FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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COVER SHEET

SUBJECT: ALBERT ANASTASIA

FILE: 62-98011
MEMORANDUM

Re: ALBERT ANASTASIA, with aliases

Alberto Anastasio (true name)
Alberto Anastasia
Albert Baggio
Albert Baggio
Albert Anastasia
Albert Anastasia
Alfonso Joseph Anastasia

SUMMARY

Albert Anastasia was reportedly born September 26, 1902 in Italy and was naturalized in 1943 while in the U.S. Army. In 1951 he was said to reside at 75 Bluff Road, Ft. Lee, New Jersey.

Anastasia is alleged to be the leading figure controlling the rackets, strike-breaking and strong-arm activities on the New York City waterfront. He was also reportedly a leading figure in activities of the criminal group in Brooklyn, New York, commonly referred to as "Murder Incorporated."

An arrest and fingerprint record on Anastasia is attached.

Attachment

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RE: ALBERT ANASTASIO, was: Umberto
Anastasio, Al Anastasia

Information has been received that ALBERT ANASTASIO was born at Calabria, Italy, date unknown, and currently resides at 75 Pine Bluff Road, Fort Lee, New Jersey.

ANASTASIO is believed to be a naturalized citizen. He has been reported as a notorious racketeer in labor and waterfront activities in the New York City area and an associate of the most notorious element in New York City, and engaged in policy and gambling.
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Office Memorandum - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Mr. Nicholas
FROM: M. A. Pegg
SUBJECT: 

PURPOSE: To record that telephonically contacted the Bureau 12-11-52.

DETAILS: 

Upon referral from the Director's Office, SA Crime Records, received the local telephone call from individual who stated his name was . He stated he would like to receive information from the Bureau concerning the participation of Albert Anastasia, who is presently facing deportation proceedings in New York City, in the Buchalter (Lepke) case. He was courteously advised that information in the Bureau files is confidential. The caller stated he appreciated the reasons for this and hung up.

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Dear [Name]

Reference is made to your letter dated December 13, 1952, your reference No. 10/16597, wherein you requested the criminal record and identification data concerning Albert Anastasia.

Transmitted herewith is the identification record of Albert Anastasio, FBI No. 171579, who appears to be identical with the individual about whom you inquired. Included in this identification record is a page setting forth identification data concerning this individual.

Please be assured of my desire to cooperate in all matters of mutual interest.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Office Memorandum  •  UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO:        Mr. Tolson

FROM:     L. B. Nichols

DATE:   January 30, 1953

SUBJECT: ALBERT ANASTASIA

At 9:45 a.m. this morning, of the Tax Division of the Department, Extension 461, called in my absence. He stated that former Attorney General McGranery instructed the Tax Division to work up a possible tax violation case against Albert Anastasia of New York City, who was formerly connected with Murder, Incorporated. Mr. McGranery had suggested the Tax Division keep in close touch with the FBI as possibly the Bureau in its inquiries in the waterfront investigation in New York might turn up something of interest on Anastasia which the Tax Division should know about.

stated he was ready to submit his recommendations on the tax case now and wanted to talk to whoever in the Bureau was handling the waterfront matter insofar as Anastasia was concerned. was advised a check would be made and he would be called.

of the Investigative Division has been advised and is checking both in the Investigative Division, as well as with the Domestic Intelligence Division as to the status of the waterfront investigation insofar as Anastasia is concerned in order that pertinent data, if any, can be correlated and of the Department given whatever advice deemed desirable.

cc: Mr. Ladd
    Mr. Rosen
    Mr. Belmont
Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : A. H. BELMONT
FROM : F. J. BAUMGÄRNER
SUBJECT: ALBERT ANASTASIA

DATE: February 10, 1953

On January 30, 1953, [redacted] of the Tax Division of the Department, called [redacted] and informed him that he had been instructed by former Attorney General McGranery to keep in touch with this Bureau concerning any information which might be developed as a result of the Bureau's New York waterfront investigations which might be of assistance in the income tax case against the subject.

[Redacted] of the Investigative Division advised that no investigation concerning Albert Anastasia was being conducted by his Division.

No Labor Management Relations Act, 1947 case involving the subject has developed up to the present time. [Redacted] was called by Special Agent [redacted] of the Domestic Intelligence Division, at 4100 P. M., January 30, 1953, and was informed that the Bureau did not have Albert Anastasia under investigation but in the event that any information was developed through the New York waterfront investigations concerning Anastasia it would be directed to the attention of [redacted].
New York, N. Y.
September 23, 1953

Mr. Hoover:

Concerning information previously furnished to the effect that Albert Anastasia was seen publicly walking around Brooklyn Piers,
Enclosed herewith are two copies of a summary memorandum concerning captioned subject which was prepared from a complete review of the references in this office.

As additional current information is obtained the Bureau will be advised.
New York, New York,

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE INTELLIGENCE
FILE

ALBERT ANASTASIA
TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE

ALBERT ANASTASIA, true name
UMBERTO ANASTASIO, with aliases
ALBERT-ANASTASIO, R. ALBERT
ANASTASIO, ALBERT-ANASTASIO
FBI Number 171579

This summary memorandum has been prepared from a complete review of the files of this office and the information from all references as set forth as follows:

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The above captioned subject, the eldest of the four infamous ANASTASIA brothers, claims to have been born in 1902 at Tropea, Calabria, Italy. He further claims to have attained United States citizenship in the year 1943 in the Eastern District of New York, Brooklyn, while in the service of the United States Army. The subject in testimony given before the New York State Crime Commission stated his residence address was 75 Bluff Road, Palisades, New Jersey, phone Cliffside 6-2345.

Further in testimony before the New York State Crime Commission the subject admitted to be a dress contractor and connected with the Madison Dress Company, Hazleton, Pennsylvania. The following addresses for the subject:

387 Columbia Street,
Brooklyn, New York

636 Arthur Street,
Utica, New York

1146-73rd Street,
Brooklyn, New York

and

Cliffside, New Jersey
On January 26, 1954, the New York Office verified that ANASTASIA was presently residing at 75 Bluff Road, Palisades, New Jersey. According to the Newark Office the telephone listed for the subject is Cliffside 6-2345. This telephone is listed under the subject's wife's maiden name BARNASI.

The New York Office is presently attempting to verify the date and place of birth as well as a record of service in the armed forces by the subject.

The "New York Times" for December 24, 1952, in an article on ALBERT ANASTASIA advised that the biography of the Brothers ANASTASIA began in Tropea, a fishing village in Calabria, Italy. The family name was ANASTASIO. The father of the ANASTASIA brothers was a railroad worker who died before World War I. By that time the family consisted of nine sons and three daughters. One son and two daughters died young. Another son emigrated to Australia. All the remaining boys had to go to work at an early age, on fishing boats, on freighters, on farms; one succeeded his father on the railroad.

UMBERTO, later called ALBERT, now fifty years old, GUIDOPEPI (JOSEPH), now forty-seven, and TONY, now forty-five, shipped as deckhands on tramp steamers as children of eleven and twelve and knocked about the toughest ports in the world. At various times during the Twenties they jumped ship in the United States and merged into the gangs of longshoremen.

ALBERT, the oldest and most sinister of the ANASTASIA brothers got involved as far back as 1921 with the
criminal element as he was among several men convicted of killing a fellow countryman in a quarrel. After months in the death house at Sing Sing Prison ANASTASIA won a retrial on a technical plea.

Meanwhile the State's best witness in this case was frightened back to Italy. On the retrial, ALBERT was acquitted. He was arrested for assault in 1923 but won a discharge by the same technique of intimidating witnesses. The same year he was convicted of possessing a gun. He served two years in the penitentiary.

In 1928 the subject was charged with another murder and in 1932 with stabbing a man to death with an ice-pick, but was dismissed for lack of evidence both times. In 1933 he was tried for the killing of a Brooklyn laundryman but the State's witnesses somehow changed their story and he got off again.

By this time the subject was rising to power on a Brooklyn waterfront. He became a pier superintendent and dominated six locals of the International Longshoremen's Association, A.F.L. In addition, ALBERT had become a friend, as he admitted in 1951 to the Kefauver Committee, of JOE ADONIS, WILLIE MORETTI, VITO GENOVESE and AUGI PISANO, important thugs.

With ADONIS and ABE RELES, ALBERT formed Murder, Inc., the famous racket syndicate that slew sixty-three men in the New York area between 1931 and 1940. RELES later testified that ALBERT was the fingerman and ordered all of the killings.

In 1939 PETER PANTO, the longshoreman who organized a rank-and-file revolt to rid the union of racketeers was strangled and his body was buried in a lime pit. RELES, accused of several other murders, told all to save his life. He implicated the subject in this and thirty more murders. Then RELES plunged to his death from his room in the Half Moon Hotel in Coney Island in 1941 and WILLIAM O'DWYER, then Brooklyn District Attorney, said his "perfect case" against ANASTASIA had collapsed.

Taking refuge in the Army in 1942 the subject hid out as technical sergeant training Army longshoremen at
Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania for the next two years.

Before he was discharged as over age in 1944 he took advantage of a law granting quick citizenship to servicemen. After he quit the waterfront and the rough stuff he began operating a dress factory in Hazleton, Pennsylvania. The subject bought a $75,000.00 yellow stucco house of phony Spanish style overlooking the Hudson at Fort Lee, New Jersey around the corner from the home of his old friend ADONIS.

There he lives behind a steel fence guarded by two dogs, and spurns subpoenas of the State Crime Commission. He has two Lincolns, his son goes to college, and he and his brothers have bought MAMA ANASTASIA, now age 76, a home in Parchelia, Italy where the Federal Government has begun proceedings to denaturalize and deport him.

**CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES**

In the book entitled, "Murder, Inc." by SID FISHER and BURCH E. TORKUS concerning the subject the following is reflected:

ALBERT ANASTASIA has been getting away with murder for thirty years now, and a lot of people have been helping him. Since 1920, three years after he jumped ship and smuggled his way into the United States, ANASTASIA has been close to some thirty assassinations with gun, icepick and strangling rope either in person or by direction.

The New York City Police Department has linked ANASTASIA to twenty different slayings. ALBERT ANASTASIA's only jail penalty was for carrying a gun in 1923. For five murders he was arrested, for two he was tried in a court of law, for one he even went to the death house, for the remainder he was discharged. His activity in Murder, Inc. left bodies all over America and after the formation of the syndicate underworld law decreed they could not murder without his approval.

According to police reports in connection with the kidnapping of ISIDOR JUFFE in 1932 for which JOE ADONIS was indicted the subject was recognized by JUFFE as being among his assailants in this kidnapping. The subject was never indicted or convicted for this crime.
The underlying reason behind the dismissal of this indictment in this case was, the three State witnesses in this case were found slain. Many newspaper articles refer to this crime; one in particular dated December 10, 1952 appeared in the "New York World Telegram-Sun."

On November 21, 1950 United States Attorney FRANKLIN J. FRAKER, Eastern District of New York, issued a press release announcement that he was opening an all out inquiry into the activity of the subject with a ship repair concern. Reference was made to the Sencer Corporation which filed bankruptcy papers in Brooklyn Federal Court in 1937. The article emphasized the fact that ALBERT ANASTASIA resided in a $100,000.00 Spanish type mansion surrounded by a high wire fence fitted with spotlights.

The article recalled that ANASTASIA was a key witness in the Murder, Inc. investigation and that a murder charge naming him as the murderer of MORRIS DIAMOND, union official, was dismissed when the racketeering ABE RELES plunged to his death on November 12, 1941 from the fifth floor window of a Coney Island hotel. RELES, a member of Murder, Inc., had informed on the subject and others in the murder of some fifty-six persons in New York City and Sullivan County.

Considerable political capital was made in the 1950 New York City election campaign of former Mayor WILLIAM
O'DWYER's failure to prosecute ANASTASIA while O'DWYER was Brooklyn District Attorney. Allegations were made by Republican mayor candidate EDWARD CORSI that O'DWYER and the Brooklyn Prosecutor's Office were guilty of gross laxity, inefficiency and mal-administration in a failure to prosecute the subject.

Further allegations were made whereby ANASTASIA's police wanted card was removed from police files on May 4, 1942. It is to be further noted that BENEDICT KARGI, a long time associate of the subject and former official of the Sancor Corporation, is currently confined in New York City Jail awaiting trial for the garment district murder of union organizer WILLIAM LURGE in May 1949.

Former Mayor WILLIAM O'DWYER gave testimony in the 6th hearing of the Senate Crime Investigating Committee at United States Courthouse, Foley Square, concerning his reasons for not prosecuting ALBERT ANASTASIA. These reasons all center about the fact that RELES was the main State witness against ANASTASIA and as a result of his, RELES', death the indictment was dismissed.

According to B.B. TURKOS, RELES, Murder, Inc. informant, stated prior to his death at the Half Moon Hotel, that ALBERT ANASTASIA was the boss of Murder, Inc. and that no murder could be committed without ALBERT ANASTASIA's permission.

EDWARD A. HEFFERMAN, former Assistant District Attorney under WILLIAM O'DWYER, testified before the New York City Crime Commission racket investigation on December 17, 1952 that in the gang murder of longshoreman PETER PANTO, he had received information from ALEX ANNENBAUN, one of the informants of Murder, Inc. that MENDY WEISS admitted mugging PANTO in the home of JAMES "Dirty Face" FERRAČO in New Jersey in 1949 in the company of the subject.

ALBERT ANASTASIA has appeared before several Crime Commissions of the Federal Government and the State
and a review of testimony reflects that the subject furnished only negative information. An example of the fact of negative information may be seen in the subject's testimony before the New York State Crime Commission where he was accompanied by Counsel JAMES A. MAJOR, 241 Main Street, Hackensack, New Jersey.

MAJOR immediately requested that he make a short statement for record with the permission of the Commission. The following is an exact quote from Mr. MAJOR's statement:

"Mr. ANASTASIA at present is named defendant in suit instituted by the United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey for the purpose of denaturalizing him and deporting him from the United States to Italy. He has been called as a witness before the Bergen Grand Jury which was investigating the death of WILLIAM MORETTI which took place in Bergen County. He is also under investigation by the United States Treasury Department, we believe in connection with the Internal Revenue Act.

"This morning's "Times" indicates there has been some suggestion that Mr. ANASTASIA might be involved in a killing which took place in 1940. For that reason we have advised Mr. ANASTASIA that it is within his right to decline to answer any questions which might tend to incriminate him."

From this point on the subject refused to answer many questions concerning his associates, income, background, etc. Concerning ANASTASIA's connection with WILLIAM MORETTI the following is reported:

According to an article appearing in the "Brooklyn Eagle" on October 5, 1951, MORETTI met his death typical gangster style at a restaurant, Cliffside Park, New Jersey. The article indicated that four men had been waiting in the restaurant and one had gone outside to look around just before MORETTI appeared. A moment later shots rang out and MORETTI was found dead on the floor. There were no witnesses to this murder.
An article in the "Herald Tribune" dated October 9, 1951, reflects that on October 8, 1951 WILLIAM MORETTI was buried in St. Michael's Cemetery at Lodi, New Jersey. The article described the funeral as a typical gangster type in that floral tributes had come from FRANK COSTELLO, JOE ADONIS, ALBERT ANASTASIA and VITO GENOVESE; however, none of the individuals attended the funeral itself.

On October 10, 1951 former SA [REDACTED] who at that time was Chief Investigator for the New York State Anti-Crime Commission, advised that a contract was made with convicted bookmaker HARRY GROSS involving eighteen policemen in the recent trial in Brooklyn, New York.

The above contract involved an agreement whereby for the price of $200,000.00 GROSS agreed to arrange his testimony so as to force Judge SAMUEL ZUBER to dismiss the indictment against the eighteen police defendants.

GROSS had insisted that third parties be brought into the contract in order to assure him that the police would carry out part of the agreement, namely the payment of money to one BENNY KOWITZ, proprietor of the 71 Club, 53 Henry Street, Brooklyn, New York. As a result of the GROSS contract JAMES MAIRI, the right-hand-man of the subject, was brought into the agreement. MAIRI had an unidentified lawyer who was supposed to have met GROSS shortly after the latter's escape from police custody while at his home in Atlantic Beach.

The service charge for this contract was $10,000.00 paid to MAIRI and the subject. On October 5 and 6, 1951, [REDACTED] advised that he was extremely concerned that wholesale shooting might soon occur as a result of MORETTI's death. He stated that he had information that MORETTI was going to be killed and he knew ANASTASIA was supposed to be killed.

He explained that after MORETTI and ANASTASIA had arranged and completed a contract between the indicted policemen and HARRY GROSS and after GROSS had carried through
his part of the contract MORETTI, apparently with
ANASTASIA's backing, had indicated a "shake down" of the
indicted policemen and their co-conspirators to the tune
of $100,000.00. As a result of the "shake down" a certain
group of plainclothesmen made an agreement to talk the
matter over with MORETTI and ANASTASIA. Two representatives
of that group were supposed to meet MORETTI and ANASTASIA
at the restaurant the morning MORETTI was shot.

continued that although no one felt
sorry for MORETTI and ANASTASIA since they had broken their agreement, nevertheless they feared the outcome of recent evidence. According to he felt sure that ANASTASIA was next on the list.
In a clipping from the newspaper, "Brooklyn Eagle" dated November 21, 1951 in an article entitled, "Hot Springs Says No to ANASTASIA Sojourner" the following is reflected:

"Gangster ALBERT ANASTASIA reported marked for death by the underworld was barricaded today behind the high wire fence surrounding his Italian style villa at Fort Lee, New Jersey with no place to go.

"The former lord high executioner of Murder, Inc. was told by the underworld to get out and face the same fate as gangster WILLIE MORETTI who was shot down in a Cliffside Park, New Jersey restaurant on October 4th, the New York Anti-Crime Commission reported yesterday."

"MORETTI and ANASTASIA were accused of double-crossing underworld pals, the Committee said, but it was reported that the Mafia-led mobsters had told ANASTASIA they would spare him if he retired to Hot Springs, Arkansas. It is to be noted that the murder of WILLIE MORETTI to this day..."
March 31, 1954

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE INTELLIGENCE FILE

ALBERT ANASTASIA
TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE

ALBERT ANASTASIA, was
FBI Number 171579

This supplementary memorandum has been prepared from information received concerning the subject since the date of the original summary memorandum submitted by the New York Office on February 25, 1954.


Less than two hours later he appeared in Federal Court in Newark, N. J. and was released in $10,000 bail after pleading not guilty. He was given 30 days to file motions.

The News article continues that the Government charged that ANASTASIA, now a part owner of the Madison Dress Co., Hazelton, Pa. owed $11,742 in income tax for 1947 and 1948.

ANASTASIA, who lives in a mansion at 75 Bluff Road, Fort Lee, N. J., stated in his 1947 return that he made $5,960 paying $789 in taxes. The Government claimed he made $25,728 and should have paid $8,930 taxes. The Government charged he made $25,346 and should have paid $5,591.
Office Memorandum - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Mr. A. Rosen

FROM: [Redacted]

DATE: April 16, 1954

SUBJECT: UMBERTO (ALBERT) ANASTASIO

General, telephonically contacted Research Analyst at 12:20 P.M. on April 14, 1954, to advise that the United States District Court at Newark, New Jersey, upheld the denaturalization petition against Umberto (Albert) Anastasio. Anastasio is one of the racketeers on the Attorney General's Denaturalization and Deportation Program.

RECOMMENDATION:

This memorandum to be routed to the Criminal Section for information.
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FBI/DOJ
Transmit the following message via AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (62-0)
RE: ALBERT ANASTASIA - Murder Victim

POLICE COOPERATION

The following anonymous typewritten communication was received by the Cleveland Office on 10-30-57 alleging that the killers of ANASTASIA are now in Cleveland and identifies them as being an acquaintance of a person who killed about five years ago and was arrested in Cleveland last year for blackmailing a druggist:

"F.B.I., Cleveland Ohio
The two . . . who killed Anastasia in the barberchair are hiding in the apartment of their benchman the . . . who killed five years ago and was arrested here last year for blackmailing a drugist."

"Yes, Mister they are in Cleveland."

The original incoming communication is being retained in the Cleveland files for such future use as may arise.

Cleveland Office will make appropriate confidential inquiry at Cleveland PD to determine possible identity of writer.

New York Office requested to furnish above info to New York PD for any value or use it may be to that organization.

MURPHY
Office Memo

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (94-419 Sub-5)

SUBJECT: ALBERT ANASTASIA
TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE
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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE INTELLIGENCE FILE

Re LA letter to NY dated 9/24/57, entitled [redacted], was. Top Hoodlum Coverage. LA letter to NY dated 10/31 and 11/1/57 entitled [redacted]. INFORMATION CONCERNING.

For the information of the LA Office,
NY 94-419 Sub-5

We will not clear this for our picture. It is to be noted all information concerning is being furnished to the NYCPD as a matter of cooperation.

Enclosed is one photograph of to the Los Angeles Office. This photo was furnished to the NYO by

The Los Angeles Office is requested to verify if this information is verified the Los Angeles Office will advise the Bureau immediately.
Office Memorandum - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director, FBI
FROM: SAC, New York (94-419 Sub 5)

SUBJECT: GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE INTELLIGENCE FILE
ALBERT ANASTASIA, was
FBI No. 171579
TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE

Reference is made to SAC letter 53-58.

Attached hereto is a supplementary summary of information concerning the above named subject, containing the only pertinent information developed since the summary of information dated 3/31/54.
September 30, 1954

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE INTELLIGENCE FILE

ALBERT ANASTASIA
TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE

ALBERT ANASTASIA, was
FBI Number 171579.

The following supplementary summary of information is the only pertinent information developed concerning ALBERT ANASTASIA since the summary of information dated March 31, 1954.

By letter dated July 6, 1954, Newark Office advised that information received from
Concerning future possible court action involving the subject, of the New York City Anti-Crime Committee, advised that the subject is the source of considerable interest by two investigators from the Penal Division of the Treasury Department assigned to the Philadelphia Office who are presently working for the United States Attorney in Newark, New Jersey. These individuals intimated that they believed they have an extremely good tax case concerning the subject.

It is to be noted in the "New York Times" article dated April 15, 1954, reporting ALBERT ANASTASIA losing citizenship, this article furnished the following information:

"ANASTASIA'S appearance as a witness before United States Senate and New York State Crime Commission were highlights of their sessions. He lives at 75 Bluff Road, Fort Lee, New Jersey, in a house that is said to be valued at more than $100,000. A tax lien was filed against the property as a result of an income tax evasion indictment returned against him last month. He is charged with failing to report income for 1947 and 1948, on which the Government claims $11,742."
"Shortly after Judge SMITH released his opinion United States Attorney WILLIAM F. TOMPKINS applied to Judge THOMAS F. MEANEY for an early trial date of the tax case, asserting that 'it is in the public interest that it be held as soon as possible.' Judge MEANEY set the case down as the first in the fall criminal calendar."

To date, no information has been received that the case has gone to trial.
It is to be noted that the Pittsburgh Office advised on June 21, 1954, that the Hotel Lawrence is the leading hotel in Erie and during October, 1953, was the residence of
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   62-98011-13 (9-30-54)
RE: UMBERTO ANASTASIO

My dear Mr. Del Tufo:

I have received your letter of September 30, 1954, submitting an exhibit of eight sheets of paper and a certification sheet, designated in our Laboratory as K1, and specimens designated as Qc1 and Qc2, for examination and analysis of Umberto Anastasio for comparison purposes, your reference FBI case 700866 CR 103-51.

It was concluded that the Anastasio signatures on specimens Qc1 and Qc2 were prepared by Umberto Anastasio, FBI #171579, whose known handwriting consists of the signature designated as specimen K1 and the signatures on the fingerprint cards in his identification record. The signature on the U. S. Marshal's fingerprint card, number 7111-1A, as well as specimen K1, was used in effecting this identification and will be necessary standards for demonstration if testimony is desired.

The ten inked fingerprints appearing on the sheet of paper, designated as page nine, have been identified as the fingerprints of Umberto Anastasio, FBI #171579. The fingerprint record of Anastasio, FBI #171579, includes fingerprints taken by the United States Marshal, Newark, New Jersey, numbered 7111-1A.

The submitted specimens, K1, Qc1, and Qc2, are enclosed.

It is desired that the exact time and date the services of the laboratory and fingerprint experts are required in this matter be submitted as soon as such time and date are known.

Please be assured of my desire to be of assistance in these matters.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Director

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For your information:
My dear Mr. Del Tufo:

I have received your letter of October 5, 1954, requesting the name of the Deputy United States Marshal appearing on the fingerprint card of Umberto Anastasio, which was submitted to us last March. Your number on this case is 700866 CR 103-54.

The name of the Deputy United States Marshal on the fingerprint card, #4111-A, appears to be [redacted].

The fingerprint card in question will be brought to the trial by the fingerprint examiner who made the identification.

I assure you of my desire to be of assistance in all matters of mutual interest.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director
ASAC Commons, Newark, telephonically advised that information had been received from the United States Attorney's Office that this hearing is proceeding very slowly. The Defense has now informally advised that they are willing to stipulate the testimony that Special Agent [redacted] was to give at this hearing.

It will, therefore, not be necessary for [redacted] to testify in this hearing unless we are otherwise advised.
Laboratory Work Sheet

No lab file

File # C2-98011
Lab. # D-191781 DO

Examination requested by: Dept of Justice, U.S. Attorney, Newark, N. J.
Date of reference communication: 9-30-54
Examination requested: Doc. Sigs
Result of Examination:

Specimens submitted for examination

Personal History Statement (PHS -G2-3 CA) of ANASTASIO UMBERTO dated March 17, 1943 bearing his known signature on page 9.

It was concluded that the suspect's signature on
specimens Qc1 and Qc2 was prepared by UMBERTO ANASTASIO 762697079 which known handwriting consists of the signature designated as specimen K1 and the signature on the fingerprint cards in his identification record. The signature on the U.S. Marshal print will be necessary for further identification and will be necessary for demonstration of testimony - is false.
Re: UMBERTO ANASTASIO

Examination requested by: Dept of Justice, U. S. Attorney, Newark, N. J.

Date of reference communication: 9-30-54
Date received: 10-1-54

Examination requested: Doc. Fgpt.

Result of Examination:

Examination by:

Specimens submitted for examination:

Qc1
Qc2

Personal History Statement (PHS - G2-3 CA) of UMBERTO ANASTASIO dated March 17, 1943, bearing his known signature on page 9.

Envelopes from two letters 10-1-54 - 9:30 P.M. - Carried to lab
10 Until dates appearing on page 9 of K1

X as part of UMBERTO ANASTASIO FBI No 1715-79

U. S. M. Number: M.C. 4111-A - 10-5

X1 and K1 each graphed

Qc1, Qc2, & K1 returned to contributor.

Laboratory report included in U. S. P. S. report

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On December 14, 1954, I sent you a note indicating that Warren Olney had called me and commented he had a couple of matters which "in the interests of harmony" he would like to discuss with me so that "we won't get into a memo-writing contest." He stated he was too busy on December 15 to discuss these matters with me, but did come to my office at 9:30 A.M., December 16, 1954, and started his comments with the observation that he had previously told you that when he became Assistant Attorney General in Charge of the Criminal Division, he found that there were many members in the Department who did not like the FBI and were endeavoring, when the opportunity presented itself, to put the FBI on the spot. He further stated that he had informed you that he intended to eradicate any such feelings in the Department; that he intended that the Departmental Attorneys and the FBI representatives function on a very amicable basis and that he, Olney, has been endeavoring to do that. He commented that quite a few of the people in the Department, particularly in his Division, have been moved. I advised Olney that it had always been the desire of the FBI, and would continue to be the desire of the FBI, that there be an amicable relationship between the representatives of the Department and the FBI; that in fact such a relationship was essential to the proper consummation of the affairs being transacted on a daily basis between the Bureau and the Department.

Olney then commented that a memorandum had been received in connection with the case entitled, "Unknown Subjects; United States vs. Umberto Anastasio; Obstruction of Justice." Olney prefaced his remarks that he was not of the opinion that we should have conducted an investigation of alleged jury tampering in the trial of Umberto Anastasio and that he was, as a matter of fact, writing a letter to United States Attorney Raymond Del Tufo, Jr., asking for more explicit information as to the grounds upon which Del Tufo felt there would be justification for requesting investigation of jury tampering in instant case. He stated, however, that in our memorandum dated November 30, 1954, a copy of which is attached for your information, that there was a statement,
"it would appear the United States Attorney was endeavoring to 'undermine' the Judge." Mr. Olney stated that he and other members of the Department could not understand why the FBI should be inferring that the USA was endeavoring to undermine the Judge. I told Olney that I couldn't believe that we would make such a statement and asked him if he had the memorandum in question with him. He did. I read the paragraph which is as follows: "In view of the foregoing, the United States Attorney has declined to discuss the requested investigation with the trial judge since he feels the judge would not approve of the request and it would appear the United States Attorney was endeavoring to 'undermine' the judge."

I told Mr. Olney that I couldn't understand his interpretation since it appeared to me quite clearly that it was the United States Attorney at Newark who had commented that he was declining to discuss the investigation with the Judge because it would appear to the Judge that the United States Attorney was endeavoring to undermine the Judge and that our paragraph in the memorandum was merely indicating to the Department the reasons why the USA was declining to discuss the matter with the Judge. I told Mr. Olney that I would immediately verify the matter and let him know.

Mr. Olney then brought up the matter captioned, "Unknown Subject; Victim; Extortion." He had with him our memorandum dated November 29, 1954, addressed to Assistant Attorney General William F. Tompkins, which confirms to the Department the fact that a tickler copy of the memorandum to Assistant Attorney General William F. Tompkins, as well as the cover memorandum dated November 26, 1954, concerning this matter, is attached. Mr. Olney stated that he was not questioning the propriety of our informing that we could not offer him police protection nor tap his lines, nor was he presently contending that we should have conducted an alleged intimidation of Government employee investigation or the possibility of an obstruction of justice case.
He stated that the purpose of bringing this situation to my attention was that it was thought by [redacted] that we were indifferent to [redacted] feelings. I pointed out to Mr. Olney that I well recalled the situation and recalled discussing the matter with Messrs. Rosen and Winterrowd and that I had detected no indications of any indifference on the part of either of these people; that in fact Mr. Winterrowd had very carefully considered every possible manner in which assistance might be rendered to [redacted] but was unable to ascertain on the basis of the facts furnished that there was any basis for an FBI investigation. I pointed out that Winterrowd had talked with David Luce, Olney's Executive Assistant in the Criminal Division, and that Luce had furnished no statutory authority for further proceeding in the matter. I told Mr. Olney that I would again talk with Messrs. Winterrowd and Rosen relative to the question of indifference and advise him. I pointed out to Olney that had there been any facts furnished by [redacted] to indicate that the Communists were endeavoring to intimidate [redacted] he could be assured that we would have very willingly conducted an immediate and complete investigation of the situation.

Olney, during the course of the conference with which I had with him, repeatedly indicated that he was not here for the purpose of creating issues; that he did not feel that there were any issues involved in either of these two situations which he was bringing to my attention, but that the purpose of discussing the matter with me was that there had been hurt feelings because of the terminology contained in the Umberto Anastasio memorandum and a general feeling of indifference by the FBI towards [redacted]. Olney felt that in the interests of harmony he wanted to discuss this matter with me so that in the event there was an entirely plausible explanation on my part, he could set his people straight and allay any erroneous attitude existing on the part of any of his people. I told Mr. Olney that I would be in touch with him and I immediately contacted Messrs. Rosen and Winterrowd; got the tickler copies of the cover memoranda and the Departmental memoranda in both the Umberto Anastasio and [redacted] matters.

I discussed the situation with Messrs. Rosen and Winterrowd and immediately thereafter telephonically contacted Mr. Olney and advised him that with reference to the Anastasio situation, very clearly the word 'undermine' in the clause "it would appear the United States Attorney was endeavoring to 'undermine' the Judge," was the comment of the USA, being one of the reasons why the USA declined to discuss the requested
investigation with the Trial Judge. I pointed out to Mr.
Olney that the reason for the quote around the word "undermine"
in our memorandum to the Department was that it was the word used
by the USA; that had the FBI sought to charge the USA with an
attempt to undermine the Judge, there would have been no quotes
around the word "undermine." Mr. Olney stated that the entire
matter is very clear to him and that during the period of time after he
had returned to his office, he had already straightened out his
people on this situation.

As regards the __________ matter, I pointed out to Mr.
Olney, as was reflected in the memorandum of Mr. Price to Mr.
Rosen, November 26, 1954, that Special Agent __________
our week-end duty supervisor, in receiving the complaint from
and after advising __________ that the FBI was not in
a position to afford him protection and it would not be possible
for the FBI to tap his line, further advised __________ that he should
immediately contact the Bureau should he develop any
additional information which he believes to be pertinent. I __________
pointed out to Mr. Olney that this would certainly not indicate
any indifference.

I then informed Mr. Olney that Mr. __________ had
talked to David Luce, Executive Assistant to Olney, on November 26,
1954, and that interrowd had pointed out to Mr. Luce that in
the absence of any further information in addition to that already
furnished by __________ nothing could be done by the Bureau at this
time, but that he __________ should furnish any pertinent information
by __________ that he might receive in this matter in the future." I pointed
out to Mr. Olney that that again would fail to reflect an
attitude of indifference. Olney stated that apparently our
feelings in the matter had not gotten across to __________

Mr. Olney stated, however, that after discussing the
matter with me, he was now in a position to clearly indicate to
that the FBI was not at all indifferent to __________ Olney __________
stated that he would get his people straightened out on both
the Anastasio and __________ matters and was very pleased that he had
had this discussion with me, since the matter was now completely
resolved.

I asked Mr. Olney if there were any further questions
in his mind concerning either of these incidents and if he
felt that he would like to discuss them any further. Mr.
Olney stated that they were both handled to his complete satisfaction
and that he would appreciate the matter being dropped at this point.
He stated that he, of course, was desirous that this entire
matter be considered an informal matter.
To complete the Bureau's records, I have instructed Rosen to secure from [redacted] and Winterrowd statements concerning their conversations with [redacted] so that should any question ever arise relative to indifference allegedly displayed, these memoranda are in file and will make it clear that we had suggested to [redacted] and to Luce that in the event we had any additional information concerning the matter in the future he should immediately bring it to our attention.

I have dictated this memorandum in some detail because Olney has, through his comments that he was taking this up with me informally, indicated a desire that I not confirm this in writing to the Department. I normally would confirm such a conversation in writing to the Department and will do so if you desire. However, I did want this memorandum to be complete in every detail for possible future record purposes.

ACTION:

None. For your information.

1. Well handled by [redacted].
2. A.D. is obvious that [redacted] is in working accord with "[redacted]" and "[redacted]."
3. We must be most careful about material in all dealings. 
4. 

[Signature]
Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director, FBI

FROM: SAC, New York (94-419 Sub 5)

DATE: 3/31/55

SUBJECT: GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE INTELLIGENCE FILE
ALBERT ANASTASIA, was
FBI No. 171579
TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE

Reference is made to SAC letter 53-58.

Attached hereto is a supplementary summary of information
concerning the above named subject, containing the only pertinent
information developed since the summary of information dated
9/30/54.

Encs. 2
March 31, 1955

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE INTELLIGENCE FILE

ALBERT ANASTASIA
TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE

ALBERT ANASTASIA, was
FBI Number 171579

The following supplementary summary of information is the only pertinent information developed concerning ALBERT ANASTASIA since the summary of information dated September 30, 1954.

By letter dated December 31, 1954 the Newark Office advised that the trial on the income tax evasion charge against ALBERT ANASTASIA was commenced on October 18, 1954 at Newark, New Jersey. ANASTASIA was indicted in March, 1954 by the Federal Grand Jury on the charge of evading payment of $11,742 in income taxes for the years 1947 and 1948. The indictment charged that he reported a net income of $18,769 for the years 1947 and 1948, when actually it should have been $51,074.

At the start of the trial, the matter of ANASTASIA's spacious and elaborate home located at 75 Bluff Road, Fort Lee, New Jersey, which was in the name of ALBERT and ELSA BARGNESI, was brought up. The defense attorney admitted that BARGNESI was the maiden name of ANASTASIA's wife, and that ALBERT and ELSA BARGNESI were in fact Mr. and Mrs. ALBERT ANASTASIA. It was also borne out that two mortgage loans totaling $30,000 were secured on the home in 1947 in the name of ALBERT and ELSA BARGNESI. It was also borne out during the trial that a home in the name of ELSA BARGNESI had formerly been owned by them, which was located in Brooklyn and sold for $25,000 in 1946.

Much of the trial concerned testimony of Mrs. ANASTASIA's holdings which the defense objected to submitting in evidence, but which was admitted in evidence.

Testimony was brought out that in 1943 ALBERT ANASTASIA had told Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) officials that he never earned more than $145 a month between 1928 and 1942. This statement, given to INS, further
revealed that ANASTASIA indicated he had worked as a
longshoreman in Brooklyn between 1928 and 1936, and that
between 1936 and 1940 he ran his own cheese business.
Subsequently, he went to work for a sand and gravel
company in Utica, New York for $100 a month.

Testimony concerning the filing of his income
tax returns was introduced. ALFRED ESPOSITO, a Cliffside
Real Estate and Insurance Broker, testified he had made
out ANASTASIA's income tax report for 1947 at which time
ANASTASIA listed his wins as $4,500 in excess of his
losses in playing the horses.

An Accountant, NAT BENNETT of Lindbrook, New
York, testified that he made out ANASTASIA's 1948 income
tax return, and stated that all the income listed on it
was derived from ANASTASIA's share of profits of the
Modern Dress Company, a Pennsylvania firm.

The house in question, described in news
releases as being a 3½ room, 5 bath house, was said to
have cost $50,477 or more to build. Its value is
established to run from $75,000 to $125,000. Much of
the testimony concerning the construction of the house
included various contractors, used in this construction,
being called as witnesses.

United States Treasury Agents testified that
they had contacted some 110 banks in 1947 in New York
and New Jersey but they never located any savings, loans,
inheritances or safety deposit boxes.

It was brought out through introduction of
Social Security records that ALBERT ANASTASIA and his wife
had a total combined earning of $8,730 from January 1,
1947 until December 31, 1948 in so far as work covered
by Social Security was reported. Information was also
brought out to show the reported earnings of the couple
compared with the lavish living and expenses incurred in
that living.

The trial went on for a five week period and
was turned over to the jury on November 20, 1954. After
17½ hours deliberation, the jury failed to agree on a verdict
and was dismissed by Federal Judge ALBERT E. MODARELLI.
Dismissal was made after the jury declared they were hopelessly
deadlocked.
United States Attorney RAYMOND DEL TUFO declared after the dismissal of the jury that he would move for a retrial on the case at the earliest possible moment.

The retrial is on the court calendar for February 11, 1955 before Judge WILLIAM F. SMITH. To date this retrial has been postponed indefinitely and it is expected a new date will be set in the near future.

On April 14, 1954 ANASTASIA was stripped of his citizenship which he obtained on June 29, 1943 while he was stationed at the Indian Town Gap Military Reservation, Indian Gap, Pennsylvania. ANASTASIA appealed this revocation of his citizenship and the arguments have been concluded before a panel of the 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals. The Court reserved its decision on September 20, 1954 and when the decision will be handed down is unknown as of this writing.

In the New York "Daily News" dated April 26, 1954 appears the following article, "Anastasia's Pal Slain, Stuffed in Auto Trunk". "A close henchman and onetime bodyguard of the notorious Albert Anastasia, lord high executioner of Murder Inc., was himself found murdered yesterday in the latest underworld style." The article continues, the body of VINCENT (JIM) MACRI ex-convict and brother of BENEDICT MACRI was shot twice through the head and his body was found in his own hardtop convertible. The article continues that during BENEDICT's trial in New York on a manslaughter charge concerning the fatal stabbing of a clothing worker union organizer, VINCENT MACRI was held-up with ANASTASIA in ANASTASIA's home at Fort Lee, New Jersey. The article stated he was guarding ANASTASIA from underworld avengers who had marked ANASTASIA for
death because of a reported double-cross. To date this killing has not been solved.

In a column written for the "New York Post," dated September 20, 1954, LEONARD LYONS, "The Lyons Den" stated "A subpoena is out for Albert Anastasia, the East's most powerful mob leader. It concerns a murder case here." No further information was reported in the New York papers or from the New York City Police Department concerning this statement by LYONS.
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Office Memorandum - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (94-419 sub 5)

DATE: 3/16/56

SUBJECT: ALBERT ANASTASIA, was
FBI #171579
GIF
TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE

Reference is made to SAC letter #53-50.

Attached hereto for the information of the Bureau is a supplementary summary of the information concerning the above subject containing the only pertinent information developed since the summary of information dated 9/12/55.
The following supplementary summary of information is the only pertinent information developed concerning Albert Anastasia, since the summary of information dated September 12, 1955.

It is to be noted that on June 3, 1955, as previously reported, Anastasia was sentenced in United States District Court, Camden, New Jersey, to a term of one year in a federal penitentiary.
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In the "World Telegram" dated March 13, 1956, appears an article by Frederick J. Cook, Staff Writer, entitled "Anastasia Mysteries Probed By Miami on New Evidence." This article stated that "Bronx and Miami authorities, possessing new information, today were focusing once more on a favorite target of prosecutors - Albert Anastasia, known to the underworld as the Lord High Executioner of Murder Inc."
"The twin probes involve three mysteries of the kind that have marked the career of Anastasia through the years - a murder and the baffling disappearances of three other persons who were important potential witnesses against the gangland czar.

"The exact nature of the new evidence that has revived interest in Anastasia wasn't clear, but Miami authorities did say they want to question Willie Pep, the former featherweight boxing champion, as quickly as possible. Pep is fighting in Tampa tonight and is to be brought in for questioning as soon as he can be subpoenaed.

"Friend of Guard"

"Pep was a close acquaintance of Vincent Macri, former Anastasia bodyguard who was bumped off in April, 1954. About the same time his brother, Benedicto Macri, garment center figure acquitted in the William Lurye murder case and an associate of Anastasia, mysteriously disappeared.

"A year later, in May, 1955, a retired Fort Lee plumbing contractor and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ferri, vanished from their home leaving only bloodstains behind them. Mr. Ferri had been a key witness in a pending income tax evasion case against Anastasia.

"Anastasia is the common denominator in all of these cases,' Assistant U. S. Attorney Albert Blinder declared in Miami today.

"Checking Leads."

"Mr. Blinder said Pep had been questioned in New York because of his close acquaintance with the Macris, but he added that the fighter was wanted for further questioning in Florida because 'we also have some confidential information.'

"Florida sources said that Bronx Assistant District Attorney Fred Baron had spent from Feb. 21 to 25 checking out new leads in the case in Miami, and Miami authorities sent Chief Investigator Fred Jones Jr. to the Bronx to work on the case here.

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"Mr. Blinder said he didn't expect an immediate solution to the cases, and State Attorney George A. Brautigan said in Miami that 'we intend to pursue this (Ferri) case until the mystery is solved.'

"The Macris and the Ferris were important in the income tax case against Anastasia. After they were removed as potential witnesses Anastasia copped a plea and was sentenced to a year in jail. He began serving his term last June."
Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (94-419 Sub File 5)

SUBJECT: ALBERT ANASTASIA, was
FBI NUMBER 171579 - GIIF
TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE

DATE: 9/26/56

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Reference is made to SAC letter 53-58.

Attached hereto for the information of the Bureau
is a supplementary summary of the information concerning the
above subject, containing the only pertinent information developed
since the summary of information dated 3/16/56.

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ALBERT ANASTASIA
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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE INTELLIGENCE FILE
TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE

The following supplementary summary of information is the only pertinent information developed concerning Albert Anastasia, since the summary of information dated March 16, 1956.
It is to be noted in an article entitled, "Albert Anastasia Wins Court Ruling", which appeared in the "New York Herald Tribune", May 15, 1956, and listed as an Associated Press Release from Washington, D.C., dated May 14, 1956, there appeared as follows:
"The Supreme Court today refused to review the government's unsuccessful efforts to cancel the citizenship of Albert Anastasia, reputed head of the old Brooklyn Murder, Inc., mob.

"Federal Judge William F. Smith in Newark, New Jersey, ruled Anastasia had obtained his naturalization by fraud and ordered it canceled. This opened the way for deportation of Anastasia to his native Italy, but the United States Court of Appeals in Philadelphia reversed Judge Smith.

"The appeals court ruled that a naturalization examiner might with greater diligence have discovered Anastasia's fraud upon the naturalization court and so the government was not deceived into granting his citizenship in 1943.

"Appealing to the Supreme Court, the Justice Department said the Philadelphia court's action was erroneous and 'undermines the very foundation of denaturalization law.'

"In its appeal, the Justice Department said the Philadelphia appeals court opinion holds the government bound by neglect or lack of judgment of a single minor employee and specifically holds the decree of a court to be immune from correction for fraud.

"Such a holding, the appeal added, has continuing importance in all fields of governmental activity since it makes the rights of the government as a whole dependent on the error of any subordinate employee. Even if the examiner were in fact aware of the fraud, his fault cannot bind the government or the denaturalization court so as to render Anastasia immune from the consequence of his own fraud."

In an article appearing in the "New York Daily News" dated May 18, 1956, the photograph of Albert Anastasia appeared with the caption, "Gangland figure, Albert Anastasia (second from right and covering his face with a handkerchief) leaves brother's funeral service with his group of mourners."
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62. 92011-23  5-6
On the same date, the following article appeared:

"An Anastasio Goes to Grave in Style, Plus" by Joseph Kiernan.

"In the grandest funeral seen in Bath Beach since mob boss Frankie Yale went to his reward 28 years ago, Joseph Anastasio of the celebrated longshore clan was buried yesterday after a Mass offered by his brother, a priest.

"First came 33 flower cars, stretching for five blocks and loaded with $10,000 worth of sprays and wreaths. Frankie rated only five more cars.

Next the hearse, carrying Anastasio's body in a $4,000 mahogany and bronze casket. Finally, the mourners rode in another 100 cars, just four less than at Yale's funeral.

"At 8:00 A.M., the mourners started gathering at the Andrew Torregrossa and Sons Funeral Home, 79th Street and 13th Avenue, Brooklyn. Among them were hundreds of Brooklyn longshoremen.

"Soon, the crowd around the funeral home had swelled to 1,500 and a sergeant and three patrolmen were rushed from the Bath Beach station to straighten traffic.

"Inside were Anastasio's family, his wife, Stella, 48, sons, Robert, 21, and Joseph Jr., 9, and daughter, Rosemary, 16, and close relatives. Among the latter were his brothers, Albert, the Murder, Inc., enforcer, Tony, labor boss of the Brooklyn docks, and Gerardo, who works with Tony."
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (94-119 Sub File 5)

SUBJECT: ALBERT ANASTASIA, was
FBI NUMBER 471579 - GIIF
TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE

Reference was made to SAC letter 53-58.

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developed since the summary dated 9/26/56.

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ALBERT ANASTASIA
FBI NUMBER 171579
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE INTELLIGENCE FILE
TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The above captioned subject claims to have been born in 1902 at Tropea, Calabria, Italy. He further claims to have attained United States citizenship in the year 1943 in the Eastern District of New York, Brooklyn, while in the service of the United States Army. The subject in testimony given before the New York State Crime Commission stated his residence address was 75 Bluff Road, Palisades, New Jersey.

Further in testimony before the New York State Crime Commission the subject admitted to be a dress contractor and connected with the Madison Dress Company, Hazleton, Pennsylvania, lists the following addresses for the subject:

387 Columbia Street,
Brooklyn, New York

636 Arthur Street,
Utica, New York

1146-73rd Street
Brooklyn, New York

and

Cliffside, New Jersey

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The "New York Times" for December 24, 1952 in an article on Albert Anastasia advised that the biography of the Brothers Anastasia began in Tropea, a fishing village in Calabria, Italy. The family name was Anastasio. The father of the Anastasia brothers was a railroad worker who died before World War I. By that time the family consisted of nine sons and three daughters. One son and two daughters died young. Another son emigrated to Australia. All the remaining boys had to go to work at an early age, on fishing boats, on freighters, on farms; one succeeded his father on the railroad.

Umberto, later called Albert, now fifty years old, Guiseppe (Joseph), now forty-seven, and Tony, now forty-five, shipped as deckhands on tramp steamers as children of eleven and twelve and knocked about the toughest ports in the world. At various times during the Twenties they jumped ship in the United States and merged into the gangs of longshoremen.

Albert, the oldest and most sinister of the Anastasia brothers got involved as far back as 1921 with the criminal element as he was among several men convicted of killing a fellow countryman in a quarrel. After months in the death house at Sing Sing Prison Anastasia won a retrial on a technical plea.

Meanwhile the State's best witness in this case was frightened back to Italy. On the retrial, Albert was acquitted. He was arrested for assault in 1923 but won a discharge by the same technique of intimidating witnesses. The same year he was convicted of possessing a gun. He served two years in the penitentiary.

In 1928 the subject was charged with another murder and in 1932 with stabbing a man to death with an ice-pick, but was dismissed for lack of evidence both times. In 1933 he was tried for the killing of a Brooklyn laundryman but the State's witnesses somehow changed their story and he got off again.

By this time the subject was rising to power on a Brooklyn waterfront. He became a pier superintendent
and dominated six locals of the International Longshoremen’s Association, A.F.L. In addition, Albert had become a friend, as he admitted in 1951 to the Kefauver Committee, of Joe Adonis, Willie Moretti, Vito Genovese and Augi Pisano, important thugs.

With Adonis and Abe Reles, Albert formed Murder, Inc., the famous racket syndicate that slew sixty-three men in the New York area between 1931 and 1940. Reles later testified that Albert was the fingerman and ordered all of the killings.

In 1939 Peter Panto, the longshoreman who organized a rank-and-file revolt to rid the union of racketeers was strangled and his body was buried in a lime pit. Reles, accused of several other murders, told all to save his life. He implicated the subject in this and thirty more murders. Then Reles plunged to his death from his room in the Half Moon Hotel in Coney Island in 1941 and William O’Dwyer, then Brooklyn District Attorney, said his "perfect case" against Anastasia had collapsed.

Taking refuge in the Army in 1942 the subject hid out as technical sergeant training Army longshoremen at Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania for the next two years.

Before he was discharged as over age in 1944 he took advantage of a law granting quick citizenship to servicemen. After he quit the waterfront and the rough stuff he began operating a dress factory in Hazleton, Pennsylvania. The subject bought a $75,000.00 yellow stucco house of phony Spanish style overlooking the Hudson at Fort Lee, New Jersey around the corner from the home of his old friend Adonis.

There he lives behind a steel fence guarded by two dogs, and spurns subpoenas of the State Crime Commission. He has two Lincolns, his son goes to college, and he and his brothers have bought Mama Anastasio, now age 76, a home in Farhelia, Italy where the Federal Government has begun proceedings to denaturalize and deport him.
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68 - 4426 - 171
Anastasia Case Holds '150 Angles' Jigsaw Puzzle, Says Detective

Detectives investigating the murder of Albert Anastasia are not overlooking the 'cherches la femme' angle, Chief of Detectives James B. Leggett disclosed yesterday.

Although the "lord high executioner" of Murder, Inc., never had the reputation of being a ladies' man, there could be a woman involved "somewhere in the background," the chief conceded. Ostensibly the gangster was devoted to his wife and family and he enjoyed playing pachisi in his Fort Lee, N.J., home.

There are about 150 possible angles to this case," the chief said, "it could have been anybody, possibly some one who had a grudge against him or even a slight grievance in the past."

Coppola Still Held

Meanwhile, Anthony Coppola, Anastasia's "coffee sergeant" or messenger, was questioned for a fifth day yesterday by police. He was held late Monday in $50,000 bail as a material witness. He was across the street from the Park Sheraton Hotel barber shop at Seventh Ave. and 65th St. when the gangster was shot down there by two gunmen at 10:30 a.m. Friday. Coppola's lawyer had said on Monday that his client would raise the bail within two days.

"I ain't got no money for bail," Coppola complained yesterday, "it's all a farce."

Chief Leggett indicated this would be a "long exhaustive pursuit of little pieces of information that would have to be put painstakingly together like a jigsaw puzzle."

"No One Big Enough"

Anastasia apparently had no idea any one was gunning for him and probably felt that "no one was big enough to take him," the chief said, adding the mobster probably felt his fearsome reputation was all the protection he needed.

At a press conference in Trenton, Gov. Mechner said he was certain that Anastasia had not been operating in New Jersey. The Governor said he knew nothing of reports that New Jersey authorities were checking a possible link between Anastasia's murder and the still unsolved October, 1951, slaying of Willie Moretti, another gangster, in Cliffside Park, N.J., Attorney General Grover C. Richman Jr. of New Jersey also sent he knows nothing of such an investigation.

Wash. Post and Times Herald

Wash. News

Wash. Star

N. Y. Herald Tribune

N. Y. Journal American

N. Y. Mirror

N. Y. Daily News

N. Y. Times

Daily Worker

The Worker

New Leader

Date 017 8-1551
Another 'Murder, Inc.'

To assume a "good riddance" attitude toward the killing of gangland's one-time "lord high executioner," Albert Anastasia—as some persons may be inclined to do—would be to ignore the shocking realities of the New York crime.

It is true that Anastasia, once head of "Murder, Inc.," met a sort of retributive justice when two gunmen "rubbed him out" with an efficiency reminiscent of "Murder, Inc." But the alarming fact is that the shooting of this killer, following so closely upon the recent abortive attempt to murder another New York gangster, Frank Costello, indicates that another murder syndicate may be operating in New York City. At any rate, it is joltingly evident that the era of big-city gangland warfare, generally thought to have passed pretty much out of the picture in recent years, is not yet ended.

The slaying of the loathsome Anastasia presents a challenge to the New York police—and to law enforcement at large—that must be met with all the resources of the law. For while one killer who, amazingly, was able to escape punishment through the years, has been erased from the list of America's top criminals, other killers as ruthless as their victim remain free to operate where—and when they please.

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Times Herald
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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION

COVER SHEET

SUBJECT: ALBERT ANASTASIA

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NYCPD. APPEARS NYO HAS TWO ALTERNATIVES- EITHER TURN THE MATTER OVER
TO NYCPD OR LOCATE AND INTERVIEW IN EVENT ADMITS IMPLICATION IT WOULD REFLECT FAVORABLY ON THE BUREAU. IN EVENT IS INTERVIEWED AND FAILS TO MAKE DISCLOSURE BUREAU WOULD HAVE NO
AUTHORITY TO HOLD HIM AND IF PD LATER IMPLICATES HIM IN THE CRIME,
THE BUREAU WOULD BE SUBJECT TO CRITICISM. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT
BUREAU AUTHORIZE NYO TO REFER THIS MATTER TO NYCPD.

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Office Mem

TO: Mr. Rosen

FROM: [Redacted]

SUBJECT: ALBERT ANASTASIA
TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE

SA [Redacted], New York Office, was instructed to furnish the information regarding [Redacted] to the New York City Police. They were also instructed to advise the Miami Division to furnish the information received there to the Dade County Sheriff's Office and New York also is to furnish this information to the New York City Police.

DATE: 12-22-57
Time of call 5:50 PM
12-21-57

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72 JAN 6 1958
TO:  DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (92-78)  
RE: ALBERT ANASTASIA (DECEASED)  
TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE  
G11F  

Re: Airtel 12/19/57.  

There is no General Sherman Hotel in Atlanta or Atlanta area. Investigation reflects N.Y. interest purchased in recent months, The Henry Grady & Briarcliff Hotel, Atlanta. Efforts being made to determine if [redacted] or captioned subject connected in instant purchase of Atlanta Hotels. 


3- Bureau  
3- New York (92-659)  
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6 Jan 3 1958
Approved: Special Agent in Charge

Sent M Per
Transmit the following message via AIRTEL

(_PRIORITY OR METHOD OF MAILING)

TO: DIRECTOR
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (62-1273)
RE: ALBERT ANASTASIA; GIF

Diligent to Bureau instructions,

In the course of an investigation of basis information, a check made in vicinity Sahara Motel, 18135 Collins Ave., Sunny Isles, developed that directly opposite thereto was a new shopping center which extends for entire city block. In center of shopping center is located the Community Barber Shop at 18186 Collins Ave.

An examination of instant barber shop reflects there is no rear room or upstairs wherein any person could hide out. However, directly behind shopping center area there is located an apartment building containing eight, one bedroom apartments at the address 18126 Atlantic Boulevard. This apartment building only building located behind shopping center.

Approved: Special Agent in Charge

15 DECEMBER 1957

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62-98011-49

Bureau (AM) Miami

(4) 7 2 JAN 6 1958 EX-135

Agent M Per
Transmit the following message via

(Priority or Method of Mailing)

MM 62-1273

J. A. Cantor
Real Estate, 1451 N. Bayshore Drive, Miami, advised that new shopping center wherein barber shop located and apartment building previously mentioned were owned by J. A. Cantor. Made available leases for that building, but names of the lessees of the apartments did not appear of any significance, and it was noted all had occupied their apartments for some period of time. Apartment #3 has been vacant since 12/1/57, when the previous occupants moved out. Verified that the Community Barber Shop

Additional contact had with

The results of above telephonically furnished Assistant Director ROSEN same date.

Pursuant to Bureau instructions received 12/21/57, telephonically furnished details of above to Dade County Sheriff's Office at 10:15 PM, same date.

In absence request for additional investigation, case being considered closed.

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\( 62 - 98011 \) during 45 and 46 (12-12-57)
To: SAC, Atlanta
From: Director, FBI

ALBERT ANASTASIA (DECEASED)
TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE
GJIF

Re New York airtel 12/13/57.

Expedite investigation requested in resirtel and advise Bureau as soon as results obtained.

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Office Memorandum - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Mr. Boardman

FROM: A. Rosen

DATE: December 18, 1957

SUBJECT: ALBERT ANASTASIA
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE INTELLIGENCE FILE

With further reference to the check that is being made by the Miami Office with reference to the above-entitled matter, the following is submitted.

SAC Williams states that they have been checking on the barber shop and it is located in the jurisdiction of the Sheriff's Office in Dade County. It is a new area.

The barber shop is so situated that you could look directly through it to the rear and no one could have occupied any area in the rear of the barber shop. However, there is a wooden fence separating the rear of the barber shop from a new apartment building immediately adjoining. It is situated on a new street which has just been opened and a check of the apartments indicates that nothing of significance is known of any of the tenants with the exception of one, which appears to be an apartment occupied by the Fontaine Racing Account.

With reference to the other occupants they are also going to check with the large rental agency that built and maintains the apartment. The apartment, it is also noted, is separated by one vacant lot from a canal which runs immediately behind it.

J. A. Cantor Associates is the real estate outfit maintaining the apartment, and Miami states that they believe them to be reputable. They
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Re: Albert Anastasia
General Investigative Intelligence File

have been there for a number of years, and Miami plans to check the leases for the various apartments to determine whether any information of significance can be developed.

I told Williams to make these checks of the leases, and to follow up on the reinterview of [redacted] to see if he has come up with any additional information and that after these checks are made, we will then decide what further action would be taken.
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On December 19, New York has been telephonically advised that
Bureau authority to turn this matter over to New York
City Police Department denied at this time. New York
has been instructed to conduct further discreet inquiry
regarding **redacted**. It was suggested that available
employment records at Idlewild Airport be checked.
New York was told to furnish further identifying data
regarding **redacted**. New York was also instructed
to telephonically apprise Chicago regarding this matter
and to have them identify **redacted**.
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Office Memorandum  UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director, FBI

FROM: Legal Attache, Havana, Cuba

SUBJECT: INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: December 31, 1957

On December 26, 1957, contacted the office of the Legat, Havana. He advised that he and for the purpose of gathering material to write a series of articles on the activities of hoodlums and gamblers in Havana. said that they would attempt to ascertain the tie-up between the Cuban Government and the American hoodlum element that has moved into Havana. indicated further that they were attempting to develop information concerning the reasons for the murder of ALBERT ANASTASIA and the identities of the individuals behind this murder.

said that in the event they should develop any information which would be of value to the Bureau, he would advise the office of the Legat.

Two extra copies of this letter have been prepared for the Bureau file captioned "ALBERT ANASTASIA, TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE GIIP, ANTI-RACKETEERING."

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TO DIRECTOR AND SAC DALLAS

FROM SAC NEW YORK

ALBERT ANASTASIA, TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE. REDL TEL ONE THREE LAST.

Unless advised to contrary by Bureau

UACB NO INVESTIGATION REQUESTED OF DALLAS. NYCPD ADVISED

RE PROSPECTIVE TRAVEL OF

END AND ACK PLS

2-12 AM OK FBI WA CRH

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Mr. Rosen

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EX-131
URGENT 12-17-57 3-01 PM MTR
TO DIRECTOR 1
FROM SAC NEW YORK 1P
ALBERT ANASTASIA, GIIF. REMIAMI TEL TO NY THIS DATE. FOLLOWING INFO
WAS FURNISHED BY MIAMI OFFICE IN RETEL.

MIAMI OFFICE ADVISED NO
ACTION BEING TAKEN AND ABOVE INFO TO BE FURNISHED DADE COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE DECEMBER EIGHTEENTH NEXT UAC BY NY. NYO REQUESTS
AUTHORIZATION TO FURNISH INFO TO NYCPD.

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Office Memorandum - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: MR. L. V. BOARDMAN
FROM: A. ROSEN

DATE: 12/18/57

SUBJECT: ALBERT ANASTASIA
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE INTELLIGENCE FILE

With reference to the information from Miami relative to Anastasia, I called SAC John Williams to ascertain developments to date.

He stated they had recontacted

I asked Williams if he had any knowledge concerning the present activities of

ACTION BEING TAKEN

I told Williams to keep after this matter to see if anything further could be developed and that he should call me back concerning developments. Williams stated they were checking in the area of the barbershop; that this location was in the Sunny Isles part of Miami Beach and they were at the present time trying to see what could be developed. He will call later.
Date: 1/7/58

Transmit the following in

PLAIN TEXT
(Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL

(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (92-180)

ALBERT ANASTASIA
GLIF - TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE

Reference is made to previous communications from this office furnishing information re allegation of the location of the murderers of ALBERT ANASTASIA which information, pursuant to Bureau authority in New York teletype dated 12/21/57, was furnished to Dade County Sheriff's Office, Miami, Fla.

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Approved: Special Agent in Charge

Per
A check of the indices of the Miami Division failed to develop any information concerning [redacted].

As a matter of cooperation with Dade County Sheriff's Office, New York is requested to furnish any available background information concerning [redacted].

WILLIAMS
In this regard, former SA indicated on February 27, 1958, that he had heard a rumor that Anastasia's murder had nothing to do with Cuban gambling activities. According to the rumor, Anastasia was murdered by the "Irish gang" in New York City as a result of an argument over the control of the waterfront.

ALBERT G. VAUGHAN, Officer in Charge of the local Immigration and Naturalization Service Office in Havana, who has insisted that his identity remain confidential in this matter, advised on March 6, 1958, that the exclusion of MEYER Lansky from Cuba by Cuban Minister of Interior SANTIAGO REY was caused by pressure brought to bear on Cuban President FULGENCIO BATISTA by American Ambassador EARL E. T. SMITH and Assistant Attorney General TOMPKINS. He said that TOMPKINS came to Cuba ostensibly in connection with the Neutrality Act investigation of but that he "got together" with Ambassador SMITH and together they influenced President BATISTA to instruct SANTIAGO REY that LANSKY should be excluded from Cuba (S-1) (8) admitted by INS 6/11/56.
Mr. VAUGHAN said that Ambassador SMITH was supposedly the only American in Cuba who knew that this had transpired but that he (VAUGHAN) had learned it from TOMPKINS because of a close personal friendship that he has with TOMPKINS. According to VAUGHAN, TOMPKINS believed that by forcing LANSKY out of Cuba and back to the United States, enough bad publicity could be brought to bear on LANSKY to make him "tell what he knows about the Anastasia murder." (S-1) (X) (w)

The Office of the Legal Attache, Havana, has noticed a recent development of a strong reluctance to furnish information on the part of some important American gamblers who previously had been developed to the point where they were willing to furnish some information to this office. Based on the information set forth above from [redacted], it would appear that these gamblers have received information from high Cuban officials that the American Embassy was behind MEYER LANSKY's exclusion from Cuba. (S-1) (X) (w)

The Legal Attache, Havana requests that the information furnished by Mr. VAUGHAN not be revealed to anyone outside the Bureau since it would jeopardize the source. In the event the Bureau desires to make available the information furnished by [redacted], concerning the comments made to him by high Cuban officials, [redacted] identity should not be revealed.

Sufficient extra copies of this letter have been prepared so that the Bureau may forward copies to New York and Miami Offices for captioned file as well as files on MEYER LANSKY and [redacted] For that purpose six copies are furnished the Bureau, and in addition four copies are furnished for New York as well as three copies for Miami (Information).
Hotel Files $500,000 Suit Against Anastasia Barber

The Park Sheraton Hotel, which recently was defeated in the courts in its attempt to break the lease of the ground-floor barber shop in which mobster Albert Anastasia was murdered, has brought suit against barber shop owner Arthur Grasso for $500,000 damages, it was disclosed yesterday in Supreme Court.

The hotel corporation charged that Grasso violated a "good conduct" clause in his lease by "soliciting" the business of known underworld characters, including Anastasia, who was gunned to death in a barber chair last Oct. 26.

The hotel named an alternative judgment for the court to consider: forfeiture of the lease and $12,000 damages.

The suit came to light when Grasso's attorney, L. Rotter of 55 Chambers St., filed a petition for dismissal of the complaint on the ground it contained too few facts to constitute a legal claim.

A hearing on the petition was scheduled for next Wednesday.
Office Memorandum - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ALBANY (92-139)

SUBJECT: ALBERT ANASTASIA (DECEASED)
TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE
GIIF

Re New York airtel to Bureau 12/16/57.

cc. 3 = Bureau
2 = New York City (94-419, Sub 5)
1 = Miami
1 = Albany (92-139)

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According to a news release in 1939, JOHN MELITO was indicted with 67 men and one woman for conspiracy to defraud the Federal Government of alcohol taxes approximating five million dollars through maintenance of 12 unregistered stills in Utica and vicinity over a five and one-half year period. In June, 1939, MELITO was convicted of conspiracy to defraud the United States Government of internal revenue taxes and sentenced to prison for a term of one year and one day and fined $1,000.00. He was paroled March 13, 1940. In a news released dated 1/9/39, JOHN MELITO was described by Assistant District Attorney JOSELIT as the "front" man for JOSEPH and SALVATORE FALCONE, alleged leaders of the still ring.
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (94-419-Subfile 5)
SUBJECT: ALBERT ANASTASIA, w.a. (Deceased)
TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE
GIIF

It is to be further noted that recently District Attorney HOGAN, NY County, issued a wanted notice for questioning of HOGAN indicated he wanted to talk to concerning the murder of ALBERT ANASTASIA. Based upon this, the information that was in NYC was furnished to, NYPD.

On 2/13/57, telephonically advised the NYO that DA HOGAN's men picked up and he appeared before the NY County Grand Jury on 2/12/57. Results of an interview by HOGAN not known to the NYO. NYO maintain contact with, and will follow closely, NYC.
Bureau is requested to furnish one copy of this airtel to Legal, Havana, for information purposes.

POWERS
Transmit the following message via AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (94-419sub5)
SUBJECT: ALBERT ANASTASIA
TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE
GIIF

Re NY airtel to Bureau, dated 11/19/57.

Information was in NYC was furnished to the NYPD as they were vitally interested in connection with the death of ANASTASIA...

questioned by District Attorney's Office on 2/21/58, and is to appear before NY County Grand Jury on 3/3/58.
Transmit the following message via X-REL:

NY 94-419sub5

The New Orleans Office is requested to check the name through the office indices and furnish background concerning to the NYO.

The Phoenix Office is requested to ascertain if has an arrest record in Phoenix and will immediately furnish results of this check to the NYO.

NYO following and will report.

P.S. IRS
Office Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 3-15-58

FROM: MIAMI (92-180)

SUBJECT: ALBERT ANASTASIA (DECEASED)
GIFF - TOP HUDDUM COVERAGE

Re: MM airtel to Director dated 1-7-58, and MM letter to NY dated 1-7-58.

Inasmuch as there is no further investigation for Miami, this matter being considered RUC.

2-Bureau (AM)
2-New York (AM) (94-919, Sub #5)
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SAC Powers called from New York and stated that yesterday he had received an inquiry from the Associated Press concerning a report from Naples that the FBI had asked the Italian Police to locate Sonny Vito Pinto (ph.) in connection with the Anastasia murder and that he had said that he had no comment to make.

Today, "The New York Post" ran an article on the Anastasia case pointing out that Pinto is believed to be identical with Carmine DiBiase and referred to the report from Italy that the Italian Police had been asked to locate Pinto. It quotes Powers as denying that Federal agents had entered the case and that he had refused to comment on whether the FBI was looking for anyone on another case in Italy.

Powers stated he has not talked to the Post or anyone else other than the Associated Press and his only reply had been "no comment."

cc-Mr. Boardman
cc-Mr. Rosen
cc-Mr. Jones
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RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; ALBERT ANASTASIA - VICTIM MURDER

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Offense ALBERT ANASTASIA - VICTIM L. F. P. S. #

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LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION WORK SHEET

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Answer to: SA [redacted]

Examination requested by: SA [redacted]

Copy to:

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
ALBERT ANASTASIA - VICTIM
MURDER

Date of reference communication: Telephonically requested by SA [redacted]
Specimens: Division 9,

Named suspect: [redacted]

Result of examination: No written answer received.

Examination by: [redacted]

Evidence noted by: [redacted]

Telephone to: [redacted]

Latent fingerprint section work sheet

JAN 14 1963

[Signature]
Memorandum

TO: Mr. J. B. Adams

FROM: Legal Counsel

DATE: 7-18-74

SUBJECT: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST CONCERNING ALBERT ANASTASIA; VITO GENOVESE; NICOLA GENTILE; CHARLES "LUCKY" LUCIANO, AKA; SALVATORE MARANZANO

We propose furnishing the attached documents, including reports and public source material, concerning the following subjects to Alan Block, a historian at Alfred University, Alfred, New York:

Albert Anastasia (62-98011; 92-2573; 92-2567)
Vito Genovese (92-3759; 92-2709)
Nicola Gentile (92-7035)
Charles "Lucky" Luciano (39-2141; 31-44320)

Names and identifying information on all individuals and businesses, other than subjects, have been deleted except in public source data.

No pertinent identifiable data was located concerning Salvatore Maranzano.

This request was initially coordinated with the Special Investigative Division.

Mr. Block has submitted the necessary deposit.

RECOMMENDATION:

That upon approval, the attached documents be returned to the Freedom of Information Act Unit, Legal Counsel, for completion of processing and transmittal to Block.

ENCLOSURES

1 - Mr. Cleveland
   Attention: J. E. McHale; E. J. Sharp
1 - Mr. Mintz
1 - Fudfile 62-115530 (FOI - REPLIES)
SAC, New York (94-419Sub5)

Director, FBI (62-98011)

ALBERT ANASTASIA (Deceased)

The New York "Daily News" of 3/27/69, carried an article on page three under the by-line of William Federici with the headline "Anastasia Suspect Seeks to Leave U. S."

The above article stated that the prime suspect in the 1959 gangland slaying of Anastasia had applied to the New York State Parole Board for permission to leave the United States. The alleged suspect, not named in the article, was said to have been paroled last year after nearly seven years in the Greenhaven prison for assault and robbery.

Through appropriate discreet contact of the New York State Parole Board determine the identity of the alleged suspect and advise the Bureau.
Anastasia's Suspect Seeks to Leave U.S.

By WILLIAM FEDERICI

The prime suspect in the gangland slaying of Mafia chieftain Albert Anastasia has applied to the State Parole Board for permission to leave the country.

According to Albany sources, the suspect says his family is now living in Italy and he would like to join them. His application was made several months ago, a source revealed, but a decision has not been reached by the board.

Not Ready to Move In

The suspected killer of the Mad Hatter, as Anastasia was called, was paroled last year after serving nearly seven years in Greenhaven prison for assault and robbery.

Sources told The News that authorities were not yet in a position to move in on the suspect but were keeping him under surveillance. It was said that he had been under "loose observation" since he was paroled.

Meanwhile, District Attorney Frank Hogan's investigation was accelerated yesterday as several more witnesses were questioned in the 1957 murder, which took place in the ground-floor barber shop of the Park Sheraton Hotel.

Hogan reopened the case recently on the basis of major new developments.

A mystery man who recently gave Hogan's office a tip about the case died recently, a source revealed.

"Solid" Witnesses

They have had three "solid" eyewitnesses able to identify the killer, a source close to the investigation said.

It was also reported yesterday that on the first day of the questioning of witnesses, who include barbers, shoeshine men, a valet and a manicurist and several others subpoenaed by Hogan, one of them told a story that differed from the one given right after the killing.

Investigation by both DA squad detectives and cops from Manhattan South Homicide over the last 11 years has revealed that at least two other gunmen were lurking in other locations near the barbershop just in case the assigned pair missed. But they didn't. Anastasia was hit five times.

The four gunmen became known in the underworld as the "barbershop quartet."

New information has been pouring into Hogan's office since it was learned that he had reactivated the case. According to one source, "It seems that more and more people are willing to talk now."

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Al Anastasia
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Only Family Members at Brief Rites
Dockers Mourn At Funeral Home; Bodyguard Quizzed
By AL TUBE, Staff Writer.

With the ghosts of men he had ordered violently dispatched to eternity outnumbering mourners at his funeral, Albert Anastasia today was buried quietly and swiftly in Brooklyn’s Green-Wood Cemetery.

Only 16 members of the family of the former enforcer of Murder Inc., were at the graveside on a slight rise near 32nd St. and 5th Ave. as his body was committed to a consecrated ground. He had died as he lived—by assassination—and the rites of the Catholic church had been denied him.

20-Minute Ceremony.
The entire ceremony took 20 minutes and the six-car cortege which had entered the cemetery at 25th St. and 5th Ave., where about 100 curiose had gathered, sped out by another exit. The funeral was in sharp contrast to other gangland burials.

No long lines of cars, no profusion of flowers. Mourners occupied four cars, trooped quietly to graveside by signal, repeated prayers led by a funeral director and just as silently returned to their autos.

When another Anastasia brother, Joseph, a dock hiring boss, died last year there was a mile-long cortège, $15,000 in floral tributes and a burial casket worth $6,000.

$900 Casket.

While a cold wind toppled floral pieces by the grave, Anastasia’s plain $900 casket included in a wooden box was lowered into the earth. The mourners each tossed a pink rose after it.

A high police official said it was one of the “quietest and quickest” gangster funerals he ever had seen.

Only four of the six cars carried mourners. One held the body, the other carried about a dozen floral offerings. Chauffeurs for the autos acted as pallbearers.

By contrast, there were nine vehicles transporting detectives, newspaper reporters and photographers and newspapermen. These were stopped at the cemetery gate by police.

Press Barred.

Albert, 55, who was shot down last Friday, didn’t like the press very much, by his brother’s admission, and they were barred from his services. Even their view at the cemetery from outside a fence, was cut off by forming a few large floral pieces as a shield.

Albert’s wife, Elsa, was near collapse at the burial ceremony and was supported by her son, Albert Jr., 22.

Earlier in the Andrew Torregrossa & Sons Funeral Home at 13th Ave. and 79th St., she had swooned after breaking into sobs.

The cortège left the funeral home at 9:30 a.m. after brief services there for the underworld kingpin said to have been responsible for the death of at least 63 men. In the procession also were Albert’s brothers, Anthony (Tough Tony) and Gerardo.

Another brother, the Rev. Salvatore Anastasia, was not at the funeral. But spectators at the cemetery said they recognized him as the priest who had visited the grave and apparently prayed earlier in the morning.

The funeral parlor opened at 8 a.m. and received a steady stream of longshoremen in working attire who filed past the casket and paid their respects to Tom, Brooklyn dock boss, William Bradley, president of the International Longshoremen’s Assn. (Ind.) and his general organizer, Thomas (Tuffy) Gleason, were first to arrive. They left shortly thereafter.

400 at Funeral Home.

About 400 persons milled outside the funeral home, a handsome white cement building set on a terrace, and a dozen police kept the spectators in check. Angels on plaques under the roof edged looked down on the scene.
While gangland's slain chief executioner thus was going to his reward police spurred their search for clues to his killer.

At the same time, Anthony Coppola, bodyguard for the dead man, was acquitted of vagrancy charges on which he had been held in $30,000 bail.

The charge against Coppola was dismissed in Manhattan Court and immediately he was taken in tow by detectives for another round of interrogation about last Friday's murder of his boss in the Park Sheraton Hotel barber shop.

Stories Conflict.

Much official attention centered on Coppola, the pudgy man who wasn't there when the man who hired him as a bodyguard was shot to death. Coppola, 49, had given conflicting stories as to his whereabouts when his boss was killed. He was described as "uncooperative" by police.

Police added that if he would talk because they said they know he has been present at meetings between Anastasia and other gangsters.

Meanwhile, Chief of Detectives James B. Leggett said it has been established the two guns police found Friday after the slaying were the murder guns, but were connected to no other crimes and bore no fingerprints.

It was also learned the shop

Other Killings.

Fat, flashy Moretti, a close pal of Costello and Anastasia, had been bickering loudly and long in a New Jersey grand jury shortly before four gunmen silenced him in a lunchroom at Cliffside Park, Oct. 4, 1951.

Scalise, a lieutenant of Charles (Lucky) Luciano, exiled dope king, was shot dead outside a Bronx fruit store June 17—a few days after he conferred with federal narcotics agents and FBI men.

Costello was shot in the head May 2, but only slightly wounded. Detectives investigating this murder attempt learned that the older statesman of mobdom had been discussing gangland business with an outsider, who repeated Costello's revelations to federal officers.

Costello Rumor.

When Anastasia was slain last Friday morning in the barber shop of the Park Sheraton Hotel, a rumor circulated that the killing was in reprisal for the Costello shooting.

"If Albert A. had wanted Costello out of the way, Costello would be dead," one police official commented. "Albert's boys didn't bungle a job.

A more plausible theory is that both Costello and Anastasia were the targets of younger, up-and-coming goons who believe the old-timers are overlords of the underworld have gone soft with time and prosperity."

Anastasia's Fall.

This theory was strengthened by a telephone call to the World-Telegram and Sun from a tough-talking man who asked to speak with crime reporter Fred J. Cook.

"You remember I called you last spring right after Costello was shot and you printed a warning we issued to Anastasia not to butt in?" the anonymous caller asked.

"Yes," said Mr. Cook.

"Well, we were giving another warning now," the caller said.

in which Anastasia met his death would be closed for a few days. The hotel, said it had attracted too many sightseers.

While police appeared to be up against a blank wall as to who, several well-informed police sources theorized as to the why of the killing. Anastasia was executed because like other gang chieftains before him, rival mobsters feared he was about to break the underworld code of silence, they believed.

These sources pointed out that Anastasia had been questioned several times in recent months by Federal Bureau of Investigation agents and other federal investigators. His last session with the government sleuths was about three weeks ago.

United States Attorney Paul Williams and his assistants grilled the former boss of Murder, Inc. about labor racketeering. And the Senate labor racketeers committee planned to haul him in as a witness.
While gangland’s slain chief executioner thus was going to his reward police spurred their search for clues to his killers. At the same time, Anthony Coppola, bodyguard for the dead man, was acquitted of vagrancy charges on which he had been held in $30,000 bail.

The charge against Coppola was dismissed in Manhattan Court and immediately he was taken in tow by detectives for another round of interrogation about last Friday’s murder of his boss in the Park Sheraton Hotel barber shop.

Stories Conflict.

Much official attention centered on Coppola, the pudgy man who wasn’t there when the man who hired him as a bodyguard was shot to death. Coppola, 49, had given conflicting stories as to his whereabouts when his boss was killed. He was described as “uncooperative” by police, who doubted Coppola’s ability to answer questions.

Meanwhile, Chief of Detectives James B. Leggett said it has been established the ‘21 guns’ police found Friday after the slaying were the murder weapons, but no one else could be connected to the crime or its motive.

It was later learned the shop

Other Killings.

Fat, flashy Moretti, a close friend of Costello and Anastasia, had been blabbing loud and long to a New Jersey grand jury shortly before four gunmen silenced him in a lunchroom at Cliffside Park, Oct. 4, 1951.

Scalf, a lieutenant of Charles (Lucky) Luciano, exiled dope king, was shot dead outside a Bronx fruit store June 17—a few days after he conferred with federal narcotics agents and FBI men.

Costello was shot in the head May 2, but only slightly wounded. Detectives investigating this murder attempt learned that the elder statesman of mobdom had been discussing gangland business with an outsider, who repeated Costello’s revelations to federal officers.

Costello Rumor.

When Anastasia was slain last Friday morning in the barber shop of the Park Sheraton Hotel, a rumor circulated that the killing was in reprisal for the Costello shooting. But, those who knew Anastasia from the bloody days of Murder Inc. promptly debunked this report.

“F.I. had wanted Costello cut out of the way, Costello would be dead,” one police official commented. “Albert’s boys didn’t bungle a job.”

(A more plausible theory is that both Costello and Anastasia were the victims of younger, up-and-coming gangsters who believe the middle weights of the underworld have gone soft with time and prosperity.

This theory was strengthened by a telephone call to the World-Telegram reporter Fred J. Cook from a tough-talking man who said he had a warning he issued to Anastasia not to bunt in.”

“You remember I called you last spring right after Costello was shot and you printed a warning we issued to Anastasia not to bunt in.”

“Yes,” said Mr. Cook.

“Well, we’re giving another warning now,” the caller said.

It is not known in which Anastasia met his death would be closed for a few days. The hotel said it had attracted too many sightseers.

While police appeared to be up against a blank wall as to who, several well-informed police sources theorized as to the why of the killing. Anastasia was executed because he was a thorn in the side of other gangsters.

These sources pointed out that Anastasia had been questioned several times in recent months by Federal Bureau of Investigation agents and other federal investigators. His last session with the government sleuths was about three weeks ago.

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The Anastasia rubout followed the same pattern as the gangland executions of Willie Moretti and Frank Scalise and the bungled attempt on the life of Frank Costello. All of these top gangsters were marked for death because rivals feared they were leaking underworld secrets.

"This time we're telling Frankie—and I don't mean Costello—not to interfere. And we're not fooling.

"Whom do you mean by Frankie?"

"Frankie C., but it's not Costello. That's all."

And the mysterious caller hung up. The phone call came while Anastasia's body was still warm on the barbershop floor. The same caller—or someone who sounded just like him—contacted Mr. Cook only two hours after Costello was shot. At that time, he warned: "If Albert or Freddie steps in, they'll get it, too."

Meanwhile, other detective squads scour the city for a number of top-chelon hoodlums who have been conspicuously absent from their usual haunts since Anastasia was chopped down.

Among those sought for questioning is Anthony (Tony Bender) Strollo, mob boss of Greenwich Village. Strollo has not been seen for a week or more.

Police believe the two gunmen who gave Anastasia a lethal dose of his own medicine were imported to New York from another city, possibly Philadelphia. Their descriptions have been sent to every law enforcement agency in the nation.

'A Little Headway.'

Chief Inspector Thomas Nielsen told reporters last night: "I think we're making a little headway in the case."

He refused to elaborate on this comment, however.

Anastasia's chauffeur-bodyguard, Anthony Coppola, 49, is held in $30,000 bail on a technical charge of vagrancy.

Among other things, police are trying to find out why he wasn't with his boss at the time of the murder. Coppola has told conflicting stories concerning his activities last Friday, police say.
The punishment fit the crime today for the Lord High Executioner of Murder, Inc. Albert Anastasia was laid to rest in a grim little cemetery on the outskirts of New York, and there were very few mourners. As a matter of fact, the caravan of newspapermen and newspaper photographers outnumbered the number of mourners.

But back in New York there was considerable activity, because it was learned that Albert Anastasia—the man who was reputed to have killed sixty-one people, or directed their murder—was under investigation again by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the agents had been grilling him for some three weeks at the direction of crusading U.S. Attorney Paul Williams.

Last Tuesday, Three-Star Extra learned, Paul Williams brought together a new Grand Jury and told them that one of the men he was going after was Anastasia. This was about the time that the underworld was getting mighty weary of the Lord High Executioner. For almost five years they had been urging him to retire. For five years they considered him a liability, and in the opinion of the most informed men in the Federal Government, it was this effort to dispatch Anastasia, to keep from new scandals breaking around that famous name—that name that was synonymous with violence—that finally led the underworld to hit him.

Most of the Barons of the underworld are now mighty wealthy. They want no attention. They know that everytime a scandal breaks the Treasury Agents come down upon them, accountants rip their books wide open, the police drag them in, and soon everybody knows their business. This time they decided to dispatch Anastasia before the scandal broke.

This is Victor Riesel.
Office Memorandum - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: 10-29-57

TO: Mr. Rosen
FROM: C. A. Evans

SUBJECT: ALBERT ANASTASIA

This is submitted in connection with the Director's inquiry concerning a statement in an article published in the 10-29-57 "New York Herald Tribune" to the effect that Anastasia, who was killed in gangland fashion last Friday, had been questioned by FBI Agents within the last three weeks. Anastasia was interviewed only on one occasion by Bureau Agents and this was on 9-12-57.

We have checked with ASAC E. J. McCabe of the New York Division who in turn checked with the Newark Division inasmuch as Anastasia resided in Palisade, New Jersey and McCabe advised that Anastasia had been interviewed by Bureau Agents on only one occasion. This interview took place on 9-12-57. The interview was conducted in the office of__ and lasted for approximately thirty minutes. Anastasia was interviewed with reference to his connection with the Madison Press Company, Hazleton, Pennsylvania. Anastasia admitted that he had owned a 50% interest in this company since 1948 but that he had not participated in the operation of the company and that the company was operated by __

This interview was conducted in connection with an Anti-Racketeering investigation which was requested by Assistant United States Attorney Charles H. Miller of the Southern District of New York on 7-22-57. Investigation was completed in a report submitted by the Newark Division on 9-20-57, which is the report incorporating the interview with Anastasia. The case is now pending a decision of the United States Attorney's office in the Southern District of New York.

We have also secured the details of comments made by Victor Riesel on the "Three-Star Extra" news program over National Broadcasting Company on 10-28-57. In this broadcast, Riesel stated that Anastasia was under investigation by the FBI and Agents had been grilling him for some three weeks at the direction of crusading United States Attorney Paul Williams. The statement by Riesel is not accurate since we interviewed Anastasia only on one occasion and this interview was by a half hour in length. ASAC McCabe checked with Assistant United States Attor

*into allegations the company had "paid off" union representatives and racketeers

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Memorandum to Mr. Rosen

Miller of the Southern District of New York who advised that Anastasia had not been interviewed at all by the United States Attorney's office.

Riesel also said in his broadcast that Williams had brought together a new grand jury and told him that one of the men he was going after was Anastasia; that the underworld had considered Anastasia a liability and for almost five years had been urging him to retire. Riesel further indicated in his broadcast that Anastasia was killed to keep new scandals from breaking out since such scandals caused Treasury Agents and the police to intensify action against the underworld.

It is noted that the Federal Grand Jury in the Southern District of New York which has been hearing witnesses with regard to Anti-Racketeering matters in the garment industry expired last summer and the United States Attorney's office impaneled a new grand jury on 10-22-57. This new grand jury is also to hear witnesses regarding Anti-Racketeering matters. Little public notice was taken of the fact that this new grand jury was impaneled and no information has been received that it was to be concerned with Anastasia's affairs.

The above document appears to be a memorandum discussing the activities of Mr. Riesel and the actions of the Federal Grand Jury in the Southern District of New York. It mentions the killing of Anastasia and the efforts to keep new scandals from breaking out. The document also notes that a new grand jury was impaneled in 1957 but does not specify its purpose with regard to Anastasia.
Jail Haven Disdained by Coppola
Anastasia's Aid Due to Post Bail

By Milton Lewis

Anthony Coppola was held in toto $50 bail yesterday as a material witness because authorities feared he would cause a similar bloody fate as Alphonse Capone and Vito Genovese.

"I am 60 years and it is the beginning of the world for the boxers in this city," Alexander Herman, assistant district attorney in charge of the homicide bureau, warned in General Sessions.

Judge Abraham M. Gelber agreed with the prosecutor, for he fixed the high bond for Coppola, forty-nine. Anastasia's "coffee sergeant." But Joseph Fanz, Coppola's counsel, predicted that the bail would be posted within a day or two. As for the 6-foot, 6-inch, 200-pound man, he replied: "There's nothing on earth that fear." And a long story.

"I haven't an enemy in the world," Coppola insisted to the judge. "I thought Al Anastasia had no enemies, either. I was just a friend of his. Miss God have mercy on the soul wherever he is."
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day that Anastasia was one of the subjects of a New Federal racketeers' grand jury sworn in last week and that he had been questioned by F.B.I. agents within the last three weeks.

Anastasia's funeral - simple and inexpensive - had none of the pomp that so often has marked a gangland funeral. His fellow mobsters stayed away. Aside from police, newspapermen, funeral director's crew and grave diggers, some fifteen family members were the only persons present.

He was buried in Greenwood Cemetery in South Brooklyn in a $195 coffin in unconsecrated ground and without final absolution of the Roman Catholic Church. His spot in the graveyard looks out through an iron fence at the very neighborhood which he began his gangster career more than thirty years ago.

The family, which includes a brother, Salvatore, a Roman priest, had not sought an actual burial for Anastasia, was assumed the family that the request would be denied because of his way of life that he died unrepentant.

Family in Parlor

The funeral was held from Parlor C, up one flight of stairs in Andrew Trencher's funeral parlor at 1301 9th St., Brooklyn. Just before 11 a.m., family members gathered around the open coffin in prayer. The widow, Eliza, sobbed convulsively and nearly collapsed. She was helped to a chair by her son, Albert Jr.

Father Anastasia prayed over his brother in Parlor C and two rosaries were placed over the dead man's hands. The priest did not, however, go to the cemetery. At the grave, a small crucifix was placed on Longshoremen's Association

The official funeral cortège consisted only of one car for flowers, the hearse, and four cars for relatives.

It was learned that among those who went to Parker C Sunday evening was Little Augie Pisano, one of Anastasia's gangster associates. Two early morning visitors yesterday were Pat, William J. Bradley and

Thomas W. Gleason, president and general organizer, respectively, of the International Longshoremen's Association, asked if he and Anastasia were friends. Capt. Bradley replied, "No comment."
A WIDOW WEEPS
Albert Anastasia, widow of the slain gangster, after the funeral yesterday.

SON AT FUNERAL—ALBERT Anastasia Jr., son of the slain man, leaving funeral home yesterday.

Held in $50,000 bail as material witness—Anthony Coppola, Albert Anastasia’s bodyguard, at W. 54th St. police station yesterday.
INSIDE LABOR
THE VICTOR RIESEL COLUMN

By Victor Riesel

Like all well run governments, the Mafia -- which gaily toasts itself in rituals as the "Second Government" -- has its Secretary of Labor. Or maybe several secretaries. Just who they are nobody yet knows.

But the FBI, the Senate racket-busting committee and the New York police noted quite a sprinkling of labor "experts" at the national convention of Mafia warlords in upper New York State last Thursday morning.

There were labor relations men. There were specialists in the garment and trucking fields. There were waterfront men. There were account executives who have deep connections with Teamster locals. There were overseers of the garbage business -- and even someone from the Hotel and Restaurant Union.

There were 65 men in all with intricate connections -- yet even we amateurs know that rarely if ever before have more than a dozen high Mafia chiefs met to make decisions.

By this time the Federals and some very hard working state and local gendarmerie have checked out most of these connections and they believe that the clan met to analyze their market and find out how much trouble they can expect in each business, in each district.

If they had met merely to cut up the territories of Albert Anastasia, the executed executioner, they would have called their top "judges" into a New York or New Jersey restaurant and that would have been it.

The boys gathered in the cool mountain air for poll taking on just how hard they were all being hit by the Senate racketeers committee which now is winding its way through the Teamsters into all fields.

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Mafia Met for Trial Of Anastasia Killers

Meeting was court of mobs

Only a few of the many men and women who murdered Albert Anastasia was to be
apprehended at last week's meeting
of 65 Mafia members in
a hilltop mansion at Apa-
chino, N.Y., the World-Tele-
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Coppola

(Continued from page 54)

Fifty-five was laid to rest in a Brooklyn cemetery without final absolution from the Roman Catholic Church, and with some of the faithful that the underworld customarily grants its overlord.

Just about the time the "Lord High Executioner" of Murder, Inc., was being lowered into the grave, Coppola was acquitted in Manhattan's Supreme Court on a perjury charge, on which he had been held since September 1954.

Coppola, who answers to "Cappy" and is no kin to the notorious "Trigger" Mike Coppola, evidently made no attempt to raise the original bail because he felt he could beat that perjury charge.

Barber Shop Shoot

Anastasia was cut down from the rear by two gunmen at 1:30 a.m. Friday while being driven in a Park Sheraton barber shop, the locks of which were changed yesterday by the hotel and kept closed to the public.

A spokesman for the hotel, at Seventh Ave. and 55th St., said the shop will remain shut until the conclusion of the murder investigation by the Police Department and the hotel management. The owner of the shop, Arthur Grasso, who worked at the hotel, said he would sue to reopen it.

"Coppola has been described by his associates as a law and order type," he has told them that he was diagnosed across the street from the Park Sheraton, having coffee, when Anastasia was executed.

But detectives insist that the prisoner, describing himself as unmarried, was withholding vital information about the case. He was lodged last night in the New York County Jail, 434 W. 37th St. He was badly in need of a shave.

Face "Same Fate"

"From what I have learned from police officials," Mr. Herman, his attorney, in court, "I am convinced that the witness himself is in immediate danger of meeting the same fate as the subject of this investigation."

As he was brought to Mr. Herman's office, after he had been acquitted of the perjury charge and immediately picked up again, reporters asked him:

"Have you anything to say?"

"No, what they're doing to me it's no business of mine!"

"Anastasia was the shooter, back in the West Side days, involving the De Carlo Family."

More Time to Check

Police want more time to check out Coppola's story. He has been called Anastasia's bodyguard — which he vehemently denies — and he has told detectives that he had been scheduled to pick Anastasia up at the Park Sheraton at 11 a.m. Friday — forty minutes after his box was slain.

Mr. Herman told the court that Coppola and Anastasia had talked by telephone at 9 a.m. Friday. If the prisoner knew what they talked about, he wasn't saying. Coppola complained that he had been questioned for more than four days. Coppola has a home in Framingham, Mass., but he also maintained, for almost the last three months, a $75-a-week room at the San Carlos Hotel, 150 E. 48th St. The management there said yesterday that he was paid up only until March 1, which is the day after tomorrow — and that he would not be invited to stay even assuming he wanted to and was out of jail.

"Lucky" Gambler

When asked why he went to the hotel, he got the money to pay $25 a week hotel rental. Coppola said: "I play the horses and I gamble."

"You must be lucky," a detective said to him, to which he replied: "I do all right."

Asked if he ever did any work, Coppola said: "Yes, occasionally in a fish store in New Jersey — on Fridays and Thursdays."

Deputy Chief Inspector Edward W. Byrne, in charge of the West Side detectives, was asked how the investigation was going.

"I don't know of any motive yet," he said, "and without any motive you don't get a break. When you get a motive it narrows the field to the perpetrator."

With an individual like him (Anastasia), you can think of a million and one motives — but I can't put my finger on any one of them."

Chief of Detectives James B. Leggett said that Coppola had been closely associated with Anastasia and had been with him on many occasions. When notorious underworld characters were present. The chief added that there was much that Coppola could tell about Anastasia's financial deals and such that would be "considerable help." The chief was eager to get hold of...
Office Memoandum  •  UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director, FBI  DATE: 12/4/57

FROM: SAC, Los Angeles (62-3157)

SUBJECT: ALBERT ANASTASIA
TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE
GIIF

62-98011-30
Re: New York letter to Bureau, cc's for Los Angeles, dated 11/19/57, entitled, "ALBERT ANASTASIA, TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE, GIIF."

Referenced New York letter sets out background on briefly covering points which were previously set out for Los Angeles in certain New York letters which requested Los Angeles to develop data regarding activities in Los Angeles.

In response to New York's request that Los Angeles further attempt to verify information furnished

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BROOKLYN MEN ARRESTED AFTER QUESTIONING OF ANASTASIA SLAYING

MANUEL PERLMUTTER

Three Brooklyn men who attended the underworld conclave last Thursday in Apalachin, N.Y., were taken into custody yesterday by the New York police. All of them were released last night after almost eight hours of questioning.

Deputy Police Commissioner Walter Arm said earlier in the evening that they were being questioned about the murder of Albert Anastasia, New York racketeer. Anastasia was slain in a New York City bar on Dec. 7.

Mr. Arm explained that the men had contact with Anastasia. Commissioner Arm said men were apprehended as a result of "bits of information" gathered by Lieut. James Durante and Detective Thomas Fuso of the New York City Police Department headquarters. The two men sent to Apalachin after the state police had raided the underworld meeting.

It was learned last night at Police Department headquarters that a round-up of other men who attended the Apalachin meeting was under way here. The statewide meeting is generally believed to have been taken place as a result of the Anastasia slaying.

The three picked up yesterday were Joseph Profaci, 56 years old, of 263 Fifth Avenue; Natale Evola, 50, 872 Bay Ridge Parkway, and Paul C. Castellano, 45, of 172 East Twenty-third Street, all of Brooklyn. They were taken to Brooklyn Police headquarters.

Evola and Castellano were released at 10:30 p.m. M. Evola left through a side entrance, Castellano ran out the main entrance on Sixth Avenue near Bergen Street and hailed a taxi.

Deputy Inspector John H. Brin, who has been supervising the investigation of the Anastasia slaying, went to Manhattan with several members of his squad to direct the questioning of the prisoner at the precinct station house.

A 46-year-old marooning, who listed his occupation as the operator of a garage, was released.

On Wednesday, United States Attorney Paul W. Williams said that Profaci and Evola figured in an investigation that his office was conducting on racketeering in the New York garment and clothing industry.

The Senate Crime Investigating Committee, headed by Senator Estes Kefauver, has characterized Profaci in a 1951 report as a leading figure in the nation's crime syndicates.

The Brooklyn police said last night that they had been unsuccessful in rounding up for questioning five more men from Brooklyn who had attended the Apalachin meeting.

They said the five were Carlo Gambino, 55, of 2230 Ocean Parkway; John Bonventre, 44, of 113 Cleveland Street; Joseph Bonanno, 52, of 1716 DeKalb Avenue; Aaron Safis, 46, of 1130 Ocean Parkway; and Vincent Lombardini, 44, of 114 Strathford Road.

When picked up by the state police, Gambino had given his occupation as a labor relations consultant, Bonventre as a chemist, Safis as a restaurant saloonkeeper, and Lombardini as a labor relations consultant. When questioned, Gambino said he was retired. Safis said he had a law practice linked to the Apalachin meeting, 597 Essex Place. The state police, who had supervised the raid, was questioned for three hours here yesterday by the inter legislative watchdog committee.

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Robert F. Kennedy, Chief Counsel of the captioned Committee, requested we furnish any available identification records on the individuals noted below who may be involved in testimony before the Committee during the current hearings. Identification records which may be identical with the individuals were furnished as follows:

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Copies of these identification records were furnished to Mr. Kennedy in accordance with his request.

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In addition identification records were also furnished on persons of same names about whom Committee inquired.
Albert Anastasia, also known as Umberto Anastasio (true name), R. Alberto Anastasio, Alfonso Joseph Anastasia, Albert Anastasio, Albert Borese, Albert Bargnesi, and Albert Barnese, was born September 26, 1902, in Tropea, Calabria, Italy.

Albert and worked as deck hands on tramp steamers. At different dates they jumped ship in the United States and merged into the gangs along the New York waterfront. Albert Anastasia entered the United States by these means on September 12, 1917. However, he was granted permanent residence in the United States on June 4, 1931, under the Registry Act of 1929.

In New York City in 1921 Albert Anastasia was convicted and sentenced to death for his participation in the murder of George Turello. After months in the death house, Anastasia won a retrial on a technical plea but before the retrial took place the three state witnesses against him were found slain. In April of 1922 the murder indictment against Anastasia was dismissed.

In 1923 Albert Anastasia was convicted in Brooklyn, New York, on a gun-carrying charge for which he served a two-year prison sentence.

In 1922, 1928, and 1932 Albert Anastasia was arrested in New York City in connection with three separate murders and was released on each occasion because of lack of evidence. In 1933 he stood trial in connection with the killing of a Brooklyn laundryman but the state's witnesses reportedly changed their stories and he was released again. Albert Anastasia was among the Brooklyn racketeers who had been connected in Brooklyn with Al Capone, notorious Chicago gangster.
Albert Anastasia

It was reported that during the 1930's Albert Anastasia rose to power on the Brooklyn waterfront. He became a pier superintendent and dominated six locals of the International Longshoremen's Association (ILA), American Federation of Labor (AFL). In this period he became an admitted friend of Joe Adonis, Willie Moretti, Vito Genovese, and "Little Augie" Pisano, all of whom were notorious New York hoodlums.

It was reported that with Adonis and Abe Reles, Albert Anastasia formed Murder, Incorporated, the racket syndicate which operated on a national scale and allegedly was responsible for the murder of 63 men. In connection with the kidnapping of Isidor Juffe in 1932 it was reported that Juffe recognized Albert Anastasia as one of his assailants but that Anastasia for some unknown reason was never prosecuted for this crime.

It was alleged that one Morris Diamond, a Teamsters Union official, was shot to death in New York, New York, on the morning of May 25, 1939, shortly after he had left his home for work and that Albert Anastasia planned the killing.

In 1939 Peter Panto, a longshoreman who organized a rank-and-file revolt to rid the ILA of racketeers, was strangled and his body was found buried in a lime pit. In April of 1940 Abe Reles, an admitted member of Murder, Incorporated, reportedly confessed to his syndicate activities and informed on Albert Anastasia, involving him in the murder of Panto and approximately thirty additional murders, including the slaying of union official Morris Diamond. Reles allegedly admitted that he carried out numerous murders under Albert Anastasia's orders. Reles' testimony reportedly sent eight men to the electric chair and some fifty others to prison.
Albert Anastasia

It was stated that Albert Anastasia was accused of the murder of Morris Diamond, but the charge against him was dismissed when racketeer Abe Reles met with a mysterious death. Reles, while under protective custody, guarded by six policemen, plunged to his death from a fifth floor hotel room in a Coney Island hotel in November of 1941.

It was reported that Albert Anastasia entered the United States Army in 1942 and trained Army longshoremen at Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania, for a period of two years, after which he was discharged as overage.

From October 1 through October 22, 1945, there occurred a longshoremen's strike on the water front of New York City. This strike was reportedly started by Local 791, ILA, who attempted to take the ILA from the AFL and turn it over to the Congress of Industrial Organizations. Albert Anastasia and other New York hoodlums, notably Anthony Strollo, reportedly considered the possibility of murdering but later decided to threaten with expulsion from the union unless the men reported back to work.

It was reported in September of 1946 that Joe Adonis, Albert Anastasia, and others were involved in smuggling gold into the United States.

It was reported in 1949 that was believed to have assisted in engineering the shooting of notorious California hoodlum, at the request of one Alberto Anastasia.

It was reported in March, 1951, that a national crime syndicate controlled rackets in all major cities and this syndicate held "kangaroo courts," which often sentenced members to death when they stepped out of line. Albert Anastasia was named as one of the leaders of this syndicate.
Albert Anastasia

It was reported in May, 1951, that Albert Anastasia was associated with Frank Costello, Joe Adonis, and Vincent Mangano. These men allegedly controlled the waterfront of Brooklyn, New York.

It was reported in 1951 that it was believed that Albert Anastasia was involved in the smuggling of heroin from Italy.

It was reported in 1951 that Albert Anastasia testified before the Special Committee to Investigate Organized Crime in Interstate Commerce in the United States, during a hearing held in New York City.

In October, 1951, it was stated that the Frank Costello syndicate chose Albert Anastasia and William Moretti to act as emissaries for the purpose of paying off convicted bookmaker to insure silence in connection with the trial of eighteen New York policemen who were accused of being involved with in bookmaking activities. Moretti allegedly handled the actual payment to which was supposed to have been $200,000, but, according to was considerably less.

As a result of the shortage, Moretti and Albert Anastasia were reportedly required to furnish an explanation to the syndicate. Albert Anastasia allegedly claimed he did not have any control over Moretti's actions inasmuch as he was not in on the actual payoff and although his story was reportedly not completely "bought," his life was spared. He was, however, said to have been banished from the syndicate. On October 4, 1951, William Moretti was reportedly shot down in a New Jersey restaurant, and it was rumored that Albert Anastasia was also marked for death. Moretti's death was attributed to his alleged double-cross in the payoff.

In 1952 it was alleged that Anthony Strollo and Albert Anastasia, notorious New York gangsters who controlled the New York-New Jersey waterfront, were responsible for the selection and election of with Local 560, International Brotherhood of Teamsters (IBT). It was stated that
Albert Anastasia

IBT, was a coveted post given to For services rendered rather than for friendship alone, and that he would be under constant obligation to those who were responsible for his advancement.

It was reported in March, 1953, that "Little Augie" Pisano and Albert Anastasia intended to take over the New York and Brooklyn water fronts and that if such an attempt was made it would cause a great deal of bloodshed as New York docks were controlled by . It was stated that an agreement was reached whereby Anastasia and Pisano received control of the Brooklyn piers while remained in New York.

It was alleged that Joseph Parano was shot to death a number of years prior to 1954 by Albert Anastasia. At the time of the murder of Joseph Parano one of his sons was also slain.

It was reported in 1953 that Albert Anastasia was a partner of . It was also reported that was a contact of well-known hoodlum.

It was reported in September, 1953, that Albert Anastasia attended secret meetings at a hotel near Lake Tahoe, Nevada, which was also attended by leading criminal syndicate members and top union men of the country.

It was reported in 1954 that called a series of top hoodlum echelon meetings at the Rivera Hotel, in Cliffside Park, New Jersey. These meetings were reported to be in connection with labor and racket matters along the water fronts of the New York area. Albert Anastasia was alleged to have attended these meetings.

In April of 1954 it was reported that Vincent Macri was slain and found in his own automobile trunk. Macri had been a bodyguard for Albert Anastasia and had been considered a potential witness against Anastasia in a then pending Federal income tax case. It was also stated that a garment center figure, mysteriously disappeared on about the same date.
Albert Anastasia

It was stated that on or about March 17, 1954, Anthony Anastasia, Albert Anastasia, and held a meeting for the purpose of obtaining an entree into the jukebox industry.

It was stated that at this meeting the Anastasia brothers were able to force [redacted] to take [redacted] both the Automatic Coin Operators Association of Long Island and Local 1690 of the Retail Clerks International Association, AFL.

It was reported that in the summer of 1954 a meeting was held by [redacted] and Albert Anastasia. This meeting was reportedly held in connection with the allegation that Italian gangsters had put a large amount of money into the garment industry as a cover for their illegal gains. At that time was stated to be on a very high level in the crime syndicate and the International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

It was stated that in September of 1954 Albert Anastasia attended a three-day policy meeting which was also attended by Meyer Lansky, "Nig" Rosen, "Augie" Carfano, and hoodlums from Cleveland, Ohio, and Detroit, Michigan. It was stated that gambling and racket splits were decided and a decision to purchase a race track located in Havana, Cuba, was made.

In October, 1954, Albert Anastasia was tried in Federal court in Florida on charges of evading income tax payments of over $11,000 for the years 1947 and 1948. After five weeks of trial the jury failed to reach a verdict and a new trial was ordered.
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During Anastasia's income tax trial, the matter of his thirty-four-room, elaborate, steel-fence-enclosed home located in Fort Lee, New Jersey, which was in the name of Albert and Elsa Bargnesi was brought up. Anastasia reportedly admitted that Bargnesi was the maiden name of Anastasia's wife and that Albert and Elsa Bargnesi were in fact Albert and Elsa Anastasia. It was also reported that this home was valued at between $75,000 and $125,000 and was located in the vicinity of the home of gangster Joe Adonis.

It was stated that Albert Anastasia's 1948 income tax return contained only income which was listed as having been derived from Anastasia's share of profits of the Modern Dress Company, a Pennsylvania firm.

In December of 1954 it was stated that Albert Anastasia's main interest was in the water-front racket in New Jersey and New York. During this period Anastasia was reported to be in daily contact with a reputed New York gambler.

In January, 1955, it was alleged that Albert Anastasia, as one of the racketeers in the garment industry, may have been involved in a fraud perpetrated against Sears Roebuck and Company. It was alleged that some of Sears Roebuck and Company representatives were in collusion with garment racketeers and fixed prices against Sears in such a manner that Sears was duped out of approximately $500,000.

In February, 1955, it was alleged that Albert Anastasia had been contacted by the syndicate regarding reported attempts to expand his influence on the New York water front through his brother, Anthony Anastasia. Albert Anastasia was reportedly told to stay away from the water front as much as possible to keep things quiet there.

In May of 1955 it was rumored that Albert Anastasia was a financial backer for the M and R Transportation Company of Cambridge, Massachusetts, and had been on a shaky financial footing.
As a result of adverse publicity caused by and the murder of Macri, Albert Anastasia reportedly was able to shift the second trial on tax charges to Camden, New Jersey. In May of 1955 Anastasia entered a guilty plea to two counts of income tax evasion and in June of 1955 was sentenced to one year in prison. It was rumored that Anastasia had been instructed to plead guilty by other hoodlums who feared an investigation into the garment industry and more adverse publicity if Anastasia won an acquittal, inasmuch as Anastasia was suspected of having caused the murders of potential witnesses in the tax case.

In September of 1955 the United States Court of Appeals ruled that the Federal District Court had been in error when in 1954 it stripped Albert Anastasia of his citizenship. Later, the Supreme Court of the United States refused to review the Government's unsuccessful attempt to cancel the citizenship of Albert Anastasia.

In October, 1955, it was stated that of the International Longshoremen's Association, was Anastasia's "boy" and was "Tronting" for Anastasia on the North and East River water front. It was stated had been closely associated with Albert Anastasia for many years and was formerly which had
Albert Anastasia

been allegedly owned and operated by Albert Anastasia in New Jersey during World War II. It was alleged that this company had cheated the United States Government out of millions of dollars.

In January, 1956, there were rumors that in the garment area of New York associates of Anastasia's were attempting to force truck drivers operating in that area to pay fees to deliver goods. It was reported that when Albert Anastasia was released from prison he intended to extend his control of the garment area in New York.

On March 28, 1956, Albert Anastasia was stated to have been released from the Federal Correctional Institution, Milan, Michigan, where he served his prison sentence.

It was reported in April, 1956, that Umberto or Albert Anastasia had been refused entry into Italy. No information was available as to any plan by Anastasia to travel to Italy.

In May of 1956 it was stated that the Nassau, New York, taxpayers had been forced to support a garbage collection racket bossed by the New York underworld. Named as principals in the racket were Vincent J. Squillante and "frontmen" for Albert Anastasia. It was further stated that Vincent J. Squillante, the labor relations counselor for Greater New York Cartmen's Association, was the godson of Albert Anastasia.

In November of 1956 it was stated that Albert Anastasia's brother, Tony Anastasia, was slated to be killed shortly after the International Longshoremen's Association signed a new contract with the New York Shipping Association. At that time there was no information as to who the killers would be or when the killing would take place, but it was stated that permission had been granted to eliminate Anastasia by high figures in the New York underworld.

In January, 1957, it was believed that the criminal element in New York City did not want to associate with Albert Anastasia because they felt that they might receive some notoriety in the newspapers if they were seen in his company.
Albert Anastasia

It was reported in June, 1957, that a meeting of top hoodlums from the United States was held with "Lucky" Luciano and Joe Adonis in Italy in May, 1957; that this meeting had been for the purpose of deciding the fate of Frank Scalise, New York hoodlum, who was later murdered in the Bronx, New York, in June, 1957. It was further reported that Albert Anastasia, who controlled the construction industry and related unions in New York, was an associate of Frank Scalise and was the individual who wanted Scalise disposed of. It was further alleged that Scalise probably defied the Anastasia group or failed to contribute a proper share of his proceeds to them.

In September, 1956, it was reported that Albert Anastasia owned fifty per cent of the Madison Dress Company, Hazleton, Pennsylvania, and that Anastasia had had an interest in that firm since 1948.

In July, 1957, it was alleged, but not substantiated, that Albert Anastasia held an interest in the Nuremberg Dress Company, Nuremberg, Pennsylvania.

Albert Anastasia was shot to death on October 25, 1957, by masked gunmen who fired point-blank at him as he sat in a barber chair in the Hotel Park Sheraton at Seventh Avenue and 55th Street, New York City.
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The Mafia
Is It Real,
or a Fairy Tale?

Existence of Gang Brought Up Again by Apalachin 'Convention'

(Editors note—From recent violence in the underworld comeblings of a resurgence of gangland crime. What part the Mafia plays—if any—in the national crime picture is the subject of much debate. Here are the latest revelations on the shadowy "Black Hand" and its connection with the American underworld.)

By JACK HAND

NEW YORK, Jan. 4 (AP)—Who rubbed out Albert Anastasia? Who shot Frank Costello?

Is America on the brink of a gory crime wave? Who is No. 1 in the crime hierarchy? Who wants to be?

Is the Mafia ominously real? Or is it a storybook legend to catch the headlines?

There are problems occupying law enforcement agencies while a disturbed public awaits the next move.

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For years many have scoffed at the existence of a powerful Mafia. They tell you the old Sicilian-based society was wiped out in the 1950s and 1960s. It was a popular American myth, they say, that died with earlier generations and never had a chance to flourish in this nation.

But, for the Mafia, in international crime, many believe the leadership role in the Unions-Sicilian, a multi-national, transnational organization, is unchallenged. The Mafia, the old Fascist organization and the Unions are intertwined parts of the same organization, even after decades.

The Italian police agree the idea of any ties between the island nation and the U.S. Mafia in the Sicilian society that had been working in America to make sure that they did not lose their power and influence.

However, the FBI has not been able to prove that there is an organized international group. They call it "the zadda," the syndicate of the Mafia. The zadda is an inchoate group of individuals who operate in a number of cities.

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Frank Costello

United States Attorney

In the most recent Costello, and the amount of money involved. According to the

New York Times, which had been written by an individual working for Costello, the

figure corresponding exactly to the take of a Las Vegas gambling casino.

was Costello's days because he was talked to much. Or was he in the way of a younger ele-

not at Apalachin

At the recent Apalachin meeting, Costello was among the accused. He had been suggested

that he was mugged, however, because he is under constant watch by the police he may have

been a mere spy.

Policies have no clue to the Costello shooting, although they did pick up a man for ques-

A man who allegedly had

in 63 killings as the re-

reported "get high on executions". Murder, the kind of killing into the

which a New York house is, and usually took a gage. When Costello was involved he,

and white, the author of the

was an Apachian editor. His now is involved in a governmental investigation

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family and friends to be depicted in a similar way to the Apalachin meeting

Jewish family, how do they stay calm, has been watched constantly and picked up, par

questioning about drug smuggling, illegal ammonium, and counterfeiting.

OWN MEDICAL SUPPLIES

At various times, Lucianos has operated a haberdashery and an electrical store. He still runs a

medical supply business.

Genovese, capo called "king
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Gambler's Find Cuban Paradise

By Edwin A. Lanier

Washington Post Service

HAVANA, Cuba—President Fulgencio Batista of Cuba and the leaders of the gambling underworld in New York, Chicago and Las Vegas have merged their souls in the most fantastic "marriage of convenience" in modern times.

Out of this alliance a new Las Vegas is rising on the Havana skyline. It is a glittering and glamorous project.

One can barely detect the dark visages of gang lords and crooked politicians who make the headlines. So up to date is this joint effort that the Batista Government has protested to the U.S. State Department to the effect that American suckers were being clipped in Havana. In violation of the good-neighbor policy.

The gambling was legalized by a decree of the Batista Cabinet. But a grifter loaded to the eyeballs with marijuana fumes could hardly dream up a deal as juicy as the one Batista has set up for the gambling underworld of the United States.

The gambling here enjoy a tax-free paradise, and are literally treated as privileged. The leased casinos in which they operate are in some instances built with the aid of the retirement trust funds of the Cuban Trade Union, which Batista controls.

The only "legal" fees imposed upon the gamblers is an initial payment of $25,000 for a permit, and subsequent payments of $2,000 a month.

These contributions go to two favorite charities of Marta Batista, the wife of the Cuban President.

The Cuban gambling is ostensibly honest. But in the past the U.S. State Department has protested secretly to the Batista Government that American suckers were being clipped in Havana.

But in the case of Cuban gambling, the good-neighbor policy is a thing of the past.
Even George Raft, the famous movie star, who is floor manager and part owner of the casino in the Capri Hotel, explains with a chuckle that he has been certified by the Ministry of Labor as a "technician."

The invasion of Cuba by the United States underworld is dominated now by the "high class" gamblers, such as Wilbur Clark, who leases the Casino at the Hotel Nacional, and Eddie Levinson, the casino operator at the new Hotel Riviera. Both are prominent in the Las Vegas gaming industry.

Others here include the notorious Lansky brothers, who in the past have been the front men for the gangsters in control of gambling in New Jersey and South Florida.

Seepage of Dregs

Jake Lansky is one of the "pit bosses" in Wilbur Clark's operation at the Nacional. Meyer Lansky has an unspecified interest in the Riviera.

Other Americans include Thomas Jefferson McGinty, Sam Tuck and Joe Bishoff, alias Lefty Clark.

They helped make gambling history as the old "Ohio mob," which was broken up by former Gov. Frank Lautze and dispersed to other gambling centers like Covington, Ky., and Las Vegas.

There is already a seepage of Havana of some of the more unsavory characters from the United States underworld.

A preliminary count reveals the presence of Santos Trafficante Jr., a hereditary member of the Tampa underworld, and of "Charley the Blade" Touma, a member of the New Jersey mob.

Trafficante was arrested as "Louis Santos" at the "crime convention" in Atlantic City, N.J., last summer. He was arrested.

"Trafficante, or Santos, is the principal partner in the gambling enterprise that will bear the Hilton name."
Yen for Cuba Cash

Doomed Anastasia

Warning
By Lansky
Ignored

By PAUL MESKIL

United Press Photo

Albert Anastasia was executed because he was trying to take over the Cuban gambling empire ruled by his old boss, crime czar Meyer Lansky, investigators reported today.

A few days before gang bullets riddled Anastasia in a barber chair at the Park Sheraton Hotel Oct. 25, he was warned to stay out of Cuba, where Lansky heads a multimillion-dollar gambling combine. But Big Albert ignored the warning, and was promptly slain.

Gamblers Santo Trafficante and Joseph (Joe Rivers) Stall, sought by District Attorney Frank S. Hogan for questioning in the Anastasia racket, both are members of the Lansky organization. Investigators believe one or both of these gamblers attended the meeting at which Anastasia's death warning was delivered, less than a week before the killing.

Conspicuous Absence.

The meeting, attended by a half-dozen American and Cuban hoodlums, was held in a W. 49th St. hotel in a suite rented by Anastasia's bodyguard, Tony Coppola, who was conspicuously absent when his boss was shot out of a barber chair.

Lansky was in town at the time, but it is not known if he actually attended the conference. He took a plane back to Havana two days before the murder.

Anastasia's咨询服务 remembered another gangland murder that followed a mob meeting called by Lansky.

John (Cockeye) Dunn, a waterfront thug, and other New York goons attended the Lansky meeting in Florida a few days after the Anastasia meeting. Dunn and two others gunned down Dunn.

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Lansky is the only one still around. Siegel was gunned down in California. Buchalter died in the electric chair. Luciano and Adonis are back in their native Italy, where Lansky visited. Lucky in 1949. Shapiro died in Sing Sing of a coronary thrombosis.

Crime files reveal Lansky as one of the biggest mobsters ever to operate in the United States. With Siegel, he bossed West Coast gambling for many years. With Frank Costello and Frank Erickson, he ran gambling houses in upstate New York, New Jersey, Florida, New Orleans and Las Vegas. With Buchalter, he directed operations of Murder Inc.

He even worked with the murderous Fishchel brothers in Chicago rackets. Senate investigators concluded that Lansky, in conjunction with Costello and Adonis, formed the nationwide crime syndicate and controlled all its East Coast activities.

**Three-Month Stretch.**

But despite more than 30 years as a racketeer, Lansky served only one small jail term—a three-month stretch in Saratoga County Jail in 1953 for gambling operations at Saratoga Springs. He spent much of his cell time reading the Bible and a dictionary.

As soon as he got out, he started looking for new fields to conquer and picked Havana as the greenest pasture of all the Judeo-chase of green peculiars to tourists' dollars.

No American gambler, gangster or racketeer now can work in Havana without Lansky's permission. The master mobster is on the payroll of the new 34-million Hotel Riviera—run by his brother Jack and his cousin at Havana's coast.
**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

**ACTIVITIES OF TOP HOODLUMS IN THE PITTSBURGH FIELD DIVISION**

Twenty individuals considered top hoodlums by Pittsburgh Division listed with brief background and thumbnail of hoodlum activity. Criminal activities of the various top hoodlums encompass such things as murder, prostitution, illicit alcohol, income tax evasion, narcotics, illegal union activities, corruption of politics, gambling and 11/14/57 meeting, Apalachin, New York. Comments on organized crime (Mafia) set forth. Legitimate enterprises of top hoodlums include such businesses as auto agency, bar and restaurant, car washes, coin-operated vending and amusement machines, a construction company, a cement block manufacturing company, automatic hand dryer distributorship, manufacturer's agent, a scrapyard, an iron and steel company, a motel, a trailer park, property held for business and development purposes, and an outdoor theatre.

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The November 15, 1957, issue of the "Pittsburgh Press," a Pittsburgh daily newspaper, reported that "Gabriel (Kelly) Mannarino, 50, brother of Sam Mannarino, long-time New Kensington, Pa., racket boss" was in attendance at the November 14, 1957, meeting at Apalachin, N.Y.
Victor Riesel

"Executions' Also
An Inflation Victim"

"ON THE
NEW YORK
BEAT"

"Look, lady, when I was a kid of 15 or 16 I was in the death house. I wanna get out. A relative gave me five hundred dollars. He finds me a lawyer. I get out of the mess. I go to Phila., I get me off Executive. He pays me fifty. Whatever dat. A couple years ago, I get into tax trouble. You try to find a lawyer. He ask all the blue bloods. All of em say no.

"One lawyer, he ask me if I got a job. I told him, I leave. Finally I get out. He cost me $46,000. So I got out of the death house. I manage to live. Now it cost me 69 Gs a day in a nice prison like Hill. THAT'S INFLATION."

"This won't solve the mystery of the barber shop. It's just a cultural note. Now that the barber's name is back in the paper, LISTEN to the labor man who double as political power. You'll hear that few of the main players in the voting campaign are tax center stage."

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Order to Deport Parisi La Upheld

Associated Press

Jack Parisi, described by the Justice Department as a racketeer, lost a legal round yesterday in his fight against being deported to his native Italy.

U.S. District Court Judge Joseph B. Jackson dismissed the complaint that Parisi did not receive a fair hearing before an Immigration Service officer and that confidential information was used against him.

Parris' attorney, Jack Wasserman, said he will appeal.

Former Attorney General Herbert Hoover, Jr., called Parisi a racketeer and a close associate of Albert Anastasia, shot to death in 1957 at a barber shop several months ago and gangsters who fled to Italy to avoid a murder term for perjury. The Parisi's deportation order was based on a 1930 narcotics conviction.
Federal Forces Plan Intensive Drive Against Rackets

Justice Dept. and T-Men To Dig Deep in Underworld

By EDWIN A. LAHEY

WASHINGTON, Apr. 2 (CDN) The Federal Government will launch a new and intensive drive against organized criminals in the near future. Attly, Gen. Rogers says an official announcement about this should be made "in the next two weeks." The Department of Justice and the Treasury Department have been discussing the campaign as a joint venture. The powers of the Treasury Department to examine tax returns will be linked with the prosecuting powers of the Justice Department in the project.

Events in two different areas have suggested that the underworld is overdue for a thoroughgoing investigation of the kind for which only Federal agencies are equipped.

The revelations of the McClellan Committee of the Senate have offered a fruitful field for investigators in labor and business racketeering.

"We want to get a long range view of this problem," says Attly, Gen. Rogers. "It is apparent that organized criminals have used ostensibly legitimate business as a front for their activities, and in some areas have won control of certain labor unions."

The now famous "criminal convention" which was raided by state police at Apalachin, N.Y., last October, also helped spur the forthcoming Federal investigation. The news of the Apalachin gathering of underworld characters was followed by revelations that U.S. gambling racketeers had moved in force into Havana, to turn that Cuban capital into another Las Vegas.

Albert Anastasia, the New York gangster, was killed in November, apparently because of his own plans to move in on the Havana gambling picture.

Plans for the actual operation of the Federal investigation of crime syndicates are still nebulous. It has been suggested, however, that a central unit of the project would be set up in Chicago.
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For most of the past fortnight, Senate crime buster Bob Kennedy has been in and out of Chicago and western New York cities where he’s operated with the military secrecy of an OSS agent behind enemy lines. For Bob Kennedy these swift hedge-hops were trips behind the lines of an enemy he and Sen. John McClellan first tackled — the Mafia network which was corrupting one government agency when the Senate counter-assault was first launched late in 1955.

Typical of Kennedy’s operation these past weeks was his visit to the Buffalo-Niagara area, in which there is a powerful Mafia outpost. He arrived with a colleague Thursday night. He sped to the Hotel Statler. No one knew whom he saw or talked to or what records he examined. Friday night, out he flew, saying only that he had some files.

All through the weekend, Buffalo labor leaders telephoned each other trying to track Kennedy’s activities. They figured he had looked into at least one local of the Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union. But they had no evidence of anything.

Kennedy is working this probe quietly and personally because this is the most powerful combine he has hit — and is the final exposure before he takes a leave of absence from the Senate Select Committee to help direct his brother John’s re-election campaign in Massachusetts.

There’s a Quixotic twist to this showdown. In a sense Kennedy is back to what first surprised him and Sen. McClellan when they turned to their new probe almost three years ago:

At that time they had heard of big time bribery in the military procurement agencies. Wherever they turned, they ran into the Mafia. They found that millions of dollars had passed hands so racket manufacturers and truckers could get government contracts for uniforms.
One of the names was the late Marco Maginelli, one of the top Philadelphia-New Jersey hoods. From him and others the trail always led to Albert Anastasia, Johnny Dio and a string of others in the New York-New Jersey-Pennsylvania mob with direct ties to the men who were to become delegates to the Mafia crime convention on Nov. 11, 1957.

Though that McClellan-Kennedy probe, then operating under the aegis of the Government Operations Committee, never did get the dramatic coverage of the Select Committee, it got results.

The Pentagon shook up its Quartermasters Division. Two Generals were moved in to do that job. Secretary of Labor James Mitchell talked to the military and they set up a "Citizens Advisory Committee" for the Generals to consult on just who would be permitted to bid on hundreds of millions of dollars in future contracts.

This committee has been functioning for some six or eight months. On it are the International Ladies Garment Workers Union leader, David Dubinsky, the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union chief, Jack Potofsky, and officials of the legitimate garment manufacturers' associations.

It was from the original handful of men in the Anastasia group that Kennedy found lines leading out into the Teamsters and then into some other unions he has exposed.

These leads ran through trade associations which used mobsters to terrorise unions and vice versa. In some instances both the union and the so-called business group were controlled by the same mobs. There can be no estimate on the business they control because it could run up towards the billion dollar figure and who would believe it if you told them.

Just so you have some measure, there is the report that only part of the military uniform contracts in the early 1950's ran up to $180,000,000 — and only five percent went to legitimate garment manufacturers.
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Anastasia Killing Tagged to Mafia

By Frank Holman and Paul Healy

Washington, June 20 (News Bureau)—A federal narcotics agent today testified before Senate racketeers probes that the Narcotics Bureau believes Albert Anastasia was murdered by the Mafia, the super secret Italian underworld society.

Agent Martin Perro disclosed that at Apalachin, a meeting of the Vatican and a gathering of labor unions and industry, they also heard from a Mafia headquarters near Apalachin, N.Y., last Nov. 22.

Pera said some of the delegates

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Manhattan before the Apalachi meeting. Members of the Mafia have made a concentrated move in the direction of labor-management relations in the U.S.

F. Person engaged in running dope into the U.S. from the Middle East and other places also are prominent in labor-management relations.

Ferna, in answer to questions, said "unquestionably there must have been some discussion" of the dividing up of Apalachi's underworld empire at Apalachi.

He laid great stress on a smaller and more exclusive meeting of "big-time hoodlums at the Arlington Hotel. They had a huddle in 1956" which F. Croswell said set the stage for the Apalachi congress.

Barbara Attended.

This huddle was attended by Joseph Barbara Sr., who played host to the larger congress at his Apalachi estate, Joseph Barbara Manor (Joe's Bananas), at New York City, once arrested for transporting guns to Al Capone; Anthony F. (Gupta) Bannari, of Johnson City, N.Y. and several others.

Ferna said the 1956 party was "significant" because some delegates were "powerful members" of the organization. He could not say definitely that any of them were members of the Mafia grand council.

Ferna said that on the basis of what he has learned from narcotics agents infiltrating the Mafia, he believes there is no single Mafia leader in the U.S. Each leader is autonomous to the degree that he is responsible for his territory, he explained. Below the leaders' grand council are "group chiefs," in charge of smaller localities. Ferna continued:

... Honored Members...

"Bottom men" he described as those who appeal to the leaders because they have carried out some difficult task, such as murder, and thereby rank above ordinary members.

"Ferna emphasized that the Mafia has continued to rely on interlocking family relationships through blood and marriage, just as it did when it was organized in Sicily.

"Ferna suggested that the Mafia inbreeding leads to forced marriages." You often wonder if they want to get married," he said.

He pointed out that "a man who is a Mafia leader doesn't want his daughter to marry a nobody."

Retell Apalachi Story.

F. Croswell, a member of the State Bureau of Criminal Investi- gation, retold the story of how the delegates to the Apalachi congress tried to slip into Barbara's estate unnoticed and how he and his colleagues surprised them and nabbed 62 in all.

F. Croswell described them as "a real bunch of unsavory characters dressed in typical George East style, with silk suits, highly polished pointed-toe shoes, white-on-white shirts and large hats."
Uncovering of Mafia Aim of Senate Probers

By FRED W. PETERS

How organized crime has seeped into organized labor—business, too—is the theme the Senate Rackets Investigating Committee is starting to complete.

The committee has produced evidence of scattered instances of thuggish and hoodlum operations in the labor-management field. Some of these cases were merely symptoms of widespread and systematic operations.

The Mafia—sometimes known as the "black hand" and also the Unione Siciliana—will figure importantly in these disclosures. It will be charged that immigrants from Sicily adapted to this country the mysterious and violent methods of their ancient secret society. Some of these leaders are known to have made millions in bootlegging during the prohibition era and since in the narcotics trade.

The murder in a New York backshop last fall of Albert Anastasia—known as the "Muskrat"—"Executioner" of the "Mafia, Inc."—will figure in the public hearings that started yesterday.

So will the shooting in New York City last fall of Frank Costello, and as will the "funeral convention" of the 1944 N.Y. of Joseph "the Boss" Masseria, long reputed to be a big shot in the Mafia. Even the "Big Boss" will be mentioned.

Chairman John J. McClellan (D., Ark.), said today he believes that if any further evidence is needed to justify new labor legislation immediately, to "drive out the crooks" it will be supplied by the current hearings.

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Lucchesi Talks at Mafia Probe

Lucchesi, Frank J., a New York underworld figure, invoked the protection of the Fifth Amendment against self-incrimination when asked if he was a member of the American Crime Syndicate, the major headquarters, with its partner shop at their communications center, under the nicknames of 

Sullivan said one Miami Beach estate valued at more than $100,000 was seized as part of the investigation. 

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