

MEMORANDUM

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To: Jeremy Gunn and Phil Golrick
cc: 4.17.2.1

From: Kevin Tiernan

Subject: Ron Goldfarb's Organized Crime Files

Ron Goldfarb's organized crime files consist of two redwell folders (approximately 1500 pages) of photocopied summaries prepared daily for the Attorney General between the spring of 1961 to the fall of 1964. The summaries are distilled from various sources such as FBI reports, local police contacts, and U.S. Attorney reports from criminal trials. It is interesting that the Organized Crime Section apparently a lot of information from the Bureau of Narcotics, which at the time was under Treasury. The Organized Crime Section kept the Attorney General informed on cases that were high profile and that were of particular interest to him. There are many entries on the Marcello deportation case, the Hoffa "Test Fleet" case, and the Giancana investigation. Having read the Giancana file, it seems clear that much of this information is derived from more raw information in FBI reports. There are no obvious assassination records in Goldfarb's collection, nor are there any direct avenues to get into the DOJ Criminal Division files, such as file numbers. Here are some of the more interesting summaries.

5/1/61 Ferina case-Kansas City Information has been received through the Bureau of Narcotics that, on April 25, Ferina and Anthony Cardarella, recently convicted in the obstruction of justice case arising out of their attempted murder of witness Kenneth Sheetz, participated in a radio program in K.C. known as "Nightbeat." They spoke on the program over a period of about two hours criticizing Judge Richard Duncan, who presided at their trial, "Bob Kennedy," special prosecutors, and stupid jurors. Narcotics obtained a tape.

1/26/62 Analysis of toll traffic The FBI today delivered an analysis of the telephone toll traffic of sixty-one top gamblers in twelve cities in the U.S. The information has been compiled and charted by the FBI and has been reduced to IBM punch cards for further analysis and collation. The information so compiled is currently under analysis in the FBI in the local field offices, and in the Criminal Division. It is too early at this time to predict the results of the analysis of this toll traffic.

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3/7/63 Charity Fraud-Cuban Relief In response to your notation on a prior daily report regarding Cuban Refugee Relief, Inc. and Sam Benton, its fund raiser, I am advised that Benton was for Wurlitzen [sic] Music Company in Mexico and in Cuba. He was released from this assignment after confiscation of monies was discovered. He is also reputed to be an ambulance chaser for Miami attorneys. Investigation is now going forward with a view to obtaining additional and more detailed information concerning his background and connections.

3/10/64 Organized Crime-Mexico City Bureau of Narcotics informed us today that they had received word from their agent in M.C. that 10 kilos of heroin coming into M.C. from France had been seized. An additional 10 kilos was found in the house of the cousin of Jorge Merino Chavet, the latter being a defendant in our Stassi indictment. Merino Chavet was shortly thereafter arrested and had in his possession over one million pesos. Bureau of Narcotics and Mexican authorities worked very closely on this case.