1962:

He indicated that a few days prior thereto he had been advised by CIA that Robert A. Maheu had been hired by CIA to approach Sam Giancana with a proposition of paying $150,000 to hire some gunmen to go into Cuba and kill Castro. He further stated CIA admitted having assisted Maheu in making the "bugging" installation in Las Vegas (referred to above) which uncovered this clandestine operation and for this reason CIA could not afford to have any action taken against Giancana or Maheu. Mr. Kennedy stated that upon learning CIA had not cleared its action in hiring Maheu and Giancana with the Department of Justice he issued orders that CIA should never again take such steps without first checking with the Department of Justice.

Mr. Kennedy further advised that because of this matter it would be very difficult to initiate any prosecution against Giancana, as Giancana could immediately bring out the fact the United States Government had approached him to arrange for the assassination of Castro. He stated the same was true concerning any action we might take against Maheu for any violation in which he might become involved.

On June 30, 1963, Mr. William Harvey, an official of CIA, advised that he had held a meeting with John Roselli (referred to above as Maheu's link with Giancana) for the purpose of closing out the entire matter with which Roselli had been involved. In this connection, Harvey stated that CIA had
The Attorney General

established contact with Roselli in "early 1961" with respect to a sensitive operation against Castro. Harvey said that for all intents and purposes the operation was discontinued and canceled after the ill-fated Bay of Pigs invasion in April, 1961, but Roselli had not been completely cut off, as he periodically indicated he was in a position to be of assistance.

It appears Roselli has since that time, nevertheless, used his prior connections with CIA to his best advantage. For example, in May, 1966, when contacted by Agents of this Bureau in connection with our current investigation of his activities he refused to talk and immediately flew to Washington, D. C., and consulted with Colonel Sheffield Edwards, who is now retired from CIA. Colonel Edwards in turn advised CIA, which told us. Mr. Howard J. Osborn, the present Director of Security, CIA, freely has admitted to us that Roselli has CIA in an unusually vulnerable position and that he would have no qualms about embarrassing CIA if it served his own interests. In furnishing this information, Mr. Osborn asked that it be held within this Bureau on a strictly need-to-know basis.

In light of the above information furnished us by CIA and former Attorney General Kennedy, it appears that data which came to our attention in October, 1960, possibly pertains to the captioned matter. At that time a source close to Giancana advised that during a conversation with several friends Giancana stated that Fidel Castro was "to be done away with very shortly." Giancana reportedly assured those present that Castro's assassination would occur in November, 1960, and that he had already met with the assassin-to-be on three occasions, the last meeting having taken place on a boat docked at the Fontainebleau Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida. Reportedly, Giancana claimed that everything had been perfected for the killing and the "assassin" had arranged with a girl, not further described, to drop a "pill" in Castro's drink or food.

Also of possible interest is a news article carried in the August 18, 1963, issue of the "Chicago Sun Times." This article carried the headline, "CIA Brought Giancana's Help For Cuba Spying," and it was reported therein that CIA agents had contacted Giancana in an effort to obtain Cuban intelligence after Castro came into power.

Enclosure

1 - The Deputy Attorney General (Enclosure)
The Attorney General

NOTE: See cover memorandum Wannall to Sullivan, same caption, March 8, 1967. Classified "Top Secret" inasmuch as information contained herein is so classified by CIA.
In accordance with instructions, attached letter has been prepared for Attorney General setting forth all data in our files concerning captioned matter. Briefly, information being furnished is as follows:

Matter first came to our attention in Spring of 1961 in connection with our investigation of violation of Unauthorize Publication or Use of Communications Statute on the part of Arthur James Ballett, arrested in Las Vegas, Nevada, by local authorities on wire tapping charge. Wire tap involved was on telephone of Dan Rowan, member of Rowan and Martin comedy team. Rowan at the time reportedly was engaged to Phyllis McGuire, girl friend of top hoodlum Sam Giancana and member of McGuire Sisters singing trio.

Through our investigation we determined involvement of Robert A. Maheu, private detective, who stated coverage on Rowan instituted in behalf of Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) efforts to obtain Cuban intelligence data through hoodlum element, including Sam Giancana. Maheu was in contact with Giancana through services of John Roselli, another hoodlum, and Maheu authorized wiring of Rowan's room.

We checked matter with CIA on 5/3/61 and learned CIA was utilizing Maheu as intermediary with Sam Giancana relative to CIA's "dirty business" anti-Castro activities. CIA insisted it did not give Maheu any instructions relative to use of technical installations. By letter 5/22/61 we furnished former Attorney General Kennedy a memorandum containing a rundown on CIA's involvement in this. The originals of the letter and memorandum were returned to us for filing purposes. A copy of that memorandum is being attached to instant letter being sent to Attorney General.

On 5/9/62 Kennedy discussed with the Director a number of matters, including admission by CIA that Robert Maheu had been...
Memorandum for Mr. Sullivan
Re: CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY'S
INTENTIONS TO SEND HOODLUMS TO
- CUBA TO ASSASSINATE CASTRO

hired by that Agency to approach Sam Giancana to have Castro
assassinated at a cost of $150,000. Kennedy stated he had issued
orders that CIA should never undertake such steps again without
first checking with Department of Justice and stated because of this
matter it would be difficult to prosecute Giancana or Maheu then
or in the future.

We learned on 6/20/63 from CIA that its contacts with
John Roselli (Maheu's link with Giancana) had continued up until
that time, when they were reportedly cut off.

It appears Roselli is using his prior connections with
CIA to his best advantage. In May, 1966, when Bureau Agents
endeavored to interview him he immediately flew to Washington and
informed his former CIA intermediary. The current Director of
Security, CIA, has advised through liaison channels that Roselli
has CIA in an unusually vulnerable position and Roselli would have
no qualms about embarrassing CIA to serve his own interests. In
furnishing this information we were asked that it be held within
this Bureau on a strictly need-to-know basis. We have, however,
including it in the attached proposed letter to the Attorney General
noting this CIA specific restriction.

We have two other references in our files to the over-all
above information which we have included in the letter. One
relates to a statement by Giancana in October, 1960, that he had
met with an individual who was to assassinate Castro in November,
1960. The other is an article in the 8/16/63 issue of the "Chicago
Sun Times" reporting that CIA agents had contacted Giancana to
obtain Cuban intelligence.

ACTION:

If approved, attached letter will be sent to the Attorney
General, with a copy for the Deputy Attorney General.

The Attorney General
asked for his information
on Friday, 8/3/67.

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FBI

Date: 6/16/61

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT
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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (139-1201)
FROM: SAC, LAS VEGAS (139-1) 370177
RE: ARTHUR JAMES BALLETI;
UNKnown SUBJECT, aka J. W.
Harrison
UPUC
(CC: Las Vegas)

Ref. Bureau airtel dated 6/14/61 and Las Vegas
letter to Bureau, attention FBI Laboratory, 3/28/61.

Referenced Las Vegas letter on 3/28/61, for-
warded to the FBI Laboratory, Riveria Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada,
Registration Card No. 192650, bearing the handwriting of
J. W. Harrison to Laboratory for comparison with handwriting
on Kenilworth Hotel, Bal Harbour, Florida, Registration
Card, bearing name of J. A. ROLLINS, which was submitted
by Miami on 3/22/61.

The Laboratory is requested to compare hand-
writing of JOHN ROSELLI, available in Bureau file 92-3267,
with the handwriting of above two described hotel registra-
tion cards.

Photograph of JOHN ROSELLI will be immediately
exhibited at the Riveria Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada.

139-1201-56

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Approved: ___________________ Sent __________ M Per __________

Special Agent in Charge
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: FBI, Las Vegas (139-1)  Date: June 27, 1961

Re: ARTHUR JAMES BALLETTO
Unsub. aka J. W. HARRISON

Examination requested by: Las Vegas
Reference: Airtel 6/16/61
Examination requested: Document

Remarks:
The available known handwriting and hand printing of JOHN ROSSELLI are contained in photocopies of Selective Service documents which were forwarded by the Los Angeles Office March 28, 1958. The signatures on fingerprint cards of JOHN ROSSELLI were not compared with the handwriting on Q1 and Q2 because the writings involved would not be comparable.

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
1 - Los Angeles (139-77) Enclosure (Lab report)
1 - Miami (139-63) Enclosure (Lab report)
1 - Washington Field Office (139-61) Enclosure (Lab report)
1 - Chicago (139-102) Enclosure (Lab report)
REPORT of the
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: FBI, Las Vegas
Re: ARTHUR JAMES BALLETTI;
Unsub, aka J. W. HARRISON
UPUC

Date: June 27, 1961
FBI File No. 139-1301
Lab. No. D-370177

Request received 6/31/61
Request comparison of handwriting of JOHN ROSELLI with handwriting on submitted hotel registration cards

Result of examination:

The available known handwriting of JOHN ROSELLI is not sufficiently comparable with the handwriting and hand printing on the Riviera Hotel reservation card #192650, Q2, and the Kenilworth Hotel registration card #3009, Q1, to permit an adequate comparison. Consequently, it was not determined definitely whether ROSELLI did or did not prepare the written material on Q1 and Q2.
Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: ARTHUR JAMES BALLETTI;
Unsub, aka J. W. HARRISON
XERASXHEKX UPUC

Examination requested by: Las Vegas (139-1)
Examination requested: Doc.
Result of Examination: comparison

Specimens submitted for examination
Request of hw of JOHN ROSELLI, File 92-3267, with hw on submitted hotel registration cards
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**TITLE OF CASE**

ARTHUR JAMES BALLETTI; UNKNOWN SUBJECT, aka J W. Harrison

**CHARACTER OF CASE**

UPUC

**REFERENCES:**

- Report of SA [Redacted], 6/9/61, at Miami,
- Los Angeles airtel to Bureau, 6/9/61,
- Bureau airtel, 6/14/61,
- Report of SA [Redacted], 6/14/61, at Las Vegas.

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EDWARD DUBOIS and subject BALLETTI, after viewing photo of JOHN ROSELLI, FBI #3339986, said they did not recognize him and they are sure that they have not been in contact with him in connection with their investigation at Las Vegas, Nevada. ROSELLI's photo exhibited to employees Kenilworth Hotel, Miami Beach; one employee said resembles person she recalls as J. A. ROLLINS, but she was unable to furnish a physical description of ROLLINS. Telephone number UN 4-2922, Miami Beach, Florida, issued to the apartment of a singer employed at the Carillon Hotel, Miami Beach, who gave Las Vegas as her permanent address.

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DETAILS:
ARTHUR JAMES BALLETTI was interviewed at the office of Investigators, Incorporated, Ainsley Building, Miami, Florida. He was exhibited a photograph of JOHN ROSELLI, FBI #3339986, and after studying this photo, said he could not recall ever seeing that man. He said he was positive that he had not seen that person in connection with investigation he conducted in Las Vegas, Nevada, during the Fall of 1960. He also advised that this person was not the person he knew of as J. W. HARRISON.
Photograph of JOHN ROSELLI, FBI #3339986, was exhibited to EDWARD DUBOIS by ARTHUR BALLETTI in the presence of Special Agents and He said the photo appeared somewhat familiar although he could not recall where he had seen the person and mentioned that he looked like a "movie character" and that might be the reason why the photo was familiar.

He said he was positive that he had not seen this person in connection with investigation his firm conducted at Las Vegas, Nevada, in the Fall, 1960.
Kenilworth Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida, was exhibited a photograph of JOHN ROSELLI, FBI #3339986, on June 20, 1961. She advised that person looked somewhat familiar to her. After the names ROBERT A. MAHEU and J. A. ROLLINS were mentioned to her, she said she believed this was a photograph of ROLLINS. She said she felt quite sure of this identification but she could not make a positive identification without seeing this man in person. She was asked to give a physical description of ROLLINS as she recalled him and stated she was unable to do so.
Menilworth Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida, advised he clearly recalls ROBERT A. MAHEU as being a guest at that hotel prior to the Presidential elections in November, 1960. He also said he recalls MAHEU being accompanied by a Mr. J. A. ROLLINS during his stay at that time. He said he could not recall anything about ROLLINS other than the name and he was unable to describe ROLLINS.

He was exhibited a photograph of JOHN ROSELLI, FBI #3339986, and said he could not recall ever seeing that person and was unable to say whether or not it might be the person named J. A. ROLLINS.
**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

**Title of Case:**

ARTHUR JAMES BALLETTI; UNKNOWN SUBJECT, aka., J. W. Harrison

**Investigative Period:**

6/17/61 - 6/29/61

**Date:**

6/29/61

**Office of Origin:**

LAS VEGAS

**Office of Reporting:**

LAS VEGAS

**Report Made By:**

bsj

**Character of Case:**

UPUC

**References:**

- Bureau airtel, dated 6/14/61.
- Las Vegas letter to Bureau, dated 6/16/61.

**Leads**

**Los Angeles Division (Information)**

One copy of this report is being furnished to Los Angeles in view of information relative to JOHN ROSELLI, aka.

**Las Vegas Division**

**At Las Vegas, Nevada**

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**Iss: AAG Criminal Division**

FORM 6-31-61

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LV 139-1

UACB, this matter will be discussed with USA, Las Vegas, upon receipt of results of investigation presently outstanding.
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Reno


Field Office File No.: 139-1

Title: ARTHUR JAMES BALLETTI;
UNKNOWN SUBJECT, aka., J. W. Harrison

Character: UNAUTHORIZED PUBLICATION OR USE OF COMMUNICATIONS

Synopsis: Investigation, Las Vegas, unable to identify JOHN
ROSELLI, aka., as being identical with UNSUB, aka., J. W.
HARRISON. FBI Laboratory unable to determine whether JOHN
ROSELLI did or did not prepare writing on Riviera and Kenilworth
Hotel.

DETAILS: AT LAS VEGAS, NEVADA
Riviera Hotel advised that he did not recall having observed an individual, using the name J. W. HARRISON, who checked into the Riviera Hotel on October 26, 1960, and was assigned to room 333, but was later moved to room 331.

said that he knows JOHN ROSELLI by sight, and that so far as he knew, ROSELLI had never stayed at that hotel. He feels sure ROSELLI was not individual who checked into the hotel on October 26, 1960, using name of J. W. HARRISON.
that he is no longer employed at the Riviera Hotel. He again advised that he does not think he would know the individuals who checked into the Riviera Hotel on or about October 26, 1960, using the names of ARTHUR BALLETTI and J. W. HARRISON.

Seven photographs, including the photographs of JOHN BALELLI, were exhibited to [redacted] and he advised that he could not recall having observed any of the individuals before and could not identify any of them as being identical with the individuals who checked into the Riviera Hotel using the names of BALLETTI or HARRISON.
LV 139-1

By communication, dated June 16, 1961, the Las Vegas Division requested the FBI Laboratory to compare the handwriting of JOHN ROSELLI, of Los Angeles, California, with the handwriting of UNKNOWN SUBJECT, also known as J. W. HARRISON.

By communication, dated June 27, 1961, the FBI Laboratory advised that the available known handwriting of JOHN ROSELLI is not sufficiently comparable with the handwriting and hand printing on the Riviera Hotel Registration Card No. 8009, Q1, to permit an adequate comparison. Consequently, it was not determined definitely whether ROSELLI did or did not prepare the written material on Q1 and Q2.
URGENT 7-6-61 4:42 PM PDST RHK

TO DIRECTOR AND SAC LOS ANGELES

FROM SAC LAS VEGAS 062327

RE ARTHUR JAMES BALETTI, ET AL. UPUC. RE LOS ANGELES
RADIOGRAM JUNE 29. NUMEROUS EFFORTS TO LOCATE JOHN ROSELLI
FOR INTERVIEW NON PRODUCTIVE. ROSELLI WAS AT APARTMENT BUT WAS LEAVING FOR LOS
ANGELES. IMMEDIATE EFFORT TO LOCATE NEGATIVE. LOS ANGELES
LOCATE ROSELLI AT HIS APARTMENT AND INTERVIEW.

RECEIVED: 7:47 PM TELETYPX
7:51 PM CODING UNIT MN

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DECLINED TO ANSWER ANY OTHER QUESTIONS. WEC 41 DEC 74.

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FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

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Memorandum

To: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES

DATE: 2/23/62

SUBJECT: CONF. INF.

The symbol number has been designated for JOHN ROSELLI, aka and file number has been opened at Los Angeles for the purpose of the development of ROSELLI as a top echelon criminal informant.

ROSELLI has been the subject of an Anti-Racketeering investigation (File 92-3267, Los Angeles file 92-113, Las Vegas 92-467, Los Angeles is Office of Origin,) is now under an Anti-Racketeering intensification program.

ROSELLI maintains a residence at Apartment C. 1251 North Crescent Heights Boulevard, Los Angeles, and also maintains a residence at Apartment 100, Diplomat Apartments, 3478 Paradise Road, Las Vegas, Nevada.

The background data and an immediate plan for the development of ROSELLI is not being submitted herewith in order that the Las Vegas Office, may advise if consideration has been given toward developing ROSELLI and if any steps or contacts have been made in this regard.

Las Vegas is requested to advise information concerning any considerations made toward the development of ROSELLI. This request is being made in order to obtain all observations from the Las Vegas Office which may assist in the possible development of ROSELLI.

Bureau (REGISTERED)
Las Vegas (92-467) (REGISTERED)

60 MAR 13 1962
FBI

Date: March 2, 1962

PLAIN TEXT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, LAS VEGAS (62-467) (P)
CONF. INFI.


Las Vegas has in past given some consideration to possible development of informant; however, no positive steps have been taken in this regard. The Bureau and Los Angeles will recall that Las Vegas has mentioned several times during the past year that every time an opportunity presents itself, those SAs assigned to Criminal Intelligence Program matters, make a point of stopping to talk with CI. He knows several of the SAs by name, and knows their names, since they have spoken to him on several occasions.

CI is very much disliked by almost all casino owners in Las Vegas, particularly those connected with the Desert Inn Hotel.

With one exception Rosellini has always exhibited a friendly surface attitude with SAs in Las Vegas. On that occasion, in the lobby of the Desert Inn Hotel in early 1961 he was somewhat upset because he said the FBI was causing him to lose legitimate
business deals by interviewing everyone he contacted. Either firmly told him not to raise his voice, that the FBI did not investigate any legitimate businessman, etc. CI apologized and the conversation continued in a normal manner.

It is known CI has a violent temper, and treats the Jewish people as if he considers himself superior to them. It is also believed that he considers himself very intelligent, somewhat above average, and also thinks he is quite a ladies' man. CI does present a good appearance, and is always very well dressed.

The handling of CI would be a most delicate matter in view of his violent temper and superior attitude. However, he certainly has extensive knowledge of the hoodlum empire, and would be of invaluable assistance in event he could be developed. In event Las Vegas can think of an unusual approach or develop information which might tend to compromise CI, it will be furnished immediately to Los Angeles. In this regard, Los Angeles should bear in mind CI's fondness for women as has been reported by
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES

Re My letter dated 2/23/62 captioned

The caption in referenced letter should be changed to Los Angeles copy has been corrected.

Bureau (REGISTERED)
Las Vegas (92-467) (REGISTERED)
Los Angeles

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Approved: [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge
Memorandum

TO: Director, FBI

FROM: SAC, Los Angeles

DATE: 4/11/62

SUBJECT: TOP ECHELON CRIMINAL INFORMANT PROGRAM

Re: Rebulet dated 2/20/62 which granted authority to develop above-captioned individual, and Las Vegas letter dated 3/2/62.

Consideration has been made by the Los Angeles Office to develop captioned informant but first the Las Vegas Office was asked for any action or steps taken to develop this informant.

Re Las Vegas letter dated 3/2/62 furnished details regarding contacts made with captioned informant. The Las Vegas Office advised that this informant exhibited a friendly attitude; that he has a violent temper; and that if the Las Vegas Office could think of an unusual approach or development which might compromise the informant, this would be furnished immediately to the Los Angeles Office.

It is considered presently that further development of this informant be held in abeyance because an intensification AR investigation is being conducted now on his activities.

Captioned case is being closed at Los Angeles, and if the Las Vegas or the Los Angeles offices develop information in the AR investigation which will compromise the informant for proper development, the Bureau will be advised immediately.

2 - Bureau (Registered)
1 - Las Vegas (92-467) (Registered)
2 - Los Angeles
(1 - 92-113)

5/1 APR 20 1962
Memorandum

TO: Director, FBI
DATE: 1/13/66

FROM: SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: TECIP

Symbol number was assigned to JOHN ROSELLI, aka., in 1962 when an informant file was opened for the purpose of endeavoring to develop him as a top echelon criminal informant. At that time it was concluded that in order to develop ROSELLI, some unusual approach would have to be used.

ROSELLI is currently the subject of a pending Anti-Racketeering investigation. Los Angeles is office of origin. (File 92-3267; Los Angeles 92-113).

Since 1962, information has been received from Investigation conducted on the basis of the above facts has disclosed that ROSELLI was born in Esperia, Italy on July 4, 1905 and came to the United States with his mother. His father died prior to 1920 without becoming a U. S. citizen and his mother, who resides in Massachusetts is still an Italian alien.

No record has been found that ROSELLI ever became a U. S. citizen; in fact, he claims birth in Chicago, Illinois on the basis of forged documents.

Investigation has not disclosed that ROSELLI is wanted for any serious crime or was ever charged with such a crime during his youth.
Information is currently being received from...

...could warrant an approach to him at an opportune time in an effort to obtain his cooperation. No approach would be initiated until more specific information is received concerning his present and near future activities as being reported by the above mentioned Los Angeles informants.

In view of the above, approval of the Bureau is requested to consider ROSELLI as a target for development under the Top Echelon Criminal Informant Program.

This matter is to be handled by SA...
Re: Reurl 1/13/66.

Authority granted to add captioned target to your TECIP. Prior to interviewing this individual in an effort to effect his development as an informant, submit your recommended approach for Bureau approval.
TO: Director, FBI
FROM: SAC, Los Angeles - CONFIDENTIAL - SAC, Los Angeles

RE: TOP ECHELON CRIMINAL INFORMANT PROGRAM

Re Los Angeles letter to Bureau 1/15/66 requesting Bureau approval to consider JOHN ROSSELLI who is as a target under the Top Echelon Criminal Informant Program, and Bureau letter to Los Angeles dated 1/22/66 giving this approval and instructing Los Angeles to submit its recommended approach of ROSSELLI for Bureau approval prior to contacting him.

Brief background is set out below as well as Los Angeles' recommendations concerning an approach to ROSSELLI.

BACKGROUND DATA

Investigation has been conducted in Chicago, Illinois where there exists a report of birth for ROSSELLI under the name GIOVANNI ROSSELLI reflecting he was born 7/4/34 in Chicago, Illinois. This was a delayed birth certificate filed in 1936. Investigation has shown that the signature on the affidavit supporting the delayed birth certificate is a forgery. Intensive investigation was conducted by the Bureau but ROSSELLI's true identity was not determined.

2) Bureau (REGISTERED)
   1 - Boston (92-458)(Info)(REGISTERED)
   1 - Chicago (92-399)(Info)(REGISTERED)
   1 - Miami (92-517)(Info)(REGISTERED)
   1 - New York (92-721)(Info)(REGISTERED)
2 - Los Angeles (1 - 92-113 G)

Approved: [Signature]
Sent: M Per:
In the early part of 1964, extensive investigation conducted since the receipt of the information concerning ROSSELLI's true identity has failed to disclose any serious crime committed by him for which he is "wanted".

Investigation has disclosed that PHILLIPPO SACCO was born in Esperia, Italy on 7/4/05, the son of VINCENZO SACCO and MARIANTONIA PASCALE SACCO and he entered the United States at New York City in 1911 at the age of six with his mother and one CATERINA PALAZZO. His father was already in the United States in 1911 and he died in Boston in 1918 and never became a U.S. citizen. His mother still resides in the Boston area. She never became a U.S. citizen and is currently registered as an alien.

The above fact would indicate that ROSSELLI is an alien at the present time.

ROSSELLI currently resides in Apartment 803, 1333 South Beverly Glen Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, and
during recent months has been spending practically all of his time in the Los Angeles area.

In the investigation of FELIPE SACCO, the protection of [REDACTED] has been considered of major importance to the Los Angeles Office and in an approach to ROSSELLI and throughout subsequent interviews or Grand Jury action, it should continue to be a prime consideration.
M0-SAs have been designated to make the approach to ROSSELLI. Both of these Agents have been assigned to the Criminal Intelligence Program since its inception.

The brief approach outlined above is believed most desirable because, 1.) This will be a serious decision on ROSSELLI's part which he cannot be expected to make on the spur of the moment. 2.) No matter which decision ROSSELLI makes he will not in the future be able to accuse the interviewing Agents of having made any promises or threats. 3.) ROSSELLI is a smart, shrewd individual and will immediately realize the significance of the information the FBI has concerning his true identity and of the decision which he must make. 4.) He is quite security conscious and arranging to meet him at the restaurant mentioned, away from Los Angeles, should satisfy his personal security precautions.

The Los Angeles Office will review the ROSSELLI file and furnish the interested offices with the names of persons to be interviewed in the event ROSSELLI does not cooperate. This information will be furnished so that these offices have it available at the time it is definitely known that ROSSELLI does not wish to cooperate. When it is learned that he will not cooperate, it is contemplated that the
interested offices will be advised by teletype to proceed immediately with the interview.

The Bureau is requested to consider contacting the Department of Justice and presenting a hypothetical case involving ROSSELLI's situation for an opinion concerning the possibilities of successful deportation proceedings against an individual in ROSSELLI's position.

The Bureau might also desire to determine from the Department if immunity statutes could be invoked with regard to witnesses who are called before the Federal Grand Jury for questioning concerning ROSSELLI's true identity and alien status.

Bureau approval of the above plan of approach is requested. Upon receipt of approval immediate steps will be taken to contact ROSSELLI pursuant to the plan set out above.
4/20/66

Mr. Mohr

To: SAC, Los Angeles

From: Director, FBI

Re your airtel 4/15/66.

Based upon your recommendation, authority granted to interview captioned source along lines set forth in re airtel. In interviewing, insure that the security of the matter is in no way jeopardized.

The Department is not being contacted at this time regarding the possibility of a successful deportation action against captioned source since it would be premature to bring this matter to the Department's attention.

Keep Bureau currently advised of all developments.
TO: Director, FBI
FROM: SAC, Los Angeles
CONF. INF.
RE: TOP ECHELON CRIMINAL INFORMANT PROGRAM

Re Buairstel 4/20/66.

Fisur of JOHN ROSSELLI was conducted on four days during the past week. On each day ROSSELLI proceeded directly from his apartment garage to the garage of the Friars Club in Beverly Hills. He usually leaves his apartment between 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM and then remains at the Club the entire afternoon. On no occasion during the past week was an opportunity presented to contact ROSSELLI alone.

Efforts to be continued during the current week to contact him and the Bureau will be kept advised.

Approved
Special Agent in Charge

Sent M Per
RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO BUREAU MAY 5 LAST.

AGENTS WERE AT DUPAR'S RESTAURANT FROM 11 AM TO ONE PM TODAY BUT ROSSELLI DID NOT APPEAR.

(CALLED SA )

(AGENTS WERE IN PARKING LOT)

PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCE ON ROSSELLI TODAY REVEALED HE LEFT APARTMENT ALONE TODAY AT ABOUT 12:15 PM AND WENT TO BEVERLY HILLS WHICH IS IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION OF DUPAR'S RESTAURANT IN THOUSAND OAKS.

THIS OFFER DECLINED

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PAGE TWO FROM LOS ANGELES 100321

[Redacted text] WAS ADVISED AGENTS WOULD ONLY INTERVIEW ROSELLI ALONE. "FISHING" FOR INFORMATION AS TO SUBJECT MATTER OF INTERVIEW BUT WAS ADVISED THIS WAS FOR SECURITY REASONS A MATTER TO BE DISCUSSED ONLY WITH ROSELLI.

[Redacted text] FOR BUREAU'S INFORMATION LOS ANGELES OFFICE WAS OF OPINION THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN ROSELLI'S FIRST LOGICAL MOVE AFTER CONTACT BY AGENTS IF HE DID NOT DESIRE TO COOPERATE.

BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

RECEIVED: 2:26 AM RWP

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URGENT 5-6-66 12:03 AM
TO DIRECTOR
FROM LOS ANGELES 060221
CONF. INFT.  b2

REBUAIRTEL APRIL 20 LAST AND LOS ANGELES AIRTTEL TO BUREAU MAY 2 LAST.

TARGET IDENTICAL TO JOHN ROSELLI, LCN MEMBER. ROSELLI CONTACTED TODAY ON STREET, BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA, BY BUREAU AGENTS

ROSSELLI IN OPINION OF AGENTS FACIALLY EXPRESSED EMOTIONAL CONCERN, BUT NO ANGER. HE WALKED AWAY FROM AGENTS WITH STATEMENT OF "I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT" AND "SEE MY ATTORNEY." DURING INTERVIEW WHEN MEETING SUGGESTED FOR MONDAY, MAY 9 AT DUPARS RESTAURANT NEAR THOUSAND OAKS, ROSELLI SHOWED SOME HESITATION AND INDICATION OF AGREEMENT, BUT THEN REPEATED STATEMENT TO SEE HIS ATTORNEY. IN VIEW OF HIS HESITATION, A MESSAGE WAS LEFT IN HIS APARTMENT IN SEALED ENVELOPE FOR HIM.

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TO THINK THIS MATTER OVER AND SUGGESTED A MEETING AT DUPARS
BETWEEN 11 AND 1 PM ON MAY 9 NEXT.

CALLED THIS
DATE ABOUT ONE HOUR AFTER CONTACT WITH ROSELLI. HE SAID ROSELLI
INSTRUCTED HIM TO CALL AND TELL THE FBI IF THEY DESIRE TO INTERVIEW
ROSSELLI IT WOULD HAVE TO BE DONE IN

WAS ADVISED THAT INTERVIEW OF ROSELLI WAS DESIRED,
BUT NOT IN PRESENCE OF
BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

RECEIVED: 12:14 AM LRC

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FBI

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AIRGRAM  CABLEGRAM  RADIO  TELETYPEx

R-12S
LHfCfENT 5-24-66  7:58 PM
TO DIRECTOR BOSTON CHICAGO
FROM LOS ANGELES 241845

JOHN ROSELLI, AKA. AR; [Redacted] TECIP.

RELAYED TO [REDACTED]

7/5 1966

If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

[REDACTED] DID NOT CALL AGAIN UNTIL MAY 23 LAST AT WHICH TIME HE ADVISED ROSELLI WOULD TALK ALONE TO ONE AGENT. THIS ARRANGEMENT ACCEPTED AND MEETING SET UP FOR 2:00 PM WEDNESDAY MAY 25 NEXT WHEN SA [REDACTED] WILL INTERVIEW ROSELLI ALONE PURSUANT TO APPROACH APPROVED BY BUREAU.
PAGE THREE FROM LOS ANGELES 2/16/65

IN VIEW OF ABOVE BOSTON AND CHICAGO HOLD IN ABYANCE FURTHER INVESTIGATION UNTIL ADVISED OTHERWISE BY LOS ANGELES OFFICE.

RECEIVED: 8:19 PM RV

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Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT AC, LOS ANGELES

SUBJECT: TECP

DATE: 7/20/66

Re Los Angeles teletype to Bureau dated 5/26/66.

Since the contact with target on 5/25/66, no information has been developed which would warrant another interview of him. Interviews of target have been conducted and the investigation is continuing. If information is obtained which will reasonably furnish an opportunity to reinterview target, this will be done.

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Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 10/12/66

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES

SUBJECT: CONF. INFT.

DIRECTOR,

The Los Angeles letter to Bureau dated 7/20/66.

Investigation of target's current activities is continuing, as well as investigation endeavoring to uncover additional information concerning target's activities when he was a young man in his teens and early 20's. Additional information of value has been obtained through this investigation.

However, to date, none of the information obtained warrants a recontact. This matter is being followed closely and if information is obtained which will logically warrant a re-interview, this will be done. Even if no such information is developed, it is contemplated that in the future other contacts will be made with target.

Los Angeles

RE 7C - Bureau (REGISTERED MAIL)

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Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES

DATE: 1/17/67

SUBJECT: TECIP

Re Los Angeles letter to Bureau dated 10/18/66.

The Los Angeles Office has been alert during the current continuing investigation into target's past and current activities, for a set of facts or circumstances which could be used to advantage in a recontact with target to endeavor to enlist his cooperation. It is felt that mere recontact of target without some unusual advantage would be of no avail. However, no information of this nature has been developed.

Plans are presently being formulated to present the facts concerning target's true identity to a Federal Grand Jury in Los Angeles in the near future.

Prior to the actual grand jury action, contact will be made again with target to determine if he will talk to Bureau Agents.

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Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES

DATE: 3/16/67

SUBJECT: TECIP

Re Los Angeles letter to Bureau 1/17/67.

No recontact with target has been made inasmuch as no information has been developed which it is felt would offer an opportunity to contact ROSELLI with success.

In February, 1967, AUSA RICHARD M. COLEMAN, Office of Special Prosecutions, USA's Office, was advised of the facts developed by the Bureau's investigation that ROSELLI's true identity is FILIPPO SACCO and Mr. COLEMAN has not yet reached a decision whether he will bring this case before a Federal Grand Jury.

A recontact with ROSELLI will be made if a feasible opportunity develops.
Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES

There has been no activity on target's part which presented an opportunity for a recontact.

This matter is being followed closely.

(2) Bureau (REGISTERED MAIL)
1 - Los Angeles
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14 MAY 31, 1967
Routing Slip
FD-4 (Rev. 9-14-66)

To: Director

Att.: SAC

Title TLCP

Action Desired

[ ] Acknowledge
[ ] Assign or Reassign
[ ] Bring file
[ ] Call me
[ ] Correct
[ ] Deadline __________
[ ] Deadline passed
[ ] Delinquent
[ ] Discontinue
[ ] Expedite
[ ] File
[ ] For information
[ ] Handle
[ ] Initial & return
[ ] Leads need attention
[ ] Return with explanation or notation as to action taken.

Re Los Angeles letter to Bureau dated 12/20/67. Referenced letter erroneously showed Los Angeles file as. Please correct Bureau copies to reflect Los Angeles file as Los Angeles copies corrected.

SAC WESLEY G. GRAPP

See reverse side Office Los Angeles
Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES

SUBJECT: TECIP

DATE: 12/20/67

Investigation has been conducted for several years endeavoring to prove this target's true identity as FILIPPO-SACCO.

On 10/20/67, a Federal Grand Jury in Los Angeles returned an indictment against target charging 1 count of Willful Failure to Apply for Registration as an Alien and be Fingerprinted under Title 8, U. S. Code, Sections 1302 and 1306 (a) and 5 counts of Willfully Failing, as an Alien, to Give Written Notice to the Attorney General of his Current Address during January of the years 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, and 1967, under Title 8, U. S. Code, Sections 1305 and 1306 (b). A bench warrant was issued on 10/20/67, and target was apprehended at Los Angeles by Bureau Agents on the same date and turned over to the U. S. Marshal. He was released on the same date under $5,000 bond.

On 12/18/67, target entered a plea of not guilty to the charges in the indictment. He is to appear before Federal Judge PIERSON M. HALL on 1/2/68, for setting of a trial date.

In the near future a Federal Grand Jury in Los Angeles will be requested to return indictments against target for violation of the Conspiracy and ITAR Statutes and also for failure to report gambling winnings in his 1963 Federal Income Tax Return.

In view of the above facts any contacts with target could possibly be used by him to his advantage in the pending cases against him.
Therefore, no further contacts will be attempted; this source is being discontinued as a target and the case is being closed.
**The Washington Merry-Go-Round**

**Castro Stalker Worked for the CIA**

By Jack Anderson

The mystery man whom the Central Intelligence Agency recruited to assassinate Cuba's Fidel Castro has been laid up in the sick ward of the Los Angeles County Jail.

He is handsome, hawk-faced John Roselli, once a dashing figure around Hollywood and Las Vegas, now a gray, 60-year-old inmate with a respiratory ailment.

Confidential FBI files identify him as "a top Mafia figure" who watched over "the concealed interests in Las Vegas casinos of the Chicago underworld."

Roselli, has admitted to friends that he was a run runner during the Roaring Twenties. Operating along the East Coast, he learned how to evade Coast Guard cutters and police patrols.

His name later became linked with the biggest names in the Chicago and Los Angeles underworlds. He also developed contacts in the Cuban underworlds. He also developed contacts in the Cuban underworlds. He also developed contacts in the Cuban underworlds.

Risks Neck

Roselli was recruited for the run by none other than Mahou, a former FBI agent, who admitted to us that he had handled undercover assignments for the CIA. He refused, however, to discuss the details. This is the game Mahou, incidentally, who is now involved in a legal battle over his share in the Hollywood movie "Immortal Anthony." United Press International.

Roselli's Reward

The FBI, which got wind of the assassination plot, has tried to pump Roselli for information. But he was sworn to silence by the CIA, and up to this moment, he hasn't broken.