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Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK

DATE: 9/4/58

FROM : SA [REDACTED] #5-A

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SUBJECT: JOHN FRANZESE, wa. "Sonny";
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It is recommended that a case be opened on FRANZESE, who has been described by numerous sources as a rising hoodlum power in Brooklyn, to determine if he is of top hoodlum stature.

CHIEF CLERK
OPEN CASE ON THIS 9/4/58

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1.	12/22/58	2	photos	(full face & pro)	and 1 neg. of John Franzese.	
2.	12/31/58	2	photos	(full face & pro)	and 2 neg. of [redacted]	b6
3.	2/19/59	2	photos	(stand up)	and 1 neg. of [redacted]	b7C
4.	2/19/59	3	photos	(full face & pro)	and 1 neg. of [redacted]	
5.	2/19/59	2	photos	(full face & pro)	and 1 neg. of [redacted]	
6.	2/19/59	2	photos	(full face & pro)	and 1 neg. of Philip Rastelli.	
7.	2/19/59	2	photos	(full face & pro)	and 1 neg. of [redacted]	
8.	2/19/59	2	photos	(full face & pro)	and 1 neg. of George Smurra.	
9.	2/19/59	2	photos	(full face & pro)	and 1 neg. of [redacted]	
10.	2/19/59	2	photos	(full face & pro)	and 1 neg. of [redacted]	
11.	2/19/59	2	"	"	"	Joseph Lucchese.
12.	"	3	"	"	"	[redacted]
13.	"	2	"	"	"	[redacted]
14.	"	3	"	"	"	[redacted]
15.	"	1	"	"	"	Joseph Vitacco.
16.	"	2	"	"	"	[redacted]
17.	"	3	"	"	"	[redacted]
18.	"	2	"	"	"	[redacted]
19.	"	2	"	"	"	[redacted]
20.	"	2	"	"	"	[redacted]
21.	"	3	"	"	"	[redacted]
22.	"	3	"	"	"	[redacted]
23.	"	3	"	"	"	[redacted]
24.	"	2	"	"	"	Nunzio Franzese.
25.	"	3	"	"	"	[redacted]

NOTE: Above envelope retyped from old exhibit env. blockstamped Aug. 31, 1961

NOTE: DO NOT ADDA ANY ADDITIONAL EXHIBITS TO THIS SECTION. SEE SUPPLEMENT SECTION I. *Trans.*

Note: Do not enter any more 1A's in this Section 1A1 thru 1A25 respectively were transferred to 1B2 (1) thru 1B3 (4).

Note: Do not enter any more 1A's in this Section See

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26.	2/19/59.	4	full face and profile photos and 1 neg of	[redacted]	b6
27.	"	"	"	SAMUEL FECHTER.	b7C
28.	"	"	"	[redacted]	
29.	"	"	"	[redacted]	
30.	"	"	"	[redacted]	
31.	"	"	"	MICHAEL FRANZESE.	
32.	"	"	"	THOMAS D' ANGELO.	
33.	"	"	"	[redacted]	
34.	"	5	"	2	
35.	"	4	"	1	
36.	"	2	"	SEBASTIANO ALOI,	
37.	"	3	"	ANTHONY AUGELLO,	
38.	"	4	"	JOHN FRANZESE,	
39.	"	1	"	[redacted]	
40.	"	2	full face and profile photos of John Franzese.	[redacted]	b6
41.	"	3	full face and profile photos of	[redacted]	b7C
42.	"	2	full face and profile photos of	[redacted]	

NOTE: ABOVE RETYPED FROM EXHIBIT ENVELOPE DATED 12/22/58. [redacted]

43.	6/29/59.	2	full face + profile photos of	Nepesio Franzese, brother of subject. John.	
44.	8/10/59.	1	photo + 1 neg of	[redacted] full face + profile.	b6 b7C
45.	5/10/60.	1	full face + profile photo of	[redacted]	
46.	5/10/60.	1	full face + profile photo of	[redacted]	
47.	5/26/61	1	photo (full face + profile) of	[redacted]	
48.	5/26/61	1	photo (stand-up) + 1 neg of	[redacted]	
49.	5/26/61	1	photo (stand-up) + 1 neg of	[redacted]	
50.	2/13/62	1	photo (full face + profile) + 1 neg of	[redacted]	
51.	2/13/62	1	photo (full face + profile) + 1 neg of	Joseph Brancato	
52.	2/13/62	1	photo (full face + profile) + 1 neg of	Thomas D' Angelo	
53.	5/8/62	1	copy of	[redacted]	

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Any More Exhibits

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| 58 | 10/30/62 | 1 photo (group) of 1 neg | W. J. Sullivan |
| 59 | 11/1/62 | typewritten, unsigned statement of | |
| 60 | 2/7/63 | business card of John Franzese | |
| 61 | 9/26/63 | 4 photos (side view - ^{front} standing) of J. Franzese & 1 neg | |
| 62 | 10/29/63 | 2 photos & 1 neg of residence of J. Franzese - Shirley 257 | |
| 63 | " | " " " " rear of resi. | " " |

64.	10/6/63	3 photos (full face + pos)	+ 1 neg of	[redacted]	[redacted]
65.	11/13/63	1 photo (front view)	+ neg of residence of	[redacted]	See Ser 76
66.	"	"	"	[redacted]	"
67.	"	"	"	[redacted]	"
68.	"	"	"	[redacted]	"
69.	"	"	"	[redacted]	"
70.	"	"	"	[redacted]	"
71.	"	Disposition:	"	[redacted]	"
72.	"	"	"	[redacted]	"

73. 11/21/63 1 page of handwritten specimens of [redacted]
74. 12/16/63 2 photos full face & profile of [redacted] See also 787
75. 6-7-65 1 photo of [redacted] in [redacted] [redacted]
76. 7/19/65 1 photo of [redacted] [redacted]

Note: Do not enter any more ^{new} A's in this section 1A54 thru 1A76 ^{respectively} transferred to 1B4 (17) thru 1B5 (15) on 9/16/66

Note: 1A54 thru 1A76 respectively
were transferred to 1B4(13)
thru 1B5(15) on 9/16/66 See.

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9/17/64. One photo and 1 negative of each of the following:

- (1)
- (2)
- (3) **JAMES PLUMERI**
- (4) **CARMINE FRANZESE**
- (5)
- (6)
- (7)
- (8) **SEBASTIAN ALOI**
- (9)
- (10)
- (11) **JOSEPH VITACCO**
- (12)
- (13) **THOMAS D'ANGELO**
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- (17) **PHIL RASTELLI**
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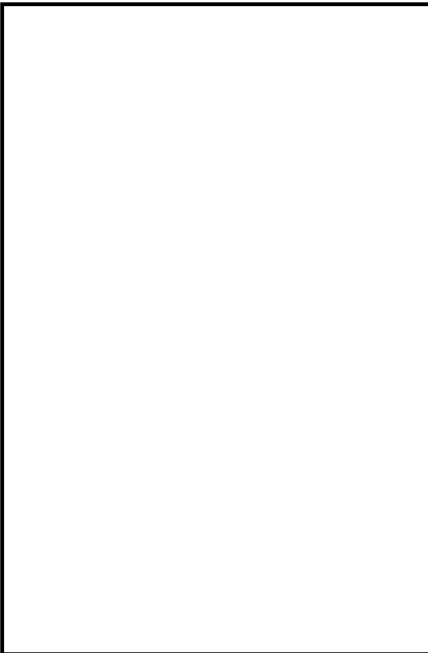
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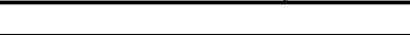
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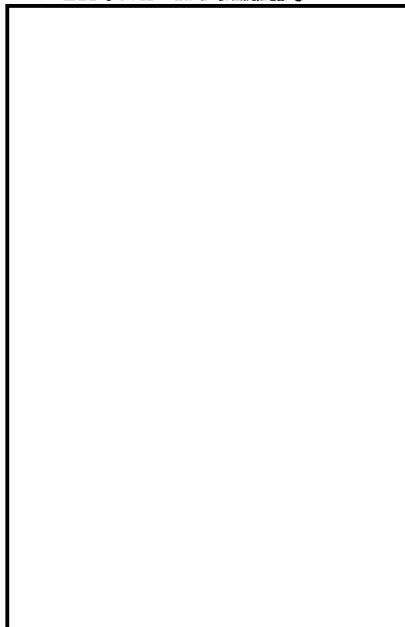
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JOSEPH BRANCATO



ANTHONY AUGELLO



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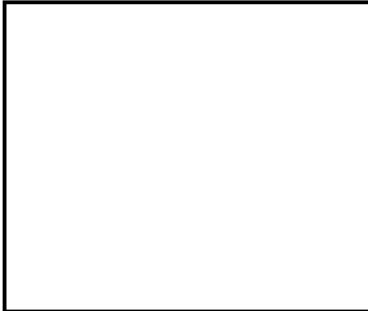
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NOTE: 1B1(1) thru 1B1(79) rec'd 5/8/64 by SA 
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Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same	
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- (1) 9/16/66. 2 photos (full face & pro) and 1 neg. of JOHN FRANZESE.
Note: One photo not seen when entered by exhibit clerk.
- (2) " 2 photos (full face & pro) and 1 neg. of [REDACTED] b6
(3) " 2 photos (full face & pro) and 1 neg. of [REDACTED] b7C
(4) " 3 photos (full face & pro) and 1 neg. of [REDACTED]
(5) " 1 photo (full face & pro) and 1 neg. of [REDACTED]
(6) " 2 photos (full face & pro) and 1 neg. of PHILIP RASTELLI.
(7) " 2 photos (full face & pro) and 1 neg. of [REDACTED]
(8) " 2 Photos (full face & pro) and 1 neg. of GEORGE SMURRA.
(9) " 3 photos (full face & pro) and 1 neg. of [REDACTED]
(10) " 1 photo (full face & pro) and 1 neg. of [REDACTED]
Note: Not seen when entered by exhibit clerk.
- (11) " 2 photos (full face & pro) and 1 neg. of JOSEPH LUCCHESI.
(12) " 3 photos (full face & pro) and 1 neg. of DOMINICK DONNOLO.
(13) " 2 photos (full face & pro) and 1 neg. of [REDACTED]
(14) " 3 photos (full face & pro) and 1 neg. of [REDACTED]
(15) " 1 photo (full face & pro) and 1 neg. of JOSEPH VITACCO.
(16) " 2 photos (full face & pro) and 1 neg. of [REDACTED]
(17) " 3 photos (full face & pro) and 1 neg. of [REDACTED]
(18) " 2 photos (full face & pro) and 1 neg. of [REDACTED]
Note: One photo not seen when entered by exhibit clerk.
- (19) " 3 photos (full face & pro) and 1 neg. of [REDACTED]
(20) " 2 photos (full face & pro) and 1 neg. of [REDACTED]
(21) " 3 photos (full face & pro) and 1 neg. of [REDACTED]

Note: 1B2(1) thru 1B2(21) were trans. from 1A1 thru 1A21 respectively. to
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- (1) 9/16/66. 3 photos (full face & pro) and 1 neg. of [REDACTED] b6
- (2) " 3 photos (full face & pro) and 2 negatives of [REDACTED] b7C
- (3) " 2 photos (full face & pro) and 2 negatives of NUFRIQ
FRANZESE.
- (4) " 3 photos (full face & pro) and 1 negative of [REDACTED]
- (5) " 4 photos (full face & pro) and 1 neg. of [REDACTED]
- (6) " 4 photos (full face & pro) and 1 neg. of SAMUEL FECHTER.
- (7) " 4 photos (full face & pro) and 1 neg. of [REDACTED]
- (8) " 4 photos (full face & pro) and 1 neg. of [REDACTED]
- (9) " 4 photos and 1 neg. (full face & pro) photo of [REDACTED]
- (10) " 4 photos (full face & pro) and 1 neg. of [REDACTED]
- (11) " 4 photos (full face & pro) and 1 neg. of MICHAEL FRANZESE.
- (12) " 4 photos (full face & pro) and 1 neg. of THOMAS D'ANGELO.
- (13) " 5 photos (full face & pro) and 1 neg. of [REDACTED]
- (14) " 4 photos (full face & pro) and 1 neg. of SEBASTIANO ALOI.
- (15) " 4 photos (full face & Pro) and 1 neg. of ANTHONY AUGELLO,
Note: 1 photo not seen when entered by exhibit clerk.
- (16) " 2 photos (full face & pro) and 1 neg. of JOHN FRANZESE.
- (17) " 2 photos (full face & pro) and 1 neg. of [REDACTED]
(1) photo not seen when entered by exhibit clerk.
- (18) " 1 photo (full face & pro) and 1 neg. of [REDACTED]
- (19) " 2 photos (full face & pro). See ser. 65.
- (20) " 3 photos (full face & pro). See ser. 65.

Note: 1B3(1) thru 1B3(20) were transferred from 1A22 thru 1A41 respectively.

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SEE BELOW	

- (1) 9/16/66. 2 full face and profile photos of [REDACTED] b6
See ser. 65. b7C
- (2) " 2 full face and profile photos of NUFRIO FRANZESE,
brother of subj. See ser. 91.
- (3) " 1 photo and 1 neg. of [REDACTED] full face & profile.
- (4) " 1 photo (full face & pro.) of [REDACTED]
- (5) " 1 photo (full face & pro.) of [REDACTED]
- (6) " 1 photo (full face & pro.) of [REDACTED]
- (7) " 1 photo (stand up) and 1 neg. of [REDACTED]
- (8) " 1 photo (stand up) and 1 neg. of [REDACTED]
- (9) " 1 photo (full face & pro) of [REDACTED] & 1 neg.
- (10) " 1 photo (full face & pro) & 1 neg. of JOSEPH BRANCATO.1
- (11) " 1 photo (full face & pro) and 1 neg. of THOMAS D'ANGELO.
- (12) " Copy of Franzese's application for Blue Cross through
Local 88. See ser. 458.

- Note: 1B4(1) thru 1B4(12) were transferred from 1A42 thru 1A53 respectively .
- (13) 9/16/66. 1 photostat of John Franzese's drivers license.
 - (14) " 1 photostat of John Franzese's 1955 vehicle registration.
 - (15) " 1 photostat of John Franzese's 1956 vehicle registration
 - (16) " 1 photostat of Chauffeur's renewal application of John
Franzese.
 - (17) " 1 group photo and 1 neg. of [REDACTED] b6
and [REDACTED] b7C
 - (18) " Typewritten unsigned statement of [REDACTED]
 - (19) " 1 business card of Franzese.
 - (20) " 3 photos and 1 neg. of subject.

Note: 1B4(13) thru 1B4(20) were transferred from 1A54 thru 1A61 respectively.

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- (1) 9/16/66. 2 photos and 1 neg of front of Franzise's residence. See ser.
(2) " 2 photos and 1 neg. of the rear of Franzese's residence.
See ser. 757.
(3) " 1 neg. and 3 photos of [redacted] b6
(4) " 1 photo and 1 neg of residence of [redacted] See ser. b7c
(5) " 1 photo and 1 neg. of residence of [redacted] See
ser 763.
(6) " 1 photo & neg. of residence of [redacted] See ser.
763.
(7) " 1 photo & neg. of residence of [redacted] See ser. 763.
(8) " One photo & 1 neg. of residence of [redacted] See ser.
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(9) " One photo and 1 neg. of residence of [redacted] See ser.
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(10) " One photo and 1 neg. of residence of [redacted] See ser.
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(11) " One photo and 1 neg. of residence of [redacted] See ser.
764.
(12) " One page handwriting specimens of [redacted]
(13) " 2 photos of [redacted]
(14) " 1 photo of John Franzese.
(15) " 1 photo of John Franzese.
Note: 1B5(1) thru 1B5(15) were transferred from 1A62 thru 1A76 respectively.

- (16) 9/19/66. One photo of girlfriend of subject first name [redacted] b6
Rec'd 8/7/66 by Sa [redacted] b7c
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- (1) 11/27/67. One mugshot photo of Michael Pelosi. Rec'd 8/29/67 by SA [redacted] SEE SERIAL 1509. [redacted] b6
[redacted] b7C
- (2) 9/2/69 1 photo of John Franzese and [redacted]
- (3) " 1 photo of [redacted] and [redacted]
- NOTE: 1B6(2)&(3) were rec'd 7/8/69 by SA [redacted]
- (4) 1/27/70. 1 black and white mug shot photo and 1 negative of [redacted] Rec'd 11/18/69 by SA [redacted]
- (5) 2/25/70 Negative and large photo showing standings of John Franzese, [redacted] Joseph Brancato, and [redacted] taken by NYCPD 9/19/66, on arrest of [redacted] Rec'd 11/18/69 by SA [redacted]
- (6) 4/2/70. Surveillance log of John Franzese, 3/12/70. Rec'd 3/12/70 by SA [redacted]
- (7) 4/20/70. 1 photo and 1 negative of John Franzese taken 11/21/69. Rec'd 3/12/70 by SA [redacted]
- (8) 8/18/70. 1 photo of Sonny Franzese. Rec'd 4/7/70 by SA [redacted]

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SUMMARY OF FILE REFERENCES

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DATE: OCT 13 1958

SUBJECT: JOHN FRANZESE wa
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DATE SEARCHED: 9/22/58

This summary includes material obtained from
a review of all references identified with the subject.
All references which are identical have been included.

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SEARCHED AS:

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FRANZESE, SONNY

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This correlation consists of a review of those references as listed on Indices Search Slips as approved by Supervisor [redacted] Sect. 5-A. Identifications in this correlation were based on the following background information which was obtained from a review of the references. b6 b7C

Subject: JOHN FRANZESE, was
'Sonny', Sonny Francesi

DOB: 2/6/19, Campagna, Palma, Italy

Wife:

Children:



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ASN# 32273336

FBI# 3400301

Associates: FREDERICK J. TENUTO, was. fug
and is a known hoodlum.

The following references were checked and found to be identical with JOHN FRANZESE, was, subject of NY File 92-1096: (For writeups see pages 7-90).
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The following reference was reviewed and it was found that is pertained solely to JOHN FRANZESE, was, subject of NY file 92-1096. This photo was transferred to instant case file. (Index card should be destroyed.)

FRANZESE, JOHN

88-2682-1A24 Tr to 1A1 of 92-1096

FRANZESE, SONNY

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The following references were reviewed and no mention of subject's name could be found anywhere in the serial.

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FRANZESE, SONNY

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The following reference was reviewed and found to be identical with JOHN FRANZESE, was. subject of

NV File 92-1096. However, since this reference is maintained in [] it has not been written up but should be reviewed by agent. (Index card is to be destroyed.)

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The following references were not available for review. (Index cards should not be destroyed.)

FRANZESE, JOHN

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FRANZESE, SONNY

15-3093-2081

"RE [REDACTED]
FBI # [REDACTED]
Criminal Associate of
JOHN 'SONNY' FRANZESE

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"The New York Division advised that an attempt should be made to obtain information concerning the associates, relatives, and contacts of [REDACTED] Sing Sing Prison [REDACTED]. They advised also that inquiry at Sing Sing Prison reflected that [REDACTED] was transferred to Great Meadows Prison on April 23, 1937. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] is one of the individuals who is suspected in hiding out TENUTO. [REDACTED] is a criminal associate of JOHN 'SONNY' FRANZESE."

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Albany rpt 8/26/53
SA [REDACTED]
RE: FREDERICK J. TENUTO, was.
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[REDACTED]

"JOHN FRANZESE, was:
'SONNY' FRANZESE, 'SONNY' GIOVANNI,
FBI #3400301

"The Boston Office has previously reported that JOHN FRANZESE, FBI #3400301, and JOSEPH R. GIOELLI, FBI #334075A, were arrested in April, 1952, by the Providence, Rhode Island P.D., on suspicion. At that time it was thought that GIOELLI and FRANZESE may have been concealing [redacted] who was wanted by the New York City Police Department for the ARNOLD SCHUSTER killing. At the time of the arrest, these persons were operating a 1950 maroon Buick sedanette, 1952 New York registration BY-9147.

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"The records of the License Bureau for the State of New York were checked to obtain the ownership of the above-mentioned car. These records reflected that 1952 license plate BY-9147 was issued to JOHN FRANZESE, 154-04 109th Avenue, Jamaica, for a 1950 maroon Buick, engine #59842324.

"The records for 1951 were also checked for this car and reflected that the plate BY-9147 was issued to JOHN FRANZESE for this car at the same address.

"The records for 1950 were also checked and reflected that license plate 7K1107 was issued to JOHN FRANZESE but reflected that at that time FRANZESE gave his address as 641 Humboldt Street, Brooklyn. This Registration was issued on August 3, 1950. These records further reflected that FRANZESE bought this car from the Mid County Buick, Inc., 44 Empire Boulevard, Brooklyn, New York, on August 3, 1950.

"It is noted that according to Confidential Informants T-4 and T-5, SONNY FRANZESE is still residing at the address 641 Humboldt Street, Brooklyn, and not at 154-04 109th Avenue, Jamaica. In this regard it is pointed out that the address 154-04 109th Avenue was determined to be the residence of one [redacted] who operates a produce market at 107th Avenue and Sutphin Boulevard in Jamaica and is a very close associate of the NUPRIO FRANZESE family.

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"Confidential Informant T-2 has advised that the telephone number [redacted] is listed to [redacted] wife of JOHN FRANZESE, at [redacted]. Informant advised that in March, 1950, [redacted] was working as a [redacted] for one [redacted] who operates a sportswear store at Thames Street and Knickerbocker Avenue in Brooklyn. [redacted] is an associate of NUPRIO FRANZESE and JOHN FRANZESE, and further information concerning him will be set out in the latter part of this report.

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"Confidential Informant T-5, of known reliability advised that [redacted] of [redacted] is an associate of JOHN FRANZESE. It was determined by SA [redacted] that [redacted] is a lawyer with offices at Room 406 at [redacted].

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"The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York were checked but did not contain the name of JOHN FRANZESE or his wife, [redacted].

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A PD record for JOHN FRANZESE, B# 164829 is set out but since it appears in another writup of this correlation it is not being written up at this time.

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[redacted] contacted by SA [redacted]

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NY rpt 10/29/52

SA [redacted]

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"The Providence, Rhode Island, Police Department arrested JOHN FRANZESE and JOSEPH R. GIOIELLI on 4/11/52. They had just dropped off [redacted] FBI No. [redacted] on suspicion. Within 2 hours, the PD was telephonically contacted by [redacted] New York City Attorney, and FRANZESE and GIOIELLI were released."

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SA [redacted] and
SA [redacted]
RE: [redacted] was

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"Information regarding [] has been reported previously by this Division, particularly in regard to his being observed in the company of JOHN FRANZESE, w a., and JOSEPH GIOELLI, both of Brooklyn, New York, at Providence on April 11, 1952. It may be noted that the New York Division has obtained considerable information through an Informant [] [] TENDITO at Brooklyn, New York, shortly after his escape."

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Boston rpt 1/8/53

SA []

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Re: JOHN FRANZESE, FBI # 3400301
Bklyn, New York
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

"The New York office has obtained considerable information from confidential source that about three weeks after TENUTO's escape (February 10, 1947), [redacted]

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"Chief Inspector [redacted] Police Department, Providence, Rhode Island, advised the reporting agent that on April 11, 1952, Detective Lieutenant [redacted] and Detective Patrolman [redacted]

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of his department arrested on suspicion on Atwells Avenue, Providence, the following two individuals: JOHN FRANZESE and JOSEPH R. GIOELLI. These persons were operating a 1950 maroon Buick sedanette, 1952 New York Registration [redacted]. The heretofore-mentioned detectives just prior to making these arrests had observed FRANZESE and GIOELLI stop this vehicle also on Atwells Avenue to let out an individual whom detectives identified as [redacted] of Providence, who had just been released from the Federal Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia, where he had served a term for a conviction of [redacted]. According to Chief [redacted] police in the state of Rhode Island are bound by a law popularly known as the 'two-hour law'. In other words, when an individual is picked up by a police officer on suspicion, he must be released within two hours after he is first picked up or charges must be made against him.

[] stated that both FRANZESE and GIOELLI were very uncommunicative, furnishing little or no information. He added that while they were present in the Detective Division of the Providence Police Department, this department was contacted by [] a Providence attorney who, according to [] has in the past legally represented [] Rhode Island underworld overlord, and other known Rhode Island hoodlums and exconvicts.

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"Subsequent investigations reveal that FRANZESE and GIOELLI are natives of Brooklyn, New York, and have the following arrest records:

"JOHN FRANZESE, wa. Sonny
FBI # 3400301
Residence: 641 Humboldt Street
Brooklyn, New York
Birth Data: February 6, 1919
Italy
Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown
Complexion: Dark
Height: 5'9½"
Weight: 168

<u>"Date</u>	<u>Crime</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
1/7/38	Felonious assault, Brooklyn	Discharged 1/11/38
9/12/42	Common gambler, Brooklyn	\$50 fine, 10 days sentence, fine paid
4/28/47	Rape, Manhattan	Discharged 6/2/47

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"According to the heretofore-mentioned Chief Inspector [] who is only in his twenties, is already one of the 'toughest' hoodlums in the state of Rhode Island. [] feels that [] is potentially extremely dangerous and the type of criminal who would resist arrest.

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"On July 25, 1952, Chief [] advised the writer that he has learned through a confidential informant that the purpose of the visit of the heretofore-mentioned FRANZESE and GIOELLI to Providence, Rhode Island, on April 11, 1952, was to hide out [] was., of Brooklyn, New York, who is badly wanted in New York for the ARNOLD SCHUSTER killing. [] further advised in this regard that he has learned that [] actually was hidden out at the home of the above-mentioned []

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Boston rpt. 8/20/52

SA []

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"JOHN 'SONNY' FRANZESE, was
FBI # 3400301

"Information Received From Confidential Informant T-3

"From December 12, 1952 to June 1, 1953, T-3 of known reliability, has identified the following associates of JOHN FRANZESE and his family, 641 Humboldt Street, Brooklyn, New York:

"ALgonquin 5-3655

International Brotherhood
of Teamsters and Chauffeurs,
Local 707, 325 Spring Street,
Manhattan.

[redacted] close associate
of SONNY FRANZESE, is
frequently contacted through
this exchange.

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"CIRCLE 6-5252

Hotel Forrest
224 West 49th Street.
The Hotel Forrest is frequently
used as a meeting place for
SONNY FRANZESE, and [redacted]
[redacted] according to T-1.
According to T-3, SONNY also
contacts [redacted] and [redacted] at the
Hotel Forrest.

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"CIRCLE 5-4251
possibly
CI 6-5252

SONNY has contacted [redacted]
at this number and has asked
for [redacted] (Listed
to Tass Agency, 50 Rockefeller
Plaza.

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"EVERgreen 4-8141

Carmine Franzese Bar
346 Leonard Street, Brooklyn
This bar is owned and operated
by CARMINE FRANZESE, father of
SONNY FRANZESE.

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"Evergreen 4-9313

The Williamsburg Gymnasium
232 Broadway.

SONNY frequently contacts

[redacted] at this number. b6
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[redacted]

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SONNY has contacted [redacted]
at this number.

"Evergreen 4-8176

PETER ALMAS, a confectionery
store at 344 Graham Avenue.

[redacted] has attempted to reach [redacted] SONNY, at this address. b6
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[redacted]

Discontinued. [redacted]

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[redacted]

[redacted] Final Bill to

[redacted]

SONNY has contacted [redacted]
at this address.

"GA 3-2524

Williston Fish Market
32 Hillside Avenue
Williston Park, Queens.

SONNY has contacted [redacted] at this number. According to T-4, the owner of this fish market is [redacted] b6
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[redacted]

"Garden City 7-5339

BELLA NAPOLI
Jericho Turnpike east of
Roslyn Road. [redacted] an
associate of SONNY, is
frequently contacted through
this exchange.

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"GEdney 8-9779

Jerry's Automobile Service
3801 Twelfth Avenue
Brooklyn, New York

[redacted] same address.
T-4 has advised that [redacted]
resides at [redacted] in
[redacted] SONNY FRANZESE
contacts BLACK SAM at this
number.

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"GEdney 8-8690
(Public Telephone)

[redacted]
SONNY also contacts [redacted] at
this number.

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"Glenmore 5-6300

Pixie Clothing Manufacturing
Company
260 Moore Street
Brooklyn, New York
SONNY contacts VINNY and
BUSTER through this number.

"GR 7-9484
(Public Telephone)

[redacted] - Bar & Grill
58 Clinton Street
[redacted] (Ph) here).

Orchid Restaurant
7602 37th Avenue
Jackson Heights.
SONNY frequents the Orchid
Restaurant, and according to
T-3, contacts [redacted] through this
number.

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"HA 9-9984

O'Connell's Bar and Restaurant
8109 Broadway
Elmhurst, New York.
SONNY is acquainted with one
[redacted] and [redacted] at this
bar.

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"HA 9-9358

Quarter Moon Restaurant and Bar
8501 Northern Boulevard

Jackson Heights. [redacted] b6
an associate of SONNY'S, is b7C
listed at this number.

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[redacted]

Bac Company
260 Moore Street
Sonny Contacts [redacted] at
this number.

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[redacted]

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[redacted] is reportedly a
close friend of SONNY
and apparently is involved in
gambling.

[redacted]

Patty's Billiard Academy
711 Seventh Avenue
This place is frequented
by [redacted] an associate of SONNY.

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SONNY con acts [redacted] at this
number.

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[redacted] is a close associate
of S NNYFRANZESE.

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SONNY also contacts [redacted]
and [redacted] at this number.

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SONNY, as contacted [redacted]
inquiring for [redacted] at this
number.

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(Second floor)

[redacted] an associate of SONNY's
is contacted at this number.

[redacted]

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SONNY contacts [redacted] an
associate, at this number.

"From June 2, 1953 to August 18, 1953 T-3
identified the following additional contacts and associates
of JOHN FRANZESE and his family:

[redacted]

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(SONNY FRANZESE contacted
[redacted] here apparently
in regard to purchase of house
at [redacted]

[redacted]

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"Evergreen 5-9568

Sportsmen's Cafe
2142 Fulton Street, Brooklyn.
(T-3 advised that SONNY tried
to reach [redacted] here, true
name believed to be [redacted]
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[redacted] (SONNY contacted
[redacted] here in view of
renting store at 103
Knickerbocker Avenue,
Apparently because of a
police raid on a dico game at
this place about the first
week in July 1953.

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"It is noted that T-3 advised that in August 1953 SONNY FRANZESE and his family moved from 641 Humboldt Street, Brooklyn 2, to 251 Perry Street, Hempstead, Long Island.

"Information Received from Confidential Informant T-4

"Confidential Informant T-4 has advised that toll calls were made from the home of SONNY FRANZESE on June 17, 1952 to [redacted] at Winthrop, Massachusetts, at [redacted] and on May 24, 1952 to Bergen, Jersey City, New Jersey, [redacted] T-4 had no further information concerning these calls.

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"Captain [redacted] of the 87th Precinct and Officer [redacted] of the 87th Precinct, advised that they believed that SONNY was actually planning to purchase the 769 Club. According to these two officers, SONNY FRANZESE continually hangs out there at night and in their opinion had an exceedingly bad reputation and was known as a muscle man and handler of narcotics. It was noted in the file but not further fully explained that Detective [redacted] of the 87th Precinct would also have further information concerning SONNY FRANZESE.

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"These records indicated that SONNY FRANZESE had lived at 641 Humboldt Street for three years, 621 Metropolitan Avenue for three years, and at 346 Leonard Street for twenty-four years.

"Concerning SONNY FRANZESE'S criminal record and alleged offenses committed by SONNY FRANZESE the files reflected the following:

"According to UMSB, Magistrates Court number 4019 - 4020, on June 21, 1941, one [redacted] 14 Palmetto Street, Brooklyn, filed a complaint charging that SONNY FRANZESE and [redacted] assaulted him and beat him up. However, on June 26, 1941, [redacted] withdrew his complaint and the case against FRANZESE was dismissed.

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"According to the records of the Special Sessions Court in Brooklyn, docket number 3913, 1942, SONNY was arrested for operating a crap game at 5 Withers Street, May 12, 1942. At that time, FRANZESE stated that he was helping his brother, FRANK, run this game. SONNY was fined \$50 on January 22, 1943.

"According to the records of Felony Court, Brooklyn, number L-106, page 499, SONNY FRANZESE stabbed [redacted] in December 23, 1937 at 508 Humboldt Street, Brooklyn. However, on January 11, 1938, the case was dismissed, inasmuch as [redacted] withdrew his complaint.

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"According to the records of Felony Court in Manhattan, number 3546, which were filed in General Sessions Court on June 3, 1947, one [redacted] Crystal Lake Hotel, Freeport, Long Island, a waitress, filed a complaint charging that on April 28, 1947 at 5:00 AM, [redacted] JOHN FRANZESE, and [redacted] all raped her in a garage at 311 East 11th Street in New York City. On June 2, 1947, the defendants were all released, inasmuch as the complainant could not be found.

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"As a result of investigation conducted by the State Liquor Authority Board in February 1952 regarding JOHN SONNY FRANZESE, the following information was developed:

[redacted] 641 Humboldt Street,
Brooklyn, JOHN FRANZESE'S [redacted] advised that [redacted]
[redacted] is the owner of the
property at 641 Humboldt Street and she stated that JOHN
FRANZESE, his wife, and two children live on the top
floor of this address. She stated that JOHN FRANZESE'S
place of business is 17 North Henry Street, Brooklyn, in
the cellar in the rear of a two story dwelling which is owned
by [redacted]. According to this source,
FRANZESE was operating a softwater drink establishment
at this address. She also stated that [redacted] has a fish
market at Seventh Avenue and 58th Street in New York City.
According to this source, [redacted] is a very close
associate of JOHN FRANZESE and for that reason JOHN
FRANZESE [redacted]

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"JOHN FRANZESE was interviewed by members of
the State Liquor Authority and stated that he filed
income tax returns for 1949 and 1950 covering only money
made from his bleachwater establishment in New York
City. The State Liquor Authority determined that there
was no record for FRANZESE'S business, according to the
Sales Tax Bureau in New York City.

[redacted] L. CUCCI Sportswear,
57 Thames Street, was interviewed in February 1952 by
the State Liquor Authority and advised that JOHN FRANZESE
of 641 Humboldt Street, Social Security Number 099-12-7380
had been employed there since 1949. According to records
which were made available by [redacted] JOHN FRANZESE was an
Army veteran, having served from May 20, 1942 to November
23, 1944. Addresses given for FRANZESE were 641 Humboldt
Street from 1949 to February 1952, 621 Metropolitan Avenue
from [redacted] years, and 346 Leonard Street.

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"The following is the employment of JOHN SONNY
FRANZESE as obtained by the State Liquor Authority:

"October 1941 to May 1942	Riggers Helper United States Navy Yard
"1942-to 1944	Army

"1945 Unemployed
\$20 a week Federal checks.

"1946 Assisted his father,
CARMINE FRANZESE, in
bakery, 346 Leonard Street.

"January 5, 1947 to March 27, 1948 Pieman for his brother,
RUGGIERO FRANZESE,
531 Graham Avenue.

"1948 Assisted his father at
346 Leonard Street.

"February 1949 to December 1949 Presser, Louis Cucci
Sportswear

"July 1950 to February 1941 Presser, Louis Cucci
Sportswear

"1951 Sold sandwiches to
shop employees.

"January 1952 to present. Bleach Water Manufacturing
Company, 17 North Henry Street.

"....

"From March 10, 1953 to June 10, 1953 Confidential Informant T-5, of known reliability, has tentatively identified the following individuals as associates of SONNY FRANZESE or as individuals who are in contact with individuals who frequent the 769 Club:

"....

"BE 6-9428 The Homeward Bar and Grill
6826 New Utrecht Avenue
Brooklyn. [] has contacted
[] a [] of SONNY
FRANZESE, at the 769 Club at
this exchange.

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A contact of SONNY and
[REDACTED] FRANZESE.

"....

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

SOL, an associate of SONNY'S
is reached here.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Bar and Grill
1723 East New York Avenue.

[REDACTED] an associate of
[REDACTED]
and SONNY reached here.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

(Public Phone)

[REDACTED] a close
associate of SONNY'S, is
reached here.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SONNY'S [REDACTED] is
reached here.

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"EV 5-9832

The Parkway Gardens Bar
208 Fulton Street

[REDACTED] contacts [REDACTED]
here and SONNY contacts [REDACTED]
the 'Kid from Eastern Parkway,
here.

"GL 5-6300

The Pixie Girl Coat Company
260 Moore Street

[REDACTED] an associate of
SONNY'S is reached here.

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"HA 9-9358

Quarter Moon Restaurant and Bar
85-01 Northern Blvd., Queens.

[redacted] an associate of
SONNY'S, is reached here.

[redacted] wa: The Greek, here.

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[redacted]

[redacted]

Second Floor

[redacted] an associate of
SONNY'S, is reached here.

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"On April 2, 1953, Detroit long distance operator 551 attempted to reach SONNY FRANZESE and it was determined that this call was from a woman who identified herself as [redacted] wife. FRANZESE was not at the 769 Club at that time and [redacted] wife was advised to attempt to reach him at the Silver Rail Bar and Grill, 731 Metropolitan Avenue, Brooklyn."

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NY rpt. 12/14/53

SA [redacted]

RE: FREDERICK J. TENUTO, was.
fug.

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UFAC-MURDER

88-982-2792-pg 41-67

15-10144-138 pg 99 (same info)

72-83-638 pg 99 (same info)

[redacted]

On April 23, 1952, the writer had a conversation with [redacted] PCI concerning the fugitive TENUTO.

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"The informant recalled that about three weeks after TENUTO'S escape (February 10, 1947), [redacted]

"The informant at present is unable to identify 'SONNY' by his first name. However, he said that he thought it would be possible for him to find this out.

"....

"The informant stated that NUFRIO FRANZESE and his brother, 'SONNY' FRANZESE, at the time of TENUTO'S escape, owned and operated a bar known as the Lion Bar located at Engert Avenue and Graham Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. (This is presently known as the Briarcliff Bar and Restaurant, 531 Graham Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. This trade name was filed November 12, 1948, with the New York Alcoholic Beverage Commission.)

"The informant described 'SONNY' FRANZESE as follows:

"Age: Early 30's
Height: 5'9"
Weight: 155-160 pounds
Hair: Dark crew-cut
Complexion: Very dark
Scars and Marks: Cut scar left side of face
Appearance: Very rugged-looking
Characteristics: Flat nose."

NY rpt 6/3/52

SA [redacted]
RE: FREDERICK J.
TENUTO was fug.
88-982-707 pgs 2,
22,23
(same info as above)
15-10144-138 pg 99
72-83-638 pg 99
(same info)

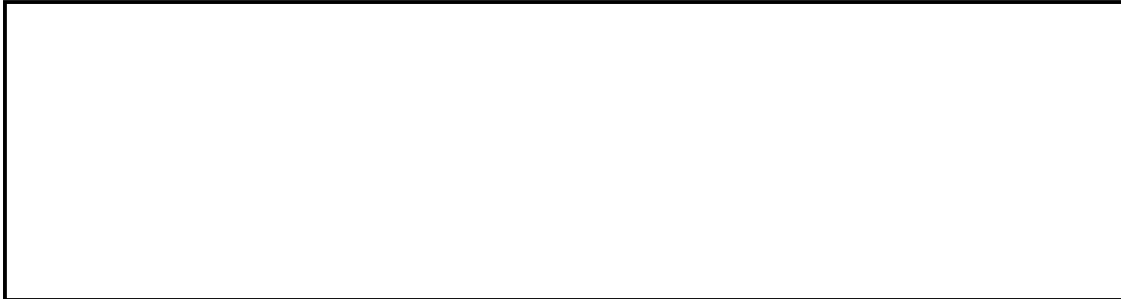
NY memo 4/24/52

SA [redacted]
Re: [redacted] PCI
In file captioned
TENUCA
88-982-519 pg 1,2
(cc of above in file
66-6807-2)

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On 5/20/52 SA [redacted] contacted
[redacted] PCI and spoke with him
concerning the fugitive TENUITO.

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NY memo 5/20/52

SA [redacted]

Re: [redacted]

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TENUCA

88-982-633 pg 1



The following is an excerpt from NY memo 6/19/52:

"Since June 12, 1952 the following additional individual in the New York area has been identified as being in a position to know or furnish information re TENUITO:

"Name: JOHN FRANZESE, wa., Sonny, Providence Rhode Island PD No. 20-156, (also possibly) Sonny Giovanni, FBI No. 3400301, NYCPD B No. 164829.

"Residence: 641 Humboldt Street, Brooklyn, New York, (claimed).

"Occupation: Bleach water salesman in New York, (claimed).

"Association with Case: Alleged by informant, believed to be reliable. [REDACTED]

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"SONNY FRANZESE has been identified by PCI [REDACTED] as being identical with JOHN FRANZESE, Providence PD No. 20-156. JOHN FRANZESE and JOSEPH R. GIOIELLI, Providence PD No. 20-155, FBI No. 334075A, were observed by Detectives of the Providence, Rhode Island, PD on 4/11/52 letting out of a 1950 maroon Buick Sedanette, 1952 NY registration No. BY 9147, an individual whom the Providence Detectives identified as [REDACTED]

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NY memo 6/19/52
Re: TENUCA
88-982-C-12

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By letter dated 6/17/52 the NYO requested
"the identification records of JOHN FRANZESE, Providence
PD # 20-156, possibly identical with JOHN FRANZESE, wa.
"SONNY" GIOVANNI, NYCPD #B-164829, FBI # 3400301."

NY lt 6/17/52
RE: TENUTO
88-982-761

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"Potential Criminal Informant [redacted]
was interviewed on 6/18/52 by SA's [redacted]
and [redacted] and furnished the following
information:

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[redacted] identified a photograph of John
Franzese (FBI # 3400301) as being identical with
Sonny Franzese.

"He identified Flamm's Bar corner Meeker &
Graham Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y. as a hoodlum hangout."

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NY memo 6/30/52

RE: [redacted]

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[redacted]

NY memo 6/20/52 reads in part as follows:

"The following is set out for assistance in the handling of the following informants:

- "1. [redacted] covering [redacted]
[redacted]
telephone number [redacted]
- "2. [redacted] covering NUFRIO FRANZESE, 106
Engert Ave., Brooklyn, telephone number
Stagg 2-1882.

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"Information has been received that about three weeks after TENUTO'S escape (2/10/47). [redacted]

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"In connection with the above, the following individuals and places are to be considered as of possible importance in developing information leading towards the apprehension of TENUTO:

"....

"JOHN FRANZESE, wa., 'SONNY' and possibly
'SONNY' GIOVANNI."

A list of relatives of JOHN FRANZESE is also listed.

[redacted] who operates Silver Rail Bar and Grill, 731 Metropolitan Avenue, Brooklyn is also believed to be a relative of NUFRIO and JOHN FRANZESE.

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NY memo 6/20/52

SA [redacted]

RE: FREDERICK J. TENUTO, was fug
UFAC-MURDER
88-982-767pgs 1,2,

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[redacted]

"For information of the Cincinnati Office a potential confidential informant of the New York Office, believed to be reliable, has advised that about three weeks after TENUITO'S escape (2/10/47) [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

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"Investigation in regard to NUFRIO and JOHN FRANZESE is presently being conducted by the NY Office and it is believed that the information being developed in regard to the FRANZESSES and their associated presently affords good possibilities tending to lead to the apprehension of TENUITO."

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NY memo 6/25/52
Re: TENUCA
88-982-787

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The following is taken from the criminal record
 Re; JOHN FRANZESE FBI # 3400301:

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD, New York, NY	John Frazese #B164829	1-7-38	freonious assault	Discharged
C.S. Comm. = Wash. D.C.	John Frazese Residence 346 Leonard St. Brooklyn, N.Y. born 2-6-19	FP 9-24-42 (city and state not given)	Position Helper Rigger (Dist System) U.S. Navy, Navy Yard N.Y. War App't	
PD, NY, NY	John Franzese #B 164829	4-28-47	rape	Discharged
PD Providence RI	John Frnazese #20-156	4-11-52	susp person	Released"

Criminal rpt 6/25/52
 RE JOHN FRANZESE
 In file captioned
 TENUCA
 88-982-781
 783 Cover lt.)

Criminal rpt 10/9/52
 RE: JOHN FRANZESE
 In file captioned
 TENUCA
 88-982-1102 (same info as
 above)

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The following is an excerpt from a summary of the information supplied by [redacted]

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"Informant positively identified a photograph of JOHN FRANZESE, FBI # 3400301, as being identical with SONNY FRANZESE. SONNY FRANZESE is a brother of NUFRIO FRANZESE, [redacted]

"The informant also advised that he is personally acquainted with one [redacted] the close associate of NUFRIO and SONNY FRANZESE. [redacted] according to the informant, is a well-known hoodlum and gambler from Brooklyn, N.Y., and who a number of years ago [redacted]

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"The Providence office has advised that [redacted] [redacted] was with an individual named [redacted] and SONNY FRANZESE when they were picked up this year in Providence, Rhode Island, under suspicion...."

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NY memo 7/3/52

RE: [redacted]
in File captioned
TENUCA

88-982-802 pg 1

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NY rpt 7/24/52

SA [redacted]

RE: FREDERICK J. TENUTO, was
fug.

UFAC-MURDER

88-982-899 pg 45,46
(same info as above)

72-83-638 pg 100

15-10144-138 pg 100

"Confidential Informant [redacted] of known
reliability. advised on October 20, 1952 that [redacted]
[redacted] FBI Number [redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] Informant
advised that the following individuals are members
of the Brooklyn mob that [redacted] belongs to:

"....

"JOHN FRANZESE, FBI # 3400301"

A notation to the effect that FRANZESE is connected
with a notorious Murder, Inc. of Brooklyn was also noted.

General Investigative
Intelligence File
Semi-Annual report
10/15/52-4/15/53
94-419-B-6pg 5,21

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"T-1, a person who has knowledge of the activities of [redacted] in 1953, advised that [redacted] at this time was an associate of JOHN SONNY FRANZESE, FBI Number 3400341, a well known Brooklyn, New York hoodlum, who at the time was operating the 769 Club with his brother NUFRIO.

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"T-2 advised that [redacted] was self-employed as an [redacted] T-2 further stated in 1953, that JOHN SONNY FRANZESE was associateing with a [redacted] and [redacted] who frequented O'Connell's Bar and Restaurant, 8109 Broadway, Elmhurst, New York.

"T-3 stated that SONNY FRANZESE was an associate of one [redacted] who frequented the Quarter Moon Restaurant, 8501 Northern Boulevard, Jackson Heights, Queens, New York.

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"T-3 also advised that SONNY FRANZESE frequented the Orchid Restaurant, 7602 37th Avenue, Jackson Heights."

T-1	[redacted]	Contacted between 12/12/52 - 6/1/53
T-2	[redacted]	Contacted by SA [redacted] [redacted] on 6/18/57
T-3	[redacted]	Contacted between 6/2/53-8/18/53

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NY rpt 7/10/57

SA [redacted]

RE: [redacted]

BR [redacted]

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The following is an excerpt from a report of the activities of [redacted] for the period May 7, 1953 to May 13, 1953. This informant is contacted daily either personally or telephonically:

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"Re: TENUCA

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"On May 4, 1953 the informant advised that

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[redacted] The informant stated there was no evidence indicating that TENUPO

[redacted]

"The informant stated that on May 6, 1953 practically all the hoodlums in the Williamsburg and East New York areas attended the opening of the Belmont Race Track. [redacted]

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[redacted]

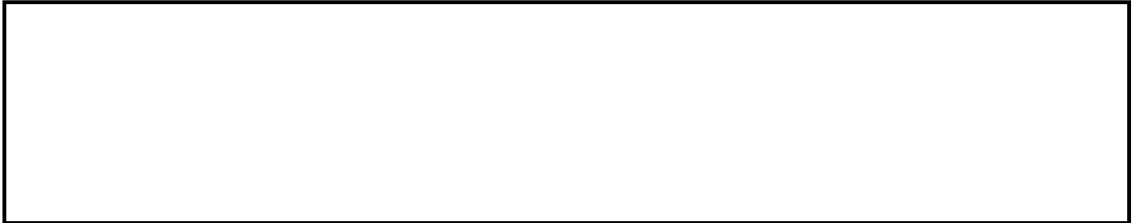
"....

"On May 9, 1953 the informant [redacted]

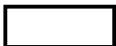
[redacted]

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NY lt. to Dir. 5/13/53

RE: [redacted]

In [redacted]



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The following is an excerpt from a report of the activities of [redacted] for the period June 4th to June 10, 1953.

"Re: TENUCA

"During the period noted, the informant furnished identifying data on several persons whose names came up as a result of mail covers and tesurs used within this office. Among other, informant advised that he is acquainted with [redacted]

[redacted]
Informant stated that he accompanied [redacted]
[redacted]

NY memo 6/10/53

Re: CRIMINAL INFORMANT [redacted]

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"CI [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT DURING
THE EVENING OF DECEMBER SEVENTEEN, FIFTYTWO, SONNY
FRANZESE [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NH WILL ASCERTAIN WHETHER
LICENSE PLATE STOLEN: TO WHOM THIS CAR IS REGISTERED: AND
IF FEASIBLE NH WILL ALSO DISCREETLY ASCERTAIN ACTIVITIES
AND ASSOCIATES OF PERSON TO WHOM CAR IS REGISTERED. SONNY
FRANZESE IS DESCRIBED: MALE, WHITE, AGE THIRTYTWO, FIVE
FEET NINE, ONE SIXTY EIGHT LBS., HAIR BLACK, EYES, BROWN,
COMPLEX, FAIR...."

NY airtel 12/18/52

RE: TENUCA

88-982-1343

72-83-638 pg 97 (same info)

15-10144-138 pg 97 (same info)

[REDACTED]

The following is taken from the synopsis of Chicago
rpt. 7/16/53:

"Chicago Telephone Number [redacted] called
from home of [redacted] Detroit, associate of JOHN
FRANZESE, listed to Riviera Hotel where [redacted] and
[redacted] stayed from 1/13/53 to 1/20/53...."

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Chicago rpt. 7/16/53

SA [redacted]

RE: FREDERICK J. TENUTO, was
fug.

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UFAC-MURDER
88-982-2209 pg 1

[redacted]

"As a result of police activity, the
contemplated plan of turning TENUTO [redacted]
[redacted] Confidential
Informant T-2 was thereafter considered inadvisable and
Confidential Informant T-1 furnished information [redacted]
[redacted]

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T-1 [redacted] contacted by SA [redacted]
[redacted]
T-2 [redacted] contacted by SA [redacted]
[redacted]

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NY rpt 2/5/53

SA [redacted]

RE: FREDERICK J. TENUTO, was f [redacted] b7C

UFAC-MURDER

88-982-1398A pg 34

[redacted]

"AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND:

"RE: JOHN 'SONNY' FRANZESE
and [REDACTED]

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"By teletype dated February 22, 1953, the New York Office advised that [REDACTED] a criminal associate of JOHN FRANZESE suspected of hiding TENUTO was on his way to Baltimore with his wife to stay with a [REDACTED]

Baltimore rpt 3/21/53

SA [REDACTED]

RE: FREDERICK J. TENUTO, was. fu [REDACTED]

UFAC-MURDER

88-982-1678A pg 3

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"....The New York Office advised that JOHN FRANZESE has been identified by [redacted] of known reliability. [redacted]

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[redacted] of known reliability, has advised that on April 2, 1953, at 6:51 PM, Detroit long distance operator 551 attempted to put through a call to SONNY FRANZESE. This informant advised this call was accepted at 8:31 PM for JOHN FRANZESE by an associate of FRANZESE from a woman who identified herself as [redacted] wife. This woman, however, would only speak to JOHN FRANZESE and the informant advised that the call was transferred to the Silver Rail Bar and Grill, 731 Metropolitan Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

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"....

[redacted] of known reliability, advised on April 29, 1953, that there is no way of determining the address from which the call to SONNY FRANZESE on April 2, 1953, was made...."

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Detroit Lt. to NY 5/8/53
RE: JOHN FRANZESE, was
in file captioned
TENUCA
88-982-1839

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"RE: JOHN 'SONNY' FRANZESE

"Attempts are being made by the NYO to identify various associates of JOHN FRANZESE. In this connection [redacted] was questioned in regard to an associate of FRANZESE named [redacted]

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"The informant advised that he is acquainted with [redacted] and pointed out that sometime during the [redacted]

"It was the informant's opinion [redacted]

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NY lt to Newark 6/23/53

RE: TENUCA

88-982-2051

72-83-638 pg 96 (same info)

15-10144-133 pg 96 (same info)

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"RE: JOHN 'SONNY' FRANZESE

"Reference is made to New York letter to Newark dated 5/27/53, wherein it was requested to identify the subscriber and obtain background information regarding the number [redacted] The subscriber to [redacted] as obtained from Newark Confidential Informant T-3 is [redacted]
[redacted]

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"Information regarding the above subscriber is set forth in report of SA [redacted] dated 3/31/53, at Newark. Accordingly, no additional investigation will be conducted at this time."

There is no other information on JOHN 'SONNY' FRANZESE.

T-3 [redacted]

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Newark rpt 10/5/53

SA [redacted] b6
RE: FREDERICK J. TENUTO, was. b7C
fug.

UFAC-MURDER
88-982-2535 pg 32

[redacted]

"EV 4-8517 Club 769
769 Metropolitan Avenue,
Brooklyn, New York

"T-3, previously mentioned in this report,
advised that [redacted] has contacted his 'SONNY'
at this establishment. It should be noted that this
establishment is a known hangout of NUFRIO and SONNY
FRANZESE."

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T-3 [redacted] whose identity is known
to the Bureau

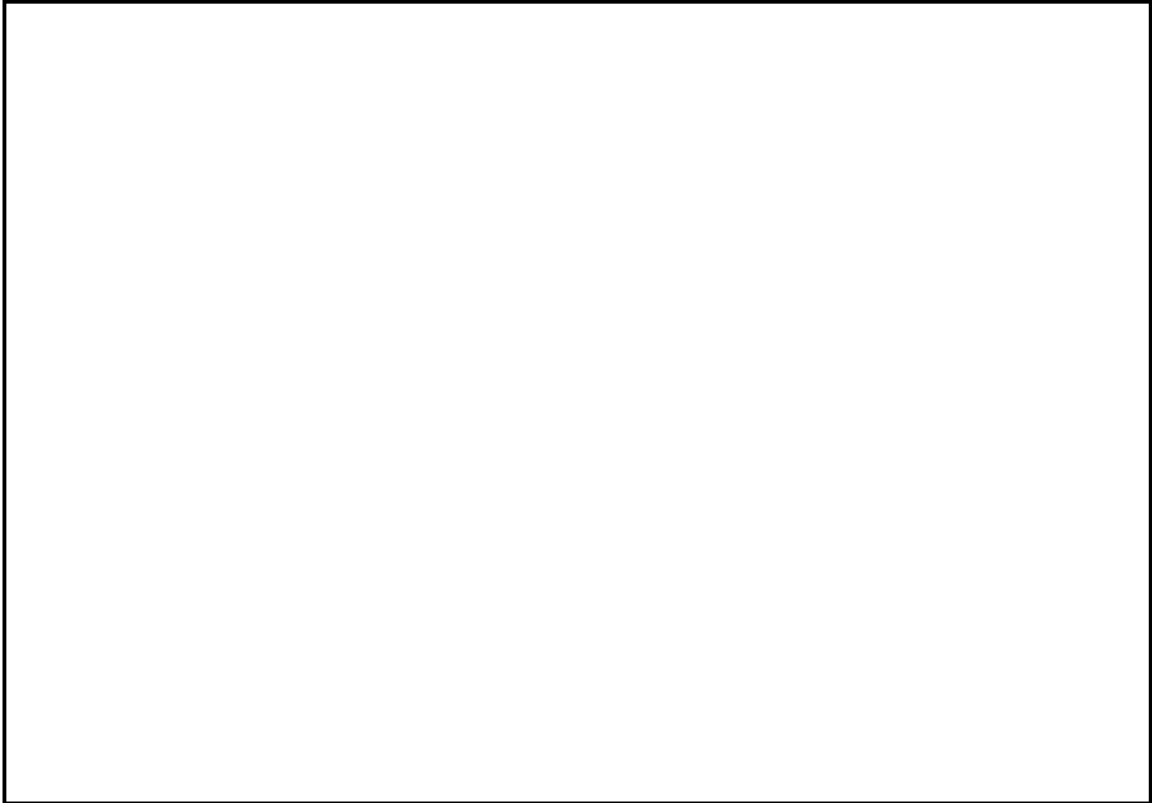
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NY rpt SA [redacted]
5/29/53
RE: FREDERICK J. TENUTO, was, fug
UFAC-MURDER
88-982-1924 pg 19

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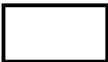
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NY #. 6/17/53

RE: TENUCA

88-982-2004pg 1,2,3,

15-10144-138 pg 97 (same info)

72-83-638 pg 97

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Synopsis of Cleveland rpt 6/23/53 reads in part as follows:

Re: JOHN FRANZESE. Identity subscribers to Cleveland phone numbers set out.

"....

"Re: JOHN FRANZESE

"It was determined that telephone number

[REDACTED]

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This is the only reference to JOHN FRANZESE other material set out is on [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Cleveland rpt 6/23/53

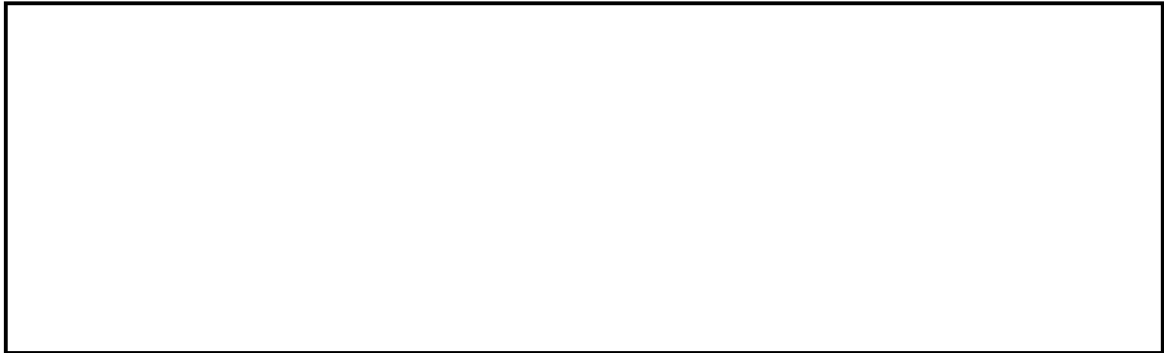
SA [REDACTED]

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RE: FREDERICK J. TENUTO, was b7C

UFAC-MURDER

88-982-2054 pg 1,3



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NY memo 7/3/53; SA 
RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
Theft of Bonds in \$1000
Denomination
ITSP
88-982-2106
15-10144-138 pg 96
72-83-638 pg 96

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NY rpt. 7/14/54

SA 

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RE: FREDERICK J. TENUTO, was  fug.

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UFAC-MURDER

88-982-3127 pg 19

15-10144-138 pg 96 (some info.)

72-83-638 pg 96 (some info)



"TENUCA
NY 88-982
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[redacted] has been maintaining contact with underworld hoodlums in Brooklyn who are alleged to possibly have information concerning the whereabouts of TENUITO. Among these are [redacted] and SONNYFRANZESE. All of these individuals are personally known to the informant and he advised that he has

[redacted] Informant advised that he has never had reason to believe that any of them would be discussing or have knowledge of the whereabouts of TENUITO. Informant stated that in all of his contacts in Brooklyn, he has never heard reference made to TENUITO except on very general terms...."

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Excerpt from
NY lt to Dir. blockstamped
9/22/53

RE: TENUCA
88-982-2458
15-10144-138 pg 97 (some info)
72-82-638 pg 97 (some info)

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"Re: JOHN FRANZESE

"It was determined that telephone number



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CORRELATORS NOTE: Above is only reference in this rpt.
to JOHN FRANZESE.

Cleveland rpt. 9-25-53

SA

RE: FREDERICK J. TENUTO, was.
fug.

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UFAC-MURDER
88-982-2483



"RE: JOHN 'SONNY' FRANZESE
[redacted]

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"Reference is made to New York letter to Newark dated 6/23/53, identifying [redacted] as an associate of SONNY FRANZESE, and that these individuals met at Mario's Bar and Grill, Paterson Plant Road, Union City, N. J."

Newark rpt. 10/5/53

SA [redacted]

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RE: FREDERICK J. TENUTO, was
fug.

UFAC-MURDER
88-982-2535-pg33

[redacted]

"T-1 was driving around Brooklyn and Queens with [redacted] and T-1 stopped at [redacted] This bar is located in the [redacted] of Queens and is frequented by both Negroes and whites.

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"While in this lounge, T-1 and [redacted] were met by JOHN 'SONNY' FRANZESE. [redacted] according to T-1. [redacted]

"During the conversation, T-1 stated that [redacted]

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T-1 [redacted] contacted daily by SA [redacted]

NY rpt 10/6/53

SA [redacted]
RE: FREDERICK J. TENUTO, was. f b6
UFAC-MURDER b7C
88-982-2536 pg 3

[redacted]

[redacted] subsequently identified as [redacted]
[redacted] F.B.I. Number [redacted] According to T-1 [redacted]
[redacted] photograph has
been identified by T-1. Additional information will be
subsequently reported in regard to [redacted] and his
association with SONNY FRANZESE and [redacted]

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"T-1 has positively identified [redacted]
[redacted]

"....

"T-1 subsequently advised that on the night
of [redacted] T-2, in a conversation with SONNY
FRANZESE and [redacted]
[redacted]

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"The New York City Detectives allegedly made
no inquiries in regard to [redacted] T-1 stated that
in any case, [redacted]

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However, T-1 stated that NUFRIO and SONNY FRANZESE and
their criminal associates [redacted]
[redacted]

"T-1 advised, however, that SONNY FRANZESE told
T-2 [redacted]
TENUTO was no longer feasible. T-1 maintained contact
with former criminal associates and believed that TENUTO
might still be in Brooklyn, and his whereabouts possibly
known to JOHN FRANZESE.

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"....

"Confidential Informant T-1 advised on or about December 4, 1952 that T-2 had accompanied [redacted]

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[redacted]
[redacted] a bar frequented by both negroes and white, and
[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

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[redacted] According to the informant, T-2 [redacted] and was given no indication of the destination of TENUTO and SONNY FRANZESE. The automobile

"driven by SONNY FRANZESE was an old 1937 or 1938 Dodge Coupe which is registered to his brother NUFRIO FRANZESE.

"....

"Upon recontact, T-1 furnished the following detailed information in regard to the contact of T-2 with TENUTO and SONNY FRANZESE on [REDACTED]

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"The informant advised that T-2 met SONNY FRANZESE on [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

"T-2 got into SONNY's car, a pre-war Dodge car registered to his brother NUFRIO FRANZESE, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] It is noted that all of these places are in approximately the same immediate neighborhood.

"According to T-1, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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"According to T-1, SONNY, T-2 and TENUTO then
[REDACTED]

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"T-1 was subsequently able to verify [REDACTED]

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"According to T-1, [REDACTED]

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"According to T-1, [REDACTED]

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"According to T-1, [REDACTED]

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"T-1 subsequently advised [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Confidential Informant T-1
maintained contact with SONNY FRANZESE through T-2.
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] was immediately furnished by the writer of SA [REDACTED] T B.
[REDACTED] of the New Haven Office by telephone.

"....

"INVESTIGATION IN REGARD TO S TOPS BY
JOHN FRANZESE AND TENUTO ON 12/8/52

[REDACTED]
"As has been previously set out, Confidential
Informant T-1 [REDACTED]
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T-1 [redacted] contacted by SA [redacted]
[redacted]

T-2 [redacted] contacted by SA [redacted]
[redacted]

NY rpt 4/14/63

SA [redacted]

RE: FREDERICK J. TENUTO was fug^{b6}

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12,1923

82-83-638-pg 98 (same info)
15-1004-134 pg 93 (same info)



[redacted] "was unable to develop anything specific
concerning [redacted]
[redacted]

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"RE: JOHN 'SONNY' FRANZESE

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"Reference is made to the report of SA [redacted] regarding the above captioned individual with the following phone numbers Henderson 5-7000 listed to the Jersey City Medical Center, was formerly Bergen 3-7000.

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"In view of the fact that this number is a public number, no effort is being made to identify persons called from the residence of JOHN 'SONNY' FRANZESE.

[redacted] listed to [redacted]
[redacted] The records of the Passaic and Bergen Counties Credit Association, Paterson, New Jersey, were checked by SE [redacted] on January 5, 1954 and contained no information regarding this individual.

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"The records of the Paterson Credit Bureau and the Fairlawn Police Department, which covers Warren Point, New Jersey, were checked by SE [redacted] on January 7, 1954 and contained no information regarding this individual.

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"Summit 6-3000 is listed to the Hotel Suburban, 570 Springfield Avenue, Summit, New Jersey.

"Since the above phone is a public phone, no effort is being made to identify the person called at this number."

NK rpt. 3/2/54

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RE: FREDERICK J. TENUTO, w/ b7C
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[redacted]

"RE JOHN 'SONNY' FRANZESE

"T-3, of known reliability, has advised that an individual identified only as [redacted] contacted an individual by the name of [redacted]
[redacted]

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"According to information received from this informant, there was some indication that [redacted] might possibly have been in contact with the subject.

"Subsequent investigation reflected that [redacted] referred to above is identical with [redacted] an associate of SONNY FRANZESE.

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"....

[redacted] was interviewed by the writer and SA [redacted] at her place of employment at the [redacted]
[redacted] At that time she advised that she was married to [redacted] age [redacted] on [redacted] and they presently reside at [redacted]
[redacted] She advised that she has known her husband for 8 years prior to their marriage and explained that he had [redacted]
[redacted]

"....

"She further explained that she knows of 'SONNY' FRANZESE by reputation and has been in his company on one or two occasions at which time they visited the Orchid Club located on 37th Avenue in Jackson Heights, New York. She stated that she is not well acquainted with FRANZESE, nor is she aware of any of his business transactions. She advised further that she has an opinion concerning exactly what FRANZESE does for a living, but since she could not prove her thoughts would rather not discuss them.

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"She further advised that to the best of her knowledge, her husband is no longer frequenting the 769 Club nor does he associate with his former friends."

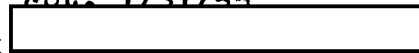
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NY rpt. 1/31/55

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"On 3/25/55, [redacted]
[redacted] 90 Church St., NYC, whose
identity must be protected at all times, confidentially
advised that during the course of his assignments, he had
ascertained that one [redacted] of [redacted]
[redacted] was a partner of JOHN 'SONNY' FRANZESE, in the
Orchid Club, Jackson Heights, Queens, New York.

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"According to this contact, [redacted] has plenty
of money, gambles heavily, and is believed to have
built 300 homes in upstate New York.

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"This contact advised that [redacted] and FRANZESE
are tied in with Ridgewood gamblers and narcotics
suspects including the following:

[redacted] who is a bookie who has a horse book
concession in Polizzi's Bar on the corner of Wilson Ave.
and De Kalb Ave., Brooklyn.

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[redacted] and his partner [redacted] (LNU),
gamblers, who hang out at the Lounge Cafe, Myrtle Ave.
and Palmetto St., Ridgewood, Queens.

[redacted] an Italian, and his partner, [redacted]
[redacted] who operate dice campaigns and take horse bets;
these two individuals allegedly own the 'Enchanted Hour'
on Wycoff Avenue near Myrtle Avenue in Ridgewood, Queens."

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SA [redacted]

RE: [redacted]

JOHN 'SONNY' FRANZESE

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[redacted] (same info)
[redacted] (same
info)

"On July 6, 1955 T-1 identified a photograph of JOHN FRANZESE, FBI Number 3400301, as the individual known to him as 'SONNY' one of the owners of the Orchid."

NY rpt 7/29/55

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RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS (3)

CHASE MANHATTAN BANK 4/6/55

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"Concerning the murders of LANGONE and
ROGERETO, T-1 stated that on July 22, 1955, a number of
individuals were arrested on various charges by members
of the New York City Police Department. These individuals
included [redacted] and LANGONE, among others....

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SA [redacted]

RE: [redacted]

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"The fingerprings of the following suspects were compared, by the Single Fingerprint Section of the Identification Division, with latents developed in this case with negative results:

"....

"FRANZESE, JOHN FBI # 3400301"

NY rpt 7/29/55

SA

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS

(3) Chase Manhattan Bank 4/6/55

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"On August 12, 1955, [] was contacted by SAs [] and [] at Grosci's Restaurant, 573 Lorimer Street, Brooklyn, New York. He stated that it was regrettable that he was not at the Savola on August 4, explaining that he and his wife had driven to Arizona, where they attended their son's graduation from the United States Air Force Gunnery School.

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"Photos of [] and JOHN 'SONNY' FRANZESE were selected by [] from photographs of persons connected with instant case, as individuals with whom he was acquainted....

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[] stated that he has known FRANZESE for a number of years, since both of them [] n.

[] added that he did not know whether FRANZESE could offer any information regarding the instant robbery.

"It was pointed out to [] that this office was desirous of interviewing FRANZESE and that FRANZESE apparently had not been seen recently at any of his hangouts. [] stated that he had not seen FRANZESE in several weeks, but that he would try to get in touch with him and tell him to contact this office.

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"Several attempts to contact JOHN FRANZESE at the 769 Bar, 769 Lorimer Street, Brooklyn, New York, which he reputedly owns, and at Franzese's Bar, 346 Leonard Street, Brooklyn, New York, in an effort to interview him regarding any information he might have or might possess regarding the instant bank robbery, have met with negative results.

"....

"T-12, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that after the July 22 raid on the Orchid Bar, 76-02 37th Avenue, Jackson Heights, Queens, New York, in which several individuals were arrested in connection with a highjacking, and which is set out elsewhere in this report, JOHN FRANZESE has not been seen at any of his usual hangouts.

"T-12 stated that FRANZESE. [REDACTED]

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T-12 [REDACTED]

NY rpt 10/7/55

SA [REDACTED]

RE: [REDACTED]

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[redacted]
[redacted] was interviewed on July 12, 1955,
by SAS [redacted] and [redacted]. He
stated that he is currently employed by the [redacted]
and [redacted]

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[redacted] He is a [redacted] with this company. He stated
that he was born in [redacted]
and is married to [redacted].

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[redacted] also admitted knowing JOHN
'SONNY' FRANZESE, whom he claimed was from the Greenpoint
section of Brooklyn, New York. He stated that FRANZESE
was a frequent customer in the Orchid Restaurant when
[redacted] He stated that FRANZESE went in the
Orchid Restaurant and was frequently in the company of a
girl named [redacted] (LNU). [redacted] stated that FRANZESE
owned a bar and grill located in Greenpoint, Brooklyn,
New York."

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NY rpt 10/7/55

SA [redacted]

RE: [redacted]

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[redacted]

"JOHN FRANZESE

"It is noted that FRANZESE is a frequenter of the Orchid Room, Jackson Heights, Queens, which is a spot that was visited a number of times during the summer and fall of 1954 by [redacted] It is also a place that has been frequented from time to time by [redacted] and others who have become 'prominent' in the investigation of this case. There have also been indications that FRANZESE is a close friend of [redacted]

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"FRANZESE was interviewed in the New York Office on November 29, 1955, by SAS [redacted] and [redacted] in the presence of his attorneys, [redacted] and [redacted] who have offices at 66 Court Street, Brooklyn, New York and 217 Sunrise Highway, Rockville Centre, Long Island.

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"The following information concerning FRANZESE was obtained through interrogation and observation:

Name	JOHN FRANZESE, wa: 'Sonny'
Born	February 6, 1919, in Campagna, Palma, Italy, became a United States citizen through parents he having come to United States when only 11 months old.
Residence	505 Lorimer Street Brooklyn
Phone Number	Evergreen 4-6447
Wife	[redacted] same address
Children	[redacted]
Education	Tenth grade
Military Service	19 months, United States Army Infantry; enlisted 1943, Army Serial Number 32273336

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"Employment

Partner in the 'Franzese Brothers Bakery', 346 Leonard Street, Brooklyn New York, has been so employed five to six years; his partner is his brother, [redacted] states bakery has no phone but can be reached through the phone in his father's bar and grill known as Franzese's Bar and Grill, which is in same building as the bakery

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Physical
Description

5 feet 9 inches
175 pounds
brown eyes
black hair with a crew cut
ruddy complexion
medium build
no scars or marks

"FRANZESE stated that he is presently using a black, 1951 Cadillac, which belongs to a good friend of his named JOSEPH BRANCATO, who lives in Flushing, Long Island on 160th Street, exact address unknown, and is employed by the Atlas Electric Company on Ten Eyck Street, Brooklyn. FRANZESE said that the car is registered in BRANCATO's name and that it is BRANCATO's car, but that he, FRANZESE, has been using it almost two years. FRANZESE did not know the registration number for this car.

"FRANZESE stated that he first started frequenting the Orchid Room in Jackson Heights during the time that his cousin, [redacted] was running it. He placed the date as possibly early 1954. FRANZESE admitted that he goes to the Orchid Room two to three times a week in the evenings but declared that he has no monetary interest whatsoever in this tavern.

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"FRANZESE stated that he did not know [redacted] and when shown a photograph of him did not identify him.

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"FRANZESE said that he saw [redacted] in the Orchid Room once or twice during the fall of 1954 and remembered him only because on one occasion, [redacted] was doing acrobatic stunts at the bar. FRANZESE said that so far as he knows, [redacted] was alone when at the Orchid Room.

"FRANZESE insisted that he does not know [redacted] and when shown photographs of him did not identify him. FRANZESE emphatically stated that he does not know [redacted] and did not identify a photograph of him.

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"FRANZESE admitted knowing [redacted] stating that [redacted] worked as a bartender at the Orchid Room for a short time.

"FRANZESE admitted knowing [redacted] but declared that his association with him as not a very close one. He said he has not been in [redacted] Bar and Grill during 1955, but occasionally sees [redacted] at the Orchid Room.

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"FRANZESE insisted that he knows nothing concerning the Woodside bank robbery other than that which he has learned from reading the newspapers.

"FRANZESE stated that he does not know any of the following and when shown photographs of them made no identifications:



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"FRANZESE said he knows [redacted] in a bout the same degree that he knows [redacted]. He said that he recalls that he met [redacted] for the first time at the Orchid Room, one to two years ago and thinks he was introduced to him by [redacted].

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"FRANZESE claims that he has never been to Beaver Lodge or Greenwood Lake.

"FRANZESE admitted knowing 'JOJO' VITACCO and said that he has known him practically all of his life. He also admitted knowing [redacted] RICHARD LANGONE, [redacted] and [redacted], having seen them at the Orchid Room several times during the past year.

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"WHILE FRANZESE was obviously evasive, he insisted he knew nothing concerning instant robbery and that he knew nothing concerning possible whereabouts of [redacted] and [redacted].

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"FRANZESE stated that he knew of no one who was engaged in stealing or handling stolen Cadillacs or any other make cars. He further emphatically denied that he was implicated in any such operation."

NY rpt 1/11/56

SA [redacted]

RE: [redacted]

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"On November 19, 1956, [redacted] was interviewed by SA's [redacted] and [redacted] as the [redacted]
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[redacted] advised that while he formerly frequented the Orchid Room, 37th Avenue and 76th Street, Jackson Heights, Queens, New York, and was acquainted with a number of individuals who have been investigated in this case, he has no information in his possession concerning instant bank robbery. [redacted] stated that while he knew who [redacted] and [redacted] were, he knew them only from having seen them a few times at the Orchid Room as customers and knew nothing of their personal life or outside activities. [redacted] explained that he had acted as a booking agent for the Orchid Room and in this capacity was at the Orchid on numerous occasions. He stated he knew SONNY FRANZESE and [redacted] as he had dealt with them in hiring singers, etc. [redacted] said he didn't know whether FRANZESE and [redacted] were acquainted with the subjects in this case or not...."

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NY rpt SA [redacted]

2/21/57

RE: [redacted]

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"On November 22, 1955, [redacted] was interviewed in the New York Office by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] in the presence of [redacted] attorney, [redacted] with offices at 66 Court Street, Brooklyn, New York and at 217 Sunrise Highway, Rockville Center, Long Island.

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"....

"... [redacted] stated that he was a very close friend of one JOHN 'SONNY' FRANZESE, well known New York underworld figure. He stated that he often visited the Orchid Room with FRANZESE socially. He denied that FRANZESE was connected in any way with the Orchid Room other than as a customer. [redacted] advised that he was probably FRANZESE's best friend. He professed no knowledge of FRANZESE's activities other than the fact that he believed FRANZESE operated a bread company. He did, however, know of one [redacted]

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NY rot 1/11/56

SA [redacted]

RE: [redacted]

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[redacted] was. fug.

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"On January 4, 1957, T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SA [redacted] that two men known as [redacted] and [redacted] who frequent the 769 Club, a bar at 769 Metropolitan Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, which is operated by JOHN 'SONNY' FRANZESE, a well known New York City hoodlum. [redacted]

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T-1 [redacted] Contacted on 1/11.26.30: 2/5,7/57
by SA [redacted]

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NY rpt 3/27/57

SA [redacted]

RE: [redacted]

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"On 3/23.30/57 Confidential Informant [redacted]
advised that [redacted]

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[redacted] to JOHN 'SONNY' FRANZESE the operator of 769
Club Metropolitan Ave., Brooklyn [redacted] Informant
stated that the father of SONNYFRANZESE died about a week ago.

"....

"On 3/30/57 the informant advised that SONNY
FRANZESE [redacted]

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SA [redacted]

RE: [redacted]

[redacted] (General File) [redacted]

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On 11/4/57 [redacted]
[redacted] was interviewed by SAs [redacted]
and [redacted] as a suspect in instant case.
[redacted] denied therft or knowledge thereof."

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During interview [redacted] furnished the name
of his [redacted]
[redacted]
and the [redacted] of JOHN 'SONNY' FRANZESE, FBI # 3400301.

NY rpt. 11/8/57

SA [redacted]

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RE: UNKNOWN'S SUBJECT

Theft of 261 Timex

Wristwatches, Spector-

Midstates Freight System, Inc

NYC, 8/145/57

TFIS

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[redacted]

T-3 identified JOHN 'SONNY' FRANZESE as a hoodlum from Brooklyn.

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[REDACTED]

by SA [REDACTED] on 12/18/57 and
1/2/58. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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SA [REDACTED]

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FRANZISE is a hoodlum from
Williamsburg."

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NY memo 1/15/58
SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] wa. [redacted] still works at the terminal on the Midnite to 9AM shift but has only been in to work once or twice since his arrest by the NYCPD on 2/27/58.

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"Subject stated that the numbers and horse bets at the terminal are generally picked up by [redacted] wa. [redacted] who carries same to 'SONNY FRANZESE's club, the 769 Club, located at 769 Metropolitan ave., Brooklyn. Ocassionally these bets will be picked up at the terminal by other Spector employees, namely; [redacted] a platform worker, or [redacted] wa [redacted], a platform employee and the brother-in-law to Sonny Franzese.

"Subject stated that gambling at the terminal has increased greatly during the past month and that it appears to be the big source of money for the gamblers and thieves on the platform. Subj stated that he had heard that the 769 Club had been raided by the NYCPD and that some horse slips were found there. (about one month ago).

"Subject stated that [redacted] is back working for Spector as a trailer driver. [redacted] had been working as a shops teward for the Tose Trucking outfit. Subject stated that [redacted] is a close friend of the [redacted] and also a close friend of Sonny Franzese. [redacted] does some strongarm work for the [redacted] and Sonny and helps them collect money from slow paying borrowers."

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SA [redacted]

RE: [redacted]

(General File)

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On March 10, 1958 [redacted] PCI furnished
the following information:

SONNY FRANZESE or FRANCESI is [redacted]
[redacted]

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SA [redacted]

RE: [redacted]

PCI [redacted]
[redacted]

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"PRISONER'S CRIMINAL RECORD POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF NEW YORK B164829

"NAME John Franzese
FBI 3 400 301 DCI 250 042 X

1/7/38 As John Franzese, Bklyn 7-87th, Fel Asalt.
On 1-8-38, Dism, Jud. Troy, Fel Ct.

9/12/42 As John Franzese, Queens, Common Gambler
On 1-22-43, \$50.00/10 days, Jud. Paige, Spec; Se

4/28/47 As John Franzese, Manh. 1924-11th, Rape
On 6-2-47, Dismissed, Jud. Thompson, Fel. Ct.

6/14/57 As John Franzese, Bklyn. 562-82, 887 CCP
On 6-25-57, Dismissed, Jud. Tierney, Mag. Ct.

x4/11/52 As John Franzese, Providence, RI, PD #20-156, S
Person
Auctioned & Released.

4/2/58 As John Franzese, Bklyn 201-61st, 887 CCP
Det. [] 61st Sqd.

4-24-58

Criminal Record
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in file captioned
DOMINICK SCIALO, was fug.
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"JOHN 'SONNY' FRANZESE, New York City Police Department B Number, 164829 was interviewed at the New York Office on the morning of May 23, 1958, by SAS [redacted] and [redacted] in the presence of his attorney, [redacted] or [redacted] b6 b7C

"FRANZESE advised that he has known DOMINICK SCIALO for a period of 7 or 8 years, but he said he could not recall where they had met or the identity of the individual who had introduced them. They probably met, according to FRANZESE, in his neighborhood (Williamsburgh, Brooklyn). He said that both of their parents were from the vicinity south of Naples in Italy, and their parents had known each other for a number of years. FRANZESE said the only time he was at the subject's home was on the occasion of the christening of the subject's daughter in 1957. FRANZESE denied that the subject had ever visited at his home. The only people present on the occasion of the christening were some of the immediate members of the subject's family, along with FRANZESE and his wife. He said he was unable to identify the other members of the subject's family who were present, and denied that any other friends or associates of the subject were there.

"He said that he had seen the subject at the Club 769 (his brother's tavern) on a number of occasions, and that he had seen SCIALO two or three times in the last year, but he was unable to recall where he had seen him. He said he was not particularly close to SCIALO, in spite of the fact that he stood up for the child at the christening, and he said that he accepted this invitation to be a godfather because he would not like to bring 'bad luck' on any child by a refusal.

"FRANZESE advised that he had seen SCIALO on a few occasions with other people, but he said he could not identify these other individuals, and they were probably people from the Coney Island area. He said he knew of no friends SCIALO might have outside of the New York City area.

"A photograph of [redacted] was displayed, and b6
FRANZESE said that he had met this individual on one b7C
or two occasions with SCIALO about six months ago, but he
could not recall where. FRANZESE said he recognized
photographs of [redacted] and [redacted]
victims in instant murder, from the newspapers.

"Photographs of [redacted] b6
[redacted] and b7C
[redacted] were exhibited to FRANZESE, but he advised that
he did not recognize any of them, and did not know them
to be friends of SCIALO.

"FRANZESE was questioned regarding his
knowledge of SCIALO's business or employment, and he
advised that he knew nothing about it, and had never
discussed these matters with SCIALO. FRANZESE said
he had never made any trips out of New York City with
SCIALO, and knew of no trips that SCIALO might have made.
He denied having any knowledge regarding SCIALO's
connection with the building or construction industry.
FRANZESE denied any knowledge of any criminal activity
on the part of SCIALO.

"FRANZESE was not questioned regarding his
own friends or associates in Providence, Rhode Island,
in view of the fact that the subject has been reported
to be hiding out in Providence. FRANZESE's attorney
advised him not to answer any questions as to whether
or not he would advise the proper authorities if he
knew or became aware of SCIALO's whereabouts. The
provisions of the Harboring Statute were brought to
FRANZESE's attention."

NY rpt 6/12/88
SA [redacted] b6
RE: DOMINICK SCIALO, wa b7C
UFAP-MURDER
88-2682-154 pgs 15,16.

To: Director, FBI

Attention: Identification Division

Date 10/3/58

From: SAC, New York (92-1090)

Re: JOHN FRANZESE, wa.
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☒ Identification Record

Name JOHN FRANZESE		<i>If application for pardon or probation flash desired, give following if pertinent:</i>
Aliases Sonny		
Date of Sentence		
Place of Sentence		
FBI # 3400301	Other # NYC PD B# 104829	Charge
Fingerprint Classification		Contributor of Fingerprints
Actual Sentence Imposed		
Birth Date		Suspended Sentence Imposed
Birthplace		Probation Imposed
Race	Sex ☐ Male ☐ Female	Period of Probation From _____ To _____

Source To Be Notified If Information Received

SAC, NY (92-1090)

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In all instances when FBI number is known it should be furnished. When it is not known, furnish following descriptive data in addition to that requested on face of form:

Height	Weight	Eyes	Hair	Complexion
Scars, Marks and Peculiarities				
Nationality	Occupation	Residence		

INSTRUCTIONS:

If an application for pardon after completion of sentence flash is requested, source to be notified if information received by Identification Division is Special Inquiry Section, Investigative Division.

When probation flash requested appropriate United States Probation office should be indicated for referral of subsequent arrest information.

If subject's fingerprints are submitted, forward to the Identification Division stapled to this form. Cover memo not necessary.

Form FD-165, when involving matters concerning security informants and the Security Index, should be forwarded to the Bureau by "Registered Mail."

OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NY (92-632) DATE: 10/13/58
FROM : SUPV. [REDACTED] #5A
SUBJECT: TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM

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Reference is made to Bulet, 10/1/58, which requested the submission of NYO Summary Report.

It is requested that each Top Hoodlum case, NY origin, be reviewed and the following information set out:

1. Allegation of membership in any criminal organization or syndicate.
2. Source and date of above.
3. Any evidence to sustain allegation of membership or existence of such organization or syndicate.

The above should be limited to information received subsequent to 3/1/58.

A memo reflecting the results of the above file review should be submitted by 10/20/58.

1-NY 92-635	1-NY 92-660	1-NY 92-682
1-NY 92-636	1-NY 92-662	1-NY 92-683
1-NY 92-637	1-NY 92-664	1-NY 92-684
1-NY 92-639	1-NY 92-665	1-NY 92-685
1-NY 92-640	1-NY 92-668	1-NY 92-686
1-NY 92-643	1-NY 92-670	1-NY 92-687
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1-NY 92-645	1-NY 92-672	1-NY 92-708
1-NY 92-648	1-NY 92-673	1-NY 92-886
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1-NY 92-653	1-NY 92-676	1-NY 92-1028
1-NY 92-654	1-NY 92-677	1-NY 92-1096
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1-NY 92-657	1-NY 92-679	1-NY 92-1099
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10/21/58

SAC, NEW YORK (92-1096)

JS JOHN FRANZESE, was.;
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Investigation of captioned subject reflects that he allegedly entered the U. S. Army in 1943 and received an honorable discharge. His Army Serial No. was 322 733 36. The subject was born on 2/6/19 in Campagna, Palma, Italy.

St. Louis is requested to ascertain all possible background information by a check of subject's military service record.

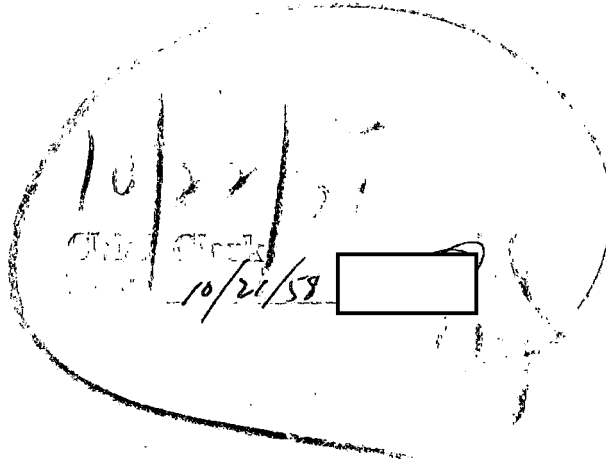
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1-New York (92-1096)

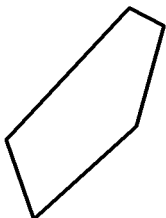


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Date: 10/31/58

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TO: SAC, NEW YORK (92-1096)

FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (92-410)

JOHN FRANZESE, was.
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Re your letter 10/21/58.

A review on 10/30/58 by IC [redacted] of the military service record on file at DDMPRC, SILMO, for JOHN FRANZESE, Serial No. 32 273 336, indicated that he was inducted into the U. S. Army on 5/20/43 and entered on active duty on 6/3/43 at New York, New York. He was honorably discharged on 11/23/44 as a Private at Fort Dix, New Jersey, by reason of psychoneurosis.

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Army medical examiners diagnosed FRANZESE as "constitutional psychopathic personality, with inadequate personality and pathologic emotionality, moderately severe". He was also diagnosed as possessing homicidal tendencies. The record failed to reflect any information as to why he was diagnosed as possessing homicidal tendencies.

No reserve service was shown.

His character and efficiency ratings ranged from unknown to satisfactory and there is no record of courts-martial or absence without leave.

The following background and descriptive information was contained in the record:

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Approved [redacted]

Special Agent in Charge

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Date of Birth	2/6/19
Place of Birth	Campan <u>i</u> a, Italy
Race	White
Height	5'7"
Weight	154 lbs.
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Dark
Addresses	346 Leonard Street, Brooklyn, New York 6211 Humbold Street, Brooklyn, New York (4/53)
Civilian Occupation	Helper's rigger; ship worker
Military Occupation	Cook's helper
Relatives	MARY FRANZESE, mother wife sister
Local Draft Board	188 Kings County, New York

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
 WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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J. Edgar Hoover
 Director.

The following FBI record, NUMBER **3 400 301**, is furnished FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD NY NY	John Frazese #B-164829	1-7-38	felonious aslt	disch 1-11-38
CS Comm Wash DC	John Frazese Residence 346 Leonard St Brooklyn NY born 2-6-19	PP 9-24-42 (city and state not given)	Position: Helper Rigger (Dist System) US Navy Navy Yard NY War App't	
PD NY NY	John Franzoso #B-164829	4-28-47	rape	disch 6-2-47
PD Providence RI	John Franzoso #20-156	4-11-52	susp person	questioned & rel
PD NY NY	John Franzese #164829	4-2-58	vag 887 CCP Subd 1 no visible means of support	

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	As Jno. Franzese, alias, FBI #64529, 9-12-42, common gambler, 7-15-43, convicted in Spec. Supp. Ct.			

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

TO:

Date 10-10-58

Your inquiry 10-3-58

SAC New York (92-1096)

RE: JOHN FRANZESE, wa.
AR.

- ☒ Attached furnished in reply to your inquiry.
- ☐ Only record available attached.
- ☐ This matter is receiving attention and you will be advised at an early date.
- ☐ Supplementing FBI Laboratory report dated
- ☐ Records FBI #
are furnished since there is a possibility that one may pertain to the subject in whom you are interested.
- ☐ Fingerprint files fail to disclose
- ☐ Confirming FBI wire of
- ☐ A wanted notice has not been placed as subject appears to be in custody.
- ☐ When you no longer desire your wanted (or flash) notice maintained, please advise.
- ☐ If you determine subject to be in custody please advise so that your notice may be cancelled.
- ☐ If it is determined that the subject of this record is not the individual wanted, please advise.
- ☐ Subject of your inquiry searched in name indices only. Enclosed record(s) possibly identical. If identical, resubmit request and Wanted (or Flash) Notice will be placed.
- ☐ Your communication is returned.
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☐ Copy to:

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Director

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THOMAS J. McHUGH
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STATE OF NEW YORK

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DIVISION OF IDENTIFICATION

43-45 COLUMBIA ST.

ALBANY, N. Y.

DISPOSITION FORM

ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS SHEET, PLEASE FILL IN THE FINAL DISPOSITION
FOR THE LAST CASE NOTED, AND RETURN THE SHEET TO THE ABOVE ADDRESS.

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9-20-55

W. C. Sullivan
Director

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CONTRIBUTORS OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
*NRS NY NY (rep. Wash. Bur.)	Joe Mike Vitacco V-6	appl. 5-19-53		
NYC PD 14th Pet. 4498	Joseph Michael Vitacco 360668	7-22-55	Robbery, 1897 Pl. (gun) Grand larceny	
Spec. Sessions Crt. brooklyn, N.Y.	Joseph Vitacco B-360668	4-29-55 5-13-55 (Arts rec'd 9-19-55)	Bookmaking (2 Charge)	9-21-55. \$50.00 or 5 yrs.
NYC PD 7 Pet 1597	Joseph M. Vitacco B 360668	6-23-56	Fel. Asslt	dismissed 7-14-56
USM Bklyn, NY (rep. Wash. Bur.) PD, NYC Crt. Sessions Brooklyn, N.Y.	Joseph Vitacco 14926 Joseph Vitacco B 360668 Joseph Vitacco B260668	2-19-57 7-11-57 1-14-58 12-18-57	fail. to register bookmaker stamp vagrancy petit larceny	dismissed 7-4-57 disposition not shown but convicted in Special Sessions, 1897 Pl.
PD, NYC	"	3-8-58	Grand larceny 4 Section 1897, Penal Law (gun)	disposition not shown
PD, NYC	"	4-8-58	vagrancy	disposition not shown

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(In the spaces provided below please show the final disposition for the last case noted on the reverse side of the sheet. When completed, return this sheet to the Division of Identification, 43-45 Columbia Street, Albany, N.Y.)

FINAL DISPOSITION

Date of Disposition:Judge:

Court:County:

Disposition: (check one)—Dismissed or acquitted ()

Convicted ()

Adj. Youth. Offender ()

Adj. Wayward Minor ()

If convicted, specify charge

and sentence imposed:

If Adj. Youth. Offender or Way. Minor,

specify sentence imposed:

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Signature of Person Submitting Disposition

(Rank)

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(Commanding Officer, Bureau of Criminal Identification)

Bureau of Criminal Identification

Deputy Inspector

John A. Ronayne

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5-17-28 George Smurra Bklyn Violation, Burglary
 4/4/29 Dismissed McLaughlin Squad
 11-20-28 George Smurra, Bklyn Violation Burglary
 4/29/29 8 months City Prison McLaughlin Co Ct
 Chrystal 29 Pot
 11-25-28 George Smurra Bklyn Violation Helon Assault
 12-5-28 Discharged Hughes 9th Ct
 Lyons 32 A Pot
 9-17-29 George Smurra Bklyn Violation A & Robbery (Gun)
 9/19/29 Discharged Brill 9th Ct
 Handry 68 Sqd
 11-8-29 George Smurra Bklyn Violation Assault & Robbery (Gun)
 11-14-29 Discharged, no complaint
 Osnato & Fitzsimmons 62 Sqd
 1-18-30 George Smurra Bklyn Violation Vagrancy
 1/28/30 Discharged Blanchfield 9th
 Det McConeghy 68 Pot
 1/23/30 George Smurra Bklyn Violation Vagrancy
 2-25-30 Discharged Dale 9 Ct
 Swift 64 Sqd
 4-15-30 George Smurra Bklyn Violation Vagrancy
 4/23/30 Discharged Blanchfield 7 Ct
 Fitzsimmons 62 Sqd
 5-26-30 George Smurra Bklyn, Violation Grand Larceny
 7-10-30 Acquitted McLaughlin Co Ct
 Shea & Dowdell 64 Sqd
 3/18/31 George Smurra Bklyn Violation Robbery
 3/24/31 Discharged Dale 9th
 Skelly & Petrosino Arrest #536-68
 4-2-31 George Smurra Bklyn Violation Attempt Burglary
 4-7-31 Discharged Sabotnio 7th Ct
 Maxwell 70 Pot
 5-1-31 George Smurra Bklyn Violation Assault & Robbery
 5/18/31 Discharged Walsh Rk 1st Court
 Det Stolfi 82 Sqd
 10-15-31 George Smurra Bklyn Violation Assault & Robbery
 10-23-31 Discharged Haubert 7 Ct
 Hannon & Giddings 65 Sqd
 11-27-31 George Smurra Bklyn Violation Burglary
 5/17/32 Discharged Fitzgerald Co Ct
 Weber 63

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V-11-31
Section 7vv, Penal Law
discharged 6-7-3v

6-13-33
Section 7vv, Penal Law
discharged 6-v7-33

3-v3-34
felonious assault
6-7-34, no indictment

5-18-34
Section 7vv-11, Penal Law
discharged 5-vv-34

6-vv-34
Section 7vv, Penal Law
discharged 6-v3-34

9-8-34
Section 7vv-11, Penal Law
discharged 9-v5-34

11-v1-35
vagrancy
discharged 1v-17-35

11-v-36
burglary
discharged 11-4-36

4-8-47
homicide
discharged 6-9-47

6-4-55
Section 7vv, Penal Law (dice)
6-4-55, \$15 or 5 days

11-6-57
Section 7vv, Penal Law (dice)
\$5 or 1 day, 11-6-57

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DCI #39850 CITY OF NEW YORK

NAME PHILIP RASTELLI	ALIAS
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CRIMINAL RECORD (as far as known)

5/3/28- Childs crt. Viol. Del. Child-	PROBATION
7/6/28- Childs crt. Viol. Del. Child-	CATH. PROTECTORY
11/28/28- Dept. of Education Truant-	N.Y. PARISHAL SCHOOL
7/3/33- Child crt. Viol. Juv. Del.,	CATH. PROTECTORY

5-12-1934- As Philip Rastelli, N.Y.C., Viol. Escape from Catholic protectory
5-18-34- House of Refuge, Judge Maguire

12- 9-1936- As Philip Rastelli, Brooklyn, Viol. Assault
3-1-37- Indef. Term N.Y.C. Ref., Judge Taylor, C.C. Bklyn-
Officer DeMarraas 88 Sgd.

12- 1-1936- As Philip Rastelli, Manhattan, Viol. Unlicense Operator
10 days Workhouse-

3- 8-1940- As Philip Rastelli, Manhattan Viol. Robbery (Plea)
4-19-40- 5 to 10 years State Prison, General Sessions
Officer Hayden, Cassidy, S. & L. 1 Sgd.

3-14-1946- As Philip Rastelli, Manhattan, Viol. of Parole (warrant)
T.O.T. Parole Auth. Officer Sullivan, Arlington H.O. Sgd Manh
8-19-48- Paroled -Expiration 3-24-50-

1-15-1953- As Philip Rastelli, Manhattan, Viol. Dis. Con (Plea)
Officer Porriano, P.C. Off.

2-18-1953- As Philip Rastelli, Manhattan, Viol. 722 P.L.
Officer Dimmeler, BURE

9- 5-1957- As Philip Rastelli, Queens, Viol. Indict. Warr. #95-54-
Del. Assault & 1897 P.L.
Officer Det. Morgner, 108 Sgd.
acquitted 9-19-57

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(Rank) (Shield No.) (Command)

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NAME JAMES PLUMERI	DCI #4672X	ALIAS JIMMEY DOYLE
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CRIMINAL RECORD (as far as known)

- 4-26-1923- As Jas. Plumeri, N.Y.C. Vag. 4/30/23-Discharged Judge Short
9th Court- Officer Horan, Ward 76
- 9-30-1924- As Jas. Plumeri, N.Y.C. Burg. 11/6/24-Dismissed Grand Jury
Officer McCarthy 3rd Sqd.
- 4- 7-1925- As Jas. Plumeri, Richmond, Receiving- 6/17/25-Discharged
Spec. Sess Court- Officer Flynn 68
- 6-12-1925- As Jas. Plumeri, N.Y.C. Receiving- 7/10/25-Discharged-
Judge Levine, 1st Court-Officer Haring 4 Pct.
(fingerprints removed on above arrests 11-7-29)
- 5-10-1933- As Jas. Plumeri, Manh. Fel. Asslt Coercion & Conspiracy
9/4/34-Indictment Dismissed Judge Donnellan, Gen. Sess.
Officer Phillips & Henshaw M.O.D.
- 6- 2-1933- AA-Jas. Plumeri, M.Y.C. Asslt 1st & 2nd- 8/24/34-Dismissed
Judge Donnellan, Gen. Sess. Court-Officer Henshaw -Sheehy MOD
(8/19/33-Shot & injured at 225 Lafayette St. Room #501)
- 8-29-1933- As Jas. Plumeri, N.Y.C. Homicide (shot)- 9/27/33-Discharged
Judge Smith, Homicide Court-Det. McKettreoh 3 Sqd.
- 3-19-1937- As Jas. Plumeri, N.Y.C. Extortion- 5/4/37-Discharged Judge
McCook, Supreme Court-Det. Belsky- Grand Jury Sqd.
- 5- 4-1937- As Jas. Plumeri, Manh. Extortion- 7/28/37-5 to 10 yrs State
Prison, Judge McCook, Supreme Court-Officer Belsky-
Grand Jury Sqd.
- 12-29-1956- As James D. Plumeri, Miami Beach PD. Dis. Con. (fail to give
good account)- Nolle Prossed by County Attorney-
No FP info on picture in MO file

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NAME

ALIAS

JOSEPH LUCCHESE

CRIMINAL RECORD (as far as known)

10-25-1954- As Jos. Lucchese, Brooklyn, Viol. 1308- P.N.
5-24-55- Discharged Own Recognizance,
Judge Haddock, Special Sessions, #6135-
Officer Det. Earlight & Myers- 75th Sqd.

10-10-1955- As Joseph Lucchese, Brooklyn, Viol. Dis.Con.
Officer Dixon 75th Sqd.
6-8-56- Special Sessions, #6452

30 days suspended sentence 6-12-56

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MEMO

Michael Franzese alias Michael Annunzio

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11-17-77 - Jersey City, N.J.

concealed weapon (revolver)

dismissed 3-30-78

11-10-79 - Federal Agents, NYC
robbing mails

1-14-80, 5 years in US Pen, Atlanta, Ga.

Following are NYCPD arrests:

4-23-36

Section 887, Code of Criminal Procedure
discharged 4-24-36

11-2-36

Section 887, Code of Criminal Procedure
discharged 11-3-36

1-29-38

no conviction
1-30-38 suspended sentence

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v-10-40

vagrancy

v-10-40 suspended sentence

9-vv-43

bookmaking

disposition - not shown but convicted 11-5-43 in Special Sessions, Brooklyn - docket # 1135

- - 43 (exact date of arrest not shown)

bookmaking

disposition not shown but convicted 11-26-43 in Bay Ridge Magistrate's Court - docket # 6177

1-31-53

Section 7vv, Penal Law
suspended sentence 1-31-53

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MEMO

Michael Franzese alias Frank
Russo alias Nifro Franzese
alias Rossi

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1-8-31 - NYCPD

Section 1897, Penal Law
discharged 1-9-31

8-31-33 Philadelphia, Pa.
Homicide

6-15-35 - Nassau County, N.Y.
rape & assault

4-16-38 - NYCPD

Section 1897, Penal Law

6-8-38, indefinite in NYC Pen

9-14-42 - NYCPD

common gambler

1-22-43, 30 days in Workhouse

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NAME

ALIAS

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SAMUEL JACK PECHTER

CRIMINAL RECORD (as far as known)

- 6- 8-1928- As Jack Pector, N.Y.C., Viol. Ticket Speculating
11-27-28- sentence Suspended, Special Sessions
Officer Rinchie, 15 Div.
- 1- 8-1932- As Samuel Jack Pechter, N.Y.C., Viol. Assault & Robbery
1-26-32- Discharged Judge Polwell, 7 Court-
Officer O'Brien, 70 Sgd.
- 3- 7-1935- As Samuel J. Pector, Brooklyn, Viol. Conspiracy (money)
3-18-35- Released No Bill, Judge O'Dougherty U.S. Attorney
Officer Sloan, 90 Sgd.
- 4- 2-1936- As Jack Pector, Brooklyn, Viol. Vagrancy-
4-3-36- Discharged by Judge Brodsky 5th Court-
Officer Lynch, et al, 92nd Sgd.
- 9- 8-1937- As Samuel Factor, Brooklyn, Viol. No Licence-
\$50-10 Days- D. of J.
- 11-11-1937- As Samuel J. Pector, Brooklyn, Viol. Assault-
12-2-37- Discharged by Special Sessions-
Officer Bradley, Cox, 90 Sgd.
- 9-15-1942- As Samuel Pechter, Manhattan, Viol. Bookmaking-
9-24-42- \$25 fine, Judge Kross, 1st Div.

BY THIS CERTIFICATE that Finger Impressions of the
above-named defendant have been taken, and
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10-13-44- As Samuel Pechter, Manhattan
Viol. 986 P.L.
10-28-44- \$100 Fine Es. Mkt. Judge Curran-
Officer Adler, 1st Div.

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CITY OF NEW YORK

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NAME

SEBASTIANO ALOI

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CRIMINAL RECORD (as far as known)

- 11-26-1930- As Sebastiano Aloï, Bklyn, Assault & Robbery (gun)
12/1/30- Discharged, Judge Folwell, 6 Court-
Officer Collareta, 83 sqd.
- 2- 7-1939- As Sebastiano Aloï, Bklyn, Fel. Assault Final charge
Assault- 4/27/39- Acquitted- Judge Brady-Spec.
Sess. Officer Petrosino, Kabelka, 83 Sqd.
- 7-17-1939- As Sebastiano Aloï, N.Y.C. Poss. of Unreg. Still-
2/17/44- 2 yrs to run concurrently with sentence
of 12/11/43- Judge Moscovitz- Officer Jedry-Goldin
Miller- A.T.U.
- 4-27-1940- As Sebastiano Aloï, Bklyn, Att. Murder 1st-
6/8/42- Ind. Dismissed by Judge Goldstein, Co. Court
Officer Napolitano, 83rd Sqd.
- 7-17-1939- As Sebastiano Aloï, Amityville, L.I. Still- See Disp 12/11/43
Officer Sparago, A.T.U.
- 11-24-1942- As Sebastiano Aloï, Bklyn, Poss. Unreg. Still- See Disp 12/11/43
Officer Sparago, A.T.U.
- 3- 4-1943- As Sebastiano Aloï, Bklyn, Vio. Int. Rev. Laws- Offs. of A.T.U.
See Disp of 12/11/43-
- 5- 8-1943- As Sebastiano Aloï, Bklyn, Consp. to Vio. Int. Rev. Laws- A.T.U.
See Disp. of 12/11/43-
- 12-11-1943- As Sebastiano Aloï, Bklyn, Vio. Int. Rev. Laws- A.T.U.
2/17/44- 5 yrs Prob. Fine to Stand Committed- Judge
Moscovitz-
- 6-21-1949- As Sebastiano Aloï, N.Y.C. Consp. Still- 2 yrs Susp. Sent.
4 yrs Prob. Exp 6/21/53- Info. U.S. Dist. Ct.

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above-named defendant have been taken, and
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (92-1096)

DATE: 11/12/58

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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The arrest record of the following named associates
of captioned subject were obtained from the New York City
Police Department, Bureau of Criminal Identification, by SA
[REDACTED]

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SEBASTIANO ALOI, wa Buster B 72 788

[REDACTED]

THOMAS D'ANGELO, wa Smitty B 95 047

[REDACTED]

SAMUEL JACK FECHTER B 133 165
NUFRIO FRANZESE B 88 303
MICHAEL FRANZESE B 145 052

[REDACTED]

JOSEPH LUCCHESI B 349 354

[REDACTED]

PHILIP RASTELLI B 152 029

[REDACTED]

GEORGE SMURRA B 70 645

[REDACTED]

JOSEPH M. VITACCO B 360 668

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[] JOHN FRANZSE, wa.
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[] is listed as an associate of captioned subject, and on interview in 1955 stated that he was probably the subject's "best friend".

Buffalo is requested to ascertain the details, accomplices, and disposition of the above arrest, as well obtain a photograph of []

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(3) []

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office NEW YORK	Office of Origin NEW YORK	Date 11/28/58	Investigative Period 9/11; 11/7/58
TITLE OF CASE JOHN FRANZESE, wa., Sonny		Report made by 	Typed by mimb6
		CHARACTER OF CASE ANTI-RACKETEERING	

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Synopsis:

JOHN FRANZESE, NYCPD # 164 829, FBI # 3 400 301, born 8/1/19, in Campania, Italy, is reputed successor to his father, **CARMINE FRANZESE**, aka., The Lion, who was known to control various enterprises in Brooklyn in past years. **FRANZESE**'s associates include NY top hoodlums **JOHN ODDO** and and Providence, RI, top hoodlum . **FRANZESE** has been described as interested in hi-jacking, numbers, shylocking, crap games, and furnishing hide-outs for fugitives, including **DOMINICK SCIALO**, was., - FUC., IO 3146. **FRANZESE** alleged to be not too well liked because of his swaggering and overbearing ways. Numerous associates of **FRANZESE** are actively interested in union activity, as well as operation of bars and grills, and control of trucking company platforms. **FRANZESE** currently operating crap game in Brooklyn with and .

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JOHN FRANZESE's identification record and description set forth. **FRANZESE** CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS DUE TO HIS ARREST RECORD FOR VIOLENCE, AND DIAGNOSIS AS HAVING HOMICIDAL TENDENCIES.

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PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

T-1 advised on October 14, 1958, that investigation conducted through confidential sources of information disclose JOHN FRANZESE is alleged to be a contact man for the mob, and is connected with the numbers and policy rackets. CARMINE FRANZESE, also known as The Lion, JOHN's father, who died March 16, 1957, at age 75, was known to be in control of various illegal enterprises in past years, and his influence and power was passed on to his sons, at first to NUFRIO, and later (and to date) to JOHN FRANZESE. It is alleged that MICHAEL and NUFRIO FRANZESE are also shylocks. Although married, JOHN FRANZESE has the reputation of being a "ladies man," and is currently seen frequently with [redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] who is employed by the American Photo Copy Equipment Company, 53 East 34th Street, New York City.

It is noted that a former [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

T-2 advised, September 8, 1958, that JOHN FRANZESE and CHRISTOFORO RUBINO (murdered in 1958) were partners in this club in 1955, according to a reliable source.

FRANZESE is alleged to maintain a joint account with his brother NUFRIO at the Manufacturers Trust Company, Bushwick and Grand Street Branch, Brooklyn.

FRANZESE has engaged [redacted]

[redacted] as his attorney during recent years. During an interview with FBI Agents on November 29, 1955, [redacted] and a [redacted] accompanied FRANZESE to the New York Office. [redacted] also accompanied FRANZESE to the New York Office for an interview by Bureau Agents on May 23, 1958. His office is at 217 Sunrise Highway, Rockville Center.

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On April 11, 1952, when FRANZESI was arrested in Providence, Rhode Island, an attorney named [redacted] who was known to represent [redacted] appeared to represent FRANZESI who was released under the "two-hour" rule in effect in that state.

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According to T-3 in October, 1952, FRANZESI was in contact with [redacted] an attorney, [redacted]

T-1 further related that as of December 4, 1957, JOHN FRANZESI had New York State Motor Vehicle Bureau operator's license number 121-5263, and Social Security Number 099-12-7380. FRANZESI usually dines at Crisci's Bar and Grill about 6:00 PM on Fridays and frequents the Bella Napoli, Route 25, Mineola, Long Island, with [redacted] several times a week. His residence telephone number is EV 4-6447.

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It is noted that records of the New York Telephone Company, furnished by [redacted] to SA [redacted] on September 19, 1958, reflect that EV 4-6447 was listed to FRANZESI at 505 Lorimer Street, Brooklyn, and no toll charges had been made to this telephone for the previous six months.

Records of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles furnished by [redacted] to IC [redacted] reflect a chauffeur's license #8364127, from 1957 to 1960, was issued in the name of JOHN FRANZESI, 346 Leonard Street, Brooklyn, business address 34 Skillman Avenue, Brooklyn. No 1958 registration was shown. An old address was given as 154-04 109th Avenue, Ozone Park, Long Island, as was 505 Lorimer Street, Brooklyn.

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Records of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles reflected that Grass Motors, owned by [redacted] business address [redacted]

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Records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York, furnished by [redacted] to IC [redacted] on September 15, 1958, reflected a clear credit with no derogatory information, or litigations against JOHN and [redacted] FRANZESE, 505 Lorimer Street, Brooklyn.

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Records of the New York Telephone Company furnished by [redacted] to SA [redacted] on September 19, 1958, reflected no toll charges to Floral Park 2-2688, listed to [redacted] [redacted] during the previous six months.

MILITARY RECORD

The St. Louis Office advised on October 31, 1958, that a review on October 30, 1958, by IC [redacted] of the military service record on file at DDMPRC, SLMO, for JOHN FRANZESE, serial number 32 273 336, indicated that he was inducted into the United States Army on May 20, 1943, and entered on active duty on June 3, 1943, at New York, New York. He was honorably discharged on November 23, 1944, as a Private at Fort Dix, New Jersey, by reason of psycho-neurosis.

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Army medical examiners diagnosed FRANZESE as "constitutional psychopathic personality, with inadequate personality and pathologic emotionality, moderately severe." He was also diagnosed as possessing homicidal tendencies. The record failed to reflect any information as to why he was diagnosed as possessing homicidal tendencies.

No reserve service was shown. His character and efficiency ratings ranged from unknown to satisfactory and there is no record of courts-martial or absence without leave.

The following background and descriptive information was contained in the record:

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Date of birth	2/6/19
Place of birth	Campania, Italy
Race	White
Height	5'7"
Weight	154 lbs.
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Dark
Address	346 Leonard Street, Brooklyn 6211 Humboldt Street, Brooklyn
Civilian Occupation	Helper's rigger; ship worker
Military Occupation	Cook's helper
Relatives	MARY FRANZESE - mother [redacted] - wife [redacted] - sister
Local Draft Board	188 Kings Street, Brooklyn

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RELATIVES

The records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, 71 Washington Street, Brooklyn, were checked in regard to CARMINE FRANZESE and reflected that CARMINE FRANZESE was born in Palma, Italy, on November 15, 1881 and arrived in New York City aboard the "Europa" on October 26, 1919. He filed a Declaration of Intention for citizenship in Brooklyn Supreme Court, Kings County, September 14, 1920. This declaration reflected that his wife, MARIA FRANZESE, was born in Sevina, Italy, on October 15, 1883. At the time the declaration was filed CARMINE and MARIA had the following ten children:

FILOMEMA, female	born May 1, 1903
ONOFRIO, male	born September 1, 1904
ANNA, female	born April 7, 1905
MICHELE, male	born April 5, 1906
GIUSIPPINA, female	born July 15, 1910

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LUIGI, male	born September 10, 1913
GIOVANNI, male	born December 6, 1918
ROSINA, female	born June 25, 1921
GILDA, female	born April 15, 1923
FELICIA, female	born October 23, 1924

These records reflected that CARMINE FRANZESE was granted citizenship under naturalization number 2353936, on September 14, 1926.

Clerk, New York City Parole Commission, 100 Centre Street, New York City, under number 67646, the probation report for NUFRIO FRANZESE, reflected the following information pertaining to the FRANZESE family:

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Father	SALVATORE FRANZESE	Age 57 (in 1938)
Mother	MARY ROMANO	Age 56 (in 1938)
Sister	MILLIE BRILLIONE 346 Leonard Street Brooklyn	Age 35
Sister	ANNA DE LORA 346 Leonard Street Brooklyn	Age 32
Brother	MICHAEL FRANZESE 91 Newhall Street Brooklyn	Age 29
Sister	JOSEPHINE COVELLO 348 Leonard Street Brooklyn	Age 25
Brother	JOHN FRANZESE 346 Leonard Street Brooklyn	Age 19
Brother	LOUIS FRANZESE 348 Leonard Street Brooklyn	Age 24

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Sister ROSE FRANZESE Age 17
346 Leonard Street
Brooklyn

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CRIMINAL RECORD

The following arrest record for the subject was
furnished by the New York City Police Department on ~~3-1-58~~

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CITY OF NEW YORK B164829

Name	JOHN FRANZESE
FBI	3 400 301 DCI 250 042 X
1/7/38	As JOHN FRANZESE, Bklyn 7-87th, Fel Asslt. On 1-8-38, Dism, Jud. Troy, Fel Ct.
9/12/42	As JOHN FRANZESE, Queens, Common Gambler On 1-22-43, \$50.00/10 days, Jud. Paige, Spec. Sess.
4/28/47	As JOHN FRANZESE, Manh. 1924-11th, Rape On 6-2-47, Dismissed, Jud. Thompson, Fel. Ct.
6/14/57	As JOHN FRANZESE, Bklyn. 562-82, 887 CCP On 6-25-57, Dismissed, Jud. Tienrey, Mag. Ct.
4/11/52	As JOHN FRANZESE, Providence, RI, PD #20-156, Susp. Person Auctioned & Released.
4/2/58	As JOHN FRANZESE, Bklyn 201-61st, 887 CCP Det. 61st Sqd.

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Records of the New York City Police Department reflect that a search of the Police Records of the Old Record Room, New York City Police Department, under B# 164 829, on July 31, 1956, reflected the following arrest record for JOHN FRANKSE, 346 Leonard Street, Brooklyn:

Pct.	Date	Arrest	Age	Occupation	Address	Charge	Place of Occurrence	Officer	Disposition	Date
87	1/7/38	7	19		Leonard St.	Del. Ass. Sharp Inst.	508 Humbolt	☐	Dismissed	1/8/38 ^{b6} ^{b7C}
87	6/22/41	159	22		346 Lorimer St.	Sim. Ass. (Pist.)	662 Met- ropolitan Ave.	☐	Dismissed	6/26/41
92	9/12/42	474	23	Laborer	346 Leonard St.	970 PL (cut dice)	5 Withers St.		\$50/10 days	1/22/43
87	3/10/45	92	25	"	"	722 PL (cards)	432 Union 500 Metro- politan		\$3	3/10/45
92	3/31/45	89	25	"	"	722 PL (dice)		☐	\$1	3/31/45
9	4/28/47	1924	27	"	621 Metropol- itan Ave.	Rape-use of force	311 E. 11th St.	☐	Dismissed	6/2/47

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<u>Net.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Arrest</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Place of Occurrence</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Disposition</u>	<u>Date</u>
87	11/24/47	75	38	Dryer	30 Richardson St.	986 PL	418 Union St.		No Disposition	
85	3/14/53	144	34	Baker	154-04 109th Ave. Ozone Park	722 PL (dice)	101 Meserole		63.- 2 days	3/14/53

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According to the records of Felony Court, Brooklyn, number L-106, page 499, SONNY FRANZESE stabbed [redacted] on December 23, 1937, at 508 Humboldt Street, Brooklyn. However, on January 11, 1938, the case was dismissed inasmuch as [redacted] withdrew his complaint.

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According to the records of the Special Sessions Court in Brooklyn, docket number 3913, 1942, SONNY was arrested for operating a crap game at 5 Withers Street, May 12, 1942. At that time, FRANZESE stated that he was helping his brother, FRANK, run this game. SONNY was fined \$50 on January 22, 1943.

According to the records of Felony Court in Manhattan, number 3546, which were filed in General Sessions Court on June 3, 1947, one [redacted] Crystal Lake Hotel, Freeport, Long Island, a waitress, filed a complaint charging that on [redacted] JOHN FRANZESE, and [redacted]

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[redacted] On June 2, 1947, the defendants were all released, inasmuch as the complainant could not be found.

According to UMSB, Magistrates Court number 4019-4020, on June 21, 1941, one [redacted] filed a complaint charging that SONNY FRANZESE and [redacted] assaulted him and beat him up. However, on June 26, 1941, [redacted] withdrew his complaint and the case against FRANZESE was dismissed.

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The following is the Identification Record for JOHN FRANZESE, FBI # 3 400 301, dated ~~December 3, 1959~~:

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<u>Contributor of Fingerprints</u>	<u>Name and Number</u>	<u>Arrested or Received</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
PD NY NY	John Frazese #B-164829	1-7-38	felonious aslt	disch 1-11-38
CS Comm Wash DC	John Frazese Residence 346 Leonard St. Brooklyn NY born 2-6-19	IF 9-24-42 (city and state not given)	Position: Helper Rigger (Dist System) US Navy Navy Yard NY War App't.	
PD NY NY	John Franzese #B-164829	4-28-47	rape	disch 6-2-47
PD Providence RI	John Franzese #20-156	4-11-52	susp person	questioned & rel
PD NY NY	John Franzese #164829	4-2-53 Subd 1 no	vag 887 CCP visible means of support	

As Jno. Franzese, Bklyn., #B-164829, 9-12-42, common gambler, -1-15-43, convicted in Spec. Sess. Ct.

Chief Inspector [redacted] Police Department, Providence, Rhode Island, advised that on April 11, 1952, Detective Lieutenant [redacted] and Detective Patrolman [redacted] of his department, arrested on suspicion on Atwells Avenue, Providence, the following two individuals: JOHN FRANZESE and [redacted]. These persons were operating a 1950 maroon Buick sedanette, 1952 New York Registration BY 9-147. The heretofore-mentioned detectives just prior to making these arrests had observed FRANZESE and [redacted] stop this vehicle also on Atwells Avenue to let out an individual whom detectives identified as [redacted].

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of Providence, who had just been released from the Federal Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia, where he had served a term for a conviction of Theft from Interstate Shipment. According to Chief [] police in the state of Rhode Island are bound by a law popularly known as the "two-hour law." In other words, when an individual is picked up by a police officer on suspicion, he must be released within two hours after he is first picked up or charges must be made against him.

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[] stated that both FRANZESE and [] were very uncommunicative, furnishing little or no information. He added that while they were present in the Detective Division of the Providence Police Department, this department was contacted by [] a Providence attorney, who, according to [] has in the past legally represented [] Rhode Island underworld overlord, and other known Rhode Island hoodlums and exconvicts.

ASSOCIATES AND CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

40 T-1 advised that all information available reflects the following individuals as associates of JOHN "SONNY" FRANZESE:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>IDENT. #</u>	<u>ALIAS</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
<u>SEBASTIANO ALOI</u>	<u>B 72 788</u>	<u>Buster</u>	<u>115-34 117th St.</u> <u>Ozone Park</u>

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<u>ANTHONY AUCELLO</u>	<u>B 229 313</u>
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NAME

IDENT. #

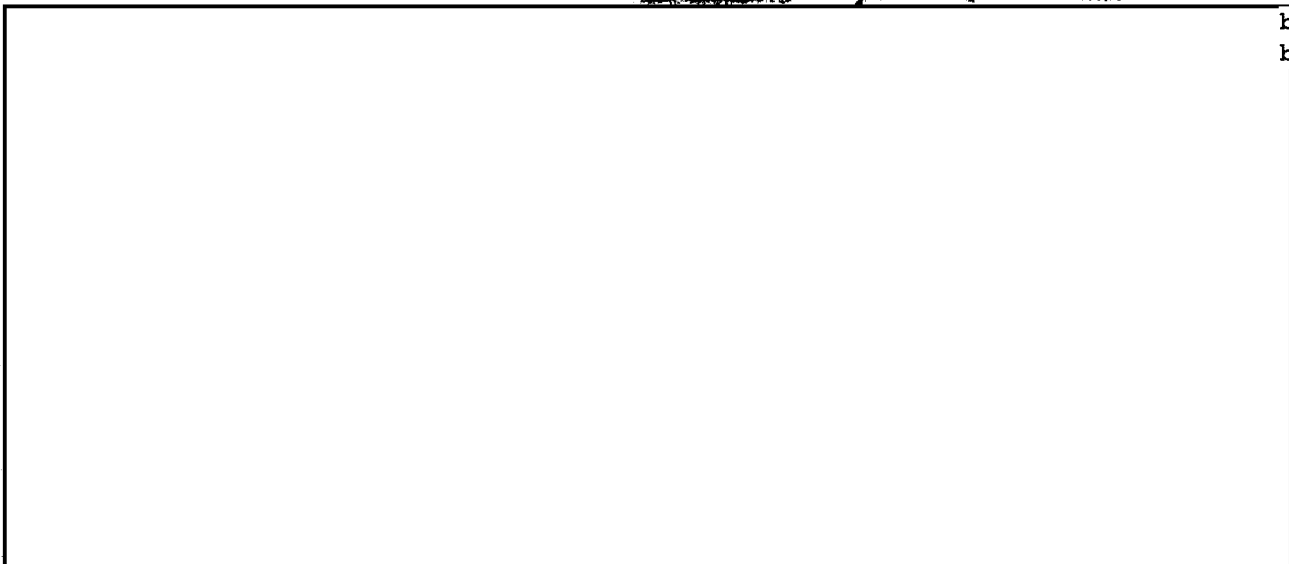
ALIAS

ADDRESS

JOSEPH BRANCATO

Little
Joey

88 Herbert St.,
Brooklyn

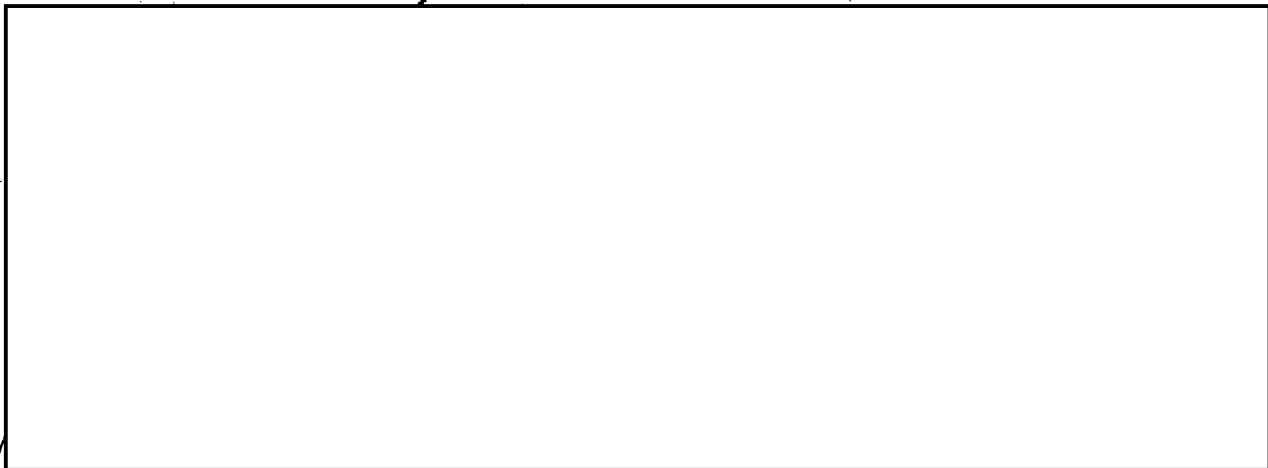


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THOMAS D'ANGELO

B 95 047

SMILEY



SAMUEL JACK FEGSTER B 133 165

JOHN FERRARA

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NAME

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ALIAS

ADDRESS

JOSEPH R. GIONELLI

B 233 046
FBI 829 23A

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JOSEPH LUCCHESA

B 349 754

Joe Brown

JOHN ODDO

Johnny
Bathbeach

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GEORGE SPURRA

B 10 645

George Blair

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PHILIP RASTELLI

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T-1 advised on September 10, 1958, that JOHN FRANZESE was questioned by Brooklyn West Homicide, New York City Police Department, concerning the homicide of MARIO DELLUNIA, B 223 047, case number 2060, 62nd Detective Squad, on July 3, 1956. FRANZESE's name was also mentioned in the homicide case files of MICHAEL RUESSO, case number 2972, 62nd Detective Squad, and THOMAS VALERINO, case number 1722, 60th Detective Squad.

Concerning the VALERINO matter above, T-1 advised that VALERINO, B 319 666, fingered a dice game during February, 1956 for [redacted] with alias [redacted]. The dice game was in Utica, New York, and was alleged to belong to [redacted] (who attended Apalachin meeting). After the heist [redacted] sent word to FRANZESE to tell who fingered the job, and who did the stickup. It is alleged that [redacted] murdered VALERINO. A friend of VALERINO, one [redacted] L & M Fruit Co., Wury Avenue, Utica, New York, was shaken down for \$10,000 to make up the money stolen from the game.

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Surveillance of FRANZESE, according to T-1, during November 15, 1956, placed FRANZESE at the Balinese Club, 1005 Washington Avenue, Brooklyn, in the company of [redacted] GEORGE SMURRA, with alias George Blair, JOHN ODDO, with alias Johnny Bathbeach, and JOSEPH LUCCHESI, with alias Joseph Brown, brother of [redacted]. On leaving the club, SMURRA was overheard to say, "O.K. then, I'll leave for Florida." No additional information re this meeting was available.

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T-4 on April 23, 1957, stated that the "Big Man" behind FRANZESE is one SEBASTIANO "Buster" ALOI, 115-34 117th Street, Ozone Park, Long Island. No further details re this allegation were available at present.

On September 20, 1957, T-5 reported that FRANZESE, with [redacted] visited at Mil-Der Boys Assn., Inc., 72 Forsyth Street, New York City, between Hester and Grand Streets.

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These same three persons have been known, on occasion, to drive cars bearing dealer's plates registered to Grace Motors, 189-03 Northern Boulevard, Queens. [redacted] connected with Grace Motors, was also observed in the vicinity of 72 Forsyth Street.

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T-1 advised that on March 5, 1958, FRANZESE was observed in the company of JAMES PLUMERI, with alias Jimmy Doyle, B 114 266. They drove to New York in PLUMERI's 1958 black Cadillac, 1958 New York license 5C 3478, with two unidentified men. After this meeting FRANZESE went to the York Hotel, 36th Street and 7th Avenue, New York City, and PLUMERI went to the Hotel Shelton, 37th Street and Lexington Avenue, New York City.

T-1 stated that [redacted] with alias [redacted]

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[redacted] telephone number [redacted] is a close associate of FRANZESE, and his front man. [redacted] has had cabaret card [redacted] and [redacted] and on December 10, 1947, made application for a pistol license. He frequents the Sapphire Room, 84-23 37th Avenue, Jackson Heights; the Club 85, 85-01 Northern Boulevard, Queens; and the Sorrento Restaurant, 90-18 Roosevelt Avenue, Jackson Heights. He is also connected with the International Federation of Labor Unions, 90-67 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, telephone number JA 6-9364, according to information developed on May 13, 1957, according to T-1.

T-1 also advised that on August 2, 1956, a [redacted]

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[redacted] (true name) [redacted] ephone number [redacted] called JOHN FRANZESE, 509 Lorimer Street, Brooklyn, at Evergreen 4-6447; [redacted] as well as the Club 769, 769 Metropolitan Avenue, Brooklyn, and the Orchid Room, 7602 37th Street, Astoria, Long Island.

On [redacted] T-1 advised that he had been to the Casabella Cafe, Jackson and Humbolt Street, Brooklyn, the night previous and had learned from [redacted]

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[REDACTED] The informant
also stated [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] in debt to JOHN "SONNY" FRANZESE,
the operator of 769 Club, Metropolitan Avenue, Brooklyn,
[REDACTED] Informant stated that the father
of SONNY FRANZESE died about a week ago.

On March 30, 1957, T-7 advised that SONNY FRANZESE

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T-8, on September 25, 1958, stated that SONNY
FRANZESE is a boss of the Greenpoint area of Brooklyn, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

On October 6, 1958, T-8 stated FRANZESE has [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

In this regard T-9, on April 3, 1958, advised that

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] to SONNY
FRANZESE's club, the 769 Club, located at 769 Metropolitan
Avenue, Brooklyn, [REDACTED]

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being friends of FRANZESE.

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It was noted that a [REDACTED]
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of NUFRIO FRANZESE [REDACTED] of JOHN FRANZESE.

On March 10, 1958, T-10 advised that SONNY FRANZESE
[REDACTED]

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In this regard T-11, on November 7, 1958, advised
that FRANZESE [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

In view of the information that DOMINICK SCIALO,
UFAP-Murder Fugitive, might be hidden out in Providence,
Rhode Island, by JOHN "SONNY" FRANZESE, T-11 engaged him in
conversation [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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JOHN "SONNY" FRANZESE, interviewed at the New
York Office, in the presence of his attorney, [REDACTED]
by Bureau Agents on May 23, 1958, stated he was god-father to
a child of DOMINICK SCIALO, presently sought as a fugitive in
the matter entitled, "DOMINICK SCIALO, was. - FUG., IO 3146,
WF 209; UFAP-MURDER, BU 88-14191, NY 88-2682." FRANZESE
admitted seeing SCIALO during the past year but not since

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SCIALO became a fugitive. He was instructed not to answer when asked whether or not he would advise proper authorities if he knew or became aware of SCIALO's whereabouts. The provisions of the Harboring Statute were brought to FRANZESE's attention. He advised he had never made any trips out of New York City with SCIALO, and did not know of any SCIALO might have made.

During this interview, FRANZESE advised he had seen SCIALO at the Club 769, referring to it as his "brother's tavern," on a number of occasions.

On July 25, 1952, Chief [redacted] (above) advised that he had learned through a confidential informant that the purpose of the visit of the heretofore-mentioned FRANZESE and [redacted] to Providence, Rhode Island, on April 11, 1952, was to hide out [redacted] with aliases, of Brooklyn, New York, who is badly wanted in New York for the ARNOLD SCHUSTER killing. [redacted] further advised, in this regard, that he has learned that [redacted] actually was hidden out at the home of the above mentioned [redacted]

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LEGITIMATE ENTERPRISES

Club 769
769 Metropolitan Avenue
Brooklyn, New York

The records of the State Liquor Authority were checked in 1953, with regard to the Club 769 - Becton, Incorporated, 769 Metropolitan Avenue, Brooklyn. These records reflected that the owner of the building is one [redacted] who also resides at 769 Metropolitan Avenue. In 1949 or the early part of 1950, one [redacted] who was residing at [redacted] was reportedly the sole officer and director of this corporation. The records further reflected that on September 5, 1952, MICHAEL FRANZESE bought 50% of the stock from [redacted]

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At the time that MICHAEL FRANZESE filed his application to purchase 50% of this corporation, one [redacted] a lawyer, represented him in this transaction. ANTONIO SANTORELLI, was a witness for him and at that time stated he resided at 420 Graham Avenue, Brooklyn.

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SANTORELLI was described as age 58 or 52, height 5'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", weight 185 lbs. His occupation was indicated as operating a luncheonette at 746 Metropolitan Avenue in Brooklyn. In making this application MICHAEL FRANZESE stated that all of his funds would be borrowed, indicating that he had no assets of his own. He stated that he had borrowed \$2000 from the National City Bank, and the note was endorsed by two personal friends; one of whom was PASQUALE AQUARO, a drug store owner, who is known to FRANZESE for thirty years. AQUARO's home residence was listed as 639 Lorimer Street. He was described as 65 years of age, 5'8", weighing 200 lbs. The second signer of this note was ANTONIO SANTORELLI, as set out above. It was also indicated that SANTORELLI was a close friend of the applicant's father.

There was a note on this application as follows:
"Determine whether Sonny Franzese has an interest."

According to these records, MICHAEL FRANZESE was questioned as to whether or not SONNY had any part in buying into this bar. He stated at that time that he had not seen SONNY for several months and was of the opinion that SONNY was a soft drink salesman operating somewhere in the near vicinity. He admitted that SONNY had been arrested several times.

It was indicated in the file that MICHAEL FRANZESE, the applicant, had three sons and at that time one of them was serving in Korea. MICHAEL FRANZESE also indicated that his father was licensed at 346 Leonard Street and that his brother, RUGGIERO FRANZESE, was previously licensed at 531 Grand or Graham Avenue, in Brooklyn. According to MICHAEL FRANZESE, RUGGIERO's license was revoked and he sold his establishment in 1950.

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Inasmuch as there was some question at that time as to whether or not MICHAEL's brother, SONNY FRANZESE, was taking any part in the purchase of the 769 Club, considerable information was developed by the State Liquor Authority Board concerning JOHN SONNY FRANZESE. The following was noted:

Captain [] of the 87th Precinct and Officer [] of the 87th Precinct, advised that they believed that SONNY was actually planning to purchase the 769 Club. According to these two officers, SONNY FRANZESE continually hangs out there at night and in their opinion had an exceedingly bad reputation and was known as a muscle man and handler of narcotics. It was noted in the file but not further fully explained that Detective [] of the 87th Precinct would also have further information concerning SONNY FRANZESE.

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These records indicated that SONNY FRANZESE had lived at 641 Humboldt Street for three years, 621 Metropolitan Avenue for three years, and at 346 Leonard Street for twenty-four years.

JOHN FRANZESE, interviewed at the New York Office by Bureau Agents on November 29, 1955, in the presence of his attorneys [] and [] admitted knowing JO-JO VITACCO, RICHARD LANGONE (deceased), [] and [] having seen them at the Orchid Room several times during the past year. He also admitted knowing [] a bartender employed there, denying that he (personally) had monetary interest in the Orchid Room, although he frequented the tavern two or three times a week.

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[] interviewed at the New York Office by Bureau Agents on November 22, 1955, in the presence of his attorney [] stated he was a very close friend of JOHN "SONNY" FRANZESE, probably his best friend. He professed no knowledge concerning FRANZESE's activities other than the fact that he believed FRANZESE operated a bread company. He stated he often visited the Orchid Room with FRANZESE socially, but denied FRANZESE was connected in anyway with the place other than as a customer.

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[redacted] above, interviewed by Bureau Agents at [redacted] on November 19, 1956, stated he had acted as a booking agent for the Orchid Room and in this capacity was at the place on numerous occasions. He stated he knew SONNY FRANZESE and [redacted] as he had dealt with them in hiring singers, et cetera.

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T-6 on October 21, 1957, asserted that the following named individuals were connected with the International Federation of Labor:

RALPH SANTORA (deceased)

SAMUEL JACK FECHTER

[redacted]

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PHILIP RASTELLI

[redacted]

[redacted]

MARIO DELL ERNIA (deceased)

RICHARD LANGONE (deceased)

NUFRIO FRANZESE

JAMES BRUNO (deceased)

It is noted that the above are known associates of JOHN FRANZESE.

T-1 advised that the following participation of FRANZESE's associates has been developed in connection with labor unions located at 76-09 Roosevelt Avenue, Jackson Heights:

Amalgamated Production Workers Union, Local 742

President

NICHOLAS M. SAN FILLIPO
43-04 Avenue M, Brooklyn

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Amalgamated Industrial Workers Union, Local 77



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Miscellaneous Production Workers Union, AFL, Local 442



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President

NICHOLAS SAN FILLIPO
43-04 Avenue M, Brooklyn



T-1, on February 17, 1958, received information that JOHN FRANZESE had recently purchased and opened a cabaret on Stockholm Street off Myrtle Avenue, Brooklyn. This cabaret had been previously named "La Femme," but the present name of the tavern was not known.

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SPORTS

T-1 also stated that no record of a JOHN FRANZESE was located in the files of the New York State Athletic Commission. These records did reflect that a HURRICANE JACKSON was owned by [redacted]

[redacted] and that he had also owned [redacted] but had released him to RAY [redacted] In January, 1955, [redacted] then released [redacted] to [redacted]

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It is noted that CRISCI's Restaurant, 593 Lorimer Street, Brooklyn, is a frequent hangout of JOHN FRANZESE.

PLACES OF AMUSEMENT
OR HANGOUTS FREQUENTED

T-1 advised that the following are known places visited by JOHN FRANZESE and used as hangouts by he and his associates:

<u>Balarase Club</u>	<u>1005 Washington Avenue, Brooklyn</u>
<u>Bella Napoli</u>	<u>Rt. 25, Mineola, LI</u>
<u>Cafe Capri</u>	<u>34 Porter Avenue, Brooklyn</u>
<u>Club 85</u>	<u>85-01 Northern Blvd., Queens</u>
<u>Crisci's Restaurant & Bar</u>	<u>593 Lorimer Street, Brooklyn</u>
<u>Miami Bar</u>	<u>Richardson Street, Brooklyn</u>
<u>Oddo Funeral Parlor</u>	<u>2601 Pitkin Avenue, Brooklyn</u>
<u>Sapphire Room</u>	<u>84-23 37th Avenue, Jackson Heights</u>

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<u>Sorrento Restaurant</u>	<u>90-18 Roosevelt Avenue</u> <u>Jackson Heights</u>
<u>Subway Barber Shop</u>	<u>343 Graham Avenue, Brooklyn</u>
<u>T & D Bar</u>	<u>Kent Avenue, Brooklyn</u>
<u>Toaso's Bar</u>	<u>Roosevelt Avenue,</u> <u>Jackson Heights</u>

TRAVEL

FRANZESE, in 1952, was arrested in Providence, Rhode Island. This is the place most often visited in his travel outside New York State.

It is noted that the subject is widely traveled in and around New York City, predominately in Brooklyn, Queens, and Manhattan.

He is known to travel by automobile, which is usually registered to the Grace Motor Company, allegedly owned by his [redacted] He has also had access to automobiles bearing the dealer plate of the Lori Motor Sales, 257 North Franklin Street, Hempstead, Long Island.

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PERSONAL HABITS AND PECULIARITIES

According to the New York City Police Department the subject drives at excessive speeds and passes red signal lights apparently in an effort to detect surveillance.

The subject was discharged from the United States Army on November 23, 1944, because of the following diagnosis: "constitutional psychopathic personality with inadequate and pathological emotionality, moderately severe." The record further reflected he had "homicidal tendencies and pugnacious attitude."

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

The following information concerning FRANZESE was obtained through interrogation and observation, on November 29, 1955:

Name	JOHN FRANZESE, wa., "Sonny"
Born	2/6/19 Campania, Palma, Italy. Became a United States citizen through parents, he having come to United States when only 11 month old.
Residence	505 Lorimer Street Brooklyn
Phone Number	Evergreen 4-6447
Wife	
Children	Same address
Education	Tenth grade
Military service	19 months, United States Army Infantry; enlisted 1943, Army Serial Number 32273336
Employment	Partner in the "Franzese Brothers Bakery," 346 Leonard Street, Brooklyn, New York, with brother, LOUIS FRANZESE.
Height	5'9"
Weight	175 lbs.
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black (with a crew cut)
Complexion	Ruddy
Build	Medium
Scars & Marks	None

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INFORMANTS

T-1	Det. [redacted] CIB, NYCPD records
T-2	[redacted]
T-3	[redacted]
T-4	[redacted] Det., CIB, NYCPD
T-5	Report of Kings County Racket Squad, made available by CIB, NYCPD
T-6	Report of [redacted] Chief Investigator, Kings County Racket Squad, made available by CIB, NYCPD
T-7	[redacted]
T-8	PCI [redacted] contacted by SA [redacted]
T-9	PCI [redacted] contacted by SA [redacted]
T-10	PCI [redacted] contacted by SA [redacted]
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JOHN FRANZESE, wa.
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Enclosed herewith are two copies of the report of
SA [] dated and captioned as above, at New York.

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REFERENCES

New York airtel to St. Louis, 10/21/58.
St. Louis airtel to New York, 10/31/58.

ADMINISTRATIVE

This matter has been opened to determine FRANZESE's
stature as a top hoodlum.

LEADS

BOSTON

At Providence, Rhode Island

Will obtain current photograph of []
dob [] alleged associate of JOHN FRANZESE. His Providence
PD number is []

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Will furnish information developed re activity of
JOHN "SONNY" FRANZESE in that division, if any.

JOHN FRANZESE IS BEING CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS
DUE TO HIS ARREST RECORD FOR VIOLENCE AND DIAGNOSIS AS HAVING
HOMICIDAL TENDENCIES.

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NEW YORK

At New York, New York

* Will ascertain from Det. [redacted] NYCPD, available information pertaining to relationship between FRANZESE and SEBASTIANO ALOI.

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* Will ascertain connection of FRANZESE with Grace Motors, Northern Boulevard, Queens.

* Will maintain contact with NYCPD, CIB re further results of surveillance of FRANZESE.

No record - nothing new

* Will obtain photograph of [redacted] who had Cabaret Card [redacted]

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Will develop information re Mil-Der Boys Ass'n, Inc., 72 Forsyth St., NYC.

* Will ascertain connection of FRANZESE with Lori Motor Sales, 257 North Franklin St., Hempstead, LI.

Will determine activity of FRANZESE's bank account at Dushwick and Grand Street Branch, Manufacturers Trust Company, Brooklyn, NY.

* Will determine information available concerning JOHN FRANZESE's education.

Will ascertain identities of all in-laws of JOHN FRANZESE, as well as their current activities.

* Will maintain contact with logical informants furnishing current information of JOHN FRANZESE's licit and illicit activities.

* Will obtain current photograph of JOHN FRANZESE.

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JOHN FRANZESE, aka.
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Reurlet 11/25/58.

On 12/3/58 Patrolman [redacted] Watkins Glen, New York Police Department, advised SA [redacted] there was no record with the Watkins Glen, New York Police Department concerning the arrest of the above captioned subject on 4/7/49.

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On 12/3/58 [redacted] Schuyler County Clerk, Watkins Glen, N.Y., advised that her records reflect that one [redacted] Town of Hector, N.Y., laid an Information before Justice of the Peace [redacted] Town of Reading, N.Y., charging that one [redacted] on 1/28/49 at the Hansen Dairy, Village of Watkins Glen, N.Y., did commit the crime of [redacted]

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According to the above records, [redacted] advised that [redacted] as arrested by [redacted] Schuyler County Sheriff on 4/7/49 on the above.

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She further advised that the above case was presented to the Schuyler County Grand Jury in the 6/49 term and that no indictment was returned against [redacted]

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On 12/3/58 Sheriff [redacted] Schuyler County, Watkins Glen, N.Y., advised he could locate no arrest record on [redacted]

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JOHN FRANZESE, aka: Sonny Franzese;
NICK SAN FILLIPO
Local 88, Amalgamated Production Workers Union,
International Federation of Labor;
UNKNOWN VICTIMS
AR - ~~TOP SECRET~~

On 11/26/58, [redacted] JOHN FRANZESE is a Top Hoodlum of the NYO.
[redacted] advised that [redacted]

The source said that about three months ago the union "shook down" a new \$100,000 diner which had been recently opened in the lower Manhattan area. The union reputedly had established a picket line around the diner [redacted]

The matter was discussed with AUSA [redacted] SDNY, who advised that there was sufficient indication of violation of the AR statute to justify investigation.

A case is being opened, attempts will be made to identify the diner and appropriate investigation will be conducted.

At the same time [redacted] also advised that a similar "shakedown" was perpetrated sometime ago on a Jewish private hospital on Rutland Road and East 49th Street, Brooklyn, New York.

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The informant stated [REDACTED]

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In view of the fact that the allegation with respect to the hospital is non-specific, Federal jurisdiction is questionable, and due to the further circumstance that any investigation would undoubtedly come to the attention of Judge LIEBOWITZ, no action is being taken on the hospital allegation, pending time when the investigation relative to the diner "shakedown" may have been resolved. It may be noted that LIEBOWITZ has been uncooperative and that the Bureau has advised that he was not to be contacted under any circumstances.

At such time as the anticipated investigation relative to the diner "shakedown" has been resolved, this matter again will be brought to the attention of the Bureau so that if a referral of the hospital matter to the Kings County District Attorney is considered appropriate, approval therefore may then be obtained.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

THIS REPORT IS LIMITED TO INVESTIGATION CONCERNING NUFRIO FRANZESE, JOHN "SONNY" FRANZESE, CARMINE FRANZESE, AND THEIR CRIMINAL ASSOCIATES AND HANGOUTS.

Summary of information by T-1, of known reliability, set out concerning and activities of other alleged associates of the subject. Additional contacts of NUFRIO FRANZESE and JOHN FRANZESE obtained from informants and set out. Informants indicate SONNY FRANZESE is the actual owner of the "769 Club", at 769 Metropolitan Avenue in Brooklyn, where he spends much of his time. Informants advise that SONNY FRANZESE is actively engaged with other criminal associates in the promotion and operation of dice games and also operates as a shylock, at these games and in relation to his other gambling activities. SONNY FRANZESE alleged by T-1

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In August 1953 SONNY FRANZESE moved to 251 Perry Street, Hempstead, LI. Contacts of CARMINE FRANZESE'S Bar at 346 Leonard Street, Brooklyn, obtained from informants and set out. CARMINE FRANZESE made a trip to Italy on 3/18/53 and returned on 5/25/53. Results of surveillances set out. Miscellaneous informant coverage set out. close associate of

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I. Outline of Information Furnished By T-1 Since His
Activities Last Summarized in the Report of SA
[redacted] New York, New York, dated
April 14, 1953

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It has been previously reported that T-1 on January 22, 1953 saw subject TENUTO in Brooklyn, New York and immediately reported this information to this office. Since that time this informant has not seen the subject nor has he had any contacts with him. During this period however this informant has furnished information on different individuals who he claims had knowledge of subject's whereabouts. Subsequent paragraphs set forth in detail the information as it was reported by this informant.

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On February 27, 1953 this informant advised that he was in contact with a [redacted] who informed T-1 that SONNY FRANZESE'S and NIERIO FRANZESE'S [redacted] At the same time [redacted] told the informant that he also had the [redacted] From conversations the informant had with [redacted] he learned that this woman was a [redacted] Further the informant learned from [redacted]

The informant advised that [redacted] was unknown to him at the time he received this information from [redacted] He also pointed out that he was certain from the manner in which [redacted] spoke that [redacted] Rather than query [redacted] on this matter

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the informant let the matter pass figuring that he could subsequently obtain this information by checking on the

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On March 20, 1953 the informant advised that he had been in contact with one [redacted] brother of [redacted] and from the former learned that

[redacted]

According to the informant [redacted]

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T-1 on April 9, 1953 advised that he stopped off at [redacted] with [redacted] where they had a couple of drinks at the bar. While there the informant stated that [redacted]

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[redacted] The informant obtained a description of this woman which has been previously reported by this office. [redacted]

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[redacted] the informant made several efforts to further identify this woman through his contact [redacted]. At the same time he pointed out that he had to be most circumspect in obtaining information from [redacted].

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On May 8, 1953, T-1 telephonically contacted this office and advised [redacted] and requested that agents be dispatched to this area immediately to take up a physical surveillance. At the time he stated he was located on the corner of Union Avenue and Grand Street, Brooklyn, New York and that [redacted] was in the Open Kitchen Restaurant which is located in the same intersection. Agents of this office were immediately dispatched to the above indicated area but were unable to reach this location in time to take up a physical surveillance.

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T-1 was located in the area at which time he immediately advised that [redacted] was in the Open Kitchen for about five minutes during which time she had a conversation with a waitress working in this place. She, [redacted] left the Open Kitchen and entered a tan Cadillac which drove her away. T-1 was unable to place himself in a position where he could obtain the license number of this vehicle.

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The informant stated that he followed the Cadillac to Skillman and Lorimer Streets where he observed

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[redacted] get out of the tan Cadillac and enter a red Cadillac driven by and known to be registered to NUFRIO FRANZESE. At the time [redacted] entered the red Cadillac NUFRIO FRANZESE, his wife and child were in the car. It should be noted that NUFRIO FRANZESE'S car had only recently been repainted to its red color and at the time this information was not available to this office. Also, the informant was unaware of the change in color of NUFRIO FRANZESE'S car and as a result could not immediately explain whose car NUFRIO was driving. He subsequently determined that the red car was NUFRIO'S which had recently been repainted. [redacted]

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On May 16, 1951, T-1 stated that [redacted]

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[redacted] Prior to their arrival at this bar, the informant and [redacted]

[redacted] The informant stated that while he and [redacted] were having a drink he learned from [redacted] that [redacted] and [redacted] in and out of this bar regularly.

The informant stated that he and [redacted] left the [redacted] together following which they separated from one another. T-1 reported that [redacted]

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It should be noted that for several evenings thereafter the informant made spot checks on this bar in an effort to locate either of these women but in each instance he was unsuccessful.

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Concerning [redacted] T-1 advised that he was at the [redacted] on May 6, 1953 where he met [redacted] and [redacted]. The latter introduced the informant to [redacted]. T-1 stated that [redacted] and in his opinion [redacted] indicated to him that she was probably [redacted]. T-1 was unable to get any specific information concerning [redacted] other than the fact that she, [redacted]. The informant got the impression [redacted].

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On June 9, 1953 T-1 advised that [redacted] was an individual in Brooklyn who could probably furnish information concerning [redacted]. Subsequently [redacted] was identified as [redacted] and it was determined through interview with him that he had known a girl in the Ridgewood Section of Brooklyn named [redacted] (last name unknown) who fit the general description of the [redacted] known to T-1. Beyond this [redacted] was unable to assist this office in identifying [redacted].

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Agents of the New York Office on June 10, 1953 observed a woman in the Open Kitchen Restaurant who answered the general description of [redacted]. It was determined that [redacted].

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this woman was [redacted]
[redacted] This woman was placed under surveillance until
T-1 was located and brought into the area for the purpose
of identifying her. Following close observation by this
informant he advised that she was not identical with the
[redacted] known to him.

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RE: [redacted]

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T-1 advised that he obtained information
from [redacted]

Subsequently T-1 identified [redacted] from pictures obtained
from the New York City Police Department and it was
determined that he resided at [redacted]
[redacted]

The informant stated that at the time he
and [redacted] met on May 10, 1953 [redacted]

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On the afternoon of June 10, 1953 [redacted]

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At approximately 9:00 PM on the evening of June 10, 1953 the informant was at the [redacted]

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[redacted] T-5 advised that on June 10, 1953 at approximately 7:30 PM a telephone call was made to the [redacted] who spoke to an unknown bartender and told him [redacted]s
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The following day, June 11, 1953, T-1 met with [redacted]
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According to the informant [redacted]

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[redacted] to stay out of the
Williamsburg area dominated by SONNY FRANZESE.

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The informant stated that at the time he
received the information on [redacted] he could not
identify this individual as a former associate or fellow
inmate in prison. He was unable to develop anything specific

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on this individual until July 4, 1953 when T-1 was at the

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[redacted] T-1
was unable to relay this information to agents who were
stationed nearby in this area,

For several days following this meeting with
[redacted] he tried unsuccessfully to locate him in Brooklyn,
New York. During the course of his inquiries he contacted
[redacted] through which he verified [redacted]
name. [redacted] T-1 further learned that [redacted]
used to hang out in East New York some 15 to 20 years
ago, and was friendly with a hoodlum named BUGSY GOLDSTEIN.
The informant with this information available was still
unable to identify [redacted] but added that BUGSY GOLDSTEIN
was executed by the State of New York several years ago.

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On July 10, 1953 the informant accompanied by

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T-1 stated that he recalled that during
conversations with [redacted]

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On July 19, 1953, T-1 advised that he obtained
information from [redacted]

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On March 7, 1953 T-1 advised that [redacted]

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T-1 advised that during the evening of March 7, 1953 he was with [redacted]

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[redacted] The informant stated that he believed that [redacted] who was referred to was possibly identical with subject TENUTO.

It should be noted that information as been reported previously that [redacted] and [redacted] harbored TENUTO in the past. This information was furnished by T-1. This informant recently stated that he was misquoted on this information and pointed out that [redacted] and [redacted] are merely acquaintances of SONNY FRANZESI, a suspect in this matter. The informant stated that he doubted that [redacted] or [redacted] would become involved in harboring the subject.

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On May 4, 1953 the informant advised that he was [redacted]

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On May 22, 1953 T-1 furnished information that [REDACTED] FRANK DIMA, passed away. T-1 speculated on the possibility that TENUTO might attend the wake of FRANK DIMA at Basile's Funeral Parlor, 812 Kent Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. T-1 stated that he would attend this wake throughout the night of May 24, 1953 and accordingly a surveillance was maintained in the vicinity of the funeral parlor in the event TENUTO attended. The funeral parlor closed at 11:00 PM following which T-1 contacted the surveilling agents to advise that TENUTO did not appear at the wake.

T-1 advised that on May 8, 1953 he and

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[redacted]
T-1 advised that [redacted]

[redacted] He stated
that there was nothing to indicate that [redacted] was harboring
TENUTO at that time.

T-1 had previously furnished information
to this office that the New York City Police Department
had conducted a raid on the [redacted]

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[redacted] in search of
subject TENUTO. Information was developed by the agents
of this office that this raid was conducted as a result of
an anonymous telephone call received at the Brooklyn West
Headquarters of the New York City Police Department.
The information developed further indicated that the
anonymous tip was relayed to the Brooklyn East Headquarters
of the New York City Police Department and from there
relayed to the 75th Precinct of the New York City Police
Department. Detectives of the 75th Precinct which
conducted the raid verified T-1's information that this
raid was conducted in search for subject TENUTO.

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T-1 advised that he was with [REDACTED]

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Informant also stated that it was his impression that SONNY FRANZ is the person presently responsible for harboring TENUTO.

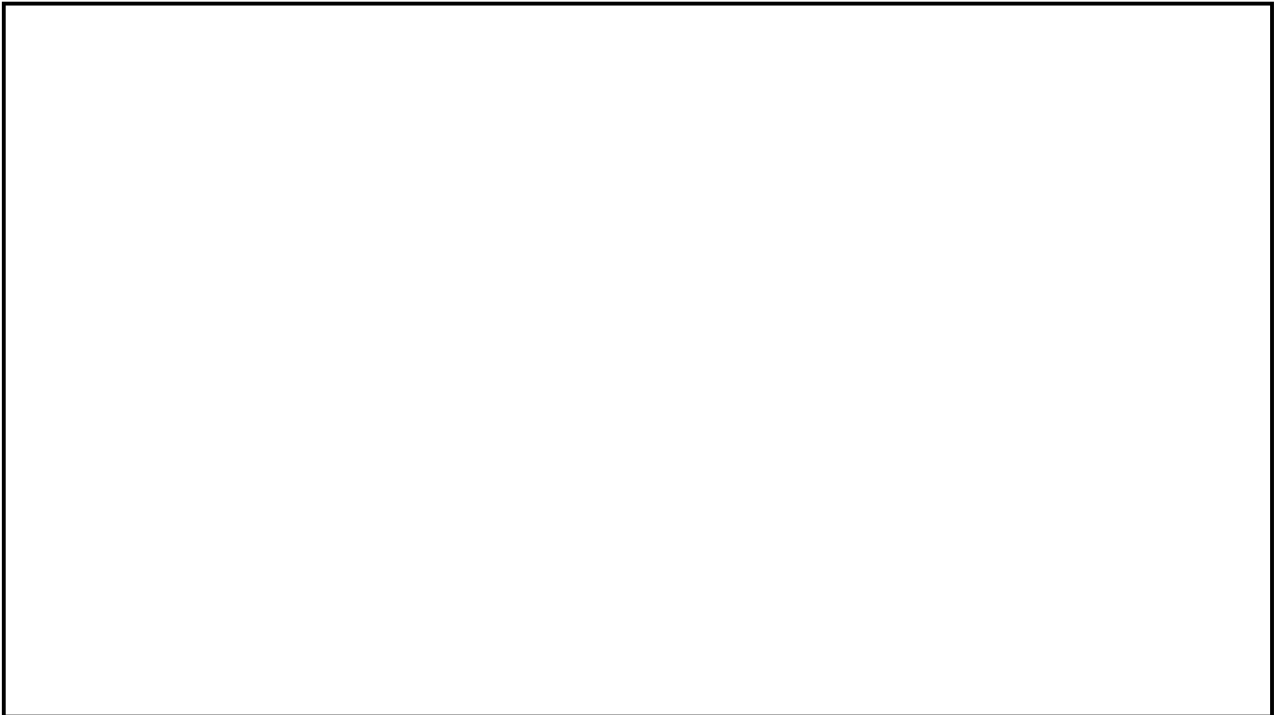
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Informant advised that at no time during this trip to [redacted] was there any mention made of the subject TENUTO.

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IDENTIFICATIONS MADE BY T-1 SINCE HIS ACTIVITY LAST REPORTED

Informant furnished the address of [redacted] and also furnished a list of hangouts.

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From a photograph shown to him the Informant identified [redacted] who is suspected of having knowledge of subject's whereabouts.

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Photograph of [REDACTED] was shown to this Informant, following which he identified her.

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It should be noted that [REDACTED] resides at [REDACTED] a residence where TENUTO was observed leaving several months ago by T-1.

T-1 identified [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] and furnished identification information on him and a list of his hangouts.

In the course of T-1's contacts with [REDACTED] he established that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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As noted previously in this report, [REDACTED] has been identified as a suspect in the harboring of TENUTO.

T-1 was shown pictures of RALPH MEROLA and [REDACTED] following which he stated that neither of these individuals was identical with [REDACTED]. He was also shown a photograph of [REDACTED] whom he stated was not identical with [REDACTED].

T-1 furnished general descriptive data on an individual known as [REDACTED] and also identified some of his hangouts.

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Information was received by this Informant that [REDACTED] and SONNY FRANZSE were establishing residence in Long Island.

It has been established since this information was received that SONNY FRANZSE has actually moved to Hempstead, Long Island.

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[redacted] was recently arrested as a parole violator and is presently serving time at Sing Sing Prison. This violation occurred subsequent to the information received by Informant that [redacted] intended to move to Long Island.

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In connection with the parole violation of [redacted] [redacted] T-1 furnished this information to this office and it was subsequently verified.

Information was developed by this office which identified a [redacted] [redacted] Under suitable pretext arrangements set up by this office, T-1 observed this woman following which he stated she was not identical with the [redacted] who he claims is acquainted with the subject.

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From photographs exhibited to this Informant he also identified the following individuals:

[redacted]

PHILIP ZIEGLER (deceased)

[redacted]

[redacted]

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T-1 was shown photographs of the following individuals whom he was unable to identify:

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[REDACTED]

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T-1 was also questioned about the following individuals and in each instance he advised he was not acquainted with them:

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II. NUFRIO FRANZESE, was
FBI #340020

A. Information Received from Confidential Informant T-2
From December 12, 1952 to June 1, 1953,
Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, has
identified the following associates of NUFRIO FRANZESE and
his family:

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Evergreen 4-9615

Emil's Bar and Grill,

[redacted]
362 Metropolitan Avenue
(Public telephone)

[redacted]

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In regard to this number, it
should be noted that T-2

has advised that [redacted]

was in contact with [redacted]

and this exchange where

[redacted] was reached was located
at [redacted] and not at

[redacted]

[redacted]

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EVERgreen 4-4252

St. Catherines Hospital
85 Bushwick Avenue
Brooklyn, New York



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[redacted] is reportedly
a close associate of [redacted]
[redacted] It is to be noted
that NUFRIO FRANZESE recently
bought the property located
at [redacted]



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an associate of NUFRIO FRANZESE.

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Erickson's Candy Store
252 Gold Street
Brooklyn, New York

MUrney Hill 4-8618

Bellevue Inn
445 First Avenue
New York City.

[redacted] was contacted through
this exchange.

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FRANZESE family.

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NUFRIO FRANZESE contacts

[redacted]

[redacted]

It is reported that [redacted] is at this exchange and is taking care of [redacted] who is training to be a jockey. A letter was sent to the Boston Office regarding this call on May 29, 1953.

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[redacted] contacted [redacted] on December 10, 1952 at this exchange. An air-tel was sent to the Philadelphia Office regarding this matter on December 19, 1952.

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A call was made to [redacted] [redacted] on January 1, 1953.

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[redacted] [redacted] the
father of [redacted]
was contacted at this exchange
on April 3, 1953. A letter
was sent to the Philadelphia
Office regarding this matter
on April 20, 1953.

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On January 19, 1953, T-2 advised that [redacted]
[redacted] confided to her [redacted] that her
husband, NUFRIO, has a gun.

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T-2 also indicated that [redacted] is a close
associate of NUFRIO FRANZESE. Further efforts are being
made to identify [redacted] T-1 advised that he does not
know [redacted] very well but is of the belief that he hangs out at the
Cafe Royal on Kenmore and Mulberry Streets on the lower East
Side of New York City.

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B. From June 2, 1953 to November 10, 1953, T-2
identified the following additional contacts and associates of
NUFRIO FRANZESE and his family:

<u>Telephone Number</u>	<u>Listed To</u>
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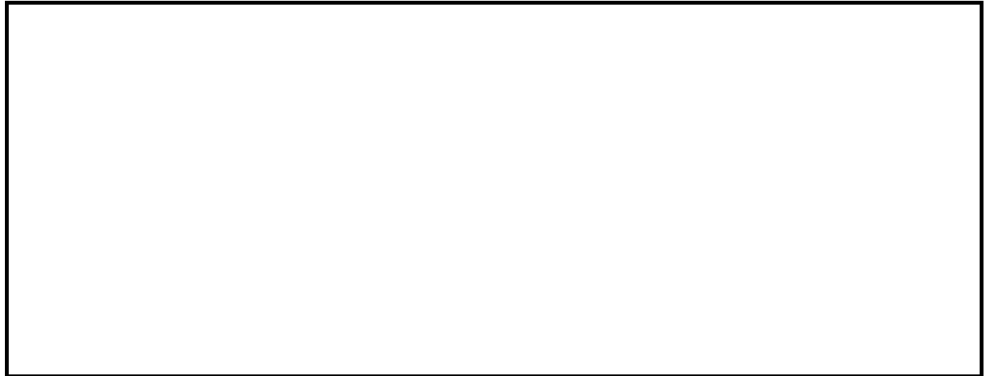
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EVERgreen 4-8831

Bamonte's Restaurant
32 Withers Street
Brooklyn.



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SECTION II
PART B

RE: NUFRIO FRANZESE

Information has been previously set out concerning contacts and associates of NUFRIO FRANZESE, which was made available by T-4 during the period June 7 and June 8, 1952.

The following investigation was conducted to further identify these contacts:

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This telephone number is registered to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The records of the New York City Police Department, as were caused to be examined by SA [REDACTED] reflect [REDACTED] number [REDACTED] was arrested on [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York, as were examined by SE [REDACTED] reflect a suit vs [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] on March 31, 1952 for \$90.00, and a suit vs [REDACTED] by [REDACTED] on December 21, 1951 for \$2,000.00,

The Credit Bureau records reflect a "New York World Telegram" clipping of November 15, 1948 captioned "Five Held in Knifing of Queens Man". "Five men charged with felonious assault in allegedly attacking Salvatore Camme were held today in \$2500 bail each for hearing. Arraigned yesterday before Magistrate Edward Thompson was John J. Savino, 109-34 153 Street, Jamaica, Long Island".

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BE 8-7154

There is no such number in the New York City Metropolitan area.

BE 8-4814

There is no such number in the New York City Metropolitan area.

DA 6-3367

This number is registered to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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The records of the New York City Police Department and the Credit Bureau of Greater New York were checked on this individual with negative results.

EV 4-9477

This number is listed to [REDACTED] Scrap Rubber Company, 113 Kingsland Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

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The records of the New York City Police Department and the Credit Bureau of Greater New York reflect no record on this individual.

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This number is registered to [REDACTED]
641 Humboldt Street; Brooklyn, New York, the [REDACTED] of
JOHN SONNY FRANZESE, who has been identified in previous
reports.

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EV 7-4452

This number is registered to JOSEPH F. PEPE, 14 Bayard Street, Brooklyn, New York.

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York were negative as to this individual.

The records of the New York City Police Department, as were caused to be examined by SA [redacted] reflect that JOSEPH PEPE, 14 Bayard Street, Brooklyn, New York, age 28, was arrested on January 15, 1943 under Section 973 Penal Law (keeping gaming and betting establishments). On February 2, 1943, he was fined \$25.00.

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EV 4-9377

This number is registered to JOSEPH PEPE Stationery Store, 595 Union Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

The records of the New York City Police Department and the Credit Bureau of Greater New York were negative as to this individual.

EV 4-8141

This number is registered to CARMINE FRANZESE, 346 Leonard Street, Brooklyn, New York, who has been previously identified as the father of NUFRIO and JOHN FRANZESE.

The records of the New York City Police Department and the Credit Bureau of Greater New York were negative as to this individual.

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This number is registered to [redacted]
[redacted]

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The records of the New York City Police Department and the Credit Bureau of Greater New York were negative as to this individual.

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This number is registered to [redacted]
[redacted]

The records of the New York City Police Department and the Credit Bureau of Greater New York were negative as to this individual.

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This number is registered to [redacted]
[redacted]

The records of the New York City Police Department and the Credit Bureau of Greater New York were negative as to this individual.

EV 4-9015

This number is registered to the Park Avenue Blouse Corporation, 87 Richardson Street, Brooklyn, New York.

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York were negative as to this corporation.

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This number is registered to [redacted]
[redacted]

The records of the New York City Police Department and the Credit Bureau of Greater New York were negative as to this individual.

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This number is registered to [redacted]
[redacted]

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The records of the New York City Police Department and the Credit Bureau of Greater New York were negative as to this individual.

EV 4-8517

This number is registered to Club 769, 769 Metropolitan Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, which club is owned by JOHN SONNY FRANZESE, and is mentioned in previous reports.

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This number is registered to

The records of the New York City Police Department and the Credit Bureau of Greater New York were negative as to this individual.

JA 3-9524

This number is registered to ELI's Service Station, 10710 150 Street, Jamaica, New York.

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York were negative as to this individual.

PL 7-2929

This number is registered to ANGEL SARRIA, 441 West 51 Street, New York, New York.

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York, as examined by SE [redacted] reflect ANGEL SARRIA, 441 West 51 Street, New York City, formerly lived at 358 West 45 Street, New York, New York. He is 46 years of age; is married, has two dependent children; occupation, chef at Midtown Spaghetti Inn, Incorporated, 676 8th Avenue, New York, New York; regarded as a reliable person; a married daughter lives with him at the above address. No derogatory information is contained in the file.

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The records of the New York City Police Department were examined with negative results.

ST 2-8844

This number is registered to LUCILLE FRANZESE, 492 Humboldt Street, Brooklyn, New York, a relative of NUFRIO FRANZESE, who has been mentioned in previous reports.

The records of the New York City Police Department and the Credit Bureau of Greater New York were negative as to this individual.

ST 2-6279

This number is registered to CHARLES A. PEPE, 14 Bayard Street, Brooklyn, New York.

The records of the New York City Police Department and the Credit Bureau of Greater New York were negative as to this individual.

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This number is registered to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] who is employed
at [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

The records of the New York City Police Department and the Credit Bureau of Greater New York were negative as to this individual.

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] who is employed at [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York were negative as to this individual.

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The above persons were checked through the indices of the New York Office, but no identification could be established.

T-2, of known reliability, advised that NUFRIO FR'NZESE associated with the following individuals:



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These persons were not otherwise identified, and the records of the New York City Police Department and the Credit Bureau of Greater New York were examined with negative results as to these three individuals.

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C. Miscellaneous

Information has been previously set out concerning records regarding NUFRIO FRANZESE at Rikers Island in New York during 1938, 1939, and 1940. The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] to further identify the correspondence of NUFRIO FRANZESE at Rikers Island:

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1. [REDACTED]

From observation it was noted that [REDACTED] is occupied by a [REDACTED] which is operated by one [REDACTED]. The records of the New York City Health Department reflect that the [REDACTED] has been operated by one [REDACTED] since June 3, 1938 under license number [REDACTED]. It would appear that the above is identical with [REDACTED] due to the similarity of the address and inasmuch as it is in the immediate vicinity where NUFRIO hangs out and his parents reside.

The records of the New York City Police Department, the records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York, and the New York indices were searched, but no further information could be obtained concerning [REDACTED]. Inasmuch as the address [REDACTED] is in the immediate vicinity of the FRANZESE family, it was not felt that a neighborhood investigation should be conducted.

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2. [REDACTED]

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Observation at this address failed to reflect the name of [REDACTED] at the door at [REDACTED]. Inquiry of [REDACTED] Superintendent of the Post Office covering this area failed to identify any [REDACTED] at this address. The Crisscross Telephone Directory for the Borough of Brooklyn was checked and also failed to reflect the name of [REDACTED].

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The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York and the records of the New York City Police Department were searched but did not contain any information concerning [redacted]

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Inasmuch as this address, as the address at [redacted] [redacted] is in the immediate vicinity of the FRINZESE family, it was not felt that open neighborhood investigation in this matter was advisable.

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481 Fletcher Street
New York City

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Observation reflects that Fletcher Street in New York City is a short street in lower Manhattan. It is two blocks long and there is no such address as 481. There was nothing which was in any way similar to the address which was given by [redacted]

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York and the records of the New York City Police Department were checked but had no information concerning [redacted]

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4. [redacted]
832 Broadway
New York City

The address 832 Broadway, New York City was observed to be a ten story office building located in the business section of New York City.

[redacted] Superintendent of the building during the past twenty years and who is acquainted with all the tenants of the building, advised that he has never known a [redacted] at that address. He also checked his records with negative results.

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[redacted] operator of a [redacted]
store at 832 Broadway, advised that he knew no one by the
name of [redacted]

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Inquiry was also made at the Western
Union Office located at 832 Broadway with negative results
as to [redacted]

5. [redacted]
1147 22nd Street
Brooklyn, New York

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Observation concerning this address
reflects that the address is non-existent and if it were
existent would be situated in the middle of a cemetery
in Brooklyn.

The records of the Credit Bureau of
Greater New York, the records of the New York City
Police Department, and the indices of the New York Office
failed to reflect any information concerning [redacted]
[redacted]

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Confidential Informant T-1 was contacted
concerning the above correspondents of NUFRIO FRANZESE
[redacted] stated that he had no information concerning any of
them.

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It has been previously reported by the Baltimore Office that a [redacted] registered at the Howard Hotel, Elkton, Maryland, on March 21, 1952, and at that time gave their return address as [redacted]

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The Crisscross Telephone Directory for the Borough of Brooklyn reflects the following reside at [redacted]
[redacted]

It is noted that this address is approximately two doors away from 346 Leonard Street, which is the address of CARMINE FRANZESE, the father of NUFRIO and JOHN FRANZESE.

Confidential Informant T-1 was questioned concerning his knowledge of any other CARMINE FRANZESE at 101 Jackson Street and he stated that it was his opinion that CARMINE FRANZESE of 346 Leonard Street had merely used the address 101 Jackson Street at the time of his registration at this hotel.

It is to be noted that MICHAEL FRANZESE, son of CARMINE FRANZESE, formerly resided at 101 Jackson Street.