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PG T-7 is DAVID A. SMITH, Treasurer, City of Pittsburgh, Pa., who was contacted by SA RICHARD GORDON DOUCE on 12/1/60.

PG T-8 is the confidential report of Dun and Bradstreet, Inc., dated 4/19/59 and furnished by the Pittsburgh Office of that organization on 3/14/61.

PG T-9 is CHARLES METCALF, Vice-President, Western Pennsylvania National Bank, McKeesport, Pa., who was contacted by SAA ALLISON on 4/27 and 5/1/61.

PG T-10 is HAROLD W. LAUVER, Immigration and Naturalization Service Investigator, Pittsburgh, Pa., who requested that his identity be concealed and who was contacted by SA WILLIAM R. WALL on 12/12, 13, 16 and 19/57.

PG T-11 is JAMES CUNNINGHAM, Dun and Bradstreet representative, Johnstown, Pa., who requested that his identity not be revealed and who was contacted on 4/27/61 by SA J. EDWARD KERN.

PG T-12 is E. L. EDWARDS, Vice-President, United States National Bank, Johnstown, Pa., who was contacted by SA KERN on 4/27/61.

PG T-13 is JOHN E. GERLICH, Assistant Vice-President, Brookline Savings and Trust Company, Pittsburgh, Pa., who was contacted on 4/17/61 by SAA ALLISON.

PG T-14 is J. DOUGLAS DOLE, Executive Vice-President and Secretary, South Pittsburgh Savings and Loan Association, Pittsburgh, Pa., who was contacted by SAA ALLISON on 4/17/61.

PG T-15 is CHESTER STUPAK, a former potential criminal informant of the Pittsburgh Office who was contacted by SA JOHN S. PORTELLA on 12/13/54 and 10/21/55.

PG T-16 is CHARLES H. THOMAS, owner and operator of the Thomas Service Station at Ingomar, Pa., who requested that his identity remain confidential when contacted by SA VOEGE on 3/22/61.

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On February 27, 1958, Reverend ANDREW E. DLUGOS, Pastor, St. Michael's Roman Catholic Slovak Church, First Avenue, Jessup, Pa., advised SA JAMES E. CARROLL from official church records that MARY CMELIK was born at Jessup, Pa., on April 2, 1910, and was baptized on April 3, 1910. Her parents were listed as JOHN CMELIK and MAGDALENE GABRIS.

Records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service at Pittsburgh, Pa., as reviewed on December 12, 1957, indicate that LA ROCCA adopted a child named HOWARD LESLIE HOFFMAN at Greensburg, Pa., through the Westmoreland County Orphans Court. The father of this child was identified as TONY TERRIGIO and it was noted that the child was born at Greensburg, Pa., on October 1, 1943. Upon adoption, the child was named JOHN.

Lieutenant Colonel GILBERT PHILIPPS, Admissions Officer, Valley Forge Military Academy, Wayne, Pa., has advised that JOHN LA ROCCA is presently attending Valley Forge Military Academy, where tuition, room and board amounts to approximately \$2,225 each school year. He further advised that the only close associate of LA ROCCA at the academy is DOMENICK VINCENT RIPEPI, son of ANTONIO RIPEPI, a close associate of the elder LA ROCCA at Pittsburgh, Pa.

PHILIPPS advised that cadets are not required to account for money furnished to them by their parents or guardians and that this would apply also to the money these cadets spend at the post exchange or while away from the academy. They are not required to furnish memoranda and their mode of travel from the school to their homes during vacation periods. It should be noted that LA ROCCA is presently scheduled to graduate from Valley Forge Military Academy on June 3, 1961, and according to his father intends to pursue a course in law.

V. Origin of the Interest of LA ROCCA in Racketeering and Steps Leading to Current Position and Activities in Racketeering Matters

The most complete understanding of the origin and background of the interest of LA ROCCA in racketeering and the steps



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leading up to his current position and activities in racketeering matters, can be obtained from information relating to the early activities of LA ROCCA, furnished to the Pittsburgh Office of the FBI as follows:

On February 27, 1958, GEORGE MESSER advised that he had been in the numbers writing activity since about 1928 and is still active in this regard. He said that most of Pittsburgh's present day "big racket men" once depended on him solely for protection purposes since he knew local and state police figures and recalled that JOHN LA ROCCA was one of these racketeers. MESSER stated that LA ROCCA became acquainted with him in about 1941 or 1942 when LA ROCCA was handling all the numbers activity in the East Liberty Section of Pittsburgh and had set himself up as a "little god." When LA ROCCA became dissatisfied with his financial gains, he left Pittsburgh on a trip to Chicago to see friends about paste reel machines with which he felt he could make more money. MESSER said a paste reel was similar to a "one-armed bandit" with the exception that a small paper-wrapped mint was dispensed after the coin was placed in the slot and the play was registered. The Chicago manufacturer of this machine circumvented the "strictly for gambling purposes" phraseology in the law in this manner.

While LA ROCCA was in Chicago, MESSER said he moved into the East Liberty Section and took over the entire numbers operation. He turned in his numbers returns to one GEORGE CHRISTY (now deceased) in Pittsburgh. When LA ROCCA returned to Pittsburgh he became angry with MESSER and his move and had someone drive a car over MESSER one night as he was crossing a street. MESSER said when he was discharged from the hospital he found out that his automobile had numerous bullet holes in it. MESSER said that because he thought he would make money in the East Liberty Section, he stayed in the business of writing numbers and actually forced LA ROCCA out of the numbers business.

MESSER advised that in about 1943, he and LA ROCCA became friendly and LA ROCCA invited him to share equally in the ownership of the Coin Machine Distributing Company which later set up offices at 5746 Baum Boulevard, in Pittsburgh. MESSER

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recalled that LA ROCCA was completely bankrupt at that time because of numbers setbacks but managed to raise enough money to put up his share. MESSER said he personally traveled to Chicago to arrange for the purchase of machines to be distributed by this company and had a verbal agreement with ART ROONEY who allowed him to place these machines throughout the East Liberty, Homewood, and Garfield Sections of Pittsburgh where ROONEY was not operating. According to MESSER, ROONEY, who is the present owner of the Pittsburgh Steelers, professional football club, was the only man who could get paste reels before LA ROCCA tried, and controlled the entire Pittsburgh vicinity in this regard. MESSER said that the Government placed a \$100 tax stamp on each machine and the city of Pittsburgh put a \$50 tax stamp on each machine. He said that other owners of the company, in addition to himself and LA ROCCA, were FRANK AMATO, BARNEY MC GINLEY, SAMUEL MANNARINO, and F. W. ZOGG, the latter from Chicago.

MESSER advised that the company was doing well financially before Allegheny County authorities raided establishments where the machines had been placed and forced it out of business. He recalled that, although each of the six aforementioned individuals owned an equal share in the company, SAM MANNARINO and LA ROCCA seemed to run everything and held meetings at which important subjects were discussed in Italian, which he did not understand. He advised that he realized that LA ROCCA was only using him for his proven protection methods and MESSER did not mind as long as he got his cut of the profits. He recalled that during 1946 or 1947, MIKE GENOVESE came on the scene. He stated that this individual had been a pickup man for LA ROCCA in the East Liberty-Homewood Section of Pittsburgh and was a tough kid who, according to MESSER, "was almost begging to go to jail." He said LA ROCCA turned GENOVESE over to him and asked MESSER to "keep him clean" because he had him in mind for future plans. He recalled that FRANK VALENTI, who was present at the Apalachin conference of hoodlums, and ANTONIO RIPEPI, a Pittsburgh hoodlum, visited the offices of the Coin Machine Distributing Company regularly and always took orders from MANNARINO and LA ROCCA. He said RIPEPI was a more important racket man than VALENTI but that LA ROCCA seemed to be the key man in the Pittsburgh area. He said he would place

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER</u>	<u>ANNUAL INCOME</u>
DONALD P. TURNER 2130 W. Pike St. Houston, Pa.	234-56-8841	331.32
FRANK J. CIROCCO 1212 Arch St. Pittsburgh 12, Pa.	184-14-4258	1,539.97
JACOB S. GEORGE 5403 Butler St. Pittsburgh 1, Pa.	190-24-7201	3,132.38
JOSEPH E. BRYAN 439 Kathleen St., Pittsburgh 1, Pa.	177-18-9068	1,306.18
LOUIS R. SAALINGER 709 Maytide St. Pittsburgh 10, Pa.	164-28-1015	1,285.13
STEPHEN JENCA 5206 Natrona Way Pittsburgh 1, Pa.	167-10-4008	989.00
ROY L. VEY 1153 Cornell St. Pittsburgh 12, Pa.	188-18-9241	5,300.00
ORLANDO M. PRINCIPE 4204 Main St. Pittsburgh 24, Pa.	194-28-0383	896.27
JOHN IRWIN 2503 5th Ave. Pittsburgh 19, Pa.	185-12-4668	1,531.72

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NAME	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	ANNUAL INCOME
LEONARD A. YAGATICH 1424 Fallowfield Ave. Pittsburgh 16, Pa.	203-22-3715	2,566.79
ROBERT THACKER 226 Sylvania St. Pittsburgh, Pa.	178-26-6365	2,155.73
AUGUST BULLION 5223 Berlin Way Pittsburgh 1, Pa.	278-28-3867	483.45
CARMELO TRAPANI 4776 Sciota St. Pittsburgh 24, Pa.	165-26-2632	1,369.30
OLIVER E. SHERWOOD 1509 Celtic St. Pittsburgh 10, Pa.	187-30-5880	39.60
LEROY W. WILLIAMS 543 Rosedale St. Pittsburgh 21, Pa.	160-22-9414	608.51
FRANCIS J. ROGALSKI 461 Robinson Court Pittsburgh 13, Pa.	173-16-5201	255.54

PG T-8, who has expressed an unwillingness to appear before any future Federal or state proceedings, advised that his records indicate that JOHN S. LA ROCCA is the President of the North Star Cement Block Co., Inc., at 12 McCandless Ave., Rear, Pittsburgh 1, Pa. He said his records further indicate that ALMO PRUNER is the Vice President, ALDO A. PRUNER is the Secretary and ROY L. VEY is the Treasurer. He stated that his records further indicate the following:

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Son	JOHN LA ROCCA
Date of birth	October 1, 1943
Adopted	TN HOWARD LESLIE HOFFMAN
	February 25, 1944, at Greensburg, Pa., through Westmoreland Orphans Court
Brother	ANTHONY LA ROCCA
Date of birth	May 14, 1912
Place of birth	Whiskey Run, Indiana County
Residence	6323 Glenview Place, Pittsburgh
Employed	Barber, 8003 McKnight Road, Pittsburgh
Brother	JOSEPH LA ROCCA
Place of Birth	August 4, 1893
Place of Birth	Villa Rosa, Caltanissetta, Sicily, Italy
Residence	835 Farragut Street, Pittsburgh
Employed	Barber, Penn and Shady Avenues, Pittsburgh
Naturalized	Court of Common Pleas Indiana County, March 5, 1924
Brother	JOHN J. LA ROCCA
Address	118-20 Walnut Street, Johnstown, Pa.
Owner	Keystone Vending Co., Johnstown, Pa.
Sister	LEONA ROSE
Marital Status	Widow
Children	3
Residence	With daughter, Mrs. ANGELO RICCI, Broadhead Road, Glenwillard, Pa.
Sister	Mrs. ROSE CONTI
	380 Rose Avenue, Buffalo, New York
Sister	Mrs. ANGELINE ZITTO,
	Baltimore, Maryland
Father	<del>IGNAZIO</del> , deceased, died 1937, Philadelphia
Mother	ROSARIA, deceased, 1942, Pittsburgh
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## B. ASSOCIATES

Among the more prominent currently close associates of LA ROCCA are the following individuals:

Samuel Mannarino, aka.

This individual is an extremely close associate of LA ROCCA who presently resides at 201 Highland Avenue, New Kensington, Pa. He and his brother, GABRIEL, control the New Kensington and Westmoreland County areas as far as the rackets are concerned and are closely allied with the GENOVESE-LA ROCCA organization in the Pittsburgh area. MANNARINO is a former business associate of LA ROCCA who, according to PG T-3, who has requested that his identity remain confidential,

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He is presently a subject in a case entitled, "BERNARD J. EZHAYA, ET AL, ITSP-MT," which involves the theft of \$2,250,000 in bearer bonds and an unknown amount of registered bonds, jewelry, and cash from the Brockville Trust and Savings Company, Brockville, Ontario, Canada, on May 3-4, 1958. The trial in this matter is presently being conducted at Chicago, Illinois. MANNARINO was interviewed by Bureau Agents of the Pittsburgh Office upon his arrest on July 2, 1959, at which time he declined to make any statement and would only engage in general conversation. It can be said that MANNARINO is both a business and social acquaintance of LA ROCCA.

N.Y. Gabriel Mannarino, aka.

This individual, known to his close associates as "KELLY," resides at 540 Charles Street, New Kensington, Pa., and is the younger brother of SAMUEL MANNARINO. He is a close social associate of LA ROCCA and is a business associate also, as far as criminal activity is concerned. He was present at the Apalachin conference of hoodlums during December, 1957, and on June 11, 1959, appeared with LA ROCCA before the Senate Select Committee on Improper Activities in the Labor or Management Field of the United States, where

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During past interviews with Bureau Agents of the Pittsburgh Office he has been completely uncooperative and has instructed his fellow officials at North Star to act in a similar manner. It is not known whether he actually owns any part of the LA ROCCA holdings.

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~~Roy Vey~~

This individual presently ~~resides at 1153 Cornell Street, Pittsburgh, Pa.,~~ and is considered the General Plant Manager of the North Star Cement Block Company at 12 McCandless Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa. PG T-3 has advised [REDACTED]

~~Pruner~~  
~~Aldo and Almo Pruner~~

These individuals are officials at the North Star Cement Block Company and list their address as 653 Bower Hill Road, Bridgeville, Pa. PG T-3 has advised [REDACTED]

~~Salvatore Marino~~, aka Pa.

This individual ~~resides at 755 Willow Glen Way, San Jose, California,~~ and is a partner in the California Cheese Company with his son, ANGELO MARINO. The company is located at 295 West San Carlos Street, San Jose. A social associate of LA ROCCA, MARINO was interviewed by Bureau Agents of the San Francisco Office during 1959 at which time he stated that LA ROCCA visited him in 1954 and traveled to Los Angeles, California, with him. He recalled that they were taken in for questioning by the Los Angeles Police Department while in the company of one FRANK DE SIMONE, an acquaintance, and



C. LEGITIMATE ENTERPRISES

1. North Star Cement Block Company  
12 McCandless Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Records of the Prothonotary's Office, Allegheny County, Pa., City-County Building, Pittsburgh, were checked on December 19, 1957, and the following information concerning the North Star Cement Block Co., is recorded in Prothonotary's Record, Volume 120, Page 139, Certificate No. 38421, which may be obtained by subpoena directed to DAVID D. ROBERTS, Prothonotary, Allegheny County, Pittsburgh.

The type of business is indicated as manufacture and sale of cement block, purchase and repair of building material, equipment, machinery and supplies. The owners were listed as NICHOLAS DI PASQUALE, 175 Georgetown St., West View, Pa.; THEODORE P. RIPEPI, 217 Andrew St., Pittsburgh; URSULA RIPEPI, 4720 Brownsville Road, Pittsburgh, and JOHN S. LA ROCCA, R. F. D. 7, Pittsburgh 29, Pa.

These records indicate that the Certificate was filed on May 28, 1951, by NICHOLAS DI PASQUALE and that a Certificate of Withdrawal of NICHOLAS DI PASQUALE was filed February 10, 1952, and was dated as of November 30, 1951.

PG T-5, who has requested that his identity be concealed, advised

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Records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service at Pittsburgh, were examined on December 16, 1957; and disclosed that at a hearing on August 3, 1954, LA ROCCA testified that he owned a forty-seven and one-half percent

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interest in the North Star Cement Block Co., that forty-seven and one-half percent of the company was owned by TONY RIPEPI and that the remaining five percent was owned by THEODORE RIPEPI, a nephew of TONY.

PG T-6, who has requested that his identity be concealed, on April 25, 1961, advised [REDACTED]

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This source also advised that on income tax returns filed for the years 1951 through 1960, LA ROCCA claimed [REDACTED]

1952  
1953  
1954  
1955  
1956  
1957  
1958  
1959

The source advised

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PG T- 7 , who has requested that his identity be concealed and expressed an unwillingness to appear before any future Federal or State proceeding, advised that the following individuals are employed by SEBASTIAN JOHN LA ROCCA at the North Star Cement Block Co., 12 McCandless Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.:

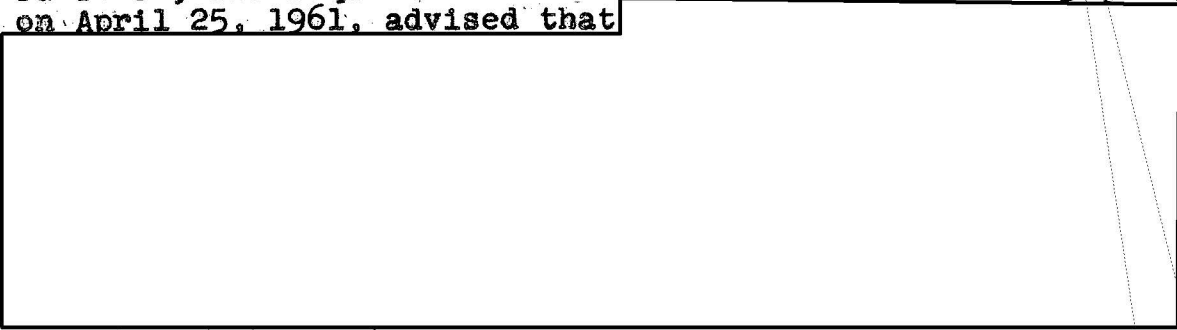
NAME	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	ANNUAL INCOME
ANTHONY SCIORILLI 112 North Matilda St., Pittsburgh 24, Pa.	190-10-3019	\$7,123.65
FRED S. WOODFORK 614 Vanilla Way Pittsburgh 6, Pa.	206-03-5406	3,823.34
HERMAN A. SMITH 254 Meyran Ave. Pittsburgh 13, Pa.	167-01-2425	6,259.01
CLEMENT H. REDSHAW 105 Manville Dr. Pittsburgh 37, Pa.	199-10-9861	5,035.45
FRANKLIN K. BULLION 5270 Butler St. Pittsburgh 1, Pa.	410-36-3604	4,514.88
ROBERT E. CAVALLUCCIA 255 Service Way Pittsburgh 1, Pa.	200-20-4682	5,058.62
ALBERT J. MASLEN 183 Burrows St. Pittsburgh 13, Pa.	200-07-0420	4,668.36

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is held by JOHN J. LA ROCCA.

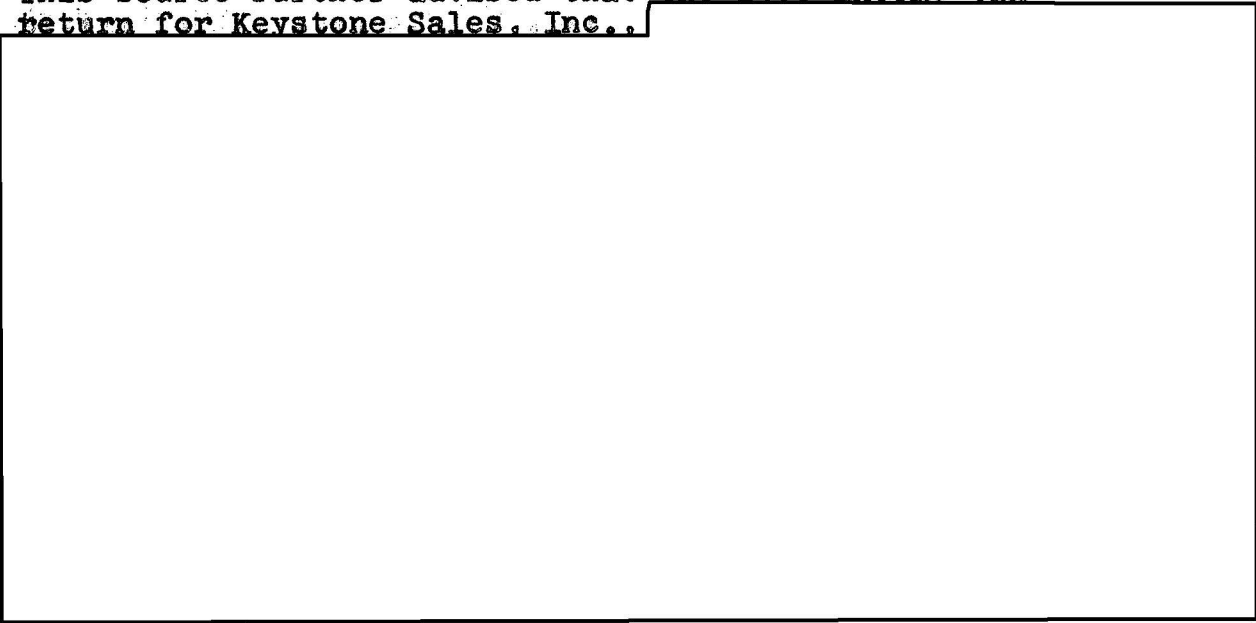
PG T- 6 , who requested that his identity be concealed,  
on April 25, 1961, advised that



This source advised that on his 1960 income tax return  
JOHN S. LA ROCCA,



This source further advised that the 1960 income tax  
return for Keystone Sales, Inc.,



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PG T-11, who has requested that his identity be concealed, on April 27, 1961, advised that Keystone Sales, Inc., 604 Franklin St., Johnstown, Pa., was incorporated with 250 shares having a par value of \$100 per share and authorized capital stock of \$25,000. This source advised that little information is available concerning the structure or activities of Keystone Sales, Inc., and that it is estimated that the corporation as of May, 1960, had \$5,000 cash on hand and \$85,000 in equipment and supplies. The President of the corporation was reported to be JOSEPH REGINO and the Vice-President was reported to be MILDRED REGINO, the wife of JOSEPH. The Secretary of the corporation was reported to be JANET LEBER. The Treasurer was indicated as JOHN J. LA ROCCA.

PG T-12, who has requested that his identity be concealed, advised on April 27, 1961, that Keystone Sales, Inc., a cigarette vending machine company, located at 604 Franklin St., Johnstown, maintains a checking account at the U. S. National Bank, in Johnstown, and that approximately \$25,000 is deposited to the account monthly. The persons authorized to sign checks of the corporation are indicated on bank records as JOSEPH REGINO, JOHN J. LA ROCCA and RAYMOND C. MIRTO.

Records concerning the account or accounts of Keystone Sales, Inc., may be obtained through a subpoena directed to E. L. EDWARDS, Vice-President, U. S. National Bank, Franklin St., Johnstown, Pa.

Records of Keystone Sales, Inc., may be obtained through a subpoena directed to JOSEPH REGINO, President of the corporation.

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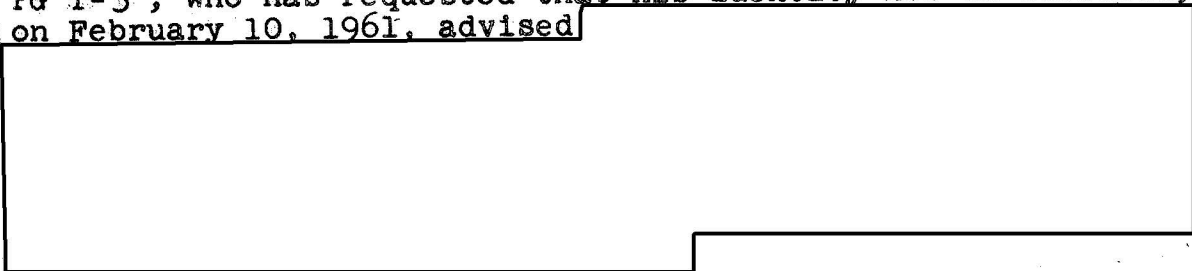
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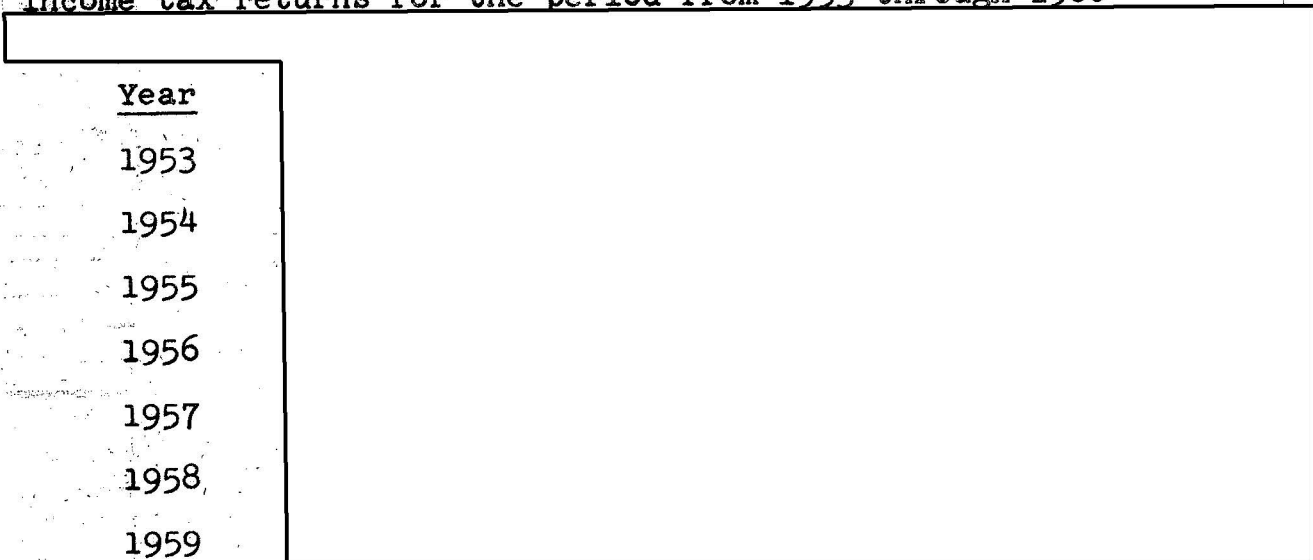
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3. Rental Properties

PG T-3, who has requested that his identity not be revealed,  
on February 10, 1961, advised



PG T-6, who has requested that his identity not be revealed,  
advised on April 14, 1961, that JOHN S. LA ROCCA on his  
income tax returns for the period from 1953 through 1960



Year

1953

1954

1955

1956

1957

1958

1959

PG T-9, who has requested that his identity not be revealed,  
advised that JOHN S. LA ROCCA maintains a real estate account  
at the Washington Trust Office of the Western Pennsylvania  
National Bank and that the balance in this account as of April 18,  
1961, was \$15,636.82.

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Information from records of the Washington Trust Office of the Western Pennsylvania National Bank may be obtained through a subpoena directed to STANLEY F. DRUTIS, Vice President, Western Pennsylvania National Bank and Manager of the Washington Trust Office, 821 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.

4. Former Legitimate Enterprises

PG T-6, who has requested that his identity not be revealed, advised on April 14, 1961, that SEBASTIAN JOHN LA ROCCA reported [redacted] during the years indicated:

Years

Name of Company

1941-1944

1945-1946

1947

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1948-1950

1951

1952



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Name of Company

1953

1954-1956

1957-1959

1960

Information concerning income reported by LA ROCCA on income tax returns may be obtained by a subpoena directed to the District Director of Internal Revenue at Pittsburgh, Pa.

5. Alleged Sources of Income

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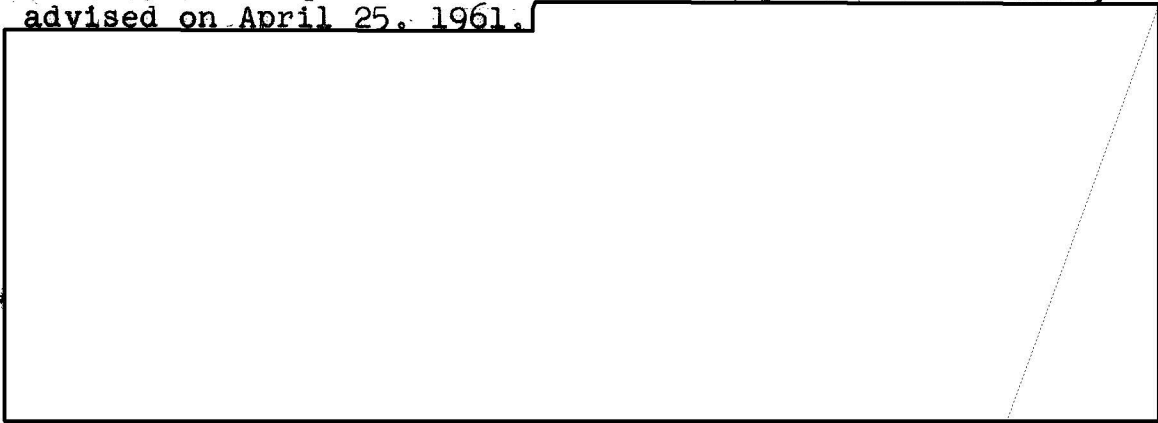
PG T-6, who has requested that his identity not be revealed, advised on April 14, 1961, that

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PG T 6, who requested that his identify not be revealed,  
advised on April 25, 1961.



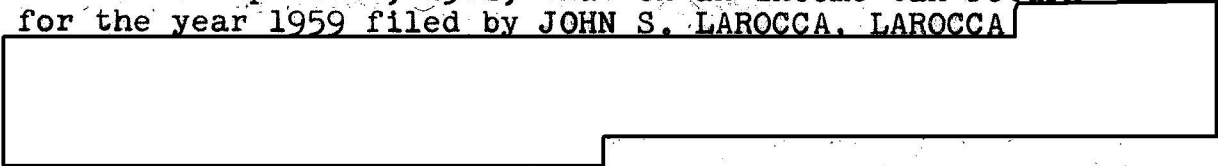
On December 5, 1960, Miss ALYCE TAFELSKI, Receptionist, Credit Bureau, Inc., Pittsburgh, Pa., advised that her records indicate six judgments filed in Allegheny County by the Washington Trust Company and subsequently assigned to the Western Pennsylvania National Bank which related to JOHN S. LAROCCA and MARY S. LAROCCA which she listed as follows:

1. April Term, 1955	\$ 6,600
2. January Term, 1956	16,500
3. January Term, 1956	6,600
4. January Term, 1957	49,500
5. April Term, 1957	5,175
6. July Term, 1957	23,000

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2. Brookline Savings and Trust Company  
820 Brookline Boulevard  
Pittsburgh 26, Pa.

PG T 6, who has requested that his identity not be revealed, advised on April 14, 1961, that on an income tax return for the year 1959 filed by JOHN S. LAROCCA, LAROCCA



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G. STATEMENT OF ASSETS

The following information concerning assets and liabilities of SEBASTIAN JOHN LA ROCCA has been obtained from various sources and all sources have been previously identified or information set forth as to persons to be subpoenaed to produce records or testify to support information reported. The information is presented in summary form and inasmuch as values presented are based on information received from two or more sources and in some cases include estimates, these values are subject to revision as more specific and accurate information is developed:

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ASSETS

Cash in Bank

Stock Holdings

Real Estate

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ASSETS (CONT'd)

Receivables

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Miscellaneous

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TOTAL ASSETS

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LIABILITIES

Loans Payable

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NET WORTH

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

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checked for a record under the North Star Cement Block Manufacturing Co., the Coin Machine Distributing Company, Inc., Bulk Beverages, Inc., Coin Machine Distributing Company, and Beer Dispensing Company.

3. FALSELY CLAIMING CITIZENSHIP

Investigation has been conducted and is continuing to locate any application submitted by LA ROCCA on which he may have indicated his citizenship.

Records of the Small Business Administration at Pittsburgh, Pa., have been checked and no record of any kind was found for LA ROCCA. Investigation is being conducted in an effort to determine if he has registered a firearm in the State of Pennsylvania since the application for such registration provides for indication of citizenship or naturalization. Consideration is also being given to locating a citizenship designation on an application submitted by LA ROCCA to National or Federally insured banks or lending institutions.

4. INCOME TAX MATTERS

According to PG T- 6 . who has requested that his identity remain confidential.

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PG T- 13, who has requested that his identity be concealed, advised on April 14, 1961, that records of the Brookline Savings and Trust Company, 820 Brookline Blvd., Pittsburgh, Pa., disclosed accounts for the Beer Dispensing Co., 1305 Penn Ave., Pittsburgh 22, Pa., and Bulk Beverages, Inc., 500 North Craig St., Pittsburgh 13, Pa. A Beer Dispensing Company Reserve account and a Beer Dispensing Company Earned Reserve account were opened in 1951, and closed on July 13, 1959, by the issuances of Brookline check, No. 3665, in the amount of \$277.50, payable to Beer Dispensing Company. This check was endorsed, Pay to the Order of "JOHN S. LAROCCA, Beer Dispensing Company." The check also bore the stamp of the Western Pennsylvania National Bank. The officers of Beer

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The records indicate that the monthly payment was \$189.50, although payments of \$190 or more were made subsequent to June of 1956. Payments of \$5,190 were made on February 26, 1957, and April 29, 1957.

Records of the South Pittsburgh Savings and Loan Association should not be made public in the absence of a subpoena directed to J. DOUGLAS DOLE, Executive Vice-President and Treasurer, South Pittsburgh Savings and Loan Association, 1712 East Carson St., Pittsburgh.

5. Interstate Transportation of Stolen Property

PG T- 6 , who has requested that his identity not be revealed. advised on April 28, 1961,

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Information Relating to Alleged Arrest of Adopted Son of  
LA ROCCA for Violation of Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code.

PG T-16, who requested that his identity remain confidential and who has stated that he will not appear before any future Federal or State proceedings, advised that during one vacation weekend enjoyed in Pittsburgh by the adopted son of LA ROCCA, who is attending Valley Forge Military Academy at Wayne, Pa., he was arrested by the Pennsylvania State Police for either disorderly conduct or violation of the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code. He stated that he believes a trooper working out of the Warrendale, Pa., barracks made the arrest after he observed young LA ROCCA driving along a highway near his home and throwing empty beer bottles out of the window while attaining high speed. He said he understood LA ROCCA became incensed when he could not change the charges and when a local Justice of the Peace gave young LA ROCCA "the full treatment."

Corporal ANTHONY KALEITA, Pennsylvania State Police Barracks, Warrendale, Pa., advised on April 14, 1961, that a review of his records from January 1, 1961, to that time failed to reflect any record of an individual named LA ROCCA for any violation whatsoever. He suggested that this individual may have been arrested by another law enforcement agency and that the local Justices of the Peace in the Ingomar, Pa., vicinity be contacted in this regard.

Information Relating to Recent Travel of LA ROCCA.

PG T-6 has advised

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PITTSBURGH

AT PITTSBURGH, PA. (ALLEGHENY COUNTY)

Will follow and report activities of JOHN LA ROCCA and his associates in accordance with Bureau instructions.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Information contained in this report concerning possible Antitrust violations has been previously submitted by closing report dated 4/26/61 entitled, "Western Pennsylvania Cement Block Association, Pittsburgh, Pa.," Pittsburgh file 60-474.

Information contained in this report regarding information of possible value to the Internal Revenue Service has been furnished to the Intelligence Unit of the Internal Revenue Service at Pittsburgh, Pa.

INFORMANTS

PG T-1 is Legat, Rome, Italy, who obtained information from Dr. COSTANTINO FONTANA, Central Bureau, Italian Criminal Police, Rome, Italy, on 4/18/58.

PG T-2 is GEORGE "MOON" MESSER, a potential criminal informant of the Pittsburgh Office who was contacted by SA ROBERT A. VOEGE on 2/27/58.

PG T-3 is GEORGE STRAKA, an Internal Revenue Agent attached to the Fraud (Racket) Section, Room 827 Fulton Building, Pittsburgh, Pa., who was contacted by SA VOEGE on 3/6/61 and who has requested that his identity be concealed.

PG T-4 is PG 585-C, who was contacted by SA VOEGE on 2/19/58, 3/7/58 and 3/11/58.

PG T-5 is ROBERT F. MEHRLING, an employee of the Internal Revenue Service, Pittsburgh, Pa., who was contacted by SA GENE H. STUDEBAKER on 12/10/57.

PG T-6 is ROBERT MADDEN, Special Agent, Intelligence Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Pittsburgh, Pa., who was contacted by SAA FRANK E. ALLISON on 4/6, 14 and 25/61.

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DETAILS:

A. PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

I. Birth Data

PG T-1, who requested that his identity remain confidential, and who stated that he will not testify at any future Federal or state proceedings, advised that SEBASTIAN LA ROCCA, the son of IGNAZIO and ROSARIA SCANCARELLO, was born at Villa Rosa, Italy, on December 19, 1901, and that he departed from Villa Rosa prior to 1927, the year in which the registration of the inhabitants of that community was begun.

II. Education

PG T-1 advised that it was not possible to ascertain whether or not LA ROCCA received any formal schooling during the time that he was in Italy. On February 13, 1958, FLOYD O. SMITH, Supervising Principal, and THOMAS J. ADDLEMAN, High School Principal, both of Shannock Valley Joint School District, which includes Yatesboro, Pa., where LA ROCCA formerly resided, advised that the old Yatesboro School had been abandoned and that records of attendance were not available for students who attended from thirty to forty years ago. Both advised that, although they had been residents of the Rural Valley-Yatesboro area for forty or more years, they could not recall any family named LA ROCCA.

III. Residence

LA ROCCA presently resides at 900 West Ingomar Road, Ingomar, Pa. Although the front of his residence faces Ingomar Road, his driveway and the most easily accessible portion of his residence faces Brant Avenue and this address is sometimes utilized by him.

Mrs. CHRISTOPHER MAGEE STEEL, 5652 Stanton Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa., has advised that she first became acquainted with LA ROCCA when she and her husband sold their home at Ingomar, Pa., to him. She furnished details of the sale and advised that she did not realize that she was selling directly to a racketeer

The source advised

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PG T- 7 , who has requested that his identity be concealed and expressed an unwillingness to appear before any future Federal or State proceeding, advised that the following individuals are employed by SEBASTIAN JOHN LA ROCCA at the North Star Cement Block Co., 12 McCandless Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.:

NAME	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	ANNUAL INCOME
ANTHONY SCIORILLI 112 North Matilda St., Pittsburgh 24, Pa.	190-10-3019	\$7,123.65
FRED S. WOODFORK 614 Vanilla Way Pittsburgh 6, Pa.	206-03-5406	3,823.34
HERMAN A. SMITH 254 Meyran Ave. Pittsburgh 13, Pa.	167-01-2425	6,259.01
CLEMENT H. REDSHAW 105 Manville Dr. Pittsburgh 37, Pa.	199-10-9861	5,035.45
FRANKLIN K. BULLION 5270 Butler St. Pittsburgh 1, Pa.	410-36-3604	4,514.88
ROBERT E. CAVALLUCCIA 255 Service Way Pittsburgh 1, Pa.	200-20-4682	5,058.62
ALBERT J. MASLEN 183 Burrows St. Pittsburgh 13, Pa.	200-07-0420	4,668.36