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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# *Memorandum*

TO : SAC (92-NEW) DATE: 11/4/74

FROM : SA [redacted] (#52) b6 b7C

SUBJECT: CARMINE S. FRANZESE aka.
Tutti Franzese
AR

Captioned subject, ~~brother~~ NEPHEW of convicted JOE COLOMBO Family LCN Captain JOHN "SONNY" FRANZESE, has been observed in close contact with JOSEPH BRANCATO, subject of NYfile 92-3189 and next head of the JOE COLOMBO Family. Subject, in the company of BRANCATO, has been observed in meeting with [redacted] and SALVATORE ALBANESE, indicating a position of importance relative to BRANCATO.

Captioned subject has, therefore, been designated a target of Section # 52 and will be the subject of intensified FISUR Operations commencing 11/12/74.

In order to facilitate this operation, a compact, sport-type vehicle will be rented for a period of four to six weeks under SAC $500 case authority, $250.00 per month.

In view of subject's activity in association with current leaders of the Colombo family it is recommended a new 92 be o/a.

[redacted] 5 man team in detail to accentuate target. these two replace 2 rentals that expire this month

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92-8294-[illegible]

OPEN (PROPER)
ORIGIN
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CASE 11/6/74
DATE
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*Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan*

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FD-160 (Rev. 3-23-71)

Re Phone

TO: CHIEF CLERK

Date 9-26-74

Subject Carmine Franzese

Social Security Account #

Aliases Tutti Franzese

Address "Tutti"

| Birth Date | Birthplace | Race | Sex |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | | ☐ Male ☐ Female |

☐ Exact Spelling
☐ All References
☐ Main Subversive Case Files Only
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| Carmine Franzese | See Att + See Att mid name | | |
| Tutti Franzese | See Att & no mid name | | |
| Tuttie Franzese | See Att & no mid name | | |
| Tutti / Tuttie Franzese | See Att & no mid name | | |
| "Tutti" / "Tuttie" | See Att | | |
| Carmine Tutti | See Att | | |

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946 Leonard St.
Bklyn., NY
Warrren, 4-c141
DOB: 11/15/1901
Palma, Italy

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FRANZESE, CARMINE SALVATORE 11/61 122-850 *

AKA CARMINE SALVATORE FRANZESI

FRANZESE, CARMINE TODDY 6/60 92-1096-146 P3

[redacted] in a raid on 3/18/60
[redacted] on a name being
[redacted] the Bath Beach Bar and
[redacted], 22 New Utrecht Ave., Bklyn.

FRANZESE, TUTTI 10/65 92-1096-1119

nephew of John Franzese

FRANZESE, "TUTTIE" 7/63 92-2674-32 p5

aka of Carmine Franzese

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deals in various "swag" operations

"TUTTI" 11/71 182-139-7 p.2
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aka of Salvatore Calcagno

See attached file review

Spanish Indicted NI

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[redacted] b7D [redacted]

Believed to be identical to father of Tommy Franzese

Brooklyn, NY

[redacted] 12/71 [redacted]

recommended for investigative award in Mobil Case

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236 West 55th St, (4th floor)

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NYCPD B# 274-013
103 Knickerbocker
Brooklyn, NY
Emp: Local 88

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nephew of John Franzese

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[redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

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[redacted]-19 69 St, Queens, NY 11/61 ✓122-898*

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Emp. Alto Taping Co,
[redacted]-19 69 St
[redacted] 1/25/32, NYC
White

[redacted]

Unacceptable

"TUTTI" 11/70 92-4701-12*

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AKA OF SALVATORE LOMBARDINO

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(NU), TUTTI 11/68 179-17-28 p194

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TUTTI 2/54 15-7718-20
Alias of Salvatore Calcagno
White, b.8/2/16

NI

UTTI, FNU (PH) 12/65 NY 92-2239-99 p7

"TUTTIE" 3/70 166-2847*

aka of VITO VARIO NI

TUTTIE 2/70 92-2903-391

(VITO (TUTTIE) VARIO) NI

TUTTI, CARMINE NI 8/68 166-1043-27

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NY 92-8294

The following is a file review conducted on CARMINE SALVATORE FRANZESE aka Tuttie, who is the nephew of convicted bank robber and La Cosa Nostra (LCN) member JOHN "SONNY" FRANZESE:

92-2694 - 32 page 5; 132 6/63
FRED MICHAEL DE LUCA
AR
CARMINE FRANZESE aka
"Tuttie"
NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT (NYCPD)
B# 274013

Resides at 103 Knickerbocker Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, and is an associate of DE LUCA and active in the numbers racket.

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Informant information received that CARMINE FRANZESE aka Tuttie, is not a "made guy".

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92-1325 - 82 page 3 12/62
CRIMINAL INFLUENCE IN HOTELS, MOTELS, NIGHT CLUBS, AND SUPPLIERS THERETO
AR

TUTTIE FRANZESE and [redacted] recently opened an after hours place called the Jam Session in Greenpoint, Brooklyn, New York, which operation is being backed by SONNY FRANZESE. Gambling and prostitution activities take place at this location. Allegedly, this operation was losing money and would soon close. TUTTIE FRANZESE was described as a protege OF SONNY.

166-2219 - 140 Cover Page D
JAMES VINCENT NAPOLI aka;
ITAR - GAMBLING

On February 24, 1970, a photograph of TUTTIE FRANZESE was shown to [redacted] who identified TUTTIE as a close associate of JOHN "SONNY" D'ANGELO, a Brooklyn bookmaker.

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NY 92-8294

92-1366 4/59
JOHN FRANZESE aka
Sonny;
CARMINE FRANZESE;
[redacted]
SUPER MARKET TOY COMPANY
NEW YORK - VICTIM, BROOKLYN,
NEW YORK
AR

Victim Company was having labor difficulties [redacted] much as they had a "sweetheart contract" with Local 124 Bakery and Confectionery Workers and Local 210 International Brotherhood of Teamsters was attempting to obtain representation for employees. Information received indicating subjects were attempting to shake down the above company by placing phoney picket lines and also that subjects had been hired by Victim Company to break strike but were unsuccessful. Company officials denied knowing subjects or having dealings with them, but admitted that "outside help" and "third party" from Brooklyn, with reputation of being "tough"were used in attempt to break strike, but were unsuccessful. United States Attorney, Eastern District of New York, declined prosecution in this matter.

122-850 11/61
UNSUBS;
REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCAL 88,
AMALGAMATED WORKERS UNION,
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK;
[redacted] aka;
[redacted] aka;
CARMINE SALVATORE FRANZESE aka
Salvatore Franzese;
VINCENT RUSSO;
[redacted]
ANTHONY AUGELLO;
SALVATORE GIGLIO aka;
[redacted] aka;
[redacted]
LMRA, 1947 (IM);
LMRDA, 1959 (IM)

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NY 92-8294

Information received from the New York State Division of Labor and Management Practices, New York State Department of Labor, that officials of Local 88 dealt with firms engaged in Interstate Commerce and had received gifts therefrom and apparently abstracted funds of the union.

CARMINE FRANZESE was allegedly an officer of Local 242, Amalgamated Production Workers Union of Brooklyn, January, 1959. Officers of Local 88 who received compensation in 1959 were [redacted] as Vice President [redacted] President; CARMINE FRANZESE as President, and VINCENT RUSSO as Secretary. [redacted] and [redacted] were also presidents of Local 88 at various times. Gratuities were paid under various guises to officers of Local 88 and "sweetheart contracts" were given in return. TUTTIE FRANZESE allegedly quit as president of Local 88 for reasons of ill health and insufficient income. [redacted] allegedly was the power behind Local 88. Also associated with Local 88 and listed as organizer in 1961, was JOSEPH BRANCATO. Subsequent to the investigation, [redacted] was indicted on 14 counts of violations of LMRA, and CARMINE FRANZESE was not prosecuted.

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Informant advised that CARMINE FRANZESE aka Tuttie and JOHN RIZZO, aka was the nephew of JOHN "SONNY" FRANZESE, and was formerly engaged in union activities with SONNY FRANZESE and [redacted] TUTTIE FRANZESE was now in the construction business and also ~~health~~ SELF employed, doing business as Alto Taping Company from his residence. Informant advised TUTTIE FRANZESE'S date of birth is January 25, 1932.

182-647 - 7/71
CARMINE FRANZESE aka
Tuttie;
REX MEAT AND DELI
IGB

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NY 92-8294

Information received that FRANZESE, the nephew of SONNY FRANZESE, controlled a policy bank located at a grocery store near Rodman Street and Metropolitan Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, in the same block as a social club FRANZESE hangs out. The grocery was identified as Rex Meat and Deli, Union Avenue and Metropolitan Avenue, and operated by [redacted] and [redacted] The social club was identified as the Tri-Moore-AC Incorporated Social Club, 482 Union Avenue. The investigation determined there was no activity of a gambling nature taking place at this location.

179-412 - 1971
[redacted]
MODESTO SANTORO;
CARMINE FRANZESE;
[redacted]
MOBIL CORPORATION - VICTIM
AR - HOBBS ACT

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[redacted] made an agreement with Mobil Corporation to deliver oil during a strike against Mobil. [redacted] was unable to handle the contract and went to SANTORO for assistance. Subsequently SANTORO cut [redacted] out of the contract and attempted to extort money from Mobil. FRANZESE was a fringe guy in the operation and although arrested, the charges against him were subsequently dropped.

92-3189
JOSEPH BRANCATO
AR
SERIAL 7 PAGE 4

Newspaper article appearing in New York Daily News, April 28, 1960, indicated three members of a party of ~~[redacted]~~ 562F styled businessmen were subpoenaed by the New York City Police Department during a raid of the Bath Beach Bar and Grill, 8722 Utrecht Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, on March 18, 1960. The three were identified as JOHN SONNY FRANZESE, his nephew [redacted] and JOSEPH BRANCATO. The three appeared before a Rackets Grand Jury investigating suspected syndicate controlled gambling operations in various parts of Brooklyn.

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The article indicated that Assistant Kings County District Attorney [redacted] stated the three had taken the Fifth Amendment before the grand jury, refusing to give even their names or the time of day. They were subsequently indicted for contempt on April 20, 1960.

Serial 15

On July 21, 1964, [redacted] advised he knows SONNY FRANZESE and a number of the COLOMBO (LCN)"Family" and that he is a "button man" under "BUSTER" in Williamsburgh. According to informant, FRANZESE was at that time one of the bigger shylocks and had a large gambling operation consisting of bookmaking and crap games. Informant advised he has met CARMINE FRANZESE, but knows little about him. He stated that although he did not know JOSEPH BRANCATO, he assumes that this person is related to the BRANCATO "Family" who were undertakers and were known in the "Organization". One of the BRANCATO'S was a physician at Beekman Hospital.

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Serial 251

CARMINE FRANZESE and JOSEPH BRANCATO were among those listed as visitors of SONNY FRANZESE at Leavenworth Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas.

Serial 275

On March 31, 1972, information received that CARMINE FRANZESE frequents Dee Dee's Coffee Shop, 342 Leonard Street, operated by SONNY FRANZESE'S [redacted] and [redacted] JOHN "MURPHY" FENCERILLA. This place was once an after hours joint frequented by JOSEPH BRANCATO and JOSEPH VITACCO, both members of the COLOMBO (LCN) "Family".

Serial 290

On June 8, 1972, [redacted] advised LOU RUSSO, 420 Graham Avenue, a close associate of TUTTIE FRANZESE, did time in Danbury Federal Prison several years ago with FRANZESE, and RUSSO was still annoyed because FRANZESE did not do the right thing while RUSSO was in jail.

RDB:dm
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NY 92-8294

The following information concerning RUSSO is set forth in Serial 293, page 11:

| | |
|---|---|
| Name | VINCENT ANTHONY JOSEPH RUSSO aka "Big Lou" Russo |
| Residence | 420 Graham Avenue, Brooklyn, New York |
| FBI# | 873 460 D |
| NYCPD# | 479 211 |

Serial 292

On June 15, 1972, [redacted] advised that JO JO VITACCO b7D was in trouble with FUNZIE TIERI and [redacted] because a scheme in which he was involved with backfired. VITACCO and [redacted] a runner for [redacted]

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An individual believed to be CARMINE FRANZESE was observed at JOSEPH BRANCATO'S residence the morning of December 10, 1972, by an ATF surveillance. This individual was described as a white male, approximately six feet tall, 240 pounds, black hair, and driving a 1972 green Gremlin, New York license [redacted] registered to [redacted]

Serial 353

Memo dated December 4, 1972, listing CARMINE FRANZESE as an associate of JOSEPH BRANCATO.

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Serial 374

On January 24, 1973, a surveillance by Special Agents (SAS) in the vicinity of Dedes Corner Restaurant, corner of Jackson Avenue on Leonard Street, Brooklyn, New York, at which time JOSEPH BRANCATO, CARMINE FRANZESE, and four other white males were observed sitting at a table inside Dedes. BRANCATO and FRANZESE exited together and departed in BRANCATO'S Cadillac with BRANCATO driving.

Serial 372

On January 16, 1973, SAS observed JOSEPH BRANCATO, CARMINE FRANZESE, and individual believed to be [redacted] b6 b7C sitting at a table in Dedes Coffee Shop. They were subsequently joined by VINCENT ANTHONY JOSEPH RUSSO who departed a few minutes later.

Serial 379

On February 27, 1973, JOSEPH BRANCATO'S Cadillac was observed parked on the east side of Havemeyer Street between North 6th and North 7th Streets, Brooklyn, New York. BRANCATO and FRANZESE accompanied by two other white males exited an unknown address on the east side of Havemeyer Street and exited the area in BRANCATO'S Cadillac.

Serial 380

By letter dated February 23, 1973, the Strike Force, Eastern District of New York, advised FRANZESE is with BRANCATO every day at Dee Dee's Luncheonette, 348 Leonard Street, Brooklyn, New York.

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Serial 398

On May 14, 1973, FRANZESE, BRANCATO, and white male, about 45 years old, observed engaged in conversation sitting at a table in the rear of Ferrara's Pastry, 195 Grant Street, New York City. They were approached by a waiter by which time the unknown male left the table and picked up a telephone in the rear of Ferrara's. Upon completion of the telephone conversation, the white male returned to the table, shook hands with BRANCATO and FRANZESE, and entered a rear door in Ferrara's. BRANCATO and FRANZESE exited through the front door and proceeded to a parking lot at Mott and Hester Streets where they entered BRANCATO'S Cadillac and with FRANZESE driving on a one way street the wrong way and left the area.

Serial 415

On August 20, 1973, FRANZESE was observed attending the funeral service of BRANCATO'S wife.

Serial 433

On September 21, 1973, [redacted] advised he attended the wake for JOSEPH BRANCATO'S wife, and while discussing BRANCATO with TUTTIE FRANZESE was advised by FRANZESE that BRANCATO is moving up in the COLOMBO "Family" and is definitely slated to take over the COLOMBO "Family".

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Serial 435

On September 26, 1973, and October 2, 1973, [redacted] advised the following were members of JOSEPH BRANCATO'S crew:

JO JO VITACCO
[redacted]
JOE PERAINO

BLACK SAM MASTASA
TUTTIE FRANZESE
[redacted]

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Serial 451

On December 26, 1973, [redacted] advised that FELICE VIZZARI, an inactive shylock is claiming that BRANCATO does not want to help SONNY FRANZESE get out of jail. He also claims that SONNY'S cousin TOOTIE FRANZESE sides with BRANCATO.

Serial 453

On January 21, 1974, [redacted] advised that on January 11, 1974, on Friday, between 3:00 and 6:00 p.m., the following were observed at the Diplomat Bar in Brooklyn:

TUTTIE FRANZESE (BRANCATO'S associate)
[redacted] (PERSICO'S associate)
JOE LANE
[redacted]
[redacted] (COLOMBO'S associate)

At the same time, the following were meeting around the corner at Monte's Restaurant with two unknown "cops". [redacted], JOE BRANCATO, and ALPHONSE PERSICO.

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On January 30, 1974, [redacted] accompanied by SALVATORE ALBANESE were observed proceeding to the Grotta D'Oro, Italian Restaurant, 691 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, where they were met at the doorway by THOMAS DI BELLA, and after a small conversation on the street, entered the restaurant. Observed in the restaurant were [redacted] ALBANESE, JOSEPH BRANCATO, DI BELLA, CARMINE FRANZESE, [redacted] and [redacted]. They departed the Grotto D'oro approximately one hour later.

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Serial 459

On January 28, 1974, the following were observed inside the Joy Lounge, 369-371 43rd Street, Brooklyn, New York. THOMAS DI BELLA, [redacted] SALVATORE ALBANESE, JOSEPH BRANCATO, CARMINE FRANZESE, [redacted] ANDREW RUSSO, and THOMAS SCUDERI.

Serial 489

On July 11, 1974, [redacted] advised JOSEPH BRANCATO is a "Captain" in the COLOMBO "Family" and is frequently with TUTTIE FRANZESE who is not a made guy, but is well respected by the "wise guys".

Serial 491

On July 11, 1974, THOMAS DI BELLA was observed going ~~through~~ to the Hoffbrau Restaurant, 9406 4th Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, where he met with [redacted] SALVATORE ALBANESE, JOSEPH BRANCATO,, CARMINE FRANZESE, and LEONARD DELLO, from 1:02 p.m. until 2:11 p.m. b6 b7C b7D

It is noted that on the following day, July 12, 1974, DI BELLA was placed in custody of the United States Marshals to serve a six month sentence for contempt to a court order.

Serial 514

On September 12, 1974, [redacted] advised that a dinner was held at the Blueprint 100 Restaurant, New York City, earlier that week at which all the COLOMBO captains and close associates attended, including JOSEPH BRANCATO, [redacted] ANDREW RUSSO, [redacted] TUTTIE FRANZESE, and others. The bill which came to over $1,000.00 was paid by BRANCATO.

Serial 509

On September 4, 1974, FRANZESE was observed exiting vehicle bearing New York license [redacted] and registered to [redacted] New York, and entering the residence of JOSEPH BRANCATO.

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Serial 516

On September 10, 1974, a surveillance was instituted in the vicinity of FRANZESE'S residence 51-38 69th Street, Queens, New York, at which time a vehicle bearing New York license 379-QVH, registered to Beau Electric Construction Corporation, 4400 Wickam Avenue, Bronx, New York, was observed arriving at FRANZESE'S residence at which time a white male, approximately six feet two inches tall, black hair, stocky, exited vehicle and entered FRANZESE'S residence at 3:45 p.m.

At 3:45 p.m., two unknown males exited FRANZESE'S residence and entered vehicle bearing New York license [redacted] registered to [redacted] New York, date of birth [redacted] and drove to Queens Terrace Caterers, Roosevelt Avenue, Queens, New York.

At 3:50 PM, JOSEPH BRANCATO, FRANZESE, and an unknown male exited FRANZESE'S residence. The unknown male entered a vehicle bearing New York license [redacted] registered to [redacted] Brooklyn, New York. BRANCATO and FRANZESE entered vehicle bearing New York license 871-QUX and drove to Criscis Restaurant, Lorimer and Conselyea Street, Brooklyn, New York. Observed parked on Lorimer Street opposite restaurant was a vehicle bearing New York license [redacted] usually driven by [redacted]. Observed inside the Restaurant were BRANCATO, FRANZESE, [redacted] and SALVATORE ALBANESE. BRANCATO and FRANZESE exited the restaurant at 5:50 p.m. and returned to FRANZESE'S residence at 6:10 p.m. At 7:35 p.m., BRANCATO exited FRANZESE'S residence, entered his own vehicle, and drove to his residence.

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Serial 521

At 2:35 p.m., on September 17, 1974, the following vehicles were observed parked at the residence of FRANZESE, 51-38 69th Street, Queens, New York. [redacted] registered to [redacted] New York, [redacted] of JOHN DONNELLY who is a member of DOMINICK CATALDO'S crew under BRANCATO), 379-QVH, registered to Beau Electric.

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At 3:40 p.m., three males exited FRANZESE'S residence at the vehicle bearing New York license [redacted], and were surveilled from FRANZESE'S residence to the Hi-way Lounge, Metropolitan Avenue and Havemeyer Street, Brooklyn, New York. b6 b7C

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The following is information contained in the file captioned "JOHN FRANZESE, aka Sonny, AR", NY file 92-1096:
RE CARMINE "TUTTIE" FRANZESE:

Serial 149, Cover Page E

Files of the Criminal Intelligence Squad, NYCPD, reflect a testimonial dinner was given on 5/16/60 for CHARLES "CHUCK" BROWNE of Freeport, Long Island, the President of Local 164, Hotel Employees and Bartenders Union, Nassau County, at the Town and Country Club, Flatbush Avenue and Avenue V, Brooklyn, New York. The dinner was attended by approximately 2,500 people, including 50 honored guests on the dais and tickets were sold at $25.00 per person. BROWNE was given a 30' cabin cruiser, a wristwatch, a ring, and many other small gifts at the testimonial dinner. Among those in attendance were JOHN FRANZESE, who was a guest of [redacted]. Also at the table with [redacted] were CARMINE FRANZESE, the nephew of JOHN FRANZESE, and [redacted]

Serial 202

File reflects that MICHAEL F. FRANZESE, FBI #266003, NYCPD B#14505, residence 2776 Pitkin Avenue, is the brother of SONNY FRANZESE and was born 4/5/06. MICHAEL FRANZESE's true name is MICHELE FRANZESE. This individual is the father of CARMINE "TUTTI" FRANZESE. b6 b7C

Serial 426

On 12/4/61, records of the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Management Reports (BLMR) were reviewed and reflect that Local 88, Amalgamated Workers Union, is allegedly controlled by JOHN FRANZESE. The files reflect that CARMINE FRANZESE was President of Local 88 until 7/8/60, having become President in February, 1959. Also associated with Local 88 were [redacted] VINCENT RUSSO, NYCPD B#472911, ANTHONY AUGELLO, NYCPD B#229373, JOSEPH BRANCATO, NYCPD B#430316, [redacted] and [redacted]

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Serial 426, Page 78

On 12/1/61, Detective [redacted] 87th Precinct, NYCPD, advised that VINCENT RUSSO and CARMINE "TOOTIE" FRANZESE are handling policy for JOHN FRANZESE in Brooklyn, New York.

Serial 426, Page 34

CARMINE FRANZESE, aka "Tootie", John Rizzo, is one of the most constant companions of his uncle, JOHN FRANZESE. As a result of NYCPD gambling raid, CARMINE and JOHN FRANZESE were arrested in 1959. [redacted] b7D

Serial 426, Page 9

Relatives of JOHN FRANZESE are set forth as follows:

Wife - [redacted] b6 b7C DOB 7/23/34

Children - [redacted]

In-laws of JOHN FRANZESE are ROCCO and ANTOINETTE BOVA CAPOBIANCO

Mother - MARIA NOTARO FRANZESE, DOB 11/9/1882 (now deceased)

Sister - FILOMENA FRANZESE [redacted] aka Millie Franzese, DOB 5/1/03, married to [redacted]

[redacted] of JOHN FRANZESE, married to [redacted]

[redacted] married to [redacted]

Brother of JOHN FRANZESE, ONOFRIO FRANZESE, DOB 1/9/04, aka Nufrio Franzese (deceased)

ONOFRIO has three children as follows:

[redacted]

Sister - [redacted] married to [redacted]

[redacted] has four children as follows:

[redacted]

Brother - MICHAEL FRANZESE, DOB 4/5/06, [redacted] MICHAEL has been married twice and has three children, by [redacted] who he divorced, and one child by his second wife, [redacted]

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Children by [redacted]

CARMINE FRANZESE, aka "Tootie", wife [redacted] resides at [redacted] Brooklyn, and furnished his occupation as a painter with his father. [redacted] mentioned above allegedly owns and operates a pizza restaurant at 346 Leonard Street, Brooklyn, New York. The 1961-62 Brooklyn Telephone Directory reflects a bar and grill located at 346 Leonard Street and the telephone is in the name of CARMINE FRANZESE.

[redacted]

Sister - GUISIPPENA FRANZESE, aka Josephine Franzese Carella, DOB 7/15/10, married to [redacted] The [redacted] have no children.

Brother - LUIGI FRANZESE, aka Louis Franzese, DOB 9/10/13, wife [redacted] and have two children, [redacted]

Sister - [redacted] DOB [redacted] married to [redacted] and resides at [redacted] Brooklyn. The [redacted] have four children.

Sister - [redacted] aka [redacted] married to [redacted] and resides at [redacted] and have three children.

Sister - [redacted] aka [redacted] DOB [redacted] resides at [redacted] Brooklyn, New York

JOHN FRANZESE's father, CARMINE FRANZESE, aka "The Lion" came from a small town in Italy and was a "don" in the Italian underworld. CARMINE "THE LION" died about 1956 and now JOHN FRANZESE for several years has been considered a "don" in the Italian circles. [redacted] stated JOHN FRANZESE has considerable power as a strong arm man and is alleged to be involved in bookmaking and policy. CARMINE "THE LION" was known to be in control of various illegal enterprises in the past and his influence and power were passed on to his sons, first to ONOFRIO who has been considered more vicious than JOHN FRANZESE and subsequently the power passed to JOHN FRANZESE. b6 b7C

Serial 556

In August, 1962, [redacted] advised that an individual he is acquainted with obtained a job through "TUTTIE", a relative of SONNY FRANZESE, as [redacted] in Smiley's Bar, Brooklyn, which bar is presumably owned by FRANZESE. b7D

Serial 485

Information was recieved on 4/20/62 that the brother of JOHN FRANZESE, MICHAEL FRANZESE, and [redacted] reside in [redacted] Long Island, with their four children, [redacted] and [redacted] MICHAEL FRANZESE operates the 769 Club, 769 Metropolitan Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

Serial 489, Cover Pages C and D

CARMINE FRANZESE appeared [redacted] b7D

Serial 593, Page 20

On 9/26/62, spot check was conducted at the Rockdale Housing Development, Queens, New York, the site of the former Jamaica Racetrack. CARMINE FRANZESE, nephew of JOHN FRANZESE, was observed where he operates the Yukon Luncheonette located in a trailer. Vehicles bearing New York registrations [redacted] and [redacted] were observed parked nearby the luncheonette (see serial 626, page 22 and 23).

Serial 589

On 10/11/62, [redacted] advised that one of the individuals that "TUTTIE" FRANZESE is backing is PHIL ALOCCAKA (ph), who is approximately 60 years old and is suffering from cancer of the right kidney. Informant advised that "TUTTIE" FRANZESE is always looking for an opportunity to expand and that he presently owns and operates a hero joint located somewhere in Jamaica. He further advised TUTTIE is handling the numbers and shylocking at the Schaefer Brewery. b6 b7C b7D

Informant also advised that [redacted]

Serial 621

[redacted] On 12/7/62, informant advised that TUTTIE FRANZESE and had recently opened an after hours place called the Jam Session in Greenpoint and that it was a wide open operation and that there was gambling and prostitution going on. TUTTIE

FRANZESE supposedly had the backing of SONNY FRANZESE in this operation and expected to attrace all the hoodlum element in Brooklyn. However, this business was losing money and was closed shortly thereafter. Informant advised TUTTIE FRANZESE was apparently a protege of SONNY FRANZESE and had been kept under wraps until approximately six weeks ago when he apparently was told that he could do anything he wanted to.

Serial 626, Page 22 (cross reference to serial 593, page 20)

NYS DMV reflected registrations for the following vehicles observed at the Yukon Luncheonette, Rockdale Development:

[redacted] is registered to [redacted] Brooklyn, New York, DOB [redacted]

[redacted] is registeredto [redacted] Bronx, New York, DOB [redacted] business address DIC Construction Company, 811 Elmont Road, New York City.

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It is noted NICHOLAS BOTTA, a known bookmaker and associate of JOHN FRANZESE, is employed by the DIC Construction Company and the King Trucking Company, 811 Elmont Road, Elmont, New York. Information was previously recorded that [redacted] an associate of CARMINE FRANZESE, was arrested for bookmaking at the Rockdale Apartment Development.

Serial 634

On 12/26/62, [redacted] advised that during the past 2 weeks [redacted] has continued to see "TOOTIE" FRANZESE, nephew of SONNY FRANZESE, from [redacted] "TOOTIE" told [redacted] that during the [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] when slightly intoxicated, has told [redacted] and numerous other individuas that his uncle, SONNY FRANZESE, is

[redacted]

[redacted] also advised that during the past few months, [redacted] associated with "TOOTIE" [redacted]

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Serial 636

On 1/10/63, [redacted] advised that approximately four years ago, SONNY and TUTTIE FRANZESE beat an individual known as [redacted] with a two by four because of non-payment of a debt.

Serial 649

During the period, 2/11-15/63, [redacted] advised that he had been in contact with TUTTIE FRANZESE and on 2/15/63, TUTTIE advised [redacted]

[redacted]

Serial 661

During the period 2/11-15/63, [redacted] advised that while in conversation with TUTTIE FRANZESE concerning some [redacted] the informant mentioned that he had [redacted]

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Serial675

On 3/8/63, [redacted] advised that in conversation with TUTTIE FRANZESE, [redacted]

[redacted]

Serial 827

On 2/24/64, [redacted] advised that shortly after

[redacted]

[redacted]

JOHN and TUTTIE FRANZESE and three of JOHN FRANZESE's constant companions departed Ciro's at 1:45 AM. In July, 1963, informant had advised that the entire numbers operation then controlled by [redacted] was the property of [redacted] prior to his arrest and conviction on a numbers violation. Although [redacted] was not present at Ciro's on 2/21/64, the informant feels from TUTTIE's remarks that JOHN FRANZESE was at Ciro's to determine what action would be taken in view of [redacted] release from Rikers Island.

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Serial 1090

On 5/20/65, [redacted] advised that JOHN FRANZESE's nephew, TUTTI FRANZESE, and [redacted] for the past [redacted]

[redacted]

Serial 1342

In July, 1966, [redacted] furnished the following information which should not be disseminated outside of the Bureau:

Informant advised that during the [redacted]

[redacted]

Informant also advised that [redacted]

Informant stated that [redacted] is loaning most of FRANZESE's money now. Informant stated that [redacted]

Serial 1435

In December, 1966 and early January, 1967, [redacted] advised that [redacted] still has a large horse, book, policy, and sports book operation in New York City. Among the controllers of NAPOLI's gambling operation in the New York City area was CARMINE "TUDDY" FRANZESE, who is the nephew of JOHN SONNY FRANZESE and son of NUFARIO FRANZESE, SONNY FRANZESE's brother.

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Serial 1445

On 1/20/67, [redacted] advised a number of years ago [redacted] was contacted by [redacted] (LNU), an Italian from Brooklyn whom [redacted] believed to be involved in criminal activities. [redacted] asked if [redacted] would be available [redacted]

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Serial 1630

On 11/18/68, [redacted] advised that he had learned that TULLIO FRANZESE (possibly identical to TUTTIE FRANZESE), a relative of JOHN FRANZESE, was being used as the strongarm man for FRANZESE.

Serial 1752

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During April, 1970, [redacted] advised he had recently heard that an individual named TUTTIE FRANZESE had taken over the operation of JOHN FRANZESE. He believed the operation taken over by TUTTIE only consisted of that operation which extended into New York City. [redacted]

Serial 1816

On 10/13/71, [redacted] Parole Officer, Federal House of Detention, 427 West Street, New York City, advisedthat JOHN FRANZESE arrived at the Federal House from Leavenworth on 9/13/71. Since that time he has had the following visitors:

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[redacted]
CARMINE MICHELE FRANZESE
[redacted]
[redacted]

(all above gave address as [redacted] New York)

[redacted]

(both of [redacted] New York City)

[redacted]
CARMINE FRANZESE
JOSEPH BRANCATO

[redacted]
Flushing, New York
Queens, New York

[redacted] advised BRANCATO visited FRANZESE on 9/16/71, and 9/28/71.

Serial 1858

On 4/11/73, [redacted] advised as follows:

On the evening of [redacted] he visited a Suffolk bar called the [redacted] This establishment is currently operation by [redacted] about whom the source has furnished plenty of information in the past. This establishment used to be [redacted] place but is now run by [redacted] On the evening of [redacted] the source observed present at that bar "TUTTI" FRANZESE, the nephew of JOHN "SONNY" FRANZESE. "TUTTI" was accompanied by a white male whom the source has observed in the past and whom the source knows only as (FNU) [redacted] He described this individual as approximately 50 years of age, about 5'10" and 240 pounds. He believes [redacted] resides in [redacted] He does not know what business FRANZESE has with [redacted] or [redacted]

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FD-302 (Rev. 11-27-70)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 9/13/74

The following surveillance was conducted by SA [redacted] on September 11, 1974, at Brooklyn, New York:

11:45 AM Surveillance instituted, 1126 83rd Street. At this time vehicle bearing New York license number 465-KWO and 335-KQB are parked in front of that residence.

12:21 PM [redacted] and [redacted] exit 1126 83rd Street and stand on sidewalk in front of residence talking.

12:26 PM [redacted] departs area in 335-KQB, and [redacted] departs in 465-KWO. [redacted] proceeeds via 12th Avenue, 86th Street, Gatling, 92nd Street, Fort Hamilton Street, to 94th Street.

12:30 PM [redacted] parks 465-KWO on 94th Street, near 5th Avenue, at the side of "Deli." [redacted] walked to pay telephone booth located in front of Carvel stand at 4th Avenue and 94th Street, Brooklyn, New York. b6 b7c

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12:32 PM [redacted] uses pay telephone.

12:33 PM [redacted] stands on sidewalk in front of Carvel.

12:35 PM Grey American, bearing New York license number 871 QUX stops in front of Carvel and [redacted] walked to car. JOSEPH BRANCATO, the front passenger of 871-QUX, exits and allows [redacted] to enter rear seat. BRANCATO re-enters and car pulls away. It is noted that the driver of 871-QUX is CARMINE "TUTTI" FRANZESE. 871-QUX proceeds to Belt Parkway, (Manhattan bound), through Brooklyn Battery Tunnel to West Street, North on West Street to Warren Street, to West Broadway. At West Broadway and Murray Street 871-QUX pulls into United States Trucking Company garage.

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Interviewed on 9/11/74 at Brooklyn, New York File # NY 182-903

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by SA [redacted]:vms Date dictated 9/13/74

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the pr[redacted] is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

12:55 PM After parking in garage [redacted] BRANCATO, and FRANZESE exit garage. They walk together, via West Broadway and Warren Street to 261 Broadway.

12:59 PM [redacted] BRANCATO and FRANZESE enter elevator in 261 Broadway.

1:02 PM Unknown elevator operator advised above three individuals exited elevator at eighth floor.

1:05 PM SA [redacted] observes BRANCATO and [redacted] in hallway on eighth floor.

1:11 PM [redacted] exits main floor of 261 Broadway and walks to street alone. After looking around and walking across street to park, he re-enters 261 Broadway.

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1:32 PM [redacted] BRANCATO, FRANZESE exit 261 Broadway. They walk back to garage and re-enter 871-QUX.

1:37 PM 871-QUX last seen headed into Brooklyn Battery Tunnel. Due to traffic condition surveillance had to be discontinued.

2:02 PM 465-KWO was no longer parked at side of "Deli" on 94th Street near 5th Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

2:09 PM 465-KWO observed parking in front of 1126 83rd Street. [redacted] exits vehicle and enters residence alone.

2:09 PM Surveillance instituted at 1126 83rd Street.

2:35 PM [redacted] parks 335-KQB in front of 1126 83rd Street, and she and one young female (about eight) enters.

3:03 PM LEONARD DELLO parks 363-KBM in front of 1126 83rd Street, and he enters.

3:20 PM DELLO exits and departs in 363-KBM.

3:24 PM [redacted] exits and departs in 335-KQB.

3:30 PM [redacted] returns, parks 335-KQB in front and enters with small child.

3:55 PM Yellow New York City taxi cab stops and white female with grey hair exits taxi and enters 1126 83rd Street.

4:04 PM 437-AMT parks in front of 1126 83rd and [redacted] enters.

4:15 PM 393-JJG driven by white female stops in front of 1126 83rd Street. SALVATORE ALBANESE exits vehicle and enters residence. 393-JJG departs area.

4:20 PM 876-QCH parks near 1126 83rd Street, white male, 55-60 years old carrying a book (like insurance man's) enters 1126 83rd Street. b6 b7C

4:24 PM Above white male exits and departs in 876-QCH.

4:28 PM SALVATORE ALBANESE and [redacted] exit residence together, and they enter 437-AMT. They are followed to 1143 78th Street where ALBANESE exits vehicle. [redacted] continues alone in 437-AMT via 11th Avenue, Bay Ridge Parkway, Bay Parkway, Stillwell Avenue, Avenue P to E-14th Street, Kings Highway to East 13th Street.

4:50 PM [redacted] parks 437-AMT on East 13th Street, and he walks to and enters 1625 East 13th Street.

Review of door bells at 1625 East 13th Street reflects M. MITNICH, apartment E4.

5:00 PM Surveillance discontinued.

5:05 PM Spot check of 1126 83rd Street, Brooklyn, New York revealed that 465-KWO and 335-KQB were parked in front of that residence.

Department of Motor Vehicle records reflect the following:

| License Number | Registered To |
| --- | --- |
| [redacted] | [redacted] |
| [redacted] | [redacted] |
| 876-QCH | JOSEPH GOLDSTEIN<br>Date of birth August 15, 1914<br>8200 Shore Front Parkway<br>Rockaway Beach, New York<br>1973 Ford four door grey<br>Expires March 1975. |

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (92-8294) (P) DATE: 10/2/74

FROM : SA [redacted] #52

SUBJECT: CARMINE S. FRANZESE
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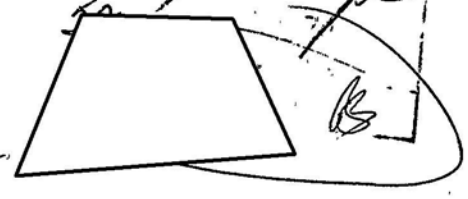
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Surveillance of [redacted] on 9/11/74, revealed that [redacted] he had a meeting with JOSEPH BRANCATO, and CARMINE "TUTTI" FRANZESE. attached for info of 92 Case agents is copy of FD-302 pertaining to that surveillance

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 10/16/74

The following surveillance was conducted on October 10, 1974 by Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted]

| Time | Observation |
|---|---|
| 8:15 AM | Surveillance instituted at 145-19 20th Avenue, Whitestone, New York, residence of [redacted] Vehicle bearing New York license 965-QUP observed parked in front of residence. Observed parked in driveway, vehicle bearing New York license 602-QUQ. |
| 9:00 AM | No unusual activity. |
| 10:00 AM | No unusual activity. |
| 10:32 AM | White male, approximately 40 years old, exited residence and entered vehicle bearing New York plates 965-QUP and drove away. |
| 10:55 AM | Spot check of 58-18 69th Street, Queens, New York, negative. |
| 11:45 AM | Instituted surveillance at Timm Trucking Company, 513 Irving Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. New York license 74-QUE present. |
| 11:50 AM | CARMINE "TUTTIE" FRANZESE drove into Timm Trucking in his own vehicle, New York 871-QUX and entered office of Timm Trucking. |
| 12:10 PM | FRANZESE exited Timm Trucking and drove away alone. |
| 12:22 PM | FRANZESE double parked on Lormimer Street near the corner of Conselyea Street in the vicinity of Cresci's Restaurant, and met with unidentified white male, mid-forties, curly black hair and mustache, |

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by SAS [redacted] and [redacted], JR. AHR/mc Date dictated 10/16/74

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| Time | Observation |
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| 12:22 PM (continued) | approximately 5 feet 10 inches tall. Both individuals sat in FRANZESE's vehicle during discussion. |
| 12:45 PM | Unidentified males exited car and walked across street to the Orlando Funeral Home, Lorimer 54, Brooklyn, New York, and entered same. FRANZESE departed toward the BQE. |
| 1:15 PM | Surveillance reinstituted at Timm Trucking. Still present is New York license 74-QUE. |
| 1:42 PM | JOE BRANCATO exits Timm and enters his vehicle 74-QUE and drove to bank on Myrtle Avenue and returned to Timm. |
| 3:00 PM | No unusual activity. |
| 3:25 PM | BRANCATO exits Timm Trucking, enters his vehicle, and drives towards residence. |
| 3:50 PM | BRANCATO observed arriving at residence and parking vehicle in garage. |
| 4:00 PM | No unusual activity. |
| 4:30 PM | Surveillance discontinued. |

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

Date of transcription 11/18/74

The following surveillance was conducted on November 14, 1974, by Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted]

8:15 AM Surveillance instituted in the vicinity of 24th Avenue and Benson Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, residence of MODESTO SANTORO. Surveillance maintained and attempts made to locate SANTORO's vehicle.

9:15 AM Surveillance terminated at SANTORO's residence.

10:00 AM Spot check of [redacted] former social club revealed no unusual activity.

11:00 AM Surveillance instituted at 51-38 69th Street, Queens, New York, residence of CARMINE FRANZESE.

12:05 PM Two white males, one of whom appeared to be FRANZESE [redacted] exited from the residence and entered a white over blue Buick, two-door, bearing New York license 379 QUH, and registered to Beau Electric, 4400 Wickham Avenue, Bronx. b6 b7C

12:09 PM The car was parked in front of 5337 72nd Place, Queens, and both males entered.

12:16 PM Both men left the house and drove.

12:19 PM The car was driven around several local streets and parked in the area around 53rd Avenue. Both men entered a house which was observed from the street. Pictures taken.

12:26 PM Both men left the house and drove via direct local streets to the Merit Gas Station at Albion Avenue and Queens Boulevard.

12:30 PM Entered gas station. Pictures taken.

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Interviewed on 11/14/74 at New York, New York File # NY 92-8294 -5

SAS [redacted] and

by [redacted] AHR/hmf Date dictated 11/18/74

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12:40 PM The car left the Merit Station and drove towards Manhattan and Queens Boulevard. The car took the Brooklyn - Queens Expressway to the Tri-boro Bridge and over the bridge and up the Bronx River Parkway.

1:04 PM The car parked in front of 2427 East Tremont Avenue, Bronx, Jack J. Passiatore, Insurance and S. G. Grossman, Attorney. New York license 705 XIC was parked in front. Both men entered the office and the door was locked in the insurance office after they entered.

2:05 PM Both men left the office and the driver made a phone call on the pay phone.

2:29 PM After driving via direct local streets, they parked in front of 110 East Third Street, Mt. vernon and the driver entered P C Electrical Supplies.

2:45 PM Drive out and via direct local routes to 3 South Fifth Street, Mt. Vernon.

2:48 PM The driver entered Maneti Taxi, 3 South Fifth Street.

2:52 PM The driver exited the taxi service and drove to I-95 West and got off at Westchester Avenue.

3:12 PM They parked and both men entered C and E Quick Print, 3042 Westchester Avenue, Bronx.

3:15 PM Both men out of C and E Quick Print and return to I-95 westbound towards Manhattan.

4:02 PM The car crossed the Triboro Bridge to Queens. Surveillance terminated.

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On October 24, 1974, Special Agent [redacted] confidentially made available the following information [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# *Memorandum*

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (92-8294)(P) DATE: 1/8/75

FROM SA [redacted] Sec 52 b6 b7C

SUBJECT: CARMINE S. FRANZESE, aka
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On 10/24/74, SA [redacted] confidentially made available for review [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

A file review is currently being conducted to consolidate all information available concerning FRANZESE. The following is the results of review for descriptive data concerning FRANZESE:

| | |
|---|---|
| Name | CARMINE S. FRANZESE |
| Alias | Tutti |
| Sex: | Male |
| Race: | White |
| DOB: | 1/25/32 |
| POB: | Brooklyn, NY |
| Height: | 6'1" |
| Weight: | 220 lbs. |
| Hair: | Black |
| Eyes: | Brown |
| Scars and Marks: | None |
| Occupation: | Dry Wall Applicator |
| Employer: | Mopal Contracting Corp, 815 McLean Ave, Yonkers NY (1970) |
| Wife: | [redacted] |
| SSAN: | 109-24-1104 |
| FBI# | 765 871 D |
| NYPD# | B274013 |
| Residence: | [redacted] Queens, NY |
| NY State Driver's License #: | F18051 16027 481133-32, expires 11/30/76 |
| Vehicles: | None registered in subject's name |

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Vehicles registered in his [redacted] name and utilized by the subject are as follows:

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1. 1974 grey two door Matador, NY license [redacted]

2. 1973 two door tan Rambler American, NY license [redacted]

FD-302 (REV. 11-27-70)

**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

Date of transcription 10/29/74

The following surveillance was conducted on October 1, 1974, by Special Agents (SAS) [redacted] and [redacted]

8:00 AM Surveillance instituted in the vicinity of 2402 Beacon Avenue, residence of [redacted]

10:00 AM Surveillance discontinued, no activity.

10:15 AM Surveillance instituted in the vicinity of 196-04 Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn, residence of [redacted]

10:36 AM [redacted] entered his car, a 1974 beige over brown Buick, bearing current New York license [redacted] and backed out of the middle garage next to his residence. He drove east on Atlantic Avenue to 111th Street, where he turned right and drove to 103rd Avenue where he went east. At 126th Street the subject turned right. b6 b7C

10:44 AM Subject parked at 121st Street and Liberty Avenue and entered Mr. Donovan's Custom Tailor Shop, 121-14 Liberty Avenue.

11:00 AM Subject exited the tailor shop, walked to his car and put a coat in trunk. He then entered Romeo's Luncheonette, 121-12 Liberty Avenue.

11:08 AM Subject left the luncheonette, got in his car and went west on Liberty and right on 111st Street to Atlantic Avenue where he turned left.

11:19 AM The subject turned left on Rockaway Boulevard and entered a car wash on the corner of 82nd Street.

11:42 AM Subject drove out of the car wash and went east on Rockaway Boulevard, right on 94th Street, left on Liberty Avenue and onto Cross Bay Boulevard and east on the Nassau Expressway (I 78) to 130th Avenue.

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SAS [redacted]

by [redacted] jmj Date dictated 10/23/74

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11:56 AM Subject entered the construction site at Merrick and 243rd Street. Surveillance maintained.

12:03 PM Subject got in and out of his car.

12:18 PM Subject drove off on Merrick and back on the Cross Island Parkway north and off at Union Turnpike, right on 80th Road and left on Commonwealth, left on Union Turnpike, right on Utopia Parkway and right on Northern Boulevard.

12:43 PM Subject double-parked in front of Long Island Auto Parts, 190-10 Northern Boulevard, and then pulled away and went right on the Clearview Expressway service road. Surveillance discontinued.

12:44 PM Surveillance instituted in the vicinity of 51-38 65th Street, Queens, residence of CARMINE FRANZESE.

2:09 PM No unusual activity noted, surveillance maintained.

3:10 PM No unusual activity noted, surveillance maintained.

4:20 PM No unusual activity noted, surveillance discontinued.

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| CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS | NAME AND NUMBER | ARRESTED OR RECEIVED | CHARGE | DISPOSITION |
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| PD NY NY | Franzese Carmine | 4-6-49 | burg & burg tools | |
| Prob Dept Kings Co Crt Brooklyn NY | Carmine Franzese #61574 | 3-18-60 | not given | PG to crim contempt |
| NYC Pen Rikers Island NY | Carmine Franzese #261-2512 | 6-5-61 | contempt of crt | 6 mos |
| Supreme Crt Prob Dept Brooklyn NY | Carmine Franzese #61574 CM | FP 1-22-64 | not given | PG criminal contempt |
| USM NY NY | Carmine Franzese | 12-9-71 | consp to delay commerce (Mobil Oil Co) | |
| PD NY NY | Carmine Salvatore Franzese #274-013 | 12-9-71 | GL PL 155.40 GL PL 155.35 conspiracy PL 105-10 | |
| FBI NY NY | Carmine S Franzese | 12-9-71 | 18 USC 849, 891 (7), 1951 | directed verdict acquittal 11-9-73 |

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To: DIRECTOR, FBI Attention: Identification Division

Date 2/3/75

Re CARMINE SALVATORE FRANZESE Field File No. 92-8294

Furnish The Known Identification Record of the Following:

Name CARMINE SALVATORE FRANZESE

FBI No. 765-871-D

Other No. NYPD B274013

Aliases
CARMINE FRANZESE
"TUTTI" FRANZESE

| Sex | Race | Birth Date | Birthplace | Residence |
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| Height | Weight | Build | Hair | Eyes | Complexion | Age |
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- ☐ Handwriting Specimens

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Informant furnished the following information,
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Informant advised that [redacted]

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[redacted] Source states [redacted]

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[redacted] Source states someone else will do the calling for [redacted] everything is okay to talk.

Source advised that periodically [redacted] will [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

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Source states that there is a strong possibility [redacted]

Source identified JOE BRANCATO as a "Captain" in the COLOMBO family. Source states BRANCATO is frequently with TUTTIE FRANZESE, who is not a made guy, but is well respected by the "wiseguys".

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Source states [redacted]

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Informant described [redacted]

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SA [redacted] (#52)

THOMAS DI BELLA
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A surveillance of THOMAS DI BELLA which was conducted on 7/11/74, revealed that he departed his residence at 18 Adlai Circle, Staten Island, NY, at 12:28 PM. DI BELLA traveled across the Verrazano Bridge into Brooklyn, and proceeded directly to the Hoffbrau Restaurant which is located at 9406 4th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. DI BELLA met at the restaurant with the following individuals [redacted] SALVATORE ALBANESE, JOSEPH BRANCATO, CARMINE "TUTTI" FRANZESE, and an unknown white male individual. DI BELLA was at the restaurant from 1:02 PM, 7/11/74 until 2:11 PM on 7/11/74.

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It is noted that on 7/12/74, the day after the above meeting THOMAS DI BELLA was placed in the custody of United States Mashals to serve a six month sentence. This sentence stemmed from that fact that DI BELLA had been found guilty of violation of T28, USC, Section 1826 (Contempt of a Court Order) after receiving ammunity from Chief Judge JACOB MISHLAR, EDNY, under the provisions of T18, USC, Section 6003.

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1-92-6760 (SALVATORE ALBANESE)
1-92-1366 (CARMINE "TUTTI" FRANZESE)

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PRISONER'S CRIMINAL RECORD

POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF NEW YORK

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CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION

NAME [redacted] 6 8 L 18 U 10 21 00 I  B# [redacted]

ALIAS [redacted]  E#

This certifies that the finger impressions of the above named person have been compared and the following is a true copy of the records of this bureau.

D.C.I.# 322646X

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| Date of Arrest | NAME | Borough or City | CHARGE | Arresting Officer | Date, Disposition, Judge and Court |
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| 4/6/49 | Carmine Franzese | Bklyn. 80-87 | Burg. Tools & Burglary | Malecke 87 Pct. | 5/24/49 - Fin. chg. Magnan Minor - Ind. Prob. - Jdg. Brennan Adol. Ct. |
| 6/26/58 | John Rizzo | Bklyn. 654-87 | 722-2 P.L. (Dice) | Levine Det. DXO | 6/26/58 - $10 - Jdg. Moglia - S.N.Y. Ct. |
| 3/16/59 | Carmine Franzese | Bklyn. 165-83 | 970 P.L. | Rosenberger BBPS | 5/18/59 - Action Dis. Jds. Low - Spec. |
| 4/26/60 | Carmine Franzese | Manh. | Crim. Contempt of Court | Cattillo D.A. Manh. | 5/5/60 - 6 mos. Bur. Jdg. Dempsey - Gen. 3/10/61 - S.C. - Jdg. Malbin. |
| X12-9-71 | Carmine Franzese | N Y C | consp to delay commerce (acknl of [illegible] | USM Co) | |
| 12/9/71 | Carmine Franzese 67 17 54 ave Mas | Bklyn 3741-84 | 155.40PL Gr Larc 155.35PL Gr Larc 105.10PL Conspiracy | | Hurstein DAG K |

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

| REPORTING OFFICE | OFFICE OF ORIGIN | DATE | INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD |
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TITLE OF CASE
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CARMINE SALVATORE FRANZESE aka
Carmine Franzese,
Tuttie Franzese,
John Rizzo

REPORT MADE BY [redacted] TYPED BY vms

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CHARACTER OF CASE

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Title marked "Changed" to reflect full name of subject previously carried as CARMINE S. FRANZESE aka Tuttie Franzese.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

It is noted the reporting period exceeds that desired by the Bureau; however, this case has been kept current by active investigation by the New York Office.

| ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED | | | | NONE X | ACQUIT-TALS | CASE HAS BEEN: |
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| CONVIC. | FUG. | FINES | SAVINGS | RECOVERIES | | PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☐ YES ☒ NO<br>PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☒ NO |
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The following is a summary of some of the pertinent information contacted in New York Office files concerning CARMINE SALVATORE FRANZESE:

In December 1960, FRANZESE and [redacted] opened an after hours place called the Jam Session, Greenpoint Avenue, Brooklyn, which operation was backed by FRANZESE'S uncle, JOHN "SONNY" FRANZESE. It was alleged at that time that this was a wide open operation and that gambling and prostitution were going on. FRANZESE and [redacted] expected to attract all the hoodlum element in Brooklyn, however, the business lost money and closed shortly thereafter. TUTTIE FRANZESE at this time was considered a protege of SONNY FRANZESE and had been kept under wraps until approximately six weeks prior to the opening of the Jam Session at which time he was advised he could do anything he wanted to. b6 b7C

A newspaper article appearing in the "New York Daily News," April 28, 1960, indicated three members of a party of self styled businessmen were subpoenaed by the New York City Police Department during a raid of the Bath Beach Bar and Grill on March 18, 1960. The three were identified as JOHN SONNY FRANZESE, his nephew "TODDY" FRANZESE, and JOSEPH BRANCATO who subsequently appeared before a Rackets Grand Jury investigating suspected syndicate controlled gambling operations in Brooklyn. The three took the Fifth Amendment before the grand jury and refused to give even their names or the time of day.

The names of CARMINE FRANZESE and JOSEPH BRANCATO were among those listed as visitors of SONNY FRANZESE at Leavenworth Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, and at the Federal House of Detention, New York City.

In June, 1972, information was received that JO JO VITACCO was in trouble with FUNZIE TIERI and [redacted] because a scheme in which he was involved backfired. VITACCO and a runner for [redacted] tried to score $2,500 on a number, the runner changed to make VITACCO a winner. Sensing something was wrong, TIERI conducted an investigation and refused to pay VITACCO. As a result, JOEY BRANCATO and TIETIE FRANZESE had to go to Florida to see BUSTER ALOI and try to get VITACCO off the hook. BRANCATO and FRANZESE also contacted [redacted] prior to seeing ALOI and everything appeared to be settled although the $2,500 was never paid. b6 b7C

Information was received during the period from 1962 to 1975, that CARMINE FRANZESE has been active in handling numbers, shylocking and hijacking. FRANZESE has also been identified as being a strongarm man for JOHN FRANZESE. CARMINE FRANZESE allegedly took over some of JOHN FRANZESE'S operations in New York City when JOHN FRANZESE went to jail and in 1967 was identified as a controller for [redacted] gambling operation in New York City.

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On October 24, 1974, Special Agent [redacted]

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On 2/4/75, SA DAVID G. JENKINS caused a search to be made of the files of [redacted] and no record could be located.

On 2/20/75, SA [redacted] obtained the following information from [redacted]

CARMINE SALVATORE FRANZESE, date of birth 1/25/32, has been on file at [redacted] since 1959. At that time, FRANZESE resided at 103 Knickerbocker Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, and gave his occupation as union, employed by Local 88, Amalgamated Workers Union, Brooklyn, New York. The record reflects FRANZESE was married on [redacted] and his [redacted] name was [redacted] date of birth [redacted]. Also listed were two children, [redacted] date of birth [redacted] and [redacted] date of birth [redacted]

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During the period of September, 1974 through November, 1974, JOSEPH BRANCATO, the current acting boss of the COLOMBO LCN Family, was the subject of intensified surveillances by the New York Office and CARMINE FRANZESE was the subject of intensified surveillances during November, 1974.

The following are some of the pertinent observations made concerning FRANZESE'S activities in connection with BRANCATO:

On July 11, 1974, a surveillance was instituted on THOMAS DIBELLA, the boss of the COLOMBO LCN Family, at which time DIBELLA was observed to travel from his residence on Staten Island to Hofbrau Restaurant, 9404 Fourth Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, where he was observed to met [redacted] SALLY ALBANESE, JOSEPH BRANCATO, CARMINE FRANZESE and LEONARD DELLO, DIBELLA was at the restaurant from 1:02 PM to 2:11 PM.

It is noted that on the day following the above meeting 7/12/74, DIBELLA was placed in the custody of United States Marshal to serve a six months sentence for contempt of a court order.

On 9/4/74, a vehicle bearing New York license plate number [redacted] registered to [redacted] New York, was observed parked in front of BRANCATO'S residence and CARMINE FRANZESE was observed entering BRANCATO'S residence.

On 9/10/74, a vehicle bearing New York license number 87[illegible]QUX and a vehicle bearing New York license 74-QEK registered to JOSEPH BRANCATO were both observed at FRANZESE residence, 51-38 69th Street, Queens, New York. At 3:42 PM, a vehicle bearing New York license plate number 379-QVH registered to [redacted] Electric Contruction Corporation, 4400 Wickam Avenue, Bronx, New York, drove up to FRANZESE'S residence and a white male, approximately 6'2", black hair, stocky build, exited the vehicle and entered FRANZESE'S residence. At 3:45 PM, two white males both in their 50s, exited FRANZESE'S residence and entered a vehicle bearing New York license [redacted] registered to [redacted] New York, date of birth [redacted] and drove to the Queens Terrace Caterers, Roosevelt Avenue and 69th Street, Queens, New York. At 3:50 PM, BRANCATO, FRANZESE and a unknown male exited FRANZESE'S residence. The unknown male entered a vehicle bearing New York license [redacted] registered to [redacted] Brooklyn, New York.

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BRANCATO and FRANZESE entered the vehicle bearing New York license [redacted] and drove to Crisci's Restaurant, 593 Lorimer Street, Brooklyn, New York. Observed parked in the area was vehicle bearing New York license plate number [redacted] which vehicle is utilized by [redacted]. Observed inside Crisci's Restaurant were BRANCATO, FRANZESE, [redacted] and SALVATORE ALBANESE. BRANCATO and FRANZESE exited Crisci's Restaurant at 5:50 PM and returned to FRANZESE'S restaurant. At 7:35 PM, BRANCATO exited FRANZESE'S residence, entered his own vehicle and proceeded to his residence.

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It is noted during the time of this surveillance, that CARMINE "TUTTI" FRANZESE, 51-38 69th Street, Queens, New York, was having work done on his house and yard. Observed at his residence on 9/10/74, was a vehicle bearing New York license 379-QVH, registered to Beau Electric Construction Corporation, 4400 Wickam Avenue, Bronx, New York. Indices of the New York Office reflect that in January, 1974, [redacted], Beau Electric Corporation, and [redacted] head of the Hunts Point Corporation, a multipoverty agency in the Bronx, New York, and of the Black and Puerto Rican Coalition, approached [redacted], President, Mansfield Electric Company, Queens, New York (victim in [redacted] at which time [redacted] voiced concern for the community and minority in construction. [redacted] mentioned to [redacted] the hiring of the committee guaranteed service and a $300.00 liaison man. No implied threats were made at this time. [redacted] was recently indicted in New York City, charged with extortion in connection with demands on contractors in the New York area to hire minority workers.

On 9/11/74, a surveillance was instituted on [redacted] at which time [redacted] was observed to drive his vehicle bearing New York license [redacted] to the vicinity of 94th Street and Fifth Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, where he parked the vehicle and walked to a pay telephone in front of the Carvel Stand, Fourth Avenue and 94th Street. [redacted] made a telephone call at 12:32 PM and stood on the sidewalk in front of the Carvel until 12:35 PM at which time a vehicle bearing a New York license plate number 871-QUX driven by CARMINE FRANZESE who was accompanied by JOSEPH BRANCATO stopped in front of the Carvel. [redacted] entered this vehicle at which time it proceeded to Manhattan were it parked at the United States Trucking Company Garage, West Broadway and Murray Street, New York City. [redacted] BRANCATO and FRANZESE exited the garage and proceeded to Broadway were they entered 261 Broadway and took the elevator to the Eighth Floor at 1:02 PM. At 1:32 PM, [redacted] BRANCATO and FRANZESE exited 261 Broadway and returned to their vehicle. At 2:45 PM, FRANZESE was observed at his residence and at 3:17 PM, BRANCATO and FRANZESE exited FRANZESE'S residence and drove to BRANCATO'S residence were BRANCATO was dropped off and FRANZESE returned to his own residence.

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On 9/17/74, surveillance was instituted in the vicinity of FRANZESE'S residence at 2:35 PM at which time a vehicle bearing New York license [redacted] registered to [redacted] and a vehicle bearing New York license 3[redacted]QVH registered to Beau Electric were observed parked in the vicinity of this residence. At 3:40 PM, three white males exited

FRANZESE'S residence, entered the vehicle bearing New York license 778-XJG and proceeded to the Hi-Way Lounge, Metropolitan Avenue and Havermeyer Street, Brooklyn, New York.

It is noted that [redacted] is the [redacted] of JOHN DONNELLY who is a member of DOMINICK CATALDO'S crew under BRANCATO. b6 b7C

On 10/10/74, CARMINE FRANZESE was observed driving vehicle bearing New York license 871-QUX into the parking lot of Timm Trucking, 513 Irving Avenue, Brooklyn, New York at 11:50 AM. At 12:10 PM, FRANZESE exited Timm Trucking by himself and proceeded to the vicinity of Crisci's Restaurant, Lorimer Street and Conselyea Street where he met with an unidentified white male, in his mid 40s, with curly black hair and a mustache, approximately 5'10" tall. Unknown individual entered FRANZESE'S car at 12:22 PM where they engaged in conversation until 12:45 PM when the unidentified male exited the vehicle walked across the street and entered Orlando's Funeral Home, 54 Lorimer Street. FRANZESE departed the area heading to the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway.

INFORMANTS:

On 7/11/74, [redacted] advised that JOSEPH BRANCATO is a "Captain" in the COLOMBO Family. Source advised that BRANCATO is frequently with TUTTIE FRANZESE, who is not a "made guy" but is well respected by the "wise guys." b7D

On 7/24/74, [redacted] advised that approximately one and one-half weeks ago, [redacted] SALLY ALBANESE, LEONARD DELLO, JOSEPH BRANCATO, THOMAS DIBELLA and TUTTIE FRANZESE were observed to meet at the Hofbrau Restaurant, Brooklyn, New York, to discuss DIBELLA'S court problem and impending imprisonment.

On 9/12/74, [redacted] advised that a dinner was held at the Blueprint 100 Restaurant, New York City, earlier that week at which all the COLOMBO captains and close associates attended, including JOSEPH BRANCATO, [redacted], TUTTIE FRANZESE, and others. The bill which came to over $1,000.00 was paid by BRANCATO.

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On 9/24/74, [redacted] advised that [redacted] met with BRANCATO on Saturday, 9/21/74, in the vicinity of Metropolitan Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. Source advised that during the past week, two meets were set up between [redacted] BRANCATO, and CARLO GAMBINO to seek GAMBINO'S approval of BRANCATO as acting boss. However, the meets were cancelled because BRANCATO believed he was under FBI surveillance.

Source characterized BRANCATO as well liked by the "wise guys," one who thinks like an "old mustache," but who will listen to the modern ideas of the young guys. Source advised that if a member has a problem and goes to BRANCATO with it, the matter will be straightened out.

Source advised that the COLOMBO Family "owns" Local 6A of the Concrete Workers Union through BRANCATO who

has a front man [redacted] running things. [redacted] is a long-time friend of BRANCATO, [redacted] Source advised TUTTIE FRANZESE is connected with Local 6A and also acts as a trouble-shooter for BRANCATO. FRANZESE acts as diver and bodyguard for BRANCATO and lower echelon crew members report to FRANZESE or get his clearance before having a meet with BRANCATO.

On 10/9/74, [redacted] who is [redacted] advised he is totally unfamiliar with Beau Electrical Construction, Inc., 4400 Wickam Avenue, Bronx, New York.

On 10/18/74, [redacted] advised that TUTTIE FRANZESE is acting as the "go between" for BRANCATO and [redacted] and visited [redacted]

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Source states JOE BRANCATO is handling all the COLOMBO Family problems now and for all practical purposes is the Acting Boss; source states BRANCATO maintains a low profile, is well regarded by the members, stays home a lot, goes out to eat at restaurants about two or three times a week, including places like Criscies on Lorimer Street and Bamontes in the Metropolitan Avenue neighborhood.

On 11/18/74, [redacted] advised that approximately two weeks ago on a Monday, TUTTIE FRANZESE visited [redacted] and does go periodically as a " go between" for BRANCATO and [redacted].

On 1/7/75, [redacted] advised that [redacted] had advised him that all charges relating to the allegations

concerning the extortion of money from the Mobil Oil Company had been dropped by local authorities. [redacted] stated that recently FRANK "FUNZY" TIERI had assured him [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

On 2/14/75, [redacted] advised that the following sat at a table at the wedding of JO JO VITACCO which was held on 2/8/75 at the Queens Terrace:

JOSEPH BRANCATO
[redacted]
JOE PERAINO
BLACK SAM NASTASI
LENNY DELLO
TUTTLE FRANZESE
[redacted]

On 3/4/75, [redacted] advised that he knows CARMINE "TUTTIE" FRANZESE to oversee a large shylock operation in Brooklyn. Source stated that FRANZESE meets once a week at

the Jay Vee Lounge on Metropolitan Avenue in Bushwick to discuss his shylock operation with several other individuals. Source advised that this meeting takes place usually on a Thursday some time after 3:00 PM.

On 3/19/75, [redacted] advised he has learned that a benefit was held at the Hollywood Terrace, 78th and New Utrecht Avenue, Brooklyn, on Friday 2/28/75, to "push" VIC ROMA, a singer, at $25 each person. Source states JOSEPH BRANCATO took a table and had the following with him:

JO [illegible]O VITACCO
TUTTIE FRANZESE
LENNY DELLO
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Source advised that COLOMBO Family acting boss JOE BRANCATO and TUTTIE FRANZESE and PETEY RENDA (ph), whom source knows as a numbers guy, were at the Jay Vee Lounge on Metropolitan Avenue approximately two weeks after the VITACCO wedding. BRANCATO and FRANZESE stopped by the lounge to say "hello" to VITACCO upon his return to Brooklyn.

THE ABOVE INFORMATION FURNISHED BY INFORMANTS IS SINGULAR IN NATURE AND SHOULD NOT BE DISSEMINATED.

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Report of: [redacted] Office: New York, New York
Date: APR 2 1975

Field Office File #: 92-8234 Bureau File #:

Title: CARMINE SALVATORE FRANZESE

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Personal history and background, criminal record, associates, hangouts, and physical description set forth.

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DETAILS:

An investigation was instituted concerning CARMINE SALVATORE FRANZESE to determine the extent of his activities with organize crime figures and to determine any anti-racketeering activities on his part.

A. Personal History and Background

1. Birth

On March 4, 1975, Special Clerk [redacted] searched the records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics of the Borough of Kings County, New York, which contained the following information under certificate number 3566:

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CARMINE FRANZESE was born on January 25, 1932 at 348 Leonard Street to MICHELE FRANZESE, aka Michael, age 24, place of birth United States, occupation laborer, and GRACE COSGROVE, age 17, place of birth United States, occupation housewife, resided at 348 Leonard Street, Brooklyn, New York.

2. Residence

A review of New York State Department of Motor Vehicle records reflected CARMINE SALVATORE FRANZESE, date of birth January 25, 1932, resided at 51-38 69th Street, Woodside, New York.

3. Relatives

CARMINE TUTTIE FRANZESE'S grandfather CARMINE FRANZESE also known as (aka) "The Lion" came from a small town in Italy and was a "Don" in the Italian underworld. CARMINE "THE LION" FRANZESE died about 1956 and prior to his death was known to be in control of various illegal enterprises and his power and influence were passed on to his sons, first to ONOFRIO who was considered extremely vicious and subsequently to JOHNNY SONNY FRANZESE who is currently serving a 50 year sentence for bank robbery.

The children of CARMINE and MARIA NOTARO FRANZESE, the grandparents of CARMINE TUTTIE FRANZESE are as follows:

a. FILOMENA FRANZESE BIGLIONE aka Millie Franzese, date of birth May 1, 1903, married to FRANK

BIGLIONE. Children of FRANK and FILOMENA BIGLIONE are [redacted] b6 b7C

b. ONOFRIO FRANZESE, date of birth January 9, 1904 aka Nufrio (deceased). ONOFRIO had three children. [redacted]

c. ANNA FRANZESE DE LAURO married to GIACOMO (JIM) DE LAURO. The DE LAUROS have four children: [redacted]

d. MICHAEL FRANZESE, date of birth April 6, 1906, married to GRACE COSGROVE. MICHAEL has been married twice and has three children, by COSGROVE, who he divorced, and one child by his second wife, [redacted]

Children by MICHAEL'S first wife GRACE COSGROVE are:

CARMINE FRANZESE, aka Tuttie wife LUCILLE. [redacted]

MICHAEL FRANZESE, Jr.

e. GUISIPPENA FRANZESE, aka Josephine Franzese Carella, date of birth July 15, 1910, married to MICHAEL CARELLA. The CARELLAS have no children.

f. LUIGI FRANZESE, aka Louis Franzese, date of birth September 10, 1913, wife [redacted], and have two children, [redacted] and [redacted]

g. [redacted] date of birth [redacted] married to [redacted] have four children.

h. [redacted] aka [redacted] date of birth [redacted] married to [redacted] have three children.

i. [redacted] aka [redacted] date of birth [redacted]

j. JOHN FRANZESE, aka Sonny, wife [redacted] aka [redacted] Children by [redacted] first marriage are [redacted] aka [redacted] date of birth [redacted] date of birth [redacted] date of birth [redacted] Children of [redacted] and [redacted] are [redacted] date of birth [redacted] and a daughter. b6 b7C

4. Marriage

On March 4, 1975, Special Clerk [redacted] caused a search to be made of the Marriage Bureau records, Brooklyn, New York, and no record could be located of a marriage for CARMINE and [redacted] FRANZESE.

On March 10, 1975, SC [redacted] search the records of the Marriage Bureau for the borough of Manhattan and could locate no record for the marriage of CARMINE and [redacted] FRANZESE.

On March 26, 1975, Special Clerk [redacted] searched the records of the Marriage Bureau of Queens, New York, and could locate no record for the marriage of CARMINE and [redacted] FRANZESE.

5. Credit

On February 6, 1975, Special Clerk [redacted] searched the files of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York and could locate no record for CARMINE FRANZESE [redacted] b6 b7C

6. Vehicles

New York State Department of Motor Vehicle records reflect no vehicles were registered in the name of CARMINE FRANZESE. Department of Motor Vehicle records reflect drivers license number F18051 16027 481133-32, which expires November 30, 1976 was issued to CARMINE SALVATORE FRANZESE.

The following vehicles were registered in the name of [redacted] New York:

1. 1974 gray two door Matadore, New York license [redacted]

2. 1973 two door tan Rambler American, New York license [redacted]

b. Criminal Record

On February 5, 1975, SA AUGUST J. MICKK obtained the following New York City Police Department Record, B# 274013, for CARMINE FRANZESE aka Toddy, John Rizzo.

| Date of Arrest | Name | Borough or City | Charge | Arresting Officer | Date, Disposition Judge and Court |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4/6/49 | CARMINE FRANZESE | Bklyn. 80-87 | Burg. Tools & Burglary | [redacted] 87 Pct. | 5/24/49-Fin. chg. Wayward Minor-Indef. Prob.-Jdg. BRENNER-Adol. Ct. |
| 6/26/58 | JOHN RIZZO | Bklyn. 654-87 | 722-2P.L. (Dice) | [redacted] 1st. DCO | 6/26/58-$10-Jdg. MAGLIO-E.N.Y. Ct. b6 b7C |
| 2/16/59 | CARMINE FRANZESE | Bklyn. 165-83 | 970P.L. | [redacted] BBPS | 5/18/59-Action Dism. Jdg. TROY-Spec. Sesc. |
| 4/26/60 | CARMINE FRANZESE | Manh. | Crim. Contempt of Court | [redacted] D.A. Manh. | 6/5/61-6 mos. Penty. Jdg. BARSHAY-Cen. Sesc. 3/10/64-S.S.-Jdg. MALBIN. |
| 12/9/71 | CARMINE FRANZESE | NYC | Consp to delay commerce (Mobil Oil Company) | USM | |
| 12/9/71 | CARMINE FRANZESE 67 17 54 Ave. Qns. | Bklyn. 3741-84 | 155.40 PL Gr. larc 155.35 PL Gr larc 105.10 P. Conspiracy | [redacted] DAOS K | |

On March 4, 1975, SC [redacted] searched the records of Brooklyn Supreme Court for indictment number 4209 71 for the disposition of FRANZESE'S arrest on December 9, 1971 and determined this case is still pending in Part 21 of Brooklyn Supreme Court. b6 b7C

On February 11, 1975, the Identification Division of the FBI furnished the following records concerning CARMINE SALVATORE FRANZESE, FBI #765871 D:

| Contributor of Fingerprints | Name and Number | Arrested or Received | Charge | Disposition |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| PD NY NY | FRANZESE CARMINE | 4/6/49 | burg & Burg tools | |
| Prob Dept Kings Co Crt Brooklyn NY | CARMINE FRANZESE #61574 | 3/18/60 | not given | PG to crim contempt |
| NYC Pen Rikers Island NY | CARMINE FRANZESE #261-2512 | 6/5/61 | Contempt of crt | 6 mos |
| Supreme Crt Prob Dept Brooklyn NY | CARMINE FRANZESE #61574 CM | FP 1/22/64 | not given | PG criminal contempt |
| USM NY NY | CARMINE FRANZESE | 12/9/71 | Consp to delay commerce (Mobil Oil Co) | |
| PD NY NY | CARMINE SALVATORE FRANZESE #274-013 | 12/9/71 | GL PL 155.40 GL PL 155.35 conspiracy PL 105-10 | |

| Contributor of Fingerprints | Name and Number | Arrested or Received | Charge | Disposition |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FBI NY NY | CARMINE S. FRANZESE | 12/9/71 | 18 USC 849, 891 (7), 1951 | directed verdict acquittal 11/9/73 |

C. Associates

CARMINE TUTTIE FRANZESE has been observed in the company of the following individuals who are known members or associates of the COLOMBO (LCN) La Cosa Nostra Family:

JOHN "SONNY" FRANZESE
JAMES VINCENT NAPOLI
VINCENT "BIG LOU" RUSSO
MODESTO "DUKE" SANTORO
JOSEPH "JO JO" VITACCO
[redacted]
THOMAS DI BELLA
[redacted]
JOSEPH BRANCATO
SALVATORE ALBANESE

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D. Hangouts and Places Frequented

FRANZESE has been observed on numerous occasions

frequenting the following places:

Jay Vee Lounge
769 Metropolitan Avenue
Brooklyn, New York

Crisci's Restaurant
593 Lorimer Street
Brooklyn, New York

Joy Lounge
369-371 43rd Street
Brooklyn, New York

The Sage Diner
80-26 Queens Boulevard
Queens, New York

E. Physical Description

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|---|---|
| Name | CARMINE SALVATORE FRANZESE |
| Aliases | Tuttie, John Rizzo |
| Current address | 51-36 69th Street<br>Woodside, New York |
| Prior Residence | 67-17 54th Street |
| Race | White |
| Sex | Male |
| Date of birth | January 25, 1932 |
| Place of birth | Brooklyn, New York |
| Height | 6'1" |
| Weight | 220 pounds |
| Hair | Black |
| Eyes | Brown |
| FBI # | 765 871 D |
| NYCPD # | B 274 013 |

Occupation: Dry Wall Applicator
Employer: Self-employed
Social Security Number: 109-24-1104
Marital Status: Married wife [redacted]
date of birth [redacted]

Children [redacted]
date of birth [redacted]

[redacted]
date of birth [redacted]

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The following observations were made by Special Agents (SAS) [redacted] and [redacted] in the vicinity of Crisci's Restaurant, 593 Lorimer Street, Brooklyn, New York, on Tuesday, April 2, 1975:

12:38 p.m. — A gray 1974 American Motors Matador sedan, bearing New York license 871-QUX, was observed parked on Conselyea Street, a half a block from Crisci's Restaurant.

Vehicles bearing the following license plate numbers, the registrations of which were obtained through the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles computer, were observed in the vicinity of Crisci's Restaurant at this time, and in the parking lot for Crisci's Restaurant:

| License | Registered Owner |
|---|---|
| [redacted] | [redacted] |
| [redacted] | [redacted] |
| 510-YZA | Potamkin Cadillac Leasing Corporation, 787 11th Avenue, New York, New York, for use on a 1975 brown four-door Cadillac sedan. b6 b7C |
| [redacted] | [redacted] |

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by SAS [redacted] and /RDB/dm Date dictated 4/3/75

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| License | Registered Owner |
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| [redacted] | [redacted] |
| [redacted] | [redacted] |
| 679-QZD | R.G.J. Contracting Company, Incorporated 35-54 9th Street, Long Island City, New York, for use on a 1973 blue Chevrolet sedan. b6 b7C |
| [redacted] | [redacted] |
| [redacted] | [redacted] |
| [redacted] | [redacted] |
| [redacted] | [redacted] |
| [redacted] | [redacted] |

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| 99-NAV | Modern Made Food Products, Incorporated 200 Garden City Plaza, Garden City, New York, for use on 1974 brown four-door Ford sedan. |
| [redacted] | [redacted] b6 b7C |
| 502-FPD | Value Wise Auto Leasing, Incorporated 550 Old Country Road, Hicksville, New York, for use on 1974 white two-door Buick sedan. |
| 62-BSY | Department of Motor Vehicles code 16-80-03, which indicates this is a new issue of passenger license plate from Bronx County. |

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The following observations were made by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] on February 8-9, 1975, in the vicinity of Queens Terrace Caterers, 68-21 Roosevelt Avenue, Woodside, Queens, New York:

| Date | Time | Observation |
|---|---|---|
| February 8, 1975 | 6:15 pm | Two white males observed in late model Cadillac, New York license plates 366 BWC. This vehicle observed cruising area for some time. Vehicle believed to be operated by New York City Police Department (NYCPD) officers. |
| | 6:22 pm | White male wearing glasses observed removing what appeared to be photographic equipment from Chevrolet, New Jersey license NNU 585. |
| | 6:30 pm | Two Independence Coach Company school buses, New York license plates 6904 BB and 6903 BB unload large group of people who entered Queens Terrace |
| | 11:30 pm | Both Independence Coach Company school buses parked on 69th Street and began loading people. Several white males boarding buses observed to be carrying cases of beer. |

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| Date | Time | Observation |
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| February 9, 1975 | 1:44 am | [redacted] GREGORY SCARPA and another white male observed standing on corner of Roosevelt Avenue and 39th Avenue. They then walked to and entered a white Cadillac, New York license GJS 100, which was parked on 39th Avenue between 63rd and 64th Streets. Vehicle departed area. |
| | 1:56 am | SALVATORE ALBANESE, driving a 1974 white over light green Buick, New York license 393 JJG, observed turning left from Roosevelt Avenue onto 69th Street. b6 b7C |
| | 2:37 am | [redacted] and three white males observed entering brown Oldsmobile, New York license 816 BVX parked on 69th Street at corner of Roosevelt Avenue. Vehicle made U-turn and departed area. |
| | 2:38 am | JOSEPH BRANCATO observed entering vehicle bearing New York license 843 FRV with several other individuals. |
| | 2:38 am | Vehicle bearing New York license 986 QXJ departed Queens Terrace with several individuals. Vehicle proceeded down 69th Street to residence of CARMINE FRANZESE, 51-38 69th Street, where it stopped briefly. Vehicle then proceeded to Sage Diner, 80-26 Queens Boulevard, where numerous vehicles observed at Queens Terrace were also observed. |

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Vehicles bearing the following license plate numbers, registered as indicated, were observed in the vicinity of the Queens Terrace:

| License Plate Number | Registered Owner |
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| [redacted] | [redacted] |
| [redacted] | [redacted] |
| 749 KXC | Gambles CM Leasing Company<br>Care of L. MAYOKA<br>4 Seaward Court, b6<br>Cold Spring Harbor, NY b7C<br>1974 Chevrolet 4-door Sedan,<br>brown |
| [redacted] | [redacted] |
| [redacted] | [redacted] |
| [redacted] | [redacted] |

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| 59L200 | Jerry Peck Car Service, Incorporated<br>639 Lorimer Street,<br>Brooklyn, NY<br>1974 Checker 4-door Sedan, black |
| [redacted] | [redacted] |
| [redacted] | [redacted] |
| 805 KPC | Madison Funeral Service, Incorporated<br>544 Evergreen Avenue,<br>Brooklyn, NY<br>1973 Buick, 2-door Sedan, brown b6 b7C |
| 256 QNK | PAUL LAWSON<br>DOB: January 21, 1912<br>34-19 30th Street,<br>Long Island City, NY<br>1972 Ford Sedan, green/gold |
| [redacted] | [redacted] |

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| License Plate Number | Registered Owner |
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| [redacted] | [redacted] |
| 999 ZEB | Olins, NY Rent-a-Car, Incorporated<br>400 Sunrise Highway,<br>Rockville Center, NY<br>1973 Chevrolet, 2-door<br>Sedan, green |
| [redacted] | [redacted] |

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| License Plate Number | Registered Owner |
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| [redacted] | [redacted] |
| 95 QEP | THERESA PELLETIERE<br>DOB: February 8, 1911<br>77 Sheridan Avenfue,<br>Brooklyn, NY<br>1972 Chevrolet, 4-door<br>Sedan, gold |
| [redacted] | [redacted] |
| [redacted] | [redacted] b6 b7C |
| [redacted] | [redacted] |
| 406 WIC | MICHAEL SAVINO<br>DOB: December 7, 1940<br>1042 East Broadway,<br>Woodmere, NY<br>1975 Cadillac, 2-door<br>Sedan, white |

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| License Plate Number | Registered Owner |
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| [redacted] | [redacted] |
| [redacted] | [redacted] |
| 919 QRU | FRED ROESEMANN<br>DOB: February 3, 1916<br>110 Meserole Avenue,<br>Brooklyn, NY<br>1965 Chevrolet, 4-door<br>Sedan, green |
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| License Plate Number | Registered Owner |
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| 88 KZF | PETER DELLACONO<br>DOB: March 7, 1915<br>117 Nassau Avenue,<br>Brooklyn, NY<br>1972 Chevrolet, 4-door<br>Sedan brown |
| [redacted] | [redacted] |
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| [redacted] | [redacted] |
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| 109 AGU | Salbra Industries, Incorporated<br>1969 Wantagh Avenue,<br>Wantagh, NY<br>1974 Oldsmobile, 2-door<br>Sedan, tan |

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| License Plate Number | Registered Owner |
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| [redacted] | [redacted] |
| 778 XJG | MARGARET SULLIVAN<br>DOB: April 16, 1910<br>216 Academy Street,<br>Bayport, NY<br>1975 Cadillac, 2-door<br>Sedan, white/blue |
| 602 YLO | T and S Fish Company, Incorporated b6 b7C<br>22-23 Fulton Fish Market,<br>New York City, NY<br>1974 Mercedes Benz, 4-door<br>Sedan, green |
| 707 KEO | M and C Auto Leasing<br>1253 Main Street,<br>Buffalo, NY<br>1971 Chevrolet, 4-door<br>Sedan, blue/black |
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| License Plate Number | Registered Owner |
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| GJS 100 | ALFONSO FARACE<br>DOB: March 18, 1907<br>546 Foster Road,<br>Staten Island, NY<br>1974 Cadillac, 2-door<br>Sedan white |
| [redacted] | [redacted] |
| 246 RBM | International Brotherhood<br>of Teamsters, Local 816<br>265 West 14th Street,<br>NY, NY<br>1973 Mercury, 2-door Sedan,<br>blue |

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| License Plate Number | Registered Owner |
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| 356 KXM | MICHAEL MONTAGANO<br>DOB: December 21, 1914<br>145 Franklin Street,<br>Brooklyn, NY<br>1970 Cadillac, 2-door<br>Sedan, white/purple |
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| License Plate Number | Registered Owner |
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| 251 NLS | Lease Car of America<br>209-13 Gratiot Avenue,<br>East Detroit, Michigan<br>1974 Chevrolet Sedan,<br>white |
| [redacted] | [redacted] |
| [redacted] | [redacted] |
| [redacted] | [redacted] |
| 84 YRT | CHILLESTA FASULO<br>DOB: August 5, 1915<br>263 East Columbus Avenue,<br>White Plains, NY<br>1974 Chevrolet Sedan,<br>blue |
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| License Plate Number | Registered Owner |
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| [redacted] | [redacted] |
| 918 JAE | PASQUALE VITACCO<br>DOB: May 10, 1913<br>150-37 58th Avenue,<br>Flushing, NY<br>1970 Chrysler, 4-door<br>Sedan, green |
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| License Plate Number | Registered Owner |
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| 356 YXM | A-Leet Leasing Corporation<br>40 Horton Avenue,<br>Lynbrook, NY<br>1974 Mercedes Benz,<br>4-door Sedan, blue b6 b7C |
| 811 KEF | Southtown Leasing<br>5025 Camp Road,<br>Hamburg, NY<br>1971 Ford Suburban, white |
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| [redacted] | [redacted] b6 b7C |
| [redacted] | [redacted] |
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| 559 YFC | ANTHONY DE ROSA<br>DOB: January 4, 1913<br>1367 68th Street,<br>Brooklyn, NY<br>1973 Ford, 2-door Sedan,<br>brown |

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| License Plate Number | Registered Owner |
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| [redacted] | [redacted] |
| 305 FSL | Aluminum Louvre Corproation<br>159 Express Street,<br>Plainview, NY<br>1971 Cadillac, 2-door<br>Sedan, brown |
| 631 KFB | Barrow Oil Corporation<br>100 Dobbin Street,<br>Brooklyn, NY<br>1974 Cadillac, 2-door b6<br>Sedan, white b7C |
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| [redacted] | [redacted] b6 b7C |
| [redacted] | [redacted] |

791 QMQ

Our Lady of Mercy Roman Catholic Church
70-01 Kessel Street,
Forest Hills, NY
1974 Plymouth Suburban,
blue

NY 183-170

| License Plate Number | Registered Owner |
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| [redacted] | [redacted] |
| [redacted] | [redacted] |
| 155 YTY | Piteo Service<br>Truck Corporation<br>76 Thompson Street,<br>New York City, NY<br>1974 Cadillac, 2-door<br>Sedan, red |
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| [redacted] | [redacted] |
| 615 ZDG | Local Rent-a-Car Leasing Incorporated<br>14 West Old Country Road,<br>Hicksville, NY<br>1975 Plymouth, 2-door<br>Sedan, gold |
| [redacted] | [redacted] |
| 711 YBA | New York City Police Department<br>53-15 58th Street,<br>Woodside, NY<br>1971 Cadillac, 4-door<br>Sedan, black/maroon |

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| License Plate Number | Registered Owner |
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| [redacted] | [redacted] |
| 373 QVG | MARGARET BANKS<br>DOB: February 27, 1916<br>110-37 160th Street,<br>Jamaica, NY<br>1969 Buick, 4-door<br>Sedan, gold b6 b7C |
| [redacted] | [redacted] |
| [redacted] | [redacted] |
| 805 RFF | Avis Rent-a-Car System,<br>Incorporated<br>247-847 Crossway Park West<br>Woodbury, NY<br>1974 Cadillac, 2-door Sedan,<br>blue |
| [redacted] | [redacted] |

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| License Plate Number | Registered Owner |
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| [redacted] | [redacted] |
| [redacted] | [redacted] |
| 593 ZDG | Optimum Rent-a-Car, Incorporated<br>2248 Church Avenue, Brooklyn, NY<br>1975 Ford, 2-door Sedan, blue |
| [redacted] | [redacted] |
| [redacted] | [redacted] |
| 986 QXJ | Construction Consultants, Incorporated<br>4400 Wickham Avenue, Bronx, NY<br>1974 Buick 2-door Sedan, green |

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| License Plate Number | Registered Owner |
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| [redacted] | [redacted] b6 b7C |
| [redacted] | [redacted] |
| 71 YZM | PETER CALDONE<br>DOB: August 1, 1914<br>547 West 37th Street,<br>New York City, NY<br>1969 Mercury, 2-door<br>Sedan, black |
| 686 KUQ | ANTHONY KIMKOWSKI<br>DOB: June 1, 1914<br>127 Nassau Avenue,<br>Brooklyn, New York<br>1973 Chevrolet, 2-door<br>Sedan red |
| 919 QRU | FRED ROESEMANN<br>DOB: February 3, 1916<br>110 Meserole Avenue,<br>Brooklyn, NY<br>1965 Chevrolet, 4-door<br>Sedan, green |

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| License Plate Number | Registered Owner |
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| [redacted] | [redacted] |
| [redacted] | [redacted] |
| [redacted] | [redacted] |
| 816 BVX | Asteroid Trucking, Incorporated<br>118 8th Street,<br>Brooklyn, New York<br>1975 Oldsmobile, 4-door<br>Sedan, brown |
| [redacted] | [redacted] |
| 559 YFC | ANTHONY DE ROSA<br>DOB: January 4, 1913<br>1367 68th Street,<br>Brooklyn, NY<br>1973 Ford, 2-door Sedan,<br>brown |

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| License Plate Number | Registered Owner |
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| 264 KDV | PASQUALE BIANCO<br>DOB: April 25, 1911<br>445 Humbolot Street,<br>Brooklyn, NY<br>1967 Cadillac, 2-door<br>Sedan, green |
| 350 KFM | MARIE MOULTRIE<br>DOB: April 15, 1916<br>82 Chauncey Street,<br>Brooklyn, NY<br>1969 Dodge, 2-door<br>Sedan, gold |
| 305 KUS | CHESTER A. KOWALCZYK<br>DOB: September 1, 1914<br>30 Jewel Street,<br>Brooklyn, NY<br>1968 Pontiac, 2-door<br>Sedan, green |
| [redacted] | [redacted] |
| [redacted] | [redacted] b6 b7C |
| [redacted] | [redacted] |

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| License Plate Number | Registered Owner |
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| 70 KDN | PHILIP FERRARA<br>DOB: October 16, 1914<br>1432 79th Street,<br>Brooklyn, NY<br>1970 Cadillac, 2-door<br>Sedan, brown |
| [redacted] | [redacted] |
| 960 DGG | Seaboard Tile and<br>Terrazzo Corporation<br>27 Sarah Drive,<br>Farmingdale, NY b6<br>1973 Continental, 2-door b7C<br>Sedan, tan |
| [redacted] | [redacted] |
| 336 BWC | 16-80-70<br>(16 - Passenger car)<br>(80 - Unsold)<br>(70 - No information available for this code) |
| 694 OGY | 16-80-35<br>(35 - Ontario County, NY) |

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License Plate Number

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Registered Owner

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Vehicles bearing the following out-of-state license plate numbers were observed:

New Jersey

427 BEH
829 BON
753 BWP
YUO 352
950 AZL
451 AZI
STV 684
UHL 489
225 BSL
515 VMC
896 AUT
212 AUS
YRU 613
NNU 585
199 AMY
YOI 779
515 BNC

Florida

6D28125 or 6D29125
1W198901

Connecticut

ML 5321
LV 7625
ST 4026

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Pennsylvania

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Massachusetts

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# *Memorandum*

TO : SAC, NY (92-6690) DATE: 5/7/75

FROM : SA [redacted]
GARDEN CITY RA

SUBJECT: [redacted] aka
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The following information was furnished by [redacted] to SAs [redacted] and [redacted] on 4/28/75:

[redacted] advised that after his bank burglary conviction and while on bond he had gone to [redacted] club in Brooklyn and that the club was closed. He spoke to the coffee man who was nextdoor to the club and at this time he did not know that [redacted] had disappeared. He approached JOE BRANCATO concerning the whereabouts of [redacted] and BRANCATO just "laughed".

He heard from BRANCATO that [redacted] who was incarcerated at Leavenworth on a bank robbery charge, and [redacted] were running around; that apparently [redacted] were very close. BRANCATO sent CARMINE FRANZESE to see JOHN FRANZESE at Leavenworth in order to fill in his uncle concerning the activities of [redacted] It was even suggested that JOHN FRANZESE consider [redacted] because [redacted] JOE BRANCATO implied that [redacted] was out to kill BRANCATO but he felt this was a lie and that [redacted] was hit because he was playing with [redacted]

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Date of transcription 6/18/75

The following observations were made by SA [redacted]

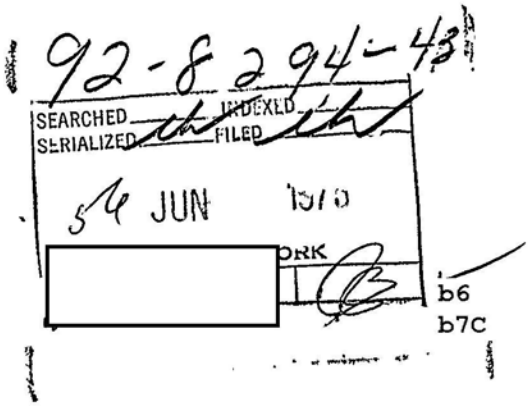
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|---|---|
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| 12:16 PM | FRANZESE was observed inside the Sage Diner engaged in conversation with [redacted] |
| 12:52 PM | FRANZESE's vehicle still parked as set forth above. |
| 12:53 PM | Rhythmic horn blowing was heard from the vicinity of FRANZESE's vehicle. |
| 12:54 PM | FRANZESE's vehicle no longer parked as set forth above. |

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by SA [redacted] /mys Date dictated 6/12/75

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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| NEW YORK | NEW YORK | [illegible] | 3/14/75 - 7/22/75 |

TITLE OF CASE

CARMINE SALVATORE FRANZESE
aka

REPORT MADE BY [redacted] TYPED BY mys b6 b7C

CHARACTER OF CASE

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## REFERENCE

NYrep of SA [redacted], dated 4/2/75.

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## ADMINISTRATIVE

The investigative period of this report overlaps that of the previously submitted report to include information received subsequent to that report. It is noted that the reporting period exceeds that desired by the Bureau as the case agent has been actively involved in surveillances, monitoring and transcription activities in connection with the Title III case captioned, "ANTHONY ADAMO aka; ET AL; IGB; ECT" NY 179-1073 and [redacted]

| ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED | | | | | ACQUITTALS | CASE HAS BEEN: |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| CONVICTIONS | FUG. | FINES | SAVINGS | RECOVERIES | | PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☐ YES ☒ NO<br>PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☒ NO |

☒ NONE

APPROVED SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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1 - USA, EDNY
1 - Strike Force, EDNY (ATTN: COLOMBO Family Coordinator)
(3) - New York (92-8294)
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[redacted] ET AL; IGB" [redacted]

On 4/8/75, the records of the [redacted] b6
[redacted] as furnished to SA [redacted], reflected b7C
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INFORMANTS

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On 3/14/75, [redacted] advised that "TUTTIE" FRANZESE is considered to be a "standup guy" by members of the GALLO gang and is one of the trusted friends of JOEY BRANCATO.

Source could provide little or no information regarding FRANZESE other than he is very bitter against law enforcement in general in view of the stiff sentence received by his uncle, JOHN "SONNY" FRANZESE. Source advised that TUTTIE looked to SONNY FRANZESE as a father which might explain his hostilities.

On 3/28/75, [redacted] advised that on [redacted]

On 4/21/75, [redacted] advised he observed [redacted] Source advised that this must have been [redacted] Source stated that BRANCATO is believed to now be the head of the COLOMBO Family. Source stated [redacted]

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On 4/25/75, [redacted] advised that BRANCATO is currently the acting boss of the COLOMBO Family and handling all the "street problems". BRANCATO has been utilizing Crisci's Restaurant, Lorimer Street, Brooklyn, NY, [redacted] for "meets". TUTTI FRANZESE continues to be BRANCATO's driver and "right hand man".

On 4/30/75, [redacted] advised that [redacted] (LNU [redacted] Source advised that [redacted] This operation is a part of MICHAEL FRANZESE's crew and is responsible for numerous [redacted] in the [redacted] area.

On 5/14/75, [redacted] advised that [redacted] Source stated that FRANZESE is the driver and trusted friend of JOEY BRANCATO and this would indicate that [redacted] has aligned himself with the BRANCATO faction of the COLOMBO Family. Source stated that BRANCATO, in his leadership position in the COLOMBO Family is, in all probability, using [redacted] for all select assignments. Source stated that FRANZESE regards BRANCATO as his "Godfather" and would do just about anything for BRANCATO.

On 5/22/75, [redacted] advised that [redacted] had a sitdown-type meeting with JOEY BRANCATO, JO JO VITACCO, and TUTTIE FRANZESE at [redacted]

[redacted]

Source advised that BRANCATO also told [redacted]

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On 6/5/75, [redacted] advised that [redacted]

Source stated that [redacted] intends [redacted] FRANZESE has already obtained [redacted] and is attempting to obtain [redacted]

Source stated that BRANCATO is [redacted] to discuss COLOMBO Family business. Informants stated that [redacted]

On 5/23/75, [redacted] advised that acting COLOMBO Family boss JOEY BRANCATO, [redacted]

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Source advised that FRANZESE's presence at the GALLO hangout on President Street is for the purpose of bringing messages back and forth between BRANCATO and [redacted] or to act as BRANCATO's representative to straighten out any "beefs" which arise from the [redacted] faction.

The following information was furnished by [redacted]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, EDNY
1 - Strike Force, EDNY (ATTN: COLOMBO Family Coordinator)

Report of: [redacted] Office: New York, New York
Date: 1975

Field Office File #: 92-6294 Bureau File #: 92-16655

Title: CARMINE SALVATORE FRANZESE

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Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: FRANZESE continues to reside [redacted] NY, and frequent Crisci's and Sage Diner. FRANZESE utilizes vehicles registered to [redacted]

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DETAILS:

A. Residence

FRANZESE continues to reside at [redacted] New York (NY).

B. Activities

Sources whose identities are concealed herein have furnished reliable information in the past except where otherwise noted.

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Date of transcription 4/3/75

The following observations were made by Special Agents (SAS) [redacted] and [redacted] in the vicinity of Crisci's Restaurant, 593 Lorimer Street, Brooklyn, New York, on Tuesday, April 2, 1975:

12:38 p.m. — A gray 1974 American Motors Matador sedan, bearing New York license 871-QUX, was observed parked on Conselyea Street, a half a block from Crisci's Restaurant.

Vehicles bearing the following license plate numbers, the registrations of which were obtained through the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles computer, were observed in the vicinity of Crisci's Restaurant at this time, and in the parking lot for Crisci's Restaurant:

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| License | Registered Owner |
|---|---|
| [redacted] | [redacted] |
| [redacted] | [redacted] |
| 510-WZA | Potamkin Cadillac Leasing Corporation, 787 11th Avenue, New York, New York, for use on a 1975 brown four-door Cadillac sedan. |
| [redacted] | [redacted] |

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| [redacted] | [redacted] |
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| 679-QZD | R.O.J. Contracting Company, Incorporated 35-54 9th Street, Long Island City, New York, for use on a 1973 blue Chevrolet sedan. b6 b7C |
| [redacted] | [redacted] |
| 229-YTG | V.E. SANTANIELLO, May 2, 1911, 85-12 56th Avenue, Rego Park, New York, for use on a 1974 gray four-door Cadillac sedan. |
| 824-KRY | THERESA GUADAGNO, February 12, 1913, 52 Hilliman Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, for use on a 1974 brown four-door Chevrolet sedan. |
| 83-JP | VINCENZO FORGIONE, March 14, 1907, 57-49 228th Street, Bayside, New York, for use on a 1974 white Buick sedan. |
| [redacted] | [redacted] |

| License | Registered Owner |
| --- | --- |
| 99-NAV | Modern Made Food Products, Incorporated 200 Garden City Plaza, Garden City, New York, for use on 1974 brown four-door Ford sedan. |
| 341-EJR | CARMINE ANGOTI, January 13, 1916, 74 Powers Street, Brooklyn, New York, for use on 1974 gold two-door Cadillac sedan. |
| 502-PPD | Value Wise Auto Leasing, Incorporated 550 Old Country Road, Hicksville, New York, for use on 1974 white two-door Buick sedan. |
| 62-BSY | Department of Motor Vehicles code 16-80-03, which indicates this is a new issue of passenger license plate from Bronx County. |

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 6/18/75

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[redacted]

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C. Vehicles

Review of New York State Department of Motor Vehicles records reflected that the vehicles utilized by FRANZESE were registered as follows:

| License Plate | Registered To |
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| [redacted] | [redacted] |
| [redacted] | [redacted] |

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No vehicles were registered to FRANZESE or his [redacted] New York.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

Date of transcription 9/16/75

The following observations were made by Special Agents (SAS) [redacted] and [redacted] on Wednesday, September 10, 1975, at Queens, New York:

5:00 P.M.

Vehicles bearing the following license plate numbers were observed parked in the vicinity of the residence of CARMINE "TUTTIE" FRANZESE, 51-38 69th Street, Maspeth, Queens, New York. Registered owners were obtained from New York State Department of Motor Vehicle records:

| LICENSE PLATE | REGISTERED OWNER |
|---|---|
| [redacted] | [redacted] b6 b7C |
| 4576 LA | Island Taping Incorporated<br>47-20 35th Street<br>Long Island City, New York<br>For use on a 1974, blue Chevrolet Suburban |
| [redacted] | [redacted] |

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| LICENSE PLATE | REGISTERED OWNER |
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| 373 QTP | LAWRENCE BRIGNATI, SR.<br>Date of Birth<br>August 24, 1916<br>224 Beach 97th Street,<br>Rockaway Beach, New York<br>For use on a 1973, brown<br>Chevrolet sedan |
| [redacted] | [redacted] |
| [redacted] | [redacted] b6 b7C |

Department of Motor Vehicle records reflect this vehicle formerly bore New York license plate [redacted]

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

Date of franscription 9/22/75

On September 15, 1975, at approximately 1:30 PM, four white male individuals were observed in the front yard of the residence of TUTTI FRANZESE's, 51-38 69th Street, Maspeth, Queens, New York (NY). One of the individuals was identified as TUTIE FRANZESE. Upon sighting the agents, all four individuals separated and went in different directions, two individuals leaving the scene in a blue 1974 Buick, bearing NY license tags 379 QEH. A check of the records of the Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) revealed the owner of this vehicle to be:

Beau Electric Construction Incorporated
4400 Wickjam Avenue,
Bronx, New York

In addition, 1970 Ford was observed parked behind the Buick bearing New York license Plate [redacted] A DMV check revealed the owner of this vehicle to be:

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SAS [redacted] & [redacted]

by /PHD/cmb Date dictated 9/22/75

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Date of transcription 9/1/75

At 2:53 P.M. on August 27, 1975, the following vehicles were observed parked next to CARMINE FRANZESE's residence, 51-38 69th Street, Woodside, New York:

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by SA [redacted] /sln Date dictated 8/29/75

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Date of transcription 9/12/75

At 3:26 P.M. on September 4, 1975, Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] observed CARMINE FRANZESE parking a gray, two-door Matador sedan, bearing New York license 871-QUX, next to his residence, 51-38 69th Street, Woodside, New York.

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At 8:10 P.M., a Ford station wagon bearing New York license plate [redacted] was observed on 69th Street, Queens, New York, occupied by JOSEPH BRANCATO, CARMINE FRANZESE and an unknown white male driving the vehicle. New York State Department of Motor Vehicles records reflect this vehicle is registered to [redacted] date of birth [redacted]

BRANCATO and FRANZESE were subsequently observed to enter the Queens Terrace where the reception of [redacted] LEONARD DELLO was taking place.

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Date of transcription 11/19/75

On November 13, 1975, at 1:20 P.M., no vehicles were observed parked near the residence of CARMINE FRANZESE, 51-38 69th Street, Woodside, New York.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

| REPORTING OFFICE | OFFICE OF ORIGIN | DATE | INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD |
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| NEW YORK | NEW YORK | | 7/28/75-11/13/75 |

TITLE OF CASE

CARMINE SALVATORE FRANZESE aka

REPORT MADE BY [redacted] TYPED BY sln

CHARACTER OF CASE

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REFERENCE

NYrep of SA [redacted] dated 8/21/75.

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On 8/28/75, [redacted] Security Officer, Spector Freight System, Incorporated, 1313 Grand Street, Brooklyn, New York, advised that SALVATORE DE LAURO, aka Sal, and CARMINE FRANZESE, aka Little Tuttie, appeared to be running a loanshark operation at Spector. [redacted] advised DE LAURO is the union shop steward for Local 816 International Brotherhood of Teamsters, and works in the valuable shipment "crib".

| ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED ☒ NONE | | | | | ACQUITTALS | CASE HAS BEEN: |
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| CONVIC. | FUG. | FINES | SAVINGS | RECOVERIES | | PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☒ YES ☐ NO<br>PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☒ NO |
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He advised DE LAURO, on a daily basis, walks up and down the loading dock talking to employees on a one-to-one basis. [redacted] has heard that DE LAURO collects money from drivers and loading dock personnel which is believed to be payments on shylock loans. [redacted] advised that "LITTLE TUTTIE", who is also employed by Spector, comes in on Wednesday nights around 6:00 P.M. and collects on shylock loans.

On 9/9/75, [redacted] advised that on 9/8/75, an individual who was identified to him as "BIG TUTTIE" and who allegedly used to work at Spector, and is an uncle of "LITTLE TUTTIE", came to Spector and visited DE LAURO in the "crib".

"BIG TUTTIE" was driving a vehicle bearing New York license [redacted] Review of New York State DMV records reflect this vehicle is registered to [redacted] DOB [redacted] Brooklyn, NY, for use on a [redacted]

On 9/10/75, [redacted] advised [redacted] is employed by Spector and has been [redacted] He advised [redacted] and the most recent address Spector has for [redacted] which is dated 1/19/66, is [redacted] Brooklyn, NY. [redacted] was shown a photograph of CARMINE SALVATORE FRANZESE, aka "Tuttie", whom he identified as being identical to "BIG TUTTIE". b6 b7C b7D

INFORMANTS

On 7/28/75, [redacted] advised that "TUTTIE" FRANZESE was last down on President Street about two weeks ago to visit [redacted] and to pass the word along from JOE BRANCATO.

On 8/25 and 8/27/75, [redacted] advised that "TUTTIE" has not been going to President Street on a regular basis and will stop in to visit [redacted] on occasion. Source advised that "TUTTIE" is JOE BRANCATO's man and apparently BRANCATO feels he can trust [redacted] a little more than on previous occasions. Source advised [redacted] was [redacted] and the wedding was attended by all the [redacted] crew members as well as

BRANCATO, FRANZESE and numerous other COLOMBO Family members.

On 8/29/75, [redacted] advised that JOSEPH BRANCATO, TUTTIE FRANZESE, [redacted] and JO JO VITACCO were some of those scheduled to attend [redacted]

Source advised that TUTTIE FRANZESE's [redacted] and the [redacted]

On 9/17/75, [redacted] advised TUTTIE FRANZESE has been visiting [redacted] on President Street on a weekly basis. Source stated TUTTIE is BRANCATO's bodyguard and confidant and visits President Street, so he can report developments on the [redacted] directly to BRANCATO. b6 b7C b7D

On 10/8/75, [redacted] advised TUTTIE FRANZESE continues to meet with [redacted] two or three times a week on behalf of BRANCATO.

On 10/8/75, [redacted] advised the following were some of those [redacted]

[redacted]
SALVATORE ALBANESE
[redacted]
JOE BRANCATO
DOMINICK CATALDO
JAMES CLEMENZA
[redacted]
LENNY DELLO
THOMAS DI BELLA
[redacted]
SAL FUSCO
[redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
LARRY LAMPASI
[redacted]
ANTHONY LAPONZINA
ERNIE LAPONZINA
BENNY LO CICERO
FRANK LO CICERO
[redacted]
VINCENT MELIA
ROCKO MIRAGLIA
VINCENT MUCE
BLACK SAM NASTASA

[redacted] ALPHONSE PERSICO [redacted]

[redacted] JAMES SCIANNA [redacted] JO JO VITACCO

Source further advised that FRANZESE was among those who attended the wedding reception for LENNY DELLO's daughter on Sunday, September 28, 1975, at the Queens Terrace. Source advised FRANZESE also attended the wedding reception of ROCKO MIRAGLIA's daughter held on Saturday, October 4, 1975, at the Shalimar, Staten Island, New York.

On 10/14/75, [redacted] advised that TUTTIE FRANZESE was an usher at the recent wedding of [redacted] and [redacted]. Source advised that TUTTIE has been spending a lot of time with [redacted] and his crew, per instructions of JOE BRANCATO.

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On 10/16/75, [redacted] advised that SALVATORE DE LAURO and CARMINE "LITTLE TUTTIE" FRANZESE, nephews of JOHN "SONNY" FRANZESE, are operating a loansharking operation at the Spector Freight System, Inc. terminal, 1313 Grand Street, Brooklyn, New York. Both individuals make shylock loans and, if necessary, would use force to collect the loans.

On occasion, a relative of FRANZESE known as "BIG TUTTIE" has threatened employees of Spector to pay their debts. Source was shown a photograph of CARMINE SALVATORE FRANZESE, aka Tuttie, but was unable to identify him as being identical to "BIG TUTTIE".

On 11/7/75, [redacted] advised that [redacted] maintains contact with the COLOMBOs through TUTTIE FRANZESE and sees GALLO several times a week.

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AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. Will maintain contact with [redacted] in attempt to develop ECT case involving subject.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Report of: [redacted] Office: New York, New York b6 b7C

Date: NOV 26 1975

Field Office File #: 92-8294 Bureau File #: 92-16655

Title: CARMINE SALVATORE FRANZESE

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: FRANZESE continues to be driver and bodyguard for BRANCATO. FRANZESE's daughter married, 9/27/75.

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DETAILS:

A. Residence

FRANZESE continues to reside at 51-38 69th Street, Woodside, New York.

B. Activities

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Date of transcription 9/1/75

At 2:53 P.M. on August 27, 1975, the following vehicles were observed parked next to CARMINE FRANZESE's residence, 51-38 69th Street, Woodside, New York:

[redacted]

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The following observations were made by Special Agents (SAS) [redacted] and [redacted] on Wednesday, September 10, 1975, at Queens, New York:

5:00 P.M.

Vehicles bearing the following license plate numbers were observed parked in the vicinity of the residence of CARMINE "TUTTIE" FRANZESE, 51-38 69th Street, Maspeth, Queens, New York. Registered owners were obtained from New York State Department of Motor Vehicle records:

| LICENSE PLATE | REGISTERED OWNER |
|---|---|
| [redacted] | [redacted] b6 b7C |
| 4576 LA | Island Taping Incorporated<br>47-20 35th Street<br>Long Island City, New York<br>For use on a 1974, blue Chevrolet Suburban |
| [redacted] | [redacted] |

Interviewed on 9/10/75 at Queens, New York File # NY 92-8294

by SAS [redacted] /RDB/kp Date dictated 9/16/75

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| LICENSE PLATE | REGISTERED OWNER |
| --- | --- |
| [redacted] | [redacted] |
| [redacted] | [redacted] |
| [redacted] | [redacted] |

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Department of Motor Vehicle records reflect this vehicle formerly bore New York license plate 702 QMQ.

On September 15, 1975, [redacted], Parole Officer, United States Probation Office, 225 Cadman Plaza East, advised that on July 23, 1975, while conducting a home visit at the residence of SALVATORE ALBANESE, 1143 78th Street, Brooklyn, New York, he observed a white male, approximately six feet tall, weighing 220 pounds, walk out of ALBANESE's driveway and enter vehicle bearing New York license 871-QUX. Present at ALBANESE's residence at that time was an individual who identified himself as [redacted] whom [redacted] subsequently learned was actually [redacted]

On September 27, 1975, FRANZESE's daughter was married and the reception was held at the Queens Terrace Caterers, 68-21 Roosevelt Avenue, Woodside, New York. Some of the vehicles observed parked in the vicinity of the Queens Terrace during the reception are as follows: b6 b7C

[redacted]

[redacted]

527-RLM
THOMAS DI BELLA
Date of Birth November 29, 1905
18 Adelai Circle
Staten Island, New York
1968, brown, four-door Cadillac

379-QVH
Beau Electric Construction, Incorporated
440 Wickjam Avenue
Bronx, New York
1974, brown, two-door Buick sedan

849-QVT
J & H Maintenance Corporation
124-15 Liberty Avenue
Richmond Hill, New York
1965, blue Chevrolet Suburban

[redacted]

[redacted]

301-RTF
AMELIA SANTORO
Date of Birth May 11, 1912
2402 Benson Avenue
Brooklyn, New York
1969, two-door, gold Chevrolet sedan

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[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

818-YHO
Jo Jo Collision, Incorporated
102-08 159th Road
Howard Beach, New York

279-KBK
PATSY BORRIELLO
Date of Birth January 15, 1906 b6 b7C
424 Clinton Street
Brooklyn, New York
1975, four-door, blue, Buick sedan

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

471-QNB
MICHAEL FRANZESE
Date of Birth April 8, 1903 b6
Box 23 b7C
Cochecton, New York
1974, two-door, blue American

[redacted]

352-YYT
Cement Concrete Workers Union
84 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York
1975, brown, two-door Buick sedan
(This license plate was formerly on a
1973, white Buick sedan which vehicle
was utilized by [redacted])

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BRANCATO and FRANZESE were subsequently observed to enter the Queens Terrace where the reception of the daughter of LEONARD DELLO was taking place.

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JOSEPH BRANCATO, [redacted] and CARMINE FRANZESE were observed on the corner of 83rd Street and Eleventh Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, at 4:19 p.m. The aforementioned individuals were observed to be deep in conversation and walking up and down 83rd Street between [redacted] house, in the middle of 83rd Street, between Eleventh and Twelfth Avenues, Brooklyn, New York, and the corner of Eleventh Avenue. At 4:31 p.m., observations were discontinued, at which time the above-mentioned individuals continued to be in conversation.

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by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] lp Date dictated 10/22/75

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On November 13, 1975, at 1:20 P.M., no vehicles were observed parked near the residence of CARMINE FRANZESE, 51-38 69th Street, Woodside, New York.

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by SA [redacted]/sln Date dictated 11/17/75

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GSA FPMR (41 CFR) 101-11.6

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# *Memorandum*

TO : SAC (92-8294) DATE: DEC 10 1975

FROM : SC [redacted] (53)

SUBJECT: CARMINE S. FRANZESE, aka
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On 12/8/75, a time search was conducted by SC [redacted] on the property located at 51-38 69th Road. The following information was obtained from the Municipal Building located at 90-27 Suffern Boulevard, Jamaica, NY. The property is located in lot 2421 and lot 40. The last tax payment was made by [redacted] The dimensions of the land are 50 feet by 69 feet and the dimensions of the building are 20 feet by 50 feet.

The unimproved assessed valuation of the land is $4,500.00 and the improved assessed valuation of the land is $10,000.00. b6 b7C

On 12/14/73, [redacted] deeded the property to [redacted] There was no mortgage recorded.

On 11/9/71, [redacted] obtained a mortgage from Whitestone Savings and Loan Association.

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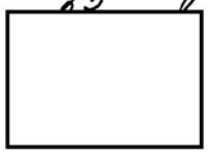
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2/17/76

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: ADIC, NEW YORK (92-2300)

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ReNYnitel 1/23/76.

As previously reported in renitel, New York LCN "families" were preparing to take in new members. The following information has been forthcoming.

On 2/10/76, [redacted] advised that the COLOMBO LCN "family" initiated ten new members on the previous Thursday and Friday (February 5 and 6). ALPHONSE PERSICO (Consiglieri) sponsored [redacted] ANTHONY SCARPATI, THOMAS "Shorty" SPERO, and [redacted] JOE BRANCATO (Captain) sponsored CARMINE "TUTTI" FRANZESE (nephew of SONNY FRANZESE). [redacted] (underboss) sponsored SALVATORE ALBANESE. JOE YACOVELLI (former boss) sponsored SALVATORE FUSCO and another unknown individual. [redacted] sponsored an unknown individual. b6 b7C b7D

Source advised that all the above-named individuals are now "good-fellows" (members of LCN) and recognized as such by all "families". Source stated that he heard that the GENOVESE "family" had their initiation earlier in the week. Source was also told that if everything works out satisfactorily, each family will initiate ten additional members within six months.

On 2/12/76, [redacted] advised during past 3 or 4 weeks leadership of five New York LCN "families" convened by CARLO GAMBINO for purpose of discussion on "opening the books" for new LCN membership.

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Source states GAMBINO adamantly opposed new membership for fear of informant penetration, however, was outvoted 4 to 1 and reluctantly agreed to go along with proposal of ten new members each for five families. Source speculated that if GAMBINO had been able to persuade one other LCN boss to oppose the proposal he would have been in position to delay or prevent implementation.

[redacted] advised that based on above authority ten new members "made" by COLOMBO "family" on 2/5/76 including SALVATORE ALBANESE, [redacted] ANTHONY SCARPATI, THOMAS SPERO, SALVATORE FUSCO, CARMINE "TUTTIE" FRANZESE and [redacted] Source states ALPHONSE PERSICO "sponsored" [redacted] SCARPATI, SPERO, and [redacted] ALBANESE "sponsored" by [redacted] FUSCO "sponsored" by JOSEPH YACOVELLI or [redacted] and FRANZESE sponsored by JOSEPH BRANCATO. Source advised two additional individuals "sponsored" by [redacted] and one individual sponsored by JOE BRANCATO, identities unknown, but source is in a position to obtain identities in the near future. b6 b7C b7D

Source advised GAMBINO's have not made new membership as of 2/9/76 due to large number of candidates but initiation imminent.

Source advised talk is possibility of approximately 50 new members to be initiated in five NY LCN "families" in about 3 or 4 months.

On 2/9/76 [redacted] advised that over the weekend he was told that the LCN books had opened and that some new members were taken into the organization. He related that on Friday afternoon, 2/6/76, he was told that [redacted] FUNZI TIERI's [redacted] had been made during the week. He further related that Saturday afternoon, 2/7/76, [redacted] and TIERI came to Little Italy together from Brooklyn and they went to the NAPOLI RESTAURANT, located on Hester and Mulberry Streets, New York City. Source continued that no party has been held as yet for the new members in LCN but that a party will be held for new members in the near future.

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On 2/9/76 and 2/13/76, [redacted] provided substantially the same information as [redacted] b7D

New York considers the above-described information as valid and accurate. We are continuing to handle this information in an extremely discreet manner in order to protect our sources and our continuing flow of highly valuable information.

Bureau will be kept advised.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : ADIC NEW YORK

DATE: 3-3-76

FROM : SA [redacted] (SC)

SUBJECT: LA COSA NOSTRA
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(1) 92-8294 (CARMINE TUTTI FRANZESE)

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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| NEW YORK | NEW YORK | APR 20 1976 | 12/10/75-3/26/76 |

TITLE OF CASE

CARMINE SALVATORE FRANZESE aka [redacted]

REPORT MADE BY

CHAR [redacted]

TYPED BY

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REFERENCE

NYrep of SA [redacted] dated 11/26/75.

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The investigative period of this report exceeds that desired by the Bureau; however, case agent has been actively involved in investigation in the case captioned, "SALVATORE ALBANESE aka; JOSEPH LIVOTI aka Minx; [redacted] SALVATORE PERITORE aka Sammy; [redacted] (Phonetic); IGB, (NYfile [redacted].

| ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED ☐ NONE ☒ | | | | | ACQUIT-TALS | CASE HAS BEEN: |
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| CONVIC. | FUG. | FINES | SAVINGS | RECOVERIES | | PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☐ YES ☐ NO |
| | | | | | | PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☒ NO |

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ADMINISTRATIVE (continued)

As the Bureau is aware, on 2/5/76, FRANZESE was "made" by the COLOMBO LCN Family. To protect sources of the NYO, no active investigation is being conducted at this time concerning FRANZESE, now that he is a "made guy". It is anticipated that after additional information is received from additional sources concerning the new status of FRANZESE, investigation on FRANZESE will be intensified.

INFORMANTS

On 2/10/76, [redacted] advised that the COLOMBO LCN Family initiated two new members on 2/5/76 and 2/6/76. Among those initiated was CARMINE "Tuttie, FRANZESE who was sponsored by COLOMBO LCN Family Captain JOSEPH BRANCATO

On 2/12/76, [redacted] advised that on 2/5/76, CARMINE "Tuttie" FRANZESE, was among those initiated into the COLOMBO LCN Family, and was sponsored by JOSEPH BRANCATO.

On 2/9/76 and 2/13/76, [redacted] also furnished the above information.

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On 3/17/76, [redacted] advised that CARMINE "Tuttie" FRANZESE was sponsored for membership in the COLOMBO LCN Family by JOSEPH BRANCATO, and that FRANZESE was "made" over the objections of his uncle, JOHN "Sonny" FRANZESE. Informant did not know the reason for JOHN FRANZESE's objections.

On 3/26/76, [redacted] advised there was going to be a 25th Wedding Anniversary Party for CARMINE "Tuttie" FRANZESE and his wife at the Queens Terrace, Queens, New York, on 3/28/76. Source advised that all members of the COLOMBO LCN Family have been ordered to attend, and he expected a very large turnout for this affair.

On 3/25/76, [redacted] advised FRANZESE is a shylock and hijacker who is a big earner. [redacted] is with FRANZESE in his shylocking business, and [redacted] and FRANZESE meet regularly on Wednesday's at Crisi's Restaurant.

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AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. Upon receipt of additional information from informants who are being targeted against FRANZESE, will determine extent of alleged shylock and hijacking activities.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, EDNY
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Report of: [redacted] Office: New York, New York
Date: APR 20 1976

Field Office File #: 92-8294 Bureau File #: 92-16655

Title: CARMINE SALVATORE FRANZESE

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Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Time search for property located at 51-38 69th Road, Queens, New York, conducted. Records reflect property deeded on 12/14/73, by THOMAS J. and LUCILLE FRANZESE to FRANK D. and NORMA NAPOLITANO.

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DETAILS:

On December 8, 1975, a time search was conducted by SC [redacted] on the property located at 51-38 69th Road. The following information was obtained from the Municipal Building, 90-27 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, New York:

The property at 51-38 69th Road is located in Lot 2421 and Lot 40. The last tax payment was made by FELICE NAPOLITANO. The dimensions of the land are 50 feet by 69 feet, and the dimensions of the building are 20 feet by 50 feet.

The unimproved asset evaulation of the land is $4,500.00, and the improved asset evaluation of the land is $10,000.00.

The time search reflected that on December 14, 1973, THOMAS J. and LUCILLE FRANZESE deeded the property to FRANK D. and NORMA NAPOLITANO. It was no mortgage recorded.

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The title search further reflected that on November 9, 1971, FRANK D. and NORMA NAPOLITANO obtained a mortgage from Whitestone Savings and Loan Association for this property.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# *Memorandum*

TO : SAC (92-5954) (SUB A) (P) DATE: 5/12/76

FROM : SA [redacted] (#52)

SUBJECT: [redacted] aka
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This memorandum is being prepared for the information of Division V Supervisors and Agents with [redacted] related cases, as background information on a recent series of murders and shootings, arising out of splits within what was formerly the [redacted]. Briefly the [redacted] broke into three subgroups headed respectively by [redacted] aka [redacted] and [redacted] aka JOHN CUTRONE, aka "Mooney", a member of the COLOMBO LCN family. Each subgroup is in turn "under", a different major organized crime figure. There have been many attempts at peacemaking among these three subgroups, but the "wars" based on their mutual hatred keep breaking out. To date there have been at least 20 murders and 50 or so shootings among these groups.

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1-92-1450 [redacted] #52)
1-92-1366 (#55) 92-5954
1-92-2476 [redacted] #52)
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Certain persons are in more than one subgroup. The [redacted] and to a lesser degree CUTRONE "crews" are active narcotics dealers. [redacted] and his "crew", have broken away from the COLOMBO LCN family, which would never make [redacted] a member and are now on the fringe of the GENOVESE LCN family which may "make" [redacted] in the near future.

Set forth below are the current members of the [redacted] and CUTRONE crews: (Where subjects have ties to more than one crew, they will be included in both crews.)

#1 [redacted] Group

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[redacted] aka

[redacted] aka (incarcerated)

[redacted] aka (incarcerated)

BARTHOLEMEW BORRIELLO aka (incarcerated)
"Big Bobby";

[redacted] (crippled from gunshot wounds)

[redacted] ";

[redacted] aka (incarcerated)

[redacted] aka

[redacted]

[redacted] aka

[redacted] (enforcer);

[redacted] aka (crippled from gunshot wounds)

[redacted] aka

[redacted] ";

[redacted] aka (crippled from gunshot wounds)

[redacted] aka (Florida crew)

[redacted]

[redacted] aka (heads a Puerto Rican drug group)

[redacted] aka

[redacted] aka

[redacted] (cousin)

(Under VINCENT GIGANTE, aka "The Chin", and DOMINICK ALONGI, aka "Fat Dom", both in the GENOVESE LCN family).

Recently murdered STEVEN CIRILLO. In addition, this group includes about 20 black and Puerto Rican drug dealers.

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#2 [redacted] Group

[redacted];

[redacted] aka (shylock) (incarcerated)

[redacted] aka (enforcer, recently shot)

[redacted] aka

[redacted]

(Under (FNU) [redacted] an associate of FRANK TIERI, aka "Funzi", and with some ties to CARMINE GALANTE, aka "Lilo", "The Cigar".)

In addition, there are 40-50 young, South Brooklyn, Italian males, all of whom are very violent.

#3 JOHN CUTRONE's Group

BARTHOLEMEW BORRIELLO aka "Big Bobby":

[redacted] aka

[redacted] aka

[redacted]

[redacted] aka [redacted] (stock and bond thief); [redacted] aka [redacted] (enforcer)

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(Under ALPHONSE PERSICO, aka "Allie Boy", a capo in the COLOMBO LCN family)

Currently, the [redacted] and [redacted] factions have been forced by the LCN to make peace which neither side intends to keep.

MUCH OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS MEMO IS FROM C-TE'S PERSONALLY INVOLVED IN THESE DISPUTES AND IS THEREFORE EXTREMELY SINGULAR.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 10/6/80

CARMINE FRANZESE was [redacted] b7D
[redacted] at his residence, 51-38 69th Street, Woodside, New York (NY).

FRANZESE stated that he has known [redacted] for approximately twenty years, but cannot recall ever working for him. FRANZESE stated that he has [redacted] whom he described as [redacted]

FRANZESE stated that he presently is self-employed, driving a canteen truck selling coffee in Long Island City.

The following vehicles were observed parked in front of the FRANZESE residence:

NY 6860NM
1976 Blue Chevrolet Delivery Truck
CARMINE FRANZESE
Date of Birth (DOB) January 25, 1932
51-38 69th Street
Woodside, NY

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[redacted]

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[redacted] at Queens, New York File # BQ 92-8294
~~BQ 179-1734~~
~~BQ 196-533~~

[redacted] and TEB/mlh Date dictated 10/3/80

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DATE: 11/14/74

PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCE LOG

SUBJECT: Carmine Franzese CODE #: _____

STRAY: _____

AGENTS ON DUTY

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5. _____ 6. _____

TEAM ____ SHIFT _____ (SEE ADM PAGE RE SIGNIFICANT DATA. CHECK (

SYNOPSIS: SUBJECT OBSERVED ( ) SUBJECT NOT OBSERVED (7)

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TOTAL TIME ON SUBJ: ___ HRS. ___ MIN. TOTAL TIME OBSERVED: ___ HRS. ___ MIN.

INCIDENTAL SURVEILLANCE (s)

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

5. _____ 6. _____

CHANNELIZATION MEMO PREPARED: ( )
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CASE AGENT: [redacted]

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FILE #: 92-8294

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The following surveillance was conducted on November 14, 1974 by Special Agents Flint & McCarthy and [redacted] b6 b7C
Surveillance instituted in the vicinity of 24th Ave and Benson Ave, Brooklyn, residence of Rogelio Santos. Surveillance maintained and attempts made to locate Santos vehicle.
Surveillance terminated at Santos residence, [redacted] and block checked of [redacted] area but revealed no unusual activity.
Surveillance instituted at 51-38 69th St., Queens, residence of Carmine Persico.
Two white males, one of whom appeared to be [redacted] brother exited the residence and entered a white over blue Buick 2 door, bearing New York license 375 QUH and registered to Beam Electric, 4400 Wickham Ave, Bronx.
The car was parked in front of 53-20 Main Place, Queens and both males entered.
Both men left the house and drove
The car was driven around several locations and parked in the area around 53rd Ave. Both men entered a house which was obscured from the street. Picture taken.
Both men left the house and drove via assigned local streets to the Mobil Gas station at Main St and Queens Blvd.
Entered gas station. Pictures taken.
The car left the Mobil station and drove towards Manhattan and Queens Blvd. The car took the Brooklyn-

Queens Expressway to the Tri-Borough Bridge and over the Bridge and up the Bronx River Parkway.

1:04 P — The car parked in front of 2427 E. Tremont Ave, Bronx, Jack Passalone Insurance and S. & G. Grossman, Allstate - New York license 705 XTG was parked in front. Both men entered the office and the door was locked in the insurance office after they entered.

2:05 P — Both men left the office and the driver made a phone call on the pay phone.

2:29 P — The driver via direct local streets, then parked in front of 1/2 East 161st St, Mt. Vernon and the driver entered P.C. Electrical Supplies.

2:45 — Drive out and via direct local routes to 3 South Fifth Ave. Mt. Vernon.

2:48 — The driver entered Manuel Taxi, 3 S. 5th Ave.

2:52 — The driver exited the taxi here and drove to I-95 west and got off at Westchester Ave.

3:12 — They parked and both men entered C&E Quick Print 3042 West Chester Ave. Bronx.

3:15 P — Both men exit of C&E Quick Print and returned to I-95 west bound toward Manhattan.

4:02 — The car crossed the Tri-borough Bridge to Queens. Surveillance terminated.

Edward M. Gaeta, Special Agent, FBI, NYC. 11/14/74

[redacted], Special Agent, FBI, NYC, 11/14/74

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# Memorandum

To : SAC, DIVISION II (BQ 72-NEW) (P) Date 3/3/88

From : SA [redacted] (C-27) (LIRA) b6 b7C

Subject : JOHN FRANZESE, SR., aka;
[redacted] b6 b7C
CHRISTINE M. FRANZESE, aka
"Christina M. Franzese"
"Tina M. Franzese";
[redacted]; b6 b7C
UNSUBS;
ET AL;
SPECIAL ATTORNEY [redacted] b6 b7C
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK,
STRIKE FORCE (EDNYSF) - VICTIM;
OOJ
(OO:NY) (BQ)

Set forth below is background information regarding subject CHRISTINE M. FRANZESE.

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| Name: | CHRISTINE M. FRANZESE |
| Aliases: | Christina M. Franzese<br>Tina M. Franzese |
| Race/Sex: | White/Female |
| DOB: | 7/23/34 |
| POB: | Brooklyn, New York |
| Height: | 5'5" |
| Weight: | 110 lbs. |
| Address: | 47 Shrub Hollow Road<br>Searington, New York |
| FBI #: | 574655HA1 |
| Social Security Number: | |
| NYSID #: | 5982400L |
| Criminal Record: | Arrested 5/7/87 and 10/1/87 in Nassau County, New York for Forgery 2nd and Possession of a Forged Instrument 2nd respectively. |

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SEARCHED [redacted] INDEXED [redacted] b6 b7C
SERIALIZED [redacted] FILED [redacted]
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FBI — NEW YORK
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During the course of investigating NY (BQ) 91A-4406 captioned, "JOHN FRANZESE, aka "Sonny Franzese"; ET AL; BR; OOJ; (OO:NY) (BQ) NY 91A-4406," which case deals with FRANZESE's efforts to get a new bank robbery trial, it became obvious that a new case should be opened as captioned above to reflect the considerable Obstruction Of Justice (OOJ) activity of the "crew" of COLOMBO LCN Family "Capo" JOHN FRANZESE, aka "Sonny Franzese". This OOJ includes a death threat addressed to Special Attorney [redacted], Eastern District of New York Strike Force (EDNYSF), which death threat occurred on January 6, 1988, the day of the last hearing seeking a new bank robbery trial for FRANZESE. This threat was recorded on [redacted] telephone answering machine. The original answering machine cassette tape containing this threat has been inventoried in Room 2600 at the NYO. b6 b7C

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| 1 | 3/22/88 | | / | Chain of custody Receipt of Suffolk County P.D detective [redacted] RE: Det. [redacted] (LNA) | b6 b7C |
| 2 | 3/22/88 | | / | Sp. Atty. [redacted] analysis of tape Cassette of Conversation between [redacted] (cont) | b6 b7C |
| | | | | [redacted] | |
| 3 | 4/29/88 | | / | Photos of members of the Franzese "Crew" who appeared at the 1/6/88 G. Franzese hearing at the EDNY USDC | |

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E.D.N.Y. S.F.
(Address of Contributor)

[redacted] b6 b7C
(City and State)

**By** [redacted] C-27/LIRA
(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes ☒ No Receipt Given ☐ Yes ☒ No

Grand Jury Material - Disseminate Only Pursuant to Rule 6(e), Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure ☐ Yes ☒ No

Title: John Franzese, aka; Et al - OOJ; (OO: N.Y. (BO)

Reference: _____
(Communication Enclosing Material)

**Description:** ☐ Original notes re interview of

Chain of Custody Receipt of AUTOMATED RECORDS™
Suffolk County P.D. Detective
re Det. [redacted] (LNU) b6 b7C
(LNU) and [redacted] aka [redacted] Cassette

BQ 72-449

OFFICE OF SUFFOLK COUNTY
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

[redacted] b6 b7C

I EXECUTED A SEARCH WARRANT ON [redacted] ON 2/24/88 FOR [redacted] b3 b6 b7C FROM GAMBLING. THE APARTMENT WAS OCCUPIED BY [redacted] D.O.B. [redacted] AND [redacted] D.O.B. [redacted]. WHILE SEARCHING I CAME UP WITH A MICRO CASSETTE TAPE. ON THE TAPE [redacted] b6 b7C IS TALKING WITH A P.I. AND ANOTHER FEMALE BY THE NAME OF [redacted]. REF. SONNY FRANZESE.

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**Date Received** 3/14/88

**From** Sp. Atty. [redacted] b6 b7C
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E.D.N.Y. S.F.
(Address of Contributor)

(City and State)

**By** [redacted] C-27/LIRA b6 b7C
(Name of Special Agent)

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Grand Jury Material - Disseminate Only Pursuant to Rule 6(e),Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure ☐ Yes ☒ No

Title: JOHN FRANZESE, aka
Et al;
OOJ.
(OO:NY(BQ))

Reference: _____
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**Description:** ☐ Original notes re interview of

Sp atty. [redacted] analysis of tape cassette b6 b7C
of conversation between [redacted] (LNU). [redacted] (LNU) aka [redacted]
Det. [redacted]
and [redacted]

"AUTOMATED RECORDS" former N.Y.C.P.D.

BQ 72-449

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analysis of tape cassette between former SAC/SD Det [redacted] (CNU) and [redacted] (CNU) AKa. [redacted]

- shown [redacted] recanting affidavit b6 b7C

- She says that [redacted] et. al. had no "real" connection w/ Sonny back in 60s b6 b7C

- Says she knew [redacted] vaguely; saw him around

- She went out w/ [redacted] b6 b7C

- guy used to be a detective on Miller Ave - know [redacted] very well

- knew "[redacted]" very well ([redacted]?) b6 b7C

- She says she'd given a statement to [redacted]

"[redacted]" - Detective then lays out a long version of the "Bronzeville Home" fantasy

had a Pal [redacted]

- unclear why he's telling her all this b6 b7C

- She says that [redacted] bugged her way back when

- [redacted] friend of [redacted] spoke to him way back re: earlier hearing b6 b7C

- [redacted] came to her and asked her to testify at an earlier hearing

- She demands a guarantee of protection for her children

- He asks to take her to [redacted] office b6 b7C

- [redacted] says [redacted] was never at [redacted] apt

@ 15:30 Mention me, by Name - new guy on case "[redacted]" b6 b7C

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friend - reluctant to give address etc.

- "[redacted]" b6 b7C

- wants her to sign an affidavit re: [redacted] not knowing Prouse very well in 1965 b6 b7C

- He knows where all the ex S/As are!

- Det says [redacted] is friends w/ Judge b6 b7C

- [redacted] (+) - hangs out w/ her son b6 b7C

(+) very close friend of [redacted] b6 b7C

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**Date Received** 4/19/88

**From** Det. [redacted] b6 b7C
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(Address of Contributor)

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(City and State)

**By** SA [redacted] C-27/LIRA b6 b7C
(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes ☒ No Receipt Given ☐ Yes ☒ No

Grand Jury Material - Disseminate Only Pursuant to Rule 6(e),Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure ☐ Yes ☒ No

Title: John Franzese, aka; Et al O; OOJ

Reference: _____
(Communication Enclosing Material)

**Description:** ☐ Original notes re interview of

Photos of members of the Franzese "crew" who appeared at the 1/6/88 J. Franzese hearing at the EDNY USDC

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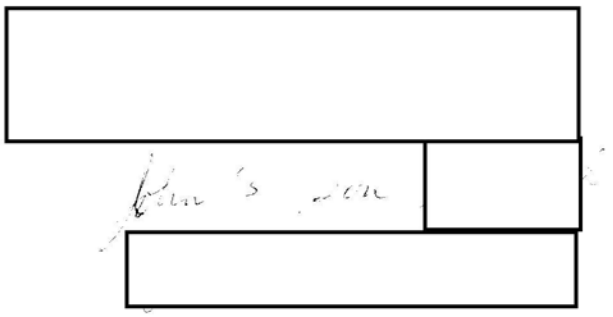
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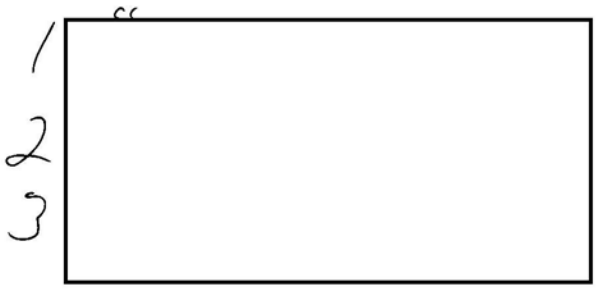
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**Bulky Exhibit - Inventory of Property Acquired as Evidence**
FD-192 (Rev. 7-18-85)

Date 3/14/88

Title and Character of Case
JOHN FRANZESE, aka "Sonny Franzese"; et al; OO:J; (OO:NY (BQ)

| Date Property Acquired | Source From Which | |
|---|---|---|
| 3/14/88 | Sp. atty [redacted] E.D.N.Y., Strike Force | b6 b7C |

| Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit | Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same |
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| Rm 7600 NYO | Evidence Pending Conclusion of Case |

To Be Returned ☐ Yes ☒ No | See Serial | [redacted]ent Submitting Property or Exhibit | [redacted]ent Assigned Case b6 b7C

LHRA/BSMRA C-27

☐ Yes ☒ No Grand Jury Property - Disseminate Only Pursuant to Rule 6(e), Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure

☐ Yes ☒ No Property to be Forfeited to the Government

Description of Property or Exhibit

A tape cassette which may be an original or copy of a conversation made at an unknown location on an unknown date, between former N.Y.C.P.D. Det [redacted] b6 b7C (LNU), [redacted] (LNU) aka [redacted] and [redacted] aka [redacted]. The tape was seized in a gambling raid on 2/24/88 [redacted] pursuant to a search warrant for [redacted] b6 b7C N.Y. by S.C.P.D. Det. who in turn gave it to Sp. atty. EDNY, S.F.

For Valuable and/or Narcotics Evidence Only

Evidence Bag Seal # _____

Signature of Two Special Agents Verifying and Sealing Bag Contents _____

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Date 4/12/88

Title and Character of Case
JOHN FRANZESE aka "Sonny Franzese" Et al
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# Memorandum

To : SAC, DIVISION II (BQ 91A-4406) (P) Date 3/8/88

From : SA [redacted] (LIRA/C-27) b6 b7C

Subject : JOHN FRANZESE, aka
"Sonny Franzese";
ET AL;
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(OO:NY/BQ)

On 3/3/88, Special Attorney [redacted] EDNYSF, b6 b7C telephone number (718) 330-7406, telephonically advised that Detective [redacted], Suffolk County, New York, Rackets Bureau, (516) 360-4161, was involved in a raid on 2/24/88, in connection with a NYS violation of Promoting Gambling, on a residence at [redacted], New York. The residence was occupied by the following persons connected to the gambling "ring": [redacted], DOB [redacted], and [redacted], DOB [redacted]. Among other items at the raided premise was a cassette tape of a conversation that evidently took place in October, 1987, and was between Private Detective [redacted] (LNU) described on the tape as a former b6 Detective on the NYCPD at the Miller Avenue Station; [redacted] b7C (LNU), aka [redacted]; and [redacted] (ph), aka [redacted], b7E who is described on the tape as having been [redacted] apartment in the town of [redacted], and working [redacted] telephone number [redacted], ext. [redacted], under the name [redacted] (ph).

On the tape, Private Detective [redacted] (LNU) and b6 [redacted] (ph) discuss [redacted] appearance in the b7C near future as a witness for subject JOHN FRANZESE, aka "SONNY FRANZESE." Detective [redacted] (LNU) and [redacted] discuss the entire history, on the tape, of all the previous EDNY, USDC hearings, the purpose of which was either parole or a new bank robbery trial for JOHN FRANZESE, aka. On the tape [redacted] further advises that she never drinks alcoholic beverages.

On 1/6/88, at the USDC, EDNY, Uniondale, New York, [redacted], aka [redacted], appeared as a witness b6 for JOHN FRANZESE, aka. [redacted] is probably identical b7C with [redacted] (ph) set forth above.

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UNICOR FEDERAL PRISON INDUSTRIES INC.
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F. # [redacted] b6 b7C

# United States District Court

EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

TO: [redacted] b3 b6 b7C

**SUBPOENA TO TESTIFY BEFORE GRAND JURY**

SUBPOENA FOR:
XX PERSON ☑ DOCUMENTS OR OBJECT(S)

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YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and testify before the Grand Jury of the United States District Court at the place, date, and time specified below.

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This subpoena shall remain in effect until you are granted leave to depart by the court or by an officer acting on behalf of the court.

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| (BY) DEPUTY CLERK | [redacted] b6 b7C |

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NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER OF ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY
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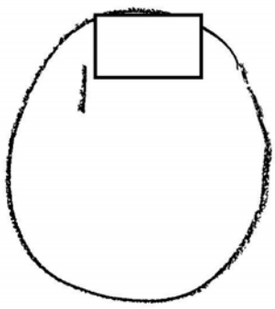
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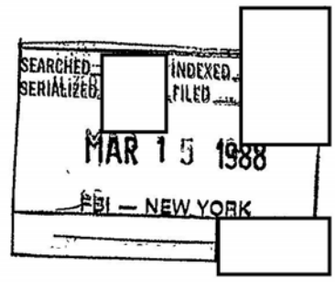
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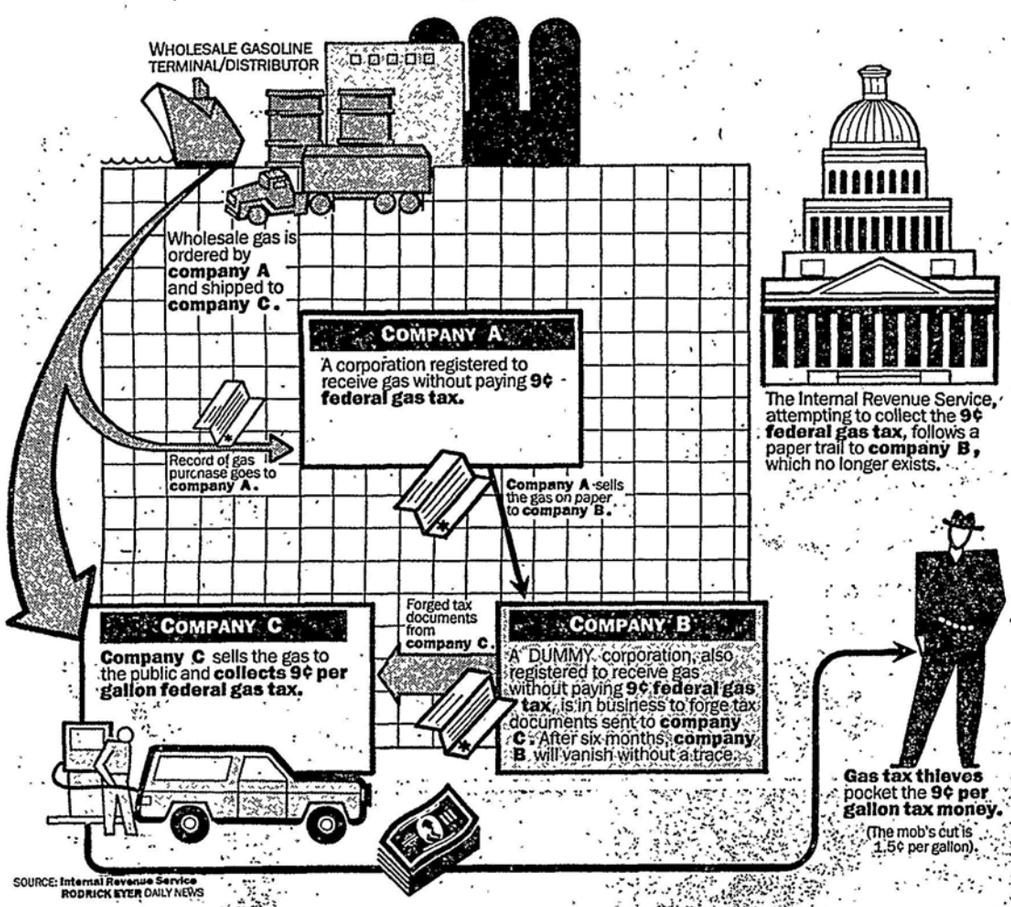

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"AUTOMATED RECORDS"



## SIPHONING OFF GAS TAX DOLLARS




SOURCE: Internal Revenue Service
RODRICK KYER DAILY NEWS

# Mob gives gas pains

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saler without paying the tax. Bootleggers take advantage of that by purchasing gasoline and then moving it—on paper only—down the daisy chain.

### Falsified records

In the end, transfer records show falsely that the gas is owned by a bankrupt, dummy wholesaling corporation. For enforcement agents seeking to collect the tax, that is where the trail ends.

In the meantime, the gasoline has secretly been shipped to another wholesaler provided with forged invoices stating all taxes have been paid. The gas is then sold to retail stations, which charge you the tax and turn it over to the wholesaler, where the thieves pocket it.

Federal and state officials currently estimate bootleggers are using daisy chains to steal the tax on anywhere from one third to one half of all the gas sold in the metropolitan area.

The take: 9 cents a gallon multiplied by hundreds of millions of gallons, including the 1.5-cent takeoff for the mob "club."

Law enforcement authorities and many in the industry believe the theft could be stopped by a federal law requiring the initial wholesaler to pay the tax under all circumstances.

A provision similar to that covering state gas taxes was enacted in New York in 1985. By all accounts, theft of state tax has dropped sharply.

Northville Industries Corp. of Long Island, one of the largest independent distributors in the country, for example, believes bootlegging could be eliminated if federal laws mirrored New York's.

Northville spokeswoman Betty McConaghy noted that a 1987 economic report stated that New York "increased its gasoline tax revenues by 18% when it moved tax collection to the point of first import."

The bootlegging scam is common nationwide.

In New York, traditional organized crime groups are working with Russian mobsters, who by and large, operate and control the independent gasoline wholesalers at the center of the scheme.

The granddaddy of all the bootleggers is Lawrence Iorizzo, a 450-pound, 6-footer who invented the daisy chain scheme.

Iorizzo, who started with a single gas station in 1965, moved into the wholesale business and by the late 1970s was grossing about $100 million a year, according to court records.

In late 1981, he "voluntarily" went to Colombo family capo John (Sonny) Franzese and complained that a California hood was trying to muscle in on his business.

### New partnership

Franzese took care of the problem and suggested Iorizzo meet with Franzese's son, Michael, to discuss "doing things together" as a way of showing gratitude.

Iorizzo and Michael Franzese became business partners in the daisy chain scheme. By June 1983, Iorizzo was bringing $300,000 bags of money to Franzese two or three times a week, according to a report by FBI agents Ronald Noel and Daniel Lyons.

The agents reported Franzese was making $1.26 million a month while Iorizzo struggled along on $45,000 a month.

Iorizzo and Franzese soon faced competition from other bootleggers aligned with so-called Russian mobsters—Sheldon Levine of Dix Hills; Michael Markowitz of Brooklyn, and David Bogatin of Brooklyn.

The five men had a sitdown and carved up the territory, with Franzese keeping 75% of the market, according to Ray Jermyn, an assistant Suffolk County district attorney.

### Lines drawn

The Franzese group kept Nassau and Suffolk stations as customers while the Russian group handled Brooklyn and Queens, Jermyn said.

Soon after, when Franzese thought Levine was underselling his group, he dispatched enforcer Vincent Aspromonti to "light up (Levine's) office a little bit with a couple of machine guns they had," Iorizzo testified.

When another bootlegger warned Levine, he raised his prices and things proceeded without incident until Levine was beaten in late 1983 for being slow at paying a relatively small debt of $40,000.

Levine fought back by winning the services of his own mobster, Joseph (Joe Glitz) Galizia, 45, a reputed Genovese family soldier, who quickly became Levine's partner, according to court records.

The bubble burst in 1984, when Iorizzo was indicted, found guilty of stealing $1.1 million in gas taxes, and began to cooperate with investigators.

### Pleaded guilty

Three months later, Franzese pleaded guilty to racketeering charges. And Gotti was tipped to bootlegging by Galizia, sources said.

When Galizia explained it had been possible to steal 28 cents a gallon in state and federal taxes, Gotti said that seemed greedy. "Two, I'm saying if you get 2" cents a gallon, that's plenty, said Gotti.

Law enforcement officials said Gotti, whose place as head of the most powerful crime family gives him more clout than the other bosses, prevailed on the other families to go along with the 1.5-cent-a-gallon "family tax" currently in place.

## Keystone cops now well-oiled

Headquartered in a one-story IRS building in Smithtown, the Long Island Oil and Gas Organized Crime Task Force was formed in 1982 when federal and state investigators began running into each other in pursuit of gasoline bootleggers.

It made tailing suspects a particular problem.

"The subject would get into his car and drive off and immediately the engines of three cars would start up and soon there would be a line of cars following each other," says IRS supervisor Fred Borakove.

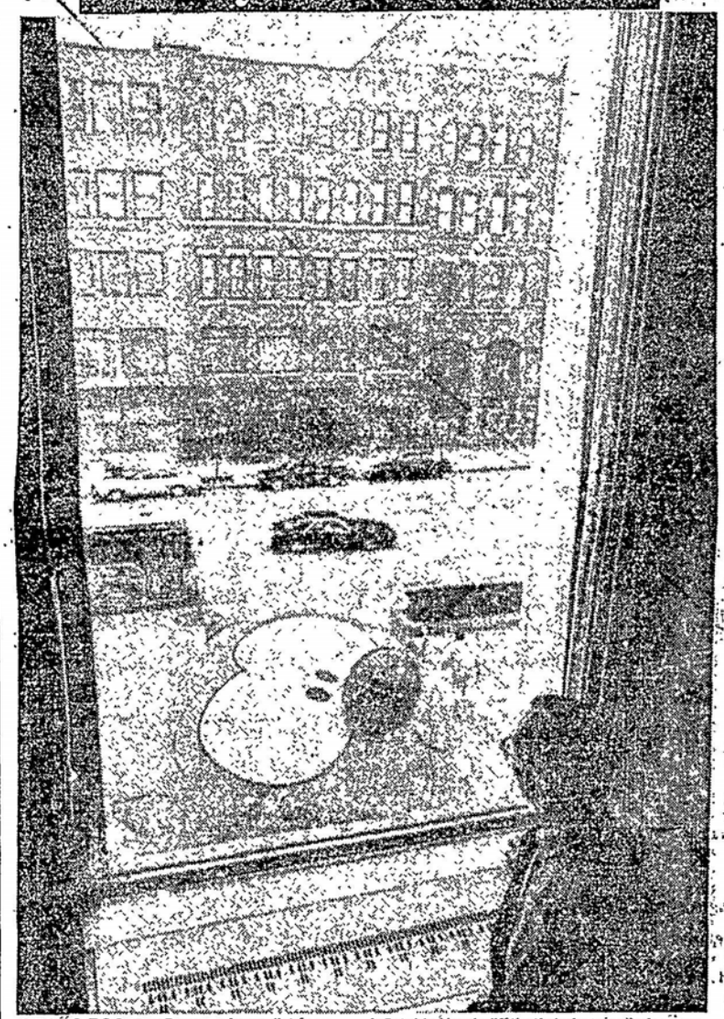
Borakove, FBI supervisor Daniel Lyons and state Tax Department investigator Ronald Lewis supervise 20 probers from the three agencies and police from Nassau and Suffolk.

Laura Brevetti, deputy chief of the Brooklyn Organized Crime Strike Force, is the task force's lead prosecutor, supervising 13 other lawyers from the offices of the Nassau and Suffolk district attorneys, the state attorney general's office, the state Tax Department and the Justice Department tax division in Washington.

Since its inception, more than 30 people have been convicted of crimes ranging from tax evasion to grand larceny. Defendants have made restitution and paid fines totaling more than $80 million.

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## Only in America . . .



**PEEK-A-BOO:** Rov Bazan, a journalist from Bolivia visiting Syracuse, N.Y., observes the passing scene downtown, which includes a giant inflatable Heathcliff that's being readied as one of chief attractions (Heath'll have a green collar) for this week's St. Patrick's Day Parade. AP

# 3 days in car trunk

## Woman, 73, rescued from kidnap ordeal

By STUART MARQUES
Daily News Staff Writer

A feisty 73-year-old woman who was locked in the trunk of her car by kidnapers was found alive yesterday by a state trooper who heard screams coming from the car, abandoned in a parking lot in upstate Newburgh.

Martha Bushnell, a motel chambermaid from Arkville, jumped from the trunk and hugged Trooper Margo Turner after Turner used a crowbar to free her.

"She hugged and kissed the trooper and kept yelling, 'Thank you, thank, you,'" State Police spokesman Sgt. Bob Parlett said. "We practically had to pry her away from the trooper to get her to the hospital.

"She said she had been in the trunk fully clothed for three days without food or water and was calling out, 'Help me, help me,' when the trooper found her," Parlett said.

"She's undergoing tests at St. Luke's Hospital (in Newburgh), but seems to be in pretty good shape for all she's gone through."

Parlett said police arrested Jamesetta Strong, 33, of Otego, on kidnaping charges. Strong, who had been seen driving Bushnell's car in Newburgh, was arrested several hours before the car was found.

Police said they don't believe Strong and Bushnell were acquainted, but were still quizzing Bushnell. They said Strong may have hitched a ride from Bushnell early Wednesday.

Strong was arraigned before Middlebrook Town Justice Glen George and ordered held without bail. Parlett said other charges—including assault—may be filed against Strong. He said police are investigating the possibility that another kidnaper might be involved.

There was no indication of sexual assault and no ransom demands were made.

Bushnell was last seen in Fleischmanns, N.Y., Tuesday afternoon. Her car was spotted Wednesday morning by a Newburgh taxi driver who heard screams for help coming from the trunk.

"The cabby was unable to open the trunk and went to call police," Parlett said. "But the car was gone by the time he got back."

# Mobsters give us gas pains

By JERRY CAPECI
Daily News Staff Writer

Every time you buy gasoline for your car, there is an excellent chance you're pumping money into the pockets of sophisticated thieves working hand-in-hand with organized crime.

The chances also are good that John Gotti will eventually get a piece of your money, and so will the bosses of three other New York City Mafia families.

They will get your money from a scheme that has infected the wholesale gasoline industry nationwide—to the tune of an estimated $2 billion—and stands as one of the most significant inroads of organized crime into legitimate businesss.

"The gasoline scam could very well be the biggest single money maker for the city's crime families," says Edward McDonald, chief of the Brooklyn Organized Crime Strike Force.

The gasoline scam is built on theft of the taxes you pay on every gallon of gas. And it is now so firmly entrenched that experts estimate it touches up to half the gas sold in the metropolitan area.

In the industry it is known as bootleg gas, but it is not stolen or diluted. It is merely gas on which taxes haven't been paid.

Consider these facts, drawn from interviews with law enforcement officials, gasoline industry representatives and public records:

■ Around the New York area, bootleggers now steal at least $250 million in taxes each year, and high-level sources in the Internal Revenue Service say the real figure may well be closer to $1 billion.

■ The cut for the Mafia families—Gambino, Colombo, Luchese and Genovese—is pegged at $42 million or more annually.

■ Rather than battle for the money, the families have "formed a club" and split a 1.5-cent "family tax" on every gallon of bootleg gas, said Jules Bonavolonta, head of the FBI's organized crime unit in New York.

■ Gotti's Gambino family joined the "club" with a flourish two years ago when another mobster told the don about a bootleg operation handling 30 million gallons of gas a month.

"At 2 cents (a gallon), it's $600,000," said Gotti in a conversation picked up on a state Organized Crime Task Force bug. He added, "I gotta do it right now. Right now I gotta do it," according to a transcript obtained by the Daily News.

Gotti's lawyer, Bruce Cutler, said: "My client is not involved in any bootleg gasoline business or any other illegal business."

■ The gas scams have begun to spawn violence. Last Nov. 18, Lev Persits, an alleged bootlegger, was shot in the back and paralyzed. Twelve days later, an indicted bootlegger who'd made overtures to investigators about cooperating left his lawyer's office and was later found beaten to death in New Jersey.

Reached in his hospital room at NYU Medical Center, Persits said, "I didn't see who did it. I don't know anything except I don't think I'll ever walk again."

To understand the bootleg scam, a trip through the gasoline industry is in order.

When gas is brought into the metropolitan area it is stored in terminals that sell it to wholesalers, who then trade the gas among themselves or sell it to retailers.

The first wholesaler is responsible for paying a 9-cent federal excise tax on every gallon. The cost is recouped by passing it down the chain to the retailer and, ultimately, the consumer.

How is the tax stolen? By using a quirk in the law. And by setting up what is known in the industry as a "daisy chain"—a series of corporations, some real and some just fronts.

The quirk allows a wholesaler to get tax-exempt status, enabling it to trade gasoline wholesaler-to-whole-

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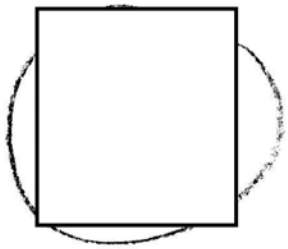
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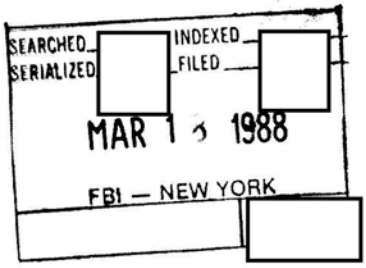
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[redacted] New York, New York, drives a [redacted] Nissan, works as a private investigator for Organized Crime figures and is a former NYCPD Detective. [redacted] appeared as a witness at the 1/6/88 hearing in the EDNY, USDC, Uniondale, NY, seeking a new bank robbery trial for JOHN FRANZESE, aka SONNY FRANZESE. [redacted] at the 1/6/88 hearing testified for FRANZESE [redacted] b6 b7C b7D
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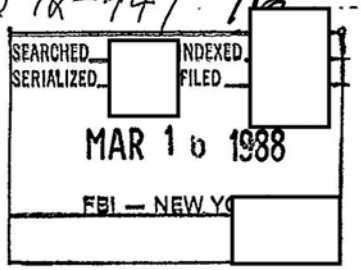
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: TECHNICAL SERVICES DIVISION/AUDIO SECTION

FROM: ADIC, NEW YORK (BQ 91A-4406) (P) (C-27/LIRA)

SUBJECT: JOHN FRANZESE, aka
"Sonny Franzese",
ET AL;
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Re telephone call on March 11, 1988, between SA [redacted] C-27/LIRA, and Technical Services Division Supervisor [redacted] b6 b7C

Enclosed are three cassette tapes which were received from Special Attorney [redacted], Eastern District of New York, Strike Force; Special Attorney [redacted], EDNY, SF; [redacted] b3 b6 b7C

[redacted] Also enclosed is a transcript of a threatening telephone call to Special Attorney [redacted].

These cassette tapes are pertinent to an OOJ investigation, the goal of which is to identify the unsub who made a threatening phone call to Special Attorney [redacted] on January 6, 1988, the day of a USDC hearing seeking a new trial for subject JOHN FRANZESE, aka. b6 b7C

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[redacted] also known as (aka) [redacted], [redacted] in lieu of a subpoena for a [redacted] voluntarily provided a [redacted] at her residence, [redacted] New York. [redacted] b3 b6 b7C

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The subpoena was issued on [redacted] upon the application of Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) [redacted] Eastern District of New York. b3 b6 b7C

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Investigation on 4/11/88 at [redacted] N.Y. File # BQ 72-449 - 18

by SA [redacted] Date dictated 4/14/88

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
(ATTN: TECHNICAL SERVICES DIVISION/AUDIO SECTION)

FROM: ADIC, NEW YORK (BQ 72-449) (P) (C-27/LIRA)

SUBJECT: JOHN FRANZESE, aka
"Sonny Franzese",
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OO: NY/BQ

Re telephone call on March 30, 1988, between Special Agent (SA) [redacted], C-27/LIRA, and Technical Services Examiner [redacted].

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# Memorandum

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To : Director, FBI

Date 4/11/88

Attention: Personnel Section

From : ADIC, NEW YORK (91A-4406)
(72-449)

Subject : RECOMMENDATION FOR INCENTIVE AWARD

| Name(s) | Assigned | EOD | Grade | Salary | Social Security No |
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| [redacted] | MELVILLE, LIRA<br>SQUAD C-27<br>NYO | [redacted] | GS 13 | $48,720.00 | [redacted] |

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**BASIS** for this recommendation is as follows: *(**Check one** or **more** as facts justify.)*

☒ 1. Performance which has involved the overcoming of unusual difficulties. *(List specific obstacles, problems, hardships, sacrifices, etc., as well as unusual investigative techniques utilized with results achieved, setting forth precisely* **how** *employee overcame obstacles, etc.)*

☐ 2. Creative efforts, which have increased efficiency, or improved the service. *(Describe in* **detail** *listing benefits and/or savings resulting.)*

☐ 3. Performance of assigned duties, with special effort or innovation that results in significant economies or other highly desirable benefits. *(Detail efforts or innovation as well as end results.)*

☐ 4. Performance of assigned tasks so that one or more important job requirements significantly exceeded. *(Set forth specific job requirements and how exceeded.)*

☐ 5. Exemplary or courageous handling of an emergency situation in connection with or related to official employment. *(Describe in detail, listing* **specific** *risks or dangers involved and results achieved.)*

☐ 6. Sustained above-average performance for a minimum of 6 months that merits recognition. *(Point out* **specifically** *how performance is considered superior. Use examples and illustrations wherever possible. In addition to results attained* **advise what employee has done** *to achieve outstanding results.)*

**JUSTIFICATION:** *(Set forth below, and attach supplemental page(s) as necessary, a clear, concise report of employee's performance in justification of award. Be* **specific** *and omit generalities. Give* **facts,** *not conclusions. Not only advise what was accomplished, but* **how** *it was accomplished, placing emphasis on* **performance.** *Remember that these justifications must be adequate. They may be subject to post-audit outside the Bureau but do* **not** *withhold information for security reasons since neither this form nor any confidential information will be made available outside the Bureau for such post-audits.)*

**Case caption if applicable:**

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This investigation involves an Organized Crime (OC) effort to obtain the release from incarceration, by obtaining a new bank robbery trial or parole for COLOMBO La Cosa Nostra (LCN) Family "Capo" JOHN FRANZESE, aka "SONNY FRANZESE". This was to be accomplished by means of perjured affidavits and perjured testimony of former FRANZESE "gang" bank robbers [redacted], and most significantly [redacted] whose testimony in the late 1960's for the government convicted FRANZESE. b6 b7C b7D

This perjured testimony and perjured affidavits were to be used in a hearing at the Eastern District of New York (EDNY) on the week of November 30, 1987. The most significant perjured affidavit was a September 3, 1987 affidavit of [redacted]. b6 b7C b7D

SA [redacted] has been assigned to this matter since its inception and was largely responsible for the successful prevention of FRANZESE's release from incarceration and exposure of the perjured September 3, 1987 affidavit of [redacted]. b7D

At the onset of this investigation, SA [redacted] subsequent to thoroughly reviewing and analyzing the sixteen (16) volumes of the FRANZESE bank robbery file as well as additional volumes from related FRANZESE cases, partially neutralized the potentially damaging testimony of FRANZESE's witnesses [redacted] At this point the efforts to obtain FRANZESE's release from incarceration focused on [redacted]. b6 b7C b7D

Between [redacted], SA [redacted] in a series of phone calls and interviews "turned around" [redacted], obtaining an insider's view of this Obstruction of Justice (OOJ) conspiracy and changing [redacted] from a co-conspirator into a cooperating government witness who revealed the details of this OOJ conspiracy as well as intelligence information on the FRANZESE "crew" and the COLOMBO LCN Family. b6 b7C b7D

Among the many obstacles SA [redacted] had to overcome in obtaining [redacted] cooperation was [redacted] mortal fear of the FRANZESE "crew" based on [redacted] personal knowledge that the FRANZESE "crew" was responsible for numerous "gangland slayings", brutal beatings and other forms of violence. b6 b7C b7D

On December 3, 1987, SA [redacted] persuaded [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

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The problem that SA [redacted] had to overcome here was [redacted]

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Since [redacted], SA [redacted] has had to b3 b6 b7C b7D b7E

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SA [redacted] also developed additional witnesses regarding b6 b7C b7D b7E
the OOJ conspiracy and coordinated Bureau efforts which

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At all times that SAs [redacted] and [redacted] were b6 b7C b7D
in [redacted] FRANZESE and his "crew" are the most significant OC group on Long Island, New York, with a wide-ranging circle of LCN members, associates and "connected" individuals, all with a proven propensity for violence. All of the FRANZESE "crew" were

[redacted] SA [redacted] or [redacted]

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During the week of November 30, 1987 and the January 6, 1988, EDNY FRANZESE hearings, SA [redacted] greatly assisted the prosecutor through his intimate knowledge of all aspects of this case in preparation for the hearings. SA [redacted] managed witness scheduling and preparation as well as suggested pertinent areas on which to cross-examine FRANZESE witnesses. Of extreme importance to these hearings was the [redacted] which SA [redacted] persuaded [redacted] to make and later defend under cross-examination by the FRANZESE attorney during the January 6, 1988 hearing. It should be noted that the lines of questioning used by the prosecutor to cross-examine the FRANZESE witnesses and expose their lack of credibility were culled by SA [redacted] from the thousands of serials in the FRANZESE files at the NYO. SA [redacted] with his valuable working knowledge of the case was able to prepare [redacted] to withstand cross-examination by carefully refreshing [redacted] memory in this complicated series of events occurring over a period in excess of twenty (20) years, by means of factual details which SA [redacted] obtained in his analysis of the numerous FRANZESE files. [redacted] thus prepared, made an effective and damaging witness for the government and his truthful testimony stood up under the skillful but unsuccessful cross-examination of FRANZESE's attorney. [redacted] on direct testimony was able to convince the presiding judge that FRANZESE's conviction at FRANZESE's original bank robbery trial was warranted under the facts.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (91A-22363)

FROM: ADIC, NEW YORK (BQ 91A-4406) (P) (C-27/LIRA)

SUBJECT: JOHN FRANZESE, aka
"Sonny Franzese";
ET AL;
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On 4/19/88, Special Attorney [redacted] Eastern District of New York (EDNY) Strike Force, telephone (718) 330-7406, telephonically advised that on April 15, 1988, United States District Court Judge (USDCJ) JACOB MISHLER, EDNY, wrote a final legal opinion denying the motion for a new bank robbery trial brought by the attorney for COLOMBO LCN Family "Capo", JOHN FRANZESE, aka "Sonny Franzese." b6 b7C

FRANZESE as a result will remain incarcerated at the Federal Correctional Center (F.C.C.) at Petersberg, Virginia and will not be eligible for parole until April 23, 1994.

FRANZESE, however, is currently appealing an eight (8) year sentence for parole violation which sentence FRANZESE received in April, 1987. This sentence requires FRANZESE to serve the entire eight (8) years.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (91-22363)
(ATTN: FOIPA SECTION)

FROM: ADIC, NEW YORK (BQ 91A-4406) (P) (C-27/LIRA)

SUBJECT: JOHN FRANZESE, aka
"Sonny Franzese";
ET AL;
BR; OOJ;
OO: NY (BQ)

Re telcal between SA [redacted] (C-27/LIRA) and ASC [redacted] (FBIHQ, FOIPA Section) dated 1/20/88, and Bureau airtel to New York, dated 1/25/88. b6 b7C

As the Bureau was advised by separate communication, on April 15, 1988, USDCJ JACOB MISHLER, Eastern District of New York (EDNY), wrote an opinion denying the petition for an order vacating the judgement of conviction for bank robbery against JOHN FRANZESE,aka "Sonny Franzese."

At no point in the November and January USDC hearings in the EDNY regarding FRANZESE's petition was there any indication that former SA [redacted] would appear as a witness for FRANZESE, as had been rumored previously. b6 b7C

In view of former SA [redacted] not having been a past witness for FRANZESE and there being no indications that former SA [redacted] would appear in the future for FRANZESE, the NYO has no further need for the photocopy of former SA [redacted] personnel file [redacted], as had been provided the NYO by referenced Bureau airtel. b6 b7C

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On 4/27/88, SA [redacted] destroyed the photocopy of former SA [redacted] personnel file [redacted], as required by the Bureau in referenced Bureau airtel to New York. b6 b7C

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (91A-22363)
(ATTN: CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION/ORGANIZED CRIME)

FROM: ADIC, NEW YORK (91A-4406) (P) (C-27) (LIRA)

SUBJECT: JOHN FRANZESE, aka
"Sonny Franzese";
BR; OOJ;
OO: NY (BQ)

Enclosed for the Bureau is one (1) copy of the 4/15/88 opinion of USDCJ JACOB MISHLER, Eastern District of New York (EDNY), dismissing the petition of COLOMBO LCN Family "Capo" JOHN FRANZESE, aka "Sonny Franzese," which petition sought to vacate judgment of conviction.

As a result of the dismissal of FRANZESE's petition, as previously reported to the Bureau, FRANZESE will remain incarcerated at the Federal Correctional Center (FCC), Petersburg, Virginia, and will not be eligible for parole until 4/23/94.

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# Memorandum

To : SAC, DIVISION II (BQ 72-449) (P) Date 4/14/88

From : SA [redacted] (C-27) b6 b7C

Subject : JOHN FRANZESE, SR., aka;
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CHRISTINE M. FRANZESE, aka b7C
"Christina M. Franzese"
"Tina M. Franzese";
[redacted]
[redacted] b6 b7C
UNSUBS;
ET AL;
SPECIAL ATTORNEY [redacted] b6
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, b7C
STRIKE FORCE (EDNYSF) - VICTIM;
OOJ
(00: NY) (BQ)

In 9/87, a motion was made by the attorney for COLOMBO LA CASA NOSTRA (LCN) Family "capo" JOHN FRANZESE aka "Sonny Franzese"; seeking either release of J. FRANZESE from incarceration or a new bank robbery trial for FRANZESE, based on FRANZESE's late 1960's bank robbery conviction.

Hearings were held the week of 11/30/87 re the above and an additional related hearing was held on 1/6/88. At the 1/6/88 hearing, which went against FRANZESE, the government was represented by Special Attorneys, [redacted] with [redacted] principally conducting the hearing. b6 b7C

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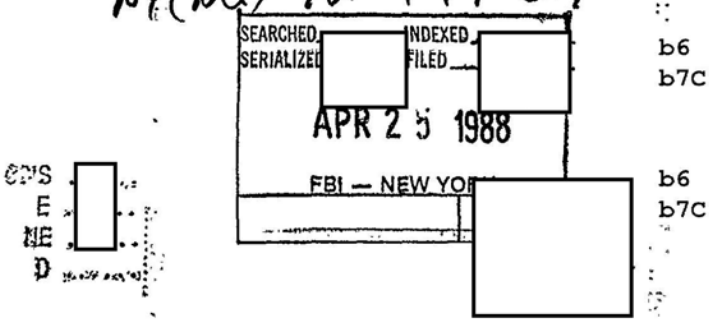
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The hearing was attended by most of the FRANZESE "crew". Shortly after the hearing when Special Attorney [redacted] returned to his residence, he found a death threat from an UNSUB female on his telephone answering machine. b6 b7C

In the years since J. FRANZESE's late 1960's bank robbery conviction, U.S.D.C. Judges, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI) Special Agents, U.S. Probation and Parole Offices and other governmental officials have been threatened by members of the FRANZESE "crew". A possible murder attempt on the lives of two (2) FBI SAS was prevented by the murder of the FRANZESE associate planning the attempt.

All criminal supervisors of the N.Y.O. are requested to route this memorandum around their squads, in order that SAS reading this memorandum can contact sources and conduct other appropriate investigation re the 1/6/88 death threat against Special Attorney [redacted]. Each SA is requested to contact the writer re any positive information obtained re this threat. b6 b7C

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

-against-

JOHN FRANZESE, et al.,

Defendants.

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(CV 87-3251)

Memorandum
of Decision
and Order

April 15, 1988

A P P E A R A N C E S :

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MISHLER, District Judge

Defendant John Franzese petitions for an order vacating the judgment of conviction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255. In support of the motion Franzese offers the affidavit of John Joseph Cordero ("Cordero"), dated September 3, 1987, in which Cordero recants the testimony he gave at trial charging Franzese and others with



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conspiracy to commit armed bank robbery in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 371 and committing and/or aiding and abetting or causing the commission of the crimes in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 2113(d) & 2. Franzese also resubmits affidavits previously submitted in support of a similar § 2255 application by Charles Zaher, Jr., dated September 19, 1975 and Thomas Matteo, dated September 22, 1975. The court held a hearing on the previous application. The court filed a memorandum of decision and order dated January 21, 1976 denying the petition. The discussion in that memorandum of decision relating to the testimony of Zaher and Matteo is relevant to the instant application and is annexed hereto.

The court scheduled a hearing for November 4, 1987 on the application and rescheduled the hearing for November 30, 1987. On that day, prior to the time fixed for the hearing, Cordero contacted Special F.B.I. Agents Daniel Reilly and Peter O'Brien and advised them that the statements contained in his affidavit of September 3, 1987 were false and made under threat of death both to himself and his family. Cordero executed an affidavit dated December 3, 1987, incorporating the statements made

on November 30, 1987 to the Special Agents. The hearing was thereupon adjourned to January 6, 1988.

At the January 6, 1988 hearing Cordero testified to the voluntariness of the statements that he made to Special Agents Reilly and O'Brien and those contained in his affidavit of December 3, 1987.

I find that the first affidavit of John Joseph Cordero, sworn to September 3, 1987 and offered in support of the application, was made involuntarily and given through fear of death or serious injury.

The testimony bearing on Cordero's credibility was offered by Joseph Votto, a lawyer, and Edward Knudsen, a private investigator.1/ Votto testified that in May or June of 1979 he was contacted by someone who represented himself to be Cordero's brother-in-law and stated that Cordero wanted to talk to Votto about the Franzese case. Cordero was trying to arrange for the sale of a story about bank robberies and sought Votto's help in meeting with reporters and authors (Tr. at p. 114-15).2/ Cordero told Votto that he and three others (presumably Parks, Smith and Zaher) had given false testimony at the Franzese trial (Tr. p. 74). Cordero



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told Votto that he had never seen Franzese prior to the trial and that the evening before the commencement of the trial, agents of the F.B.I. showed him a picture of Franzese (Tr. p. 77-78). Cordero said, "The F.B.I., the government was interested in getting Mr. Franzese. . . ."

On June 23, 1979 Votto taped a statement given by Cordero (Exh. D). The tape exculpates Franzese and all the defendants convicted of the various bank robberies and inculpates Cordero, Parks, Smith, Zaher (and Codero's wife Eleanor). The complete script (according to the tape) for the trial was supplied by the F.B.I. According to the tape F.B.I. Director J. Edgar Hoover was personally interested in falsely charging and convicting Franzese.

Knudsen testified that he spent six days with Cordero beginning July 20, 1987. According to Knudsen's testimony Cordero told Knudsen that he, Cordero, had been arrested for numerous bank robberies and that when he was taken into custody the arresting agents "kept hinting to him that if he would give testimony implicating Mr. Franzese that he would get a break in the robbery cases." Cordero said that with his co-defendants "they formulated a plan to implicate Mr. Franzese." (Tr.



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pp. 136-36). The F.B.I. gave him certain dates "and that he reviewed these dates and they were dates that Mr. Franzese had no alibis for, and he was told to say that he, Cordero, was with Mr. Franzese on those dates." (Tr. p. 136-37).

Franzese would have this court believe that the F.B.I.'s plan to falsely implicate Franzese was designed to eliminate any challenge to the fabrication by making certain that Franzese had no alibi for the times Franzese was supposed to be present at the times James Smith, Richard Parks, Zaher and Cordero testified that they met with him to plan the robberies during the period from July 3, 1965 to September 13, 1965.3/ These witnesses also implicated Franzese's co-defendants William David Crabbe, John Matera, Nicholas Potere and Joseph Florio and other co-conspirators. The testimony included meetings at various times and places with one or more of the defendants. The difficulty in fabricating such testimony is apparent.

The trial transcript shows: Cordero was arrested on October 1, 1965. He was arraigned before a United States Commissioner on October 5, 1965. On that day he gave a statement to F.B.I. Special Agents Edward



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J. Putz, Maurice Murphy and Rock. The statement described the various bank robberies and those participating in the actual robberies. It failed to mention Franzese, Crabbe, Potere or Florio (or Polisi). This was out of fear and the expectation of the fulfillment of Franzese's promise to supply bail and pay legal fees. Legal fees were in fact paid by Potere by checks drawn on the account of Potere Electronics Corporation to attorneys for Cordero and Parks. On October 7, 1965, Cordero testified before a grand jury in the Eastern District of New York. His testimony did not implicate Franzese, Crabbe, Matera, Potere, Florio (or Polisi). It was not until later, subsequent to his appearance before the grand jury, that Cordero decided to offer full cooperation to the government through his attorney, Robert Helfand. Mr. Helfand testified as follows:

> The Witness: The first time I saw [Cordero] in Federal Prison in New York, which would be in October, 1965.[4]/ He said he wished to cooperate and talk, and he said he would involve Sonny Franzese.
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> Q. Was there any other statement made at that time?
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> A. He said he wanted me to arrange to have the F.B.I. men come to speak



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> to him and would I do that. I said I would. He did make one other statement. He said something about Mr. Franzese being involved in the disposing of money orders that had been taken in the bank robberies. That was all we discussed.

(Trial Tr. p. 2812).

Cordero offered his cooperation. It did not come about in the manner set forth in his affidavit of September 3, 1987 or in the statement made to Mr. Votto on June 23, 1979.

DISCUSSION

The Second Circuit Court of Appeals in United States v. DiPaolo, 835 F.2d 46, 49 (2d Cir. 1987) made the following observation with relation to motions for a new trial and particularly where such motions are based on recantation of testimony:

> Motions for a new trial based upon newly discovered evidence are "granted only with great caution," United States v. Stofsky, 527 F.2d 237, 243 (2d Cir. 1975) (quoting United States v. Costello, 255 F.2d 876, 879 (2d Cir.), cert. denied, 357 U.S. 937, 78 S. Ct. 1385, 2 L.Ed.2d 1551 (1958), cert. denied, 429 U.S. 819, 97 S. Ct. 66, 50 L.Ed.2d 80 (1976), in "'the most extraordinary circumstances.'" United States v. Ochs, 548 F. Supp. 502, 512 (S.D.N.Y.



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1982) (quoting United States v. Fassoulis, 203 F. Supp. 114, 117 (S.D.N.Y. 1962) (Weinfeld, J.)), aff'd, 742 F.2d 1444 (2d Cir. 1983). Courts are particularly reluctant to grant such motions where the newly discovered evidence consists of a witness recantation as such recantations are "looked upon with the utmost suspicion." United States ex rel. Sostre v. Festa, 513 F.2d 1313, 1318 (2d Cir.) (quoting United States v. Troche, 213 F.2d 401, 403 (2d Cir. 1954) (quoting Harrison v. United States, 7 F.2d 259, 262 (2d Cir. 1925))), cert. denied, 423 U.S. 841, 96 S. Ct. 72, 46 L.Ed.2d 60 (1975). Accordingly, before granting a motion for a new trial on the ground that a witness recanted her trial testimony, a trial court must be satisfied (1) that the testimony recanted was false and material, Sostre, 513 F.2d at 1317; United States ex rel. Rice v. Vincent, 491 F.2d 1326, 1331 (2d Cir.), cert. denied, 419 U.S. 880, 95 S. Ct. 144, 42 L.Ed.120 (1974); (2) that without the original testimony the jury probably would have acquitted the defendant, United States v. Alessi, 638 F.2d 446, 479 (2d Cir. 1980); Stofsky, 527 F.2d at 246; and (3) that the party seeking the new trial was surprised when the false testimony was given or did not know of its falsity until after the trial, Sostre, 513 F.2d at 1317; Rice, 491 F.2d at 1332; and could not with due diligence have discovered it earlier. Alessi, 638 F.2d at 479; Ochs, 548 F. Supp. at 512. The defendant bears the burden of satisfying this three-part test. See United States v. Brown, 582 F.2d 197, 202 (2d Cir.), cert. denied, 439 U.S. 915, 99 S. Ct. 289, 58 L.Ed.2d 262



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(1978); United States v. Cruz, 602 F. Supp. 825, 829 (S.D.N.Y. 1985); Ochs, 548 F. Supp. at 512.

Petitioner has failed to sustain his burden. The petition is dismissed, and it is

SO ORDERED.

The Clerk of the Court is directed to enter judgment in favor of the plaintiff and against the defendant dismissing the petition.

U. S. D. J.



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## FOOTNOTES

1/ Ms. Gail Frappollo, a girl friend of Nicholas Potere, a co-defendant, testified that she never saw Franzese at Potere's apartment. She testified that she saw Potere with accomplices John Joseph Cordero, Richard Parks and James Smith.

2/ Votto had represented Zaher at the hearing on Franzese's prior application.

3/ Smith, Parks, Cordero and Zaher testified to the robbery of seven banks: (1) July 7, 1965 Central Queens Savings Bank, (2) July 13, 1965, Jamaica Savings Bank, (3) July 30, 1965, County Federal Savings and Loan Association, (4) August 13, 1965, United Savings and Loan Association, (5) August 31, 1965, Holyoke National Bank, (6) September 11, 1965, a bank in Denver, Colorado, and (7) September 13, 1965, First Security Bank of Utah.

4/ Mr. Helfand's partner Rudolph DiBlasi represented Cordero at the arraignment.

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On [redacted] telephonically advised Special Agent (SA) [redacted] C-27/Long Island Resident Agency, as follows:

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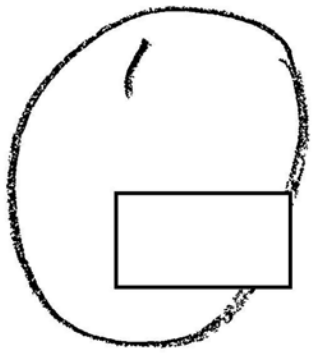
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# Memorandum

To : SAC, DIVISION II (192B-228) (P) Date 5/6/88

From : SA [redacted] (C-28/LIRA) b6 b7C

Subject : [redacted] b6 b7C
EXTORTIONATE DEMANDS ON
CAR DEALERSHIPS,
NASSAU COUNTY, NEW YORK;
HOBBS ACT; CI;
OO: NY (BQ)



On 5/4/88, writer conversed with SA [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted], who provided the following information, which is at least tangential to captioned case, vis-a-vis, subject's regular association with the [redacted]. The information is as follows:

One [redacted], DOB [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted], is currently a Bureau applicant for the position of Russian Translator, at the New York Office. That case file is [redacted].

On [redacted] application, she lists the following b6 b7C persons as references:

[redacted] residing at [redacted], b6 b7C [redacted], telephone # [redacted] employed by JOSEPH SEAGRAMS INC., Park Avenue, New York City, (212) 572-7945.

[redacted] other reference is [redacted] b6 b7C residing at [redacted], New York, [redacted] employed as an insurance salesman at 671-1660.

A coles check regarding Ms. [redacted] address reveals b6 b7C the following:

[redacted] b6 b7C
F&F CONTRACTING CORPORATION
220 Clinton Road
Garden City, New York
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Both [redacted] and [redacted] b6 b7C are relatives of JOHN SONNY FRANZESE, who figures in this case.

SA [redacted] was given information regarding the [redacted] b6 b7C family, and also referred to SAs [redacted] and [redacted], who also have information regarding the [redacted] and their involvement with Soviet Jewish emigres, who are engaged in the illegal sale of stolen gas and oil.

Writer suggested that an immediate discontinuance on [redacted] would be well advised. b6 b7C

The above presented for information and for indexing.

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On [redacted] telephonically advised Special Agent [redacted], Squad C-27, Long Island Resident Agency, as follows:

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- ☐ Immediate
- ☐ Priority
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- ☐ SECRET
- ☐ CONFIDENTIAL
- ☐ UNCLAS E F T O
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Date 6/7/88

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (67-895698)
(ATTN: [redacted], Room 8977)

FROM: ADIC, NEW YORK [redacted] (RUC) (A-4) (LIRA)

SUBJECT: [redacted]
BUAP-LANGUAGE SPECIALIST (RUSSIAN)

On 5/31/88, the applicant was interviewed at the Long Island Resident Agency of the New York Office by Special Agents (SAs) [redacted], Squad C-27, Organized Crime, and [redacted] Squad A-4, Applicants. On 5/31/88, [redacted] advised that she went to Junior High School and High School in Glen Cove, New York, with her close friend, listed social acquaintance, [redacted] has cousins [redacted], et al, and an uncle (First Name Unknown) (FNU) [redacted], who handles prize fighters. [redacted] denied having heard of (FNU) CAPOBIANCO, who handles prize fighters and is the father of CHRISTINE FRANZESE, aka Tina Franzese, nee CHRISTINE CAPOBIANCO, the recently indicted (for "fencing") wife of COLOMBO LCN family "capo", JOHN FRANZESE, aka "Sonny Franzese." JOHN FRANZESE also has a daughter, [redacted], who [redacted] denied knowing. [redacted] met listed social acquaintance, [redacted], when [redacted] and FRANZESE were students at C.W. POST COLLEGE, Greenvale, New York. Through [redacted] met another, perhaps only distantly related, TINA FRANZESE, who is about the same age, and also lives on Long Island, New York.

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Listed social acquaintance, [redacted] of [redacted] New York, has a father, [redacted], who owns and runs shopping centers and construction companies in Floral Park, New York; Cold Spring Harbor, New York; and other locations unknown to [redacted]. Listed social acquaintance, [redacted] mother, [redacted] same address. [redacted] knows of no connection between this [redacted] family and JOHN FRANZESE, aka "Sonny Franzese", et al.

In the Russian emigre community in the United States of which the [redacted] families are members, the largest number of emigres live in the community of Brighton Beach, Brooklyn, New York. Within the Brighton Beach community where the [redacted] family formerly resided, persons from the Odessa, Russia area maintain close ties. b6 b7C

Through the close knit Russian emigre community, [redacted] has heard of the Organized Crime groups, the "Russian Mafia", aka "Odessa Mafia," since many of its members were originally from the Odessa, Russia area. b6 b7C

[redacted], through the Russian emigre community, is aware that the "Russian Mafia" created a multi-billion dollar "racket", "gasoline bootlegging" (i.e. the sale of gasoline without paying the Federal and state sales tax on it); and that a large number of persons in the Russian emigre community, particularly in Brighton Beach, are involved in this illegal "gasoline bootlegging." [redacted] father's friend, [redacted] (Last Name Unknown) (LNU), last name probably [redacted], has a step-son, [redacted], who is one of the major "gasoline bootleggers." [redacted] was indicted for this activity, along with other members of the "Russian Mafia" and traditional Organized Crime figures who are members and associates of the LCN. b6 b7C

[redacted] described this illegal activity in the Russian emigre community as follows: b6 b7C

In Russia, society was very repressive and there was no stigma involved in robbing the state, particularly in the Odessa, Russian region. When these people came to the United States, the lack of police presence and legal laxity tempted many into illegal activity such as "gasoline bootlegging." In summation, [redacted] denied any personal knowledge of, or involvement with, b6 b7C

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either JOHN FRANZESE, aka et al, or with the "Russian Mafia" on behalf of herself or her immediate family. [redacted] stated that she would be willing to take a lie detector test concerning her innocence of any personal knowledge or involvement with Organized Crime activities. b6 b7C

On 5/31/88, Sergeant [redacted] (Protect Identity) [redacted] New York, telephonically advised that [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

On 5/31/88, BOMRA - NYO OCIS was checked regarding [redacted] and [redacted] with negative results. b6 b7C

The New York Office recommends that [redacted] not be given a lie detector test as to any possible LCN Organized Crime involvement on her past, as her answers to all questions relating to Organized Crime appeared truthful, logical, and complete. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that she and her mother and father arrived in the United States on [redacted], and resided at the [redacted] New York, New York, until 6/1/75, at which time they rented an apartment at [redacted] New York, until 9/75. [redacted] states that her mother and father then were employed as a cook and grounds keeper at the AMERICAN RUSSIAN AIDE ASSOCIATION, HOME FOR THE AGED, at 14 Alvin Street, Glen Cove, New York, from 9/75 - approximately 6/78. [redacted] stated that she and her parents lived at [redacted] the address for the [redacted]. She and her parents then moved [redacted] to an apartment in a private home from approximsately 6-9/78. [redacted] further advised that for approximately one month, she and her family lived with friends, Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] New York, until they moved into their current residence on 10/3/78 at [redacted], New York. b6 b7C

Applicant further advised that in addition to listed education, she took a specialized school for a real estate agent to be a licensed real estate broker. She was then sponsered for the real estate brokers exam by [redacted] (listed reference), [redacted] of CARMINE SALVATO REALTY, 143 Glen Street, b6 b7C

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Glen Cove, New York. [redacted] states that she took the exam and passed it approximately the Summer of 1984. She was then employed at CARMINE SALVATO REALTY part-time. [redacted] states she was involved in the buying and selling of homes and rentals in the Glen Cove-Bayville area. She had at least 2 clients who were to buy homes from her, but both deals fell through and she has never sold a home. [redacted] futher advised that she has rented many apartments. [redacted] states that since her real estate license has no expiration date, she can use it at any time, and it is still maintained at [redacted] office. b6 b7C

[redacted] further advised that during the summers of 1979, 1980, and 1981, she worked at PHOTO CIRCUITS, 31 Sea Cliff Avenue, Glen Cove, New York, in the Quality Control section. Applicant advised the company offered summer employment to children of their full-time employees. It should be noted that applicant's mother is a computer programmer at PHOTO CIRCUITS. Applicant further advised that from 9/80-6/81, she was employed part-time as a sales person/flower arranger at GLEN STREET FLOWER SHOP, 32 Glen Street, Glen Cove, New York. Her Supervisor was the [redacted] no relationship to [redacted] b6 b7C

Applicant further advised that in April of 1985, she was in an automobile accident and admitted to GLEN COVE HOSPITAL for back injuries. [redacted] states since that time, she has been under a doctor's care for her injuries. She further advised that on 6/9/86, she was in another automobile accident which aggravated her back injury even more. She has been under the care of DOCTOR [redacted], Glen Cove , New York. b6 b7C

[redacted] further advised that her grandmother, her mother's mother, has been in the United States since January of 1988 from the Soviet Union on Visa living in her residence. [redacted] states that on May 26, 1988, her grandmother passed away in this country of heart failure. [redacted] states that she called the Russian Embassy in Washington several times to have her grandmother's body transported back to the Soviet Union. [redacted] states that the Russian Embassy was of no help to her or her family, and it ended up that her grandmother was buried here in the United States. [redacted] states that she is now trying to obtain visas for her mother's family to come to the United States. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised she would have no problem supplying the FBI with additional references. [redacted] further advised that she has not told anyone that she has applied for a position b6 b7C

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with the FBI, and that none of her references or social acquaintances were ever advised of her application with the FBI. [redacted] states this is due to her Russian background not to tell anyone your personal business. b6 b7C

When [redacted] was questioned as to her incomplete application, leaving out employments, hospitalization, back injuries, and education, she stated that she probably misunderstood the application and did not think that all that information was requested.

UACB, New York will conduct no further investigation regarding the applicant.

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**REPORT**
**of the**
**FBI**
**TECHNICAL SERVICES DIVISION**
**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**
**WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: ADIC, New York (BQ 72-449) (C-27/LIRA) July 27, 1988

FBI FILE NO. 91-22363

LAB. NO. 80428019 E XY

Re: JOHN FRANZESE, aka
"Sonny Franzese",
ET AL;
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Specimens received April 22, 1988

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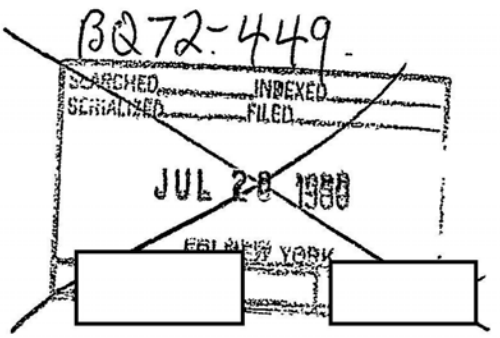
K3 One Maxell Communicator Series C-60 audio cassette tape marked in part "4/11/88"

Result of examination:

The unknown voice on specimen Q1 was subjected to spectrographic (voiceprint) examination, which revealed that the voice quality is too poor to allow meaningful comparisons with other known voice samples.

Voice identification by the spectrographic method is not considered a positive means of speaker identification and the results of such examinations are furnished for investigative guidance only.

Specimens Q1 and K3 were forwarded to the New York Office on July 11, 1988, under separate cover via registered mail.




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**FBI**
**TECHNICAL SERVICES DIVISION**
**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**
**WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: ADIC, New York (BQ 72-449) (C-27/LIRA) July 27, 1988

From: Director, FBI

FBI FILE NO. 91-22363

LAB. NO. 80428019 E XY

Re: JOHN FRANZESE, aka
"Sonny Franzese",
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Examination requested by: ADIC, New York

Reference: Airtel dated April 14, 1988

Examination requested: Voice Comparison

Remarks: Signal Processing Analyst [redacted] conducted the voice comparison examination. b6 b7C

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# Memorandum

To : SAC, DIVISION II (91A-4406) (P)

Date 6/7/88

From : SA [redacted] (C-27) (LIRA) b6 b7C

Subject : JOHN FRANZESE, aka
"Sonny Franzese";
ET AL;
BR; OOJ
OO: NY (BQ)

On 6/6/88, BQ 91A-4406, captioned as above, was thoroughly reviewed and it was determined that all logical investigation in that case had been completed.

The completed investigation includes the following items:

a. File reviews

b. Contacts with other law enforcement agencies

c. Informant contacts

d. Obtaining [redacted] from [redacted] aka [redacted]" and [redacted]" death threats on 1/6/88, from an unsub female directed at Special Attorney, [redacted], EDNY STRIKE FORCE, and furnishing same to the FBI Laboratory for voice analysis. b3 b6 b7C

e. Appropriate interviews

f. A review of [redacted] b3

On 5/31/88, Special Attorney, [redacted], telephonically advised that EDNY STRIKE FORCE, Chief EDWARD MCDONALD, does not wish to have a Federal Grand Jury convened regarding the Obstruction of Justice (OOJ) and other aspects of this matter. b6 b7C

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JOHN FRANZESE, aka "Sonny Franzese," will remain incarcerated and will not be eligible for parole until 4/23/94, as a result of this investigation. FRANZESE's incarceration is the outcome of a final legal opinion rendered by EDNY, USDCJ, JACOB MISHLER, on 4/15/88, denying the motion for a new bank robbery trial brought by the attorney for COLUMBO LCN Family "capo" JOHN FRANZESE, aka.

In the review of BQ 91A-4406, it became apparent that this case is, to some extent, duplicative of BQ 72-449 captioned "JOHN FRANZESE, aka "Sonny Franzese"; ET AL; OOJ; OO: NY (BQ)."

In view of all logical investigation regarding BQ 91A-4406 having been conducted and reported, and BQ 91A-4406 dealing with OOJ matters also dealt with in BQ 72-449, it is recommended that BQ 91A-4406 be administratively closed.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

MEMORANDUM

DATE: 9/23/88

TO: SAC, DIVISION II (72-449) (P)

FROM: SA [redacted] (C-27/LIRA)

SUBJECT: [redacted], aka;
ET AL;
SPECIAL ATTORNEY [redacted]
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK,
STRIKE FORCE (EDNYSF) - VICTIM;
OOJ;
OO: NY



On 9/20/88, it was determined that subject [redacted] and [redacted], who is an associate of [redacted] and who also attended JOHN FRANZESE, SR.'s parole hearing on 1/6/88, reside at [redacted] New York, telephone [redacted]

[redacted] was previously an Unsub at the J. FRANZESE, SR.'s parole hearing.

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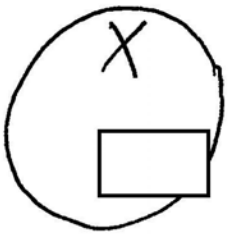
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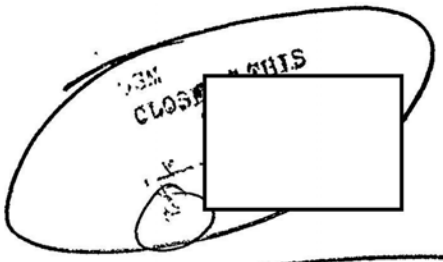
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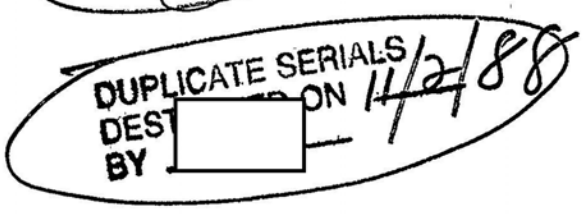
On 10/18/88, Special Attorney [redacted], Eastern b6
District of New York Strike Force (EDNYSF), advised Special Agent (SA) b7C
[redacted] that [redacted] has received no further threats since after the 1/6/88 parole hearing of JOHN FRANZESE, SR., aka "Sonny Franzese". [redacted] has no idea as to what female unsub made the threat on [redacted] answering machine on 1/6/88.

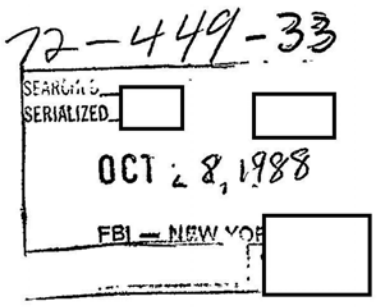
On 10/18/88, Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) [redacted] Eastern District of New York (EDNY), telephone number [redacted] b3
advised that she had concluded the Federal Grand Jury b6
at the EDNY re [redacted] and that [redacted] b7C
[redacted]. AUSA [redacted] further advised that there is no further logical investigation to be conducted in this matter.

In view of [redacted], b3
[redacted] and the Federal Grand Jury at the EDNY having been conducted with negative results, it is recommended that this case be closed administratively.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

TO : ADIC (NY 92-1332) DATE: 10/24/78

FROM : SAC FOLEY, DIV. II

SUBJECT: FILE DESTRUCTION

Per SAC II, instant file is being retained for the following reason:

1) This file contains valuable intelligence information which is or may be utilized in connection with NYO Organized Crime investigations.

2) This file is pending litigation.

3) This file contains information as of 10/31/73.

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Director, FBI 12/12/58

SAC, New York (92-new)

JOHN FRANZESE, aka: Sonny Franzese;
NICK SAN FILIPPO
Local 88, Amalgamated Production Workers Union, No report copies
International Federation of Labor;
UNKNOWN VICTIMS
AR - [redacted]

JOHN FRANZESE is a Top Hoodlum of the NYO.

On 11/26/58, [redacted] advised that [redacted] b7D

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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] b7D

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The matter was discussed with AUSA [redacted] b6 SDNY, who advised that there was sufficient indication of violation b7C 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 b7D hospital on Rutland Road and East 49th Street, Brooklyn, New York.

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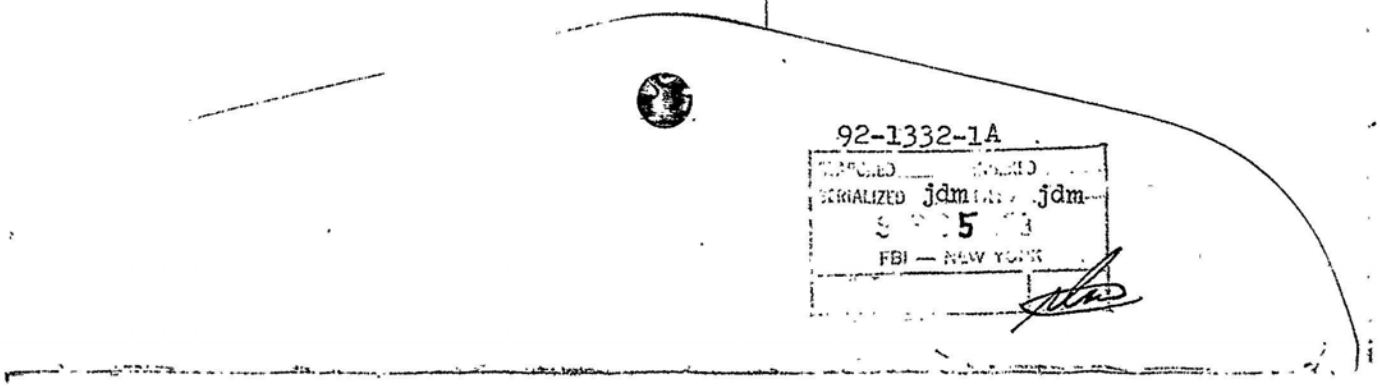
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The informant stated [redacted] b7D

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.

1. 9/25/59. Receipt for return of records of Imperial Stores, Inc. jdm



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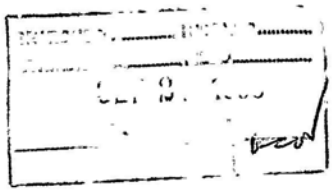
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AUGUST 12, 1959

RECEIVED THE BOOKS AND RECORDS OF IMPERIAL STORES CORP. FOR PERIOD FROM 8/1/52 THROUGH 10/31/56. THESE RECORDS AND BOOKS ARE TO BE RETURNED TO US BY UNDERSIGNED AT TERMINATION OF EXAMINATION.

[redacted] b6 b7C

Special agent, FBI

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Above records returned today to [redacted] Goebel & Epstein for [redacted] b6 b7C

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Goebel & Epstein

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York

DATE: 12-22-58

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: JOHN FRANZESE, aka: Sonny Franzese
NICK SAN FILLIPO
Local 88, Amalgamated Production Workers Union
International Federation of Labor
UNKNOWN VICTIMS
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Reurlet 12-12-58.

In order that the Bureau may further consider the allegation that a "shakedown" was obtained by subject Franzese from a hospital official similar to the union shakedown of a diner, concerning which the USA indicated investigation was justified, information in addition to that set forth in relet should be discreetly sought.

Informant [redacted] should be thoroughly re- b7D
interviewed in an effort to secure specific data regarding the alleged shakedown of the hospital which may be substantiated, such as any reported union activity relative to the shakedown or other elements of a possible violation. Of course, any question of Federal jurisdiction as to Interstate Commerce or applicability of the statute to the allegations would have to be resolved by the USA, after the matter has been further considered by the Bureau.

Your office should particularly ascertain discreetly through informants or otherwise, whether Judge Liebowitz is

[redacted] Bureau b7D
desires this point be definitely established without our inquiries coming to the attention of Judge Liebowitz.

Sulet within a week results of the requested preliminary inquiry in this regard; however, do not refer this matter to the USA at this time or take any other action without prior Bureau authority.

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From: Director, FBI (92-3954)

JOHN FRANZESE, aka., et al.
UNKNOWN VICTIMS
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Reurlet 12/30/58.

Unless already done, no inquiry should be made concerning the alleged payoff by an official of the Jewish Chronic Disease Hospital, Inc., until after the matter is discussed with the USA to obtain his opinion as to whether information received contains sufficient indication of possible violation to justify investigation.

Suairtel by return mail whether Judge Leibowitz is connected with mentioned hospital and take no other action without prior Bureau authority.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM * * * * * UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, NEW YORK DATE: 1/22/59

FROM: SA [redacted] (#21) b6 b7C

SUBJECT: JOHN FRANZESE, aka.,
Sonny Franzese;
NICK SAN FILLIPO, Amalgamated
Production Workers Union,
International Federation of Labor;
Unknown Victim
AR (NY File 92-1332)

JOHN FRANZESE, aka.; ET AL
Jewish Chronic Disease Hospital,
Inc. - VICTIM
AR (NY File 92-1336)

JOHN FRANZESE is a Top Hoodlum of the NYO. NICK SAN FILLIPO is an officer of a local of the Amalgamated Workers Union, International Federation of Labor, which is described as a strong arm outfit controlled by FRANZESE.

A reliable informant advised that in the latter part of 1958, the union shook down a new $100,000 diner which had been recently opened somewhere on or near Broadway in Brooklyn, New York. The union reputedly established a picket line around the diner [redacted] b7D

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To date, investigation has failed to locate a diner located on or near Broadway, Brooklyn, which fits the description of that furnished by the informant. The informant has also been unable to furnish any additional information as to the identity or location of this diner.

The informant also advised that a phony picket line, similar to the one used in the alleged shakedown of the diner, was used in connection with a shakedown of the Jewish Chronic Disease Hospital, East 49th Street and Rutland Road, Brooklyn, New York. According to the informant, this hospital has 500 employees, who are paid lower than union scale.

[redacted] b7D

It is requested that CI's and PCI's be contacted for any available information in these cases including the identity of the diner which was shaken down; the identity of the official at the Jewish Chronic Disease Hospital, [redacted] b7D as well as the identity of the Local and any participants in the picket lines utilized in these shakedowns.

DIRECTOR, FBI (92-3954) 1/26/59

SAC, NEW YORK (92-1332)

JOHN FRANZESE, aka., ET AL;
UNKNOWN VICTIMS
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ReNYlet to the Bureau dated 12/12/58.

As reflected in relet, [redacted] originally advised that Local 88, Amalgamated Workers Union, International Federation of Labor, had shaken down a new $100,000.00 diner which had recently opened in the lower Manhattan area of NYC. b7D

[redacted] subsequently advised that the diner was not located in Manhattan, but rather on or near Broadway in Brooklyn, NY, possibly near Broadway and Jefferson Streets. b7D

A visual check of the entire length of Broadway with particular emphasis on the area around the intersection of Broadway and Jefferson Streets failed to locate any diner which could conceivably be identical with the one referred to by [redacted] The superintendents of four US Post Offices which cover Broadway and streets adjacent to Broadway were also contacted, under a suitable pretext, without success. b7D

[redacted] is presently attempting to make contact with NICK SAN FILLIPO for the purpose of identifying the diner; however, SAN FILLIPO is reportedly suffering from a virus infection and is not readily available. b7D

Other logical informants are being contacted in an effort to identify the diner.

The Bureau will be kept advised of developments.

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JOHN FRANZESE, aka.;
NICK SAN FILLIPO,
Amalgamated Production
Workers Union, International
Federation of Labor - VICTIM
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New York File 92-1332

Information contained in a maximum utilization memo was discussed with [redacted] on 1/30/59 in an attempt to identify and locate a diner in or near Broadway, Brooklyn, reportedly shaken down by JOHN FRANZESE for $10,000.00 to terminate a picket line at the diner and to avoid labor problems. b7D

On the basis of the above, [redacted] suggested the only possibility that came to his mind was a diner located at Broadway and Gates Avenues in Brooklyn. The informant advised that the diner he had in mind was of stainless steel construction and approximately four years old. He advised that a combination man named [redacted] had owned the diner he referred to for approximately two years, 1955 until sometime in 1957. He pointed out that [redacted] has been and continues to be an associate of JOHN FRANZESE, and at the present time, [redacted] FRANZESE and another combination man named [redacted] operate a gambling game together in Brooklyn. The informant advised that he has no idea who operates the diner in question at this time or who has operated it since 1957, but he felt, on the basis of the available information, this was the best possibility that he knew. He advised, incidentally, that [redacted] has an interest in Murray's Log Cabin Inn (bar and grill) in the immediate neighborhood of this diner, and has had such an interest for the past 10 or 12 years. The informant will be alert to obtain more specific information in this connection. b6 b7C b7D

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[redacted] contacted 2/24/59 by SA [redacted] Negative. 88P

JOHN FRANZESE, aka., ET AL;
UNKNOWN VICTIMS
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ReNYlet to the Bureau, dated 1/26/59.

As reflected in previous correspondence, [redacted] has advised that Local 88, Amalgamated Workers Union, International Federation of Labor, had shaken down a new $100,000 diner which had recently opened in the New York City area. [redacted] originally placed this diner in Manhattan but later said it was located in Brooklyn, New York. The source of the informant's information is one NICK SANFILLIPO, who reportedly runs Local 88 for JOHN FRANZESE.

The following investigation was conducted in an effort to identify this diner:

Arrangements were made to have each CI and PCI in the New York Office contacted for any identifying information concerning this alleged shake down. The only positive information received from other than the original informant came from [redacted] b7D

On 1/30/59 [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that the only possibility that came to his mind was a diner located at Broadway and Gates Avenues in Brooklyn, New York. [redacted] advised that this diner was on stainless steel construction and was about four years old. Informant advised that a combination man named [redacted] had owned this diner for about two years from 1955 to 1957. He pointed out that [redacted] has been and continues to be an associate of JOHN FRANZESE and at the present time FRANZESE, [redacted] and another combination man [redacted] operate a gambling game together in Brooklyn. b6 b7C b7D

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[redacted] advised that he does not know who has operated this diner since 1957. Informant pointed out however that [redacted] has an interest in Murray's Log Cabin Inn, 1087 Gates Avenue, which is in the vicinity of this diner. [redacted] has had this interest for the past 10 or 12 years. b6 b7C b7D

The cross directory of the New York Telephone Company for Brooklyn, New York, shows a listing for the Imperial Diner, 1080 Gates Avenue, Brooklyn, which is just around the corner from Broadway.

On 1/28;2/4,11,18 and 25/59 [redacted] was recontacted by SA [redacted] but on each occassion the informant advised that he has been unable to contact NICHOLAS SANFILLIPO for additional information since SANFILLIPO has been seriously ill and unavailable. b6 b7C b7D

However, on 2/25/59 [redacted] advised that he made a check in the area where the diner is reported to be located and decided that the only diner it could be is the one located on Gates Avenue around the corner from Broadway, Brooklyn, New York. (The selection of this diner was made by [redacted] independent of any information from [redacted] b7D

[redacted] advised that [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] advised that [redacted]

Informant also said that [redacted] with the following known hoodlums: [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

New York is developing background information on the Imperial Diner and the other individuals involved in this matter. Also [redacted] is continuing his efforts to contact NICHOLAS SANFILLIPO so this diner can be definitely identified as the one involved in the shakedown. b7D

After this question has been resolved the USA, EDNY, will be contacted for an opinion. It should be noted that since the informant's original information indicated that the diner was located in Manhattan, an AUSA in the SDNY was contacted and advised that there was sufficient indication of a violation to justify further investigation.

DIRECTOR, FBI (92-3954) 3/30/59

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JOHN FRANZESE, aka., ET AL;
UNKNOWN VICTIMS
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Remylet to Bureau, dated 2/25/59.

[redacted] has been contacted on a weekly basis every Wednesday since 2/25/59 in an attempt to definitely establish the identity of the diner involved in the alleged shakedown. The informant advised that he has been unable to locate NICHOLAS SANFILLIPO, but will continue his efforts to contact the latter. b7D

A Dun & Bradstreet, Inc., report dated 10/15/58, contained the following information concerning Imperial Diner, Inc., 1080 Gates Ave., Brooklyn 21, NY:

The building at 1080 Gates Avenue was constructed during November, 1952, and operated by [redacted] and [redacted] until July, 1952, when the business was sold to [redacted] for an undisclosed consideration. [redacted] operated individually under the style Imperial Diner until 10/1/52, when the business was incorporated as Imperial Stores Corp, with [redacted] remaining principal at interest. That corporation reportedly operated the business until it sold its interest to Imperial Diner, Inc., during January, 1958. b6 b7C

The following individuals are the officers and directors of Imperial Diner, Inc.:

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The indices of the NYO contain no reference to [redacted] and [redacted], [redacted] or Imperial Diner, Inc. At this time there is not sufficient identifying data to check the name of [redacted] through the NY indices. b6 b7C

The Dun & Bradstreet, Inc. report reflects that attempts to interview the officers on 10/14/58, were unsuccessful due to their reported absence from the premises.

It is believed that [redacted] aka., [redacted] FBI # [redacted] is identical with the [redacted] mentioned in referenced letter. Information concerning [redacted] who was sentenced on [redacted] is set forth in the case entitled [redacted] aka., ET AL;" Bufile 15-15716. b6 b7C

The [redacted] mentioned in the Dun & Bradstreet Inc. report, may be related to [redacted] FBI # [redacted] It is possible that [redacted] through [redacted] maintained an interest in the Imperial Diner from July, 1952 to January, 1958. In that case it would appear that the facts related by [redacted] pertaining to an alleged shakedown would have occurred in 1952 rather than about September, 1958, or that a diner other than Imperial Diner, Inc., was involved in the alleged shakedown. b6 b7C

The investigation of this case will be held in abeyance pending outcome of the contact of SANFILLIPO by [redacted] The Bureau will be immediately advised of further pertinent developments. b7D

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (92-1332) DATE: April 20, 1959

FROM : Director, FBI (92-3954)

SUBJECT: JOHN FRANZESE, aka.
ET AL.;
UNKNOWN VICTIMS
ANTI-RACKETEERING

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In view of the developments in the preliminary inquiry in this matter it appears your office should discuss this matter at once with the United States Attorney (USA), Eastern District of New York (EDNY), to obtain his opinion as to whether the information received contains a sufficient indication of a possible violation to justify complete investigation.

If your informant [redacted] or any other informant has produced information which would make this action inadvisable, the Bureau should be advised immediately.

As soon as this matter has been discussed with the USA, EDNY, an investigative report should be submitted containing all information developed to date and the results of the contact with the USA. If the USA feels investigation would be justified appropriate interviews and other action should be instituted in an effort to determine whether the diner was picketed and the alleged shakedown took place. This entire matter should be resolved and reported at an early date.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK ( 92-1332)

DATE: 4/30/59
Dictated: 4/30/59

FROM : JJR [redacted]

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SUBJECT: JOHN FRANZESE;
NICK SAN FILLIPO,
Local 88, Amalgamated Production
Workers Union, International
Federation of Labor; [redacted]
UNKNOWN VICTIMS
ANTI-RACKETEERING

On March 25, 1959, a confidential source who furnishes background and financial data pertaining to individuals and organizations in the New York City area, made available the following information concerning Imperial Diner, Inc., 1080 Gates Avenue, Brooklyn 21, New York:

The building at 1080 Gates Avenue was constructed during November, 1952, and operated by [redacted] and [redacted] until July, 1952, when the business was sold to [redacted] for an undisclosed consideration. [redacted] operated individually under the style Imperial Diner until October 1, 1952, when the business was incorporated as Imperial Stores Corp. with [redacted] remaining principal at interest. That corporation reportedly operated the business until it sold its interest to Imperial Diner, Inc. during January, 1958.

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The following individuals are the officers and directors of Imperial Diner, Inc.:

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TITLE OF CASE

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JOHN FRANZESE; NICK SAN FILLIPO,
Local 88, Amalgamated Production
Workers Union, International
Federation of Labor; [redacted]
UNKNOWN VICTIMS

Report made by: [redacted] (A)

Typed By: hjb

CHARACTER OF CASE

ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

The title of this case is being changed to add the name of [redacted]

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REFERENCES

New York letter to Bureau, dated 3/30/59, and Bulet to New York, dated 4/20/59.

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On 4/22/59, [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that he has not been able to contact NICK SAN FILLIPO during the ordinary course of events. He stated he does not believe it advisable to openly seek SAN FILLIPO and inquire concerning the Imperial Diner. [redacted] advised he feels certain that the Imperial Diner is the diner involved in the alleged shakedown.

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INFORMANT

This investigation is predicated upon a complaint furnished by [redacted] to SA [redacted]

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Background data concerning the diner located at 1080 Gates Avenue, Brooklyn 21, New York, was furnished by CSNY - 1 to SAA [redacted] on 3/25/59.

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At Brooklyn, New York

Will locate and interview [redacted] and [redacted] original owners of the diner located at 1080 Gates Avenue, Brooklyn, NY, to ascertain whether they or anyone else was forced to pay off JOHN FRANZESE to avert a strike and to give [redacted] an interest in the diner for using his influence to counteract the pressure put on the diner owner by FRANZESE.

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After the above interviews, will conduct any suggested logical investigation.

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

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - United States Attorney, Eastern District of New York (AUSA [redacted])

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Report of: [redacted] Office: New York

Date: May 1, 1959

File Number: New York 92-1332 Bureau 92-3954

Title: JOHN FRANZESE; NICK SAN FILLIPO,
Local 88, Amalgamated Production Workers
Union, International Federation of Labor;
[redacted] UNKNOWN VICTIMS

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Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Allegation received that unknown owner of diner, Brooklyn, NY, forced to pay $10,000 to JOHN FRANZESE, FBI #3400301 to avert a strike and to give [redacted] an interest in diner for using his influence to counteract pressure put on diner owner by FRANZESE. [redacted] may be identical with [redacted] aka., [redacted] FBI #[redacted] Confidential source advised diner constructed November, 1952, and operated by [redacted] and [redacted] until July, 1952, when sold to [redacted] operated individually and as principal of Imperial Stores Corp. until sold to Imperial Diner, Inc., January, 1958. AUSA, EDNY, advised sufficient indication of possible Anti-Racketeering violation to justify investigation. FRANZESE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS DUE TO HIS ARREST RECORD FOR VIOLENCE, AND DIAGNOSIS AS HAVING HOMICIDAL TENDENCIES.

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This investigation has been instituted for the purpose of ascertaining whether the owner of a diner located at 1080 Gates Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, who was described as an elderly Jewish man was forced to pay $10,000 to JOHN FRANZESE, FBI Number 3,000301, to avert a strike. It has also been instituted to ascertain whether this unknown individual was forced to give [redacted] an interest in the diner for using his influence to counteract the pressure put on the diner owner by [redacted] FRANZESE may have had the cooperation of NICK SAN FILLIPO, Local 88, Amalgamated Production Workers Union, International Federation of Labor (Local 88) in that Local 88 allegedly established a picket line around the diner on the pretext of organizing kitchen help and gained the cooperation of the Teamsters Union to prevent drivers of delivery trucks from crossing the picket line. b6 b7C

It is possible that [redacted], who was described as an 'old time hijacker' is identical with [redacted] also known as [redacted] FBI Number [redacted] On July 10, 1947, [redacted] received a sixteen month sentence on a theft from interstate shipment charge in the United States District Court, Eastern District of New York. b6 b7C

On April 27, 1959, the facts of this case were discussed with Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] Eastern District of New York, who advised that there was sufficient indication of a possible violation of the Anti-Racketeering Statute to justify investigation. b6 b7C

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

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORT

Date 6/5/59

[redacted] Imperial Stores Corporation, which operates the Imperial Diner, 1080 Gates Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, advised that [redacted] and [redacted] purchased the stock in this corporation in November, 1956 from [redacted] for about $9,000.00. b6 b7C

[redacted] pointed out that the Imperial Diner is a very small operation, doing an average business of about $100.00 per day. She said that there are 5 employees including herself and that none of the employees have been members of any union since November, 1956, when she began to operate the diner. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that she has had no trouble whatsoever with any unions or her labor and that she has never been approached by any union representative or anyone else in an effort to unionize her employees. She further advised that there has been no strike threats or pickets at the diner since she has been there. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that [redacted] operated the Imperial Diner for about five years prior to November, 1956 and that she understood that he bought the diner from (first name unknown) [redacted] She said that her accountant, [redacted] would have some knowledge of the history of the Imperial Diner, since he was also the accountant for [redacted] b6 b7C

Interview with [redacted] File # 92-1332

on 6/1/59 at Brooklyn, New York Date dictated 6/3/59 b6 b7C

by Special Agent (A) [redacted] /keg

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INTERVIEW REPORT

Date 6/5/59

[redacted] advised that he handled the incorporation of the Imperial Stores Corporation, which certificate was filed on October 1, 1952. He said that the incorporators listed were members of his staff and that the corporation was run by one [redacted] said that he never saw [redacted] but handled the incorporation of Imperial Stores Corporation for [redacted], who was the accountant for [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] said that he had no knowledge of when or from whom [redacted] purchased the Imperial Diner which was operated by Imperial Stores Corporation. b6 b7C

[redacted] said that he handled no other legal matters in behalf of [redacted] or Imperial Stores Corporation and he has no knowledge of any other matters involving this corporation. b6 b7C

Interview with [redacted] File # 92-1332

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Date 6/5/59

[redacted] advised that he has been the [redacted] for the Imperial Diner since October 1, 1952, at which time Imperial Stores Corporation, the corporate name, was incorporated under the laws of the State of New York. He said that the incorporation of this corporation was handled by [redacted] and the original incorporators were employees of the [redacted]

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According to [redacted] bought the Imperial Diner from (First name unknown) [redacted] shortly prior to October 1, 1952, at which time the corporation was formed, upon suggestion of [redacted]

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According to the work papers on the account of Imperial Stores Corporation, the diner was closed at the time that [redacted] bought it from [redacted] for remodeling and was opened for business on September 2, 1952 under the management of [redacted] said that he observed the diner during the remodeling stage and that the diner was practically rebuilt since it was so "run down" at the time [redacted] bought it.

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[redacted] advised that, according to his file, [redacted] paid [redacted] $7,000.00 for the diner, $3,000.00 in cash and $4,000.00 in notes which were due over a four month period. He said that [redacted] had borrowed $8,000.00 from the Brooklyn Amusement Company to purchase the diner and remodel it.

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[redacted] related that his work papers show the final cost of the diner was approximately $17,000.00, which included the purchase price, plus the remodeling cost.

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[redacted] advised that he was on the premises of the diner at least one day each nonth during the time that [redacted] operated the diner and that he had no knowledge of any labor trouble at the diner. He said that there was no strike of employees and, to his knowledge, there was no picket line at the diner. He said thàt his work papers shows payments as union dues during the period September, 1953 to September, 1956, and that empbyees of the diner must have been members of a union during this period. He said that there were no large payments to the union during this period, since any large payments would have been called to his attention. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that he knows nothing about the diner prior to September, 1952, at which time it was opened under the managemnt of [redacted] He said that he does not know [redacted] or where he may be at the present time. b6 b7C

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORT

Date 6/12/59

[redacted] was interviewed at the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, at which time he advised that he is employed as a [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that the IMPERIAL DINER, 1080 Gates Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, was owned by [redacted] and [redacted] until the summer of 1952. He said that he heard that the diner was for sale in 1952, and that he contacted the [redacted] and negotiated the purchase of the diner. According to [redacted] he paid $3,000.00 in cash and $4,000.00 in monthly notes, which all have been liquidated. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that he was not in business at all with the [redacted] and that during the summer of 1952, he purchased 100% of the [redacted] interest in the IMPERIAL DINER. He said that he has not seen [redacted] or [redacted] for three or four years and has no knowledge as to their present whereabouts. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that at the time he purchased this diner it was in a very "run down" condition and that he practically rebuild the diner prior to the time that he opened it for business. He related that the total cost of the diner, which included the original purchase price and the cost of remodeling, was approximately $17,000.00. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that he has no knowledge of any of the operations of the diner prior to the summer of 1952. According to [redacted] the [redacted] told him that they were losing money in operating the diner, which prompted them to sell their interest in the diner. [redacted] said that the [redacted] did not mention to him any labor troubles that they may have had with any union. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that during the time that he owned and operated the IMPERIAL DINER, he experienced no labor trouble whatsoever, no picket lines were placed at the diner and there was no strike of employees of the diner. b6 b7C

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on 6/5/59 at New York, New York Date dictated 6/10/59 b6 b7C

by Special Agent [redacted] (A)/mar

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He said that he did not pay anyone any money or any other thing of value to insure labor harmoney with the union during the time he owned the diner.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] was active in the operation of the diner but at no time owned an interest in the diner and was not on a salary from IMPERIAL STORES CORPORATION. [redacted] further said that [redacted] was a part time cashier at the IMPERIAL DINER for a short time since he was retired from regular employment. [redacted] related that other members of his family assisted from time to time in the actual operation of the diner, yet, he said that he owned 100% interest in the diner. [redacted] said that there were about eight to ten employees at the diner, which remained open twenty-four hours a day. b6 b7C

[redacted] related that in the fall of 1953, one of his employees suggested to him that the employees of the IMPERIAL DINER be allowed to join a union. He said that he contacted a union and requested that a representative come to the diner to discuss the possibility to unionizing the employees of the diner. [redacted] said that he does not recall the name of the union that he contacted or the name of the union representative that negotiated the contract in behalf of the employees of the diner. He said that a contract was signed and that all employees of the diner became members of this union and so remained until the fall of 1956, at which time he sold all of his interest in the diner to [redacted] and [redacted] said that his reason for selling the diner was that the business became progressively less and that he found that the business was not making a profit as it had been and that he made the decision to sell. He related that he was not active at the diner at all times since he was and has been in the buying business for a number of years and that the diner operation was more or less "a side line operation." b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that he does not know JOHN FRANZESE or NICK SAN FILLIPO and that he does not recall ever having met either of these individuals. He also said that he does not recall if Local 88, Amalgamated Production Workers Union was the union which represented b6 b7C

the employees of the diner during the time that he owned it.

[redacted] advised that he has no other interest in any other diner and, to his knowledge, [redacted] has never had an interest in any diner. b6 b7C

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

| Reporting Office | Office of Origin | Date | Investigative Period |
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| NEW YORK | NEW YORK | 6/16/59 | 5/27-6/8/59 |

TITLE OF CASE

JOHN FRANZESE, aka.; NICK SAN FILLIPO, Local 88, Amalgamated Production Workers Union, International Federation of Labor; [redacted] UNKNOWN VICTIMS

Report made by: [redacted] (A) — Typed By: mar

CHARACTER OF CASE

ANTI-RACKETEERING

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Synopsis:

REFERENCE:

Report of SAA [redacted], dated 5/1/59, at NY.

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[redacted] Office of the Inspector in Charge, US Postal Inspector's Office, General Post Office, NY, NY, advised SAA [redacted] on 6/5/59, that the records of the Post Office contained no forwarding address for [redacted] or [redacted]

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AUSA [redacted] EDNY, advised on 6/8/59, [redacted]

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LEAD

NEW YORK

At Brooklyn, New York

Will conduct a review of the books and records of IMPERIAL STORES CORP. as requested by AUSA [redacted] b6 b7C

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# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Report of: SAA [redacted] Office: NEW YORK
Date: 6/16/59

File Number: BUFILE 92-3954

Title: NEW YORK 92-1332

Character: JOHN FRANZESE; NICK SAN FILLIPO,
Local 88, Amalgamated Production
Workers Union, International
Federation of Labor;
[redacted] UNKNOWN VICTIMS

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Synopsis: ANTI-RACKETEERING

IMPERIAL STORES CORP. incorporated NY State 10/1/52. [redacted] IMPERIAL STORES CORP., operated IMPERIAL DINER since November, 1956, advised she has had no labor trouble whatsoever since she has operated diner. Employees since November, 1956, not union members. [redacted] has been [redacted] for IMPERIAL DINER since 10/1/52, and knows of no labor trouble since that time. He advised no large payments have been made by diner since 10/1/52, as large payments would have been brought to his attention. [redacted] owner of IMPERIAL DINER for summer 1952 to November, 1956, advised he paid $3,000.00 in cash and $4,000.00 in notes to [redacted] and [redacted] for diner. [redacted] denied making payments to anyone regarding labor harmony. AUSA,EDNY requested review of books and records of IMPERIAL STORES CORP. from 10/1/52 to November, 1956, for unusual large unexplained payments.

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# Office Memorandum · UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (92-1332)

DATE: 6/5/59
Date Dictated: 6/3/59

FROM : SA [redacted]

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SUBJECT: JOHN FRANZESE
ANTI-RACEKTEERING

The records of the Kings County Court Clerk's Office, Brooklyn, New York, were reviewed on May 27, 1959. The records disclosed that a Certificate of Trade Name of Imperial Diner, 1080 Gates Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, was filed on May 16, 1952 by [redacted] Another certificate of this trade name was filed on July 16, 1952 by [redacted]

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These records also disclosed that on October 1, 1952, a certificate of incorporation was filed for Imperial Stores Corporation. The original incorporators were listed as [redacted] all of [redacted] The agent of the corporation was listed as [redacted]

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[redacted] 1040 Bushwick Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, advised SAA [redacted] on June 4, 1959, that she has been the [redacted] of the apartment building at that address for the past eighteen years. She said that the name [redacted] sounds familiar to her; however, she said that he has not lived at that address for a number of years. b6 b7C

[redacted] GATWICH REALTY COMPANY, 225 Broadway, New York, New York, which company owns the apartment building at 1040 Bushwick Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, advised SAA [redacted] on June 4, 1959, that his records disclosed that [redacted] was a tenant at 1040 Bushwick Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, from June 1, 1950 to May 31, 1952. He said that he lived in an apartment with a family of five persons. He further stated that his records reflect no forwarding address for [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] 358 Marion Street, Brooklyn, New York, advised SAA [redacted] on June 5, 1959, that [redacted] was a tenant of the apartment house about one year ago, at which time he moved from that address and he left no forwarding address. She further stated that she knows of no one in the community who might know the present whereabouts of [redacted] b6 b7C

The current telephone directories for Manhattan, Bronx, Brooklyn and Queens, New York, were reviewed by SAA [redacted] on June 8, 1959, and no current listing was found for [redacted] or [redacted] b6 b7C

The facts of this case were discussed with Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] Eastern District of New York, on June 8, 1959. He requested that the books and records of IMPERIAL STORES CORPORATION be examined for the period October 1, 1952 to November, 1956, during which time [redacted] operated the IMPERIAL DINER, for any large unexplained payments which payments might have been paid for the b6 b7C

purpose of averting a strike or to insure labor harmony with a union. He also requested that any indication of an interest in the diner having been given or transferred to [redacted] should be noted. b6 b7C

Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] advised that [redacted] b5 b6 b7C

DIRECTOR, FBI (92-3954) 7/16/59

SAC, NEW YORK (92-1332)

JOHN FRANZESE, aka;
NICK SAN FILLIPO, Local
80, AMALGAMATED PRODUCTION
WORKERS UNION, IFL; [redacted] b6 b7C
[redacted] Unknown Victims
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Report of SAA [redacted] 6/16/59, at NY.

[redacted] advised on 7/7/59, that he has no records of IMPERIAL STORES CORPORATION for the period that he operated the IMPERIAL DINER and that any records retained would be in the possession of [redacted] the accountant. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised on 7/7/59, that he will make a search for the records of IMPERIAL STORES CORPORATION in their storage and on the premises of the IMPERIAL DINER, and that any records located for the period 1952 to 1956 will be made available for review. He said that he should have the records by 8/3/59. b6 b7C

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (92-1332)

DATE: 8/25/59
Date Dictated: 8/25/59

FROM : SAA [redacted] (#23)

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SUBJECT: JOHN FRANZESE; NICK SAN FILLIPO,
Local 88, Amalgamated Production
Workers Union, International
Federation of Labor; [redacted]
UNKNOWN VICTIMS
ANTI-RACKETEERING

On August 12, 1959, the office of [redacted] made available b6
for review at the office of Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] b7C
[redacted] Eastern District of New York, the following books and records of Imperial Stores Corporation for the period August 1, 1952 to October 31, 1956:

1. General Ledger
2. General Journal
3. Cash Receipts Journal
4. Cash Disbursements Journal

[redacted] advised that a search has been made at the Imperial Diner as well as the storage warehouse where he maintains records, and that the canceled checks, bank statements and records b6
of Imperial Stores Corporation other than those listed above could b7C
not be located. He surmised that all other records of this corporation for the period August 1, 1952 to October 31, 1956 have been destroyed.

It is noted that the corporation maintained no Petty Cash Account as such, but issued checks to cash for the payroll and miscellaneous store expenses.

A review of the available records of Imperial Stores Corporation was begun on August 12, 1959, for the purpose of determining if any large unexplained payments were made during the period that [redacted] owned the corporation, which payments b6
may have been paid for the purpose of averting a strike or to insure labor harmony with a union. b7C

It was noted that the books and records of Imperial Stores Corporation, under the ownership of [redacted] were formerly

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opened August 1, 1952; however, the first entries in the General Journal were on August 15, 1952. The books were closed on October 31, 1953, and subsequently the books and records were closed at the Fiscal Year's ending, October31, 1954, October 31, 1955 and October 31, 1956, respectively.

The review of the available books and records disclosed that on August 15, 1952, a liability was entered on the books as notes payable to [redacted] and [redacted] for $4,000.00. This amount and capital stock of $3,000.00 were shown as offsetting credit against the $7,000.00 Fixture and Equipment Account. It was noted that the $4,000.00 Notes Payable Account was liquidated by October 31, 1956. b6 b7C

The review of the Cash Disbursements Journal disclosed no payments to JOHN FRANZESE, NICK SAN FILLIPO, [redacted] or Local 88, Amalgamated Production Workers Union, International Federation of Labor, during the period examined. Also, no unexplaining payments to cash were noted in an amount in excess of $50.00, other unexplaining payments to cash for amounts less than $50.00 bore the notation "Store Expenses". b6 b7C

Beginning on September 9, 1953, and continuing through September 11, 1956, regular payments were noted to Local 1688, Retail Clerk's International Association. These payments were as follows:

| Date | Check Number | Amount |
|---|---|---|
| 9/9/53 | 1232 | $12.00 |
| 10/5/53 | 1257 | 12.00 |
| 11/3/53 | 1281 | 12.00 |
| 11/30/53 | 1298 | 12.00 |
| 1/13/54 | 1335 | 12.00 |
| 2/2/54 | 1348 | 12.00 |
| 6/8/54 | 1477 | 12.00 |
| 7/21/54 | 1526 | 12.00 |

| Date | Check Number | Amount |
|---|---|---|
| 8/31/54 | 1561 | $24.00 |
| 12/7/54 | 1642 | 24.00 |
| 3/8/55 | 1676 | 12.00 |
| 4/5/55 | 1692 | 12.00 |
| 5/10/55 | 1720 | 12.00 |
| 6/7/55 | 1730 | 12.00 |
| 7/25/55 | 1755 | 50.00 |
| 8/8/55 | 1758 | 24.00 |
| 9/6/55 | 1776 | 12.00 |
| 10/18/55 | 1800 | 12.00 |
| 11/8/55 | 1810 | 12.00 |
| 12/6/55 | 1828 | 12.00 |
| 1/10/56 | 1849 | 12.00 |
| 2/28/56 | 1875 | 12.00 |
| 3/13/56 | 1882 | 12.00 |
| 4/3/56 | 1899 | 12.00 |
| 9/11/56 | 1980 | 12.00 |
| | Total Payments | $374.00 |

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| TITLE OF CASE | REPORT MADE BY | TYPED BY |
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| JOHN FRANZESE aka; NICK SAN FILLIPO, Local 88, Amalgamated Production Workers Union, International Federation of Labor; [redacted] UNKNOWN VICTIMS | JAMES A. MATTHEWS (A) | lac |

CHARACTER OF CASE

ANTI-RACKETEERING (ACCOUNTING INVESTIGATION) b6 b7C

~~SYNOPSIS~~:

REFERENCES

Report of SAA [redacted] dated 6/16/59, at NY.
New York letter to Bureau, dated 7/16/59.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Efforts were made through [redacted] and [redacted] to locate the books and records of Imperial Stores Corporation on 7/7/59, 8/3/59 and 8/11/59.

LEADS

NEW YORK

At Brooklyn, New York

Will discuss the facts of this case with AUSA [redacted]

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[redacted] EDNY, upon his return from vacation in September, 1959. b6 b7C

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# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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**Report of:** [redacted] (A) **Office:** New York, New York b6 b7C
**Date:** 8/26/59

Bureau 92-3954

**File Number:** New York 92-1332

**Title:** JOHN FRANZESE; NICK SAN FILLIPO, Local 88, Amalgamated Production Workers Union, International Federation of Labor; [redacted]
UNKNOWN VICTIMS

**Character:** b6 b7C
ANTI-RACKETEERING
(ACCOUNTING INVESTIGATION)

**Synopsis:**

Available books and records of Imperial Stores Corporation examined, which disclosed no payments to JOHN FRANZESE, NICK SAN FILLIPO, [redacted] or Local 88, Amalgamated Production Workers Union during period 6/1/52 to 10/31/56. Beginning 9/9/53, and continuing through 9/11/56, regular payments were noted to Local 1688, Retail Clerk's International Association, which payments totaled $374.00

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| NEW YORK | NEW YORK | 9/23/59 | 9/17/59 |

TITLE OF CASE

John FRANZESE aka; NICK SAN FILLIPO, Local 88, Amalgamated Production Workers Union, International Federation of Labor; [redacted] UNKNOWN VICTIMS

Report made by [redacted] (A) Typed By: tcm

CHARACTER OF CASE

ANTI-RACKETEERING b6 b7C

~~Synopsis~~
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REFERENCE: Report of SAA [redacted] 8/26/59, at New York.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

A description of JOHN FRANZESE is contained in NY report of SA [redacted] dated 3/25/59 in NY in case entitled: "NICHOLAS SAN FILLIPO, aka, ET AL - ANTI-RACKETEERING", NY file # 92-1336 and Bureau file #92-3978. b6 b7C

A description of NICHOLAS SAN FILLIPO is contained in NY report of SA [redacted] dated 5/18/59 in NY, file # 92-1336 and Bureau file #92-3978.

No description is being set forth for [redacted] since he was not interviewed and the investigation did not disclose a description of him.

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Report of: [redacted] (A) Office: New York, New York
Date: September 23, 1959

File Number: New York 92-1332 Bureau 92-3954

Title: JOHN FRANZESE; NICK SAN FILLIPO,
Local 88, Amalgamated Production
Workers Union, International
Federation of Labor; [redacted] b6 b7C
UNKNOWN VICTIMS

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: AUSA, EDNY, declined prosecution since all logical leads have been covered without disclosing a violation of the Anti-Racketeering statutes.

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DETAILS:

Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] b6 b7C Eastern District of New York, advised on September 17, 1959, that he declined prosecution in this matter since all logical leads have been covered without disclosing a violation of the Anti-Racketeering statutes.

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SA WILLIAM J. WATRY, #221

John Francese aka Sonny, Carmine Francese, Nick SAN FILIPPO; Super Market Foy Co. Brklyn NY Unch.

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On [redacted] CI furnished the following information b7D b7E
to the writer:

SONNY FRANCESE
TOP HOODLUM
(NY file 92-1096)

CI stated that [redacted] b7D b7E

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It should be noted that on the day in question, namely, [redacted], the writer and several fellow agents were conducting b7D b7E
a surveillance in the neighborhood of [redacted] involving
a TFIS matter and [redacted] referred to above
at [redacted].

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New York 21, New York

April 29, 1959

Honorable Cornelius W. Wickersham, Jr.
United States Attorney
Eastern District of New York
Federal Building
Brooklyn 1, New York

92-1366*

Attention: Assistant United States Attorney
Morton J. Schlossberg

Re: John Franzese, aka., Sonny;
Carmine Franzese; Nick San Fillipo;
Super Market Toy Company,
Brooklyn, New York - Victim
Anti-Racketeering

My dear Mr. Wickersham:

An allegation has been received by this office from a confidential source that [redacted] b7D b7E

On April 28, 1959, this matter was discussed with Assistant United States Attorney Morton J. Schlossberg by Special Agent Accountant John J. Ryan. Mr. Schlossberg advised these facts indicate a possible violation and warranted investigation.

Very truly yours,

H. G. FOSTER
Special Agent in Charge

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1-NY 92-new

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DIRECTOR, FBI

4/29/59

SAC, NEW YORK (92-new)

JOHN FRANZESE, aka., Sonny;
CARMINE FRANZESE; NICK SAN FILLIPO;
SUPER MARKET TOY COMPANY,
Brooklyn, New York - VICTIM
ANTI-RACKETEERING

[redacted] reported information received that [redacted] b7D b7E

[redacted]

On 4/28/59, AUSA MORTON J. SCHLOSSBERG, EDNY, advised above facts indicate possible violation which warrants investigation.

Investigation being instituted.

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TO : SAC NEW YORK (92-1366)

DATE: 5/19/59

FROM : SAA WILLIAM A. VERICKER

Form 01 Received 6/25/59
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Report by 7/1/59

SUBJECT: JOHN FRANZESE;
CARMINE FRANZESE;
NICK SAN FILLIPO; ETAL
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On [redacted] advised that [redacted] b7D b7E

[redacted] b7D b7E

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Informant stated that [redacted] b7D b7E

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[redacted]

201 East 69th Street
New York 21, New York
June 30, 1959

92-1366

Honorable Cornelius J. Wickersham, Jr.
United States Attorney
Eastern District of New York
Federal Building
Brooklyn 1, New York

Attention: Assistant United States Attorney
Morton J. Schlossberg

Re: John Franzese, also known as Sonny Franzese; Carmine Franzese; Nick San Fillipo; Supermarket Housewares, Inc., Brooklyn, New York-Victim; Anti-Racketeering

My dear Mr. Wickersham:

On [redacted], a confidential source furnished the following information which was obtained from [redacted] b7D b7E

[redacted] b7D b7E

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On [redacted] a confidential source contacted Special Agent William A. Vericker and advised that [redacted]

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Very truly yours,

H. G. FOSTER
Special Agent in Charge

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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| CHANGED<br>JOHN FRANZESE, aka., Sonny Franzese; CARMINE FRANZESE; NICK SAN FILLIPO; Supermarket Housewares, Inc., Brooklyn, NY-VICTIM | SAA SHERRILL W. LAW | bts |
| | CHARACTER OF CASE<br>ANTI-RACKETEERING | |

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The title of this report is marked "Changed" to reflect the correct name of the victim as Supermarket Housewares, Ins. Previous communications identified the victim as Super Market Toy Company.

REFERENCE

NY airtel to Bureau, 4/29/59.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

The predication in this case is based on information supplied by [redacted] to SA WILLIAM J. WATRY. On [redacted] furnished the following information which was obtained from [redacted] b7D b7E

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Report of: SAA SHERRILL W. LAW Office: New York, New York
Date: 6/30/59

File Number: New York 92-1366 Bureau 92-4083

Title: JOHN FRANZESE, aka., Sonny Franzese;
CARMINE FRANZESE; NICK SAN FILLIPO;
Supermarket Housewares, Inc., Brooklyn,
NY-VICTIM

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

Investigation instituted to ascertain if subjects attempted shakedown of victim company by setting up phony picket line and seeking payoff to remove picket line. NORMAN DUBERSTEIN, owner victim company, advised his employees on strike from 3/16-31/59, due to a jurisdictional dispute between Local 124, Bakery and Confectionary Workers Union and Local 210, International Brotherhood of Teamsters. Strike ended when company signed a stipulation with Local 210 agreeing to negotiate contract. DUBERSTEIN denied any shakedown attempts by subjects or any others. DUBERSTEIN stated his company is financially unable to withstand a prolonged strike and pointed out that any company in the same position might make efforts to secure "outside help" in order to save the company. DUBERSTEIN declined to state if his company sought such outside help but stated "a person has to do something when he is losing a business he has spent the best years of his life building up." AUSA desires cash disbursement journal of victim company be reviewed and interviews with employees.

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Details:

This investigation was instituted in an effort to ascertain if JOHN FRANZESE, CARMINE FRANZESE and NICK SAN FILLIPO had attempted a shakedown at Supermarket Housewares, Inc., 589-603 East New York Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, by setting up a phony picket line, then negotiating with the owner for a payoff to have the picket line removed.

On April 28, 1959, this matter was discussed with Assistant United States Attorney MORTON J. SCHLOSSBERG, Eastern District of New York, by SA JOHN J. RYAN. Mr. SCHLOSSBERG advised that these facts indicate a possible violation which warrants investigation.