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(Title) THOMAS LUCHESE

(File No.) 92-512*

1. Photo of THOMAS LUCHESE 2/18/58

2. Photostats of hotel records showing subj. & others as guests at hotel Sandia NY 5/2/64

3. Copy of receipt for records received from Meon Lord CO., Scranton, Pa.

4. Copy of receipt for records received from Greenridge Brk, Scranton, Pa.

5. fd 302 re interview with [redacted] (Filed [redacted]) b6 b7C

6. fd 302 re interview with [redacted] 12-16-57 filed [redacted]

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from Hotel Jermyn Scranton
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Scranton Pa
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By [redacted]
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To Be Returned Yes ( )
No (✓)

Description: Photostats of hotel records showing Subject and others as guests at Hotel.

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Sent New York
MAY 29 1958

Four Finger Brown, Fats Brown

Age: 12/9/99, Palermo, Italy
Race: White, Male
Residence: 74 Rovat St., Lido Beach, NY
Height: 5'4" - 5'5"
Weight: 140 - 145 lbs.
Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown
Complexion: Dark
Scars & Marks: Right Index Finger amputated
Peculiarities & Characteristics: Conservative dresser, mild manner, always known to wear grey felt hat

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Tommy Brown, Three Finger Brown,
Four Finger Brown, Fats Brown

Age: 12/9/99, Palermo, Italy
Race: White, Male
Residence: 74 Rovat St., Lido Beach, NY
Height: 5'4" - 5'5"
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Hair: Black
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Moorefield, W. Va.

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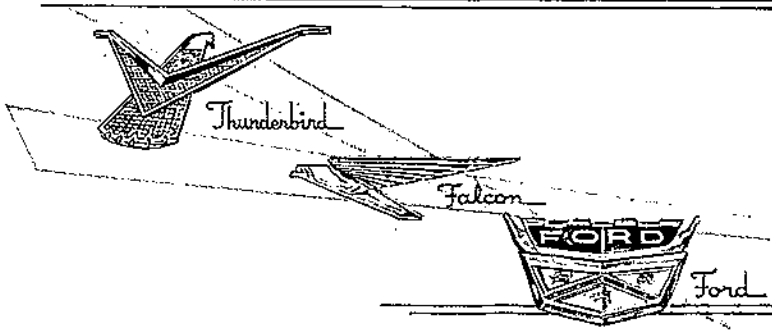

MOORE FORD CO.

DI 7-5611 1202 Wyoming Ave.

SCRANTON, PA.

Scranton, Pa.
May 2, 1961

Received this date from [redacted] b6 b7C
MOORE FORD COMPANY INC. the following records:

1. Car Invoice No. N1425 relating to 1957 Ford Fairlane 500 sold to Harvic Sprotswear Inc. on June 13, 1957.

2. Retail buyers proposition relating to stock No. 4079 dated 6-13-57.

3. Vehicle sales journal page 30 for June 1957.

4. Cash recepits journal page 22 for June 1957.

5. Deposit receipt book for Moore Ford Deposit for period from June 7, 1957 to June 26, 1957.

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May 6, 1963

Received this date from Agent Midge Smith, Jacksonville, Fla. the following exhibits described:

1. Ledger sheet of Hoyle Sportswear, Inc. with pencil notes from May 31, 1957 to June 27, 1962.

2. Signature card dated January 11, 1957 of Hoyle Sportswear, Inc.

3. Signature card dated December 17, 1957 of Hoyle Sportswear, Inc.

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Special Agent, F.B.I.

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Date Received 12/16/87

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FD-302 (6-8-57)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORT

[redacted] advised she was employed as a [redacted] at the Peggy Ann Dress Company for approximately [redacted]

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She recalled that THOMAS GAMBINO appeared to be the owner and boss of Peggy Ann during her employment and was the person to whom all the employees would take their complaints. She claims to have received no information during her employment which would indicate that anyone else had any monetary interest in the company.

She states that while with the company no effort was made by herself or any of the employees to establish a union and she was of the opinion that GAMBINO was always paying and treating the employees better then they would be treated in some of the union factories.

She advises that she has never heard of THOMAS LUCHESE and believes that all work for the Peggy Ann was secured by THOMAS GAMBINO in New York City.

She further advised that she possessed no information as to the identity of the trucking firm used by the Peggy Ann or the reasons for selecting this firm.

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Interview with [redacted] File # PH 92-431

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on 12/16/57 at [redacted] (tel. [redacted])

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORT

[redacted] when interviewed provided the following information: b6 b7C

She was employed at Peggy Ann Dress Company for approximately [redacted] While working for the company she worked as a [redacted]

THOMAS GAMBINO always appeared to her to be the owner of the company and in charge of all of its operations.

While she was employed by the company there was never a union or any effort on the part of the women working for the company to form a union. She recalls having heard from the other employees that they were receiving the rates of pay being paid by the union factories in the area.

During her employment she never became aware of the identity of trucking company whose services were utilized by Peggy Ann or why these services were selected.

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Interview with [redacted] File # PH 92-431 b6 b7C

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORT

[redacted] when interviewed provided the following: b6 b7C

She was employed by the Peggy Ann Dress Company as a [redacted] for approximately [redacted] until [redacted]

TOMMY GAMBINO was the boss at the company and appeared to be the owner. No other person appeared to possess a financial interest in the company.

During her employment with the company the women had a union at the Jessup factory for a brief period but threw out the union when it failed to secure any more than could be gotten through direct dealings with GAMBINO.

She has never heard of THOMAS LUCHESE and is of the opinion that all work for the factory was secured by GAMBINO in New York.

She does not know why the Peggy Ann gave all of its trucking work to the Friedman's Express or the rates paid Friedman's for this service.

It is her belief that throughout her employment with Peggy Ann, she always received as much for her efforts as she would at a union factory.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORT

[redacted] provided the following information when interviewed: b6 b7C

She is presently employed at the Peggy Ann Dress Company as [redacted] and has worked for the company for about [redacted]

THOMAS GAMBINO supervises all operations at the company and appears to be the owner. No other person has appeared to be financially interested in the company during the period of her employment.

The company has no union and no attempt has been made during her employment to form a union, as most of the women claim they are doing as well as any union factory insofar as rate of pay and working conditions are concerned.

THOMAS GAMBINO appears to be the person who secures all the work for the factory and secures this work through contacts in New York City. The identity of these contacts is unknown to her.

She has no knowledge of the rates paid to the Friedman's Trucking Company or why this company was selected in place of any other trucker.

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Re: 302 on [redacted]

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FD-302 (6-8-57)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORT

[redacted] when interviewed provided the following:

Approximately [redacted] ago she secured employment with the Peggy Ann Dress Company as an [redacted] and held the position until approximately [redacted]

THOMAS GAMBINO supervises all operations in the factory and appears to be the owner, although she believes it is a family business in which GAMBINO's [redacted] is also financially interested.

Prior to her employment with the company the factory was unionized for a brief period. However, the employees threw out the union for some reason which was unknown to her. During her employment there was no attempt to again unionize the factory.

All work handled by the factory is secured by THOMAS GAMBINO in New York City.

Although she is aware that all trucking for Peggy Ann is done by Friedman's Express, she does not know the rates paid for the trucking service or whether any other trucking company has tried to obtain the business.

Throughout her period of employment she was satisfied with her wages which she claims were at least equal to those paid in union factories.

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INTERVIEW REPORT

[redacted] when interviewed provided the following: b6 b7C

She is presently employed as a [redacted] at thePeggy Ann Dress Company, where she has been employed for the past [redacted]

THOMAS GAMBINO appears to be the present owner and operator of the company although his father used to be the owner until a heart condition removed him from active participation in the business.

During her employment the company employees belonged to a union for a brief period during which time they became very dissatisfied with the union and decided they could do as well without the union help. Since this attempt which was about five or six years ago, there have been no other attempts to restore the union.

All work done by the factory is obtained through THOMAS GAMBINO's contacts with companies located in the New York City area.

Although she has seen the Friedman's Express Company trucks making pickups and deliveries at the factory she does not know the rates paid to the trucking company or whether any other trucker has attempted to obtain the business.

It is her belief that the rates of pay paid by Peggy AnnDress Company compare favorably with other union shops in the Scranton area.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORT

ANNA METILY provided the following information:

She was employed as a machine operator for five years at the Peggy Ann Company and quit in January 1957 when she became 65years of age.

THOMAS GAMBINO was reported to be the owner of the company. On several occasions he would bring his father to the plant for a visit. He also brought several other men to the plant who were presumably from the New York City area. She never became aware of the identity of these men.

There was never any indication that the profits of the Peggy Ann were being received by anyone other than GAMBINO.

Prior to her employment at the company she understood that a union did exist but ceased existence when the union leader claimed that the racketeer element out of New York made it impossible for a union to operate. The union leader's name was [redacted] (ph).

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She believes that a [redacted] at the factory by the name of [redacted] might possess information concerning the union's efforts to get a foothold at the Peggy Ann.

There were no attempts to form a union while she was working at the factory.

She has never heard of THOMAS LUCHESE although if the Peggy Ann ran out of work from its New York City suppliers, it would be brought in from a factory operated by a man by the name of LUCHESE in Scranton.

All work for the Peggy Ann appeared to have been secured through the efforts of THOMAS GAMBINO.

She has no knowledge of the reason for which Friedman's Motor Express Company was given the trucking business by Peggy Ann other than the company specializes

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in dealing with dress manufacturers.

She does not know anything concerning the rates charged by the Friedman Company.

She believes that the rates of pay and other benefits existing at the Peggy Ann are comparable to those secured by employees in factories having unions.

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INTERVIEW REPORT

[redacted] provided the following information when interviewed: b6 b7C

She has been employed at the Peggy Ann Dress Company for [redacted] and is presently a [redacted] which position she has held for [redacted]

Prior to this she was [redacted] at the plant.

THOMAS GAMBINO is known to her as the owner for about the past eight years. The factory was previously owned by his father who left the business as a result of a heart attack.

About five or six years ago the factory had a union which was thrown out when the employees felt they would be better off without it.

No attempt had been made recently to re-establish any form of union.

The pay scale and extra benefits at the factory compare with those received by employees in unionized dress factories.

She does not know why the Friedman Company does the trucking for Peggy Ann or what rates are charged for its services.

All work handled at the factory appears to be brought in through the efforts of THOMAS GAMBINO.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORT

[redacted] provided the following information b6 b7C
interview:

She has been employed as a [redacted] at the Peggy Ann Dress Company for the past [redacted]

THOMAS GAMBINO appears to be the owner of the company and in complete charge of all its operations.

She has never noticed any indication that efforts were made by GAMBINO to prevent the workers in the factory from unionizing. A union did exist for a brief period about five years ago but was thrown out when the workers decided they could do as well without it.

GAMBINO pays about the same rates as are paid in union shops.

She has never heard of THOMAS LUCHESE and believes that all work for the Peggy Ann is secured by GAMBINO himself.

She does no know why the company utilizes the Friedman's Express Company or if any attempt has ever been made to change truckers.

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Interview with [redacted] File # PH 92-431 b6 b7C

on 12/12/57 at [redacted] (Tel. [redacted])

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INTERVIEW REPORT

[redacted] when interviewed provided the following: b6 b7C

For a [redacted] she was employed as [redacted] at the Peggy Ann Dress Company.

During this period the owner of the company appeare to be THOMAS GAMBINO and it was from him that she would take her orders.

While she was employed by the company it had no union and no attempt was made to form one since the employees all indicated they were doing as well without it.

She is unable to state whether the rates paid by GAMBINO were equal or above those paid in union factories.

She does not know why the services of the Friedman's Express Company were utilized rather than some other trucker.

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Bufile: 92-2878

PHILADELPHIA Field Division

6-25-58 Date

Title and Character of Case:

THOMAS LUCHESE, was
TOP HOODLUM
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Date Property Acquired:

VARIOUS

Source From Which Property Acquired:

VARIOUS

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit:

BULKY EXHIBIT ROOM

Reason for Retention of Property and
Efforts Made to Dispose of Same:

Aid in investigation

Description of Property or Exhibit and
Identity of Agent Submitting Same:

RUNNING GREEN SHEET

1. Photostats (neg.) of Certain Hotel Records. (6-25-58)

Retain for the present 4-10-59 cam

2. A) Car invoice #11425 relating to 1957 Ford Fordor Sedan sold to Harvie Sportswear, Inc. on June 15, 1957. Retain 9/9/59
B) Retail buyers proposition relating to stock #4879 dated 6/15/57.
C) Vehicle sales journal page 30 for June 1957.
D) Cash receipts journal page 22 for June 1957.
E) Deposit receipt book for Model Laundry Depositories for period from June 7, 1957 to June 26, 1957.

3) A) Ledger sheet of Harvie Sportswear, Inc. with posting from May 31, 1957 to June 27, 1957.
B) Signature card dated January 13, 1955 of Harvie Sportswear, Inc.
C) Do " " " December 15, 1955 " " " " "
D) Thermofax photo of microfilm picture of Harvie Laundries, Inc. check #7888 (sent to N.Y.) 7-3-58 12-1-58

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Field File #: 92-512-1B-1

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

DATE: 11/21/52

FROM : SA [redacted] b6 b7C

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Lucchese

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SUBJECT: THOMAS LUCHESE, was.
INFORMATION CONCERNING

SA [redacted] of the New York Office telephoned at approximately 1:10 P.M. today and requested that the following lead in the above case be covered immediately and that New York be advised by telephone should anything positive develop. If investigation is negative, it would be satisfactory to advise New York by letter.

According to SA [redacted] the Bureau has authorized b6 b7C
the New York Office to serve a summons on LUCHESE issued by the District Court, Eastern District of New York. This summons can be served in New York only. LUCHESE, according to SA [redacted] is a nationally known racketeer.

[redacted] b6 b7C b7E

SA [redacted] requested that [redacted] be interviewed immediately to obtain whatever information he might have as to LUCHESE's whereabouts. If LUCHESE is located, he should be placed under a tight surveillance and the New York Office contacted by telephone for further instructions. If any leads are developed which might be of value in locating LUCHESE, these leads should be furnished the New York Office and/or any other appropriate office by telephone, pursuant to Bureau instructions given New York. If LUCHESE is located, he should not be detained but care should be taken not to lose him during any surveillance.

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The writer immediately telephoned Senior Resident Agent [redacted] at Scranton, Pa. and furnished him the above, with instructions to handle immediately. b6 b7C

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The New York file number in this case is 62-1115.

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INDICES SEARCH SLIP

TO CHIEF CLERK: DATE _____

SUBJECT Thomas Lucker, aka Thomas Lucker, aka

ALIASES Tho. Lucker, Tho. Lucker, Thos. Lucker, aka

ADDRESS Brown

DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH _____

____Exact Spelling
____All References
____Subversive References
____Main File
____Restricted to Locality of _____

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61-3122-1003			
Tommy Brown			
33-296-155 p17			
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NEW YORK

The Rise of Three-Finger Brown

In the course of the Kefauver committee investigations, the U.S. public became well acquainted with the modern racket boss, a suave fellow who invests his money in the most respectable enterprises, patronizes a fashionable psychiatrist, and takes pains to meet all the best people. The first well-publicized specimen of this new breed of gangsters was New York's Frank Costello. Last week, with Costello safely tucked away in Atlanta Federal Penitentiary on a contempt rap, New York's four-man State Crime Commission opened public hearings in Manhattan, and soon flushed the man billed as Costello's heir, another sample of the new breed named Thomas Luchese (rhymes with "too lazy").

"An Agreeable Little Man." Until last week many New Yorkers had never heard of Tommy Luchese, a stocky, 52-year-old immigrant from Palermo, Sicily. Others knew him only as a prosperous, well-tailored manufacturer of ladies' coats and dresses, who lived in a ranch-type home on Long Island, had a daughter at Vassar and a son who had gone into the Air Force from West Point. He could always be counted on for a fat block of tickets to such eminently respectable affairs as the dinner for the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick and the Alfred E. Smith Memorial Fund. Socially he had impressed one federal judge as "an agreeable little man who rarely said anything."

Behind Luchese, however, lay an eventful career. His acquaintances included Costello, ex-Vice Lord Charles ("Lucky") Luciano (*see* INTERNATIONAL), and a host of real, gun-toting hoods, among them "Trigger Mike" Coppola, Joe Stracci alias Joe Stretch, and Costello's man Friday, "Big Jim" O'Connell. Luchese was convicted of possession of a stolen automobile in 1922, but he managed to beat two arrests for murder, one for vagrancy and one for receiving stolen goods. It was while being fingerprinted during one of these brushes with the law that he got his alias. As a young man, Luchese had lost the index finger on his right hand in an accident. Noticing this, a detective suddenly remembered the Chicago Cubs' famed three-fingered pitcher, Mordecai Brown, and pinned on the new name: "Look who's in now—Three-Finger Brown."

Throughout the crime commission's first sessions, Luchese remained a shadowy figure, little more than a name, as the commission flailed away at an old but far from dead horse: underworld influence in Tammany Hall, the nerve center of Manhattan's ailing Democratic organization. Some of its findings:

Alfred L. Toplitz, onetime chief clerk of the New York City Board of Elections, admitted that he knew Luchese and was also acquainted with Costello, Coppola and "Little Augie" Pisano, but "never socialized with them." Asked how a $7,500 salary could stretch to cover his expensive tastes (one pair of blue suede oxfords cost him $100), Toplitz dabbed nervously at his palms with a paper handkerchief and replied that he occasionally won some money on the horses.

Francis X. Mancuso, former general sessions judge, crisply admitted to his longtime acquaintance with Costello and Luchese. His suave self-assurance unshaken, Mancuso also admitted that he had decided not to run again for leadership of an East Harlem assembly district after two local hoodlums had "advised" him to resign.

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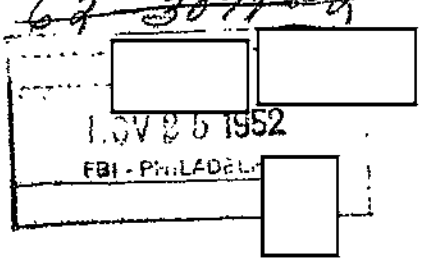

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I. Daniel Neustein, another former district leader, testified that Tammanyites frequently referred to Costello as "the Boss." Neustein also said that when he expressed his ambition to become a judge, onetime Tammany Boss Clarence Neal told him: "Well, there's no reason why you can't if you pay for it like the other fellow. Your money is as good as his."

"I Wouldn't Say That." For most of the second day of its hearings, the crime commission concentrated its fire on Luchese. From Supervisor George White of the New England Division of the Bureau of Narcotics came testimony that Luchese was believed to have succeeded Costello as "coordinator of the narcotics rackets" and was, in effect, a policymaking chairman of the board of a nationwide dope ring.

Though he had attended the opening sessions as a spectator, Luchese did not show up the second day. As a substitute for Three-Finger himself, however, commission attorneys read portions of 600 pages of testimony which Luchese had given them in private hearings. He dodged direct answers to most questions. To a question on his financial affairs, Luchese would give no answer at all. "Your grounds of not answering is that it will incriminate you?" he was asked. "I wouldn't say that," replied Luchese, "because I don't like to use that expression."

Evasive though it was on many subjects, Luchese's testimony nonetheless produced some surprising revelations. By his own statement, his acquaintances, social or otherwise, included Mayor Vincent Impellitteri, the late Mayor Fiorello La Guardia ("I used to talk with him like I was his son"), ex-Congressman Vito Marcantonio (who appointed Luchese's son to West Point), Myles J. Lane, the U.S. district attorney, Federal Judge Thomas Meaney, and Federal Judge Thomas Murphy, the man who prosecuted Alger Hiss. Also brought out during the reading of Luchese's testimony:

¶ His wide acquaintance among the city's narcotics peddlers. Under questioning, Luchese replied with high indignation: "You get so disgusted you don't go any place any more. I say 'Gee, I still go to meet people like that.'"

¶ His failure to admit to four of his five arrests in his application for naturalization papers (he was granted citizenship in 1943).

A good part of the social rise of Three-Finger Brown proved to have been accomplished with the aid of tiny (5 ft., 118 lbs.) Armand Chankalian, administrative assistant to U.S. Attorney Lane. Chankalian testified that not until 1950 had he come to realize that his good friend, Tommy Luchese, had so lurid a past. Then, said Chankalian, he had told Luchese, "I introduced you to some very nice people, and I owe an obligation to them. . . . I'm sorry, I can't see you any more . . ." Informed that his car had been seen in front of Luchese's home four times after he last admitted to having seen his three-fingered friend, Chankalian was dumfounded. Said he: "I don't recall . . . why I should have been there."

This week the crime commission began focusing its attention on some of the less savory tricks of the politico's trade—the buying of judgeships, the salary kickback and the use of party funds as private bank accounts. The commission's shift in emphasis, however, was cold comfort to three-fingered Tommy Luchese. Agents of the FBI, the Internal Revenue Bureau, the Treasury Department's Narcotics Bureau, the New York state income tax division and the New York state parole board had all started nosing around in Tommy's past, and Attorney General James McGranery had begun proceedings to strip Luchese of his citizenship as a first move toward deportation.

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Associated Press

TOMMY LUCHESE
A lot of people are nosing around.

SAC (62-new) 11/25/52

SA [redacted] b6 b7C

THOMAS LUCHESE, WAS.,
Thomas Lucchese, Thomas Arra,
Thomas Lacase, Thomas Lucase,
Thomas Luckese, "Three-Finger" Brown,
Tommy Brown
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 11/21/52 the New York Office telephoned this office that investigation be conducted in an attempt to locate subject, that all leads should be covered immediately, and that New York be advised by telephone should anything positive develop. The Bureau has authorized the New York Office to serve a summons on LUCHESE issued by the District Court, Eastern District of New York. This summons can be served in New York only. LUCHESE is a nationally known racketeer.

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At 3:00 p.m., 12/25/52, SA [redacted] of the New York Office, advised that New York has approximately 20 agents surveilling various places where subject may hang out in an attempt to locate him. He said they have very strict orders that subject is not to be detained under any circumstances, and if he is found outside of the State of New York, New York should be notified by phone. b6 b7C

Subject is described as follows:

Race:	White
Age:	50-55
Height:	5'5" - 5'6"
Weight:	155-160
Build:	Heavy
Hair:	Dark brown

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Complexion: Dark
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Peculiarities: The index finger on subject's right hand is missing

He may be in one of the three following automobiles: a 1947 Lincoln convertible, aqua green, New York license #RS 6021; a 1949 Cadillac Sedan, 4-door, black, New York license UL 1527; or a Chevrolet with New York license 3Y6948.

At approximately 2:45 p.m. this date, SA [redacted] advised that the Hazleton State Police has information that one of their informants [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

[redacted]

It is pointed out that there a photograph of LUCHESE in the current issue of Time Magazine, dated 11/24/52, on page 23.

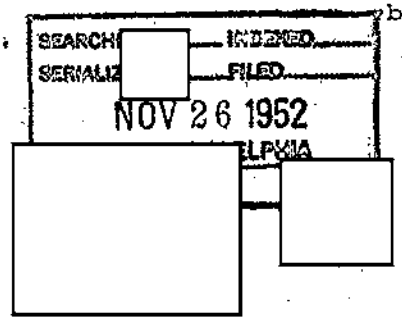
SA [redacted] advised approximately 4:00 p.m. this date that he had similar information that subject may appear in the vicinity of Harrisburg tonight, and if he does [redacted] will be in a position to know if it is subject. b6 b7C

Both [redacted] were advised of the Bureau policy in this case, and advised that if they obtain any information concerning LUCHESE they are to contact this office who, in turn, will contact the New York Office for instructions.

SAC (62-3079) 11-26-52

SA [redacted] b6 b7C

THOMAS LUCHESE, was., Thomas Lucchese, Thomas Arra, Thomas Lacase, Thomas Lucase, Thomas Luchese, "Three-Finger" Brown, Tommy Brown
INFORMATION CONCERNING



Re memo of SA [redacted] 11-25-52

ATTENTION: YORK RESIDENCY AGENCY.

SA [redacted] of the Harrisburg Resident Agency telephonically advised the writer on the night of 11-26-52, of the following information which had been received from a Pennsylvania State Police informant: b6 b7C b7D

[redacted]

Appropriate and discreet investigation is to be conducted at York, Pa., in accordance with instructions set forth in referenced memo, a copy of which is being forwarded herewith. b6 b7C

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cc: York RA (encl-1)

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (62-3079) DATE: 11-26-52

FROM : SA [redacted] b6 b7C

SUBJECT: THOMAS LUCHESE, was.
INFORMATION CONCERNING

At 6:45 PM, 11-26-52, SA [redacted] of the New York telephonically contacted ASAC [redacted] in reference to the captioned case. SA [redacted] advised that the Bureau had instructed the New York office to call all offices with outstanding leads and have those offices submit a teletype advising of the results of investigation conducted to date. The Bureau further instructed that immediate attention was to be given to instant case and that investigation was to be completed expeditiously. The Bureau advised the New York office that LUCHESE must be located.

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DOMESTIC SERVICE

Check the class of service desired; otherwise this message will be sent as a full rate telegram

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DAY LETTER	NIGHT LETTER

WESTERN UNION

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W. P. MARSHALL, PRESIDENT

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

[redacted] FBI 11/28/52

210-A POST OFFICE BUILDING
YORK, PA.

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THOMAS LUCHESE, WAS., MISC. DISCONTINUE.

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ALL MESSAGES TAKEN BY THIS COMPANY ARE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS

To guard against mistakes or delays, the sender of a message should order it repeated, that is, telegraphed back to the originating office for comparison. For this, one-half the unrepeated message rate is charged in addition. Unless otherwise indicated on its face, this is an unrepeated message and paid for as such, in consideration whereof it is agreed between the sender of the message and this Company as follows:

1. The Company shall not be liable for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the unrepeated-message rate beyond the sum of five hundred dollars; nor for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the repeated-message rate beyond the sum of five thousand dollars, unless specially valued; nor in any case for delays arising from unavoidable interruption in the working of its lines.

2. In any event the Company shall not be liable for damages for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for the non-delivery, of any message, whether caused by the negligence of its servants or otherwise, beyond the actual loss, not exceeding in any event the sum of five thousand dollars, at which amount the sender of each message represents that the message is valued, unless a greater value is stated in writing by the sender thereof at the time the message is tendered for transmission, and unless the repeated-message rate is paid or agreed to be paid, and an additional charge equal to one-tenth of one percent of the amount by which such valuation shall exceed five thousand dollars.

3. The Company is hereby made the agent of the sender, without liability, to forward this message over the lines of any other company when necessary to reach its destination.

4. Except as otherwise indicated in connection with the listing of individual places in the filed tariffs of the Company, the amount paid for the transmission of a domestic telegram or an incoming cable or radio message covers its delivery within the following limits: In cities or towns of 5,000 or more inhabitants where the Company has an office which, as shown by the filed tariffs of the Company, is not operated through the agency of a railroad company, within two miles of any open main or branch office of the Company; in cities or towns of 5,000 or more inhabitants where, as shown by the filed tariffs of the Company, the telegraph service is performed through the agency of a railroad company, within one mile of the telegraph office; in cities or towns of less than 5,000 inhabitants in which an office of the Company is located, within one-half mile of the telegraph office. Beyond the limits above specified the Company does not undertake to make delivery, but will endeavor to arrange for delivery as the agent of the sender, with the understanding that the sender authorizes the collection of any additional charge from the addressee and agrees to pay such additional charge if it is not collected from the addressee. There will be no additional charge for deliveries made by telephone within the corporate limits of any city or town in which an office of the Company is located.

5. No responsibility attaches to this Company concerning messages until the same are accepted at one of its transmitting offices; and if a message is sent to such office by one of the Company's messengers, he acts for that purpose as the agent of the sender.

6. The Company will not be liable for damages or statutory penalties when the claim is not presented in writing to the Company, (a) within sixty days after the message is filed with the Company for transmission in the case of a message between points within the United States (except in the case of an intrastate message in Texas) or between a point in the United States on the one hand and a point in Alaska, Canada, Labrador, Mexico, Newfoundland and St. Pierre & Miquelon Islands on the other hand, or between a point in the United States and a ship at sea or in the air, (b) within 90 days after the cause of action, if any, shall have accrued in the case of an intrastate message in Texas, and (c) within 180 days after the message is filed with the Company for transmission in the case of a message between a point in the United States and a foreign or overseas point other than the points specified above in this paragraph; provided, however, that this condition shall not apply to claims for damages or overcharges within the purview of section 415 of the Communications Act of 1934.

7. It is agreed that in any action by the Company to recover the tolls for any message or messages the prompt and correct transmission and delivery thereof shall be presumed, subject to rebuttal by competent evidence.

8. Special terms governing the transmission of messages according to their classes, as enumerated below, shall apply to messages in each of such respective classes in addition to all the foregoing terms.

9. No employee of the Company is authorized to vary the foregoing.

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FULL RATE TELEGRAM

A full rate expedited service.

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A deferred service at lower than the full rate.

SERIAL (SER)

Messages sent in sections during the same day.

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Accepted up to 2 A. M. for delivery not earlier than the following morning at rates substantially lower than the full rate telegram or day letter rates.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICES

FULL RATE (FR)

The standard fast service at full rates. May be written in any language that can be expressed in Roman letters, or in secret language. A minimum charge for 5 words applies.

LETTER TELEGRAM (LT)

Overnight plain language messages. Minimum charge for 22 words applies.

VICTORY LETTER TELEGRAM (VLT)

Overnight plain language messages to armed forces overseas. Minimum charge for 10 words applies.

SHIP RADIOGRAM

A service to and from ships at sea. Plain or secret language may be used. Minimum charge for 5 words applies.

3-Finger Brown Finally Turns Up

Denaturalization Writ Served in Brooklyn

New York, Nov. 28—(AP)—Thomas (Three-Finger Brown) Luchese, reportedly gangland's biggest boss, strolled into his attorney's office today and said he was ready to accept papers initiating denaturalization proceedings against him.

His attorney, Louis D. Frohlich, said he immediately phoned the U. S. Attorney's office in Brooklyn and said Luchese—target of an FBI hunt—was in the office.

First Step in Deportation

Three FBI agents appeared soon afterwards and served on Luchese notice of denaturalization proceedings—first step in deportation to his native Sicily.

This Frohlich said, was what happened:

"Are you Mr. Luchese," an agent asked.

"Yes, I am," Luchese replied.

"We have some papers for you," the agent said.

Luchese thanked him and accepted them.

"We have to ask you some questions," the agent said. "You can answer or not, whatever you care to do. Where have you been?"

"I'd rather not answer," Luchese said.

The agents left.

Accused of Lying

A native of Sicily, Luchese has been charged with lying about his criminal record when he took out naturalization papers. He has 60 days to serve an answer to the Government's charges.

In Washington, Attorney General McGranery announced a decision to start denaturalization proceedings against Anthony Ricci, New York underworld figure. It will be the ninth such proceeding against underworld characters.

[Ricci, 59, an Italian, has been described, the Justice Department said, as a former partner of Charles (Bucky) Luciano, the vice overlord who was deported to Italy several years ago. The department said Ricci had also been a close associate of other racketeers in the East and Middle West.]

Luchese, wealthy garment manufacturer and ex-convict, described as a boss racketeer and friend of politicians, balked at appearing before the state crime commission at recent public hearings. Some time ago, however, he went before the commission in private.

After a court battle the commission decided not to press efforts to have him appear and promised not to call him again—an action severely criticised by civic groups and individuals.

In a statement issued through Frohlich today, Luchese said he had been ready to accept service of any process at any time in his attorney's office.

No 'Roman Holiday'

"But I have no intention," he added, "of providing a Roman holiday or spectacle for the edification of lesser official functionaries."

Specifically he said that a deputy U. S. marshal for the eastern district of New York (Brooklyn) had insisted on serving the papers in that district "to afford publicity and notoriety to functionaries" of that office.

On November 18, Luchese said, a television sound truck drew up in front of his Malba, Long Island, home. That evening, he said there appeared a television film of the U. S. marshal for the eastern district and two deputies "holding up and waving to the cameras papers purporting to be those attempted to be served on me."

'Quite a Spectacle'

"It was," said Luchese, "quite a spectacle."

On November 20 FBI agents visited his attorney's office and asked where he was, Luchese said. "They were told that I had been in the office during the preceding day and while my attorney did not know of my immediate whereabouts, I would probably communicate with him."

The newspapers then reported a search for him in the 48 states, Luchese said, adding it was "a preposterous statement" since under federal law he could not be served with the process in any state but New York.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

DATE: 11/28/52

FROM : ASAC [redacted] b6 b7C

SUBJECT: ~~TONY~~ TOMMY LUCHESE
INFORMATION CONCERNING

At 11:00 a.m., 11/28/52, SA [redacted] of the New York Office telephonically advised that LUCHESE had been served with the subpena at 10:35 a.m., today, and that it would be no longer necessary for us to locate him. b6 b7C

This information was immediately furnished to Supervisor [redacted]

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11/28 advised & closed

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AIR-TEL

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BUREAU, MIAMI,
MINNEAPOLIS, NEW HAVEN, NEWARK,
PHILADELPHIA

THOMAS LUCHESE, WAS, INFO CONCERNING. BUREAU HAS INSTRUCTED THAT ALL OFFICES SUBMIT REPORTS TO REACH BUREAU BY DEC. FOUR NEXT, TO REFLECT INVESTIGATION WHICH WAS CONDUCTED IN EFFORT TO LOCATE SUBJECT. REPORT SHOULD CARRY CHARACTER AS DEPORTATION INVESTIGATION, NY ORIGIN, AND THREE COPIES OF REPORT TO BE SENT TO BUREAU. DISTRIBUTION OF REPORT TO INS WILL BE MADE BY BUREAU.

BOARDMAN

3-BUREAU (REGULAR MAIL)
2-MIAMI (AMSD)
2-MINNEAPOLIS (AMSD)
2-NEW HAVEN (AMSD)
2-NEWARK (SPECIAL DELIVERY)
2-PHILADELPHIA (AMSD)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (33-296) DATE: 9/4/56

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (94-419 Sub 19)

SUBJECT: THOMAS LUCHESE
TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE
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RePhilalet to NY, 7/10/56.

In an interview with [redacted] b6 b7C it was ascertained that he has known TOMMY BROWN (LUCHESE) for years. Recently BROWN asked him to give his son-in-law's firm in Pennsylvania some contracting business. [redacted] said he agreed, but later ILGWU stopped him because the firm was not union. He identified the firm as Ann Lee Frocks, Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Philadelphia is requested to obtain complete data re ownership of Ann Lee Frocks and to determine any connection or association of LUCHESE with ownership of this plant.

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1 - New York (94-419 Sub 19)

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INDICES SEARCH SLIP

TO CHIEF CLERK: DATE 9-6-56

SUBJECT Lillian Ann Fuchser

ALIASES

ADDRESS

DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH

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(TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE)

Enclosed herewith is a supplementary summary of information concerning captioned subject coming to the attention of the NYO since 3/30/56.

As further pertinent data is obtained by the NYO, it will be furnished to the Bureau.

A copy of this memo is designated for the Philadelphia Office in view of the information developed that LUCHESE may own or have an interest in at least two dressmaking shops in the territory covered by the Philadelphia Office.

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Luchese is presently residing at 74 Royat Street, Lido Beach, Long Island, New York. His home reportedly cost $60,000.

On March 13, 1956, [redacted] supplied the following information concerning Thomas Luchese. b6 b7C b7D

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[redacted] furnished the following information [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

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On April 9, 1956, [redacted] advised the Philadelphia Office that [redacted]

Inquiry by the Philadelphia Office reflects that on June 8, 1956, Attorney [redacted] Lackawanna County Court House, Scranton, Pennsylvania, advised that the Intrastate record indicates that [redacted] and [redacted] Scranton, are the owners of Harvic Sportswear, 1007 Capouse Avenue, such notice was filed May 17, 1956. b6 b7C

On June 20, 1956, Corporal [redacted] Pennsylvania State Police, advised that John St. George, former superintendent at Connie Gross in Pittston, Pennsylvania, was anxious to return to New York where he resides, but was instructed by Thomas Luchese to take over the supervision of Harvic Sportswear until [redacted] learns the business. In effect, St. George is the tutor of [redacted] believes that the b6 b7C

checks of the Harvic firm are signed by Robert Luchese.

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As of October 19, 1955, a branch of the firm was operated at Sweet Valley, Pennsylvania, with 60 machines and 80 employees.

About April 20, 1956, [redacted] advised

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On August 30, 1956, [redacted] b6 b7C advised that he has known Tommy Brown (Luchese) for many years, and recently Brown asked him to give his son-in-law's firm in Pennsylvania some contracting business. He stated he agreed, but later the International Ladies Garment Workers Union stopped him, because the firm wasn't union. He identified the firm as Ann Lee Frocks, Pittston, Pennsylvania.

On June 27, 1956, United States Attorney's Civil Docket, number 13052, Eastern District of New York, was reviewed, and it was noted that a hearing on a motion to re-argue the motion to dismiss (Denaturalization Proceedings against Luchese) was argued and submitted on June 27, 1956. It was noted that this motion to re-argue was instituted on the basis of authority of the Supreme Court Decision for the case entitled "United States Attorney versus Ettore Zucca," decided April 30, 1956, (wherein it was held, according to Luchese's attorney) that the proceeding was not instituted upon an affidavit showing good cause as required by Section 338 (a) of the Nationality Act of 1940.

The Civil Docket shows that on July 3, 1956, a decision was rendered by Judge Robert A. Inch, Chief Judge, Eastern District of New York, granting the motion to re-argue motion to dismiss. After such re-argument, complaint was dismissed without prejudice.

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SAC, NEW YORK (94-419 Sub. 19)

THOMAS LUCHESE
TOP HOODLUM
GIIF

Re Philadelphia letter to NY, 7/10/56.

For information of Philadelphia, LUCHESE apparently does not have a phone at his residence, 18 Royal St., Long Beach, NY.

Philadelphia is requested to check toll calls for past six months charged to Harvic Sportswear, 1007 Capouse Ave., Scranton, Pa., in order to identify contacts and associates of LUCHESE.

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TO: CHIEF CLERK

Date Dec 31, 1957

Subject Thomas Lee Rose

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (92-512) DATE: 2/3/58

FROM : SA [redacted] b6 b7C

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Rememo of SA [redacted] 1/23/58.

[redacted] Corporation Bureau, Dept. of State, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg, Pa., advised on 2/3/58, that a review of corporation records reflects YASKA SPORTSWEAR, INC., 318 Brooks Bldg., South Franklin, Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne County, Pa., was incorporated on 12/9/55. Instant application on file in Corp Bureau under microfilm # 55.34, film 1089-91. b6 b7C

Incorporators and first directors were listed on application as: [redacted] were listed as having 4 shares of capital stock and the remaining incorporators as having 1 share each.

Purpose or purposes of corporation given as: "To engage in the manufacture of cloth and wearing apparel, and to manufacture, buy, sell, import and export all kinds of varieties of cloth and clothing; and in order to effectuate such purposes, to buy, sell, lease or occupy land, bldgs, machinery and equipment and so all and everything necessary and proper as permitted by law in furtherance of the aforesaid purposes.

Authorized capital stock of said corp. listed as $10,000, divided into 100 shares with par value of $100. per share.

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Union Links Dress Firm To Hoodlum

ILGWU Charges Garment Association Has Tie With Luchese

By HARRY G. TOLAND
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"They want to pay substandard wages and produce garments under inferior conditions," he said. "They have the aid of antisocial and undesirable elements."

PGMA Charges

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Max Rosenn, another attorney for the PGMA, said that dressmaking members may have been covered by the United Popular-ILGWU contract but the PGMA and its members never negotiated or signed those pacts.

"One of the evils here," he said, "is that the union is trying to compel signatures on a contract where there is no representation."

The hearing was continued until 10.30 A. M. next Tuesday. The NLRB offices here are in the Bankers Securities Building.

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TO : SAC (92-512)

DATE: 3-17-58

FROM : SA [redacted]

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ATT: SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: THOMAS LUCHESE, was.
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SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)

THOMAS LUCHESE, was.
TOP HOODLUM
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Re Philadelphia report of SA [redacted] b6
[redacted] 3/6/58. b7C

Re report sets forth information that indicates the Kaska Manufacturing Company, later known as Kaska Sportswear, Inc., was owned and operated from about 1950 until sometime in 1956, by NICHOLAS FIORILLO. Sometime in 1956, FIORILLO apparently took on subject as a partner. According to [redacted] b6
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It is requested that investigation be conducted by [redacted] to determine if there was any possible violation of Title 18, Sect on 1751 of the United States Code, Anti-Racketeering, on subject's part in his becoming connected with Kaska. In this connection it is suggested that [redacted] b6 b7C be interviewed for any information she may be willing to furnish. She would in all probability know the identity of the former bookkeeper of Kaska who lives in Pine Grove, Pennsylvania, and she should also be interviewed.

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According to [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

Philadelphia is requested to conduct appropriate investigation at the Necho Allen Hotel to determine the frequency of subject's visits there and to determine if he has been a guest any time during the past twelve months.

The same referenced report states that the Harvic Sportswear, Inc., in Scranton, Pennsylvania, has been under its present control (subject and [redacted] b6 b7C since 1955. There is the indication that this company was formerly under control by other individuals who are not identified.

It is requested that appropriate investigation be conducted to identify the former persons who controlled Harvic and that it then be determined under what circumstances the subject and [redacted] became the controlling interest. b6 b7C

Concerning the subject and [redacted] travel, the report states that the subject usually arrived at the Harvic Plant on Tuesday morning of each week and that [redacted] and JOHN ST. GEORGE arrived the same day. It indicated the subject arrives by car, believed to be a new Cadillac, and the other two arrived by train. [redacted] and ST. GEORGE depart on Thursday afternoons, but the report does not state when the subject departs. The report states that they used to stay at the Hotel Jermyn, but the rumor is that they now stop at the YMCA there in Scranton.

It is requested that Philadelphia conduct appropriate investigation at the Hotel Jermyn and YMCA to determine the frequency that any or all of these three individuals stayed at either place. Will, through checking the former period of visits try to develop a pattern.

Philadelphia is requested to develop more fully the mode of subject's travel. If by automobile, will obtain the license number and determine where subject parks the car overnight. Will determine if he "usually" utilizes a given space or garage for his automobile.

The report reflects that [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

Philadelphia is requested to keep alert to develop any CI or source who is in a position to furnish their office information on the subject's presence and activities while in their division.

Three copies of this letter is being furnished to Philadelphia, in view of the possibility that investigation to be conducted are in two different resident agencies.

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TO : SAC, (92-512)

DATE: 4-7-58

FROM : SA, [redacted] 3-17

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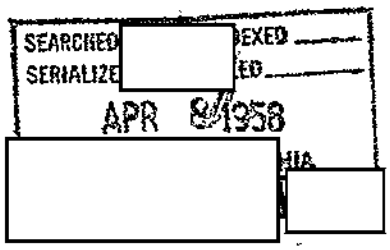

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Re. Report SA, [redacted] New York, 2-21-58.
Report SA, [redacted] 3-6-58.

Records of the Allentown Credit Bureau, 719 Hamilton Street, reviewed on 3-4-58, reflect no record for the Ricky Sportswear Company, Slatington, Penna.

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Chief RUSSELL TABOR, Slatington, Penna., advised on 3-4-58, there is no Rickey Sportswear Company in Slatington, Penna., at the present time. He believed it formerly existed at 545 W. Church Street, however, in 1954, as best he could recall this organization moved out of Slatington and he did not know if it continued in business ornot. Further, he could not identify the principals other than a Mr. (fnu) [redacted] and who is presently residing some place in New Jersey, operating a chicken farm.

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Chief TABOR stated the Slatington Dress Company, is located at 545 W. Church Street, Slatington, Penna., at this time and has been there since early in the 1940's. He stated the manager of this organization is a [redacted] however, he does not know

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him personaly or any details of his background. Chief TABOR advised he has never heard of the subject and could not associate him in any way with the Rickey Sportswear Company or the Slatington Dress Company.

Mr. MYRON WARSAW, Manager Taylor Fashions and Northampton Dress Company, Northampton, Penna., advised on 3-7-58, he has been in the dress business in the Lehigh Valley for over twenty years and knows all of the textile mills and managers by name, however, he has never heard of the Rickey Spprtwear Company operating in Slatington, Penna. and added that if it did it was only for a very short time. He explained he is aquainted with [redacted] of Slatington Dress Company and knows of six mills in Pennsylvania in which [redacted] has an interest, however, none of them are named Rickey Sportwear Co. b6 b7C

Mr. WARSAW, advised he has never heard of the subject and knew of no local textile interest he may have. He advised he has heard of an individual named (fnu) [redacted] who formerly operated a dress shop in Slatington, Penna., over ten years ago but believed it was under the name of Siegel Dress Company. He stated he had no idea where [redacted] could be located at this time.

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DIRECTOR, FBI 4/25/58

SAC, PHILADELPHIA (92-512)

THOMAS LUCHESE, was.
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There are transmitted herewith two copies of report of SA [redacted] dated 4/25/58 at Philadelphia. b6 b7C

References

Report of SA [redacted] 3/6/58, Philadelphia.

New York letter to Philadelphia, 3/21/58.

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AT SCRANTON, PA.:

Will conduct investigation requested in New York letter to Philadelphia dated 3/21/58.

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TO : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (92-512)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)

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It appears that this may be a substantive anti-racketeering violation and Philadelphia is requested to consider opening a seperate anti-racketeering case concerning this. Philadelphia advise.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (92-512) DATE: 8/8/58

FROM : IC [redacted]

SUBJECT: THOMAS LUCHESE, WAS.
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ReNYmemo, 7/31/58.

[redacted] BMV, Harrisburg, Pa., advised on 8/8/58, that 1958 Pa. reg. 23AU issued to HARVIC SPORTSWEAR, 1007 Capouse Ave., Scranton, Pa., for a 1957 Ford Conv., SN C7EW 249 364.

Vehicle purchased from MOORE FORD CO., 1202 Wyoming Ave., Scranton, Pa., on 6/14/57, with no encumbrance, and covered by Pa. title #A 12 223 130 issued 6/8/57.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 4, 1961

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On 5/2/61 at Scranton, Pa. File # Philadelphia 92-512 -67
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Date May 4, 1961

[redacted] Moore Ford b6 b7C
Company, Inc., 1202 Wyoming Avenue (telephone DIamond 7-5611) after review of records under his control, provided the following information:

Car Invoice #N1425 dated June 13, 1957, shows that on that date, [redacted] salesman, sold Harvic Sportswear, Inc., 1007 Capouse Avenue, Scranton, Pa., a new 1957 Ford Fairlane 500 Skyliner, Serial Number C7EW 249 364 for a cash price of $3,310, inclusive of all accessories, title fees and sales tax.

Harvic had no trade-in car to put forth.

The Retail Buyer's Proposition prepared by BINGHAM relating to the sale shows the instant car carried Stock Number 4079 and that the total price of the car was $4,060, less a $750 discount for cash. The Proposition contained the signature of [redacted] Harvic Sportswear, Inc., as b6 b7C
being the person with whom [redacted] dealt on the transaction.

Page 30 of the Vehicle Sales Journal for June 1957 shows that the Harvic Sportswear Accounts Receivable account was charged with $3,310 as supported by Invoice #1425.

Cash Received Journal, Page 22, for June 1957 shows that on June 14, 1957, receipts totaling $14,618.72 covering Receipts #25487 - #25515, were deposited to the Cash on Hand account.

Carbon copy of deposit ticket for the above deposit dated June 15, 1957, shows Moore Ford deposited on June 15, 1957, a check in the amount of $3,310 drawn on bank having code number 100-21.

According to [redacted] the copy of the cash receipt b6 b7C
given Harvic for the instant check and the Harvic Accounts Receivable sheet are no longer available.

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[redacted] Salesman, Moore Ford Company, Inc., 1202 Wyoming Avenue (telephone DIamond 7-5611) provided the following information: b6 b7C

He has been a salesman for Moore Ford Company since [redacted] and was formerly employed as an inspector for the Pennsylvania State Health Department, Bureau of Industrial Hygiene. While with the latter Bureau, he had occasion to inspect the Harvic Sportswear, Inc., Capouse Avenue, Scranton, and became acquainted with the officials of the company. He recalls that in June 1957 he had several meetings with three of the officials of Harvic and sold the company a new 1957 Ford Fairlane 500 Skyliner in a cash transaction without a trade-in for about $3,300, and received the company's check in full payment for the car.

He cannot recall the names of the persons from Harvic that he dealt with on the transaction.

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SUBJECT: THOMAS LUCHESE aka
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[redacted] informant provided the following information: b6 b7C b7D

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (92-512) DATE: 10/19/62

FROM : SA [redacted] b6 b7C

SUBJECT: Thomas Luchese,aka.
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Re Philadelphia letter to New York dated 10/17/62.

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Holiday Motor Hotels, Carlisle, Pike, advised 10/19/62 that [redacted] is [redacted] of the Holiday East and Holiday West, Motoe Hotels. She advised they have no association with the HOLIDAY INN, Inc., whose main office is located at Memphis, Tenn.

[redacted], Pennsylvania Consumer Finance Company, 105 N. Front Street, Harrisburg,Pa., advised SA [redacted] b6 b7C 10/19/62 that he has never heard of an ALLEGHENY FINANCE CO. He caused a check to be made of the small loan companies in Pennsylvania and advised there is no company listed under Allegheny Finance Co. [redacted] advised that the most logical location of a company by the name of Allegheny Finance Co. would probably be in the Pittsburgh area, which is located in Allegheny County.

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Re: Allegheny Finance Company

At Harrisburg, Pa.

[redacted] Pennsylvania Consumer Finance Company, 105 North Front Street, advised SA [redacted] on October 19, 1962, that he has never heard of an Allegheny Finance Company. He caused a check to be made of the small loan companies in Pennsylvania and advised there is no company listed under Allegheny Finance Company. [redacted] advised that the most logical location of a company by the name of Allegheny Finance Company would probably be in the Pittsburgh area which is located in Allegheny County. b6 b7C

Re: Holiday Motor Hotels,

At Harrisburg, Pa.

[redacted] Holiday Motor Hotels, Carlisle Pike, advised SA [redacted] on October 19, 1962, that [redacted] is the [redacted] of the Holiday East and Holiday West, Motor Hotels. She advised they have no association with the Holiday Inn, Inc., whose main office is located in Memphis, Tenn. b6 b7C

At Lancaster, Pa.

Investigation at Lancaster, Pa., was conducted by SA [redacted] b6 b7C

Information in the files of Lancaster Newspapers, Inc., 8 West King Street, was made available on November 1, 1962, by [redacted] concerning luxury type motels in Lancaster, Pa., and reflects the following information:

Republic Motor Inn of Holiday Inns 92-512-74

A news article dated July 21, 1962, reflecting that preliminary grading had started for a new 108 unit, $1,200,000, motel to be owned and operated by ADOLPH and JOEL KRISCH, Roanoke, Va., who operate 11 other motels in Virginia, North Carolina, and

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Baltimore, Md., under the name Holiday Inn. The article noted that the Holiday Inn name used in other motels in the chain could not be used in Pennsylvania as it was already being used by another firm.

A news article dated September 24, 1962, reflected that STANLEY N. SILVERMAN of Stanley Company, Ltd., Newark, N. J., was directing the erection in Lancaster, Pa., of the Republic Motor Inn, the new name for a motel in Lancaster affiliated with Holiday Inns of America with headquarters at Memphis, Tenn.

From the personal knowledge of SA [redacted] this motel has not yet been completed. b6 b7C

Host Motel

A news article dated April 26, 1961, noted ground-breaking ceremonies for a new U. S. Motel being built by developer ALEXANDER GARBER, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., developer of the Host Motel chain. This article stated that the restaurant in the new motel was to be operated by Gladieux Corporation, a subsidiary of ABC Vending Company. The article showed a photograph of EDWARD WASSEEL, architect of the new motel, and SIDNEY ORZACK, Columbia, Pa., as representing the Host Motel firm.

A news article dated February 27, 1962, reflected that one wing of the new motel, named the Host Motel of Lancaster instead of U. S. Motel, had been opened with MICHAEL GLEIBERMAN as manager. ALEXANDER GARBER, Scranton, Pa., was noted as president of the Host Motels, Inc., corporation which built and planned to operate the motel.

A news article dated June 1, 1962, reflected that the new Host Motel of Lancaster was dedicated. Representing Host Motels, Inc., were ALEXANDER GARVER, president of the corporation; and HAROLD ROSENN, attorney, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

A news article dated August 21, 1962, reflected that HAROLD ROSENN, attorney and member of the Host Motel, Inc., corporation, accompanied by another member of the corporation,

SANDY WEISS, Kingston, Pa., shoe manufacturer, discussed the reasons for building a new motel in Lancaster before a business group.

Re: Airplane owned by Thomas Luchese

On October 17, 1962, [redacted] b6 b7C of the Pennsylvania State Police, Lancaster, Pa., whose hobby for over 15 years has been flying and who is acquainted with flying activity in the Lancaster area, advised that the only two airports in the area which could handle a two-engine airplane would be Lancaster Municipal Airport and Garden Spot Airport, both Lancaster, Pa. [redacted] advised that the only two-engine airplane based in the Lancaster area at either airport is a two-engine plane owned by the firm of Musser's Potato Chips, Inc., of Lancaster, Pa.

[redacted] advised that occasionally within the past year [redacted] of the Host Motel Corporation, an individual named [redacted] from Wilkes-Barre, Pa., flies to Lancaster in a two-engine Cessna on business. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that he had never heard of the name of LUCHESE in connection with flying in the Lancaster area.

On December 12, 1962, [redacted] was recontacted and advised that he had made inquiries among his flying associates in the Lancaster County area and other than the two airplanes above, that of Musser's, which is based in Lancaster, and that of [redacted] who flies in and out, there are no other two-engine planes coming with any type regularity to any airport in the Lancaster area.

Re: Residence in Lancaster County, Pa.

On December 17, 1962, records in the Recorder of Deeds Office, Lancaster County Court House, Lancaster, Pa., were checked both under current mortgages outstanding against property in Lancaster County and against all deeds to property recorded in Lancaster County, Pa., since 1954. There was no listing in either source for any individual with the surname LUCHESE.

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Credit

On October 16, 1962, records of the Credit Bureau of Lancaster County, 214 East King Street, Lancaster, Pa., were checked by [redacted] No record was located for any individual with the surname LUCHESE. b6 b7C

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[redacted] advised that his residence is at [redacted] In Scranton, he maintains a room at [redacted] The telephone number of the hotel is [redacted]

[redacted] first came to the Scranton area in [redacted] His [redacted] at Budget Dress Company, New York City, had told him that Michele Frocks in Scranton was for sale and it was for the purpose of possibly buying this company that he came to Scranton. Prior to this he had been with the Garment Manufacturing Company, Ozone Park, New York, for twenty-two years. He inspected Michele Frocks and purchased the concern from JOHN ST. GEORGE. He said it would be very difficult to estimate what he had paid for the company, but to the best of his recollection it was somewhere in the neighborhood of $10,000. He said he thereby became the sole owner of Michele Frocks and it was not until October of 1959 that he met THOMAS GAMBINO.

At that time he and THOMAS GAMBINO, whose exact address in New York he does not recall, became partners in Michele Frocks. They continued in this relationship until January 1, 1961, at which time they dissolved the partnership and discontinued the name Michele Frocks. He noted that under the partnership arrangement for Michele Frocks two plants were operated, one in Jermyn, Pa., and the other at 210 North Main Avenue in Scranton. When the partnership was dissolved and the name Michele Frocks discontinued, GAMBINO took over sole ownership of the Jermyn, Pa., plant and operated under the name Jermyn Sportswear. This plant is located at 601 Washington Street in that community. [redacted] took over the Scranton plant and operates it under the name Patty Sportswear. He made [redacted] secretary. She resides at the [redacted] address. He travels to his home on weekends and thereby keeps [redacted] apprised of business affairs.

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On 4/24/61 at Scranton, Pa. File # Philadelphia ~~92-925~~ 4

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by SA [redacted] Date dictated 4/25/61

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Since taking over Michele Frocks and continuing until the present time, 100% of the total work done by Michele Frocks and subsequently Patty Sportswear has been done for Budget Dress. [redacted] said the individual he has always done business with at Budget Dress is [redacted] whom he regards as "boss" of the company. In the absence of [redacted] he does business with [redacted] He does no work for any concern other than Budget Dress. b6 b7C

[redacted] said he first met THOMAS GAMBINO in October 1959. He knows that GAMBINO is a son-in-law of THOMAS LUCHESE, but denied ever meeting the latter. He said he has often heard about THOMAS LUCHESE, but never met nor has he seen him. He said THOMAS LUCHESE has had no interest in Michele Frocks or in Patty Sportswear and as far as he knows no interest in Jermyn Sportswear. He said he has no knowledge of THOMAS LUCHESE having an interest in Budget Dress. He denied ever having been associated with THOMAS LUCHESE in any way whatsoever.

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[redacted] said about [redacted] years ago he first went to work for Harvic Manufacturing Company, 1007 Capouse Avenue, when it was owned by [redacted] He said he was not positive of the ownership, but [redacted] used to sign the salary checks. JOHN ST. GEORGE was the production manager. At that time there was a Harvic plant at the above address, one in Sweet Valley, Pa., and the two Michele Frocks plants, one in Jermyn, Pa., and one in Scranton. At that time [redacted] and ST. GEORGE spent probably four days a week at the Harvic plant in Scranton. He said to the best of his recollection he saw THOMAS LUCHESE, whom he knows, at the plant no more than four times. As far as he knew THOMAS LUCHESE did not own the plant, and he always assumed that the visits of THOMAS LUCHESE were occasioned by the fact that his son operated the plant. b6 b7C

In about 1958, the plant experienced considerable labor trouble and Harvic went out of business. The Michele operation continued with its two plants under the ownership of ST. GEORGE. During this time [redacted] entered into some conversation with ST. GEORGE relative to the possible purchase of the business. However, ST. GEORGE suddenly took ill with a nervous breakdown, and THOMAS GAMBINO was sent in from New York to operate the plants. This was about two years ago and shortly thereafter [redacted] arrived in the area and began to give him orders concerning rates, etc. He said he was never told by ST. GEORGE that either GAMBINO or [redacted] were to take over. It just happened through their appearing and telling him that they were in charge. b6 b7C

[redacted] said he soon found that he could not get along with [redacted] because of the latter's unreasonable attitude regarding the work. He claimed that he finally prevailed upon GAMBINO to dissolve the Michele Frocks partnership which they apparently had. This was early in January 1961. GAMBINO took the Jermyn plant and named it Jermyn Sportswear and [redacted] stayed with him as [redacted] took the Scranton plant and named it Patty Sportswear. He uses b6 b7C

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On 4/25/61 at Jermyn, Pa. File # Philadelphia ~~92-925-5~~ b6 b7C

by [redacted] Date dictated 4/26/61

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[redacted] as his [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] said that 100% of the work done at Jermyn Sportswear goes to Budget Dress in New York City. He does all his business transactions with [redacted] He said he was not certain, but he recalled hearing the name [redacted] as the owner of Budget Dress. He denied ever possessing any information regarding THOMAS LUCHESE being interested in any Dress Company. He said he heard that ST. GEORGE is operating some dress companies, names unknown, in Connecticut, and that [redacted] is operating some in New Jersey. He does not know their names or locations.

[redacted] stated that he has never been too well acquainted with the identity of the owners of the plants since there has always been considerable confusion through the fact that so many individuals indicated to him that they were bosses without actually saying so. He said as far as he knows THOMAS GAMBINO is the sole owner of Jermyn Sportswear and operates one other plant at Jessup, Pa., the Peggy Ann Dress Company. In the latter, GAMBINO is the sole owner.

[redacted] said he had telephonically been contacted by GAMBINO earlier in the day and GAMBINO told him he was very sick with a virus and would be in bed for about a week. [redacted] said he does not have GAMBINO's address, but knows that he resides somewhere on Long Island in the same town as [redacted] He said GAMBINO's home and [redacted] b6 b7C