

November 6, 1951

SAC, Philadelphia
Director, FBI (17-)

SANTO VOLPE
AGATI (fnu)

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION MATTER
(SERVICEMEN'S READJUSTMENT ACT, 1944)

Enclosed is a copy of an anonymous letter received at the Bureau in an envelope postmarked October 26, 1951, Pittston, Pa.

A check of Bureau files failed to reflect any pertinent data that could be identified with the individuals set forth in said letter on the basis of the information furnished on the names as spelled.

It is requested that you attempt to identify the party named Agati who is mentioned in said letter as being indicted for VA School Fraud. Also, you should conduct any necessary investigation regarding the captioned individual named Volpe in the enclosed letter. Please advise the Bureau the results of your action.

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Mr. Ladd
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Mr. Egan
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Mr. Harbo
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

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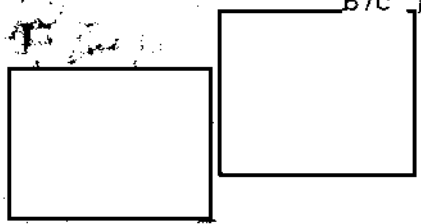
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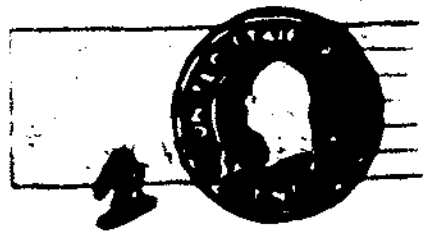
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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FILE NO.

REPORT MADE AT PHILADELPHIA, PA. DATE WHEN MADE 1/11/52 PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/4/52 REPORT MADE BY GEORGE R. JOHNSON (A)

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TITLE: SANTO VOLPE; GUY AGATI; ANTHONY AGATI
CHARACTER OF CASE: VETERANS ADMINISTRATION MATTER (SERVICEMEN'S READJUSTMENT ACT OF 1946)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Anonymous complaint alleged SANTO VOLPE is defrauding U. S. Government through operation of GI school together with GUY AGATI in W. Pittston, Pa. [redacted] Scranton, Pa., advised school ostensibly owned by ANTHONY AGATI, investigated by VA and no provable fraud developed. [redacted] subpoenaed before Grand Jury, Scranton, Pa., in connection with investigation and as a result thereof was indicted for perjury. [redacted] said no reason for investigation by FBI and recommended no further action by this office.

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DETAILS:

This case was predicated upon information contained in an anonymous letter received at the Bureau in an envelope postmarked October 20, 1951. The anonymous letter is quoted as follows:

"FBI

HAVE YOU CHECKED SANTO VOLPE 20% BENTON ST WREST PITSTON IN GI SCHOOL. STEALING ME IN WITH LAST COPY MARSHALL ED-MARTIN FOR FOR GI SCHOOL FRAUD."

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AT SCRANTON, PA.

The above quoted anonymous memo was brought to the attention of [redacted], Special Assistant to the Attorney General, at Scranton, Pa., on January 4, 1952. At that time [redacted] advised that accountants of the Veterans Administration had made audit examination of the books and records of three schools owned and operated by ANTHONY AGATI of West Pittston, Pa. The three schools are the Wilkes-Barre Building and Construction School, the Taylor Cabinet Making School and the West Pittston School of Carpentry and Woodworking. [redacted] stated ANTHONY AGATI is the owner of record of these three schools although it is believed the schools were financed by his father-in-law, SANTO VOLPE, a wealthy coal operator in the Pittston and West Pittston area.

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[redacted] said the Special Federal Grand Jury now in session in Scranton made an investigation of the operation of the three above-mentioned schools and the Main Supply Company, operated by GUY AGATI, brother of ANTHONY AGATI. He said during the course of this investigation witnesses were called to testify before the Grand Jury, including [redacted]

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[redacted] and as a result of his testimony before the Grand Jury, [redacted] was indicted for perjury, violation of Section 1621, Title 18. A true bill charging this violation in 20 counts was returned on October 18, 1951 and GUY AGATI entered a plea of not guilty on October 25, 1951. At the present time he is at liberty under \$5,000.00 bail. The original docket number is 12201.

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According to [redacted] the Grand Jury investigation disclosed that ANTHONY AGATI, who is employed by his father-in-law, SANTO VOLPE from whom he receives an annual salary of \$12,500.00 paid by the Gateway Coal Company and the Volpe Construction Company, opened the three veterans training schools on behalf of his brother, GUY AGATI. It is alleged, he said, that GUY AGATI was unable to obtain a license to operate the schools by reason of his prior criminal record. [redacted] added that the investigation of the schools disclosed that a large part of the school purchases of lumber and other supplies were made from the Main Supply Company, which is operated by GUY AGATI. He said the Main Supply Company is a partnership enterprise and GUY AGATI's partners include [redacted]

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[redacted] ANTHONY and another individual named [redacted] who is employed by the [redacted] in Wilkes-Barre. [redacted] stated the investigation of the schools failed to develop any fraud, but that the audit examination of the Main Supply Company records disclosed the fictitious invoices for the purchases of lumber.

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[redacted] stated that inasmuch as the schools and the Main Supply Company had been completely investigated by the Veterans Administration and the Grand Jury, he saw no reason for any further action in this matter on the part of the FBI. He, therefore, recommended that this case be closed.

The facts set forth above were also discussed with United States Attorney ARTHUR A. MAGUIRE at Scranton, who advised he concurred in the opinion expressed by [redacted]

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In view of the above quoted opinion, no further investigation of this matter is contemplated by this office.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau letter to Philadelphia dated 11/6/51.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (17-609)

SUBJECT: ^① GUY AGATI
 VETERANS ADMINISTRATION MATTER
 (SERVICEMEN'S READJUSTMENT ACT
 OF 1964) (PERJURY)

DATE: 10/22/52

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Reference is made to the report of SA GEORGE R. JOHNSON (A), dated 10/22/52, reporting the imposition of sentence on subject AGATI.

The Philadelphia Field Division did not conduct any active investigation of AGATI in connection with the charges on which he was indicted and subsequently pleaded guilty. Information necessary for the preparation of a parole report is not available, and a report will not be submitted unless advised to the contrary.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **PHILADELPHIA**

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REPORT MADE AT PHILADELPHIA	DATE WHEN MADE 10/22/52	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10/14/52	REPORT MADE BY GEORGE R. JOHNSON (A)
TITLE CHANGED: GUY AGATI		CHARACTER OF CASE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION MATTER (SERVICEMEN'S READJUSTMENT ACT OF 1944) (PERJURY)	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

On 5/19/52, subject, GUY AGATI, appeared in Federal Court, Scranton, Pa., before Federal Judge JOHN W. MURPHY and entered a plea of guilty to one count in a twenty count indictment charging him with violation of Section 1621, Title 18, U.S.C. (Perjury). On October 14, 1952, MURPHY sentenced AGATI to two years in the penitentiary and imposed a fine of \$2000 on him.

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DETAILS:

The title of this case has been changed to mark the deletion of the names of subjects SANTO VOLPE and ANTHONY AGATI.

At Scranton, Pa.

Subject GUY AGATI appeared in Federal Court in Scranton, Pa., before Judge JOHN W. MURPHY on May 19, 1952, and entered a plea of guilty to one of twenty counts in an indictment charging him with violation of Section 1621, Title 18 (Perjury). AGATI was represented by Attorneys [redacted] of Scranton and GEORGE A. KILGORE of Pittston, Pa. At the time he entered this plea of guilty, [redacted] Special Assistant to the Attorney General, who represented the Government, informed the court that each of the twenty counts in this indictment was of a similar nature and involved questions and answers in the grand jury proceedings concerning fraudulent invoices as between the Mail Supply Company, owned and operated by AGATI, and three veterans vocational training schools ostensibly owned and operated by his brother, ANTHONY AGATI.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: *[Signature]* SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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The guilty plea was accepted by Judge MURPHY.

On October 14, 1952, GUY AGATI again appeared in Federal Court, Scranton, Pa., before Federal Judge JOHN W. MURPHY, who imposed the following sentence: two years in a penitentiary to be designated by the Attorney General; \$2000 fine. Judge MURPHY decreed that the fine must be paid within a period of one week following imposition of sentence.

Enclosure to Bureau: Disposition Sheet for GUY AGATI.

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REFERENCE: Report of SA GEORGE R. JOHNSON (A), 1/14/52, Philadelphia.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

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SEPTEMBER 28, 1944

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

ATTN: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, et al.

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions contained in Bureau Bulletin No. 17 dated May 18, 1936, kindly advise this office immediately if the Identification Division receives any record of arrest of the following individual during the period of time specified below (*):

NAME AND ALIASES: RAMON VULPE 11/30/44

P.B.I. or POLICE NO.
P.P.C.

DATE & PLACE OF SENTENCE: 7/21/44, SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF N.Y.

ACTUAL SENTENCE IMPROVED; REPORTING OF SENTENCE IMPROVED

SUBMITTED SENTENCE IMPROVED;

FORGIVEN IMPROVED; CITY NAME

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Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy

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Special Agent in Charge

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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (92-8318)

DATE: 9/20/65


FROM:  SAC, Philadelphia (92-752)

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SUBJECT: SANTO VOLPE, SR., aka
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u Enclosed herewith are two copies of LCN membership index card and one photograph of subject.

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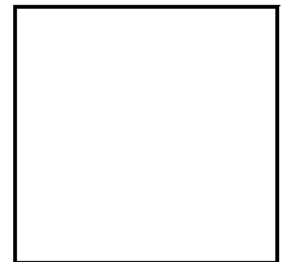
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REPORTING OFFICE PHILADELPHIA	OFFICE OF ORIGIN PHILADELPHIA	DATE 4/25/66	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 9/27 - 10/22/65
TITLE OF CASE SANTO VOLPE, SR.		REPORT MADE BY ROBERT L. HARVEY, JR.	TYPED BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 50px; height: 15px;"></div>
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Reference

Report of SA ROBERT L. HARVEY, JR., dated 9/20/65 at Philadelphia.

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Enclosures

TO BUREAU:

Original and one copy of IHM characterizing informants utilized in this report.

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PHILADELPHIA:

At Philadelphia, Pa.

Will, upon return of subject's LCN Membership Index Card, close this case.

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(YES) Case Pending Over One Year. (NO) Prosecution Pending Over Six Months.

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Administrative Data

Inasmuch as all investigation has been completed, this case is being placed in a pending inactive status pending return of his LCN index card, at which time the case will be closed.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Scranton, Pa.

Report of: SA ROBERT L. HARVEY, JR. Office: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Date: April 25, 1966

Field Office File #: 92-752 Bureau File #: 92-8318

Title: SANTO VOLPE, SR.

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

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Synopsis:

[redacted] and
subject were first cousins. Records of New York City
Police Department negative re subject's alleged arrest New York
City 8/17/32.

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DETAILS:

On September 27, 1965, Philadelphia Confidential
Informant T-1 advised that [redacted]

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[redacted] The
[redacted] and SANTO VOLPE, SR., were
first cousins.

On September 27, 1965, Philadelphia Confidential
Informant T-2 advised that prior to his death, SANTO VOLPE,
SR. was the leader of the "organization" in the Pittston, Pa.
area. He said that if you wanted a conference with VOLPE,
you were required to make your wishes known to someone close to
VOLPE, and subsequently you would receive a message stating that
VOLPE wanted to see you at his home.

PH T-2 also stated that subject was a mine contractor,
and claimed that subject was taking money from the employer and
the owners of the mines at the same time. He described it as
a "shake-down racket."

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By letter dated October 22, 1965, the New York Office advised that SA AUGUST MICEK reviewed the files of the New York City Police Department and no record could be located for the subject or his associates, allegedly arrested in New York on August 17, 1932.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 92-752

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

April 25, 1966

Title **SANTO VOLPE, SR.**

Character **ANTI-RACKETEERING**

Reference **Report of Special Agent Robert L. Harvey, Jr. dated and captioned as above.**

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



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

April 25, 1966

*In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.*

Santo Volpe, Sr.

Reference report of SA ROBERT L. HARVEY, JR., dated and captioned as above.

The following is a characterization of the informants utilized in this report.

PH T-1 is an individual having knowledge of the subject and his activities.

PH T-2 is an individual having knowledge of the subject and the criminal element in the Pittston, Pa. area.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (92-8318)

FROM : JOS
[Redacted] SAC, Philadelphia (92-752)(P*)

SUBJECT: SANTO VOLPE, SR.
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(Origin: Philadelphia)

DATE: 10/5/66

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Re Philadelphia report of SA ROBERT L. HARVEY, JR., dated 4/25/66.

As stated in referenced report, all investigation has been completed relative to captioned matter. VOLPE is deceased, and an LCN Membership Index Card has been submitted to the Bureau.

Inasmuch as there is no additional information to report, this case is being continued in a P* status, pending receipt of Subject's LCN Membership Index Card from the Bureau, at which time the case will be placed in a closed status.

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