

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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TITLE OF CASE  <b>ANTHONY SALERNO, was., Anthony Orr, Anthony Russo, "Fat Tony," Tony</b>		Report made by <b>STEPHEN L. HALPIN</b>	Typed By: <b>cls</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>ANTI-RACKETEERING</b>	

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 11/14/58

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (92-1099)

SUBJECT: ANTHONY SALERNO, was  
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Enclosed herewith is the original and one copy of the report of SA STEPHEN E. HALPIN, dated and captioned as above, at New York.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED POSSIBLY ARMED AND DANGEROUS AS HE IS BELIEVED TO TRAVEL WITH BODYGUARDS KNOWN TO PRACTICE TARGET SHOOTING.

ADMINISTRATIVE

This case concerning ANTHONY SALERNO was opened as investigation in other cases and information furnished by informants indicated he was a notorious hoodlum with associates who are being investigated as Top Hoodlums. His activities are now being investigated to determine if he is of Top Hoodlum stature.

The records of [ ] were checked by IC JOHN T. LYNCH.

The records of the New York State Bureau of Motor Vehicles were furnished by [ ] to IC JOHN T. LYNCH on 8/13 and 25/58.

Records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York were furnished to IC ALFRED G. ENNULAT.

Spot surveillances at SALERNO's residence at 850 7th Avenue, New York City, were conducted on 9/12, 16, 17, 24, 25 and 10/8, 9, 14, 15, 22 and 23, 1958.

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Will attempt to verify the divorce of ANTHONY SALERNO on 9/9/46 at Miami, Florida.

Will attempt to locate a record of a subsequent marriage of SALERNO.

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LEADS (cont'd)

Will attempt to develop background information concerning [redacted] now residing at [redacted]  
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Will check school records for [redacted]  
[redacted] and obtain all available background information.

Will check the ownership records of the residence at 12 Island Avenue, Belle Isle, Miami Beach, and if owned by SALERNO, attempt to determine the purchase price.

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Will attempt to verify the marriage of ANTHONY SALERNO to [redacted]

At New York, New York

Will contact the NYCPD Narcotics Bureau for any information concerning ANTHONY SALERNO.

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Will conduct investigation at 1014 Gerard Avenue, Bronx, New York, to ascertain if SALERNO previously resided at this location.

Will attempt to further identify PAULIE (HAMM) CORRELLI and will attempt to further identify [redacted]

Will attempt to further identify SHARKEY.

Will attempt to further identify [redacted]  
[redacted]

Will attempt to locate an account at the First National City Bank of New York, 116th Street Branch, for the Metro Urban Music Company or [redacted]

Will attempt to locate and further identify [redacted]  
[redacted]

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Will interview [redacted]  
[redacted] of SALERNO at Rhinebeck, New York, for any  
knowledge he may have of SALERNO.

Will conduct periodic surveillances of SALERNO in  
an effort to further identify his activities and associates, and  
also to obtain a recent photograph of him.

Will attempt to identify JOSEPH MORETTI, to whom  
telephone number JU 2-1859 at 850 7th Avenue, Apartment 7F, is  
listed.

Will attempt to identify [redacted] who was the  
former tenant of [redacted] New York.

Will contact [redacted]  
and ascertain the method by which the rents for [redacted]  
and [redacted] are paid.

Will interview [redacted]  
New York City, for any information she may be able to supply  
concerning [redacted] or the subject.

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for any information she may be able to supply concerning  
[redacted] or the subject.

Will attempt to locate the bar on York Avenue in the  
80's from which SALERNO has been said to operate.

Will attempt to determine the identity of [redacted]  
and [redacted] Play Room  
Bar.

Will attempt to identify [redacted] or [redacted] a  
prostitute whom SALERNO has been said to date.

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Will attempt to locate a record of ANTHONY SALERNO's attendance at New York schools.

Will report results of efforts to verify ANTHONY SALERNO's birth in New York City.

Will ascertain the present occupants and ownership of 180-54 Aberdeen Road, Jamaica, Long Island, New York.

Will report results of investigation concerning SALERNO's arrest by the Providence, Rhode Island, PD, on 4/24/45 as a suspicious person.

Will contact Central Intelligence Squad, NYCPD, for any information concerning SALERNO.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 12/29/58

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (92-1099)

SUBJECT: ANTHONY SALERNO, aka;  
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ReNYlets, 11/14/58 and 12/2/58.

By letter dated 11/14/58 the Bureau was advised that a Top Hoodlum case had been opened on captioned individual and investigation was being conducted to determine if he was of Top Hoodlum stature.

A review of the investigation to date concerning SALERNO, in line with SAC Let. #58-80, does not indicate any violation within the Bureau's jurisdiction.

By letter dated 12/2/58 the Bureau was requested to obtain income tax returns for this subject and his wife. A review of these returns may indicate a possible income tax violation which would be brought to the attention of the Treasury Dept.

Pending the receipt of these income tax returns, no further active investigation concerning SALERNO will be conducted and this case is being placed in a pending inactive status.

Miami discontinue investigation of SALERNO except for informant coverage.

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A. Personal History and Background

ANTHONY SALERNO furnished the following information on April 4, 1947, to agents of the Miami Office at the time he was believed to be identical with the subject of a Selective Service case:

At that time, ANTHONY SALERNO advised that for the past seven years, he had operated the Metro Urban Music Company, 2228 First Avenue, New York City. He said he married [redacted] and they have a daughter named [redacted]. He said he was divorced from his wife in [redacted].

[redacted] Florida, advised on April 4, 1947, that she married ANTHONY SALERNO [redacted] New York, and they were divorced [redacted] Florida. She stated he was born August 20, 1911, New York City, and so far as she knew, he has never been arrested. According to [redacted] ANTHONY SALERNO had operated the Metro Urban Music Company in New York City for the past six or seven years.

ANTHONY SALERNO advised he had a mother named MARY SALERNO, residing at 180-54 Aberdeen Road, Jamaica, Long Island, New York, and also had a sister named [redacted] residing at [redacted]. He said he had a brother named [redacted] address unknown. In addition to his address at that time at the Wofford Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida, he furnished an address of 1014 Gerard Avenue, Bronx, New York.

It is noted that SALERNO had a New York driver's license in his possession at that time, which reflected he was born August 11, 1911, in New York. A review is currently being made of records in New York City to ascertain the true birth date of ANTHONY SALERNO and obtain available background information appearing on the birth records.

In an investigation concerning MICHAEL COPPOLA, top hoodlum of the Miami Office, it was determined that telephone calls had been made from the residence of COPPOLA to New York telephone number [redacted]. Records of the New



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York Telephone Company indicated this was a non-published telephone, listed to JOSEPH MORETTI, 850 7th Avenue, New York City, Apartment 7F.

T-1 advised SA STEPHEN L. HALPIN on March 27, 1958, that Apartment 7F, at 850 7th Avenue, New York City, was occupied by TONY SALERNO, whom he described as 50 years of age, 5' 6", fat, 210 pounds. He said that an individual named JOSEPH MORETTI had lived in Apartment 7F from time to time, but he had not seen him for four or five months.

T-1 stated he believed MORETTI had gone back to live with his wife, whom he had heard lived in either Greenwich Village or Brooklyn. He said MORETTI's wife had never been in the building at 850 7th Avenue to his knowledge. T-1 described MORETTI as 60 years of age, 5' 10", medium build, black, greying hair, and wearing glasses.

Concerning SALERNO, T-1 advised he understood him to be married, with a daughter about [redacted] years of age. He said [redacted] occasionally stayed in Apartment 7F for a few days in the summer on their way to the mountains in New York State. T-1 said SALERNO lived in Apartment 7F the year round, except for occasional trips.

T-1 was unable to furnish any information concerning the employment or activities of SALERNO, but understood his business was "uptown" from conversations had with him.

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It had also been previously determined that telephone calls had been made from MICHAEL COPPOLA's residence in Miami, Florida, to New York telephone number [redacted] and the records of the New York Telephone Company indicated that this was a non-published number, listed to [redacted] 850 7th Avenue, Apartment [redacted] New York.

T-1 advised on March 27, 1958, that the occupant of Apartment [redacted] at 850 7th Avenue was a woman named [redacted] whom he described as about [redacted] years of age, blonde, 5' 7" to 5' 8", and he said she lived alone to the best of his knowledge. T-1 was of the opinion that [redacted] was not employed and he said she

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had moved into this building about July or August, 1957. He advised he had occasion to notice mail received by [redacted] and he believed most of it came from Chicago.

T-1 also stated that from general appearance, he would assume [redacted] was the girl friend of TONY SALERNO.

T-1 said that Apartment [redacted] had been rented several years ago to an individual named [redacted] whom he understood to be [redacted]. He said that [redacted] and TONY SALERNO were associates and that [redacted] never actually lived in Apartment [redacted] but used it for occasional parties. According to T-1, SALERNO had occasionally paid the rent for Apartment [redacted] as well as for Apartment 7F. After [redacted] had moved out of Apartment [redacted] moved in.

[redacted] Farber Wittman, Inc., 17 East 45th Street, New York City, advised SA STEPHEN L. HALPIN on March 28, 1958, as follows:

[redacted] became agents for the building at 850 7th Avenue, New York City, about four months previously, when the building was sold to a new owner. She said that many of the tenants of this building were on a month-to-month basis and only the names of the present occupants had been furnished by the old owner. Concerning Apartment 7F, [redacted] advised this apartment is carried under the name of MAX LERNER, about whom she had no background information. Apartment [redacted] was carried under the name of [redacted].

[redacted] produced a folder for Apartment 7F and it was noted that the last lease for this apartment was from February 1, 1952, to January 31, 1954, under the name of HENRY DUNN, no further identification. The yearly rental on this apartment was \$1,190.25. Since January 31, 1954, [redacted] advised, Apartment 7F would have been rented on a month-to-month basis and probably handled by the superintendent on the premises.

Regarding Apartment [redacted] produced a folder containing a lease from October 1, 1953, to September 30, 1955, in the name of [redacted]. Since 1955, according

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to [redacted] this apartment had been rented on a month-to-month basis with a monthly rent of \$117.40.

T-1 advised SA HALPIN on April 1, 1958, that the name LERNER was, in reality, SALERNO and probably arose from a mispronunciation of the name SALERNO. He said that HENRY DUNN was an old vaudeville performer of the vaudeville team of Cross and Dunn, and had previously lived in Apartment 7F prior to the time that MORETTI and SALERNO had moved in on a month-to-month basis.

It is noted that the lobby doorbells at 850 7th Avenue contain the names of MORETTI and SALERNO for Apartment 7F and the name [redacted] for Apartment [redacted].

In an attempt to further identify [redacted] it had been previously determined that she had been in contact with the New York Public Library Annex, 137 West 25th Street, New York City.

[redacted] New York Public Library Annex, advised SA HALPIN as follows on August 19, 1958:

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] had filed a lost card application on May 1, 1958, at the library branch located at 53rd Street and 5th Avenue, New York City. According to the information filed on this card, [redacted] listed her husband's name as ANTHONY [redacted] her address as [redacted] Apartment [redacted] New York City, telephone number [redacted] and occupation as housewife. She listed [redacted] New York City, telephone number [redacted] as a reference.

[redacted] also advised that on her application for an original library card, [redacted] had furnished an address of [redacted] New York City. It was determined that the apartment house at [redacted] New York City, was handled by Millard Shroder, Inc., 369 Lexington Avenue, New York City.

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[redacted] Millard Shroder, Inc., furnished the following information to SA HALPIN on August 20, 1958:

[redacted] produced a file which indicated that Apartment [redacted] in the name of ANTHONY [redacted] had been rented for the period December 1, 1955, to November 30, 1957. The lease for the rental of this apartment had been signed with the name of ANTHONY [redacted] and witnessed by [redacted]. The annual rental was \$2,520.00.

The reference sheet of Douglas L. Elliman and Company, the original renting agents for this apartment house, indicated the following information:

This sheet, dated October 27, 1955, indicated that [redacted] ANTHONY [redacted] present address 850 7th Avenue, Apartment 7F (with friends), telephone number JU 2-1859, was employed as Sales Manager for the Carpet Corporation of America, 2 West 46th Street, telephone number JU 6-1766. In the section marked "present landlord" was the notation "just married." Under "financial references" were listed [redacted]

[redacted] New York City, and [redacted] [redacted] New York City. Under "social references" were listed [redacted]

[redacted] and [redacted]. The source of income on this reference sheet was the Carpet Corporation of America and under the space marked "family consists of" were listed Mr. and Mrs. ORR. The top of this reference sheet bore the notation [redacted]

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This file also contained a letter dated November 10, 1955, from Douglas L. Elliman and Company, Inc., 15 East 49th Street, New York City, and addressed to [redacted]. This letter enclosed a copy of the lease in duplicate for Apartment [redacted] in the name of ANTHONY [redacted] and requested that one copy be signed and returned. This letter was signed by [redacted] Douglas L. Elliman and Company, Inc. Also enclosed in this letter were two checks totaling \$420.00 covering the first month's rent and security and also a copy of a reference investigation concerning ANTHONY [redacted]. This reference investigation, furnished by "Confidential References," was as follows:

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"Subject: Anthony [redacted] Apartment [redacted]  
850 7th Avenue, New York City  
Business: Salesman, outside, for Carpet Corporation  
of America, 2 West 46th Street, New York  
City

1. Recently married, but had been sub-tenant, furnished apartment in good type elevator apartment house above address several months past, good name therein.
2. Carpet Corporation of America, 2 West 46th Street, Office Manager says subject with them as an outside salesman about one and one half years, good character, ability, and good earnings."

A letter was received by Millard Shroder, Inc., dated July 10, 1957, asking that efforts be made to sublease Apartment [redacted] and said that all rent bills should be sent to [redacted] care of Carpet Corporation of America, 515 Madison Avenue, New York 22, New York, who could be reached at telephone number [redacted]

In subsequent letters, the lease for this apartment was terminated by mutual agreement between [redacted] and [redacted]. The final release was returned by [redacted] in a letter dated July 18, 1957, which letter included the final month's rent and accepted the forfeiture of the month's security.

[redacted] New York City, advised SA [redacted] on September 5, 1958, that he remembered the occupants of Apartment [redacted] who had used the name of [redacted] advised that when this apartment had been rented, he understood that an additional \$10,000.00 had been spent in decorating it and recalled this figure as having been mentioned to him by a "big husky guy," whom he believed was an interior decorator associated with the Carpet Corporation of America. He said all the arrangements concerning the renting of this apartment had been handled by an individual connected with the Carpet Corporation of America. [redacted] advised that one

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wall consisted of mirrors in this apartment and he described the rugs as "four inches thick."

[redacted] further advised that only the name of [redacted] appeared on the downstairs doorbell and he said she was visited once or twice a week by the individual who purported to be her husband. [redacted] described [redacted] as a good looking woman about 5' 7" or 5' 8" with dark hair, and believed she was about 25 to 30 years of age. He said ANTHONY [redacted] was 5' 6" or 5' 7", stocky, reddish complexion, age about 50, fat, rather than husky, well dressed, always wore a hat and always smoked a cigar. [redacted] said that ANTHONY [redacted] never came to this location without being driven by a chauffeur, sometimes in a green station wagon, and other times in a limousine. He said ANTHONY [redacted] was a big tipper and would tip as high as \$20.00 when he paid the rent and often tipped the doorman \$5.00. [redacted] said that [redacted] had a mother who lived in Chicago, who had visited her on occasion. He said that outside of the visit of [redacted] mother there were never any visitors at this apartment to his knowledge and he said neither ANTHONY [redacted] nor [redacted] ever mixed with any of the other residents of this apartment house.

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[redacted] recalled ANTHONY [redacted] as always arriving with a chauffeur in a station wagon or a regular sedan. He described him in the same manner as [redacted] and said he spoke in a coarse, gruff manner. He also described [redacted] in the same manner as [redacted] and recalled that she had a little white dog.

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On August 19, 1958, it was determined that the downstairs doorbell for Apartment [redacted] at [redacted] contained the names [redacted] and [redacted]

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The current New York Telephone Directory lists [redacted] Manhattan, telephone number [redacted]

The 1957-1958 New York Telephone Directory lists [redacted] telephone [redacted]

Also listed at the address of [redacted]

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[redacted] with the same telephone number of [redacted] is [redacted]

The current New York Telephone Directory lists [redacted] [redacted] Manhattan, telephone number [redacted]

The following information was furnished on August 25, 1958, by [redacted] Credit Bureau of Greater New York:

In a report dated March 11, 1957, concerning [redacted] former address [redacted] Illinois, she was described as being employed as a [redacted] New York. She was described as in her middle or late 20's and single and said to be employed by [redacted] at that time for one week. It was indicated that she was formerly employed by [redacted] New York City, from February 23, 1958, to March 1, 1957 (four days), and she was listed as registered with [redacted] New York.

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In a report dated June 7, 1951, from [redacted] Illinois, it was indicated that [redacted] was living at [redacted] Illinois, and resided with her parents. She was described as a [redacted] in Chicago, Illinois, and was said to have worked [redacted]

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[redacted] Her employers were not determined and she was reported as having lived [redacted] almost all of her life.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] bank was listed as [redacted] New York City. Her credit was clear, there was no litigation, and nothing of a derogatory nature in the files of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York.

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The following information was furnished by [redacted] [redacted] New York Telephone Company, to SA PAUL F. ROWLANDS on August 29, 1958:

[redacted] advised that telephone number [redacted]

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was connected on November 1, 1957, in the name of [redacted] Additional listing was in the name of [redacted] The occupation of [redacted] was given as a [redacted] and her employment was listed as the [redacted] telephone number [redacted] Her bank was listed as [redacted]

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[redacted] advised SA ROWLANDS on August 28, 1958, that telephone number [redacted] was connected on October 16, 1957, in the name of [redacted] Manhattan. This telephone was disconnected on June 11, 1958, and a final bill was sent to [redacted] [redacted] advised that the records of the telephone company indicated [redacted] and listed credit references of [redacted] telephone number [redacted] and [redacted] telephone number [redacted]

[redacted] Credit Bureau of Greater New York, advised on August 21, 1958, that in a report dated November 29, 1957, [redacted] New York, formerly [redacted] [redacted] was reportedly employed by [redacted] [redacted] New York. This report indicated that [redacted] appeared on [redacted] on a free-lance basis for about six months on and off. Her credit was clear, there was no litigation pending, and nothing derogatory was indicated in the file.

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Indices of the New York Office are negative concerning [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted] Douglas L. Elliman and Company, Inc., 15 East 49th Street, New York City, advised SA HALPIN as follows on October 8, 1958:

She advised that the rental of the apartment at [redacted] had been arranged by an individual named [redacted] who had originally looked at the apartment, and gave her the impression it was for himself. She recalled that she was off from work the following day, at which time the application



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for the apartment had been filled out, and she believes that [redacted] and ANTHONY [redacted] visited the office briefly on another occasion prior to the actual renting of this apartment. She was unable to recall a description of [redacted] but recalled that ANTHONY [redacted] appeared to be in his 40's and was short and stout, and appeared to her to be a politician. Concerning any file that might have been maintained regarding the rental of this apartment, which might include any contacts with references contacted, [redacted] advised that [redacted] who was in charge of the Record Department, would have this information.

[redacted] Douglas L. Elliman and Company, advised SA HALPIN on October 8, 1958, that all records on buildings not being presently managed had been destroyed. He said that Douglas L. Elliman had only handled the renting of apartments at [redacted] New York City, and had not actively managed this building.

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[redacted] Trade Bank and Trust Company, 8 West 48th Street, New York City, advised SA HALPIN on October 9, 1958, that there was no current account at this bank for either [redacted] ANTHONY [redacted] or ANTHONY SALERNO. He advised there was a closed account in the name of [redacted] [redacted] New York City, which had been opened on October 26, 1955, and closed on May 21, 1956. The reason noted on the card for the closing of this account was that it was a small account. The bank records indicated a business for [redacted] Carpet Corporation and in the space for "Introduced By," was the notation, "Carpet Corporation to [redacted] The initial deposit in this account was \$1,000 and the account was accepted by [redacted] advised that [redacted] was [redacted] whose full name was [redacted].

[redacted] further advised that [redacted] former address [redacted] present address 850 7th Avenue, New York City, had rented a safety deposit box at this bank on January 24, 1956, and was still paying rent on this box.

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[redacted] Credit Bureau of Greater New York, advised on August 21, 1958, that she could locate no record concerning the names of [redacted] or [redacted] ANTHONY [redacted] or ANTHONY SALERNO.

In the investigation concerning MICHAEL COPPOLA, it had previously been determined that telephone calls had been made from his residence in Miami Beach, Florida, and also from the apartment in which SALERNO resides, to telephone number PL 8-2842 at Red Hook, New York.

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The following investigation at Red Hook, New York, was conducted by SA HEINZ H. EISELE:

On September 9, 1958, [redacted] Red Hook Telephone Company, Red Hook, New York, advised that the subscriber to Red Hook telephone number PL 8-2842 is ANTHONY SALERNO. [redacted] stated that SALERNO's mailing address is Rural Delivery, Rhinebeck, New York. He also pointed out that SALERNO, to the best of his knowledge, has been in the area five or six years, that his business connections are unknown, and that he maintains an excellent paying account.

[redacted] described SALERNO's property as consisting of a large, attractive, remodeled home, plus one or two out buildings and a fairly large stable with an apartment on the second floor.

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[redacted] pointed out that MORTIMER M. KASSLELL, whom he described as a New York State Tax Commissioner, was an immediate neighbor of SALERNO. He also pointed out [redacted] owns [redacted] to SALERNO's and that [redacted] New York City address is [redacted]

[redacted] also pointed out that he personally has not had any contact with SALERNO in the past three or four years, but that he had heard SALERNO is constantly accompanied by a male companion.

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On September 9, 1958, [redacted] First National Bank of Red Hook, was contacted and advised that his records fail to contain any information identifiable with ANTHONY SALERNO.

On September 9, 1958, [redacted] The First National Bank of Rhinebeck, Rhinebeck, New York, advised that a search of his records failed to contain any information identifiable with ANTHONY SALERNO. [redacted] stated he is not acquainted with SALERNO and that as far as he has been able to determine in the past, little is known regarding him.

On September 9, 1958, [redacted] Postmaster, Rhinebeck, New York, was contacted and advised that ANTHONY SALERNO owns property in the town of Red Hook known as the Spruce Bar Ranch, and that his mailing address is Rd. #1, Rhinebeck, New York. He stated the previous owner of this property was one SPALDING WARREN, deceased.

[redacted] advised that SALERNO is not too well known in the area and that little or nothing is known of his activities or connections by local residents.

On September 9, 1958, [redacted] of the Williams Lumber Company, Rhinebeck, New York, was contacted. [redacted] advised that he has been casually acquainted with ANTHONY SALERNO on a business basis for perhaps six or seven years. [redacted] pointed out that SALERNO has made in the past isolated purchases at his lumber company, and always paid for merchandise in cash. In this connection, he stated, SALERNO had made extensive repairs to his property and his recollection was that SALERNO had imported his labor from New York City to work on the property. In this connection, he stated, the only local help known to have been secured by SALERNO was the W. E. Brewer Contracting Company of Staatsburg, New York. [redacted] stated that to the best of his recollection, the W. E. Brewer Contracting Company had done a great deal of grading work sometime after the property had been purchased by SALERNO.

In addition, [redacted] advised that SALERNO has a daughter in her early teens, who some summers ago attended the Southland Farms Riding Stable, operated by [redacted] and located Rd., Rhinebeck, New York.

[redacted] stated that little is known concerning ANTHONY SALERNO and he got the impression that SALERNO might possibly be involved in some sort of a racket.

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[redacted] described SALERNO as being approximately 45 years of age, 5' 7" tall, 180-200 pounds, practically bald, hair receding, sallow complexion, and expensively dressed.

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On September 9, 1958, [redacted] Southland Farms Riding Stables, Rd., Rhinebeck, New York, was contacted. At this time, she advised that she had first met ANTHONY SALERNO in about 1952, when SALERNO visited her riding stables and questioned her concerning riding stable construction. [redacted] indicated that SALERNO, at this time, was interested in building a riding stable on his property.

[redacted] recalled that during this first visit, SALERNO had arrived in a large, black, expensive looking automobile and was accompanied by two or three male companions. She stated that as a result of this visit and an occasionally subsequent visit, she got the impression that the men accompanying SALERNO might be his bodyguards.

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[redacted] further advised that in about 1955, ANTHONY SALERNO purchased a pony from her for his daughter. She stated she personally delivered the pony to SALERNO's property and recalled that SALERNO had been overly anxious to determine the exact time she would be arriving. In this connection, [redacted] stated that upon her arrival at SALERNO's property, nothing was visible and there appeared to be no activity. She stated that suddenly two or three men appeared.

[redacted] stated she became somewhat curious of SALERNO and when the opportunity presented itself, she would question [redacted]

[redacted] also recalled that [redacted] once spoke of her "uncles" as participating in a great deal of target shooting in back of the house at SALERNO's property.

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In addition to the foregoing, [redacted] advised that [redacted] She also pointed out [redacted] had once stated [redacted] worked in Brooklyn and spent his winters in Miami, Florida.

[redacted] stated that the SALERNOS, to the best of her knowledge, maintain their property in the town of Red Hook, as a summer residence only. She added that SALERNO always paid his bills promptly and always in cash. In this connection, she advised, whenever he paid any bill, he always had a large "roll" in his pocket.

In connection with [redacted] advised that [redacted] once stated [redacted]

[redacted] further advised that the [redacted] sends her a Christmas card each year. [redacted] furnished the following Florida address for the SALERNOS, [redacted] Florida.

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[redacted] further advised that although she had visited at SALERNO's property on two occasions, she got the impression of being unwelcome. She stated the natives in the area have frequently referred to SALERNO as "the gangster." In addition, [redacted] could not help but form the impression that the men referred to by [redacted] as her uncles were armed. She recalled that although she had never been able to determine the business connection or connections of SALERNO, she has memory of his being involved possibly in a pin ball racket. [redacted] advised she could not recall the basis for this impression.

On September 9, 1958, [redacted] Rhinebeck, New York, Post Office, was contacted. [redacted] advised that to the best of his recollection, only the SALERNOS have received mail at their place known as the Spruce Bar Ranch. He stated that he had never received a forwarding address from the SALERNOS and that whenever mail arrives for them during the winter months, he merely kept piling it into the mail box. In this connection, he advised that during subsequent visits, he would notice the mail had always been removed.

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[redacted] advised that during the first couple of years that SALERNO was in the area, which would have been in the early 50's, he was always accompanied by a couple of male companions wherever he went. He added, however, that SALERNO has not been much in evidence during the last couple of years. He added that the SALERNOS' mailing address is Rd., #1, Box 117, Rhinebeck, New York.

On September 9, 1958, [redacted] Rhinebeck, New York, [redacted] C. E. Sipperly Estate Plumbing Concern, Rhinebeck, New York, was contacted. [redacted] advised that his firm has been doing plumbing work on the SALERNO property ever since approximately 1949 or 1950. He stated that all plumbing bills were paid by SALERNO in cash. He added that the largest bill that he could recall off-hand was about \$1,500.00.

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In addition, [redacted] advised that the SALERNOS maintain their residence in the town of Red Hook as a summer residence only; however, they have been known to visit occasionally during the winter.

[redacted] also advised that to the best of his recollection, [redacted] New York, was believed to have been [redacted] at SALERNO's property. He stated that [redacted] resides [redacted]

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On September 9, 1958, [redacted] Rhinebeck, New York, was contacted and advised that he could furnish no information pertaining to SALERNO.

On September 9, 1958, [redacted] Town Clerk, Town of Red Hook, New York, advised from his records that ANTHONY SALERNO and others are listed as owner of the 44 acres of property on Oriole Road, Town of Red Hook, New York.

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He stated that the assets valuation of property and buildings totals \$6,500.00.

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On September 10, 1958, Dutchess County Deed Records, Dutchess County Courthouse, Poughkeepsie, New York, were reviewed for the year 1949 and Liber Number 732, page 226, reflects as follows:

Indenture made November 25, 1949, between [redacted] of the Town of Red Hook (Post Office address RFD., Rhinebeck, New York), and [redacted] (formerly [redacted] residing [redacted] parties of the first part, and ANTHONY SALERNO, residence and Post Office address 180-54 Aberdeen Road, Jamaica Estates, Long Island, New York.

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It was noted that tax stamps in the amount of \$22.00 were recorded, indicating purchase price being approximately \$20,000.00.

The following information was previously developed by the Miami Office in investigation concerning PAUL DE LUCIA, with aliases, who was under investigation by that office as a top hoodlum.

The "Miami Daily News" carried an article on October 17, 1954, reflecting that PAUL DE LUCIA purchased a \$75,000 home at 4385 Pinetree Drive, Miami Beach, Florida. This home was purchased on May 11, 1954, from TONY SALERNO. DE LUCIA was represented by Attorney BEN COHEN, a criminal attorney in the Miami area, who was formerly the attorney for the S & G gambling syndicate.

TONY SALERNO is ANTHONY SALERNO, alias "Fat Tony." SALERNO is a well-known hoodlum from the Harlem Section of New York, who has been residing in Miami Beach for a number of years and who can frequently be seen in the company of [redacted] FBI Number [redacted] a Detroit and Miami Beach hoodlum; JOHN ANGERSOLA, with alias JOHN KING, FBI Number 98146, a Cleveland and Miami Beach hoodlum, and MICHAEL "TRIGGER MIKE" COPPOLA, FBI Number 677976, a New York City and Miami Beach hoodlum.

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The records of the Recorder of Deeds Office, Miami, were checked on December 11, 12, and 19, 1957, and revealed the following information:

Mortgage Book Number 3101, page 46, reveals a mortgage deed was executed on May 11, 1954, by PAUL DE LUCIA and [redacted] to ANTHONY SALERNO and [redacted] This was with respect to Lot 9 of the Flamingo Bay Subdivision

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Number 1, according to the Plat in Plat Book Number 6, page 101, in the Public Record of Dade County. This mortgage covered furniture, furnishings and fixtures, and the above-described property is also known as 4385 Pinetree Drive, Miami Beach.

Attached to this mortgage deed was a promissory note dated May 11, 1954, by PAUL DE LUCIA and [redacted] for \$25,000, payable to ANTHONY and [redacted] SALERNO, which was due May 11, 1955. The note was payable at the office of [redacted] Florida. The witnesses to this mortgage were [redacted] and [redacted] who also notarized the instrument on May 21, 1954, which was filed May 24, 1954. Stamped on this mortgage deed with a red stamp was the following: "Extension in Mortgage Book 3341, page 362. Agreement in Mortgage Book 3615, page 445."

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In Book 3924, page 15, there is executed a warranty deed by ANTHONY SALERNO and [redacted] as parties of the first part; PAUL DE LUCIA and [redacted] Miami Beach, as parties of the second part; for the sum of \$10.00, and other goods and valuable consideration.

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The following described piece of property, furniture, furnishings and fixtures were sold or conveyed to the DE LUCIAS. This pertained to Property Lot 9 of the Flamingo Bay Subdivision found in Plat Book 6, page 101. This deed carries a specification that it is being executed by DE LUCIA to a first mortgage of an unpaid principal balance of approximately \$16,226.83, which is recorded under Clerk's File Number Z104976 on the Public Records of Dade County, and a second mortgage where there is an unpaid principal recorded in Clerk's File Number A113228, of the Public Record. This deed further specified there is being executed a promissory note in the amount of \$25,000.

The above-mentioned warranty deed in Book 3924, page 15, was signed by ANTHONY SALERNO and [redacted]. It was witnessed by [redacted] and [redacted]. It was notarized by [redacted].

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With respect to Clerk's File Number Z104976, the Recorder of Deeds Office reflects that in Mortgage Book 2369,



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page 318, date September 15, 1950, [redacted] and [redacted] executed a mortgage to the Federal Savings and Loan Association, Miami, for the same property, which was notarized on September 15, 1950, and filed September 15, 1950.

The Clerk's File Number A113228 refers to Mortgage Book 2573, page 240, dated November 8, 1951, which [redacted] and [redacted] executed a mortgage to [redacted] for the same piece of property. This mortgage states that it is subject to a first mortgage issued to the First Federal Savings and Loan Association, dated August 25, 1950, and recorded to Clerk's File Number Z104976, September 15, 1950, as well as the mortgage in favor of the Zaret Construction Company, dated March 7, 1951, and recorded March 8, 1951, to Clerk's File Number AA24544. To this mortgage was attached a \$25,000 note, dated November 8, 1951, payable to [redacted] at the North Shore Bank, with a ten per cent interest rate.

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This note was payable in the amount of \$1,500 on February, March, May, October and November of each year, each to the principal, starting February 1, 1952, and going until February 1, 1956, when the total unpaid balance was due.

Mortgage Book 3341, page 362, reflects a mortgage extension agreement which was entered thereto on May 5, 1955, between PAUL DE LUCIA and [redacted] as parties of the first part, and ANTHONY SALERNO and [redacted] as parties of the second part. The SALERNOs held a \$25,000 promissory note, dated May 11, 1954, which was due on May 11, 1955, and which had as its security a Mortgage on Lot 9, Flamingo Bay Subdivision Number 1. This mortgage extension agreement was drawn up in consideration of payment of \$6,250 on the part of DE LUCIA, of which \$5,000 was to/applied to the principal and \$1,250 for interest.

The parties mutually agreed to extend the payment of the balance of \$20,000 plus five per cent interest for one year or until May 11, 1956. The witnesses for the DE LUCIAS on this document were [redacted] who notarized this document, on May 5, 1955, and [redacted]. The SALERNOs witnesses were [redacted] and [redacted]. The SALERNO's signature was notarized by [redacted]. The This

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instrument was filed on May 6, 1955.

In Mortgage Book Number 3615, page 445, dated May 23, 1956, there is a similar agreement, as mentioned above, as existing in Book 3341, page 62. The new mortgage extension agreement was the second extension and sets forth that for a consideration of \$6,000, of which \$5,000 applied to the principal and \$1,000 interest, the SALERNOs agreed to accept that and extend the balance of \$15,000, plus five per cent interest, for another year, namely until May 11, 1957.

The witnesses for the DE LUCIAS were [redacted] and [redacted]. The witnesses for the SALERNOs were [redacted] and [redacted]. This instrument was notarized on May 25, 1956, by [redacted].

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B. Criminal Record

The following fingerprint record of ANTHONY SALERNO was furnished on October 20, 1958, by the Identification Division under FBI Number 4817958:

<u>Contributor of Fingerprints</u>	<u>Name and Number</u>	<u>Arrested or Received</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
PD, Providence, RI	ANTHONY SALERNO #11-064-A	4/24/45	susp. person	
PD, Miami Beach, Fla.	ANTHONY SALERNO #A-11585	4/3/47	vag. inv. (hold for 4/7/47 Fed. Auth.)	dism req pros

Boston was requested on October 14, 1958, to ascertain the details and disposition of SALERNO's arrest on April 24, 1945, as a suspicious person by the Providence, Rhode Island, Police Department. In this connection, the following is noted in the investigation of the case concerning JOSEPH ANTHONY STRACCI, who is being investigated as a top hoodlum by the New York Office. STRACCI is reputed to be an associate of SALERNO and has been said to be his cousin.

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The arrest record of STRACCI under FBI Number 72208, reflects an arrest for JOSEPH A. STRACCI on April 24, 1945, by the Police Department of Providence, Rhode Island, under their Number 11-063-A, which arrest number immediately precedes the arrest number of SALERNO on the same date, according to his FBI Identification Record.

Concerning the arrest of STRACCI, [redacted] Identification Division, Providence, Rhode Island, Police Department, advised SA EDMUND G. VIVIAN on December 9, 1957, that JOSEPH STRACCI was held on suspicion on April 24, 1945, and released. [redacted] said the names of the police officers who arrested STRACCI were not available and that the Two Hour Arrest Book containing such information was destroyed after five years.

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Concerning SALERNO's arrest on April 3, 1947, by the Police Department in Miami Beach, Florida, at which time it was thought he was identical with the subject of a Selective Service case bearing a similar name and with the same description, it is noted that SALERNO was released on April 4, 1947, when a fingerprint check determined he was not identical with the subject of the Selective Service violation. On this occasion, SALERNO had stated he had been arrested on only one previous occasion, in about 1935 or 1936, for policy making in New York City, and was fined \$100.00. At the time of this arrest, he said he gave the name of ANTHONY RUSSO.

The records of the New York City Police Department were checked by SA AUGUST J. MICEK on October 3, 1958, and he was advised that it was impossible to locate an arrest concerning ANTHONY RUSSO in 1935 or 1936 for policy making.

It had previously been determined by SA MICEK on August 11, 1958, that there was no record identifiable with ANTHONY SALERNO contained in the files of the New York City Police Department.

C. Associates

1. MICHAEL COPPOLA, with aliases

MICHAEL COPPOLA is the subject of a top hoodlum investigation in the Miami Division.

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T-2 advised on January 7, 1956, that MIKE COPPOLA continues to be the "boss" of the East Harlem area of New York City, although he currently resides and has other interests in Miami, Florida.

T-2 stated that COPPOLA's number one man and the individual who runs things for him in the East Harlem area is "Fat Tony" SALERNO. Through SALERNO, according to T-2, COPPOLA controlled the numbers racket, gambling, and other rackets in the East Harlem area.

2. PAULIE CORRELI

T-2 advised on January 7, 1956, that PAULIE HAMM, true name CORRELI (phonetic), is closely associated with "Fat Tony" SALERNO and he believes CORRELI works for and is under the control of SALERNO and MIKE COPPOLA.

3. [REDACTED]

T-3 advised on November 14, 1950, that "Fat Tony," owner of the Metro Urban Music Company, 2228 First Avenue, New York City, is probably the richest man in the Harlem rackets. He explained that "Fat Tony" is the layoff man on the straight numbers.

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From T-4 it was ascertained that "Fat Tony" is ANTHONY SALERNO, who sold the Metro Urban Music Company [REDACTED] in January, 1950. [REDACTED] was formerly in the employ of SALERNO. This company was engaged in the servicing and repair of juke boxes and vending machines and maintained an account at the National City Bank, 116th Street Branch.

T-5 advised in March, 1956, that "Fat Tony" SALERNO owned Metro Urban, a distributor of juke boxes in Manhattan. He said that [REDACTED] fronts for SALERNO in the juke box business.

4. JOSEPH STRACCI, with alias  
"Joe Stretch"

STRACCI is currently being investigated as a top

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hoodlum of the New York Office.

T-5 advised in March, 1956, that the TONY SALERNO mob was composed of JOE STRETCH, [redacted] JOE RAO, "Trigger" MIKE COPPOLA, and lesser lights. This mob frequented a barber shop and funeral parlor, located in the neighborhood of 116th Street and First Avenue. They also frequented the Palmer Club, located in the same neighborhood.

T-5 said that "Fat Tony" SALERNO is JOE STRETCH's cousin and that "Trigger" MIKE COPPOLA is the leader of the mob.

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T-5 advised in March, 1956, that this individual, whose true name he did not know, was also a member of the TONY SALERNO mob.

6. JOE RAO

RAO is being investigated currently as a top hoodlum of the New York Office.

T-5 also advised in March, 1956, that RAO was a member of the TONY SALERNO mob.

7. [redacted] (last name unknown)

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Police Commissioner's Confidential Squad, New York City Police Department, advised SA NORMAN A. MURRAY on April 23, 1958, that in the current investigation concerning the East Side numbers racket, the police were currently endeavoring to get evidence that would stand up in court concerning a man named SHARKEY, not further identified. [redacted] believed SHARKEY probably received orders from "Fat Tony" SALERNO and that SALERNO delivered orders from MIKE COPPOLA, although SALERNO may not actually be an underling of COPPOLA, but possibly operated on the same level.

T-6 advised SA MARTIN P. CONLEY on March 5, 1958, that "Fat Tony" SALERNO's numbers business is handled by a lieutenant

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named SHARKEY. T-6 did not know SHARKEY's last name, but described him as an East Side Italian.

T-7 advised SA JAMES P. MOLLOY on August 27, 1958, that "Fat Tony" SALERNO " is the number one numbers man in New York City." T-7 said that "Fat Tony's" top man is an individual named SHARKEY, whom he described as white, male, age 36, bad complexion, 5' 8", 175 pounds.

8. [REDACTED]

T-8 advised SA PAUL G. DURKIN on August 26, 1958, that "Fat Tony" is in control of a numbers operation in New York City and he believes that [REDACTED] is also connected with this operation. T-8 said he believes this same group is also engaged in the narcotics business.

The files of the New York Office reflect that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] has FBI Number [REDACTED] and New York Police Department Number [REDACTED]

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9. JOE MASSEI 7/2/54

The "Miami Daily News" carried an article on October 17, 1954, indicating that TONY SALERNO can frequently be seen in the company of JOE MASSEI, FBI Number 597894, who was described as a Detroit and Miami Beach hoodlum.

10. JOHN ANGERSOLA, with alias, JOHN KING 8/1/54

The "Miami Daily News" carried an article on October 17, 1954, indicating that TONY SALERNO can frequently be seen in the company of JOHN ANGERSOLA, with alias, JOHN KING, FBI Number 98146, who was described as a Cleveland and Miami Beach hoodlum.

11. JACK HERMAN

HERMAN, former President of Carpet Corporation of America, is known to be a close associate of top mobsters. He arranged the rental of an apartment for SALERNO and [REDACTED]

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as Mr. and Mrs. ANTHONY [REDACTED]

T-4 advised on October 14, 1958, that on May 28, 1958, [REDACTED] stated that Carpet Corporation of America completely liquidated and dissolved during April of 1958, with all debts paid in the business.

T-4 advised that Carpet Corporation of America, 515 Madison Avenue, New York City, was chartered under New York laws on June 24, 1952. As of May 13, 1957, the officers were listed as JACK HERMAN, President, JACK ALLEN, Vice-President, and IRVING ALLEN, Secretary.

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JACK HERMAN was described as married and native born in 1909. In 1937 and 1938, he was employed as a salesman by [REDACTED] Brooklyn, New York. From 1945 to 1949, he was active individually as a buyer of piece goods, operating from his residence on Seiden Street in Rego Park, Queens. From 1949 to 1951, he was Treasurer of Queens Fashions, Inc., chartered under New York laws on October 22, 1949. This firm manufactured women's blouses and discontinued operations in 1951 and reportedly paid all obligations in full.

According to T-4, in 1951 and 1952, HERMAN operated a bar and restaurant, known as "Snookie's," in Miami Beach, Florida, which business was sold in 1952, and HERMAN formed Carpet Corporation of America.

T-9 advised previously in Miami that [REDACTED] and JACK HERMAN owned the Carpet Corporation of America, 515 Madison Avenue, New York City, and both were very close friends of ALBERT ANASTASIA, well-known gangster who was slain in New York on October 25, 1957.

[REDACTED] is a well-known New York racketeer currently residing in [REDACTED] and HERMAN are known to have many hoodlum associates.

#### D. Criminal Activities

T-5 advised in August, 1953, that the numbers racket in New York is controlled in entirety by the 116th Street mob.

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T-5 said the top man in this group is "Fat Tony" SALERNO, a cousin of JOE STRACCI. He said SALERNO took over this racket from [redacted] and hangs out in a club known as the Palmer Club on East 116th Street. According to T-5, SALERNO has admitted to him that his business averaged \$30,000 a day.

T-10 advised SA D. B. FLEMING in August, 1953, that he knew of no vice lord or "czar" in Harlem, but said that "Fat Tony" SALERNO was probably the most important figure in the numbers racket in the Harlem area. T-10 believed that "Fat Tony" was allied with a Jersey group, who also operate in Harlem, but he had no information concerning the identity of this group.

T-5 also advised in September, 1953, that prior to the preceding six months, the racketeers that were in control of the Unions, associations and concerns in the garment area of New York City were of Jewish descent. He said the principal racketeers were [redacted] MEYER and JACK LANSKY, [redacted] with alias [redacted] and others of less notoriety.

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These individuals had union connections and were in a position to either operate non-union shops, furnish protection for non-union shops, or operate under special contract with the International Ladies Garment Workers Union. T-5 said these same individuals also mustered into the garment trucking field and he said that [redacted]

T-5 said that during the preceding six months, the above-mentioned individuals have given way to the Italians, who now dominate the garment industry. He said the Italians included JOE STRACCI, with alias JOE STRETCH, MIKE COPPOLA, THOMAS LUCHESE, with alias "Three Finger Brown," JAMES PLUMERI, with alias JIMMY DOYLE, [redacted] "Fat Tony" SALERNO, and others. T-5 said that this Italian control began in narcotics and then branched out to the numbers racket, bookmaking, and gradually took over all other major rackets. He said that the Jews were afraid of the Italians because the Italians have the



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reputation of being killers and underhanded in their business dealings.

T-5 advised in March, 1956, that the TONY SALERNO mob was composed of JOE STRETCH, [REDACTED] JOE RAO, "Trigger" MIKE COPPOLA, and others. He said this mob frequented a barber shop and funeral parlor located in the neighborhood of 116th Street and First Avenue, and they also were said to frequent the Palmer Club, located in this same area.

T-5 said that "Fat Tony" SALERNO was JOE STRACCI's cousin and that "Trigger" MIKE COPPOLA was the leader of this mob. He stated that "Fat Tony" SALERNO handled the private garbage industry, either through the owners or through the unions. He said that "Fat Tony" SALERNO also owned Metro Urban, a distributor of juke boxes in Manhattan. He said [REDACTED] fronted for SALERNO in the juke box business.

T-5 further advised that "Fat Tony" SALERNO and JOE STRETCH were partners in a dress firm known as the Raleigh, which was located near Poughkeepsie, New York.

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T-11 advised SAS BRIAN J. MOGEN and JOHN P. FOLEY on February 16, 1954, that "Fat Tony" SALERNO was one of the biggest numbers men in New York City.

T-12 advised SA STEPHEN L. HALPIN on March 3, 1954, that he had been well acquainted with JOSEPH BONILLA, who was killed February 28, 1954, in gangland fashion in New York. He said BONILLA was a numbers banker on the upper West Side, and had two partners, one named [REDACTED] and the other [REDACTED]

T-12 said that an Italian named "Fat Tony" controlled the numbers in East Harlem and advanced the possibility that "Fat Tony" might have had BONILLA killed in order to enlarge his territory. T-12 alleged that [REDACTED] from the New York City Police Department kept "Fat Tony" advised in relation to any pending raids.

T-12 further advised on December 19, 1957, that an individual named EDDIE ZIMMERMAN controls the numbers on the West Side and "Fat Tony" controls all the numbers on the East

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Side . He said both operated with police protection or they would not be able to stay in business. He said that "Fat Tony" was reputed to be a good friend of [redacted] who was [redacted]

T-13 advised SA FRANK R. GERRITY in December 1957, that "Fat Tony" SALERNO was reputed to be a very wealthy man and a member of the mob that handles shylocking on personal loans. According to T-13, SALERNO also had his hand in the numbers racket.

T-2 advised on January 7, 1956, that MIKE COPPOLA continued to be the "boss" of the East Harlem area of New York City, although he currently resided and had other interests in Miami, Florida.

T-2 said that COPPOLA's number one man and the individual who runs things for him in the East Harlem area is "Fat Tony" SALERNO. Through SALERNO, according to T-2, COPPOLA controlled the numbers racket, gambling, and other rackets in the East Harlem area.

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T-6 advised SA MARTIN P. CONLEY on March 5, 1958, that he was employed by [redacted] a coordinator of "numbers," who was in partnership with [redacted] (last name unknown). T-6 said that [redacted] is an Italian from Boston, Massachusetts, who controls the numbers on 122nd Street between 7th and 8th Avenues, and also 142nd Street between 7th and 8th Avenues. He said that [redacted] operates "single action spots" at 270 West 122nd Street and in a candy store on the uptown side of the street, about three doors east of 8th Avenue.

T-6 said that [redacted] play is backed by "Fat Tony" SALERNO. He said SALERNO has [redacted] (last name unknown), an East Side Italian who handles his business for him. T-6 said he took the daily receipts for numbers played with [redacted] at 122nd Street to a hallway of a building, located on 115th Street between First Avenue and Pleasant Avenue in East Harlem. He said he deposited the receipts in a brief case which was left unguarded, as far as he could see, but he was sure his actions were observed.

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In explanation of the numbers operation familiar to him, T-6 said that [redacted] is SALERNO's coordinator (controller) and operated a "single action spot" where numbers were played with employees of the store at 270 West 122nd Street. In addition, T-6 stated that a number of runners like himself pick up numbers played from their regular customers. The runners make their returns to the above spot, where the money is collected and the returns are delivered to SALERNO by separate messenger. He said that [redacted] does not touch any of the receipts in person, but dictates who is to act as a messenger.

T-6 said SALERNO, as the banker, receives 65 per cent of the handle and backs all bets. He said SALERNO is removed from all administration of the territory and territorial disputes between numbers controllers were settled among themselves.

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T-3 advised SA JOHN P. FOLEY on August 18, 1958, that it was the underworld talk that ANTHONY "Fat Tony" SALERNO was an underling of MICHAEL COPPOLA. He said that all activities in the East Side area of upper New York City, including crap games, numbers, and the protection racket, are run by the MIKE COPPOLA and JOEY RAO crowd. Although neither RAO nor COPPOLA assume an actual part in these activities, T-3 said that they still get a large part of the proceeds.

T-8 advised SA PAUL G. DURKIN on August 26, 1958, that "Fat Tony" was in control of a numbers operation in New York City and he believed that [redacted] was also connected with this operation. He said he believed this same group were also engaged in the narcotics business.

T-7 advised SA JAMES T. MOLLOY on August 27, 1958, that "Fat Tony" is the number one numbers man in New York City. He stated that "Fat Tony" was then operating from a bar and grill, located in the 80's on York Avenue, owned by an Italian.

T-7 did not know MIKE COPPOLA, but had heard that "Fat Tony" was a cousin of COPPOLA, who was a loan shark. He stated that COPPOLA presently lives in Florida and that "Fat Tony" visits him there four or five times a year. He said that "Fat Tony's" top man is an individual named SHARKY, age 36, bad complexion, 5' 8", 175 pounds. He said "Fat Tony" was a banker

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in the numbers racket and he estimated that he employed about 400 comptrollers who, in turn, each employ ten runners. He said that about a year ago, the number 100 hit and the word got out that the bank couldn't pay off. A few days later, he heard that "Fat Tony" went to Detroit to get the necessary money.

T-12 advised SA STEPHEN L. HALPIN on August 6, 1958, that he was acquainted with "Fat Tony" by sight. He advised that [redacted] now in jail, was a good collector for "Fat Tony" and that on occasion, he had accompanied [redacted] to a numbers drop on 115th Street between First Avenue and Pleasant Avenue. He said this was one of the drops that had been raided several months previously by the New York City Police Department. T-12 said that in the event of a numbers raid, the banks open the next day and the numbers carry over.

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T-13 advised SA FRANK R. GERRITY on September 12, 1958, that ANTHONY "Fat Tony" SALERNO is believed to have taken over control of rackets formerly operated by "Trigger" MIKE COPPOLA. T-13 said he could not furnish information to prove this, but it is known among the underworld that "Fat Tony" has a lot to do with numbers, bookmaking, shylocking and Italian lottery operations in New York City. T-13 said he believes that the majority of shylocks operating in New York City get their "operating" money from "Fat Tony." He said "Fat Tony" frequents the Play Room Bar on West 58th Street and dates a prostitute named [redacted]

T-13 said he believes "Trigger" MIKE COPPOLA and THOMAS "Three Finger Brown" LUCHESE were, at one time, the reported mob leaders of East Harlem. COPPOLA reportedly had his fingers in almost every type racket in existence, and reportedly made a great deal of money. When COPPOLA retired, it was only natural that his interests in dice games, bookmaking, numbers, shylocking and undercover bar room operations would pass on to trusted lieutenants and friends.

T-13 said he has heard that "Fat Tony" SALERNO has taken over the operation of "Trigger" MIKE's old rackets and that "Trigger" MIKE still gets a cut of the profits. T-13 said he knows of no way of determining if this is true since he is certain neither "Fat Tony" nor "Trigger" MIKE would admit to any such arrangements.

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T-13 further advised SAAGERRITY on October 3, 1958, that "Fat Tony" SALERNO is from the East Harlem Section of New York City and is one of the top underworld figures in New York City. He said that "Fat Tony" is reported to be one of the biggest shylocks in the country and stated he has heard talk that "Fat Tony" has an interest in the Italian lottery.

T-13 said that "Fat Tony" frequents the Play Room Bar on West 58th Street between 6th and 7th Avenues. He advised that this bar is owned by "Fat Tony" but the license is in the name of someone else. He said that [redacted] and [redacted] are the apparent owners of the Play Room Bar. He said that [redacted]

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E. Legitimate Enterprises

Metro Urban Music Company  
2228 First Avenue  
New York, New York

ANTHONY SALERNO advised agents of the Miami Office on April 4, 1947, that for the past seven years, he had operated the Metro Urban Music Company, 2228 First Avenue, New York City.

[redacted] Automatic Music Operators Association, Inc., 250 West 57th Street, New York City, furnished the membership list of his association in 1946, in connection with an investigation of the Emby Distributing Company, Inc.

Emby Distributing, Inc., a New York corporation, and exclusive distributor of Wurlitzer Juke Boxes in New York, Connecticut, and New Jersey, was then engaged in an effort to have all member operators of the Automatic Music Operators Association enter into contracts eventually resulting in their exclusive use of Wurlitzer Automatic Coin Machines. Appearing on the list supplied by [redacted] was the Metro Urban Music Company, ANTHONY SALERNO, 2228 First Avenue, New York City, telephone LE 4-9441.

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T-5 advised in March, 1956, that "Fat Tony" SALERNO

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owned Metro Urban, a distributor of juke boxes in Manhattan. T-5 said a [redacted] fronted for SALERNO in the juke box business.

T-3 advised on November 14, 1950, that "Fat Tony," owner of the Metro Urban Music Company, 2228 First Avenue, New York City, was probably the richest man in the Harlem rackets.

From T-4, it was ascertained in 1950 that "Fat Tony" was ANTHONY SALERNO, who sold the Metro Urban Music Company to [redacted] in January, 1950. [redacted] was formerly in the employ of SALERNO. According to T-4, this company was engaged in the servicing and repair of juke boxes and vending machines and maintained an account at the National City Bank, 116th Street Branch. T-4 was again contacted on October 3, 1958, and advised that the file on Metro Urban Music Company had been destroyed on August 19, 1955, due to lack of inquiry.

As previously reported, the records of the New York Telephone Company reflect that telephone number JU 2-1859 is a non-published telephone number for the telephone number in Apartment 7F at 850 7th Avenue, in the name of JOSEPH MORETTI. The records of the New York Telephone Company indicate MORETTI is a serviceman with the Metro Urban Music Company, telephone number LE 4-9441.

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The records of the New York Telephone Company reflect that telephone number LE 4-9441 is currently listed to the Metro Urban Music Company, 477 East 115th Street, New York City.

[redacted] Credit Bureau of Greater New York, advised on October 27, 1958, that she had no record of the Metro Urban Music Company.

The files of the New York Office contain no additional information concerning Metro Urban Music Company.

Dress Firm Known as "Raleigh" in  
Poughkeepsie, New York

T-5 advised in 1953 that TONY SALERNO, a cousin of

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JOE STRACCI, was a partner with STRACCI in a dress trucking firm known as the "Raleigh," which was located in Poughkeepsie, New York.

In July, 1956, the following investigation was conducted in an effort to locate the Raleigh Trucking Company, which allegedly was located in Poughkeepsie, New York.

Current and past records of the Dutchess County Clerk's Office, Poughkeepsie, New York, were reviewed with negative results.

Dockets reflecting assumed business names were reviewed without success.

Records of the Poughkeepsie Chamber of Commerce, the Poughkeepsie City Directories for the years 1950 through 1953, the records of the Poughkeepsie Police Department, and records of the Credit and Adjustment Service also failed to reflect any information regarding such a concern.

In addition, contacts were made with three trucking companies and one dress company in Poughkeepsie without producing any information regarding the present or past existence of such a firm.

The Play Room Bar  
130 West 58th Street  
New York, New York

T-13 advised on October 3, 1958, that the Play Room Bar was owned by "Fat Tony," but the license was in the name of someone else.

A review of the records at the Hall of Records, New York County, on October 8, 1958, by SA STEPHEN L. HALPIN, indicated that the building at 130 West 58th Street is owned by [redacted] New York City. This property was transferred to [redacted] on March 16, 1948, Liber 4560, page 500.

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SA THOMAS F. MC QUEENEY checked the records of the State Liquor Authority, 270 Broadway, New York City, on October 22, 1958, concerning the Play Room. These records indicate that the Play Room, Inc., 130 West 58th Street, New York City, has Restaurant Liquor License Number #RL20316, which was issued October 16, 1957. The stockholders, directors and officers of the corporation were all one individual, who was DAVID GREENSPAN, 3550 85th Street, Jackson Heights, New York. The owner of the building at 130 West 58th Street was listed as [REDACTED] c/o Forster Real Estate Company, Inc., 311 West 54th Street, New York City.

The attorney for GREENSPAN was listed as [REDACTED] [REDACTED] New York City.

GREENSPAN was described as white, born September 5, 1907, New York City, 5' tall, 135 pounds, brown hair, brown eyes. His address was given as 35-50 85th Street, Jackson Heights, from 1954 to the present, and 769 St. Marks Avenue, Brooklyn, from 1948 to 1954. He claimed to have never been arrested or convicted of any crime.

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F. Places of Amusement or Hangouts Frequented

T-13 advised on October 3, 1958, that "Fat Tony" frequents the Play Room Bar on West 58th Street between 6th and 7th Avenues.

T-7 advised on August 27, 1958 that "Fat Tony" was then operating from a bar and grill located in the 80's, on York Avenue, which bar was owned by an Italian.

T-5 advised in March, 1956, that TONY SALERNO and other members of the East 116th Street mob frequented a barber shop and funeral parlor located in the neighborhood of 116th Street and First Avenue. T-5 also advised that this group frequented the Palmer Club, located in this same area.

T-14 advised in January, 1955, that [REDACTED] [REDACTED] had a clientele book said to be valued at \$10,000. T-14 said one of the names in this book was BLACKIE (TONY SALERNO), with the following telephone numbers:



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[redacted] advised SA WALTER C. ZINK on August 19, 1958, as follows concerning these telephone numbers:

GU 2-9630 - No such exchange in New York

CI 7-8926 - Public telephone, Raffaele's Italian Restaurant, 100 West 57th Street, New York

LE 4-9250 - Public telephone, ~~Jay~~ Ciccone Bar and Grill, 2062 First Avenue, New York City

T-15 advised on May 14, 1958, that SALERNO usually frequents the Dream Lounge when in the Miami area.

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G. Travel

T-1 advised SA STEPHEN L. HALPIN that SALERNO had told him on March 25, 1958, he was going to Chicago for the ROBINSON-BASILIO prize fight.

T-7 advised on August 27, 1958, that "Fat Tony" SALERNO visits MIKE COPPOLA in Florida four or five times a year.

It is noted that SALERNO's [redacted] reside at [redacted] Florida, and he also has a summer residence at Rhinebeck, New York.

T-1 advised SA HALPIN on July 18, 1958, that SALERNO's [redacted] were then residing at SALERNO's summer home in the mountains. He did not know the location of this home, but said SALERNO visits them every weekend.

No record of any current New York driver's or chauffeur's license or any automobile registration for the last three years, either in the name of ANTHONY SALERNO or ANTHONY [redacted] has been located at the New York State Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

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No record of a driver's license or automobile registration in the name of [redacted] or [redacted] SALERNO has been located at the New York State Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

H. Personal Habits and Peculiarities

Investigation to date indicates that SALERNO is always accompanied by one or more male companions, believed to be bodyguards.

[redacted] has mentioned that these individuals participate in a great deal of target shooting at SALERNO's summer residence, located in a rural area at Rhinebeck, New York.

T-13 advised in September, 1958, that SALERNO frequents the Play Room Bar on West 58th Street, in New York City, and dates a prostitute named [redacted]

Investigation has indicated a close relationship existing between [redacted] who resides in Apartment [redacted] at 850 Seventh Avenue, New York City, and this subject. SALERNO resides in Apartment 7F at this same address.

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The address of 850 Seventh Avenue is a twelve story apartment building, located midway between 54th and 55th Street on the West side of Seventh Avenue, in Manhattan. Under the previous management of this building, the superintendent generally handled the collection of rents and if leases expired, the occupants of apartments remained on a month-to-month basis and occasionally were replaced by other tenants with no leases being executed. The last lease executed for Apartment 7F at 850 Seventh Avenue expired January 31, 1954, and was in the name of HENRY DUNN, supposedly an old vaudeville performer. The last lease for Apartment [redacted] at this address was in the name of [redacted] and expired September 30, 1955. Since that time, Apartment [redacted] has been rented on a month-to-month basis.

Periodic spot surveillances have been conducted in the vicinity of 850 Seventh Avenue in an effort to identify SALERNO or any automobile that he may be presently using, and these

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surveillances have been unsuccessful to date.

The building at 850 7th Avenue, New York City, has recently come under the management of Herbert W. Tuttle Company, Inc., 157 West 57th Street. This company took over as agents for the management of this building on July 1, 1958.

[redacted] advised SA HALPIN on August 19, 1958, that the building at 850 7th Avenue is rent controlled and he is desirous of forcing all tenants out so that he can convert the building into offices. He said this building is in a desirable midtown location and many of the tenants are still paying ridiculously low rents.

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[redacted] said he was not yet acquainted with any of the tenants of this building, but would be glad to cooperate in any way that he might be of aid to the Bureau.

I. Physical Description

The following description of ANTHONY SALERNO was obtained by interview and observation on April 4, 1947, and from subsequent investigation:

Name	ANTHONY SALERNO
Age	47
Date of Birth	August 15, 1911
Place of Birth	Bronx, New York
Height	5' 6"
Weight	234 pounds
Hair	Black, receding
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Medium
Relatives	Wife - [redacted]
	[redacted]
	Daughter - [redacted]
	same address
	Mother- MARY SALERNO, 180-54 Aberdeen Road, Jamaica, Long Island, New York

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Sister - [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Brother  
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[REDACTED] address

Residence  
Addresses

Apartment 7F, 850 7th Avenue, New  
York City; Rural Delivery, Rhinebeck,  
New York

Efforts to locate a photograph of ANTHONY SALERNO  
have been unsuccessful to date.

SALERNO SHOULD BE CONSIDERED POSSIBLY ARMED AND DANGEROUS  
AS HE IS BELIEVED TO TRAVEL WITH BODYGUARDS KNOWN TO PRACTICE  
TARGET SHOOTING.

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A highly confidential  
source known to SAS CHARLES  
M. CAVANAUGH, THOMAS BEECH, LYNN  
E. MC CREDY and HAMLIN A. SMITH

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Careful consideration has been given to the sources  
concealed and "T" symbols were utilized in this report only  
in those instances where the identity of the sources must be  
concealed.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 12/28/58

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (92-1099)

SUBJECT: ANTHONY SALERNO  
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(OO:NEW YORK)

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Re report of SA STEPHEN L. HALPIN, 11/14/58, New York.

This subject is now the subject of a Top Hoodlum investigation and informants have stated he is one of the richest racket men in New York. No indication of any legitimate income or interest in legitimate businesses has been located, although a Miami newspaper printed a story in 1954 concerning his sale of a \$75,000.00 home in Miami Beach to PAUL DE LUCIA, also a Top Hoodlum.

Investigation in New York has determined SALERNO owns a summer home in New York with a probable purchase price in excess of \$20,000.00.

It is therefore considered important to this investigation to ascertain any claimed sources of income and actual income reported by this subject as it is felt an income tax violation may have been committed by him.

The Bureau is requested to obtain as many recent yearly income tax returns as are practicable for this subject and [redacted]

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Available known addresses of this subject [redacted] in recent years are as follows:

- 850 Seventh Avenue, New York, New York
- 12 Isle Avenue, Belle Isle, Miami Beach, Florida
- Rural Delivery #1, Box 117, Rhinebeck, New York

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 12/29/58

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (92-1099)

SUBJECT: ANTHONY SALERNO, aka;  
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ReNYlets, 11/14/58 and 12/2/58.

By letter dated 11/14/58 the Bureau was advised that a Top Hoodlum case had been opened on captioned individual and investigation was being conducted to determine if he was of Top Hoodlum stature.

A review of the investigation to date concerning SALERNO, in line with SAC Let. #58-80, does not indicate any violation within the Bureau's jurisdiction.

By letter dated 12/2/58 the Bureau was requested to obtain income tax returns for this subject and his wife. A review of these returns may indicate a possible income tax violation which would be brought to the attention of the Treasury Dept.

Pending the receipt of these income tax returns, no further active investigation concerning SALERNO will be conducted and this case is being placed in a pending inactive status.

Miami discontinue investigation of SALERNO except for informant coverage.

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SAC, New York (92-1099)

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Director, FBI (~~92-3985~~)

ANTHONY SALERNO, AKA.  
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference your letter dated December 2, 1958, requesting the Federal Income Tax Returns filed by the captioned individual and [redacted]

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Attached is a record of the income tax returns filed by Anthony [redacted] Salerno, 12 Island Avenue, Belle Isle, Miami Beach, Florida, for 1956 and 1957. If any additional record is furnished by the Internal Revenue Service, it will be forwarded to you.

This record should be reviewed by you for any possible leads pertinent to your investigation and in case investigation reveals any unrecorded income, the Internal Revenue Service should be so advised.

This information has been furnished by the Internal Revenue Service on a confidential basis and it should not be divulged. If any of this information is incorporated in a report or any other Bureau communication, the source should be protected.

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- Trotter \_\_\_\_\_
- W.C. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Holloman \_\_\_\_\_
- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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SAC, New York (92-1099)

March 4, 1959

Director, FBI (92-3905)

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ANTHONY SALERNO, aka.  
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference is made to your letter dated 12/2/58, and Bureau letter dated 1/27/59, relative to the Federal Income Tax Returns filed by the captioned individual.

Attached is the record of the returns filed by Anthony  Salerno, 12 Island Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida, for 1953, 1954, and 1955. In case any unrecorded income for Salerno is brought to your attention, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) should be so advised.

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This information has been furnished by the IRS on a confidential basis and it should not be divulged. If any of this information is incorporated in a report or any other Bureau communication, the source should be protected.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-3905)

DATE: 4/2/59

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (92-1099)

SUBJECT: ANTHONY SALERNO, aka.  
ANTI-RACKETEERING

ReNYlet 12/29/58, and Bulets 1/27/59 and 3/4/59.

Referenced Bulets forwarded information concerning income tax returns of captioned subject and his wife from 1953 through 1957. A review of this information failed to provide any leads or indication of unrecorded income.

The investigation concerning SALERNO does not indicate any violation within the Bureau's jurisdiction, and in line with SAC letter 58-80, this case is being considered closed.

It is noted that investigation concerning SALERNO is continuing as an associate of MICHAEL COPPOLA, Top Hoodlum, Miami Division (Bufile 92-2820).

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Director, FBI (92-3905)

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ANTHONY SALERNO  
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In view of the current notoriety and resulting public interest in Salerno, this case should be reopened and an active Top Hoodlum investigation conducted.

Submit report promptly.

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# In This Corner: Fat Tony

## Salerno 'Mr. X' of Boxing

By JOSEPH P. COTTER and WILLIAM H. A. CARR

An obscure East Harlem racketeer today was spotlighted as one of the most powerful but illicit figures in the world of boxing.

"Who is Anthony Salerno?" was a question frequently heard after District Attorney Hogan named him yesterday as the mysterious "Mr. X."

"Mr. X" was the underworld figure behind the promotion of last June's heavyweight title bout between Ingemar Johansson and Floyd Patterson, which the Swedish boxer won.

An investigation into the background of Salerno shows him to be a trusted associate of some of the most feared names in the underworld.

### Only Three Arrests on Record

He has grown rich as a "known gambler, bookmaker and policy operator," according to Hogan, and yet he has only three arrests on his police record—and none of them is very serious.

Like one of his mentors, Frankie Carbo, another alumnus of the East Harlem mob who has come to be known as "the underworld czar of boxing," Salerno has always tried to keep in the shadows and avoid publicity. And he has usually succeeded.

For example, Salerno was a key figure in the police investigation of the 1946 Election Day slaying of Joseph Scottoriggio and yet his name was never mentioned publicly.

He is generally regarded in East Harlem as the first lieutenant of Trigger Mike Coppola, who heads the vicious mob there. And Salerno's other pals include such gentry as Joseph (Stretch) Stracci, a gang leader

whose arrests date back to 1922 and range from reckless driving to rape; Joey Rao, extortionist, racketeer and behind-the-scenes political power; Joe Adonis, now deported to Italy, and Charles Albero, convicted narcotics wholesaler, who is more familiarly known as Charles Bullets.

How can a man like Salerno keep out of the arms of the law and avoid the limelight?

"By exercising discretion, say the frustrated detectives who have watched his rise.

### Salerno's Too Cautious

Salerno's boss, Trigger Mike Coppola, was picked up two years ago for loitering and vagrancy in the course of a sweeping raid on East Harlem by federal and city narcotics detectives. That kind of thing never happens to Salerno. He's too cautious.

When Salerno decides to slip back from his upstate country estate or his swank Florida apartment for a business visit to East Harlem, his visit is surrounded with security arrangements that would protect a President.

Underlings in the mob clear the whole neighborhood around Salerno's center of operations of narcotics peddlers, gamblers, strong-arm thugs and other criminals, so that police will have

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no excuse for picking him up in a general dragnet or for consorting with wanted criminals.

**Now Salerno Keeps 'Clean'**  
"When he arrives," a high police officer said, "the area is cleared of unsavory characters to keep him 'clean.'"

And, even so, Salerno tries to slip into town as furtively as possible to avoid attracting the unwanted attentions of the police.

Salerno, born in The Bronx in 1911, has come a long way since then. As the underworld reckons it, he is the epitome of the successful racketeer, with a large and imposing country place on Old Rock City Rd. in Rhinebeck, in Dutchess County, and a luxurious Florida residence at 11 Island Av., Belle Isle, Miami Beach, where he occupies "Deluxe Apartment No. 15."

His nom de guerre of Fat Tony was inevitable from his build; he stands 5-foot-7 and weighs 200 pounds. But he sometimes goes under another alias, too: Tony Russo.

To inquisitive policemen, Salerno, when pressed, gives his occupation as "retired." He won't say from what.

But detectives say that, even if boxing promoter Bill Rosensohn had not spilled the beans about how Salerno backed him, they'd still have known that Salerno was as active as ever.

The police record on Salerno is unusually brief for a major underworld figure. His only conviction was in 1935, when he was convicted of possessing policy slips and fined \$100. In 1947 he was picked up in Miami for vagrancy and in 1955 in Providence, R. I., as "a suspicious person," both were harassment detentions.

#### Top Man in Juke Box Field

Along upper First Av. people recall how Salerno won out as top man in the juke box field about 1947. And he has been "a very big man in gambling," according to investigators, who say his special interests in the past have been bookmaking and the policy racket, rather than boxing.

Salerno's final step to the top level of gangsters in wealth and power roughly coincided, if that's the proper adverb, with the Scottoriggio case.

Scottoriggio was a Republican precinct leader in East Harlem who was believed to control a considerable number of votes. At 5:45 a. m. on Election Day in 1946 Scottoriggio's wife, watching from their window for his return from a last-minute political meeting, saw him set up by a group of thugs in front of their home. By the time she reached the street, the men were gone and her husband lay on the sidewalk near death from his beating.

The politics of the area was complex and rough. The real political power lay in an informal coalition of Tammany Democrats, GOP politicians who made under-the-table deals with them, Communists and gangsters.

As the investigation of the Scottoriggio murder progressed, two of the underworld leaders there, Trigger Mike Coppola and Joey Rao, were held in \$250,000 bail each as material witnesses. The DA's office said it believed the Scottoriggio beating had been planned at a meeting in Coppola's apartment, a meeting which was said to have been attended by several prominent political leaders, some of them now dead.

After seizing Coppola, the DA sent out a nation-wide alarm for his pretty, ex-showgirl wife, Doris, and her father, David T. Lehmann explaining that they were believed to have attended the meeting in the Coppola apartment.

The cops thought they'd pick up Mrs. Coppola and her father immediately, but they were mistaken. The two confounded the cops by staying out of sight for six months, at the end of which they showed up for questioning voluntarily.

The DA's office now says it was Salerno who hid Mrs. Coppola and her father during that nation-wide search. He went down to Palm Island, Florida, on which the late Al Capone had

a fortress-home—to get Mrs. Coppola, her father, and her son, Michael, then 3. Salerno saw to it that the three got to Providence, where he hid them first in the home of that state's top-ranking gangster, Frank (Butsy) Morelli, and then in the home of Anthony Del Giudice, who had moved to Providence after being booted off the New York police force.

Still later, according to DA Hogan's investigators, Salerno was "instrumental" in transferring Mrs. Coppola, her son, and her father to Salerno's sister's home in Jamaica Estates, Queens.

Mrs. Coppola and her father later were indicted for perjury for denying that the meeting took place in the Coppola apartment and that they had attended it, but the indictments never were tried. Mrs. Coppola died in childbirth and had a \$30,000 funeral unmatched in the underworld by anything since the Prohibition Era. Her father was certified by doctors to be physically unable, because of a heart condition, to stand trial.

Salerno's role in the Scottoriggio case was a key factor in the investigation, but so discreet had he been in his arrangements that his identity was not established until much later. In all the thousands of words that were written about the famous case, there is only one brief reference to Salerno, and then he is only mentioned by his nickname. That reference came when Del Giudice's wife, telling about her husband's past in New York, said he "knew Coppola, a man she described only as 'Fat Tony' and 'those boys,'" according to one account.

Last February Salerno was mentioned in testimony before the McClellan Committee. Irving Mishel, serving time in a federal prison for a scheme involving stolen stock certificates, was

questioned about the leading racketeers in the country. He rattled off a long list of men he knew who fell into that group. One of the men was Salerno.

But there was little attention paid to Salerno then. Not until yesterday, when Hogan disclosed Salerno's role in the Johansson-Paterson promotion, did the spotlight finally fall on Salerno, who has kept in the shadows for so many years.

According to Hogan, Salerno met Rosensohn originally through Gilbert Lee Beckley, a gambler, and Salerno agreed to put \$25,000 into a corporation to stage the fight through a front, who would be Vincent J. Velella, an East Harlem lawyer who was a Republican candidate for Municipal Court justice until the current investigation got under way, when he withdrew.

Rosensohn requested and got \$10,000 in cash from Salerno after he told him he needed the money to live on, the DA said.

But Velella later warned Rosensohn that Salerno expected a \$30,000 return for the \$25,000 he had advanced, as well as a one-third interest in the profits, or so Rosensohn told the grand jury.

Before the negotiations were radio, TV and movie rights to the bout and had signed away two-

thirds of Rosensohn Enterprises, Inc. Patterson's manager, Cus D'Amato, was one of those who benefited from the negotiations, according to Hogan.

#### Rosensohn's Charges Denied

Velella denied all of Rosensohn's accusations. He said he did know Salerno and that Salerno was present once when he met with Rosensohn, but that was only because Salerno was a law client who "just happened to be in the office."

D'Amato, too, denied Rosensohn's charges.

Hogan indicated that the evidence so far would not support any indictments, but he said he would ask the courts to authorize him to turn over the grand jury minutes to the State Athletic Commission for appropriate action.

Hogan said one big hole in his investigation was Salerno's testimony. The DA said his investigators have been searching for Salerno for two weeks with no success.

The DA said he was issuing no alarm for Salerno, but still wanted to question him.

It was learned that Salerno's wife and family have told detectives they have no idea where he has been these past two weeks. They have not listed him with the police as a missing person, however.

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TO : SAC, *New York* (Your file *92-1099*) DATE: ~~12-27-59~~  
*12-31-59*

FROM : Director, FBI (Bufile and serial *92-3905*)

*ANTHONY SALERNO, aka*

SUBJECT: *Anti Racketeering* Office of Origin: *NEW YORK*

1. (X) The deadline in this case has passed and the Bureau has not received a report. You are instructed to submit a report immediately. In the event a report has been submitted, you should make a notation of the date on which it was submitted on this letter and return it to the Bureau, Room No. *4070*

Report submitted *12/28/59*

Report will be submitted \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for delay \_\_\_\_\_

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- 2. ( ) Advise Bureau re status of this case.
- 3. ( ) Advise Bureau when report may be expected.
- 4. ( ) Surep immediately.

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(Place your reply on this form and return to the Bureau. Note on the top serial in the case file the receipt and acknowledgment of this communication.)

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# Veella Indicted; Charge He Lied in Fight Quiz

By NORMA ABRAMS  
 Vincent J. Veella, 45, an attorney, who allegedly fronted for ex-convict Anthony (Fat Tony) Salerno in promotion of the Floyd Patterson-Ingemar Johansson title fight, was indicted yesterday on a two-count perjury charge.



(NEWS photo by Hal Mathewson)  
 Vincent J. Veella (right) and his attorney, Joseph E. Brill, at Elizabeth St. station, where Veella was booked.

tion of the Floyd Patterson-Ingemar Johansson title fight, was indicted yesterday on a two-count perjury charge.

The first count charged that Veella lied in testimony before the New York State Athletic Commission on Sept. 15, and the second that he lied to the second August grand jury last Aug. 10.

### Probing Promotion

The grand jury, at the time was investigating the circumstances surrounding the heavy-weight bout, which Johansson won, to determine whether there was a conspiracy to commit acts injurious to public morals or to obstruct the administration of the state laws on boxing.

The indictment was handed up to General Sessions Judge Charles Marks, who issued a bench warrant for Veella. The attorney, who lives at 2265 Second Ave. and has a law office at 103 E. 125th St., surrendered with his attorney, Joseph E. Brill, and was booked at the Elizabeth St. station.

*New York, N.Y.*

### Tells of Money Pledge

District Attorney Frank Hogan said promoter William Rosensohn had been promised by Salerno that he would "finance promotion" of the title bout at Yankee Stadium last June 26, with "an initial payment of \$25,000 and would put up \$10,000 more for Rosensohn's personal expenses."

In mid-January, Hogan continued, there were a series of meetings at the office of Veella, "who had been designated to act as Salerno's front," which were attended by Veella, Salerno, Rosensohn and Charles Black, former fight manager and close associate of Patterson's manager, Gus D'Amato.

### Says Veella Stepped In

The group assertedly set up a fight-promoting corporation with equal shares held by Veella, Rosensohn and Black, Hogan said, but after Rosensohn pointed out the imprudence of this because of Black's association with D'Amato, Veella took over Black's third.

At one meeting, according to the indictment, Salerno in the presence of Veella handed Rosensohn the \$10,000 expense money in cash. The indictment charged that Veella lied when he told the athletic commission he didn't see the money, and heard no conversation about it. The second count charged that he lied to the grand jury in testifying that there had been no talk of Black holding any interest in the promoting corporation.

Later, in General Sessions, Veella pleaded not guilty and was held in \$1,000 bail over the protests of Brill, who described his client as a man of civic virtue and denounced Rosensohn as a "free and easy double-dealing parasite who doesn't know right from wrong."

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### DEMPSEY'S TASK FULFILLED

# Underworld Figure Sought in Fight Probe

NEW YORK, Aug. 26 (AP).—The sinister shadow of a missing underworld figure clouded the promotion of the Floyd Patterson-Ingemar Johansson heavyweight championship fight, June 26.

The mobster whose help was sought by Promoter Bill Rosensohn and who played a major, if silent, part in the behind-the-scenes intrigue was identified yesterday as Anthony (Fat Tony) Salerno in a statement by District Attorney Frank S. Hogan covering an investigation by his office.

It also reported that Vincent Velella, former partner in Rosensohn Enterprises, Inc., and now president of the corporation, acted as a "front man" for Salerno. Velella denies it, claiming the money he put up was his own.

#### Points to Major Areas

Salerno, a Harlem character, is known to be an associate of underworld figures.

Hogan said detectives have been looking for him for two weeks.

How Salerno became involved in the promotion, how Rosensohn was stripped of power and profits, and the peculiar role of Gus D'Amato, Patterson's manager, in the pre-fight proceedings are explained in the Hogan statement, which for the most part quotes Rosensohn's testimony.

Hogan said he would present the statement to a judge when his office petitions to turn over grand jury minutes to the New York State Athletic Commission.

The district attorney said his investigation has not produced sufficient evidence for an indictment, but added:

Rosensohn's story, if true, points to major areas where further inquiry by the State Athletic Commission is indicated.

"The first is the element of underworld participation, in the persons of Salerno and Gilbert Beckley, in the promotion. The second is the curious role of D'Amato, who has had such a powerful role as the man who controlled Patterson, the man who, through Harry Davidow, attempted to control Johansson, and the man who, through Charley Black, attempted to control the promotion itself."

#### Rosensohn Testifies

Beckley is described as a well-known gambler and a friend of Rosensohn. Davidow is a friend of D'Amato whom D'Amato attempted to foist on Johansson as 10 per cent manager.

Rosensohn testified for three hours yesterday in the State attorney general's office, which is trying to establish if the State anti-monopoly law was broken by any radio, television or motion picture rights to the fight.

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Davidow and Herman Taylor, the latter a Philadelphia fight promoter, were questioned at the District Attorney's office. Taylor said he had nothing to do with the promotion, and Davidow told reporters he knew nothing about it.

Hogan's statement giving Rosensohn's story tells how Rosensohn sought Salerno's help to close a radio-TV-movie contract for the Patterson-Roy Harris fight for Teleprompter, Inc., for which Rosensohn then was working, and later as a fight promoter.

D'Amato, Hogan pointed out in the statement, denied all the significant allegations.

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# DA Links Ingo Bout to Mob

By JEAN ADAMS and ERWIN SAVELSON

District Attorney Hogan yesterday revealed that a direct link existed between the underworld and the promotion of the Patterson-Johansson title fight.

The prosecutor, in a six-page statement released to the press, named Anthony Salerno, close associate of underworld bigshots, as a key figure in the promotion of the championship bouts.

Hogan disclosed that youthful fight promoter Bill Rosensohn, Salerno and former fight manager Charlie Black met several times as a result of which they agreed to form a corporation to promote the Patterson-Johansson fight and other fights as equal stockholders, each to have a one-fifth stock interest.

**HOGAN WENT ON TO** say that Salerno told Rosensohn he would finance the corporation to whatever extent was required and that he would do so "through a front."

Hogan said Salerno named East Harlem attorney Vincent J. Vellela "as the man who would front for him."

The prosecutor described Salerno as "an associate of underworld characters Mike (Trigger Mike) Coppola, Joe Rao and Joe Stracci."

Hogan said that when deported

racketeer Joe Adonis was living in this country, Salerno "was associated with him."

Vellela became head of the Rosensohn Enterprises, Inc., which promoted the title fight, after squeezing out Rosensohn.

As Hogan handed out his six-page statement, Rosensohn left State Attorney General Lefkowitz's office after three hours of questioning.

The Attorney General is probing possible anti-trust aspects of the title fight's promotion.

Black is a close friend of Gus D'Amato, manager of former heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson, and of Vellela.

Several hours before Hogan's

six-page statement was issued, Black appeared at the grand jury chambers with his lawyer, Nicholas Atlas.

**ATLAS TOLD** newsmen Black was put on the payroll of Rosensohn Enterprises for \$150 a week at Vellela's suggestion.

Atlas called this "a gesture of niceness" and when asked what Black's duties were, replied: "I'd call him a lobbygow."

(A "lobbygow" is a hanger-on, in boxing circles.)

At the Attorney General's office, a spokesman said Rosensohn had been "very cooperative" and was asked to return for further examination Sept. 3.

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TITLE OF CASE <b>ANTHONY SALERNO aka</b>		Report made by <b>ROGER L. KAAS</b>	Typed By: <b>lar</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ANTI-RACKETEERING</b>	

Synopsis:

REFERENCE:

Bureau letter to New York dated 8/27/59.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

By referenced letter Bureau advised that in view of the current notoriety and resulting public interest in SALERNO, this case should be reopened and an active Top Hoodlum investigation conducted.

Recent photographs of SALERNO, his mistress, [redacted] and [redacted] have been obtained and are being forwarded to interested offices under separate cover.

By letters dated 1/27 and 3/4/59, the Bureau forwarded records of the income tax returns filed by ANTHONY [redacted] SALERNO.

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SALERNO. This information has been reviewed for possible leads and nothing pertinent was developed.

Investigative Clerk CLIFFORD M. WERNER checked the Marriage and Divorce Records for Dade County, Florida, on December 1, 1958. Investigative Clerk WERNER similarly made a check of all marriage records between 1946 and 1958, without locating any record of marriage of ANTHONY SALERNO.

LEADS:

CHICAGO

At Chicago, Illinois

1. Will at [redacted] in care of [redacted] attempt to determine whether or not [redacted] is residing at this address.

2. Will determine whether or not telephone number [redacted] formerly listed to [redacted] is presently registered to that individual and whether that individual is possibly related to [redacted]

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3. It is desired that the above leads be discretely covered as it is felt that SALERNO may possibly be with [redacted]

MIAMI

At Miami, Florida

1. Will attempt to develop background information concerning [redacted]

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2. Will check school records for subject's [redacted] and obtain all available background information.

3. In view of SALERNO's Miami contacts, and

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his disappearance from the New York scene, will contact all logical forces in an attempt to determine his whereabouts.

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

1. Will contact the NYCPD Narcotics Bureau for any information concerning ANTHONY SALERNO.
2. Will conduct investigation at 1014 Gerard Avenue, Bronx, New York, to ascertain if SALERNO previously resided at this location.
3. Will attempt to further identify PAULINE (HAMM) CORRELLI and will attempt to further identify [REDACTED]
4. Will attempt to further identify SHARKEY.
5. Will attempt to further identify [REDACTED]
6. Will attempt to locate an account at the First National City Bank of New York, 116th Street Branch, for the Metro Urban Music Company or [REDACTED]
7. Will attempt to locate and further identify [REDACTED] of ANTHONY SALERNO.
8. Will interview [REDACTED] New York, neighbor of SALERNO at Rhinebeck, New York, for any knowledge he may have of SALERNO.
9. Will attempt to identify JOSEPH MORETTI, to whom telephone number JU 2-1859 at 850 7th Avenue, Apartment 7F, is listed.

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10. Will attempt to identify [redacted] who was the former tenant of Apartment 12F at 850 7th Avenue, New York.

11. Will attempt to locate the bar on York Avenue in the 80's from which SALERNO has been said to operate.

12. Will attempt to determine the identity of [redacted] and [redacted] owners of the Play Room Bar.

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13. Will attempt to locate a record of ANTHONY SALERNO's attendance at New York schools.

14. Will report results of efforts to verify ANTHONY SALERNO's birth in New York City.

15. Will ascertain the present occupants and ownership of [redacted] New York.

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16. Will contact Central Intelligence Squad, NYCPD, for any information concerning SALERNO.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: ROGER L. KAAS  
Date: OCTOBER 16, 1959

Office: New York

File Number: NY 92-1099

Bureau File # 92-3905

Title: ANTHONY SALERNO

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

Subject's present whereabouts unknown. Managers of building located at 850 7th Avenue, advised both apartments 7F and [redacted] occupied by subject and his mistress, had rent paid by Western Union Money Order for October in the name of MAX LERNER and [redacted]. However, money orders bear same date and consecutive numbers. WILLIAM ROSENSOHN, promoter, testified before NY State Athletic Commission, that SALERNO actually put up \$25,000.00 for promotion of the heavyweight title fight, June, 1959. The subject held meetings pursuant to the promotion and advised his interest would be handled by attorney VINCENT J. VALELLA. Informants advised in 1958, subject no longer acting as banker for the numbers racket and was seen in Miami, Florida with various top hoodlums. SALERNO SHOULD BE CONSIDERED POSSIBLY ARMED AND DANGEROUS AS HE IS BELIEVED TO TRAVEL WITH BODYGUARDS KNOWN TO PRACTICE TARGET SHOOTING.

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence

The present whereabouts of the subject is unknown at this time.

On September 15, 1959, T-1 advised that he has not observed SALERNO at 850 7th Avenue, his New York City address, since he observed him leaving with a suitcase on July 31, 1959.

[redacted]  
[redacted] Herbert W. Tuttle, Incorporated, manager of 850 7th Avenue, advised on October 7, 1959, that as far as her company is concerned, one MAX LERNER is the statutory tenant under rent control law of Apartment 7F at that address. She advised that on October 5 or 6, she received a money order purchased from Western Union, 203 West 52nd Street, New York, New York, bearing number WU42064454, sent by MAX LERNER. She stated that with regard to Apartment [redacted] occupied by [redacted] subject's mistress, her records reflect it to be occupied by one [redacted]. She stated that also on October 5 or 6, she received 2 Western Union Money Orders from [redacted] bearing numbers 42064455 and 42064456, as payment of the October rent.

On various dates, periodical calls have been placed to JU 2-1859, listed to Apartment 7F and [redacted] listed to [redacted]. While these calls are unanswered, it reflects the telephones to still be connected.

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B. Marital Status

[redacted] City Clerk, City Hall, Yonkers, New York, advised SA LYNCH on November 18, 1958, that his records contain following relating to subject's marriage:

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ANTHONY SALERNO. 23. 275 New Main Street,  
Yonkers and [redacted]  
[redacted] obtained marriage license at Yonkers, on  
July 11, 1935 (marriage license H 26086), and were  
married on July 21, 1935, by a Father ROSSI, Roman  
Catholic priest. Witnesses to marriage were [redacted]  
[redacted] no address. It was first marriage  
for both.

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The check of the Marriage and Divorce Records  
for Dade County, Florida, on December 1, 1958, revealed  
the following information:

BILL OF COMPLAINT #102775 FILED August 19, 1946.

ANTHONY SALERNO - Complainant  
[redacted] - Defendant

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Married July 15, 1935. at Yonkers, New York  
One child [redacted] years of age.

Plaintiff claimed extreme cruelty and bona fide residence  
in Florida.

Defendant's address - [redacted]  
New York.

Decree issued September 9, 1946, for plaintiff.  
Defendant granted right to resume use of maiden name  
[redacted]

Judge MARSHALL WISEHEART

A similar check was made of all marriage records  
between 1946 and 1958, without locating any record of  
marriage of ANTHONY SALERNO.

II. ASSOCIATES



A.

Apartment [redacted]  
850 7th Avenue,  
New York, New York

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T-1 advised on September 15, 1959, that he had not seen [redacted] and her present roommate, [redacted] since they left several weeks ago saying that they were going away for a weekend. APR 250 7th Ave  
NEW YORK, N.Y.

On May 1, 1958, [redacted] listed one [redacted] of [redacted] New York, New York; as a reference with [redacted] [redacted] New York. ILL

On September 16, 1959, [redacted] was interviewed by SAS ROGER L. KAAS and WILLIAM DAVID KANE. She advised that while she was presently unemployed, she earned her living as [redacted] stated that she first met [redacted] in Chicago, Illinois, in 1950, when both were working in [redacted] Since that time she advised, that they have been very close friends.

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[redacted] stated that to the best of her knowledge, [redacted] first met SALERNO some time around 1950, although she does not remember the exact circumstances. However, she stated that as she and [redacted] subsequently traveled around, [redacted] always remained in contact with SALERNO and on occasions would even write to him for money which he promptly remitted.

[redacted] stated that around 1956, she returned to New York and resumed her close relationship with [redacted] At that time, [redacted] was residing at [redacted] as SALERNO's wife under the name of Mrs. ANTHONY [redacted] [redacted] stated that she visited this apartment frequently

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and on at least 3 occasions went out socially with SALERNO and [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that she returned to New York City in August, 1959, [redacted]

[redacted] She stated she has been unable to get in contact with [redacted] since her return. Her last contact was in May, at which time she talked to her on the telephone and made a date to go out together, but [redacted] did not appear.

[redacted] stated that she always regarded SALERNO as a gambler and not as a gangster. She advised that she was not aware of any illegal activities and felt that [redacted] was probably in the same position.

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When questioned as to the present whereabouts of [redacted] she stated that she was undoubtedly with her mother in Chicago, Illinois.

B.

[redacted]  
New York, New York

In September, 1958, T-2 advised that TONY SALERNO had been dating a prostitute whose name was either [redacted] telephone number [redacted]

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On September 29, 1959, [redacted] advised SA PAUL F. ROWLANDS that the number was listed to [redacted] of [redacted] New York, whose occupation was listed as [redacted]

On September 29, 1959, the records of the New York City Police Department, Bureau of Criminal Identification, were caused to be searched by SA VINCENT F. CLANCY but no record was located for [redacted] or [redacted] by name and address.

C. JOSEPH MASSEI, Top Hood Miami  
[redacted] Top Hood, Detroit

T-3 advised that while the subject was in Miami, Florida during November, 1958, he was in the company of the above two hoodlums at the Carib Hotel.

D. ANTHONY "Tony Ducks" CORALLO (MIAMI, FLA)  
[redacted] (FLA)  
MICHAEL COPPOLA

T-4 advised on December 15, 1958, that he had learned that the subject was recently in the Dream Bar, Johnina Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida, where he was talking with [redacted] According to T-4, SALERNO is a very close friend of [redacted] TONY DUCKS and [redacted]

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T-4 advised that while SALERNO was very close to COPPOLA, he was seldom seen in public with him.

III. CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

A. Arrests

On October 29, 1958, [redacted] Identification Division, Providence Rhode Island Police Department, advised SA CHARLES A. REPUCCI his records reflect that ANTHONY SALERNO, born August 15, 1911 at New York City, residence, 1014 Girard Avenue, Bronx, New York, was picked up April 25, 1945, as a suspicious person; that he was held for two hours and released. He was not accompanied by anyone and no photographs were obtained by the department.

SALERNO was described as 5'7", medium stout,

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black hair, brown eyes, medium complexion, occupation, salesman.

B. Number Rackets

On January 20, 1959, T-5 advised that FAT TONY was going out of the number rackets. T-4 advised that several weeks ago some of the SALERNO operators were arrested on their way to New York, and it cost SALERNO a lot of money. As a result, he has given up banking the numbers.

It is noted that the New York Daily Mirror for November 12, 1958, reflects an arrest by the New York City Police Department of several men and women en route from New York to New Jersey. According to the article, they were part of a numbers ring doing an estimated amount of business of \$6,000,000.00.

C. Illegal Boxing Promotion

The New York State Athletic Commission between September 14 and September 22, 1959, conducted hearings concerning the PATTERSON-JOHANSSON title bout, June 23, 1959.

On September 14, 1959, WILLIAM ROSENSOHN testified that he first met TONY SALERNO in April, 1958, when GILBERT BECKLEY called him and told him to come over to the Hampshire House to meet a man influential in boxing. ROSENSOHN stated that when he arrived there was TONY SALERNO, FRANK ERICSON, CUS D'AMATO and about 10 or 12 others.

Later that same night at dinner, ROSENSOHN stated that he sat next to SALERNO and asked him to put a word in with D'AMATO to help Teleprompter Corporation to secure the theater rights to the forthcoming PATTERSON-HARRIS fight.

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SALERNO stated "Oh sure" and advised that CHARLIE BLACK, a very close friend of D'AMATO's would do anything that SALERNO wanted him to do.

ROSENSOHN testified he had no further contact with SALERNO until September, 1958. At that time, he owed JACK HURLEY, a promoter, \$25,000.00 as a result of HURLEY's assistance in promoting the PATTERSON-HARRIS fight. ROSENSOHN testified that he had not requested this assistance, but had taken HURLEY on only at D'AMATO's insistence and had lost \$5,000.00 on the promotion. As a result he was attempting to have HURLEY settle for a lesser amount. He testified that CHARLIE BLACK suggested he call SALERNO to straighten the matter out. ROSENSOHN advised that in September he called SALERNO, who came over to his apartment while SAM RICHMAN was there helping HURLEY. SALERNO allegedly told RICHMAN that HURLEY should settle for \$10,000.00 and leave ROSENSOHN alone.

ROSENSOHN testified that he did not actually hear this as he was in the bedroom but that SALERNO told him this when he came out. He stated that SALERNO added that if the PATTERSON-JOHANSSON fight, which ROSENSOHN was trying to promote, should come off, ROSENSOHN should give HURLEY an additional \$2,500.00.

ROSENSOHN testified that after going to Sweden, and signing up JOHANSSON, he faced a \$10,000.00 forfeiture if he did not sign PATTERSON within 40 days. In October, 1958, he received a call from TONY SALERNO who wanted to meet him. ROSENSOHN testified that at this meeting SALERNO offered to help in getting D'AMATO to sign within the time period and also offered to participate in the promotion, however, nothing specific was worked out at that time.

ROSENSOHN testified that in November, 1958, he met with SALERNO and BLACK and at that time SALERNO stated he would put up all of the money for the promotion

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with the profits to be split 1/3 to him, 1/3 to ROSEN-  
SOHN and 1/3 to BLACK.

ROSENSOHN testified that in the mean time, the  
40 days expired, however, an extension of time was secured.

January, 1959, ROSENSOHN testified he returned  
from Sweden and received a call from SALERNO, who stated  
that VINCENT J. VALELLA would represent SALERNO and take  
over the promotion from his standpoint. SALERNO wished to  
set up a company and have VALELLA front for him. A  
meeting was suggested for January 20 in VALELLA's office.

ROSENSOHN testified that this meeting was held  
and was attended by himself, VALELLA, SALERNO, and CHARLIE  
BLACK. According to ROSENSOHN, SALERNO did all the talking  
and stated that VALELLA under his direction would put up  
\$25,000.00 and that BLACK could start drawing \$150.00  
weekly, in March. VALELLA was to have sole power to sign  
checks. At this meeting, corporation papers were drawn  
up and signed for the incorporation of "Allstar Sports".

ROSENSOHN testified that he then decided he  
would not want BLACK to be on paper as a partner because  
of BLACK's association with D'AMATO. It would appear  
that D'AMATO was participating as both manager and promoter.  
ROSENSOHN testified that SALERNO agreed with him and new  
papers were drawn up listing one of VALELLA's secretaries  
as a partner although it was understood this was BLACK's  
share.

At this time, ROSENSOHN testified SALERNO also  
gave him \$10,000.00 in one hundred dollar bills for living  
expenses. This was a personal loan and not part of the  
promotion. Also at SALERNO's suggestion, ROSENSOHN and  
VALELLA were to concoct up a story as to why they had met  
and it was decided that they had met at a Republican Meeting.



ROSENSOHN testified that on January 29, 1959, the fight contracts were signed. JOHANSSON had arrived January 23 and agreed to HARRY DAVIDOW as his American manager. (Contract provided he should accept American manager approved by D'AMATO.) ROSENSOHN further stated that he then entered into an argument with VALELLA concerning the contract and his refusal to assign it to Allstar Sports. As a result, he commenced dealing with the ZECKENDORF family who entered into the promotion. According to ROSENSOHN, SALERNO did not object but D'AMATO did, stating that he was only protecting BLACK's interest.

However, on May 14, the ZECKENDORF's publicly stated they were not involved in the promotion and agreed to accept 500 one hundred dollar tickets against the \$43,000.00 advanced by them.

ROSENSOHN testified on May 14, he called SALERNO and met with him and BLACK at Cass Franklin's place at 57th Street. SALERNO was eager to go ahead as planned. Later the same day VALELLA, BLACK, SALERNO, BECKLEY, and ROSENSOHN met at the Hampshire House, where it was agreed to go ahead if they could have the books of Rosensohn Enterprises.

On May 22, ROSENSOHN stated he met with BLACK, SALERNO, VALELLA, and BECKLEY after the Athletic Commission had tuned down DAVIDOW as American manager. This meant D'AMATO would not control JOHANSSON through his choice of managers.

ROSENSOHN testified that on June 3, 1959, he met with SALERNO and others in the Republican Club on 116th Street.

He further testified that on June 9, 1959, VALELLA picked up 532 one hundred dollar tickets which were not to be returnable. D'AMATO picked up 250 tickets two days

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prior to the fight. VALELLA returned 400 tickets, 130 of which were presumably D'AMATO's. ROSENSOHN testified that on June 18, 1959, SALERNO called him and at a subsequent meeting with VALELLA and BLACK at Mc Carthy's Steak House, he was induced to waive all ancillary rights to the fight. Also at that time VALELLA took out stock certificates in Rosensohn Enterprises and had ROSENSOHN endorse them on the back. He kept two of them and then gave ROSENSOHN one.

ROSENSOHN testified that on June 22, it was agreed that 200 working press tickets would be sold and the money distributed. On the Monday or Tuesday after the fight, he stated SALERNO and BECKLEY gave him \$1,000.00 or \$1300.00 as his share. SALERNO advised ROSENSOHN that he would have VALELLA give him \$16,400.00 for additional tickets.

On July 14, 1959, after VALELLA had publicly announced he was a majority stockholder in Rosensohn Enterprises, ROSENSOHN stated he called him and wanted to speak to TONY. VALELLA then said "who is TONY" and from that time on has denied any association with SALERNO.

In subsequent testimony, BLACK, BECKLEY, and VALELLA while admitting knowing SALERNO have denied he participated in the promotion.

#### IV. MISCELLANEOUS

During November, 1958, the following 1957 Cadillac bearing New York License ~~was~~ were observed in a parking lot by SALERNO's apartment, 12 Island Avenue, Belle Isle, Miami Beach:

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2K502

Records of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, New York City reflect 1958 New York License 2K502 to be listed

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to [REDACTED]  
a grey and white Oldsmobile. No transfer of plates was  
located.

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[REDACTED] Numeric Records Section, Motor  
Vehicle Bureau, Albany, New York, advised Investigative  
Clerk FREDERICK L. HOGAN on December 4, 1948, that New  
York license [REDACTED] was issued to [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] New York for a 1957  
Cadillac Coupe, color blue. Date of birth as reflected  
on registration was [REDACTED]

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- T-1 [redacted] contacted  
September 15, 1959, by SA  
STEPHEN HALPIN
- T-2 [redacted] contacted September,  
1958 by SA FRANK GERRITY
- T-3 [redacted] contacted by SA JOSEPH  
A. ARWINE on November 13, 1958
- T-4 [redacted] contacted December 15,  
1958
- T-5 [redacted] contacted January 20,  
1959 by SA JOHN P. FOLEY

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Reporting Office <b>NEW YORK</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW YORK</b>	Date <b>DEC 29 1959</b>	Investigative Period <b>10/14 - 12/14/59</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>ANTHONY SALERNO aka</b>		Report made by <b>ROGER L. KAAS</b>	Typed By: <b>sab</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>ANTI - RACKETEERING</b>	

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### REFERENCE

Report of SA ROGER L. KAAS, dated 10/16/59, at NY.  
 Miami letter to NY, 11/30/59.  
 Chicago letter to NY, 12/3/59.

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### ADMINISTRATIVE

[redacted] confidentially  
 advised SA ROGER L. KAAS as follows regarding [redacted]

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The records of the Miami Police Department, Dade County Sheriff's Office, Miami Credit Bureau and Municipal Court were reviewed by IC CLIFFORD M. WERNER of the Miami Office.

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Records of the New York City Bureau of Vital Statistics were reviewed by IC THOMAS A. MC CARTHY.

LEADS

MIAMI

At Miami Beach, Florida

1. Will contact [redacted] Miami Beach, and determine his association with SALERNO.

2. Will check deed records to determine circumstances surrounding the purchase of the home located at 1041 North Venitian Way, Miami Beach.

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At Miami, Florida

Will contact [redacted] Personnel Records, to determine if [redacted] is now employed by them or whether they have any information reflecting an address for her.

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

1. Will, through W. H. Tuttle, Inc., determine if the subject apartments have been vacated.

2. Will, through appropriate sources, determine the person handling the disconnection of public services to these apartments.

3. Will maintain contact with the District Attorney's Office for any information of value.

4. Will interview [redacted]  
[redacted]

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5. Will contact the NYCPD Narcotics Bureau for any information concerning ANTHONY SALERNO.

6. Will conduct investigation at 1014 Gerard Avenue, Bronx, New York, to ascertain if SALERNO previously resided at this location.

7. Will attempt to further identify SHARKEY.

8. Will attempt to further identify [REDACTED]

9. Will attempt to locate an account at the First National City Bank of New York, 116th Street Branch, for the Metro Urban Music Company or [REDACTED]

10. Will attempt to locate and further identify [REDACTED] of ANTHONY SALERNO.

11. Will interview [REDACTED] New York, neighbor of SALERNO at Rhinebeck, New York, for any knowledge he may have of SALERNO.

12. Will attempt to identify JOSEPH MORETTI, to whom telephone number JU 2-1859 at 850 7th Avenue, Apartment 7F, is listed.

13. Will attempt to identify [REDACTED] who was the former tenant of Apartment [REDACTED] at 850 7th Avenue, New York.

14. Will attempt to locate the bar on York Avenue in the 80's from which SALERNO has been said to operate.

15. Will attempt to determine the identity of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] said to be the [REDACTED]

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16. Will attempt to locate a record of ANTHONY SALERNO's attendance at New York schools.

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17. Will report results of efforts to verify ANTHONY SALERNO's birth in New York City.

18. Will ascertain the present occupants and ownership of  New York.

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19. Will contact Central Intelligence Squad, NYCPD, for any information concerning SALERNO.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

## Copy to:

Report of: ROGER L. KAAS  
Date: 12/28/59

Office: NEW YORK

File Number: NY 92-1099

BUREAU 92-3905

Title: ANTHONY SALERNO

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Subject in Florida where he purchased residence at 1041 N. Venitian Way, Miami Beach. Miami PD and Dade County SO records negative as to subject. Miami Beach PD records reflect arrest 4/3/47 for vagrancy. No criminal record located for [REDACTED]

presently [REDACTED] are well regarded members of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Miami, Beach. Parents of [REDACTED] Subject's mistress advised she has given up NY apartment and is in Florida. Owners of NY apartment advised rent paid for November. Telephone to [REDACTED] apartment disconnected. NY County DA failed in attempt to have SALERNO returned to NY for questioning by NYGJ regarding Patterson-Johanson title fight. [REDACTED]

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Review of records of Playroom, 330 W. 58th St., NYC failed to reflect interest of subject. SALERNO SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS AS HE IS BELIEVED TO TRAVEL WITH BODYGUARDS KNOWN TO PRACTICE TARGET SHOOTING.

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DETAILS

I. PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

A. Residence

[redacted]  
Miami Beach, Florida, advised SA ROBERT F. FETZNER on November 5, 1959, that SALERNO, [redacted] have for the past five years leased an apartment at [redacted] [redacted] Miami Beach. He stated they have occupied a two bedroom furnished apartment for which they pay \$3,800 a year in rent. According to [redacted] this is paid in cash. He stated the lease expires in June, 1959, but he learned from [redacted] that the subject intends to move within the next three weeks. He was told the recent newspaper publicity had caused them embarrassment and they intended to buy their own home. [redacted] stated that while SALERNO signed the lease he is rarely with his family and brings no visitors to the apartment. He advised that they are ideal tenants and treat the apartment as if they owned it. [redacted] related that SALERNO was in the Miami area on the weekend of October 31, 1959, but he has not seen him since.

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On November 3, 1959, Chief HERBERT CHASTAIN, Opa-Locka Police Department, advised SA ELMER F. EMRICH that he had received information that ANTHONY SALERNO was having his furniture redecorated by the Skeets and Company, Inc., 3428 Northwest 54th Street, Miami, and that SALERNO had paid \$1,200 in cash on November 2, 1959. He said he also learned that the work was being done under the name of J. SMITH.

[redacted] Skeets and Company, advised on November 10, 1959, that he does not business with individuals as it is all sent to him by interior decorators and payments for completed work are made by the decorators. His records reflect he is doing business for the Roz Mark, Limited, Interior Decorators, 94 Northeast 40th Street, Miami. He said on September 15, 1959, he received

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that concern's purchase order number 103713 covering \$785 worth of work which was to be completed in three weeks and did not bear any customer's name. On September 25, 1959, he received their purchase order number 103795 covering work in the amount of \$851 to be completed in two weeks which bore the name [redacted]. On October 23, 1959, he received purchase order number 105476 covering work in the amount of \$35 and marked Rush. This order indicated the customer's name to be SALERNO, 1041 North Venitian Drive. He stated he was not acquainted with SALERNO and had never seen him. After completion of the work it would be delivered to the Roz Mark Company and he would be paid by that concern.

On November 12, 1959, SAS FETZNER and ALBERT T. HEALY interviewed [redacted] Roz Mark, Limited, Interior Decorators. She advised that in the latter part of July she met SALERNO and his wife having been referred to her by [redacted]

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[redacted] She stated she agreed to redecorate their home and refurnish certain pieces of furniture for \$6500. She understood the SALERNOs were living in an apartment at Miami Beach and had recently purchased the home at 1041 North Venitian Way, Miami Beach. She related she received a deposit of \$1,000 from [redacted] and is to obtain the balance when her work is completed. She stated upon completion of the work she hopes to collect the balance from SALERNO.

[redacted] advised that she had met SALERNO only once and that her dealings since the initial contact have been with [redacted] and [redacted]. She also advised that [redacted] is adding a room to the home purchased by SALERNO.

On November 10, 1959, [redacted] HERBERT H. TUTTLE, Inc., owners of the apartment building at 830 Seventh Avenue, New York, New York, advised that she had received the checks in payment for the November rent for apartment [redacted] and apartment [redacted]. These apartments are rented by SALERNO and his mistress respectively. It is noted that a pretext call to the telephone number [redacted] (Apartment 7F) reflects this to no longer be a working number.

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B. Close Relatives

1. [REDACTED]

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The records of the Miami Police Department, Dade County Sheriff's Office, Miami Credit Bureau, Municipal Court and Miami Beach Police Department were reviewed November 2, 1959, but failed to contain any information that could be identified with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Colonial Pontiac Company, 8301 Northwest Seventh Avenue, Miami, on November 9, 1959, advised SA ROBERT F. FETZNER that [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] purchased a 1957 Pontiac custom Catalina coup for \$4,385.05 on January 25, 1957. A 1955 Pontiac convertible was traded in and the balance of \$1,858.80 was paid in cash. He also advised that on March 10, 1958, the 1958 Pontiac Bonneville sport coup was purchased in her name for \$5,033. The 1957 Pontiac was traded in and the balance of \$1,866.75 was paid for in cash. He stated that this was a house sale and that he did not know the SALERNOS and could furnish no additional information.

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A spot check at [REDACTED] on November 9, 1959, revealed that [REDACTED] drives a gray Pontiac coup bearing 1959 Florida license [REDACTED]

On November 9, 1959, [REDACTED] St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 3701 Alton Road, Miami Beach, advised that he never saw ANTHONY SALERNO and as far as he is aware he does not attend Church there. He stated that [REDACTED] [REDACTED] are members and are well regarded. He stated that [REDACTED] is active in church and school functions and that [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and is presently [REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated he understands [REDACTED] [REDACTED] He was unable to furnish any additional information.

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2. [redacted]

On November 17, 1959, [redacted]

[redacted] Miami, Florida, advised SA LEON O. PRIOR as follows regarding [redacted]

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The records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, New York City, reviewed December 4, 1959, under birth certificate number [redacted] reflect that [redacted] a white female, was born [redacted] to [redacted] and [redacted]

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## II. ASSOCIATES

1. [redacted]

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In September, 1958, T-1 advised that the subject had been dating a prostitute whose name was either [redacted] telephone number [redacted] On October 23, 1959, SAS ROGER L. KAAS and EDWARD WALSH interviewed this individual at her apartment, [redacted] New York City. She advised that her true name was [redacted]

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but that she had used the name [redacted] She advised that she was currently using the name of [redacted] [redacted] admitted having heard of SALERNO but denied ever having dated him. [redacted]

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[redacted] Photographs of SALERNO and his mistress were displayed to her and she was unable to identify them.

2. [redacted]

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[redacted] well known mistress of the subject.

Spot checks of the above address reflect [redacted] to still be missing. [redacted] Herbert H. Tuttle, Inc., previously referred to, advised that she has no information that this apartment is to be vacated. It is noted that a pretext call to [redacted] reflects this telephone to still be connected.

On October 28, 1959, [redacted] Identification Division, Wichita Falls, Texas, Police Department, made available to SA JARRELL H. DAVIS a photograph of [redacted] [redacted] Wichita Falls Police Department number [redacted] This individual was determined not to be identical with [redacted] on the basis of physical description.

On November 25, 1959, [redacted] [redacted] was reinterviewed by SA ROGER L. KAAS but stated that she had heard nothing from her and had made no attempt to get in touch with her in view of the recent notoriety.

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On December 2 and December 3, 1959, pretext interviews were conducted by SAS WILLIAM F. ROEMER and MARSHALL E. RUTLAND with [redacted]

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Chicago. [redacted] advised that [redacted] has not been in Chicago and at the present time she is in Florida where she is residing with another girl. [redacted] advised that [redacted] will visit her mother in Chicago sometime during the Christmas holiday season, possibly beginning December 22, 1959.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] has relinquished her New York City apartment and that she and her "boy friend" have put their furniture in New York in storage.

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[redacted] He did not know the name of [redacted] girl friend in Florida and was unable to advise as to what part of Florida she was currently residing in.

It is noted that [redacted] is a very poor section of Chicago and that [redacted] It is unlikely that [redacted] would reside in these circumstances for any length of time.

3. [redacted]

During the initial interview with [redacted] on September 16, 1959, she advised that one [redacted] of Miami had been living with [redacted] for some time at 850 Seventh Avenue.

When recontacted on November 25, 1959, [redacted] advised that it was her understanding that [redacted] had applied for a position with [redacted]

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[redacted] New York City, advised SA ROGER L. KAAS that all personnel records are maintained at Miami, Florida, under the control of [redacted]



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On November 29, 1959, T-2 advised that  is a top numbers man in the Bronx and is an underling of SALERNO's. It was T-2's impression that at that time  was with SALERNO in Florida.

5. SHARKY LNU

On November 29, 1959, T-2 also advised that SHARKY is a top lieutenant of SALERNO's and usually hangs out around 115th Street between First Avenue and Paldino Street, New York City.

6. PAUL CORREALE  
also known as PAULIE HAM

Information had previously been received that SALERNO and HAM were close associates. PAULIE HAM is known to be a top hoodlum in the New York Office active in narcotics and gambling.

III. CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

1. Criminal Record

On November 2, 1959, the records of the Miami Police Department, Dade County Sheriff's Office and Municipal Court were reviewed but no information was located regarding the subject. The records of the Miami Beach Police Department revealed SALERNO was arrested April 3, 1947, for vagrancy - investigation, and was released April 4, 1947. He has Miami Beach Police Department number A11585 and FBI number 4817958.

2. Boxing Rackets

The New York State Athletic Commission, between September 14 and September 22, 1959, conducted hearings

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concerning the PATTERSON - JOHANSSON title bout held in June, 1959. Testimony from promotor WILLIAM ROSENSOHN reflected that SALERNO, through his attorney VINCENT J. VELELLA, had acted as an undercover promotor. As a result of the hearings, ROSENSOHN was suspended as a promotor for three years. CUS D'AMATO, Manager of former World's Heavyweight Champion FLOYD PATTERSON, had his license revoked. According to the "New York Mirror" edition of December 10, 1959, VELELLA was indicted on two counts of perjury for having lied to the State Athletic Commission on September 15, 1959, and before that on August 10, 1959, to the Grand Jury.

On the first count, according to the article, the indictment sets forth that SALERNO, in the presence of VELELLA, made a payment of \$10,000 to ROSENSOHN. It is charged that VELELLA testified falsely before the Athletic Commission when he denied hearing any conversation regarding the \$10,000.

The second count alleges the lawyer lied to the Grand Jury when he denied there was any discussion of awarding CHARLIE BLACK, a former fight manager and confidant of D'AMATO, an equal one third interest with VELELLA and ROSENSOHN in All Star Sports, Inc.

On December 10, 1959, VELELLA was arraigned in Special Sessions Court where he entered a plea of not guilty and was released on \$1,000 bail.

On December 16, 1959, representatives of the New York District Attorney's Office secured service on SALERNO in Miami under the Uniform Witness Act for an appearance before the New York Grand Jury November 24, 1959, for questioning regarding [REDACTED]

On November 20, 1959, Dade County Circuit Court Judge MARSHALL WISEHART refused to order SALERNO returned to New York on the grounds that to return him from Florida

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by the ordinary course of travel SALERNO would have to be taken through Georgia. Georgia is one of the states that has not signed the Uniform Witness Act. An appeal on behalf of the New York authorities is being entered by JACK WOOD of the Florida State Attorney's Office. It is noted that Judge MARSHALL WISEHART was the same judge who in 1946 granted SALERNO a divorce from his wife.

#### IV. LEGITIMATE ENTERPRISES

1. The Playroom  
330 East 58th Street  
New York City

It had previously been alleged that the subject had an interest in the above listed night club.

During November, 1959, records of the Cabaret License Bureau, New York City Bureau of Licenses, were reviewed by SA ROGER L. KAAS. These records reflect that [redacted] Michael Mack Restaurant Corporation, assigned the above premises to the Playroom, Inc., on September 4, 1957. The sale listed an inventory of \$5,000 and good will at \$35,000. The sale terms provided for the following payments:

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\$ 1,000	at signing of contract
2,500	on or before <u>August 30</u> , 1957
<u>1,500</u>	at closing
\$ 5,000	Total

The balance was to be paid in weekly notes of \$1,000 each from the date of closing to November 23, 1962. The incorporation papers for the Playroom, Inc., reflected it to be incorporated August 31, 1957, with the following as directors:

GENE MICCIO, one share  
MARIO VERRINI, one share  
MARSHA F. KORN, one share

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An address of 11 Park Place was listed for the above individuals. This is known to be a large office building housing many law firms and individual practicing attorneys.

The corporation papers reflect that on September 4, 1957, a meeting was held and all the directors resigned appointing DAVID GREENSPAN as President.

The following individuals whose names were listed with the License Bureau as employees of the Playroom were interviewed as to the clientele, activities and also reviewed photographs of the subject and his associates.



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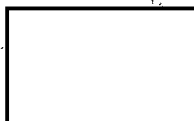
None of the above listed persons were able to furnish any information of any value to this investigation.

On October 28, 1959, during a spot check of the Playroom, PAULIE HAM was observed in the club until closing time at 4:30 a.m. While other hoodlum types were observed, no known New York hoods were recognized. While HAM was in the club for an extended period of time, he was not observed exercising any type of control or authority.

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contacted by SA FRANK R. GERRITY

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Reporting Office <b>NEW YORK</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW YORK</b>	Date <b>3/29/60</b>	Investigative Period <b>12/14/59 - 3/22/60</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>ANTHONY SALERNO aka</b>		Report made by <b>ROGER L. KAAS</b>	Typed By: <b>tcm</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>ANTI-RACKETEERING</b>	

Synopsis: ~~XXXXXXXX~~

REFERENCES

Report of SA ROGER L. KAAS, 12/28/59, at NY.  
Miami letter to NY, 1/18/60.

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TO MIAMI

Photograph of JOSEPH MORETTI, a known associate of the subject and frequent visitor to the subject in Miami.

Approved <i>[Signature]</i>	Special Agent in Charge	Do not write in spaces below	
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ADMINISTRATIVE

CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

A. Shylocking

On 11/3/59, [redacted] advised that he learned [redacted] a hoodlum who keeps his residence address secret, is a shylock. He said he was told [redacted] puts up half of a shylock loan and ANTHONY SALERNO puts up the other half. He said he understands [redacted] does the collecting. He described [redacted] as white, male, age [redacted] height 5'8" and weight 150 pounds.

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B. Narcotics

On 3/11/60, [redacted] NYCPD, Narcotics Squad, advised SA ROGER L. KAAS that his office does not maintain a current active file on SALERNO as he is not known to them to be a narcotics handler or engaged in the narcotics racket.

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Contact with the NY County District Attorney's Office reflects no additional information regarding subject's proposed appearance before NY County Grand Jury regarding the PATTERSON-JOHANSSAN title fight.

LEGITIMATE ENTERPRISES

Miss Kay Fashions, Inc.  
42 West 28th Street  
New York, New York

On 3/2/60, during an interview conducted in Apartment 7F, 850 7th Ave., NYC, an apartment known to be utilized by the subject, a financial statement was noted for the above firm dated February 1956, and addressed to Mr. ANTHONY SALERNO from BURBANK, ROTHSTEIN and BLOCK, 11 West 42nd St., NY, NY. This financial statement reflected a net profit of approximately \$3,000 accruing to the above firm for the period of February and March 1956.

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ADMINISTRATIVE (CONT'D)

During March 1960, the following information concerning the above firm was secured from [redacted]

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[redacted] is maintained in the file.

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16th Street Corporation  
1020 16th St., Northwest,  
Washington, D.C.

On 3/11/60, [redacted] advised that [redacted] failed to reflect any information regarding this corporation. The stock offering of this company was located in subject's apartment and is set out in the details.

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ASSOCIATES

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Information was received from a confidential source of the NYCPD that on 3/18/60, a telephone call was made from [redacted]

[redacted]

MISCELLANEOUS

Files of the NYO reflect [redacted] to be [redacted] not related to the subject.

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LEADS

MIAMI

At Miami Beach, Florida

1. Will at 1041 North Venetian Drive, Miami Beach, and through other proper sources, attempt to determine if the subject is actually residing at this address and active in the Miami area.

2. Miami is requested to furnish available background information regarding [redacted] and whether or not he is known to be associated with SALERNO.

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At Miami, Florida

Will furnish all available information regarding JOSEPH MORETTI's activities in Miami, and whether he is known to be a SALERNO associate or contact in that area.

WASHINGTON FIELD

If feasible, will attempt to secure a list of stock holders of the 16th Street Corporation, 1020 16th St., Washington, D.C. If ANTHONY SALERNO is a known stockholder, report full information regarding his purchases, method of payment and total holdings. (For the benefit of the WFO, SALERNO is known to act through [redacted])

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NEW YORK

At New York, New York

1. Will interview [redacted] [redacted] Playroom, 130 West 58th St., NYC.

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2. Will attempt to further identify [redacted] [redacted]

3. Will attempt to locate an account at the First National Bank of NY, 116th St. Branch, for the Metro-Urban Music Co. or [redacted]

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LEADS (CONF'D)

4. Will interview [redacted] neighbor of SALERNO at Rhinebeck, NY, for any knowledge he may have of SALERNO. CUPOLA, his
5. Will attempt to locate a record of SALERNO's attendance at NY schools.
6. Will ascertain present occupants and ownership of [redacted]
7. Will maintain contact with Central Intelligence Squad, NYCPD.
8. Will maintain contact with the NY County District Attorney's Office.
9. Will report results of efforts to verify SALERNO's birth in NYC.
10. Attempt to further identify AL CUPOLA, his association with the subject and possible activities in the Miami area.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: ROGER L. KAAS                      Office: New York, New York  
Date: 3/29/60  
File Number: New York 92-1099              Bureau 92-3905  
Title: ANTHONY SALERNO

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Subject executed deed for purchase of home at 1041 North Venetian Drive, Miami Beach, Florida, on 7/21/59. Subject's apartment at 850 7th Ave., NYC, vacated 3/4/60, and all items stored at Santini Brothers Warehouse, NYC. No record located of subject residing 1014 Gerard Ave., Bronx, NY. Search of subject's NY apartment, subsequent to vacating, reflects various names and telephone numbers, significance of which not known at this time. Subject's close associate and Lieutenant, alias "Sharkie", identified as AL CUPOLA, NYCPD Number 54987. JOSEPH MORETTI, who fronted for subject in NY apartments, located and interviewed, but declined to furnish any information after admitting knowing subject for 35 years. NYCPD Narcotics Bureau, maintains no record of subject as a narcotics handler.

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DETAILS

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I. PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

A. Current Residence

1041 North Venetian Drive  
Miami Beach, Florida

Investigation reflects the following information concerning the subject's purchase and subsequent remodeling of a new residence at the above address.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  
MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, MIAMI (92-406)

FROM : SA ROBERT F. FETZNER

SUBJECT: ANTHONY SALERNO  
ANTI-RACKETEERING

DATE: 1/18/60  
DICTATED: 1/14/60

The records of the Recorder of Deeds, Dade County Court House, Miami, Florida, checked by Special Agent ROBERT F. FETZNER on January 12, 1960, reflected the following information:

Public Records of Dade County, Florida, Book 1552, Page 356, reveals that a Warranty Deed was executed July 21, 1959, by [redacted] to ANTHONY SALERNO and [redacted] his wife, 1041 North Venetian Drive, Miami, Florida, for the consideration of \$10.00 and other valuable consideration and covers the sale of Lot 21 and the East 45 feet of Lot 20 in Block 1 of Biscayne Island Resubdivision, according to Plat Book 40 at Page 34 of Public Records of Dade County, Florida.

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Public Records of Dade County, Florida, Book 1524, Page 60, reveals a mortgage for \$25,000.00 was executed by ANTHONY [redacted] SALERNO to the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Miami on June 29, 1959, covering the purchase of Lot 21 and East 45 feet of Lot 20 in Block 1 of Biscayne Island Resubdivision, according to Plat Book 40 at Page 34 of the Public Records of Dade County, Florida. The mortgage was signed in New York City on July 3, 1959, by ANTHONY SALERNO [redacted] SALERNO. It was witnessed by [redacted] and FRANK TRINCHESE. It was notarized by TRINCHESE of New York City on July 3, 1959.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
INTERVIEW REPORT

Date January 18, 1960

[redacted]  
[redacted]  
made available his loan records as to ANTHONY [redacted]  
SALERNO and they revealed the following:

A Mortgage Loan Application dated June 15, 1959, signed with the name ANTHONY SALERNO, related SALERNO, age 48, and his wife [redacted] age [redacted] of [redacted] [redacted] were buying a home from [redacted] through broker [redacted] for \$45,500.00 and desired a loan of \$25,000.00. With respect to credit information, SALERNO furnished information that he was an investor, that his wife was a housewife, that he had a dependent, age [redacted] carries \$10,000.00 in life insurance, had \$23,000.00 in cash and bank deposits, and had other real estate, free of mortgage, valued at \$50,000.00, making his total assets \$73,000.00. In addition, SALERNO furnished information that he had no liabilities and his annual income was \$30,000.00.

The file also shows the property being purchased was at 1041 North Venetian Drive, Miami, Florida, which was then the address of [redacted]. The deal was closed by mail, as the SALERNOS were on vacation and the papers were sent to the broker, [redacted] Florida.

The \$25,000.00 mortgage for the above property at 1041 North Venetian Drive, described as Lot 21 and the East 45 feet of Lot 20, Block 1, Biscayne Island Resubdivision, was signed by the SALERNOS in New York City on July 3, 1959.

The balance due the First Federal Savings and Loan Association at this date is \$24,735.90. The account calls for payments of \$175.00 and it is paid ahead.

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Interview with [redacted] File # MM 92-406  
on 1/12/60 at Miami, Florida Date Dictated 1/14/60  
by Special Agent ROBERT F. FETZNER:sll/tcm

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INTERVIEW REPORT

Date January 7, 1960

[redacted] Cal Kovens Construction Company, 1770 Bay Road, Miami Beach, advised ANTHONY SALERNO was unknown to him until he walked into his place of business the past summer and said he had observed some of Koven's remodeling work at the Everglades Hotel, Miami. SALERNO asked if he would consider doing some work on a home he was buying at 1041 North Venetian Drive and after some conversation as to what SALERNO desired, they got together and his company built SALERNO another room and a swimming pool. He said it cost SALERNO about \$15,000. which was paid for in cash. He said he also saw SALERNO about twice and all the other arrangements were handled by [redacted]. He related he knew nothing concerning SALERNO other than that which he read in the newspaper. From some comments dropped by [redacted] he gathered SALERNO was out of town a great deal.

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Interview with [redacted] File # MM 92-406  
on 1/5/60 at 1770 Bay Road  
Miami Beach, Florida Date Dictated 1/5/60  
by Special Agent ROBERT F. FETZNER:jms/tcm

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B. Past Residences

11 Island Avenue  
Belle Isle, Miami Beach,  
Florida

[redacted] 11  
Island Avenue, Belle Isle, Miami Beach, advised SA ROBERT  
F. FETZNER on January 5, 1960, that ANTHONY SALERNO, his  
wife and daughter, rented a furnished apartment prior to  
their moving into their own home recently. [redacted]

[redacted] She related she was not acquainted with any of  
SALERNO's friends or associates, knew nothing concerning  
their activities, travels or personal life. She stated she  
never saw SALERNO drive any automobile other than Mrs.  
SALERNO's Pontiac.

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She was exhibited numerous photographs of men and  
women, among which was the photograph of [redacted] and she  
advised none were familiar to her.

850 Seventh Avenue  
New York City  
Apartment [redacted]

On March 2, 1960, [redacted] W. H. Tuttle  
Company, 157 West 57th Street, owner of the building located  
at 850 Seventh Avenue, New York City, advised SA ROGER L. KAAS  
that an individual had appeared at his office that day to pay  
the rent on the above apartment in cash. [redacted] stated  
he declined to take the money as it was not his policy to  
accept cash payments, and also as the individual could not  
identify himself as the MAX LERNER, Lessee of Record.

[redacted] further explained by stating he is  
attempting to convert the building from residential rent  
control to commercial rentals, and as soon as he can get  
60 per cent of the tenants to vacate, he can serve notice  
on the remaining 40 per cent and secure the higher rentals.  
He hoped that by handling the individual in this manner, he  
would induce him to vacate.

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As a result of this information, SAS ROGER L. KAAS  
and EDWARD T. WALSH, JR. located this individual at Apartment  
7F. He identified himself as JOSEPH MORETTI and furnished the  
following information:



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Date March 10, 1960

JOSEPH MORETTI, Apartment 7F, 850 Seventh Avenue, New York City, advised he had resided at that address for eight or nine years, but shared the apartment with ANTHONY SALERNO whenever SALERNO was in town. He stated the rent of \$99.18 per month is paid by him and also claimed the furniture as his stating he purchased it for \$1500.00.

MORETTI was unable to identify any other object in the apartment as his, and admitted that the clothing and personal articles belonged to SALERNO. He stated he has known SALERNO for 35 years from the East Harlem area, but denied knowing of his activities and declined to discuss the matter with the Agents.

MORETTI stated he had just returned from a two week stay in Miami, Florida, but denied having seen or contacting SALERNO while there.

The following description of MORETTI was obtained during the interview:

Name	JOSEPH MORETTI
Date of Birth	March 19, 1901, New York City
Selective Service Number	11634, Local Board 198
Social Security Number	053-14-5497
Height	5'10"
Weight	170 pounds
Hair	Gray - combed straight back
Residence	Stated he could be reached through Frank's Barber Shop 804 Avenue U Brooklyn, New York
Characteristics	Wears glasses; continually chews Tums
Occupation	Unemployed - states he is a gambler

On 3/2/60 at Apt. 7F, 850 7th Ave., NYC File # NY 91-1099

SAS ROGER L. KAAS & EDWARD T.  
by WALSH, JR. / tcm Date Dictated 3/7/60

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date March 10, 1960

Mr. JOSEPH MORETTI, Apartment 7F, 850 Seventh Avenue, New York City, advised that he had resided at the apartment for eight or nine years, and that the rent of \$99.18 per month was paid by him. MORETTI stated that he had also purchased the furniture for the apartment for the sum of \$500.00.

MORETTI stated he was not gainfully employed, but derived his living from gambling and playing the horses. He stated he had just returned from a two week stay in Miami, Florida.

MORETTI advised he has never filed an income tax return with the Federal or State Government.

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On 3/2/60 at Apt. 7F, 850 7th Ave., NYC File # NY 92-1099

SAS ROGER L. KAAS & EDWARD  
by F. WALSH, JR. / tcm Date Dictated 3/7/60

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The following is New York City Police Department  
Criminal Record for JOSEPH MORRETTI under B Number 49248:

Date of Arrest	Name	Borough or City	Charge	Arresting Officer	Date, Disposition Judge and Court
2-1-18	Joseph Morretti	N.Y.C.	Dis.Con.	Finn.D.B.	On 2-4-18 6 months Probation Judge Grossman.
11-13-18	Joseph Morretti	N.Y.C.	Dis.Con.	Finn. M.O.D.	On 11-18-18; 4 months Wkse.Judge Groehl.
4-25-19	Joseph Morretti	Boston, Mass.	Suspect.		
6-25-19	Joseph Morretti	N.Y.C.	Gr.Larc.	Mahoney. 25D.D.	On 7-29-19; Elmira Reformatory
10-29-20	Joseph Morretti	N.Y.C.	Att.Gr. Larc.	Kiley. M.O.D.	On 11-3-20; Discharged; Judge Cobb.
7-2-21	Joseph Morretti	Jersey City,NJ	Dis.Con.	Hoffman. D.B.	On 7-4-21; 90 Days. Hudson Cty. Penty.
6-12-22	Joseph Morretti	N.Y.C.	Gr.Larc. (P.P.)	Shine. 43 Pct.	On 6-17-22; Discharged; Judge Weil.
4-10-23	Joseph Morretti	N.Y.C.	Dis.Con.	Goodwin. S.S.Fr.	On 4-23-23; 5 months. & 10 days Judge McKinney.

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Date of Arrest	Name	Borough or City	Charge	Arresting Officer	Date, Disposition Judge and Court
1-16-24	Joseph Morretti	N.Y.C.	Dis.Con.	Conroy. M.O.D.	On 1-16-24; 5 Months Wkse. Judge Silberman,
5-30-24	Joseph Morretti	Bronx	Dis.Con. (P.P.)	Ryan. 51 D.D.	On 6-16-24; 30 Days. Judge Vitale
3-23-25	Joseph Morretti	N.Y.C.	Dis.Con.	Brancato 18 Sqd.	On 3-27-25; 5 Months Judge Barrett.
2-25-26	Joseph Morretti	N.Y.C.	Assault & Robbery	Quinn. 13 Sqd.	On 2-26-26; Discharged Judge Douras.
3-23-25	Joseph Morretti	N.Y.C.	Dis.Con.	Brancato 18 Sqd.	5 Months Wkse.
9-23-26	Joseph Morretti	Manh.	Vagrancy	Conrowy	On 9-29-26; Discharged; Judge Gordon 2 nd. Ct.
12-4-29	Joseph Moretti	Manh.	Vagrancy	Griffen. 23 Sqd.	On 9-29-26; Discharged Judge Weil 5th Ct.
11-1-29	Joseph Moretti	N.Y.C.	Gr.Larc.	Griffen. 23 Sqd.	On 12-7-29; Discharged; Judge Weil, 5th Ct.
11-1-31	Joseph Moretti	Eklyn	Dis.Con. (P.P.)	Conroy	On 11-6-31; 5 Months 29 Days Judge Hershfield. 7th Ct.

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<u>Date of Arrest</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Borough or City</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Arresting Officer</u>	<u>Date, Disposition Judge and Court</u>
2-3-34	Joseph Moretti	Bklyn	898a CCP	Buckley. P.P.Sqd.	On 2-15-34; 30 Days. Judge De Luca.
5-16-35	Joseph Moretti	Bronx	Dis.Con. (jostling)	Campion. P.P.Sqd.	On 5-25-25; 30 Days
5-11-42	Joseph Moretti	Nassau Cty.	Vag.	Wyer. N.C.P.D.	On 5-19-42; Discharged; Judge Moore 1st Ct.
10-28-46	Joseph Moretti	Queens	Dis.Person (known P.P.)	Heaney. P.P.Sqd.	On 11-15-46; Discharged Judge Murphy. Flush. Ct.
4-1-52	Joseph Moretti	Queens	Gr.Larc. (p.p.)	Inzerello. 103 Sqd.	On 4-25-52; Dismissed Judge Shapiro
1-5-53	Joseph Moretti	Manh.	Dis.Con. (Jostling)	Dougherty P.P.& C. Sqd.	On 1-14-53; \$50/60 Days Wkhse. & 60 Days Exec. of Set Susp. Judge Masterson.

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On March 4, 1960, [redacted] telephonically advised SA KAAS that the occupants of Apartment 7F were moving out that day.

By observation, SAS KAAS and WALSH determined that this move was being handled by the Santini Seven Brothers, a large New York moving and storage firm. Further, that the move would be completed until late that day. Arrangements were then made with [redacted] for the agents to view the apartment after it had been vacated, but prior to its being cleaned.

On Monday, March 7, 1960, [redacted] permitted SAS KAAS and WALSH to inspect the vacated apartment. [redacted] advised that no one had been in the apartment since it had been vacated. The following items were noted:

1. An offering circular of the 16th Street Corporation offering 600 shares of Class A Stock. The address of 1020 16th Street, Northwest, Washington, D.C., was noted.

2. [redacted] (Last Name Illegible)  
33 Seventh Avenue  
Telephone Number LO 5-3500

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3. A calling card of [redacted]  
[redacted] Chicago, Illinois.

4. A calling card of [redacted]  
[redacted] New York, New York.

5. A calling card of [redacted]  
[redacted] New York.

The following telephone numbers:

Circle 5-9627  
[redacted]  
[redacted]

Circle 6-9878

The significance of the above names and telephone numbers is not known at this time.

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On March 7, 1960, [redacted] of the Santini Seven Brothers Company, advised SAS KAAS and WALSH that the furniture was taken directly to the Santini Brothers Warehouse at 447 West 49th Street, New York, New York.

On the same date, [redacted] advised that the furniture had not yet been inventoried but that a three months advance payment (the minimum) had been made for storage by Mr. JOSEPH MORETTI, who advised that all mail should be forwarded to him at 804 Avenue U, Brooklyn, New York.

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1014 Gerard Avenue  
Bronx, New York

On March 11, 1960, [redacted] advised SAS KAAS and WALSH that he [redacted] and could remember no tenant by the name of TONY SALERNO. Photographs of SALERNO and [redacted] were displayed to him, but he was unable to effect an identification.

[redacted] made available the record list of tenants for the past years which failed to reflect the name of the subject. [redacted] explained that the building is still under rent control and showed where the average apartment rent was around \$46.00 per month. He stated that as a result, he has not known anyone to vacate the apartments.

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## II. ASSOCIATES

[redacted]  
[redacted] known mistress of the subject who resided in Apartment [redacted] 850 Seventh Avenue, New York, and had with her for a short period one [redacted] whereabouts is presently unknown.

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No information to date has been received indicating [redacted] is in the Miami area.

[redacted]  
[redacted] Miami, Florida, on January 7, 1960, after checking his records, advised SA ROBERT F. FETZNER that no

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one bearing the name [redacted]  
or any female bearing the name [redacted] had been or is pre-  
sently employed by the company.

[redacted]  
[redacted] Miami, Florida, advised on January 7, 1960,  
that applications of individuals seeking employment but not  
employed are kept about six months and then destroyed. He  
said he had no applications he was holding which bear the  
name [redacted] but did receive information from their  
[redacted]

Sales Office, Washington, D.C., that one [redacted]  
[redacted] would be a likely prospect  
for [redacted] stated a letter was written  
to [redacted] on August 6, 1959, scheduling her for an interview  
at Miami on August 17, 1959, but she failed to show up.

SHARKIE

Information had been received that an individual  
with alias SHARKIE was a close Lieutenant of the subject.

On March 11, 1960, [redacted] New York  
City Police Department, Narcotics Bureau, advised SA KAAS  
and WALSH that SALERNO is known as AL CUPOLA, B Number  
54987. It is noted that Trigger Mike Coppola has New York  
City Police Department B Number 54988, and has been known  
to use the name of CUPOLA.

JOSEPH MORETTI  
804 Avenue U  
Brooklyn, New York

The association of MORETTI with the subject has  
been set out in this report under the heading marked Past  
Residences.



# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-3905)

DATE: 4/18/60

FROM : SAC, WFO (92-398)

SUBJECT: ANTHONY SALERNO, aka  
AR

Rerep of SA ROGER L. KASS, 3/29/60, AT New York.

Enclosed for the Bureau is one copy of an FD 302 concerning review of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) records concerning the 16th Street Corporation. Enclosed for New York are ten copies of the FD 302. Enclosed for Chicago is one copy of this FD 302 for information.

For the information of Chicago, referenced report set forth a lead for WFO to attempt to secure a list of stockholders of the 16th Street Corporation, 1020 16th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. The report set forth information that an offering circular of this corporation offering 600 shares of Class A stock had been located in a vacated apartment of the subject.

On 4/8/60, [redacted] with the SEC, advised that there is no way to ascertain the stockholders of the 16th Street Corporation outside of going to [redacted] and asking to see the list of stockholders.

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Inasmuch as there is no concrete evidence that SALERNO actually has stock in this corporation, WFO is not going to contact [redacted] unless requested to do so by New York. This information is not being set forth in a report inasmuch as it is not known that SALERNO actually has stock in this corporation.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office <b>NEW YORK</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW YORK</b>	Date <b>5/26/60</b>	Investigative Period <b>3/22 - 5/19/60</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>ANTHONY SALERNO, aka</b>		Report made by <b>ROGER L. KAAS</b>	Typed By: <b>mcc</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>ANTI-RACKETEERING</b>	

Synopsis:

REFERENCES:

Report of SA ROGER L. KAAS, dated 3/29/60, at NY.  
Birmingham letter to NY, dated 3/23/60.  
WFO letter to NY, dated 4/18/60.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

ASSOCIATES

ALFRED CUPOLA, aka  
JOSEPH MORETTI, aka

[Redacted]  
NY, NY, was shown a photograph of the above two well known associates of the subject on 4/19/60 by SA STEPHEN L. HALPIN. [Redacted] advised that both of these individuals were present when the apartment of the subject's mistress [Redacted] was vacated. He advised, however, that only MORETTI was present

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when the subject's apartment was vacated and the furniture placed in storage. These are Apartments 12F and [ ] respectively at 850 Seventh Avenue, NY, NY.

During the interview of JOSEPH MORETTI, on 3/3/60, he admitted to the Agents that he had never filed an income tax return with the Federal Government. During the same interview MORETTI admitted making his living as a gambler and travelling between Miami and New York. He also admitted paying a monthly rental of \$99.18 for the past 8 or 9 years and purchasing \$1500 worth of furniture.

By letter this information was furnished to CP KRIEGBAUM, District Commissioner, Bureau of Internal Revenue, 90 Church Street, NY, NY.

LEADS:

CHICAGO

At Chicago, Illinois

In view of SALERNO's possession of the calling card of [ ] Attorney at Law, Chicago is requested to advise whether information is available reflecting [ ] to be involved in the rackets or associated with the subject.

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MIAMI

At Miami, Florida

One copy of this report is being furnished to the Miami Division, inasmuch as subject is believed to be residing there and leads are outstanding.

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NEWARK

At Newark, New Jersey

One copy of this report is being furnished to the Newark Division inasmuch as leads are outstanding.

WASHINGTON FIELD

Unless information is available indicating he should not be contacted, WFO is requested to contact [redacted] 16th Street Corporation. An attempt to determine whether or not the subject directly or through [redacted] is a stockholder in this corporation.

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NEW YORK

At New York, New York

1. Will interview [redacted] [redacted] Playroom, 130 West 58th Street, NYC.
2. Will attempt to further identify [redacted] [redacted]
3. Will attempt to locate a record of SALERNO's attendance at NY schools.
4. Will maintain contact with Central Intelligence Squad, NYCPD.
5. Will maintain contact with the NY County District Attorney's Office.
6. Will report results of efforts to verify SALERNO's birth in NYC.
7. NY will attempt to continue to locate and interview AL CUPOLA, aka Sharky.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: ROGER L. KAAS Office: New York, New York  
Date: 5/26/60  
File Number: New York 92-1099 Bureau 92-3905  
Title: ANTHONY SALERNO  
Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

## Synopsis:

Subject believed residing 1041 North Venetian Drive, Miami, Florida. Identification record of subject's Lieutenant ALFRED CUPOLA, aka FBI #1944783 set out. CUPOLA allegedly observed in Giordano Funeral Home, 2242 First Ave., NYC, determined to be unused since summer of 1959. NY County District Attorney's Office furnished names, addresses and telephone numbers of individuals residing in New Jersey contacted from SALERNO's former apartment, 850 7th Avenue, NYC. Information re 16th Street Corporation set forth. IRVING FINE, Former President Miss Kay Fashions, 42 W. 28th St, NYC, advised SALERNO invested \$5000 in 1956 for  $\frac{1}{4}$  interest and sold out in 1956 for \$6100. Residence located 180-54 Aberdeen Road, Jamaica, NY, purchased by [redacted] from SALERNO in 1951 for \$30,000 with [redacted] representing both parties. Certain of telephone numbers located in subject's vacated apartment determined to be local business establishments with no known connection to subject. [redacted] Birmingham, Alabama, determined by observation not to be identical with [redacted] associate of subject's mistress [redacted]

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1/18 Report to New York, New York, 5/26/60

DETAILS:

I. PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

A. Residence

Subject has vacated his apartment, at 850 7th Avenue, New York, New York, and purchased a home at 1041 North Venetian Drive, Miami, Florida, and is believed to be residing there.

B. Former Residence

180-54 Aberdeen Road,  
Jamaica, New York

On May 11, 1960, [redacted] owner of the residence located at the above address was interviewed by SAS ROGER L. KAAS and EDWARD T. WALSH, JR.

[redacted] stated he purchased the above home in 1951 for the sum of \$30,000 through [redacted]

[redacted] He stated he knew that the home was owned and occupied by SALERNO and his wife at the time of purchase but that the entire matter was handled through [redacted] and he never once met or dealt with SALERNO.

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II. ASSOCIATES

~~ALFRED CUPOLA~~, aka ~~Tony Lamonte~~, ~~John Belloite~~, ~~Jack Casalle~~, ~~Jack Colucci~~, ~~Sharky~~, FBI Number 1944783, New York City Police Department Number B54987.

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During March, 1960 the following New York City Police Department Criminal Record was received for ALFRED CUPOLA, under NYCPD #B 54987:

<u>Date of Arrest</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Borough or City</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Arresting Officer</u>	<u>Date Dispositic Judge and Cour</u>
3-25-19	Alfred Cupola	NYC	Dis Con P.P.	Stanley MOD	Discharged Judge Sweetze
1-8-21	Tony Lamonte	Boston Mass	Suspicion Off	Crawford	
2-26-22	Alfred Capola	NYC	Gr Larceny P.P.	Donovan 39 Pct	6-1-22 Elmir Refty Judge Martin
8-24-24	Alfred Capola	NYC	Gr Larceny P.P.	Cotter 13 Pct	Discharged Judge Coorig
11-26-24	Albert Cappolla	NYC	Att. Gr. Larceny	Det Burns 11 D.D.	4 mo. W/H
10-15-25	Alfred Cappolla	NYC	Burglary	Ptl. Dunn 13 Pct	Discharged McKinney 5th Ct.
1-29-26	Alfred Capola	NYC	Asslt & Robbery	Det Enright 13 Sqd	2-1-26 Discharged Norris 5th Ct
6-26-33	Jack Casale	NYC	722 P.L.	Mahoney 25 Sqd	Discharged Katz 5th Ct.
6-24-34	John Belloite	NYC	722 P.L.	O'Connor 25 Pct	5-24-34 Discharged Cap shaw

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2-9-35	Jack Colucci	NYC	Vagrancy	McGee 25 Sqd	12-10-35 Discharged Oliver 5th Ct.
2-24-36	Albert Coppola	NYC	Vagrancy	Miniter 25 Sqd	2-25-36 Discharged Ford 5th Ct.
2-11-36	Alfred Capola	NYC	Vagrancy	McGee 25 Sqd	12-13-36 Discharged Stren 5th Ct.
2-19-40	Alfred Cappola	NYC	Vagrancy	Hayes 23 Sqd	2-20-40 Discharged Haddock 5th Ct.
10-28-41	Alfred Cupola	NYC	Forgery	Off. Bree M.O.D.	11-21-41 Discharged Koening Fel Ct.
10-26-42	Alfred Cupola	NYC	Policy	Ptl. Cooley	10-30-42 \$50.00 Fine Aureilo Harlem Ct.
2-2-44	Alfred Cupola	Queens	Vagrancy	Det Taylor M.O.	6-9-44 Discharged Hackett Fel. Ct.
10-19-44	Alfred Cupola	Queens	887 CCP	Kusick 110 Pct	10-2-44 Discharged Hockert Flush Ct.
10-20-56	Alfred Cupola	NYC	U.S Wagering Tax Viol	S/A Kenny	



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The following identification record was furnished by the Identification Division by ALFRED CUPOLA Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) #194478:

<u>Contributor of Fingerprints</u>	<u>Name and Number</u>	<u>Arrested or Received</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
St.Ref., Elmira, NY	Alfred Capola #30698	6-15-22	G.L. 1st	10 yrs.
PD, NYC, NY	Jack Casale #54987	6-26-33	Vio. Sec 722 P.L. Sub Div. II	6-26-33 discharged
PD, NYC, NY	Alfred Cappola #B054987	2-19-40	Vio. #-887 C.C.P.	2-20-40, dis
PD, NYC NY	Alfred Cupola #B-54987	10-28-41	forgery	11-12-41 dism.
SPol., Hawthorne NY	Alfred Cupola #K-5343	10-28-41	offering forged instrument 2051 P.L.	rel. \$2500.0 cash bail -for exam.
PD, NYC, NY	Alfred J. Cupols #B54987	6-2-44	887 CCP-Sub Div. #1	
JSM NY NY	Alfred Cupola #--	10-20-56	not given	

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<u>Contributor of Fingerprints</u>	<u>Name and Number</u>	<u>Arrested or Received</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
*	3-25-19	as Alfred Cupola, NYC,	Dis. Conduct (PP);	
.	on 3-28-19	dischg'd.	(As on record sheet).	
*	1921-	suspicion - dischg'd.		
.	The following notations appear on record sheet from PD, NYC, NY.			
*	12-8-21	as Tony Lamonti, Boston, Mass.,	suspicion.	
*	2-6-22	as Alfred Capola, NYC, G.L. (PP)	on 6-1-22	
.	at Elmira Reformatory.			
*	11-26-24	as Alfred Cappola, NYC, D.C.,	4 mos.	
.	Workhouse.			
*	10-15-25	as Alfred Cappola, NYC,	burglary, on	
.	10-19-25	dischg'd.		
*	1-9-26	as Alfred Capola, NYC, A.&R.,	on 2-1-26	
.	dischg'd.			
*	5-24-34	as John Belloite, Manh. 722 Renal Law,		
.	on 5-24-34 dischg'd.			
*	12-9-35	as Albert Coppola, Manh. 887 C.C.P.,	on	
.	2-25-36 dischg'd.			
*	12-11-36	as Alfred Capola, Manh. 887 C.C.P.,	on	
.	12-13-36 dischg'd.			
*	8-24-24,	as Alfred Capola, NYC, G.L. (PP)	8-25-24,	
.	disch.			
*	2-24-36,	Albert Coppola, Manhattan, vag.,	on	
.	2-25-36 disch.			
*	As Alfred Capala, G.L. (PP). On 8-25-24 - Disch.			
.	(as on record sheet from PD, NYC, NY).			
*	As Alfred Capola, Policy, on 10-30-42-Fined \$50.00			
.	(as on record sheet from PD, NYC, NY).			

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On March 25, 1960, [redacted] New York County District Attorney's Office, advised that CUPOLA was residing at 186-28 Midland Parkway, Long Island, New York, and had ~~no~~ published telephone number JA 6-8177. Investigation reflects both the address and the telephone number to be incorrect. [redacted] also advised that CUPOLA was employed as an undertaker at a Funeral Parlor whose address was unknown.

During the interview with [redacted] he advised that he had known CAPULO for many years from residing in East Harlem and saw him only a few days ago at the Funeral Parlor at First Avenue, between 115 and 116th Streets.

On May 13, 1960, SAS KAAS and WALSH determined the only funeral home in this block to be a Giordano Funeral Home located at, 2242 First Avenue, New York, New York. This establishment was determined to be locked up and the agents were advised that [redacted] who resided upstairs at this address was in charge of the keys. [redacted] was contacted, was very cooperative and advised the agents that she received free rent in return for holding the keys to the funeral parlor and "keeping an eye on it". She advised the agents that no funeral had been held at the funeral parlor since the summer of 1959.

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Being the person legally in charge of the premises [redacted] invited the agents to view the funeral parlor. It was noted that the desk and filing cabinets were locked and all facilities were available but in an unused condition. [redacted] specifically denied that the premises could be utilized without her hearing or knowing about it.

B. New Jersey Associates

On March 25, 1960 [redacted] of the New York County District Attorney's Office advised that the following individuals had been contacted from the

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subject's apartment at 850 7th Avenue, New York City,  
telephone JU 2-6859:

1. [redacted] listed to [redacted]  
[redacted] New Jersey.
2. [redacted] listed to [redacted]  
[redacted] New Jersey.
3. [redacted] listed to [redacted]  
[redacted] Newark, New Jersey.
4. [redacted] listed to [redacted]  
[redacted] New Jersey.
5. [redacted] listed to [redacted]  
[redacted] New Jersey.
6. [redacted] listed to [redacted]  
[redacted] New Jersey.
7. [redacted] listed to [redacted]  
325 Autobon Avenue, Englewood, New Jersey.

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III. LEGITIMATE ENTERPRISES

1. 16th Street Corporation  
1020 16th Street, Northwest  
~~was~~ Washington, D.C.

On March 7, 1960, an offering circular for the above corporation was located in the subject's vacated apartment, at 850 7th Avenue, New York, New York.

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2. Miss Kay Fashions  
42 West 28th Street  
New York, New York

On May 5, 1960, IRVING FINE was interviewed at the Everard Baths, 28 West 28th Street, New York, New York, by SAS KAAS and WILLIAM DAVID KANE. FINE stated that he was the former president of the above concern, but in the latter part of 1959 had disposed of his interest to [redacted]

FINE readily admitted that the subject had also been a partner in the company and offered the following explanation. He stated that he was born and raised in East Harlem in the vicinity of East 116th Street and Madison Avenue and came to know SALERNO years ago when SALERNO was a truck drivers helper. However, FINE denied that he ever ran with him or his associates. FINE stated that through the years he would see SALERNO occasionally in different bars but again would not associate with him other than to speak to him.

In the latter part of 1955, two close friends who were in the garment business [redacted] offered him a chance to go into the dress business. Each man was to put up \$5,000. FINE stated that during the formation of the company he ran into SALERNO on a street corner and during the course of the conversation mentioned the new venture to him and casually asked him if he would like to invest. SALERNO agreed to put up \$5,000. At this point FINE denied that he had any idea as to SALERNO's hoodlum activities. FINE stated that SALERNO never exercised any control or drew any money from the company and a few months after his investment, requested to dispose of his interest. FINE advised that SALERNO was paid approximately \$6100 by company check for his  $\frac{1}{4}$  interest. He stated that this was in the early part of 1956 and he has not seen SALERNO since that time. FINE advised that he devotes all of his time to the running of the Everard Baths and other real estate owned by him. The following is a description of FINE:

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Name	IRVING FINE
Date of Birth	October 20, 1912, New York City
Height	5 feet 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches
Weight	200 pounds
Address	69-10 108th Street, Forest Hills, Long Island

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[redacted] 116th Street Branch,  
First National City Bank, New York City, from his records  
made available the following information regarding the  
accounts of [redacted] and Metro Urban Music  
Company.

On September 11, 1950, a special checking  
account was opened under the name of [redacted]  
This is the type of account which requires no minimum  
balance as charges are based on the number of checks drawn.

On January 23, 1950, a regular checking account  
was opened in the name of Metro Urban Music Company with  
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[redacted] stated that the Metro account had at  
one time a high balance of \$2800.00, but other than that  
ran a balance in the low three figures. He stated the  
account appeared to be a normal commercial account.  
[redacted] further advised that all deposits are made by  
an employee of the company and [redacted] is seldom seen.

Photographs of ANTHONY SALERNO, ALFRED CUPOLA  
and JOSEPH MORETTI were displayed to [redacted] but he stated  
they were not familiar.

Interview with [redacted] File # 92- New York 1099  
on 5/4/60 at First National City Bank,  
116th St. Branch, NYC Date Dictated 5/9/60  
by Special Agent ROGER L. KAAS;VCC

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Numerous visits have been made to 447 East 115th Street, the alleged address of the above company. This is a small run down building in the East Harlem area and while the name of the company is on the door no activity or equipment has been observed in the office which is continually locked.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

On March 7, 1960, during the inspection of SALERNO's vacated apartment the following telephone numbers were located among other news:

1. [redacted] (last name illegible) 33 7th Avenue, LO 5-3500. The New York City Cross Directory lists this telephone number to J. Weinig and Sons, Furriers at 319 7th Avenue. Indices reflect this concern to have been complaintent in the theft of furs.
2. CI 5-9627. A call to this number revealed it to be listed to Sportsmen Barber Shop, 844 7th Avenue, New York, New York. New York Indices reflect no information concerning this business. It is noted however that SALERNO resided at 850 7th Avenue, and it is probable that this shop was utilized by him.
3. CI 6-9878, a call to this number reflects it to be listed to Modern Hand Laundry. The New York Indices failed to reflect any information concerning this business, 842 7th Avenue, New York, New York.
4. [redacted]  
[redacted] Chicago, Illinois. New York Indices contained no information regarding [redacted]

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On March 11, 1960, SAS ROBERT P. WOMACH and ROY M. OSBORN, observed [redacted] and determined that she was not identical with a [redacted]

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photo of [redacted] friend to SALERNO's mistress  
[redacted] advised the agents that she knew  
no one with the above names.

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Reporting Office <b>NEW YORK</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW YORK</b>	Date <b>AUG 16 1960</b>	Investigative Period <b>6/1 - 8/4/60</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>ANTHONY SALERNO aka</b>		Report made by <b>EDWARD T. WALSH, JR.</b>	Typed By: <b>vam</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>ANTI-RACKETEERING</b>	

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### REFERENCES

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### ADMINISTRATIVE

#### Numbers Racket

[redacted] advised  
SA JOSEPH A. MURRAY on 6/21/60, [redacted]

[redacted] advised that all the money which is collected  
in the Harlem area is eventually turned over to FAT TONY  
SALERNO, who is the big numbers man in the East Harlem NYC area. *R*

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He said that he does not know FAT TONY personally but that he does know that FAT TONY is considered to be a big man. He said that FAT TONY runs an honest racket and that as long as he controls it and controls the bank every bet will be paid. He stated that FAT TONY has a good reputation as far as the numbers racket is concerned.

Associates

[redacted] advised SA WILLIAM D. KANE on 5/22 and 5/26/60, that he has known ANTHONY SALERNO for many years. [redacted] SALERNO, VINCENT ALO and THOMAS LUCHESE used to meet each morning at Lindy's Restaurant at about 2:00 a.m., where they were usually joined by several other well known hoodlums. PCI stated that he has seen these men in Lindy's night after night, for years.

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Spot fisurs conducted in the vicinity of Lindy's Restaurant on various dates during June and July, by Agents of the NYO has failed to reveal any such meetings taking place.

The indices of the Miami Office were negative as to JOE MORETTI, a known associate of the subject, as were the records of the Miami Police Department, the Miami Beach Police Department, the Dade County Department of Public Safety, the Miami Credit Bureau and the Municipal Court.

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[redacted] on 3/4/60, advised SAS ROBERT F. FETZNER and DULANY J. DUPUY that the subject was presently in the Miami area. [redacted]

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[redacted] With reference to this girl friend, he related he did not recall her name, knew nothing concerning her background, and did not know her whereabouts.

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[redacted]  
[redacted] On another occasion [redacted] discussed the fact that BILL SKALLY, an associate of SAM GIANCANA, was known to be an informant of the Federal Bureau of Narcotics, and he brought [redacted] to [redacted] where they had a meeting at the Maryland Hotel in Chicago concerning the problem which SKALLY was presenting to members of organized crime in Chicago [redacted] took [redacted] to GIANCANA at the latter's residence on Christmas Eve of 1959 where GIANCANA gave [redacted] "clearance" to dispose of SKALLY. SKALLY was murdered in gangland fashion in a western Chicago suburb in early January, 1960.

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The above is an indication of the activities of [redacted] with Chicago hoodlums. There is substantially more information available to the Chicago Office concerning [redacted] associates and his activities, but none of this indicates that he is associated in any way with ANTHONY SALERNO, although in view of [redacted] many associates in the underworld, it is extremely possible that he has performed functions, such as those set out above, for SALERNO.

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On 8/4/60, [redacted] New York County District Attorney's Office advised SA ROGER L. KAAS that that office is conducting an investigation of SALERNO pointing towards the breaking up of his control of the East Harlem numbers racket.

LEADS

NEW YORK

At Rhinebeck, New York

1. Will maintain contact with [redacted] for any information relative to SALERNO's return to New York.

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He informed that as far as he knows, SALERNO, when in the Miami area, resides with his wife and daughter, and hangs out occasionally at the Carib Hotel and Junior Levinson's Newsstand, and also at bookie establishment on 23rd St., Miami Beach, Florida.

[redacted] further informed he was told that

[redacted] is a friend of the subject. He said he further was told [redacted] and SALERNO are presently negotiating for the purchase of a hotel on the Beach, possibly Miami Beach. He said he never heard any specific hotels mentioned.

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Inquiries with informants and other sources have produced nothing with respect to the above-contemplated hotel purchase.

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On 10/23/59, [redacted] related he was told ANTHONY SALERNO had been in town for a few days, and left, destination unknown. He said he also heard that SALERNO [redacted] He also related [redacted] as far as he knew, is single.

[redacted] also advised he knew in the past MICHAEL COPPOLA contacted SALERNO in NYC through [redacted]

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He stated further he also heard that SALERNO is mixed up in the jukebox business in NYC, and is presently doing considerable shylocking in NYC, but could furnish no other particulars.

On [redacted] stated that on [redacted] [redacted] MICHAEL COPPOLA, SALERNO and JOSEPH MASSET sat in a booth together at [redacted] and conversed several hours.

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He said he was unable to learn the text of their conversation.

*FLA.*

[REDACTED]

never did hear what it was about.

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] both advised that as far as they were aware, the subject spends most of his time in the NYC area; that he returns to Miami, Florida off and on, but at no regular intervals. They were not acquainted with MORETTI.

On 3/7/60, the calling card of [REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois, was located in the subject's vacated apartment at 850 Seventh Ave., NYC, NY.

There is substantial information available to the Chicago Office showing the close connection between [REDACTED] and practically all members of organized crime in Chicago.

[REDACTED] and in particular is a close social friend of Chicago top hoodlum, GUS ALEX.

[REDACTED] has furnished information concerning three meetings of [REDACTED] with Chicago top hoodlums. [REDACTED] has met with Chicago top hoodlums MURRAY HUMPHREYS and FRANK FERRARO, and during these meetings, has discussed other meetings with HUMPHREYS, FERRARO, ALEX. SAM GIANCANA, and ROSS PRIO. On one of these occasions, [REDACTED] discussed a situation which made it definitely appear that

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2. Will be alert for an opportunity of developing a highly confidential source of information at SALERNO's estate in Rhinebeck.

At New York, New York

1. Will recontact [redacted] for information regarding the occupants of the apartment located at 2242 First Ave., NYC, NY.

2. Will display photos of [redacted] SALERNO's mistress, to [redacted] for possible identification.

3. Will maintain contact with the New York County District Attorney's Office.

4. Will attempt to locate and interview AL CUPOLA aka Sharky.

5. Will maintain contact with the Central Intelligence Squad, NYCPD.

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## Copy to:

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Office: New York, New York

Date: AUG 16 1960

Field Office File No.: New York 92-1099

Bureau File No.: 92-3905

Title: ANTHONY SALERNO

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

## Synopsis:

Subject resides at the Carib Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida. Subject's wife interviewed 6/21/60, at home in Rhinebeck, NY and refused to answer any questions regarding the subject. Furniture belonging to subject removed from storage and placed in apartment at 2242 First Ave., NYC, above the Giordano Funeral Home. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Playroom Bar, 130 West 58th St., NYC, NY, denies subject has any interest or control over bar. SALERNO SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS AS HE IS BELIEVED TO TRAVEL WITH BODYGUARDS, KNOWN TO PRACTICE TARGET SHOOTING.

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DETAILS

I. PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

A. Residence

On June 21, 1960, [redacted] was interviewed at her home in Rhinebeck, New York by SAS WILLIAM D. KANE and EDWARD T. WALSH, Jr. [redacted]

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[redacted] She said that ANTHONY did not return to New York with them, but was residing at the Carib Hotel in Miami, and should we desire to ask him any questions he could be contacted there.

During the interview of [redacted] a 1960 Pontiac sedan, light blue in color, bearing 1960 Florida license plate number [redacted] was observed parked behind the barn. This car is registered to [redacted]

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During and subsequent to the interview with [redacted] the premises were inspected by the above-mentioned agents and it is noted that the estate consisted of the main house which is two stories, a large new one-story summer house containing tables, barbecue pits, stoves and refrigerators, a large "L" shaped two story barn used partly for storing equipment and partly for living premises. A large swimming pool was noted behind the barn and the entire area was fenced and contains riding circles and jumping fences for horses.

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Date 6/27/60

On June 21, 1960, [redacted]  
[redacted] was interviewed by SAS EDWARD T. WALSH, JR. and  
WILLIAM D. KANE at her home in Rhinebeck, New York. [redacted]  
[redacted] stated that [redacted]  
had driven up from Florida about a week ago, and intended  
to stay in Rhinebeck for a while. [redacted] stated  
that ANTHONY SALERNO did not return to New York with her,  
but stayed in Miami, and is living at the Caribe Hotel.  
[redacted] said that she knew nothing of ANTHONY's business  
or friends and could supply no information of any type.

[redacted] is described as follows:  
height 5'3", weight 140 pounds, hair dark, brown-grey,  
bleached blonde.

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On 6/21/60 at Rhinebeck, New York File # NY 92-1099

by SAS EDWARD T. WALSH, JR., & WILLIAM D. KANE Date dictated 6/22/60

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On May 18, 1960, [redacted] neighbor of the subject [redacted] was interviewed by SAS ROGER L. KAAS and EDWARD T. WALSH, JR. [redacted] stated that the SALERNO estate consists of 246 acres which was purchased for the sum of \$35,000. [redacted] related that the 246 acres have many bridle paths which SALERNO had bulldozed out for his daughter so that she might ride in comfort.

Shortly after SALERNO took possession of the estate, [redacted] stated that a local plumber was called in for a large plumbing job. The plumbing job was completed at approximately 12:30 p.m. and at 1:00 p.m., the plumber received a telephone call from SALERNO to make out the bill for the plumbing job immediately. The plumber stated that it was a large job and would require some computation, however, SALERNO insisted and the plumber prepared a bill and returned it to SALERNO by 5:00 p.m., the same day. When the plumber handed SALERNO the bill, SALERNO tore it into little pieces without even looking at it, reached into his pocket pulled out a roll of money and started peeling off \$100.00 bills asking the plumber to tell him when to stop. The bill came to slightly over \$2,800.00 for the plumbing job. [redacted] related that each of the tradesmen or craftsmen that are called to the estate to perform any service are similarly paid. The swimming pool which was installed behind the barn at the cost of \$5,700.00 was similarly paid, according to [redacted]

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[redacted] related that during the summer the residence is occupied only by SALERNO's wife and his daughter. They leave in September and return to Miami, and then ANTHONY SALERNO and a few of his "hoodlum type" friends would then move in. [redacted] related that there were frequent gatherings of other individuals, but that there were usually no more than eight or ten. [redacted] said that he has heard gun fire from the estate, but assumed they were only shooting wood chucks.

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It was previously reported that the furniture belonging to the subject was removed from 850 Seventh Avenue, New York City to the Santini Brothers Warehouse, 447 West 49th Street, New York City.

On July 14, 1960, [redacted] Santini Brothers Moving and Storage Company advised SA EDWARD T. WALSH, JR., that the furniture was shipped from the warehouse to 2242 First Avenue, New York City, New York.

Observation of 2242 First Avenue, New York City, New York, by SAs ROGER L. KAAS and EDWARD T. WALSH, JR., on July 18, 1960, revealed that on the ground floor mail box there appeared the name A. SALERNO.

2242 First Avenue, New York City, also contains the Giordano Funeral Home, at which it was alleged that ALFRED CUPOLA could be located. CUPOLA is allegedly a close associate of SALERNO.

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[redacted] 2242 First Avenue, New York City, New York, advised SAs KAAS and WALSH on July 25, 1960, that [redacted] paid her the rent of \$69.00 for the fourth floor apartment. A photograph of [redacted] was displayed to [redacted] and she identified [redacted] as the individual she knew as [redacted]

[redacted] said that the apartment is unoccupied and extensive repairs and renovation has been made. She stated that she was unable to supply any other information regarding the apartment or its occupants.

## II. ASSOCIATES

On July 27, 1960, Mr. IRVING FINE was recontacted at the Everard Baths, 28 West 28th Street, New York, New York, by SAs KAAS and WALSH. FINE was one of the co-owners

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with SALERNO in 1955 of the Miss Kay Fashions, 42 West 28th Street, New York City, New York. FINE reiterated that he has known SALERNO since childhood but never actually associated with him. FINE emphasized that he has had no dealings with SALERNO since 1955 and has had no dealings with him before that time.

It has been previously alleged that SALERNO had an interest in the Playroom Bar, 130 West 58th Street, New York City, New York.

On March 27, 1959, [redacted] was interviewed at his home, [redacted] New York, by SAS JOSEPH J. MAC FARLANE and EDWARD T. WALSH, JR. [redacted] related that [redacted]

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[redacted] was questioned concerning his knowledge of FAT TONY SALERNO and SALERNO's possible interest in and/or ownership of the Playroom Bar. [redacted] he denied vehemently that SALERNO had no interest therein. [redacted] further denied any knowledge of any bookmaking, numbers or any other illegal activities conducted at the Playroom Bar.

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On March 7, 1960, the name [redacted] Newark, New Jersey was located in the subject's vacated apartment at 850 Seventh Avenue, New York, New York.

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An article appearing in the "Newark Star Ledger", dated November 3, 1949, reflected that a LEO ADESSA, 493 North Sixth Street, Newark, New Jersey, had received two years for bookmaking and was placed on probation for three years and fined \$1,000.00

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[REDACTED]  
Metro Urban Music Company,  
447 East 115th Street,  
New York City

Observation of this location by SAS KAAS and WALSH determined that 447 East 115th Street, is an unused small store located on the ground floor of a tenement building. There are no occupants of the store and the door has never been observed to be unlocked.

III. LEGITIMATE ENTERPRISES

16th Street Corporation  
1020 16th Street, Northwest  
Washington, D.C.

On March 7, 1960, an offering circular for the above corporation was located in the subject's vacated apartment, at 850 Seventh Avenue, New York, New York.

The records of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) of Washington, D.C., reflect that

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On June 10, 1960, [REDACTED] advised SA CHARLES H. SCHAEFFER that [REDACTED] 16th Street Corporation and that ANTHONY SALERNO and [REDACTED] were not stockholders of this company.

The only information that [REDACTED] was able to furnish was that ANTHONY SALERNO, 1041 North Venetian Drive, Miami 39, Florida, is a member of the Gaslight Club of New York.

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TITLE OF CASE <b>ANTHONY SALERNO aka</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>EDWARD T. WALSH</b>	TYPED BY <b>klh</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ANTI-RACKETEERING</b>	

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SYNOPSIS:

REFERENCE:

Bureau airtel to Albany dated 8/25/60, cc to each office captioned Criminal Intelligence Program.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

On 3/7/60, the calling card of [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, was located in the subject's vacated apartment at 850 7th Avenue, New York City, New York.

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There is substantial information available to the Chicago Office showing the close connection between [redacted] and [redacted]

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practically all members of organized crime in Chicago. [redacted] has defended many of the top hoodlums of the Chicago Office, and in particular is a close social friend of Chicago top hoodlum GUS ALEX.

[redacted] has furnished information concerning three meetings of [redacted] with Chicago top hoodlums. [redacted] has met with Chicago top hoodlums MURRAY HUMPHREYS and FRANK FERRARO, and during these meetings has discussed other meetings with HUMPHREYS, FERRARO, ALEX. SAM GIANCANA and ROSS PRIO. On one of these occasions, [redacted] discussed a situation which made it definitely appear that [redacted]

[redacted] On another occasion [redacted] discussed the fact that BILL SKALLY, an associate of SAM GIANCANA, was known to be an informant of the Federal Bureau of Narcotics, and he brought [redacted] to [redacted] where they had a meeting at the Maryland Hotel in Chicago concerning the problem which SKALLY was presenting to members of organized crime in Chicago. [redacted] took [redacted] to GIANCANA at the latter's residence on Christmas Eve of 1959, where GIANCANA gave FIORITO "clearance" to dispose of SKALLY. SKALLY was murdered in gangland fashion in a western Chicago suburb in early January, 1960.

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The above is an indication of the activities of [redacted] with Chicago hoodlums. There is substantially more information available to the Chicago Office concerning [redacted] associates and his activities, but none of these indicates that he is associated in any way with ANTHONY SALERNO, although in view of [redacted] many associates in the underworld, it is

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extremely possible that he has performed functions, such as those set out above for SALERNO.

INFORMANTS:

INFORMANTS

CONTACTED BY

NY T-1

[REDACTED]

SA STEPHEN L HALPIN

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NY T-2

[REDACTED]

SA FRANK GERRITY

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NY T-3

[REDACTED]

SA BRIAN MOGEN

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NY T-4

[REDACTED]

SA MARTIN P. CONLEY

NY T-5

[REDACTED]

SA JOHN P FOLEY

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NY T-6

[REDACTED]

SA EDWARD T. WALSH

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NY T-7

[REDACTED]

SA JAMES P. MOLLOY

NY T-8

[REDACTED]

SA PAUL DURKIN

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[REDACTED]

SA ROBERT FETZNER

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[REDACTED]

SA BRIAN MOGEN

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[Redacted]

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JS Treasury, 90 Church St., NYC

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CONTACTED BY

SA STEPHEN L. HALPIN

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SA FRANK GERRITY

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SA JOSEPH MURRAY

SA WILLIAM D. KANE

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Telephone call from   
to SAC WILLIAM M. WHELAN,

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SA ROBERT L. KAAS.

Careful consideration has been given to the sources concealed and T symbols were utilized in this report only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

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At New York, New York

Will follow and report activities of the subject.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Report of: EDWARD T. WALSH                      Office: NEW YORK  
Date:        9/26/60

File Number: New York 92-1099              Bufile 92-3905

Title: ANTHONY SALERNO

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis : ANTHONY SALERNO, FBI #4817958, born 8/11/11, NYC, presently residing Carib Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida. Has homes at 1041 North Venetian Drive, Miami Beach, Florida, and RD 1, Rhinebeck, NY. Arrest record set out. Informants say SALERNO in control of numbers racket and very large bookmaking operation, Miami Beach, Florida. Testimony of WILLIAM ROSENSOHN, before NY State Athletic Commission, revealed SALERNO put up \$25,000 for promotion of heavy weight fight, June, 1959. SALERNO's associates set out. Known hangouts and description set forth. SALERNO SHOULD BE CONSIDERED POSSIBLY ARMED AND DANGEROUS AS HE IS BELIEVED TO HAVE PRACTICED TARGET SHOOTING.

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A. PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

1. Birth and Citizenship

On April 4, 1947, ANTHONY SALERNO advised Agents of the FBI that he was born on August 11, 1911, in New York, New York. SALERNO displayed a State of New York drivers license which reflected that he was born on that date.

In addition, SALERNO stated that for the seven years prior to 1947, he had operated the Metro Urban Music Company, 2228 First Ave., New York City. He stated that he married [redacted] and they have a daughter named [redacted]. He stated that he was divorced from his wife in September, 1946, in Miami, Florida. SALERNO advised further that he had a mother named MARY SALERNO who was then residing at [redacted] New York, and he also had a sister named [redacted] also residing at this address.

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[redacted] Florida advised on April 4, 1947, that she had married ANTHONY SALERNO on [redacted] New York, and they were divorced [redacted] at Miami, Florida. She stated that ANTHONY SALERNO was born August 20, 1911, in New York City. She added that ANTHONY SALERNO operated the Metro Urban Music Company, in New York City, for the past six or seven years and as far as she knew, he had never been arrested.

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2. Marital Status

[redacted] City Clerk, City Hall, Yonkers, New York, advised SA THOMAS LYNCH on November 18, 1958, that his records contain the following information regarding subject's marriage:

ANTHONY SALERNO, 23, 275 New Main Street, Yonkers, and [redacted] obtained a marriage license at Yonkers, New York, on July 11, 1935, and were married on [redacted]

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by a Father ROSSI, a Roman Catholic priest. It was the first marriage for both.

A review of the marriage and divorce records for Dade County, Florida, by IC CLIFFORD M. WERNER on December 1, 1958, revealed the following:

A BILL OF COMPLAINT #107775 was filed August 19, 1946, wherein ANTHONY SALERNO complainant and [redacted] defendant <sup>who</sup> were married [redacted] New York, and had one child [redacted] years of age, requested a divorce.

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A decree was issued on September 9, 1946, for the complainant. The defendant was granted the right to resume use of her maiden name [redacted] by Judge MARSHALL WISEHEART.

A check of all marriage records between 1946 and 1958, was made by IC CLIFFORD M. WERNER on December 1, 1958, without locating any record of an additional marriage of ANTHONY SALERNO.

### 3. Residence

On June 21, 1960, [redacted] who identified [redacted] was interviewed at her home in Rhinebeck, New York, by SA's WILLIAM D. KANE and EDWARD T. WALSH, Jr. [redacted]

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[redacted] She related that ANTHONY had not returned to New York with them, but was residing at the Carib Hotel in Miami.

The records of the Recorder of Deeds, Dade County Courthouse, Miami, Florida, as checked by SA ROBERT F. FETZNER on January 12, 1960, revealed the following information:

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Public Records of Dade County, Florida, Book 1552, Page 356, reveals that a Warranty Deed was Executed July 21, 1959, by ADDIE J. KIMBROUGH to ANTHONY SALERNO and [REDACTED] 1041 North Venetian Drive, Miami, Florida, for the consideration of \$10.00 and other valuable consideration and covers the sale of Lot 21 and the East 45 feet of Lot 20 in Block 1 of Biscayne Island Resubdivision, according to Plat Book 40 Page 34 of Public Records of Dade County, Florida.

Public Records of Dade County, Florida, Book 1524, Page 60, reveals a mortgage for \$25,000.00 was executed by ANTHONY [REDACTED] SALERNO to the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Miami on June 29, 1959, covering the purchase of Biscayne Island Resubdivision, according to Plat Book 40 at Page 34 of the Public Records of Dade County, Florida, The mortgage was signed in New York City on July 3, 1959, by ANTHONY SALERNO [REDACTED] It was witnessed by FRANCES TOSCA and FRANK TRINCHESE. It was notarized by TRINCHESE of New York City on July 3, 1959.

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[REDACTED] First National Savings and Loan Association, 100 Northeast First Avenue, made available his loan records as to ANTHONY [REDACTED] SALERNO and they revealed the following:

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A Mortgage Loan Application dated June 15, 1959, signed with the name ANTHONY SALERNO, related SALERNO, age 48, and [REDACTED] of 12 Island Avenue, Belle Isle, Miami Beach, were buying a home from [REDACTED] through [REDACTED] for \$45,500.00 and desired a loan of \$25,000.00 With respect to credit information, SALERNO furnished information that he was an investor, that his wife was a housewife, that he had a dependent, age [REDACTED] carries \$10,000.00 in life insurance, had \$23,000.00 in cash and bank deposits, and had other real estate, free of mortgage, valued at \$50,000.00, making his total assest \$73,000.00. In addition, SALERNO furnished information

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that he had no liabilities and his annual income was \$30,000.00

The file also shows the property being purchased was at 1041 North Venetian Drive, Miami, Florida, which was then the address of [redacted]. The deal was closed by mail, as the SALERNOS were on vacation and the papers were sent to the broker, [redacted] Florida

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The \$25,000.00 mortgage for the above property at 1041 North Venetian Drive, described as Lot 21 and the East 45 feet of Lot 20, Block 1, Biscayne Island Resubdivision, was signed by the SALERNOS in New York City on July 3, 1959.

[redacted] Cal Kovers Construction Company, 1770 Bay Road, Miami Beach, advised ANTHONY SALERNO was unknown to him until he walked into his place of business the past summer and said he had observed some of Koven's remodeling work at the Everglades Hotel, Miami. SALERNO asked if he would consider doing some work on a home he was buying at 1041 North Venetian Drive and after some conversation as to what SALERNO desired, they got together and his company built SALERNO another room and a swimming pool. He said it cost SALERNO about \$15,000.00 which was paid for in cash. He said he also saw SALERNO about twice and all the other arrangements were handled by [redacted]. He related he knew nothing concerning SALERNO other than that which he read in the newspaper. From some comments dropped by [redacted] he gathered SALERNO was out of town a great deal.

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[redacted] Florida, advised SA ROBERT F. FETZNER on November 5, 1959, that ANTHONY SALERNO, his wife and daughter, had, for the past five years leased an apartment at 12 Island Avenue, Belle Island, Miami Beach. [redacted] stated that while SALERNO signed the lease, he is rarely with his family and brings no visitors to the apartment



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On November 12, 1959, [redacted] Roz Mark Limited, Interior Decorators, advised SA [redacted] that in the latter part of July, 1959, she met SALERNO and his wife, having been referred to her by [redacted]

[redacted] She stated that she agreed to re-decorate their home and refinish certain pieces of furniture for \$6,500. She stated she understood, at that time, that the SALERNOS were living in an apartment in Miami Beach, and had recently purchased a home at 1041 North Venetian Way, Miami Beach.

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On May 16, 1960, [redacted] New York, advised SAs [redacted] and [redacted] that he had purchased a home located at this address in 1951, for the sum of \$30,000, through [redacted]. [redacted] stated that he knew that the home was owned and occupied by SALERNO and his wife at the time of purchase in 1951, but that the entire matter was handled through [redacted] and he never once met or dealt with SALERNO.

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[redacted]  
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NY T-17 advised on 3/27/58, that apartment 7F, 850 7th Avenue, had been occupied by ANTHONY SALERNO and also an individual named JOSEPH MORETTI lived there from time to time.

On 3/7/60, JOSEPH MORETTI was interviewed by SAs ROGER L. KAAS and EDWARD T. WALSH, Jr., at Apartment 7F 850, 7th Avenue, New York City, New York. He advised that he had resided at that address for eight or nine years and had shared the apartment with ANTHONY SALERNO whenever SALERNO was in town. MORETTI claimed that the furniture was his although all other objects in the apartment, clothes and personal items, were identified.

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by MORETTI as belonging to SALERNO. MORETTI stated that he has known SALERNO for 35 years but denied knowing any of his activities.

On March 7, 1960, [redacted] Santini Seven Brothers Moving Company, advised SAS KAAS and WALSH that the furniture from Apartment 7F 850 7th Avenue, had been removed on that date and placed in their warehouse located at 447 W. 49th St., NY, NY.

On July 14, 1960, [redacted] Santini Brothers Company, advised SA EDWARD T. WALSH, Jr., that the above mentioned furniture was shipped from the warehouse on that date to 2242 First Ave., NYC, NY.

Observation of 2242 First Ave., NY, NY, by SAS KAAS and WALSH on July 18, 1960, revealed that on the ground floor mailbox, there appeared the name A. SALERNO.

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[redacted] although [redacted] stated that the apartment is unoccupied although extensive repairs and renovations have been made.

As aforementioned NY T-17 advised that subject occupied apartment 7F, at 850 7th Avenue, New York City, New York.

NY T-17 related on March 27, 1958, that ANTHONY SALERNO maintained a girlfriend for a period of time in Apartment [redacted] at 850 7th Avenue, New York City, New York. Informant identified

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this woman as [redacted] whom he described as about [redacted] years of age, blonde, 5' 7" to 5' 8". Was informant's opinion that she was not employed. Informant further related that SALERNO had occasionally paid the rent for Apartment [redacted] as well as apartment 7F.

On 5/18/60, [redacted] New York, advised SAS EDWARD WALSH, Jr. and ROGER L. KAAS that he is a neighbor of ANTHONY SALERNO. [redacted] stated that the SALERNO estate consisted of approximately 246 acres which was purchased for the sum of over \$35,000. [redacted] related that from time to time, he has heard gun fire from the estate, but he assumed that they were merely shooting wood chucks, or target shooting.

Relatives

On November 9, 1959, [redacted] Saint Patricks Catholic Church, 3701 Alton Road, Miami Beach advised SA ROBERT F. FETZNER that he never saw ANTHONY SALERNO and as far as he is aware, SALERNO does not attend church there. He stated that [redacted] members of the congregation, and are well regarded. [redacted] is active in church functions, and [redacted]

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On November 17, 1959, [redacted] advised SA LEON O. PRIOR that [redacted]

The records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, New York City, New York, reflected under birth certificate number [redacted] that [redacted]

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B. Criminal Records

The following fingerprint record of ANTHONY SALERNO was furnished on October 20, 1958, by the Identification Division FBI under FBI number 4817958:

<u>Contributor of Fingerprints</u>	<u>Name and Number</u>	<u>Arrested or Received</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
PD, Providence, RI.	ANTHONY SALERNO #11-064-A	4/24/45	susp. person	
PD, Miami Beach, Fla.	ANTHONY SALERNO #A-11585	4/3/47	Vag. inv. (hold for 4/7/47)	dism pros req Fed Auth)

Concerning SALERNO's arrest on April 3, 1947, by the Police Department in Miami Beach, Florida, at which time it was thought he was identical with the subject of a Selective Service case bearing a similar name and with the same description, it is noted that SALERNO was released on April 4, 1947, when a fingerprint check determined he was not identical with the subject of the Selective Service violation. On this occasion, SALERNO had stated he had been arrested on only one previous occasion in about 1935 or 1936, for policy making in New York City, and was fined \$100.00. At the time of this arrest, he said he gave the name of ANTHONY RUSSO. ✓

The records of the New York City Police Department were checked by SA AUGUST J. MICEK on October 3, 1958, and he was advised that it was impossible to locate an arrest concerning ANTHONY RUSSO in 1935 or 1936 for policy making.

It had previously been determined by SA MICEK on August 11, 1958, that there was no record identifiable with ANTHONY SALERNO contained in the files of the New York City Police Department.

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On October 29, 1958, [redacted] Identification Division, Providence Rhode Island Police Department, advised

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SA CHARLES A. REPUCCI his records reflect that ANTHONY SALERNO, born August 15, 1911, at New York City, residence, 1014 Girard Avenue, Bronx, New York, was picked up April 25, 1945, as a suspicious person; that he was held for two hours and released. He was not accompanied by anyone and no photographs were obtained by the department.

SALERNO was described as 5' 7"; medium stout, black hair, brown eyes, medium complexion, occupation, salesman.

On November 2, 1959, the records of the Miami Police Department, Dade County Sheriff's Office and Municipal Court were reviewed but no information was located regarding the subject. The records of the Miami Beach Police Department revealed SALERNO was arrested April 3, 1947, for vagrancy - investigation, and was released April 4, 1947. He has Miami Beach Police Department number A 11585 and FBI number 4817958.

C. Associates

VINCENT ALEO and THOMAS LUCHESE

NY T-15 advised on 5/22/60, that he has known ANTHONY SALERNO for many years. He stated that SALERNO, VINCENT ALEO and THOMAS LUCHESE used to meet each morning at Lindys Restaurant, Broadway and 51st Street, New York City, New York, at about 2 a.m. NY T-15 stated that he had seen these men at Lindys night after night for many years.

VINCENT ALEO FBI #554810, born 5/26/04. Maintains an apartment, 19 W. 55th St., NYC, and a home at 1228 Monroe Avenue Hollywood Florida. NY T-19 advised during July, 1950, that VINCENT ALEO was an active member of the so called Eastern "syndicate" then comprised of such figures as FRANK COSTELLO, [redacted] JOE ADONIS, and JAKE and MEYER LANSKY. NY T-19 advised that this group operated the Club Green Acres, a notorious gambling house frequented by professional gambling elements, and the Club La Boheme, an exclusive plush gambling house. Formerly they operated the swank Colonial Inn. All of these establishments were

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located in Broward County Florida. VINCENT ALIO advised SA STEPHEN L. HALPIN on 3/18/60, that he had been a gambler in Florida, but the KEFAUVER hearings and subsequent newspaper publicity had resulted in the closing of gambling establishments. He stated, "we still do a little sneak gambling."

NY T-8 advised in November, 1954, that JOE ADONIS' place in the underworld setup in NYC, was being taken over by VINCENT ALEO.

NY T-20 Advised on 6/25/56, that he had received information from a reliable source that a meeting of 35 top racketeers was held at the Saint Moritz Hotel in NYC on 5/18/56 and VINCENT ALIO was elected to replace FRANK COSTELLO as head of the Eastern "syndicate."

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~~THOMAS LUCHESE aka TOMMY BROWN, FBI # 168275, born December, 1899 in Palermo, Italy.~~ NY T-8 related in March, 1953 that THOMAS "Three Fingers BROWN" LUCHESE, VITO GENOVESE and FRANK COSTELLO are the three alleged top leaders of the syndicate in NYC. Informant stated that the 'syndicate' controlled all types of large scale crime in NYC.

NY T-20 advised in 1952, that THOMAS LUCHESE was the most feared man in the garment area in NYC.

NY T-24 related in July, 1953, that LUCHESE was one of the most powerful figures in the garment area in NY.

*N.Y.* ~~MIKE COPPOLA AKA TRUSSARDI MIKE~~  
~~BOA 7-29-1200- FRIEDMAN, ET AL.~~  
NY T-2 advised on January 7, 1956, that MIKE COPPOLA continued to be the "boss" of the East Harlem area of NYC, although he currently resides, and has other interests in Miami, Florida.

NY T-2 stated that COPPOLA's number 1 man and the individual who runs things for him in the East Harlem area, is "FAT TONY" SALERNO. Through SALERNO, COPPOLA controls the

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numbers racket, gambling, and other rackets in the East Harlem area.

MICHAEL COPPOLA aka "Trigger Mike", COPPOLA FBI # 677976, was born 7/29/00 At Frichano, Italy.

NY T-20 advised on 12/16/55, that MIKE COPPOLA along with VINCENT ALO., was a member of a "syndicate" which controlled bookmaking at Tropical Race Track, Coral Gables, Florida.

NY T-18 advised in 1939, that TRIGGER MIKE COPPOLA was an important gangster and one of the leaders of a mob of Italian narcotic dealers in NYC.

NY T-27 advised on 1/7/56, that MIKE COPPOLA was the "boss" of the East Harlem area in NYC, and controlled numbers gambling narcotics and garment racketeering in the East Harlem area. NY T-19 advised 12/15/58 that SALERNO is very close to COPPOLA, but is seldom seen with him in public

PAUL CORREALE

NY T-2 advised on January 7, 1956, that PAULIE HAMM whose true name is PAUL CORREALE is closely associated with "FAT TONY" SALERNO, and informant believes that CORREALE works for and is under the control of SALERNO and MIKE COPPOLA.

PAUL CORREALE aka PAULIE HAMM FBI # 177910, born 2/25/11, NYC, NY, resides 38 Olive Street, Lake Success, Long Island, NY. CORREALE arrested approximately 15 times between 1928 and June 17, 1959, for robbery, felonious assault and numbers. In November, 1957, NY T-12 described PAULIE HAMM as an underworld figure from East Harlem who is reputed to be one of the country's foremost dealers in narcotics.

NY T-6 advised in June, 1959, that CORREALE is one of the biggest racketeers in the East Harlem area and that he has widespread gambling interests and is bankrolling a large narcotics operation.

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ALFRED CUPOLA

NY T-4 advised on March 5, 1958, that FAT TONY SALERNO's numbers business is <sup>run</sup> by a Lieutenant named "SHARKEY."

NY T-7 advised on August 27, 1958, that FAT TONY SALERNO is the number one numbers man in NYC. NY T-7 stated that FAT TONY's top man is an individual named "SHARKEY."

NY T-6 advised in September, 1959, that SHARKEY was identical with ALFRED CUPOLA, FBI # 1944783, NYCPD # B54987.

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JOE MASSEI, JOHN ANGERSOLA Ohio

The Miami Daily News of October 17, 1954, carried an article indicating that TONY SALERNO was frequently seen in the company of JOE MASSEI, FBI # 597894, who was described as a Detroit and Miami Beach hoodlum and JOHN ANGERSOLA, FBI # 98146, who was described in the article as a Cleveland, Ohio and Miami Beach hoodlum.

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NY T-1 related on 9/15/59, that [redacted] was the mistress of ANTHONY SALERNO and had resided with him at 850 7th Avenue, NYC, NY.

On May 1, 1958, [redacted] listed one [redacted] of [redacted] NY, NY, as a reference with [redacted]

On September 16, 1959, [redacted] was interviewed by SA ROGER L. KAAS and WILLIAM D. KANE. [redacted] stated

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that she met [redacted] in Chicago in 1950 when both were working [redacted]

[redacted] said that to the best of her knowledge [redacted] first met SALERNO sometime in 1950, although she does not remember the exact circumstances. [redacted] returned to NY and took up residence as [redacted]

[redacted] stated that although she has been out socially with SALERNO and [redacted] she was unable to supply any additional information concerning him.

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D. Activities

1. Bookmaking

NY T-13 advised on June, 17, 1960, that SALERNO heads a bookmaking and gambling "syndicate" which includes MIKE COPPOLA MORRIS SCHMERTZLER and others. This group, according to the informant, does a bookmaking business of about \$100,000<sup>per day</sup> on baseball. SALERNO, according to the informant, is the head of this group. When a ballgame is in progress, SALERNO is kept advised of the batter, the balls and strikes, outs, and so forth, per inning, as some bets are made on other phases of the game beyond the outcome of the game. Informant states that SALERNO has been seen at the mid-town Social Club, Miami Beach, Florida on a daily bases. Informant states that individuals report to him as each baseball batter is announced.

Informant advised that according to his information, FAT TONY SALERNO, is the head of all sports events, bookmaking activities in the Miami Beach area and that informant has heard that SALERNO bets a couple of thousand on a single game.

Informant suggested that FAT TONY SALERNO can also be observed, on a daily bases, hanging around the Seagull Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida and is taking big action betting on baseball.

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On June 24, 1960, informant advised that SALERNO bet heavily on FLOYD PATTERSON within the last six hour period before the fight, and of course, when PATTERSON won, SALERNO realized a large sum of money.

Regarding MORRIS SCHMERTZLER aka MAX COURTNEY, FBI # 4047323, born 9/23/99, in Austria, resides Hampshire House, 150 Central Park South, Apartment 601. NY T-22 related in 1958, that MAX COURTNEY has been known to the police for years, as a bookie and gambler of sufficient wealth to handle large bets.

NY T-23 related during 1951, that MAX COURTNEY was one of the top bookmakers and gamblers on the east coast and that he could handle individual bets involving sums of \$4,000 and over

NY T-14 advised on 6/21/60, that all the money which is collected in the Harlem area, is eventually turned over to FAT TONY SALERNO who is the big numbers man in the East Harlem New York City area.

NY T-8 stated in August, 1958, that FAT TONY SALERNO was in control of a numbers operation in NYC, and this group was also engaged in the narcotics business and shylocking.

NY T-5 in August, 1958, that ANTHONY SALERNO was an underling of MIKE COPPOLA .

NY T-7 related in August, 1958, that FAT TONY SALERNO is the headman in the numbers racket, and informant estimated that TONY employs about 400 controllers, who in turn, <sup>each</sup> employ 10 runners in the bookmaking business.

On January 20, 1959, NY T-5 advised that FAT TONY SALERNO was going out of the numbers racket. Informant advised that several weeks prior to that time, some of SALERNO's operators were arrested on their way to NY and it cost SALERNO a lot of money. As a result, it was alleged, he was giving up banking the numbers.

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It is noted that the "New York Daily Mirror" for November 12, 1958, reflected the arrest by the New York City Police Department of several men and women enroute from New York to New Jersey. According to the Article, they were part of a numbers ring doing an estimated annual amount of business of six million dollars.

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NY T-3 said in September, 1953 that one of the top men in the 116th Street mob was "FAT TONY" SALERNO, a cousin of JOE STRACCI. Informant said that SALERNO hangs out in a club known as the Palmer Club on East 116th Street and does an average daily betting business of over \$30,000 per day.

JOSEPH ANTHONY STRACCI has FBI Number 72208. On May 31, 1955, NY T-12 advised that JOSEPH STRACCI was one of the top men in the East Harlem Italian Mob in addition to being a power in the Garment District of New York City. According to this informant, STRACCI is commonly known in the Italian underworld as "JOE STRETCH".

NY T-3 related in September, 1953, that "TRIGGER" MIKE COPPOLA was the leader of the aforementioned mob. Informant stated that "FAT TONY" SALERNO handled the private garbage collection, either through the owners or through the union. Informant said that "FAT TONY" SALERNO also owned Metro Urban Music Company, a distributor of juke boxes in Manhattan. He said that one [redacted] fronted for SALERNO in the juke box business. NY T-10 advised on February 16, 1954, that at that time SALERNO was one of the biggest numbers men in New York City.

NY T-11 stated on December 19, 1957, that "FAT TONY" controls the numbers on the East Side. He said he operated with police protection or he would not be able to stay in business. Informant said that "FAT TONY" was reputed to be a good friend of [redacted]

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NY T-2 advised in January, 1956, that COPPOLA's number one man and the individual who runs things for him in the East Harlem area is "FAT TONY" SALERNO.

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NY T-4 advised on March 5, 1958, that ANTHONY SALERNO as the numbers banker receives 65 per cent of the handle and backs all bets. He said that SALERNO is removed from all administration of the territory and territorial disputes between numbers controllers were settled among themselves.

NY T-7 related in August, 1958, that "FAT TONY" SALERNO was a numbers banker and employed approximately 400 controllers who each in turn hire approximately 10 runners. Informant said that about one year ago the number 100 was hit and the word got out that the bank couldn't pay off. A few days later, informant heard that "FAT TONY" went to Detroit to get the necessary money. NY T-11 advised on August 6, 1958, that in the event the New York City Police Department raids a numbers drop, the banks open the next day and winning numbers are carried over from the previous day. NY T-5 related on August 18, 1958, that it was talk throughout the underworld that "FAT TONY" SALERNO was an underling of MIKE COPPOLA. He said that all activities in the East Side area of Upper New York City including crap games, numbers, and the protection racket are run by MIKE COPPOLA and the JOEY RAO crowd. Although neither RAO nor COPPOLA assumes an actual part in these activities, NY T-5 said that they still get a large part of the proceeds.

JOSEPH LOUIS RAO has FBI Number 283669. He was born on March 12, 1901, in New York City.

He is a person known to be or suspected of being engaged in the illicit traffic of narcotics, according to NY T-18. NY T-8 advised that RAO has control or has a controlling interest in the gambling rackets in Harlem, New York.

NY T-12 advised on September 12, 1958, that "FAT TONY" SALERNO is believed to have taken over control of rackets formerly operated by "TRIGGER" MIKE COPPOLA. NY T-12

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said that he could not furnish information to prove this, but it is known among the underworld that "FAT TONY" has the controlling interest in numbers, bookmaking, shylocking and Italian lottery in New York City. NY T-12 said he believed that the majority of shylocks operating in New York City get their operating money from "FAT TONY". Informant said that "FAT TONY" frequents the Play Room Bar on West 58th Street, New York City.

Illegal Boxing Promotion

The New York State Athletic Commission between September 14 and September 22, 1959, conducted hearings concerning the PATTERSON-JOHANSSON title bout, June 23, 1959.

On September 14, 1959, WILLIAM ROSENSOHN testified that he first met TONY SALERNO in April, 1958, when GILBERT BECKLEY called him and told him to come over to the Hampshire House to meet a man influential in boxing. ROSENSOHN stated that when he arrived there was TONY SALERNO, FRANK ERICKSON CUS D'AMATO and about 10 or 12 others.

Later that same night at dinner, ROSENSOHN stated that he sat next to SALERNO and asked him to put a word in with D'AMATO to help Teleprompter Corporation to secure the theater rights to the forthcoming PATTERSON-HARRIS fight. SALERNO stated "Oh sure" and advised that CHARLIE BLACK, a very close friend of D'AMATO's would do anything that SALERNO wanted him to do.

ROSENSOHN testified that he had no further contact with SALERNO until September, 1958. At that time, he owed JACK HURLEY, a promoter, \$25,000.00 as a result of HURLEY's assistance in promoting the PATTERSON-HARRIS fight. ROSENSOHN testified that he had not requested this assistance, but had taken HURLEY on only at D'AMATO's insistence and had lost

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\$5,000.00 on the promotion. As a result he was attempting to have HURLEY settle for a lesser amount. He testified that CHARLIE BLACK suggested he call SALERNO to straighten the matter out. ROSENSOHN advised that in September he called SALERNO, who came over to his apartment while SAM RICHMAN was there helping HURLEY. SALERNO allegedly told RICHMAN that HURLEY should settle for \$10,000.00 and leave ROSENSOHN alone.

ROSENSOHN testified that he did not actually hear this as he was in the bedroom but that SALERNO told him this when he came out. He stated that SALERNO added that if the PATTERSON-JOHANSSON fight, which ROSENSOHN was trying to promote, should come off, ROSENSOHN should give HURLEY an additional \$2,500.00.

ROSENSOHN testified that after going to Sweden, and signing up JOHANSSON, he faced a \$10,000.00 forfeiture if he did not sign PATTERSON within 40 days. In October, 1958, he received a call from TONY SALERNO who wanted to meet him. ROSENSOHN testified that at this meeting SALERNO offered to help in getting D'AMATO to sign within the time period and also offered to participate in the promotion, however, nothing specific was worked out at that time.

ROSENSOHN testified that in November, 1958, he met with SALERNO and BLACK and at that time SALERNO stated he would put up all of the money for the promotion with the profits to be split 1/3 to him, 1/3 to ROSENSOHN and 1/3 to BLACK.

ROSENSOHN testified that in the mean time, the 40 days expired, however, an extension of time was secured.

In January, 1959, ROSENSOHN testified he returned from Sweden and received a call from SALERNO, who stated that VINCENT J. VALELLA would represent SALERNO and take

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over the promotion from his standpoint. SALERNO wished to set up a company and have VALELLA front for him. A meeting was suggested for January 20 in VALELLA's office.

ROSENSOHN testified that this meeting was held and was attended by himself, VALELLA, SALERNO, and CHARLIE BLACK. According to ROSENSOHN, SALERNO did all the talking and stated that VALELLA under his direction would put up \$25,000.00 and that BLACK could start drawing \$150.00 weekly, in March. VALELLA was to have sole power to sign checks. At this meeting, corporation papers were drawn up and signed for the incorporation of "Allstar Sports".

ROSENSOHN testified that he then decided he would not want BLACK to be on paper as a partner because of BLACK's association with D'AMATO. It would appear that D'AMATO was participating as both manager and promoter. ROSENSOHN testified that SALERNO agreed with him and new papers were drawn up listing one of VALELLA's secretaries as a partner although it was understood this was BLACK's share.

At this time, ROSENSOHN testified SALERNO also gave him \$10,000.00 in one hundred dollar bills for living expenses. This was a personal loan and not part of the promotion. Also at SALERNO's suggestion, ROSENSOHN and VALELLA were to concoct a story as to <sup>were</sup> they had met and it was decided that they had met at a Republican Meeting.

ROSENSOHN testified that on January 29, 1959, the fight contracts were signed. JOHANSSON had arrived January 23 and agreed to HARRY DAVIDOW as his American manager. (Contract provided he should accept American manager approved by D'AMATO). ROSENSOHN further stated that he then entered into an argument with VALELLA concerning the contract and his refusal to assign it to Allstar Sports. As a result, he commenced dealing with the ZECKENDORF family who entered into the promotion. According to ROSENSOHN, SALERNO did not object but D'AMATO did, stating that he was only protecting BLACK's interest.



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However, on May 14, the ZECKENDORFs, publicly stated they were not involved in the promotion and agreed to accept 500 one hundred dollar tickets against the \$43,000.00 advanced by them.

ROSENSOHN testified on May 14, he called SALERNO and met with him and BLACK at Cass Franklin's place on 57th Street. SALERNO was eager to go ahead as planned. Later the same day VALELLA, BLACK, SALERNO, BECKLEY, and ROSENSOHN met at the Hampshire House, where it was agreed to go ahead if they could have the books of Rosensohn Enterprises.

On May 22, ROSENSOHN stated he met with BLACK, SALERNO, VALELLA, and BECKLEY after the Athletic Commission had turned down DAVIDOW as American manager. This meant D'AMATO would not control JOHANSSON through his choice of managers.

ROSENSOHN testified that on June 3, 1959, he met with SALERNO and others in the Republican Club on 116th Street.

He further testified that on June 9, 1959, VALELLA picked up 532 one hundred dollar tickets which were not to be returnable. D'AMATO picked up 250 tickets two days prior to the fight. VALELLA returned 400 tickets, 130 of which were presumably D'AMATO's. ROSENSOHN testified that on June 18, 1959, SALERNO called him and at a subsequent meeting with VALELLA and BLACK at Mc Carthy's Steak House, he was induced to waive all ancillary rights to the fight. Also at that time VALELLA took out stock certificates in Rosensohn Enterprises and had ROSENSOHN endorse them on the back. He kept two of them and then gave ROSENSOHN one.

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ROSENSOHN testified that on June 22, it was agreed that 200 working press tickets would be sold and the money distributed. On the Monday or Tuesday after the fight, he stated SALERNO and BECKLEY gave him \$1,000.00 or \$1,300.00 as his share. SALERNO advised ROSENSOHN that he would have VALELLA give him \$16,400.00 for additional tickets.

On July 14, 1959, after VALELLA had publicly announced he was a majority stockholder in Rosensohn Enterprises, ROSENSOHN stated he called him and wanted to speak to TONY. VALELLA then said "who is TONY" and from that time on has denied any association with SALERNO.

In subsequent testimony, BLACK, BECKLEY, and VALELLA while admitting knowing SALERNO have denied he participated in the promotion.

As a result of the hearings, ROSENSOHN was suspended as a promoter for three years. CUS D'AMATC, Manager of Former World's Heavyweight Champion FLOYD PATTERSON, had his license revoked. According to the "New York Daily Mirror", a daily New York newspaper, edition of December 10, 1959, VALELLA was indicted on two counts of perjury for having lied to the State Athletic Commission on September 15, 1959, and also on August 10, 1959, to the Grand Jury.

On the first count, according to the article, the indictment sets forth that SALERNO in the presence of VALELLA made a payment of \$10,000.00 to ROSENSOHN. It is charged that VALELLA testified falsely before the Athletic Commission when he denied hearing any conversation regarding the \$10,000.00. The second count alleges that the lawyer lied to the Grand Jury when he denied there was any discussion of awarding CHARLIE BLACK, a former fight manager, and confidant of D'AMATO, an equal 1/3 interest with VALELLA and ROSENSOHN in Allstar Sports, Incorporated.

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On December 10, 1959, VALELLA was arraigned in Special Sessions Court where he entered a plea of not guilty and was released on \$1,000.00 bail.

On December 16, 1959, representatives of the New York District Attorney's Office, secured service on SALERNO in Miami under the Uniform <sup>witness</sup> Act for an appearance before the New York Grand Jury for questioning regarding his part in the title fight promotion. The service was arranged through SALERNO's attorney, BERNARD FRANK, who had been in touch with the District Attorney's Office in New York.

On December 20, 1959, Dade County Circuit Court Judge MARSHALL WISEHART refused to order SALERNO returned to New York on the grounds that to return him from Florida by the ordinary course of travel, SALERNO would have to be taken through Georgia. Georgia is one of the states that has not signed the Uniform <sup>witness</sup> Act. An appeal on behalf of New York authorities is being entered by [redacted] of the Florida State Attorney's Office. It is noted that Judge MARSHALL WISEHART was the same judge who in 1946 granted SALERNO a divorce from his wife.

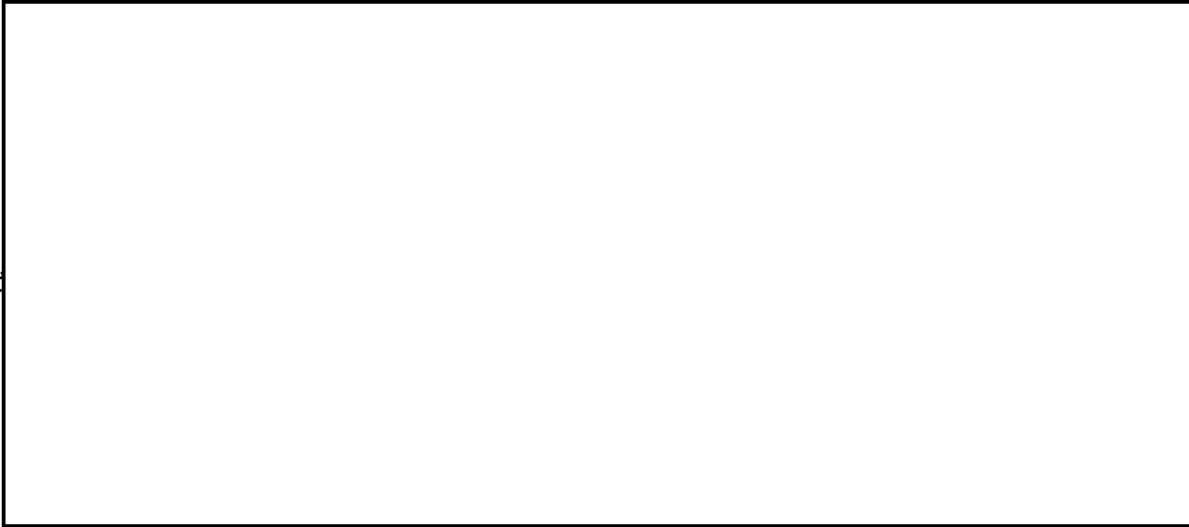
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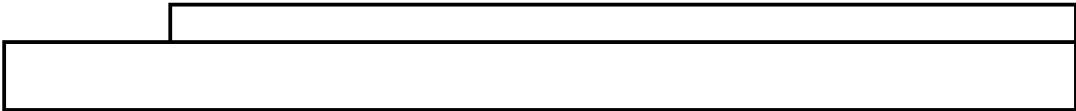
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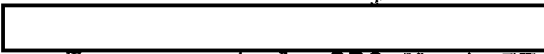
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E. Legitimate Enterprises

Metro Urban Music Company  
2228 First Avenue  
New York, New York

Special

ANTHONY SALERNO advised agents of the Miami Office, FBI on April 4, 1947, that for the past seven years, he had operated the Metro Urban Music Company, 2228 First Avenue, New York City.

 Automatic Music Operators Association, Incorporated, 250 West 57th Street, New York City, furnished the membership list of his association in 1946,

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NY T-3 advised in March, 1956, that "FAT TONY" SALERNO owned Metro Urban, a distributor of juke boxes in Manhattan. NY T-3 said a [redacted] fronted for SALERNO in the juke box business.

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NY T-3 advised on November 14, 1950, that "FAT TONY", owner of the Metro Urban Music Company, 2228 First Avenue, New York City, was probably the richest man in the Harlem rackets.

From NY T-16 it was ascertained in 1950, that "FAT TONY" was ANTHONY SALERNO, who sold the Metro Urban Music Company to [redacted] in January, 1950. [redacted] was formerly in the employ of SALERNO.

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[redacted] in 1958, reflect that telephone number JU 2-1859 is a non-published telephone number for the telephone in Apartment 7F at 850 Seventh Avenue, in the name of JOSEPH MORETTI. The same records indicate MORETTI is a serviceman with Metro Urban Music Company, telephone number LE 4-9441.

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Miss Kay Fashions  
42 West 28th Street  
New York, New York

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On May 5, 1960, IRVING FINE was interviewed at the Everard Baths, 28 West 28th Street, New York, New York, by SAs R. KAAS and WILLIAM DAVID KANE. FINE stated that he was the former president of the above concern, but in the latter part of 1959 had disposed of his interest to [REDACTED]

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FINE readily admitted that the subject had also been a partner in the company and offered the following explanation. He stated that he was born and raised in East Harlem in the vicinity of East 116th Street and Madison Avenue and came to know SALERNO years ago when SALERNO was a truck drivers helper. However, FINE denied that he ever ran with him or his associates. FINE stated that through the years he would see SALERNO occasionally in different bars but again would not associate with him other than to speak to him.

In the latter part of 1955, two close friends who were in the garment business, [REDACTED] offered him a chance to go into the dress business. Each man was to put up \$5,000.00. FINE stated that during the formation of the company he ran into SALERNO on a street corner and during the course of the conversation mentioned the new venture to him and casually asked him if he would like to invest. SALERNO agreed to put up \$5,000.00. At this point FINE denied that he had any idea as to SALERNO's hoodlum activities. FINE stated that SALERNO never exercised any control or drew any money from the company and a few months after his investment, requested to dispose of his interest. FINE advised that SALERNO was paid approximately \$6100 by company check for his 1/4 interest. He stated that this was in the early part of 1956 and he has not seen SALERNO since that time. FINE advised that he devotes all of his time to the running of the Everard Baths and other real estate owned by him.

#### F. Places of Amusement or Hangouts

NY T-12 advised in October, 1958, that "FAT TONY" frequents the Play Room Bar on West 58th Street between Sixth and Seventh Avenues.

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NY T-7 advised on August 27, 1958, that "FAT TONY" was then operating from a bar and grill located in the 80's on York Avenue, owned by an Italian. NY T-3 advised in March, 1956, that TONY SALERNO and other members of the East 116th Street Mob frequented the barbershop and a funeral parlor located in the neighborhood of 116th Street and First Avenue, New York City.

G. Travel

NY T-17 advised in March, 1958, that SALERNO had told him that he was going to Chicago for the ROBINSON-BASILIO Prize Fight.

NY T-7 advised that on August 27, 1958, that "FAT TONY" SALERNO visits MIKE COPPOLA in Florida four or five times a year.

H. Miscellaneous

No record of any current New York driver's or chauffeur's licenses or any auto registration for the past three years, in the name of ANTHONY SALERNO has been located at the New York State Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

I. Physical Description

The following physical description of ANTHONY SALERNO was obtained by interview and observation by Special Agents (SAs) of the FBI on April 4, 1947, and from other subsequent investigation:

Name	ANTHONY SALERNO
Date of Birth	August 11, 1911 Bronx, New York

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Height	5 feet 6 inches
Weight	240 pounds
Hair	Black, receding
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Medium
Residence	1041 North Venetian Drive, Miami Beach, Florida; Caribe Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida; 2241 First Avenue, top floor apartment, New York City; R.D. #1 Rhinebeck, New York
Relatives	Wife - <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 150px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></span>
	Daughter - <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 150px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></span>

SALERNO SHOULD BE CONSIDERED POSSIBLY ARMED AND  
DANGEROUS AS HE IS BELIEVED TO PRACTICE TARGET SHOOTING.

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