

MEMORANDUM

June 10, 1997

To: Assassination Records Review Board

From: Joan Zimmerman

Subject: Sam Saia HQ 165-241

On May 15 and May 21, 1997, I reviewed the FBI's HSCA file on Sam Saia and negotiated the postponements with Carol Keeley at the FBI. This file consists of one Main File and two "sees," and it covers the period from 1958 to 1971. I reviewed 96 pages in the main file, 67 pages in vol. 1 of the "sees," and 47 pages in vol. 2.

Sam Saia was a bar owner in New Orleans, and he worked for Carlos Marcello. Dutz Murret ran numbers for Saia. Murret was married to Lillian, sister of Marguerite Oswald. This file documents Saia's extensive gambling operation in New Orleans. Vol. 1 of the "sees" covers a broad range of interstate gambling activities and a time frame extending from 1958 to 1971. Vol. 2 (1961-1964) contains information on criminal activity from the Metropolitan Crime Commission in New Orleans and documentation of gambling activities of several individuals associated with Saia.

Main postponement issues

Most of the postponements are informant names and FBI file numbers. A significant amount of material has been referred to the IRS, and some grand jury material has also been postponed.

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