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TITLE OF CASE

ANTHONY MICHAEL GROSSO, aka., Tony Grosso, Tony Bianco, Anthony Grasse, Tony Grasse, Tony Grassi, Anthony Grassie, Antonio Grasso, Joseph Moro, Joe Russo

CHARACTER OF CASE

ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

SUMMARY REPORT

REFERENCES

Report of SA [redacted] Pittsburgh, 6/12/58. b6 b7C
Report of SA [redacted] Pittsburgh, 7/3/58.
Pittsburgh letter to the Director, 8/21/58.
Bureau letter to Pittsburgh, 8/4/58.
Pittsburgh letter to the Director, 8/12/58.
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1. Will maintain liaison with IRS Intelligence Agents [redacted] Pittsburgh, on this matter and follow and report progress of their case against TONY GROSSO and SAM GROSSO and will exchange pertinent information of aid to their prosecution. b6 b7C

2. Will maintain contact with informants and sources for information indicating other possible Federal violations on the part of [redacted]

ADMINISTRATIVE

This investigation has been in a closed status in the Pittsburgh Division since 8/58, hence, no active investigation conducted. Interviews with TONY GROSSO as originally planned were discontinued with Bureau knowledge when he was in process of being tried locally, which court proceedings extended from 11/58 through 10/60.

Liaison is being maintained by SA [redacted] with IRS Special Agents [redacted] Intelligence Division, and [redacted] Excise Tax Division, working together on this matter, as they are handling the IRS investigation of TONY and SAM GROSSO. They have advised that prosecution of the GROSSOS, in the near future a certainty, [redacted] b3 b6 b7C

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Information contained in the details of this report of pertinence to IRS has been disseminated by appropriate letterhead memos.

A review of the material and information obtained through this investigation to date regarding TONY GROSSO, SAM GROSSO and their activities reveals that while they head up perhaps the largest numbers operation in the vicinity of Pittsburgh that they are operating strictly as independents. Neither has ever been reported in attendance at any of the meetings of local or national top hoodlums and information has been developed indicating that TONY GROSSO is disliked by other local hoodlums and that attempts have been made and possibly will be made in the future to move in on him and take over portions of the numbers operation. No information is developed to date which tends to show that TONY or SAM GROSSO are active in other illegal activities constituting a possible Federal violation.

INFORMANTS b6 b7C b7D

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

T-2 is [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

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T-3 is [redacted] contacted by SA [redacted]

T-4 is [redacted] contacted by [redacted].

T-5 is [redacted] and [redacted], who have specifically requested concealment, contacted by SA [redacted]

T-6 is [redacted] contacted by SA [redacted]

T-7 is [redacted] contacted by SA [redacted]

T-8 is [redacted], per Bulet, 4/28/58.

T-9 is [redacted] contacted by SA [redacted]

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T-10 is PCI [redacted] contacted by SA [redacted]

T-11 is [redacted] who specifically requested concealment.

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T-12 is [redacted] contacted by [redacted]

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Field Office File No.: Pittsburgh 92-225

Bureau File No.: 92-3173

Title: ANTHONY MICHAEL GROSSO

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

ANTHONY MICHAEL GROSSO, born at Pittsburgh, 12/13/13, graduated Fifth Avenue High School, Pittsburgh, 6/34. [redacted] at Pittsburgh, 6/10/40. Served U. S. Army in World War II from 11/43 to 11/44, as a private, was discharged honorably as psycho neurotic. Resides 840 Ridgeview Drive, Mt. Lebanon, Pa., a Pittsburgh suburb, with wife. His identification record under FBI #2998225 shows 7 local arrests for lottery (numbers) and related charges from 11/38 through 3/58, has served 3 Allegheny County Workhouse terms in connection with those arrests. TONY GROSSO considered to be top numbers operator in Pittsburgh area. Both in scope of operation and money handled, operates with brother SAM on 50-50 basis. Estimated daily take runs to $32,000 gross. TONY GROSSO acquitted by an Allegheny County Court Jury, 10/12/60, of ten counts, bribery; ten counts, corrupt solicitation; and conspiracy to bribe and corrupt involving charges brought by Pittsburgh Police Officer. GROSSO not known active in horse and baseball pools. GROSSO acts as own bank in operations, has estimated 100 stations or books operating locally. SAM GROSSO now serving 16 to 32 months, Western State Penitentiary, Pittsburgh, on lottery conviction and JOSEPH PINO, brother-in-law, now serving one to two year sentence, Western State Penitentiary, Pittsburgh, same charges. IRS investigation continuing towards prosecution of TONY and SAM GROSSO. TONY GROSSO reported from $58,000 to $60,000 gross income during 1959-1960. TONY GROSSO's legitimate business consists of a minute-type car wash in Pittsburgh and a restaurant-lounge

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establishment known as the Living Room, 1778 North Highland Road, Upper St. Clair, Pa., a suburb of Pittsburgh. GROSSOS closed the Horseshoe Bar downtown Pittsburgh, during 5/61. TONY GROSSO not considered dangerous, has never known to have been armed. Description of TONY GROSSO set forth. Breakdown of upper echelon set forth.

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DETAILS:

A. PERSONAL HISTROY AND BACKGROUND

1. Birth

On December 17, 1957, an examination of records at the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Room 512 State Office Building, Pittsburgh, Pa., by SA [redacted] revealed that ANTONIO GRASSO was born on December 13, 1913. His parents are listed as CARMINE GRASSO and STEFFANNIA RULLO GRASSO, 1111 Popular Alley, Pittsburgh, Pa. b6 b7C

2. Education

On January 15, 1958, Miss [redacted] from records that ANTHONY GROSSI, born December 13, 1913, the son of CARMINE GROSSI, and residing at 1111 Gilmore Way, entered Fifth Avenue High School on September 8, 1930, from St. Peters Parochial School. He graduated on June 21, 1934, standing 69 in a class of 78. His IQ rating was listed as 70. b6 b7C

3. Marital Status

On December 17, 1957, an examination of marriage license records at the Marriage License Bureau, City-County Building, Pittsburgh, by SA [redacted] revealed that ANTHONY GROSSO, born December 13, 1913, parents - CARMINE and STELLA GROSSO, was married at Pittsburgh on June 10, 1940, to [redacted] This marriage license application is Series T, No. 20335. b6 b7C

4. Relatives

"The Pittsburgh Post Gazette," final edition, dated October 31, 1958, page three, column eight, contains a news item stating that the U. S. Government on October 30, 1958, filed an income tax lien for $28,345 against [redacted] brother of numbers kingpin, TONY GROSSO, and [redacted] The lien for additional taxes owed in the years, 1948 to 1952 and 1957, was filed by [redacted] District Director of the Internal Revenue Service, against [redacted] b6 b7C

523 Meadowcroft Ave., Mt. Lebanon. This item states further that in September, 1955, [redacted] were hit with a similar lien, $13,000, for taxes owed the Government in 1954. b6 b7C

"The Pittsburgh Sun Telegraph," in an item published in their Blue Streak edition, March 4, 1959, page three, column four-seven, stated that TONY GROSSO's cousin and the cousin's wife were held for court as a result of a numbers raid conducted by Acting Lieutenant [redacted] of the Pittsburgh, Pa., Police Department, Special Rackets Squad. [redacted] ELIZABETH, 44, [redacted] and GEORGE (LITTLE BEEFY)MONGELUZZO, 49, GROSSO's brother-in-law, of 1900 Broadway, Beechview, were nabbed in the raid of March 3, 1959. MONGELUZZO was freed for lack of evidence at a hearing. [redacted] was held under $7,500 bond for operating a lottery and his wife was held under $3,000 bond on the same charge. According to the article, police are quoted as stating that the POMETTO residence was a $15,000 a day lay-off headquarters in which they seized 241 numbers slips totaling $20,000. b6 b7C

"The Pittsburgh Post Gazette," in an article appearing in the final edition of March 6, 1959, page fifteen, column one, revealed that MICHAEL V. (MIKE) GROSSO, 46, a brother of TONY GROSSO, Pittsburgh numbers barron, collapsed and died late on March 5, 1959, while working as a bartender in the Arcade Bar, downtown. This article went on to state that besides his brother, TONY, MIKE GROSSO was survived by three other known brothers, JOSEPH, also known as FRANK, PATSY and SAMUEL.

"The Pittsburgh Press," in an article published in the final edition of March 30, 1959, page one, column one, revealed that a 20 year old member of the GROSSO clan, GUY L. BUZZELLI, nephew of TONY and SAM GROSSO, was sentenced to the Workhouse the week of March 23, 1959, to a four to eight month term for his roll in robbing a downtown pedestrian. The article continues that on March 30, 1959, BUZZELLI was brought back into court and put on probation. BUZZELLI, 1614 Westfield St., Beechview, was one of three defendants accused of robbing ANTHONY SPAGNOLO of $44 in a downtown alley.

On January 28, 1958, [redacted] b6 b7C
[redacted] that GROSSO'S mother was then living with [redacted] and that she was an elderly woman with a severe heart condition.

The father of TONY GROSSO is deceased.

5. Residence

TONY GROSSO has resided at 840 Ridgeview Drive, Mt. Lebanon, Pa., since 1952, a home reportedly valued at an estimated $50,000. GROSSO's unlisted telephone number is LEhigh 1-6862.

6. Travel

On December 12, 1955, TONY GROSSO was arrested at the Castaways Motel at Miami Beach, Florida, indicating travel to that area at that time. There is no other known travel on GROSSO's part.

The Miami Office advised on February 28, 1958, that SA [redacted] had checked the records of the Dade County Sheriff's Office, Miami, with respect to the arrest of ANTHONY GROSSO, No. 18884, on December 12, 1955. This arrest was made at the Castaways Motel, Miami Beach, on the charge of vagrancy and suspicion of breaking and entering. These records show that he was released on December 13, 1955, without any action being taken. b6 b7C

The above arrest is reflected on GROSSO's identification record under FBI No. 2998225, as being No. 18884l.

7. Military

On January 21, 1958, an examination of the Army Service record on file at the Department of Defense, Military Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri, for ANTHONY MICHAEL GROSSO, ASN 33708618, reflected the following record:

GROSSO was inducted into the U. S. Army on November 10, 1943, and entered on active duty on December 31, 1943, at Ft. Meade, Maryland. He was honorably discharged on November 25, 1944, as a private at Mason General Hospital, New York, on a Certificate

[redacted] b6 b7C

B. ASSOCIATES

This investigation to date has indicated that TONY GROSSO has few close social acquaintances and is not known to be close to any of the local or national top hoodlum figures. Associates referred to hereinafter are those which work for him in his numbers operation and are considered associates strictly on a professional level.

On May 15, 1958, [redacted] b6 b7C who stated he would not testify in any Federal or State proceeding, advised SA [redacted] a Pittsburgh hoodlum, who was picked up by the police as a suspect in the January, 1958, bombing of GROSSO's car wash and [redacted] also picked up on a similar charge, were attempting to extort $25,000 from TONY GROSSO quite sometime before the bombing. [redacted] stated he had done time with GROSSO and regarded him as a friend and he therefore warned [redacted] to lay off GROSSO. [redacted] went on to advise that [redacted] kept contacting him saying he had a friend from Youngstown, Ohio, named [redacted] that they wanted [redacted] stated he warned GROSSO about the proposed effort and extortion and counseled him not to pay. [redacted] stated his own place of business in Pittsburgh was subsequently bombed with minor damage and actually believed performed by [redacted] or companions of his in an effort to scare him in to advising GROSSO to pay.

On December 19, 1957, TONY SAPPO, deceased, then Deputy Sheriff, Allegheny County, Pittsburgh, advised SA [redacted] b6 b7C numbers barron of McKees Rocks, Pa., was tied in with TONY GROSSO and his numbers operation. SAPPO advised that

[redacted] b6 b7C

SAPPO made available a record reflecting [redacted] full name to be [redacted] Allegheny County Detective [redacted] which record reflected lottery arrests in the Hill District of Pittsburgh from 1937 to 1945. SAPPO advised SA [redacted] that [redacted] in complete control of numbers operations in McKees Rocks, Neville Island, Coraopolis, Robinson Township and Stowe Township, all suburbs of Pittsburgh.

During an interview on January 6, 1958, with SA [redacted] b6 b7C TONY GROSSO stated that he knew [redacted] well but had no business association with him whatsoever.

On November 11, 1957, [redacted] Identification Officer, Allegheny County Detective Bureau, advised SA [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] with a downtown representative of TONY GROSSO.

[redacted] was arrested by the Pittsburgh Police Department twice in early 1950 on lottery charges receiving a fine and costs on both occasions. b6 b7C

On September 28, 1955, Former County Detective [redacted] b6 b7C was GROSSO's downtown and North Side representative.

Under date of March 25, 1958, the FBI Identification Division furnished an identification record for [redacted] b6 b7C reflecting three arrests between 1942 and 1951, on lottery charges and an arrest in 1941, for sale of liquor without a license and a motor code violation in 1950.

On February 8, 1958, T-1 advised that GROSSO's North Side tapeman was [redacted] who drove a late model Plymouth bearing 1957 Pennsylvania License [redacted] which was found registered to [redacted] b6 b7C The records of the Pittsburgh Police Department was checked on March 31, 1958, by SA [redacted] showing an arrest for [redacted] Police

Department No. [redacted], on September 20, 1957, for operating a lottery when he was arrested in possession of 238 numbers slips and $38 in cash in the 300 block of Smithfield St. [redacted] was held for the Grand Jury on September 23, 1957, and no further record was made as to its disposition. b6 b7C

On January 15, 1958, the files of the Pittsburgh Police Department as checked by SA [redacted] reflected that PETER GEORGES, Police Department No. 63257, had been arrested in January, 1954, for operating a lottery and paid a $100 fine and costs. This record indicated he had been born October 6, 1892, at Tripoli, Greece, and listed his associates as MIKE GROSSO and [redacted] b6 b7C

On July 6, 1961, IRS Special Agent [redacted] advised that [redacted] and is very active and a trusted member of GROSSO's headquarters group. b6 b7C

T-1, on February 19, 1958, advised that he knew from personal knowledge that AL ORNATO, a Fifth Avenue numbers man, turns into TONY GROSSO and has caused GROSSO trouble because he [redacted] b6 b7C

On July 6, 1961, IRS Agent [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that the aforementioned [redacted] is one of the GROSSO [redacted] b6 b7C

On July 19, 1960, AL ORNATO entered Allegheny County Courthouse, Pittsburgh, to begin a nine month sentence as a result of convictions on charges of corrupt solicitation involving charges brought by Acting Lieutenant [redacted] Pittsburgh Police Department Racket Squad. He was later released on a court order in October, 1960, so as not to prejudice a jury which was trying he and TONY GROSSO on bribery charges during October, 1960. ORNATO was re-committed to the Workhouse in December, 1960, to finish out his term. b6 b7C

On December 27, 1957, T-2 advised that on September 22, 1957, a call was made from a phone in the GROSSO residence,

840 Ridgeview Drive, Pittsburgh, to Butler, Pa., telephone - [redacted] b6 b7C

On January 30, 1958, Chief NICK NOHACH (NA), Butler, Pa., Police Department, advised SA [redacted] that [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] Chief NOHACH advised at that time it was believed that [redacted] phoned his numbers play into TONY GROSSO in Pittsburgh.

On April 5, 1958, T-3, who requested his identity remain confidential and who stated he will not testify at any Federal or State proceeding, stated that TONY GROSSO is an individual who has in the past been in close liaison with [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

It is noted that [redacted] was recently asked by the courts to leave New York State and is now once again residing in Pittsburgh. b6 b7C

"The Pittsburgh Post Gazette" in an article appearing in the final edition on February 9, 1960, revealed that two members of the GROSSO numbers mob were sentenced the previous week to begin jail terms and on February 8, 1960, had withdrawn their appeals and had begun serving jail terms. JACK SANDMAN, 46, of Zenobia Drive, Coraopolis, Pa., and [redacted] made a surprise appearance in Criminal Court to cancel their appeals to State Superior Court. SANDMAN entered Allegheny County Workhouse to begin serving a 10 to 28 month sentence. He was also fined $1,000. ROBINSON, who was fined $500 began a 4 to 23 month sentence in County Jail. b6 b7C

It is noted that JACK SANDMAN died recently while incarcerated.

SANDMAN and [redacted] were sentenced as a result of a raid on the GROSSOS' numbers headquarters in Jefferson Borough, February 19, 1959, the headquarters operation being run at the time by SAM GROSSO, [redacted] b6 b7C

C. LEGITIMATE ENTERPRISES

1. West Liberty Car Wash, Inc.
1804 West Liberty Avenue,
Pittsburgh

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advised on September 10, 1957, that ANTHONY GROSSO is the President of the West Liberty Car Wash, Inc., 1804 West Liberty Ave. He advised that [redacted]

During an interview of TONY GROSSO by SAS [redacted] b6 b7C on January 6, 1958, GROSSO advised that [redacted] Pittsburgh, [redacted], Pittsburgh, and had been recommended to him by a friend; that he thereby made made [redacted]

On January 24, 1958, [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted], Pittsburgh Police Department, and Chief Identification Officer [redacted] Allegheny County Detective Bureau, all advised SA [redacted] that there was no record in their files for [redacted]

[redacted] b6 b7C

Department of State, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg, Pa., advised on January 20, 1958, that a review of Corporation records reflects the West Liberty Car Wash, Inc., 1800-1820 West Liberty Ave., Pittsburgh 36, Pa., was issued a Certificate of Corporation on September 17, 1956, with terms of existence listed as perpetual. [redacted] further stated that the articles of incorporation name the incorporators as [redacted] Each incorporator is listed as having one share of capital stock.

Directors of said corporation are given as ANTHONY GROSSO, [redacted] b6 b7C

The authorized capital stock of the corporation is $10,000 divided into 100 shares of common stock with a par value of $100 per share. The value of the property with which the corporation began business is given as $1,000. [redacted] b6 b7C went on to advise that the purposes of said corporation are "to construct, own, equip, lease, operate, maintain, manage, and otherwise conduct premises for the washing and cleaning of motor vehicles; to repair, surface and care for motor vehicles of all kinds; and to sell and deal in automobile parts, accessories, supplies and personal property of every kind and descriptioon; to own real estate, operate and manage parking areas and storage places for motor vehicles and to do all things necessary and essentail thereto."

[redacted] stated that the above documents are in file in b6 b7C the Incorporation Bureau, under CBM 56.27, Film 1121-23.

2. The Living Room

Late in 1960, TONY GROSSO opened the restaurant-lounge establishment known as The Living Room, 1778 North Highland Road, Upper St. Clair Township, Pa., a suburb of Pittsburgh. This establishment has become quite popular among the gambling element for food and drink during late hours; however, information to date has indicated that TONY GROSSO spends little time in this establishment.

3. Horseshoe Bar

A search of the Registry of fictitious names in the Office of the Prothonotary of Allegheny County, Pittsburgh, on January 14, 1958, by SA [redacted] reflected that the Horseshoe Bar and b6 b7C Grill, 644 Penn Ave., Pittsburgh, received a certificate for that name on May 17, 1943, with the owner of the establishment being listed as [redacted] This certificate issued was No. 25854, and is recorded on page 95, Volume 81.

On January 16, 1958, [redacted] b6 b7C State Office Building, Pittsburgh, advised SA [redacted] that his records reflected that [redacted] is the owner of the Horseshoe Bar at 644 Penn Ave., having taken over in 1943, from [redacted] and

[redacted] for a total payment of $1,225. [redacted] stated that there has been little difficulty with this bar in quite some time; however, in 1948, it was fined and given a 25 day suspension for adulterating and contaminating liquor through placing cheap whiskey in the bottles of more expensive brands. In 1951, he advised the establishment was audited to ascertain whether or not the GROSSO brothers [redacted] however, nothing was disclosed reflecting this to be so. He advised further that the only exception taken by the Control Board was the reason that the establishment was employing known criminals and because of this, the bar was given a letter of warning. The employees at that time who were the cause of the note were: b6 b7C

ANTHONY GROSSO [redacted] b6 b7C

3. Parking Lot

On July 10, 1961, IRS Agent [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that TONY GROSSO has a small lot located at 1930 East Carson St., South Side, Pittsburgh, which he is renting out as a used car lot; however, no up-to-date information regarding the operators was available. b6 b7C

Also on July 10, 1961, IRS Agent [redacted] advised that GROSSO had closed the Horseshoe Bar and Grill during late May, 1961, however, had not sold out, according to the latest information, and merely locked the doors and disconnected the phones.

D. ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES

1. Criminal Record

Under date of March 21, 1958, the FBI Identification Division furnished the record of ANTHONY GROSSO under FBI No. 2998225, which reflects the following:

Although the date of the identification record is March 21, 1958, it reflects the latest arrest of GROSSO on March 15, 1958. No further arrests are known for GROSSO up to the present time.

Contributor of Fingerprints	Name and Number	Arrested or Received	Charge	Disposition
PD Pgh Pa	ANTHONY GRASSE #37856	11/26/38	OL	$25 & C
Allegheny Co Det Bu, Pittsburgh	TONY GROSSO #13777	9/17/42	Opr lott	3/12/43 plea 4-8 mos WH
Allegheny Co Jail Pgh	TONY GROSSO #38026	not given 3/12/43	Lott	4-8 mos WH
Allegheny Co WH Blawnox Pa.	TONY GROSSI #37577	5/15/43	Lott	4-8 mos 5/15/43 4 mos served 2 mos disch 7/15/43 by par
Allegheny Co Det Bur Pgh Pa.	TONY GROSSO #13777	10/15/48	Opr lott	
Alleg Co Det Bu Pgh	TONY GROSSO #13777	2/21/51	OL	
Allegheny Co Dot Bu Pgh	TONY GROSSO #13777	3/13/51	Lott	Held for court
Allegheny Co Det Bu Pgh	TONY GROSSO #13777	4/26/51	Lott	6 mos to 1 yr Alleg Co WH
SPol Greensburg Pa	ANTHONY GROSSIE #A-34069	10/29/51	Opr A Lott	11/1/51 disch

Contributor of Fingerprints	Name and Number	Arrested or Received	Charge	Disposition
Allegheny Co WH Blawnox	ANTHONY GROSSO #71635	3/1/52	Lott	6-12 mos
Ident Div Allegheny Co Det Bu Pgh	TONY GROSSO #13777	12/12/52	Opr Lott	
Ident Div Allegheny Co Det Bu Pgh	TONY GROSSO #13777	12/15/52	Opr Lott (Crt)	12/23/52 prob rev trans to WH
SO Miami Fla	ANTHONY GROSSO #188841	12/12/55	Susp B&E & vag	
PD Pgh Pa	ANTHONY MICHAEL GROSSO #37856	2/28/58	Bribery of Pol. Officer	
PD Pgh, Pa.	ANTHONY M. GROSSO #37856	3/15/58	Consp to bribes obst justice OL & consp to OL	11/18/58 Hung Jury 10/12/60, not guilty, pay costs

The following are not based on fingerprints in FBI files:

Ident Div Alleg Co Det Bu Pgh	ANTHONY GROSSO #13777	2/29/52	Lott	3/5/52 6-12 mos AC WH
Alleg Co WH Blawnox, Pa.	ANTHONY GROSSO #73174	12/23/52	Prob vio	12/16/52 balance of max term

Contributor of Fingerprints	Name and Number	Arrested or Received	Charge	Disposition
Allegheny Co WH, Blawnox, Pa.	ANTHONY GROSSO #71635	2/29/52	Lott	2/29/52 6-12 mos disch 5/5/52 by court served 2 mos 6 das.

Records pertaining to the above noted arrests disclosed the following:

Records of the Pittsburgh Police Department as furnished by Chief Identification Officer [redacted] (NA), reflected that GROSSO as ANTHONY GRASSE, with alias, RUSSO, was arrested by the Pittsburgh Police Department on November 26, 1938, on a charge of operating a lottery. b6 b7C

On December 17, 1957, SA [redacted] determine through the records of the Clerk of Courts Office, County Building, Pittsburgh, that GROSSO pleaded guilty to the above charge in State Court at Pittsburgh and was fined $25 and costs. b6 b7C

Records of the Allegheny County Detective Bureau as furnished by Chief Identification Officer [redacted] reflected that GROSSO was arrested on September 17, 1942, for operating a lottery. b6 b7C

The records of the Clerk of Courts of Allegheny County as examined by SA [redacted] on December 17, 1957, indicated GROSSO pled guilty in State Court on March 12, 1943, and was sentenced to four to eight months in the Allegheny County Workhouse, sentence to begin May 15, 1943. He was paroled July 15, 1943, and the parole was suspended October 13, 1943, so he could be inducted into the armed services. The record further indicated GROSSO was inducted by Local Board #21, Dormont, Pa., November 10, 1943. The records of the Clerk of Courts of Allegheny County, Pittsburgh, as examined December 18, 1957, by SA [redacted] indicated GROSSO was arrested October 22, 1945, on an Information signed by [redacted] charging Operation of a Lottery which case was ignored by the Grand Jury b6 b7C

on December 7, 1945. On October 15, 1948, GROSSO was arrested for operating a lottery and court records, as examined on December 17, 1957, by SA [redacted] show the disposition as "demurrer to evidence; sentence suspended by the court." b6 b7C

The files of the Allegheny County Detective Bureau reflect an arrest as TONY GROSSO by the Mt. Lebanon, Pa., Police Department on June 10, 1950, charging him with an operation of a lottery. SA [redacted] examined the records of the Clerk of Courts Office on December 17, 1957, such records reflecting that GROSSO was sentenced in State Court at Pittsburgh, February 6, 1951, on the above charge to pay a fine of $500, to serve six to twelve months in the Allegheny County Workhouse and to pay costs of prosecution. GROSSO began his sentence February 29, 1952, after losing an appeal. He was transferred from the Workhouse to St. Francis Hospital, Pittsburgh, March 7, 1952, and was placed on parole May 5, 1952, after being released from the hospital. b6 b7C

On January 23, 1958, Corporal [redacted], Pennsylvania State Police, Greensburg, Pa., advised SA [redacted] from records GROSSO was arrested by the Pennsylvania State Police on October 29, 1951, at the Bosco Parking Lot, Water and Market Sts., Pittsburgh, during a raid in connection with numbers activities. [redacted] advised that GROSSO at this time was carrying three large rolls of bills which totaled $1,363. [redacted] stated further that on November 1, 1951, a conference was held with District Attorney [redacted] of Allegheny County and that [redacted] recommended the charges against GROSSO be dropped due to insufficient evidence causing GROSSO's release and the return of his money. b6 b7C

The records of the Allegheny County Detective Bureau, as checked by SA [redacted] on December 17, 1957, show further that GROSSO, as TONY GROSSO, was arrested by the Allegheny County Detective Bureau on December 12, 1952, for operating a lottery and that as a result of this arrest, his parole was revoked on December 23, 1952, and he was transferred to the Allegheny County Workhouse to serve the unexpired portion of his sentence he received on February 6, 1951. Court records also show that on December 17, 1953, the case covering b6 b7C

GROSSO's arrest on December 12, 1952, was heard in State Court at Pittsburgh, where the case was demurred to evidence and the sentence suspended.

The Allegheny County Workhouse records as examined on January 20, 1958, by SA [redacted] show that ANTHONY GROSSO, No. 7314, was received at the Workhouse on December 23, 1952, after having been sentenced on December 16, 1952, for probation violation. He was discharged March 4, 1953, after serving 20 days. "The Pittsburgh Post Gazette" of December 24, 1957, page ten, column three, carries a new item relating to the arrest of GROSSO by the Pittsburgh Police Department on July 3, 1957, for disorderly conduct when he was booked at the Central Police Station under the alias of JOSEPH MORO. b6 b7C

On December 18, 1957, SA [redacted] examined records at the Magistrate's Office, Number 1 Police Station, which records reflected that JOSEPH MORO, 63 Townsend St., Pittsburgh, was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct, posted a $10 bail on the night of his arrest and his bond was forfeited for non-appearance. The above-noted news article reflects that three Pittsburgh Police Officers involved in the arrest of GROSSO, after hearings, were fired by the City for mis-conduct for allowing GROSSO to be booked under an assumed name when they should have known his true identity. b6 b7C

[redacted] Chief Identification Officer, Pittsburgh Police Department, advised SA [redacted] on January 21, 1958, that his file, No. 37856, on TONY GROSSO contained no arrest sheet relating to his arrest on July 3, 1957, inasmuch as GROSSO had not been run through the Identification Bureau for fingerprinting and mugging at the time of the arrest. b6 b7C

With respect to GROSSO's arrest by the Pittsburgh Police Department on February 28, 1958, on the charges of bribing a police officer and his arrest on March 15, 1958, on charges of conspiracy to bribe, obstruct justice, operate a lottery and conspiracy to operate a lottery, "The Pittsburgh Press" in its issue of March 26, 1958, page two, columns 7 and 8, carries a news item headlined, "Four Racket Bosses Hit by More Charges," wherein it recounts that TONY GROSSO, [redacted] ALBERT ORNATO had been held for Grand Jury action on the charges of conspiracy to operate lotteries, charges filed by Patrolman [redacted] then an Acting b6 b7C

Lieutenant of the Pittsburgh Police Department and that these charges were to amend complaints and already resulted in Grand Jury indictments against them and 14 otherson March 21, 1958. The article further relates that the previous month [redacted] had filed 17 complaints alleging that he had marked "protection" money taken from racketeers who had fallen for his ruse of being a disgruntled cop "on the take." [redacted] according to this news item, is report to have testified at the hearing on a conspiracy charge that between December 22, 1956 and January 27, 1958, GROSSO paid him $2,700 in protection money. b6 b7C

2. Numbers

On March 4, 1958, T-4, who requested his identity remain confidentail and stated he will not testify at any State or Federal proceeding, advised that TONY GROSSO and his brother, SAM GROSSO, head up the GROSSO numbers writing organization.

It is to be noted that during the interview of TONY GROSSO SA [redacted] on April 17, 1958, stated that he and his brother, SAM, divide all the profits from their numbers running operation on a 50-50 basis. b6 b7C

On February 12, 1958, the files of the Pittsburgh Police Department as checked by SA [redacted] contained a record for SAM GROSSO, Police Department No. 38588, FBI No. 2993926, reflecting 7 arrests for lottery between 1939 and 1951. b6 b7C

TONY GROSSO's identification record indicates his criminal activities first came to the attention of the Police in 1938, when he was arrested for a lottery. In 7 of GROSSO's 8 arrests in 1958, operation of a lottery were involved. At the time of his arrest in 1950, at Mt. Lebanon, the amounts talled from adding machine tapes and numbers slips confiscated from GROSSO's home by Captain [redacted] of the Mt. Lebanon Police Department, were made known by [redacted] to [redacted] Assistant District Attorney of Allegheny County, who, from the records seized, advised that the estimated take from the GROSSO operation from the year, 1950, was at $1,000,000. b6 b7C

On March 4, 1958, T-1, who requested that his identity remain confidential and stated he would not testify at any State or

Federal proceeding, advised that TONY GROSSO and SAM GROSSO,

[redacted] b6 b7C b7D

On February 12, 1958, [redacted] b6 b7C Western State Penitentiary, Pittsburgh, advised SA [redacted] that in approximately early February, 1950, TONY GROSSO stated to him that SAM [redacted] were trying to muscle into the numbers racket territory operated by GROSSO, and that [redacted] was to get 50 per cent of the take after GROSSO had been forced out. [redacted] told GROSSO that he should "get tough " with [redacted] but

that GROSSO showed no interest at that time. [redacted] b6 b7C further stated that he also told an unidentified constable that he thought GROSSO should contact [redacted] and warn them to stay out of GROSSO's territory whereafter several days later the un-identified constable came to [redacted] and asked him, [redacted] if he would represent GROSSO and go to [redacted] and tell [redacted] to keep out of GROSSO's territory. [redacted] stated that he agreed to this for a stipulated financial amount, the amount of which he would not state and thereupon looked up a friend whom he refused to identify, to accompany him. According to [redacted] this friend told [redacted] that it was his understanding [redacted] kept approximately $50,000 in a wall safe in a second floor bedroom of his home in Braddock. [redacted] went on to advise that on February 10, 1950, he and his friend, each carrying a concealed revolver, went to [redacted] residence and at approximately 6 o'clock PM were advised by [redacted] was not then home. He went on to advise that he and his friend returned at approximately 7:30 PM and were ushered into the home where they were introduced to [redacted], known to them as [redacted] denied knowing them; that they then advised him that they were there as representatives of TONY GROSSO and told [redacted] of the purpose of their call. [redacted] stated that [redacted] advised them that GROSSO was mistaken and that the [redacted] and not he were the ones who were interested in expanding into GROSSOS territory. [redacted], at this time, stated he was quite satisfied controlling the numbers operations in his own area of Braddock, North Braddock, Braddock Hills and Rankin, all Pennsylvania, and that [redacted] and his friend would have to take their problem to the [redacted] for discussion. [redacted] stated at this time he and his friend, on their own, attempted to rob [redacted] at gunpoint of the money he was alleged to have in his house. In the course of this attempt, [redacted] was seriously shot by [redacted] who was in the house, unbeknownst to [redacted], [redacted] received a five to ten year sentence for his attempt in robbing [redacted] and it was on this sentence that he was in Western State Penitentiary.

It is to be noted that when TONY GROSSO was interviewed on January 6, 1958, by SAS [redacted] b6 [redacted] inquiry was made of him regarding the possibility b7C

that he might be stepping on someone's toes with regards to his numbers operation. GROSSO said that he was staying in his own backyard and denied that he had ever had conflict with any other numbers operation.

On May 5, 1958, T-3 advised and at that time he believed GROSSO to be the only bookmaker in Pittsburgh who had any substantial amount of money at all stating further that all the others of necessity were operating on a day-to-day basis.

"The Pittsburgh Press," final edition, dated November 18, 1958, page one, column six, carried an item indicating that TONY GROSSO, 840 Ridgeview Drive, Mt. Lebanon, described as the "Big Fish" in the roundup of 17 persons in February, 1958, after Officer [redacted] year long undercover investigation, and ALBERT ORNATO, 1907 Watson St., went on trial that day on charges that they bribed Patrolman [redacted] to protect their numbers business. b6 b7C

"The Pittsburgh Post Gazette," final edition, page one and eight, carried an article regarding the trial of TONY GROSSO, then underway in Allegheny County Criminal Court, Pittsburgh. This article explained that TONY GROSSO had pictured himself in testimony as a gentleman gambler who existed on $25,000 a year from his wife's bar, his own car wash business and an occasional winning at craps or the race tracks. This article further indicated that GROSSO in testimony given had listed the following sources of income for himself and [redacted]. b6 b7C

1. "$8,000 a year to TONY as President of his West Liberty Avenue Car Wash operation."

2. "$5,000 to his [redacted] as Secretary of of the Car Wash Corporation." b6 b7C

3. "His wife's salary of about $100 a week as operator of the Horseshoe Bar in downtown, Penn Ave."

This article continues that GROSSO stated he has gambled in Las Vegas, Florida, Wheeling, W.Va., Waterford,

W.Va., Atlantic City, New Jersey, New York, and Forbes Field, Pittsburgh. He was questioned by his defense attorney, [redacted] b6 b7C

Q. "Have you been fairly successful?"

A. "Yes Sir."

Q. "Curiously, you gamblers don't bet on every race?"

A. "No Sir."

Q. "Did you ever arrange to pay [redacted] $200 a month for protection?"

A. "If I were operating a lottery $200 a month would be too small in amount."

Q. "Did you ever at any time pay [redacted] a single solitary dollar for anything but flowers?"

A. "No Sir."

Q. "Are you in any trouble with the Government on taxes?"

A. "No Sir."

This article continued that in cross examination of GROSSO Assistant District Attorney [redacted] questioned GROSSO as follows: b6 b7C

Q. "There were occasions before 1950 when you paid off?"

A. "Yes Sir."

Q. "Did you have the whole downtown area?"

A. "I did not have the whole downtown area."

Q. "How big was your operation?"

A. "At that time, I hadbusiness on the North Side, part of the Hill leading into Center Avenue and part of downtown."

Q. "In the business you were in you were a pretty good sized operator?"

A. "I would say so."

According to this article, GROSSO claimed that the raid that put him out of the numbers business was conducted by the Mt. Lebanon Police on his home (the raid of June, 1950) which then served as numbers headquarters.

On November 26, 1958, a jury of 10 women and 2 men told Visiting Judge ROBERT M. MORRIS of Jefferson County, Pa., after eleven hours of deliberation that they were hopelessly deadlocked on several counts of indictments against TONY GROSSO and ALBERT ORNATO. At this time, Judge MORRIS decided that further deliberation would be futile and ordered that both defendants would have to stand a re-trial on all the remaining charges.

On February 26, 1959, T-6 advised that [redacted] on or about February 24, 1959, played No. 537 on the stock for $175 and the number hit resulting in a win for [redacted] of $150,000 cash. T-6 advised that about $60,000 of this hit came from the [redacted] book of East Liberty. b6 b7C

On February 28, 1959, T-7 advised that he had talked to [redacted] close associate of [redacted] East Liberty numbers man, and that [redacted] had told him that [redacted] did hit the numbers on February 24, 1959, but that the amount was for $350 giving him a total win of $20,000. T-7 further stated that according to his source, $200 of the hit was played with TONY GROSSO's book and $150 on [redacted] book. b6 b7C

On March 17, 1959, SAM GROSSO and 12 others were indicted by the Allegheny County Grand Jury in connection with their arrest on February 19, 1959, in a raid in Jefferson Borough.

"The Pittsburgh Post Gazette," final edition, on March 18, 1959, Section 2, page 21, carried an article indicating that Assistant District Attorney [redacted] revealed that the confiscated evidence obtained in the February 19 raid on the GROSSO headquarters indicated the numbers play of about $86,000. Assistant District Attorney [redacted] was quoted as saying the evidence showed that the weekly take b6 b7C

at this South Hills numbers headquarters was "in excess of $250,000." Indicted also at this time by the Grand Jury in addition to SAM GROSSO, were [redacted] and TONY, and [redacted] also a nephew. b6 b7C

Others indicted were:

[redacted] b6 b7C

JOSEPH PINO

[redacted]

LILLIAN ALBERTS

[redacted]

GEN ATTANASIO

JACK SANDMAN

On May 23, 1959, T-6 advised that from what he knew about the numbers racket in Pittsburgh he considered TONY GROSSO as being the biggest book in town. T-6 estimated that GROSSO's daily play was in the neighborhood of $100,000.

"The Pittsburgh Press," in its final edition dated July 30, 1959, carried an article to the effect that SAM GROSSO had squared an old debt with Uncle Sam in that GROSSO paid $9,110 to settle a Federal tax lien on July 29, 1959, in the office of Prothonotary [redacted] The money represented additional income taxes owed for 1949 and was a result of a lien filed by the Internal Revenue Service in December, 1953. b6 b7C

On October 2, 1959, SAM GROSSO and ten others were found guilty by an Allegheny County Court Jury. Among those convicted were [redacted] JR., age 23, and [redacted] age 20, both of 523 North Meadowcroft Ave., Mt. Lebanon. b6 b7C

On October 6, 1959, a panel of three Allegheny County Judges ruled that TONY GROSSO must stand trial on charges of police bribery. "The Pittsburgh Press," final edition dated October 6, 1959, revealed that the case involving TONY GROSSO

dated back almost 12 months when a jury failed to reach an agreement in the State's claim that he bribed Lt. [redacted] for racket protection. b6 b7C

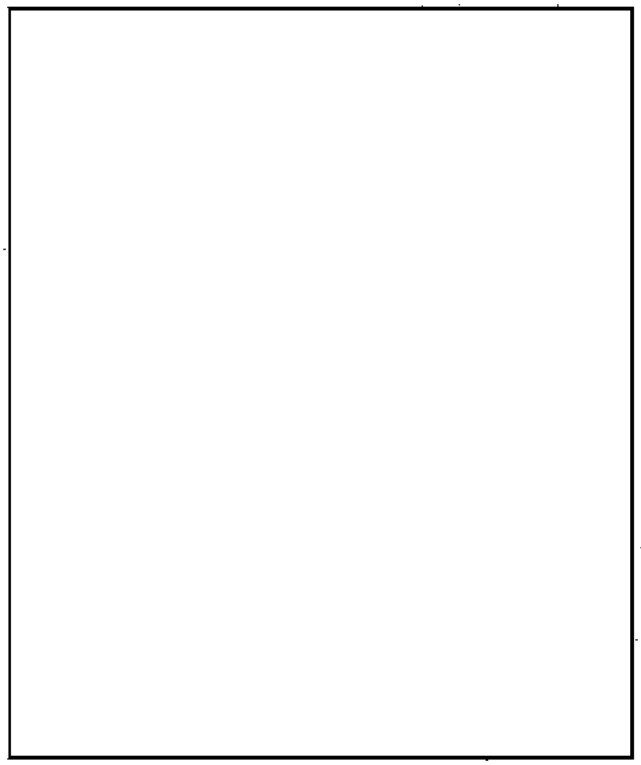
"The Pittsburgh Post Gazette," final edition, in an article dated October 14, 1959, revealed that [redacted] was fined $500 in Criminal Court, Pittsburgh, on October 13, 1959, for contempt of court for her failure to appear one day in the lottery conspiracy trial [redacted] She originally was a defendent in the trial in which SAM GROSSO and ten others were convicted but had failed to appear reportedly due to illness. It was determined later that a court appointed physician found no evidence of illness and she was therefore brought before the Judge on contempt proceedings. b6 b7C

"The Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph," Blue Streak edition, dated November 30, 1959, carried an article to the effect that the testimony of two priests gave SAM "The Unlucky" GROSSO at least a temporary reprieve. The article went on to state that GROSSO testified before a Magistrate that he had not been in the Squirrel Hill area for three months and that at the time of the police raid at the entrance to the Calvary Cemetery, Hazelwood and Murray Avenues, in which five were arrested in possession of 12 bags containing about 12,000 slips and representing a $25,000 play, were seized, that he was in the rectory of St. Peters Church uptown. Seized in the raid were ADOLPH BERKOVITZ, 48, Milton St., and FRANK PETRAGLIA, 47, Sycamore St., Mt. Washington, JOSEPH PINO, FRED ALBERTS, 47, Bedford Ave., [redacted], were arrested later and accused of having fled the scene at the time of the arrest. b6 b7C

GROSSO was also seized and charged with having been at the scene.

On December 7, 1959, SAM "The Unlucky" GROSSO was released and the charge of operating a lottery was dismissed before Police Magistrate [redacted] GROSSO of 260 Shadowlawn Drive, Mt. Lebanon, was released after the testimony of two priests of St. Peters Church uptown in which they told the court that they were talking with GROSSO in the church rectory at the time the raid was made. b6 b7C

"The Pittsburgh Post Gazette," final edition, dated December 16, 1959, carried an article stating that Federal Agents struck a blow at the GROSSOS' numbers combine on December 15, 1959, when they arrested six persons on charges of failure to buy the $50 gambling tax stamp. The Internal Revenue Service Agents made the arrest in Whitehall, Greentree and Castle Shannon. Those arrested were:



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All posted $1,000 bonds each before U. S. Commissioners [redacted] pending hearings. This article went on to say the [redacted] have prior records as associates of the GROSSO brothers in the numbers racket.

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"The Pittsburgh Post Gazette," final edition, dated December 30, 1959, in an article captioned, "Grosso Buys Gambling Stamp for his Home," but indicates that SAM "The Unlucky" GROSSO took out a Federal tax gambling stamp during December, 1959, listing his business address as

[redacted]. This article indicates also that [redacted] also took out a gambling stamp the same time as SAM. b6 b7C

"The Pittsburgh Press," final edition, dated January 13, 1960, in an article captioned, "Top Grosso Aide Seized by Police," revealed that CORNELIUS HARRINGTON, age 45, 109 Kirk Ave., Carrick, was arrested on Scott Road by the Mt. Lebanon Police Chief [redacted] and Captain [redacted]. HARRINGTON's car, according to Chief [redacted], was fitted out as a dry cleaning pickup vehicle with a rack for clothing on the back seat. In a camouflaged ashtray on the dashboard, the officers found 76 numbers slips indicating a play of $318 and tabulations showing about 100 plays taken by telephone for another $100. This article referred to HARRINGTON as a top aide of numbers barron TONY GROSSO. b6 b7C

"The Pittsburgh Press," final edition, on February 2, 1960, carried an article captioned "Grosso Gets Stiff Prison Term," in which it stated that SAM GROSSO was sentenced by Judge [redacted] to serve a total of 16 to 32 months in prison and paid a fine of $1,000. Also in this article, it reveals that JOSEPH PINO, age 38, 2816 Voelkel Ave., Dormont, was given a 12 to 24 months sentence plus a $500 fine, and [redacted] a 10 to 24 months sentence and a $500 fine. b6 b7C

Other sentences involving the GROSSO operation and reflected in the above-named article are as follows:

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Mrs. LILLIAN ALBERTS, age 39,
469 Judith St., Baldwin,
$500 fine, 2 to 23 months in the Workhouse.

JACK SANDMAN, age 46,
Zenobia Drive, Coraopolis, Pa.,
$1,000 fine, 10 to 28 months in the
Workhouse.

GEN ATTANASIO, age 43,
498 Haverhill Road,
$1,000 fine, 4 to 23 months in
the County Jail.

[redacted] b6 b7C

On February 3, 1960, SAM GROSSO and nine other convicted associates were released on bond from Allegheny County Jail pending the outcome of an appeal of their numbers convictions. He was released on $20,000 bond.

"The Pittsburgh Post Gazette and Sun Telegraph," final edition, dated July 9, 1960, in an article captioned, "State High Court Upholds Ornato's Vice Conviction," reflects that on July 8, 1960, the Pennsylvania State Supreme Court affirmed the conviction of ALBERT ORNATO on corrupt solicitation charges. ORNATO, age 48, 2038 Forbes Ave., was convicted November 27, 1958, in Criminal Court of soliciting former racket squad boss, [redacted], in a deal to get the squad to lay off the GROSSO numbers operation. ORNATO was subsequently sentenced to one to two years in the Workhouse and fined $1,000 by Visiting Judge [redacted] of Jefferson County, Pa. b6 b7C

"The Pittsburgh Press," final edition, dated October 7, 1960 in an article captioned, "Out of Numbers, Grosso Testifies," TONY GROSSO was quoted as stating at his re-trial on October 7, 1960, that he had been out of the numbers business since 1950. GROSSO was quoted as saying, "I got bleeding ulcers and they took out part of my stomach at St. Francis Hospital. They paroled me because of my condition and I quit the numbers."

"The Pittsburgh Post Gazette and Sun Telegraph," final edition, dated October 12, 1960, in an article captioned, "Grosso, Ornato, Win Acquittal in Bribe Trial," stated that TONY GROSSO and ALBERT ORNATO were acquitted on October 12, 1960, by a Criminal Court Jury on charges that they bribed Detective [redacted] to obtain protection from the latter's racket raiding squad. The jury returned a "scotch" verdict, acquitting the defendants while ordering them to pay costs of prosecution. b6 b7C

ORNATO, age 49, was acquitted of ten counts of bribery and one of conspiracy to bribe and corrupt. The case was a re-trial of one held in November, 1958, when a jury deliberated ten hours and forty-five minutes but was discharged when it said it could not agree on most of the charges. That jury acquitted GROSSO and ORNATO of lottery charges but did convict ORNATO on one count of solicitation. On that conviction, ORNATO's appeal was turned down and ORNATO began serving a one to two year Workhouse term on July 19, 1960.

On December 12, 1960, ALBERT ORNATO re-entered Allegheny County Workhouse to resume his one to two year sentence.

T-10, on June 27, 1961, advised that TONY and SAM GROSSO control the downtown and Hill District numbers "book" in Pittsburgh and also have parts of Sewickley, Pa., and Beaver Falls (Beaver County), Pa. T-10 further advised that TONY acts as his own bank and that at the present time, due to police pressure and that put on by Internal Revenue Agents, he moves his headquarters once a week, usually out of town into a suburb as the county authorities are not pursuing rackets. T-10 advised that [redacted] took the place of JOE PINO, aka., "POLLOCK," as one of TONY and SAM's top men now that PINO is in the Western State Penitentiary. T-10 named the GROSSO top men in the Hill District as [redacted], Hill, and that they were at one time the bank for the GROSSOS. T-10 stated that he once wrote on a small scale for the GROSSOS and never knew them to be active in anything other than in numbers locally. He further stated that TONY GROSSO is seldom seen around his operations, that SAM or the others under him take the more active parts. b6 b7C

T-11 advised on June 30, 1961, [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

[redacted]

T-12, on June 29, 1961, advised [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

[redacted]

The following diagram is a composite of the upper echelon of the GROSSO numbers operation as it appears to date. This organizational set-up has been arrived at by IRS Agents through their matching of documentary evidence seized in various local raids by police on the GROSSO headquarters, which change weekly. In addition, they have compiled information received from live sources who are being prosecuted for IRS violations in connections with lotteries to arrive at their findings. Also included in this operational set-up is the lower case "Branches" or "Books" operating out on the street, however, most of these use code names which are as yet not identified and not being set forth.

IRS Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] b6 b7C Intelligence and Excise Division, respectively, have advised SA [redacted] that the upper echelon would be an extremely difficult thing to penetrate by use of undercover agents as all are either related by blood, marriage, or have known each other since childhood, either as schoolmates or neighbors, and their policy is to accept no one who does not fit these specifications except in the lower echelon.

"Branches" (street writers) who know little about the upper group and are not included in any policy making decisions or tactical decisions regarding location of bank, responsibilities, etc.

IRS Agent [redacted] advised on June 30, 1961, that his responsibility is the Excise Tax facet of the investigation, that when a numbers writer or gambler buys the Federal Wagering Stamp, he, thereafter, on a monthly basis, must file an Excise Tax return listing his gross income as the result of gambling income. [redacted] further stated that each month then becomes a separate violation or an indictable count if the person fails to comply and it is on this basis that he is working with Agent [redacted] to help in compiling the violations against the members of the GROSSO operation in regards to Excise Tax violations. b6 b7C

It is noted that all persons names in the diagram whose name is preceded by an asterisk are presently in jail or prison.

E. INCOME

T-8 stated that GROSSO had stated he earned slightly less than $6,500 in 1952, as a self-employed commission salesman. GROSSO claimed in 1953 to have earned $8,200 as a commission broker and gave his Social Security No. as 183-24-2392. In 1953, according to T-8, GROSSO stated he earned $9,200 in the same capacity, however, T-8 stated that GROSSO maintained no books or records to substantiate his claimed income in business and it was the belief of T-8 that GROSSO was a racketeer. GROSSO stated he made $11,800 as a self-employed commission broker in 1955. In 1956, GROSSO claimed that he [redacted] jointly earned $50,531.27 of which he claimed $40,881.82 as miscellaneous income and she, $9,649.45 as income from the Horseshoe Bar and Grill. Over the 1952-1956 period, GROSSO resided at 840 Ridgeview Drive, Mt. Lebanon, Pa. According to T-8, GROSSO used the services of the accounting firm, Eric, Moses and Co., 802 Clark Building, Pittsburgh. b6 b7C

It is to be noted that during the course of an interview with TONY GROSSO on April 17, 1958, by SAS [redacted] and [redacted] GROSSO stated he had filed a joint income tax return with his wife for the year, 1957, showing a $50,000 income from her business, the Horseshoe Bar and his business, the West Liberty Car Wash, plus "miscellaneous profits," the nature of which he did not specify. b6 b7C

On July 7, 1961, IRS Agent [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that for the years, 1958, 1959 and 1960, TONY GROSSO filed income tax returns, listing gross incomes ranking from $58,000 to $60,000 of which each year approximately $40,000 to $42,000 was listed as "miscellaneous income." On his return for 1960, GROSSO indicated a loss of $12,350 from the operation of his business. b6 b7C

F. POLICE PROTECTION AND POLITICAL TIES

On February 12, 1958, [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] b6 b7C b7D

An anonymous letter, postmarked August 10, 1958, Pittsburgh 12, Pa., directed to [redacted] b6 b7C Pittsburgh, Pa., read as follows:

"Here is some dope on the pittsburg Police. Asst. Superintendent [redacted] b6 b7C has organised all the Inspectors, Leutenants into one ring. They have two men who collect from the Number books, who are called Satchel men, one is called [redacted] who collects downtown, and the East End section, and the other is [redacted] who has the N.S. South Side Etc. They collect this money and then cut it up once a month. I know for a fact that Grosso pays [redacted] $2,000 a month apart from what he pays the Collectors, He books between $50,000 to $60,000 a day numbers, He is the biggest Operator in this end of the State.

"The City Police are raiding now, because there are Three Factions fighting each other for the Graft in Numbers. [redacted] b6 b7C will not cut the other two in, cause he has a good drag, I was told before Election he goes in to the Mayor's Office and lays $50,000 on the Mayors desk, and besides he is Married to the Mayor's Secretary Sister. You fellows are sleeping, when a Leutenant retires, he has so much money he can live like a King the rest of his life. They are the dirtiest, lowest thing that ever

crawled. I've seen a Leutenant go in to a Number Store and shake the fellow down for $25, and then drive around the block and knock the guy off. They do this so in case the fellow squeels they can show that they arrested him. Why do you think [redacted] does all the raiding he does to protect himself with the Government or anyone else."

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T-9 advised [redacted]

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G. PENDING PROSECUTIVE ACTION

As of this time, there is no pending prosecutive action against TONY or SAM GROSSO.

H. POSSIBLE FEDERAL VIOLATION

1. [redacted]

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2. Other Possible Federal Violation

To date, a review of the material and information compiled regarding TONY GROSSO and his activities reveals that while he heads up perhaps the largest numbers racket locally he continues to be considered an independent by people in a position to know. No pertinent information has been, to date,

developed that would indicate that TONY GROSSO is associated in any fashion with other Pittsburgh top hoodlums or top hoodlums of other divisions there. There has been, in fact, information concerning extreme dislike of GROSSO on the part of other racketeers and that there appears to be continuous attempts to move him out of certain areas and take over portions of his operation. Information at hand, which is corroborated for the great part by information received by IRS, points to the fact that GROSSO's activities are confined solely to Pittsburgh and does not appear to be engaged in other illegal activities, such as ticket lotteries, transportation of gambling devices, handling of pornagraphic literature or other crimes within Federal jurisdiction.

I. INTERVIEWS OF TONY GROSSO

On January 6, 1958, TONY GROSSO was interviewed in the Pittsburgh Office by SAS [redacted], having been requested to appear for such interview to determine whether or not recent bombings in which he has been a victim, might be related to an attempt at extortion in which the FBI might have jurisdiction. The interview did not disclose such a condition to exist but GROSSO was found to be willing to furnish information about himself. GROSSO advised that his brother, MIKE, had to sell his home in Brentwood to pay off an income tax claim and that his brother, MIKE, and family were then residing at the Bigelow Apartments downtown and that MIKE was operating the Arcade Bar on Graeme St., downtown. He advised that his mother [redacted] recently moved from a family home on Elm St., after the house was sold to the City and that they were now living on [redacted]

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On April 17, 1958, ANTHONY MICHAEL GROSSO was interviewed by SAS [redacted] at the West Liberty Car Wash, Inc., 1804 West Liberty Ave., Pittsburgh.

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GROSSO stated that in 1957, he and his wife filed a joint income tax return, claiming $50,000 income, listing her business, the Horseshoe Bar, and his business, the West Liberty Car Wash, as their sources of revenue. He said that he also showed income from miscellaneous profits and claimed he did not list the businesses from whih these profits were derived and inferred that this particular caption covered his gambling profits. GROSSO said that he could not recall just how much of his income he attributed to miscellaneous profits but that his bookkeeper had the exact and complete figures, which could be made available if necessary.

GROSSO was asked whether or not he had received any additional communications or threats concerning the recent bombing of his car wash and he stated that since he was interviewed by the FBI the first time, he has not received any sort of communication concerning the bombing. He said that he talked to his brother, SAM GROSSO, about the possibility that SAM, together with such criminals as [redacted] and others, might be trying to shake him for additional money and TONY said his brother SAM said it was ridiculous to even think in this vain. GROSSO said that he and his brother SAM split everything in the numbers racket 50-50 and for this reason, he could not see why SAM would have to turn to extortion and bombing to get anything additional from him. GROSSO stated that he cannot deny that SAM GROSSO is acquainted with [redacted] and remarked that he, himself, is acquainted with [redacted] having served time with him at the Allegheny County Workhouse a few years back. GROSSO said that whenever he was released from the Workhouse, he promised [redacted] that he would try and help to get him out of the Workhouse, which he did without success. b6 b7C

GROSSO said, in connection with the arrest of himself and 16 numbers writers on charges of gambling and bribery of Lieutenant [redacted] of the Pittsburgh Police Department, that he considered [redacted] to be an able, courageous police officer. He then remarked that Lieutenant [redacted] was definitely a mental case, and that whenever the trials of the 17 begin, there will be quite a bit of dirt stirred up concerning [redacted], his activities and his family life. GROSSO made the remark that [redacted] has beaten his wife several times to the point where he was almost arrested for it. b6 b7C

GROSSO remarked that he has retained Attorney [redacted] b6 b7C to defend him and as of April 17, 1958, he has not had a chance to discuss his case in detail with [redacted] but has discussed it with [redacted] assistant, an attorney named [redacted] GROSSO stated that it is his plan to plead guilty and not to fight the case because if he fought the case, it would mean that he would have to open up and testify to certain matters that would embarrass many many people and upon the conclusion of the case, he would have to move himself and his entire family as far away from Pennsylvania as he could. GROSSO stated that he was born and raised in the Pittsburgh area and he is going to do everything within his power to continue to live in Pittsburgh and perhaps even die in Pittsburgh.

GROSSO stated that he has been trying to recollect just what type of evidence and how much evidence Lieutenant [redacted] has concerning him and he said that during the past two or three years, he has been a very good customer at the James Flower Shop in Dormont and recalls one particular incident where he went to the shop to pay a flower bill and Lieutenant [redacted] was present and engaged him in a long conversation, and just as they completed their discussion, he noticed Lieutenant [redacted] another person come from the b6 b7C back room and it is GROSSO's belief that at that time, [redacted] was making a tape recording of their conversation and [redacted] could have been taking photographs from the back room. GROSSO stated that they talked about many things but he could not recall whether or not they dwelled on anything surrounding the rackets of Pittsburgh, but he does know that sometime during the conversation, he gave [redacted] some money to pay his flower bill and it could be this money that [redacted] the other man photographed.

GROSSO said that the newspapers, the police and most everyone else consider him to be one of the biggest number books in Allegheny County, pacing his gross take at over one million dollars a year. GROSSO stated that if this was true, it is not consistent that he would pay only $2,700 to Lieutenant [redacted] for protection. GROSSO stated that he has never b6 admitted he was in the numbers business and that he is not b7C going to admit it now.

GROSSO made a further observation that the 17 men who were arrested by the Pittsburgh Police Department are really 17 independent numbers operators without any organization or

syndicate affiliation. He stated that in his mind this was a very pertinent thing and he was going to mention it to his attorney for whatever value it might serve in his defense.

GROSSO stated that he considered [redacted] Pittsburgh Top Hoodlum, to be a "bum" and wanted nothing to do with him and had no information he could furnish concerning [redacted] He declined to state the reason for his feelings regarding [redacted] GROSSO stated that he was acquainted with [redacted] and SAMUEL MANNARINO, [redacted] Buffalo Top Hoodlum. He stated that while he is acquainted with these persons generally, there are a few whom he has never met face to face. He advised that if for instance SAMUEL or [redacted] walked into his car wash, he would not know who they were unless they introduced themselves. He stated that he knew nothing about what businesses the aforenamed persons were engaged in and, therefore, could furnish no information concerning them. b6 b7C

J. DESCRIPTION

The following description of GROSSO was obtained from the files of the Identification Division, Allegheny County Detective Bureau, the Identification Division of the Pittsburgh Police Department, court records examined on December 17, 1957, and from interviews reported herein:

Name	ANTHONY MICHAEL GROSSO
Aliases	Anthony M. Grosso, Tony Grosso, Tony Bianco, Anthony Grasse, Tony Grasse, Anthony Grassi, Tony Grassi, Anthony Grassie, Antonio Grasso, Joseph Moro, Joe Russo
Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	Italian extraction
Born	12/13/13/, verified
Height	5'3"
Weight	155 lbs.
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown

Build	Small
Scars and marks	Small scar under chin
Education	12th grade
Address	840 Ridgeview Drive, Mt. Lebanon, Pa.
Occupation	President, West Liberty Car Wash, 1804 W. Liberty Ave., Pittsburgh
Social Security No.	183-24-2392
FBI #	2998225
Military service	Inducted U. S. Army, 11/10/43, ASN 33708618
Fingerprint Classification	I U III 6 I U III
Residence phones	LO 1-5717 (unpublished) LE 1-6862 (Listed to MARY MARCHETELLO)
Business phone	LO 1-7777
Former addresses	1111 Poplar Alley at birth in December, 1913; 1111 Gilmore Way on entering high school in September, 1930; 52 Elm St., on arrest on November 26, 1938; 53 Elm St., on arrest on September 17, 1942; 245 Morrison Drive, Mt. Lebanon, on entering army in November, 1943; U. S. Army, November, 1943, to November, 1944; 245 Morrison Drive, Mt. Lebanon, on discharge from army in November, 1944, and on arrest October 15, 1948 and July 10, 1950; and 840 Ridgeview Drive, Mt. Lebanon, since January, 1952. All Pittsburgh, Pa.
Relatives	Mother - STEFFANNIA RULLO GROSSO, Voelkel Ave., Dormont, Pa. Father - CARMINE GROSSO, deceased.

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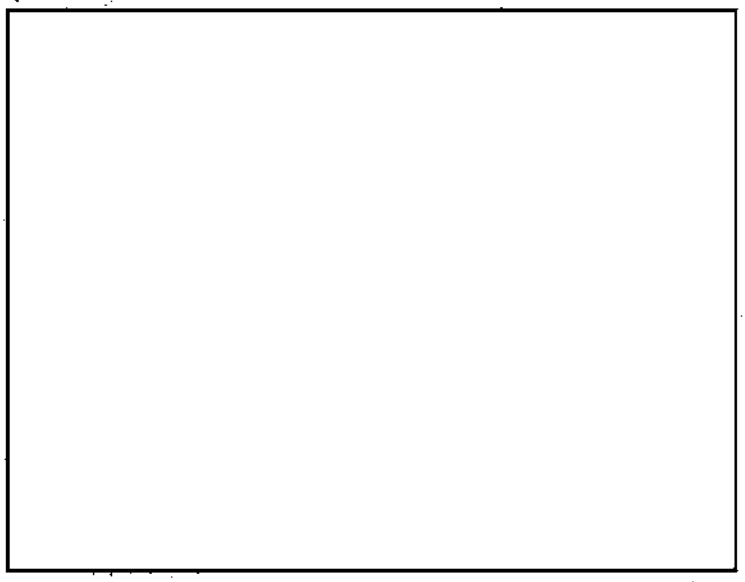

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PD, Pittsburgh, Pa.	Sam Grosso #38588	3-27-39	lottery	1 yr. prob.
Allegheny Co. Det. Bu., Pittsburgh, Pa.	Samuel Grossi #13781	9-17-42	oper. lottery	3-12-43, plcd 4 to 8 mos. WH
Alleg. Co. Jail Pittsburgh, Pa.	Sam Grosso #38027	3-12-43	lottery	4-8 mos. WH
Alleg. Co. WH Blawnox, Pa.	Sam Grossi, 57320	3-13-43	lottery	4-8 mos. served & D disch. 7-10 parole.
U. S. Naval Recruiting Station, Pittsburgh, Pa.	Sam James Grosso #——	applicant 8-10-43		
Allegheny Co. Detective Bu., Pittsburgh, Pa.	Samuel Grosso #13781	10-18-45	lottery	
Allegheny Co.Det.Bu., Pittsburgh, Pa.	Sam Grosso #AJ-48192	3-15-46	oper. lottery	6 mos. to 1 Allegheny Co 8-8-46 par to max term
Allegheny Co Det Bur., Pittsburgh, Pa.	Samuel Grosso #13781	10-15-48	Lottery and Perjury	pending
Allegheny Co Det Bu Pittsburgh Pa	Sam Grosso #13781	3-12-51	Lottery	6 to 12 mos A. C.W. & $500 fi
Allegheny Co WH Blawnox Pa	Sam Grosso #69783	3-13-51	lot	6-12 mos 9-10-51 by court served 5 mos

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SPol Greensburg Pa	Sam James Grosso #A-33231	3-5-51	operating lottery	not guilty
Allegheny Co Det Bu Pittsburgh Pa	Samuel James Grosso #13781	4-16-56	VMC 620-F, 1025a	
Allegheny Co Det Bu Pgh Pa	Samuel James Grosso #13781	2-19-59	oper a lottery	
PD Pgh Pa	Sam Grosso #38588	4-20-59	OL & consp	$500 F & 4-8 mos WSP @ exp of sent on arrest dated 2-19-59 9-24-59
PD Pgh Pa	Samuel Grosso #PGH 38588	11-27-59	O.L. & consp	
WCD&CC Pgh Pa	Sam Grosso #C-6025	3-14-61	operating lottery consp to/oper lott	16 to 32 mos

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PD Pgh Pa	Anthony Grasse #37856	11-26-38	OL	$25 & C
Allegheny Co Det Bu Pittsburgh Pa	Tony Grosso #13777	9-17-42	Opr lott	3-12-43 plea 4 to 8 mos WH
Allegheny Co Jail Pgh Pa	Tony Grosso #38026	not given FP 3-12-43	Lott	4-8 mos WH
All[illegible]ny Co WH Blawnox Pa	Tony Grossi #57577	5-15-43	Lott	4-8 mos 5-15-43 4-8 mos served 2 mos disch. 7-15-43 by par
Allegheny Co Det Bur Pgh Pa	Tony Grosso #13777	10-15-48	Opr Lott	
AllegheCo Det Bu Pgh Pa	Tony Grosso #13777	2-21-51	O.L.	
Allegheny Co Det Bu Pgh Pa	Tony Grosso #13777	3-12-51	Lott	held for court
Alleg Co Det Bu Pgh Pa	Tony Grosso #13777	4-26-51	Lott	6 mos to 1 yr Alleg Co WH
SPol Greensburg Pa	Anthony Grossie #A-34069	10-29-51	Opr a Lott	11-1-51 disch
Allegheny Co WH Blawnox Pa	Anthony Grosso #71635	3-1-52	Lott	6-12 mos
Ident Div Allegheny Co Det Bu Pgh Pa	Tony Grosso #13777	12-12-52	Opr Lott	
Ident Div Allegheny Co Det Bu Pgh Pa	Tony Grosso #13777	12-15-52	Opr Lott (Crt)	12-23-52 prob rev trans to WH
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PD Pgh Pa	Anthony Michael Grosso #37856	2-28-58	bribery of Pol Off	N G pay costs 9-28-60 on chg of bribery 11311
PD Pgh Pa	Anthony M. Grosso #37856	3-15-58	consp to bribes obst justice OL & consp to OL	NG 11-18-58 NG pay costs 9-28-60 on chg of consp to bribe & consp to OL 10 2117

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	* As Anthony Grosso #13777	Ident Div	Allegheny Co Det	BuPghPa
	2-29-52 lottery;		3-5-52 6-12 mos AC WH	
	* As Anthony Grosso #73174		Alleg Co WH Blawnox Pa	
	12-23-52 prob vio;		12-16-52 balance of max term.	
	* Anthony Grosso #71635		Allegheny Co WH Blawnox Pa	2-29-52
	lottery 2-29-52		6-12 mos	disch 5-5-52 by court served
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	FLASH BY BUREAU: Anthony Grosso, was.,, Antonio Grosso, Anthony Grasse, Tony Grassie, Joe Russo, Tony Grassi, Tony Grosso, Anthony Grossie; Joseph Moro If any information or inquiry received notify BFD Pgh their file #92-225 per inf rec 1-13-58 FLASH CANCELLED: Inf rec BFD Pittsburgh 9-9-58.			

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, PITTSBURGH

DATE: December 8,1970

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FROM : Clerks [redacted]

SUBJECT: ANTHONY "TONY" GROSSO, aka. (166-537)
ITAR-GAMBLING; IGB

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A review of the Pittsburgh office reference files reflect the following information concerning Anthony Grosso:

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On 3/7/56, informant advised that [redacted]

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Informant said that [redacted]

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On 12/17/56, [redacted] advised that
TONY and SAM GROSSO [redacted]

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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The source added that [redacted]

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On 3/20/59, [redacted] Pittsburgh, Pa., Pd, requested Laboratory assistance in connection with a numbers case being prepared for prosecution by the Special Racket Squad working out of his office.

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Eight electric adding machines and one hand-operated adding machine were seized in a recent raid on a numbers operation of TONY GROSSO. They also have approximately 30 adding machine tapes obtained in prior arrests of Alfred Ornato and [redacted] and desire to know if tapes made by machines obtained in GROSSO raid.

Thes machines were taken to Washington,D.C by members of Pittsburgh Police Dept. No results of Laboratory inves tigation in file.

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On 9/18/61, advised that TONY GROSSO has a tie in with a man named tele No Elizabeth 2684. further advised that he has found out that there have been direct calls to GROSSO on the phone of and alsox phon e calls to Alleg. County Det.

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Also in connection with TONY GROSSO, advised that there are , and have been arrested by the Internal Rev Service in the past. was not positive but has information which makes him strongly suspect that they are connected with TONY and SAM GROSSO in their ticket operation.

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advised that is considered part of the "gambling syndicate", and is one of the few of this group who is doing business with TONY GROSSO of Pittsburgh, considered an independent.

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Crime Conditions in Pittsburgh and Allegheny County, Pa.
Report dated 9/21/61 for investigative period 8/24--9/21/61.

ANTHONY MICHAEL GROSSO, aka.
Tony Grosso, Tony Blanco,
Anthony Grasse, Tony Grasse,
Tony Grassi, Anthony Grassie,
Antonio Crasso, Joseph Moro,
Joe Russo

ANTHONY GROSSO was born at Pittsburgh, Pa., on December 13, 1913, graduated from high school at Pittsburgh in 1934, served in United States Army in World War II from November, 1943, to 1944, as a private and was honorably discharged as a psychoneurotic. He presently resides at 840 Ridgeview Drive, Mt. Lebanon, a Pittsburgh suburb. His identification record under FBI #2998225, shows seven criminal arrests for lottery (numbers), and related charges from November, 1938, through March, 1958, and he has served three terms in the Allegheny County Workhouse in connection with those arrests. On October 12, 1960, GROSSO was acquitted by an Allegheny County Court Jury of 10 Counts of bribary, 10 Counts of corrupt solicitation and the charge of conspiracy to bribe and corrupt. All of these charges, involved charges brought by a Pittsburgh Police Department Officer. SAM GROSSO, brother of ANTHONY, is now serving 16 to 32 months at Western State Penitentiary, Pittsburgh, Pa., on a lottery conviction, and JOSEPH PINO, brother-in-law of ANTHONY is now serving one to two years sentence at Western State Penitentiary on similar charges.

PG T-8 advised that TONY GROSSO and his brother, SAM GROSSO, head the GROSSO's number writing operation in the Pittsburgh area.

On April 17, 1958, TONY GROSSO advised SA [redacted] b6 b7C that he and his borther SAM divided all profits from numbers writing operation on a 50-50 basis.

[redacted] b6 b7C has advised that based on records seized on raids of GROSSO operations, the estimated take from GROSSO operations for the year 1950, was $1,000,000.00.

The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette's Final Edition on March 18, 1959, carried an article indicating that Assistant District Attorney WILLIAM CLANEY SMITH, revealed that confiscated evidence obtained in the February 19th raid at the GROSSO headquarters, indicated numbers play of about $86,000.00. SMITH was quoted in the article as saying the evidence showed that the weekly take was in excess of $250,000.00, based on the evidence seized. GROSSO's legitimate business is consisted of a minute type car wash in Pittsburgh, and a restaurant and lounge, known as the Living Room, 1778 North Highland Road, Upper St. Clair Township, Pa., a suburb of Pittsburgh. GROSSO was reported to own the Horseshoe Bar in downtown Pittsburgh, which is recorded as being owned by [redacted] b6 b7C

OPERATING NUMBERS BOOKS

(a) ANTHONY MICHAEL GROSSO - SAMUEL GROSSO - Book

This is the largest single numbers book in Western Pennsylvania and is considered to be an independent book with no connections with local or national syndicates. It is reported to be locally run and controlled by Pittsburgh individuals. It operates in the City of Pittsburgh primarily and also covers areas in the immediate vicinity of Pittsburgh. Internal Revenue Agents estimate that there are 1,000 employees in this operation who should have wagering tax stamps. Based on raids conducted and evidence seized, Internal Revenue Agents estimate the book to have a daily gross take of approximately $30,000 with an annual gross of $10,000,000. The standard $.35 of each dollar is paid for protection.

(1) The [redacted] Book b6 b7C

[redacted] and reportedly operates his own book, independent [redacted] This book is operated in the downtown area of Pittsburgh and the gross receipts for this operation are not known at this time.

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ANTHONY And SAMUEL GROSSO, Numbers Activity

ANTHONY GROSSO was arrested in 1950 at Mt. Lebanon, Pa., at which time amounts tallied from adding machine tapes and numbers slips confiscated at GROSSO's home during this arrest were made known to [redacted] b6 b7C and from the records seized [redacted] estimated the take of the GROSSO operation for the year 1950 at one million dollars.

In September of 1955, [redacted] Detective, Allegheny County Detective Bureau, estimated ANTHONY GROSSO's daily book at between $40,000 and $45,000 based on records found on one of the GROSSO employees who had handled $26,000 worth of business of the day of his arrest. According to [redacted] GROSSO controls the entire numbers business in downtown Pittsburgh and a good share of the numbers business in the Hill District and Northside of Pittsburgh as well as large portions of Allegheny County outside the city limits. b6 b7C

In September of 1956, Detective [redacted] Pittsburgh Police Department, and Captain [redacted] Allegheny County Detective Bureau, advised that ANTHONY GROSSO at that time had one of the largest numbers operations in Allegheny County and the City of Pittsburgh. b6 b7C

Captain [redacted] Mt. Lebanon Police Department, a suburb of Pittsburgh, advised on March 12, 1957, that it is common knowledge among police circles that ANTHONY GROSSO, assisted by his brothers, SAM, [redacted] MIKE and [redacted] have built one of the biggest numbers operations in Allegheny County. b6 b7C

In November of 1958, ANTHONY GROSSO and ALFRED ORNATO were indicted and tried for bribery of Lieutenant [redacted] Pittsburgh Police Department, to permit them to run numbers operations unmolested. According to testimony of Lieutenant [redacted] he accepted bribes from GROSSO and ORNATO which he reported and turned over to his superior. An Allegheny County jury on November 26, 1958, found ORNATO guilty on one count of corrupt solicitation and not guilty on three lottery counts and one count of a conspiracy to operate a lottery. This jury also found GROSSO not guilty on one count of conspiracy to operate a lottery. The jury announced that it was unable to reach an agreement on the other counts and was dismissed. This case was retried, commencing b6 b7C

September 27, 1960, at which time GROSSO was charged with ten counts of corrupt solicitation and ten counts of bribery and ORNATO was charged with ten counts of bribery. Both ORNATO and GROSSO were charged with conspiracy to bribe and corrupt. Lieutenant [redacted] testified that GROSSO paid him $2,700 to lay off GROSSO's numbers locations in a series of meetings from September, 1956, to January, 1957. Lieutenant [redacted] GROSSO, during this trial, testified that he has not been engaged in numbers activities since 1950 and that he now earns his money from a car wash, a restaurant and a bar, the latter of which is operated by [redacted] GROSSO testified that the yearly income of himself and [redacted] is approximately $60,000. [redacted] who was then serving a term in the Allegheny County Workhouse for numbers writing, testified that he worked for GROSSO in numbers activities in 1959. On October 11, 1960, the jury returned a verdict of acquittal on all counts after 23 hours of deliberation. b6 b7C

The "Pittsburgh Post Gazette," final edition on March 18, 1959, Section 2, Page 21, carried an article indicating that Assistant District Attorney WILLIAM CLANEY SMITH revealed that confiscated evidence obtained in the September, 1959, raid on GROSSO's headquarters indicated the numbers play of about $86,000. Mr. SMITH was quoted as saying, "The evidence showed that the weekly take at this South Hills numbers headquarters was in excess of $250,000.

On March 17, 1959, SAMUEL GROSSO, brother of ANTHONY GROSSO, and 12 other persons were indicted by an Allegheny County Grand Jury in connection with the numbers raid on February 19, 1959. Included in those indicted were JOSEPH CARMEN GROSSO, a nephew of SAM and ANTHONY GROSSO, GERALD GROSSO, also a nephew of SAM and ANTHONY GROSSO, and JENNY GATTA GROSSO, wife of SAM GROSSO.

On October 2, 1959, SAM GROSSO [redacted] were found guilty by an Allegheny County Court jury. [redacted] fought their conviction for 17 months through the State Superior Court and the State Supreme Court of Pennsylvania and finally to the U. S. Supreme Court, Washington, D. C., to no avail and on March 14, 1961, SAMUEL GROSSO [redacted] b6 b7C

began to serve terms of 16 to 32 months and 10 to 24 months, respectivel at the State Correctional Institute at Pittsburgh, Pa., these sentences having been imposed on February 2, 1960.

On March 25, 1961, [redacted] was b6 b7C
arrested with nine other persons at what was described as GROSSO's floating numbers headquarters. Slips and tapes found at the same time indicated a numbers play of $20,385 on March 25, 1961, and a play of $315,000 for the period of March 18 through March 24, 1961. [redacted]

On June 14, 1961, VINCE JOHNSON, a reporter for the "Pittsburgh Post Gazette," a Pittsburgh daily newspaper, in the course of presenting a program concerning Pittsburgh numbers racketeers over a local television station, stated that a secret room existed in the basement of the SAM GROSSO home at 105 Main Entrance Drive, Mt. Lebanon, Pa. According to JOHNSON, the original plans of the home called for one long room extending the length of the basement on the right side of the house and that after construction of the house was commenced one half of the right side of the basement was sealed off by a cement block wall with a wooden wall section separating the secret room from the laundry room and a secret push button operated door was concealed in the molding and wood paneling. The push button to operate the door was located in a closet in the first floor of the house.

Extensive investigation has been conducted by Internal Revenue Agents in the Pittsburgh area who have determined that the upper echelon of the GROSSO operation is composed of either blood relatives, relatives by marriage, or persons who have known the GROSSOs since childhood or as schoolmates or neighbors and it is the policy of the organization not to accept anyone who does not fit these specifications except for lower echelon activities.

The "Pittsburgh Post Gazette and Sun Telegraph," final edition for October 4, 1960, contained an article concerning testimony of JAMES HAMILTON at the Criminal Court trial of ANTHONY GROSSO and ALFRED ORNATO which indicated HAMILTON testified that he met ANTHONY GROSSO in 1957 and after talking to GROSSO in a room above the Horseshoe Bar, owned by Mrs. GROSSO, he went to

work for the GROSSO brothers for $75 a week. [redacted] testified that he was hired by JOSEPH PINO and picked up numbers in the Hill District of Pittsburgh. [redacted] testified that he turned the numbers over to [redacted] SAM GROSSO, [redacted], JACK SANDMAN [redacted] testified that while serving time in the Allegheny County Workhouse for receiving stolen goods he was approached by ALFRED ORNATO who offered him $20 a week if he would not testify against him, ORNATO. b6 b7C

On April 13, 1961, PG T-15 advised [redacted] that to his knowledge there were no race wire services in the downtown area of Pittsburgh at that time and that he based his belief on the fact that race wire services are usually run in conjunction with a horse room and he felt certain there were none in the downtown area. He advised that ANTHONY GROSSO, accepts horse bets through his numbers writers on a limited scale, but he does not know of any concentration, such as a horse parlor, that GROSSO would utilize to accept and lay off horse bets. He further advised that the only steady horse bookmaker he knows of in Pittsburgh is [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

On February 12, 1958, [redacted] advised [redacted] that in early 1950, [redacted] and had an interest in the numbers racket operation at that shop. The numbers written at this shop were turned in to TONY GROSSO, who was [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

In approximately early February, 1950, TONY GROSSO stated that SAM [redacted] b6 b7C b7D [redacted] but GROSSO showed no interest at the time. [redacted] agreed for a stipulated financial consideration, the amount of which he would not state, and thereupon looked up a friend, whose identity he would not disclose, to accompany him. This friend told [redacted]

[redacted] and his friend, each carrying a concealed revolver, went to [redacted] residence, and upon arrival at approximately 6:00 P.M., were advised by [redacted] was not then home. [redacted] returned at approximately 7:30 P.M., and were ushered into the living room where they introduced themselves to [redacted] and [redacted] known to them as [redacted] stated that he did not know them and they advised him that they were there as representatives of TONY GROSSO. [redacted] then told [redacted] of his mission's purpose, but [redacted] stated that GROSSO was mistaken, that the [redacted] and not he, were the ones who were interested in expanding into GROSSO's territory. [redacted] stated he was quite satisfied controlling numbers operations in his own area of [redacted] and his friend would have to take their problem to the [redacted] for discussion.

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Records of the Internal Revenue Service at Pittsburgh, Pa., as of September 1, 1961, disclosed one individual in Clairton, Pa., has applied for and purchased a Federal Wagering Tax Stamp, namely [redacted] b6 b7C

On September 8, 1961, PG T-23 advised [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

On June 29, 1960, [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

On January 8, 1958, Detective [redacted] of the Pittsburgh Police Department advised SA [redacted] that Assistant Superintendent [redacted] is very friendly with ANTHONY GROSSO and in his, [redacted], judgment, Superintendent [redacted] is the man who made GROSSO such a big numbers figure. b6 b7C

On January 23, 1958, Detective [redacted] Burglary Squad, Pittsburgh Police Department, advised SA [redacted] that ANTHONY GROSSO achieved the position of being the leading local numbers writer through the efforts of [redacted], Assistant Superintendent of Police, and [redacted] Special Investigator, Allegheny County Detective Bureau. b6 b7C

On February 12, 1958, [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that in years 1950 he was [redacted] and had an interest in the numbers racket operation in that shop. He stated b6 b7C b7D

that the [redacted] were turned over to TONY GROSSO, who was then the [redacted], [redacted] stated that he was required to turn over a portion of his commissions from the numbers racket to [redacted] known as the [redacted] would not state how much was given to [redacted] or identify him expect to say that [redacted]. b6 b7C b7D

On June 10, 1959, PG T-32 advised SA [redacted] that [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

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On 7/14/62, informant advised that [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

"The Pittsburgh Press", Pittsburgh daily newspaper for November 15, 1962, contained an article reporting the appearance of 36 leaders and rank and file members of the district's biggest racket operations in Federal Court in Pittsburgh, Pa., where they denied gambling and tax violation charges. The group included individuals from Pittsburgh and New Kensington, Pa., and most were reported to be members of the GROSSO numbers operation in Pittsburgh or the [redacted] gang in New Kensington. Following are listed those individuals from Allegheny County: b6 b7C

[redacted]

TONY GROSSO, 49 years of age of 840 Ridgeview Drive, Mt. Lebanon

SAM GROSSO, 43 years of age of 105 Main Entrance Drive, Mt. Lebanon

[redacted] b6 b7C

FRED "FATTY" ALBERT, age 50 of 328 Guenevere Drive

ANN CROSBY, age 42 of 614 Lawson Street

JOSEPH FAZIO, age 52 of 6524 Deems Street

JAMES GILES age 52 of 509 Lincoln Avenue

[redacted]

THOMAS LA MANTIA, age 50 of 735 Doyle Road, Whitehall

[redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] b6 b7C

BERNARD RICCIARDI, age 44 of 1501 Dormont Avenue

JAMES SAVENA, age 49 of 974 Berkshire Avenue

ALBERT SUNNER, age 51, Dallett Road

MEYER SIGAL, age 46 of 414 Dinwiddie Street

NATHAN GRANOFF, age 61 of 5645 Forbes Avenue

ABE RABINOVITZ, age 44 of 3612 Bates Street

CARL SCIRELLO, age 50 of 1808 Wilkins Street

All of the above individuals were scheduled for trial in early 1963.

92-539-57

ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

I) Major Operating Rackets, Graft and Corruption

A. Pittsburgh and Allegheny County Generally

1) Numbers Activity

PG T-30, on April 20, 1962, advised SA [redacted] b6 b7C b7D that following [redacted] numbers establishment on [redacted] came to [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] this informant advised [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

[redacted]

PG T-31, on April 25, 1962, advised SA [redacted] that [redacted] has operated a numbers territory in the [redacted] b6 b7C b7D turned in his action to [redacted] Informant advised that [redacted] operates in competition with [redacted] and it is his understanding that approximately three years ago, [redacted] instructed [redacted] to turn into [redacted] after which [redacted] turned about half of his action into [redacted] and unbeknownst to [redacted] or [redacted] turned the other half into [redacted] According to the informant, [redacted]

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PG T-30, on April 30, 1962, advised SA [redacted] b6 b7C that [redacted] was "worked over" by some of TONY GROSSO's men on Saturday night, [redacted] on the North Side of Pittsburgh and told him about the affair, after which [redacted] became extremely angry and offered to aid in retaliatory measures against GROSSO and his associates. Informant advised it is his opinion that [redacted] is now laying off all his action with [redacted] since [redacted] loaned [redacted] Informant further advised that [redacted] has been laying off his heavy action with [redacted] for some time, and that [redacted] without batting an eye, when actually, the amount of his business does not warrant same.

PG T-32, on April 30, 1962, advised SA [redacted] b6 b7C that TONY GROSSO is getting "cut up" by competitors and is gradually losing portions of his lucrative book, both by cut-throat measures and by the connivances of his own men, such as slipping in phoney plays, etc.

PG T-30, on May 31, 1962, advised SA [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

According to the informant, [redacted] b6 b7C b7D was heard to state that the meeting was held to discuss the numbers situation locally; [redacted] through a man named [redacted] delivery to the Golden Triangle Restaurant and thereafter, to New Kensington, Pa., and that the North Side books such as [redacted] were ordered to book nothing themselves over $5, all such play going to [redacted] who operates the Golden Triangle Restaurant, which was formerly owned by the City Club of New Kensington, was described by informant as a white male, age 33, who is 6'1" tall, has black hair and a fair complexion, and is a sharp dresser. [redacted] partner at the restaurant is alleged to be a girl named [redacted] described as a white female, in her 30's, who is 5'6" tall, weighs 160 lbs., has a large build, and reddish-blonde hair.

On June 4, 1962, this informant advised SA [redacted] that an individual known as [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] continues to refuse to make his turn-ins to [redacted] and continues to turn them in to TONY GROSSO. Informant advised as a result of this, [redacted] are very angry and have discussed turning [redacted] in, possibly to the Internal Revenue Service. Informant advised that [redacted] has a good numbers clientele and in spite of his position [redacted], is worth a considerable amount of money.

PG T-36, on June 6, 1962, advised SA [redacted] that [redacted] and turns in to TONY GROSSO.

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The "Daily News," a daily newspaper of McKeesport, Pa., for September 27, 1962, contained an article reporting the indictment by a Federal Grand Jury of 42 persons, including alleged members of the [redacted] and TONY GROSSO combines. The article reported that the charges in the indictment are failure to purchase Federal Wagering Stamps and evasion of income and excise taxes. Named as members of the GROSSO organization were ANTHONY N. GROSSO, his brother, SAMUEL GROSSO, [redacted] JOSEPH PINO, [redacted] ALBERT SUNNER, FRED ALBERT and [redacted]

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The "Pittsburgh Press" on September 29, 1962, contained an article reporting the arrest of [redacted] with six other persons in a raid on a North Side numbers "joint" where detectives confiscated slips indicating a $3,794 daily play. The raid took place in a three-story brick house at 1615 Orchlee Street on September 28, 1962. The following individuals were arrested with [redacted]

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MARTIN E. TYLER
Age 51
Owner of the residence at
1615 Orchlee Street

[redacted]

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JOSEPH LA FRANCA
Age 48
909 Federal Street

MICHAEL ALAGICH
Age 43
3605 California Avenue

PG T-33 advised SA [redacted] on October 18, 1962, [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] This informant advised that any numbers operator who works with the TONY GROSSO organization lays off bets in excess of $5 with TONY GROSSO and this is usually done by a telephone call to LOcust 1-5797, which is TONY GROSSO's number.

This informant advised that there are four types of numbers play in the Pittsburgh area which are: the new stock number, the old stock number, the early race number and the late race number. Informant advised that the new stock number is obtained from specified digits appearing in the total issue of stocks issued by the New York Stock Exchange, the volume of trading on the Stock Market and the New York bond issues on the New York Stock Exchange. Informant advised that the old stock number is determined from specified digits in the advanced sales on the New York Stock Market, the declines on the New York Stock Market and the unchanged figure published by the New York Stock Market. The early and late race numbers are based on figures taken from the mutuals from the total mutuals of specified races at a particular track determined by the principal numbers operator in the area. For example, if a writer writes for the GROSSO organization, he must use the track selected by TONY GROSSO and this track is subject to change from day to day. The early race number is taken from early races at the designated track and the late race number is determined from a combination of the early races and some of the later races. According to the informant, the odds on numbers in Pittsburgh are 600 to 1, with some exceptions, although there are indications that an organization from New Kensington, Pa., is offering 700 to 1 odds on the North Side of Pittsburgh in order to increase their numbers business. A numbers writer in the Pittsburgh area will stop taking bets at 3 PM and the Market closes at 3:30 PM. The winning number is available to all bookies in the Pittsburgh area at approximately 4 PM and has been received as early as 10 minutes to 4. According to the informant the number is obtained through the use of a service whereby GROSSO gets the winning number at approximately 15 minutes to 4 from an individual at the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. The informant has heard that GROSSO pays the individual at the Post-Gazette $200 a week for the service. After receiving the number, GROSSO relays the information to five or more girls working for him who contact all of GROSSO's bookies and the bookies in turn contact their writers so that most generally the winning number is known throughout the Pittsburgh area by 4:30 PM. According to the informant if a bookie or writer does not receive the winning number by 4 o'clock or 4:10 PM, he can obtain the number by calling EMerson 1-9343.

This informant advised that settlement of accounts between the GROSSO organization and the numbers bookies takes place at pre-determined locations throughout Pittsburgh and usually involves only an exchange of cash with no numbers slips or paraphernalia being involved.

The "Pittsburgh Press" for October 19, 1962, contained an article reporting a raid by Pittsburgh Police on October 18, 1962, on a second-floor room in the 2100 block of Wiley Avenue where police found 2,542 numbers slips, indicating a play of more than $4,000, and $230 in cash. Police found five men at a table counting slips and money, as well as one individual who was acting as a doorman. The following persons were arrested and charged with operating a lottery:

FRANK WATKINS
Age 50
Burrows Street

MAXWELL POWELL
Age 50
3320 Webster Avenue

HERBERT MULDROW
Age 52
2400 block Waring Court

OTIS TURNER
Age 41
Perry Street

OBIE PRINCE
Age 57
Elmont Street
Crafton Heights

ELMER BLAKE
Age 43
2549 Charles Street

On November 7, 1962, this informant advised SA [redacted] that [redacted] recently was observed taking a bet on a number from an individual known as [redacted] who operates [redacted] Informant advised that he has learned that [redacted] and is closely connected with TONY GROSSO and [redacted] According to the informant [redacted] is alleged to be the big boss with GROSS being second man.

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PG T-33 advised on May 1, 1961, that [redacted] at one time had control of the [redacted] where he operated a numbers business; that the TONY GROSSO organization has now taken over the control of the numbers business in the City of Pittsburgh; and that TONY GROSSO is assisted by Assistant Superintendent of Police [redacted] in his control of numbers. This informant advised on February 26, 1962, that at the time Superintendent [redacted] of the Pittsburgh Police Department became Superintendent, [redacted] and GROSSO became partners in the rackets; that due to this connection GROSSO was able to operate freely in Pittsburgh and gain control of the rackets in the downtown Pittsburgh area. Informant further advised that over a short period of time approximately four years ago, GROSSO accumulated a vast amount of money and is believed by informant to be the wealthiest individual in the rackets in Allegheny County, Pa. According to the informant, the "mob" has tried from time to time to force GROSSO out of business, but were unsuccessful due to the relationship which exists between Superintendent [redacted] and GROSSO.

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On February 13, 1962, PG T-51 advised that it is his opinion that the whole area of Allegheny County and adjoining Westmoreland County is syndicated with the exception of the TONY GROSSO operation which is separate; that he feels the only reason GROSSO has not been exposed is because of the presence and protection of Pittsburgh Police Department Assistant Superintendent [redacted] and the Pittsburgh Police Inspectors led by [redacted] who favor "organization" turnover, but are blocked by [redacted]

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PG T-54 advised SA [redacted] on October 31, 1962, that Assistant Superintendent of Police [redacted] is a "cancer" to the Pittsburgh Police Department and that the Pittsburgh Police Department can never be entirely sufficient until something is done about [redacted]. It is the confirmed opinion of this informant that Superintendent [redacted] and TONY GROSSO are actually a partnership rather than merely having a protection arrangement.

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On May 16, 1962, this informant advised Special Agent [redacted] that numbers writers at [redacted] b6 b7C b7D
[redacted] Way only for a period of two weeks when the "heat was on," and they were at that time being turned in to [redacted] at [redacted] Informant further advised that TONY GROSSO is one of the largest numbers writers in the Pittsburgh area.

PG T-31 advised Special Agent [redacted], on April 25, 1962, that the [redacted] b6 b7C b7D
[redacted] are [redacted] and [redacted] that [redacted] is believed to turn in his numbers to [redacted] while [redacted] is believed to turn in his action to TONY GROSSO; that approximately three years ago [redacted] was contacted by [redacted] Chief of Police [redacted] who reportedly told [redacted] to book his numbers action with [redacted] or be put out of business; that [redacted] is alleged to have turned in one-half of his business to [redacted] after that incident, while turning in the balance to [redacted] and that sometime later, when numbers action in [redacted] closed down temporarily, [redacted] allegedly asked [redacted] to take his business elsewhere; and that since that time [redacted] reportedly has turned in all his action to [redacted] This informant advised that [redacted] was arrested at an address on Marigold Street in Munhall in about January, 1962, by Constable [redacted] who was accompanied by [redacted] [redacted] and other officers of the Munhall Police Department, including the Chief of Police, [redacted] Informant advised that it has been rumored that Constable [redacted] received a payment of $1,000.00 from [redacted] to pull the raid on [redacted] that [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] is not known to accept any substantial amount of graft, although he is reported to receive pay-offs for football and baseball pool tickets operations; and that [redacted] is not known to accept any graft whatsoever. The Informant advised that the [redacted] [redacted] accepted graft from anybody engaged in racket activities. b6 b7C b7D

Informant advised that [redacted] is in partners with one [redacted] who runs the only numbers establishment permitted to operate on 8th Avenue which is the main street in Homestead. This informant advised that he is not aware of the amount of action handled by [redacted] although it is believed that [redacted] has a close numbers action of about $8,000.00 a day, which is turned in to the TONY GROSSO numbers bank with 30 per cent being kept for [redacted] who pays his writers and runners 15 or 20 per cent, and also receives half of the bank wins. b6 b7C b7D

This informant also advised that [redacted] b6 b7C b7D is now a former operator who has turned his action over to an unknown person, and that what numbers [redacted] books, he turns in to the TONY GROSSO operation.

PG T-31 advised Special Agent [redacted] on June 7, 1962, that the daily numbers action at the Mesta Machine Company in Homestead amounts to about $2,000.00 a day and is handled by an individual known as [redacted]; that [redacted] turns in his numbers action to [redacted] and that the action at the Mesta Machine Company is done with assistance of plant protection employees, but without the approval of the individual in charge of plant protection, whose name is [redacted] Informant advised that recently one [redacted], who is unemployed and crippled, was arrested for writing numbers out of the Moose Club in Homestead by [redacted] who told [redacted] that he either write "for us" or nobody, as he was going to get arrested everyday. The informant advised that [redacted] was allegedly working for [redacted] was actually protecting and working for the [redacted] "book". According to the informant, former [redacted] had controlled the numbers concession in Homestead between the death of RUFUS JACKSON in 1944 and the ascendancy of [redacted] in the late 1940's; that [redacted] was not as sharp and ruthless as [redacted] and that [redacted] eventually in 1961 brought political pressure against [redacted], having him dismissed as Homestead Borough employee and drew all of the numbers action away from him. This informant advised Special Agent [redacted] on August 13, 1962, that [redacted] returned from the Mayo Clinic approximately two years ago and has been relatively in poor health; that [redacted] numbers action has been gradually turned over to his son, [redacted]; that only a portion of [redacted] numbers action is turned over to the TONY GROSSO operation; that in addition to Homestead Borough's action, [redacted] also gets most of the action out of Braddock, Rankin, Whitaker, Munhall, West Homestead, and West Mifflin; that [redacted], personally takes the day's action from a poolroom at 607 Smith at about 3:30 daily, and carries it to the number bank which functions in three locations, the first being the home of [redacted] the second being the home of [redacted] and the third being at an unknown location; and that [redacted], actually runs the takes, posts the hits and has personal control of the bank.

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PG T-46 advised SA [redacted] on October 18, 1962, that [redacted] is a numbers operator in Duquesne, Pa., and replaced [redacted] who lost out as numbers boss when [redacted] According to the informant, [redacted] has the approval of the [redacted] to operate in Duquesne. Informant advised that the winning number is not available in Duquesne prior to approximately 7:00 PM and no payoffs are made until 11:00 AM the following day. According to the informant, [redacted] who still handles some numbers, turnin to TONY GROSSO in Pittsburgh because they are too small to handle any large hits. The present payoff odds on a winning number in the Duquesne area is 600-1 according to the informant, and both stock numbers and race numbers are used in the area.

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PG T-46 advised SA [redacted] on October 18, 1962, that [redacted], and turns in or lays off with TONY GROSSO and that all numbers writers in McKeesport, turn in to [redacted]

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On 12/31/63, source advised that a negro male named [redacted] formerly of the IRS, discussed how to handle tax problems. ([redacted] former Special Agent, Intelligence Unit, IRS). In conversation with [redacted] said he owed [redacted] He owed [redacted]

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On 1/2/64, source advised that [redacted] owes TONY GROSSO $3,000 and has been paying him at the rate of $200 a week. On 12/29/63, [redacted] made a payment of $200 to GROSSO.

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"The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette and Sun-Telegraph" for January 22, 1962, contained an article by [redacted] concerning gambling in Allegheny County which reported that 173 gamblers have taken out Federal gambling stamps. The numbers racket was described as Allegheny County's biggest illegal industry grossing 48.9 million dollars annually which was identified as more than the total operating income of 46.3 million dollars reported by the Pittsburgh National Bank for 1961. According to the article, the estimate was provided by Assistant District Attorney [redacted] who based his calculation on the GROSSO numbers book records seized in a raid in Bethel Park in March, 1961. These records broke down the gross play from Saturday, March 18, through Friday, March 24, 1962, into figures ranging from $45,282 to $61,656 daily. According to [redacted] estimate, the GROSSO book handled roughly one third of the numbers sold in Allegheny County. The article continued that the GROSSO book has been hit so hard and often that informed sources believe it no longer handles one third of the county volume and more probably handles one sixth. According to the sources, the numbers business lost by GROSSO would have been picked up by other books.

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According to the article, TONY GROSSO, alleged top boss of the GROSSO book, was acquitted in October, 1960, of a charge that he bribed Pittsburgh City Detective [redacted] for racket protection; however, from 1942 through 1952, GROSSO served five separate sentences for lottery convictions.

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A list of numbers books operating in the Pittsburgh area, as obtained from the Pittsburgh Police Department and Allegheny County Assistant District Attorneys [redacted] and [redacted] was set forth in the article as follows:

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In November, 1961, information was received from the Internal Revenue Service to the effect that [redacted] b6 b7C Pittsburgh 19, Pa., was the holder of a current Federal Wagering Tax Stamp and was considered to be a leading gambler. Investigation has disclosed that [redacted] has a record of arrests, [redacted] for six arrests during the period from July, 1947 to November, 1957, for operating a lottery or bookmaking. His record includes three convictions.

PG T-74 advised SA [redacted] b6 b7C on January 17, 1962, that [redacted] formerly wrote numbers on Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, for TONY GROSSO, but left the avenue sometime during 1960. This informant advised that [redacted] books a few numbers, but concentrates primarily on sport pool betting by telephone, and is understood by informant to have one of the biggest phone businesses in the Pittsburgh area.

PG T-65 advised SA [redacted] on February 26, 1962, that TONY GROSSO has an independent numbers operation in the Pittsburgh area and that this has been accomplished over the years due to the fact that [redacted] of the Pittsburgh Police Department became a partner with TONY GROSSO in the rackets when he was first made [redacted] b6 b7C This informant advised that from time to time the "mob" tried to force GROSSO out of business but was unsuccessful due to the relationship which existed between [redacted] and GROSSO; that about in February, 1960, the "mob" made their connection with [redacted] of the Pittsburgh Police Department and shortly after that a racket squad known as the [redacted] Squad was formed which dealt strongly with the rackets in Pittsburgh, with concentration in the GROSSO operations. According to the informant, after a period of time it became obvious that the "mob" could not hurt GROSSO financially due to the amount of money he had accumulated and that [redacted] and [redacted] have gotten together and are presently on speaking terms due to the fact that [redacted] has allegedly convinced GROSSO to turn over some of his action to [redacted] Pa.

On June 3, 1963, PG T-30 advised that [redacted] b6 b7C aka [redacted] Pittsburgh, writes $100 to $150 worth of numbers per day at this bowling alley and turns in to TONY GROSSO.

On June 10, 1963, PG T-103 advised that [redacted] b6 b7C full name unknown, operates both a numbers and horse book in the [redacted] and that numerous books in [redacted] are held by [redacted] Homestead, TONY GROSSO, Pittsburgh, and [redacted]

On June 17, 1963, PG T-37 advised that TONY and SAM GROSSO have the largest action by far in the City of Pittsburgh and take layoff bets of $50, $75 and $100 on a single number. He further advised that [redacted] commonly known as [redacted] b6 b7C operates a numbers bank [redacted] Pittsburgh, and that AL ORNATO works for [redacted] He further advised that [redacted] runs a numbers bank in the South Side section of Pittsburgh and has also been very active in sports bets and crap games; that [redacted] section of Pittsburgh and are not known to be active in anything other than numbers. He also advised that [redacted] accepts bets on baseball games in addition to numbers [redacted] section of Pittsburgh and tries to fix sports bets if he can. He further advised that [redacted] has a numbers operation [redacted] He advised that [redacted] where bets are accepted on numbers, horses and sports events and that [redacted] handles most of the numbers action himself although he does some business with [redacted] and books a great deal of numbers as well as handling baseball bets. He advised that [redacted] and [redacted] have a numbers book [redacted] Pittsburgh area and also handle baseball bets. [redacted] and [redacted] operate a numbers book [redacted] and also handle baseball bets. Their book is backed by [redacted] Other books in the Pittsburgh area are operated by [redacted] and is connected with [redacted] and [redacted] He advised that [redacted] whose correct name is [redacted] operates a small book in Pittsburgh and is strictly a numbers man. [redacted] Pittsburgh area is ultimately an independent numbers operator. [redacted] operates a numbers book in [redacted] and also books bets on horses, baseball and basketball games.

"At the present, Mr. [redacted] and his stooge copy friend [redacted] are in New Mexico or Texas on one of the many trips they taken when there is a little pressure on. His whipping boy to knock things into line is [redacted] His is the No. 2 man in this set up. b6 b7C

"Everytime there is a transfer in the police department this fellow is put in the district where rackets flourish. This has been going on for 15 years.

"No-1 Asst. Supt. [redacted] b6
"No-2 Inspector [redacted] b7C
"No-3 [redacted] - Collector
"No-4 [redacted] - Collector
"No-5 [redacted] - Collector
"No-6 [redacted] - Collector
"No-7 [redacted] - Collector
"No-8 [redacted] - Collector
"No-9 [redacted] - Collector

"There is 3 big rackets men in Pgh. area who control the number racket.

"No. 1 Tony Grosso & Mob--$60,000 Daily
"No. 2 [redacted]--$40,000 Daily
"No. 3 [redacted] & Mob--$25,000 Daily b6 b7C

"[redacted] has made Tony Grosso the number one man in the numbers racket. He did this by forcing the little writer to turn in to the Grosso mob or you were out of business. You would be arrested, then held for court.

"Sam Grosso if convicted will open up the whole mess.

"[redacted] is weak and he already told the former men in charge everything. b6 b7C

"There is a another racket man who books baseball and football his name is [redacted] He can tell you about a $5,000 shakedown in a case he wasn't arrested by [redacted] He is very weak and will talk. b6 b7C

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On 2/4/64, Source advised SA [redacted] that any bets over $10 made in Erie, Pa., and placed with [redacted] or any other numbers operators are laid off to TONY GROSSO, Pittsburgh, Pa.,

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On 9/11/64, source advised that [redacted] conducts most of his numbers business [redacted] Two persons known as [redacted] and [redacted] also known as [redacted] operates a [redacted] where he actively engages in writing numbers, which he turns in to [redacted] who in turn turns in to TONY GROSSO's operation.

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Field Office File #: Pittsburgh 58-154 Bureau File #: 58-5868

Title:

[redacted] aka;
Exc. SPECIAL AGENT, INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, Pittsburgh, PA.

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Character:

BRIBERY

Synopsis:

Detailed sworn signed statement furnished by ANTHONY M. GROSSO, principal Pittsburgh, Pa., numbers bookmaker, states payments of $250 per month made to subject for approximately five consecutive months beginning Summer, 1960, through December, 1960. Payments made for IRS information furnished by subject. Numbers writers and gamblers, Pittsburgh, Pa., area interviewed re knowledge of subject but unable to corroborate information as to payments to subject. [redacted] Carnegie, Pa., convicted of Wagering Tax violation 1963 alleged subject acted improperly causing arrest. No arrest record 4/21/65, FBI Identification Division, Washington, D. C.

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FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 5/6/65

On April 21, 1965, Attorney [redacted] advised that his client, ANTHONY M. GROSSO, was available for interview concerning full details of the statement he had furnished earlier concerning payments to [redacted] and [redacted] On that date, GROSSO furnished extensive information relative to these payments. b6 b7C

On April 23, 1965, GROSSO was contacted by telephone at his home to review and confirm the written statement then in preparation for his signature.

On April 26, 1965, a completed typed statement reflecting the information furnished by GROSSO was furnished to [redacted] for his review and consultation with his client per his request. b6 b7C

On May 6, 1965, Mr. [redacted] advised that he had reviewed this statement in its entirety with ANTHONY M. GROSSO. He said GROSSO agreed that it was correct and true in every detail. He said he had advised Mr. GROSSO that it was his option GROSSO should sign this statement under oath as requested since it was true and was GROSSO's voluntary desire. b6 b7C

On May 6, 1965, ANTHONY M. GROSSO was contacted and furnished this statement. He said he had read it over word for word with his Attorney [redacted] and that he desired to sign this statement as true and correct. b6 b7C

ANTHONY M. GROSSO was then placed under oath by SA [redacted] and signed the following statement in the presence of SAS [redacted] and [redacted] [redacted] b6 b7C

Pittsburgh 58-155

On 5/6/65 at Pittsburgh, Pa. File # Pittsburgh 58-154

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SAS [redacted] Date dictated 5/6/65

by [redacted]

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Pittsburgh, Pa.
May 6, 1965

I, Anthony M. Grosso, having been duly sworn, make the following free and voluntary statement to [redacted], who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have been advised by SA [redacted] that I do not have to furnish any information or statement; and that if I do, such information or statement may be used in a court of law. I have discussed the facts I am furnishing in this statement with my attorney, Mr. [redacted] No threats or promises have been made to me to secure this statement. b6 b7C

I am 51 years of age and reside at 840 Ridgeview Drive, Mount Lebanon, Pa.

During early 1960, exact date unknown, I was at the office of [redacted] CPA, Clark Building, Pittsburgh, for the purpose of preparing my 1959 Personal Income Tax Return. While there, a person whom I now know to be [redacted], IRS Agent, came into [redacted] office apparently on an official metter, in no way related to me. [redacted] introduced us. b6 b7C

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During this conversation, [redacted] stated he "knew the people up the river, and Meyer Sigal." By his statement, I took "people up the river" to mean the [redacted] group at New Kensington, Pa., and I knew at the time Meyer Sigal was engaged in the numbers bookmaking business. b6 b7C

After this, I received six or seven telephone calls at my home from [redacted]. Much of the conversation was social in nature, but on one occasion, [redacted] volunteered information that the Government was getting ready to return indictments which included me. On another occasion, I recall [redacted] told me that the monthly payment of $25,000 being made by [redacted] to IRS in connection with the wagering excise tax, was a wise thing and would keep the IRS away from my operations. b6 b7C

In at least two of these calls from [redacted], he told me in advance of IRS National Raids. He gave me this information free. One call warned me of raids in late April, 1960. As a result, I had word sent out to all packs warning them. I remember this particularly because [redacted] got raided and arrested by IRS even after I had him warned. I remember particularly that he called me at 11:00 AM on the day he was later arrested. I personally warned him about this scheduled raid. From my best recollection, these calls came in the b6 b7C

Spring of 1960. Because the information [redacted] gave about these raids was good, I later agreed to meet with him and [redacted] so that I could pay them. b6 b7C

At an exact date I cannot recall, in what was probably the early Summer of 1960, I received a telephone call from [redacted] who wanted to meet with me. We agreed and did meet on Route 19, South, somewhere in the area of Route 19 and Conner Road near the Howard Johnson Restaurant parking lot. At this time, [redacted] parked his car in that lot and he got in my automobile which I drove. I headed south on Route 19 and drove approximately fifteen miles south, about to the point where The Meadows race track is now. I returned by the same route and [redacted] was in my automobile for about forty-five minutes. During this trip, [redacted] told me that I was to be indicted on IRS information but that the IRS really "had nothing" on me. He said he would keep me informed about this indictment. At the end of this conversation, I voluntarily gave [redacted] $100 which he accepted. This conversation occurred about 3:00-3:30 PM on a weekday. b6 b7C

I was next contacted by [redacted] about one or two weeks later when he called me at my home and asked if I would like to meet with Special Agent [redacted] of the IRS because they ([redacted]) were working together. I told [redacted] that I would do this. We agreed to a meeting to be held on the North Side, across the Manchester Bridge, near the Exhibitors Service Company about 9:00 PM. I drove there in my own automobile, parked and shortly thereafter, [redacted] drove up behind me. I got out of my car, got in their car, I sat in the back seat. [redacted] was driving and [redacted] sat to the right of the driver. [redacted] introduced [redacted] to me for the first time. [redacted] drove in the streets and alleys, between the area where we met and the Woods Run area. [redacted] drove extremely fast which to me indicated he knew the area very well. Because of [redacted] driving and behavior, I believed him to be frightened during this meeting. I cannot give the exact date of this meeting but it was sometime in the month of July or August, 1960. This meeting which lasted

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about twenty minutes was for the purpose of my finding out what they wanted to offer to me. [redacted] b6 b7C advised me jointly that they would make an arrangement where I would get a call from them in advance of IRS National Raids which would be coming off in the Pittsburgh area. I agreed to pay them jointly $500 per month for this information and during this conversation, I handed [redacted] $500 in $20 and $50 bills, which he accepted for both of them. Both [redacted] talked about my upcoming indictment as well as the indictment of my brother, Sam Grosso. I recall that they both told me not to worry as the IRS had no evidence which could convict me. Both [redacted] also told me that they would give me such tips as they could learn that would be helpful to me and that either [redacted] would be making the calls about the raids. This conversation lasted somewhere between 20 and 30 minutes and at the end, they returned me to my automobile parked near the Exhibitors Service Company.

Following this first meeting, I got calls from both [redacted] although more calls were made by [redacted] I recall that in the Fall of 1960, in the beginning the IRS national raids were first about four to six weeks apart and then the period shortened down to about every four weeks. My best recollection is that there were approximately eight IRS national raids during the period I was in regular contact and paying [redacted] We met once each month after this first meeting in the same place, traveled essentially the same route, [redacted] drove in each instance and [redacted] accepted $500 in small bills from me for both of them. On every occasion, both [redacted] and [redacted] were in the automobile.

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My recollection is that I paid these men on at least five occasions consecutively. This would include the month of August, September, October, November and December, 1960. In December, 1960, I gave these two men at our regular monthly meeting an additional $300 extra for a Christmas present which they took. After December, 1960, [redacted] never called me. I reached the conclusion that he didn't because he was frightened of further contact with me. However, [redacted] continued to call. After December, 1960, I never heard from or saw [redacted] again.

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After this, I heard from [redacted] less frequently. b6 b7C My best recollection is that I saw him about two times each in the Summers of 1961, 1962 and 1963. On each occasion after meeting with him, I gave him $100 voluntarily in what for me amounted to a "tip." In each of these instances, the meetings were set up because [redacted] called me and wanted to talk. I got the feeling that he was calling me simply in order to get in a conversation and get $100 out of me. In each instance, the conversation was about the IRS tax case against me and the indictment they had against me. [redacted] always assured me that the IRS did not have a good case and that they would not be able to convict me. On these individual meetings with [redacted] they always were in the Washington Road area of Route 19 in Mount Lebanon and we drove south on Route 19 and back in my automobile.

The information furnished me in telephone calls about national raids planned by the IRS from [redacted] b6 b7C was valuable. My best recollection is that there were about eight of these raids during the time I was in contact with these men and receiving this information. I can point out that any single arrest by the IRS would have cost me a minimum of $1,050 but adding legal expenses would have come to more like an average of $1300 each. On such raids it would not be

unreasonable that the IRS could have averaged ten to thirty arrests of persons in my employ. From this it follows that each raid where I had advanced information, I saved about ten times thirteen hundred dollars or $13,000. In return for this information I was paying about $500. This was a good business agreement for me and had [redacted] b6 b7C insisted, I would have paid them considerably more for the information. They apparently did not realize the value this information had for me and allowed me to set the price at $500 per month.

[redacted] never called me after my trial in U. S. b6 b7C District Court began and I have not seen or talked to [redacted] since prior to my trial in the U.S. District Court, Pittsburgh.

I HAVE READ THIS EIGHT PAGE STATEMENT AND IT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. I HAVE INITIALED ALL CORRECTIONS AND EACH PAGE.

Anthony M. Grosso

Sworn to and subscribed before me on 3/6/65 at Bethel Park, Pa.

Special Agent [redacted] FBI Pgh., Pa. b6 b7C

Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Witness: /s/ [redacted], special agent FBI, Pittsburgh, Pa. 5/6/65

/s/

92-599-152

On April 26,1964, a source advised that in the 1930's, The "Cleveland Mob" or "organization" sent [redacted] into Pittsburgh to operate the numbers racket and to generally set up the Pittsburgh area. [redacted] failed to succeed in this endeavor during the 30's. The result was that the Cleveland "Organization" became unhappy with [redacted] and dismissed him. b6 b7C

[redacted], Braddock, Pa. was then asked by the Cleveland Group to more or less take charge. It was pointed out that the Cleveland Organization has, for many many years, exerted influence over what takes place in the Pittsburgh area in connection with the rackets, exclusive of the numbers racket, which appears to be solidly controlled by ANTHONY GROSSO, who is definitely not a member of the "mob". b6 b7C

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On 11/17/66, PG [redacted] advised that [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

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92-1306-22

On September 4, 1969, the following interview was conducted by SAs [redacted], at the residence of [redacted] Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. [redacted] furnished the following information which he requested to remain confidential: b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] stated when he was employed at [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

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[redacted] advised another financial transaction he was aware of involved [redacted] employed by TONY GROSSO, who at one time needed money. [redacted] approached District Attorney [redacted] and was to receive [redacted] turned over to [redacted] and complained bitterly to [redacted]

[redacted] advised that [redacted] when Chief of Detectives for the county, was very close with TONY GROSSO. In addition, [redacted] a narcotics addict. When [redacted] was brought before [redacted], they were extremely friendly. One thing led to another and [redacted] took [redacted] out for lunch. [redacted] returned alone stating [redacted] (who at this time was a prisoner for the city) would be right along. Shortly, [redacted] returned and under his coat was a trans-oceanic radio, shoplifted by [redacted] apparently at the order of [redacted] was eventually tried and convicted for breaking and entering; however, charges were dropped for narcotics possession.

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[redacted] advised the biggest bookmakers in the county whom he is aware of are as follows:

TONY GROSSO (downtown Pittsburgh)

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On 10/31/69, Detective [redacted] Robbery Squad, Pittsburgh Police Department, advised that he received information from a confidential source who advised that [redacted] was in possession of [redacted] Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He stated that further investigation identified [redacted] as a white male, [redacted] 5'10", 181 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes, Pennsylvania State Police [redacted] He had further determined [redacted] He further determined that [redacted] associates with a fence, [redacted] Pittsburgh, Pa. He further determined that [redacted] is a runner for the well-known numbers figure, TONY GROSSO. He also loafs with another individual known as [redacted] and has a former girlfriend by the name of [redacted] who is employed by the [redacted]

Indices Search Slip
FD-160 (Rev. 10-1-59)

TO: CHIEF CLERK — SecISS

Date: December 2, 1970

Subject: ANTHONY MICHAEL GROSSO

Aliases: TONY

Address	Birth Date	Birthplace	Race	Sex
Virginia Manor Apts., Greentree Rd., Pittsburgh Former: 834 Ridgeview Dr., Pittsburgh	12-13-13		W	[X] Male [ ] Female

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U - Unavailable reference

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GROSSO, ANTHONY MICHAEL 6/69 166-537*
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GROSSO, ANTHONY M. 1/64 ~~51-18*~~

NID JURY PANEL INVESTIGATION.
Not Necessary

GROSSO, ANTHONY M. 5/65 58-154-55 p.2

NID Signed Statement 4/65 OK ~~-17~~ p.2
of Grosso re: Payoffs To IRS AGENTS

GROSSO, ANTHONY M. 1/68 ~~145-0-107~~

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GROSSO, ANTHONY MICHAEL (Book) 9/61 162-178*

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CONFILE Not Pertinent

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~~29, 39, 52~~
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GROSSO, ANTHONY MICHAEL,
AKA.

DOB - 12/13/13

Former Numbers Baron
in Pittsburgh area.

2/58 92-225*

12/61 92-478-~~11, p. 10~~,
~~11, 20, 28, 29~~, 33,
~~34, 35, 36, 42~~, 50,
~~51, 57, 71, 72~~, 73,
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12/62 ~~Not in file.~~

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GROSSO, TONY

Big numbers man,
Mt. Lebanon,
Pgh., Pa.

8/55 OK [redacted]
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3/56 OK
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4/57 OK
4/58 ~~92-246-63, p.45~~ Not Pertinent
~~92-246-161, p.1~~ Name Checked Not Appearing
8/58 ~~71-420-47, p.12~~ Not Necessary
11/58 [redacted]
12/58 ~~92-246-215, p.9, 17, 18, 40, 41, 52, 55, 59~~ Duplicate
1/59 OK [redacted]
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9/63 OK ~~92-539-37~~ p.4, 5, 7, 22, 24, 25, 27, 29, 48, 53, 55, 60, 61, 64, 75 Write up
~~92-464-123, p.~~ Not Pertinent
~~-150, p.~~ Duplicate
OK ~~-453, p.~~ Write up
3/58 ~~92-223-34, p.12, 24~~ Not Necessary
~~92-221-26~~, p.6 Duplicate
~~92-229-27~~, p.8 Not Necessary
8/58 ~~92-223-97~~, p.64 Not Necessary

GROSSO, TONY

TN - Anthony Michael Grosso
Age: 51
840 Ridgeview Drive
Mt. Lebanon, Pa.

1/65 92-539-~~110~~ p.5, 46, 47, 48, ~~53, 73~~ Duplicate
9/65 OK ~~92-478-1357~~ WRITE UP
2/65 ~~92-539-152~~, p.2 WRITE UP
4/64 OK ~~92-539-141~~, p.6 Duplicate
3/64 OK ~~92-478-211~~, pp. 16, 27, 31, 43, 52, 56 Write up
3/64 OK ~~92-539-77~~, pp. 21, 22, 20, 58 Write up
12/62 ~~162-270-30~~ Duplicate
OK ~~92-539-58~~, p. 9 Write up
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3/59 ~~105-0-578~~ WRITE UP
3/58 ~~80-96A~~ DESTROYED
2/58 ~~94-494A~~ DESTROYED

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GROSSO, TONY 12-57 92-225~~8~~

TN: ANTHONY GROSSO, AKA. ~~OK 92-365 3-4-7~~ Write up
Born: 12-13-14 Pgh.,Penna.
Res: 834 Ridge ave.,Mt. Lebanon,Penna.

2/59 ~~92-246-222, p. 62~~ Not Necessary
3-61 ~~92-246~~ 441 p. 2 Write up
10-61 ~~92-478-25~~ Not Necessary
4-61 ~~92-469-115 p. 5~~ Not Necessary
10-61 OK ~~92-478-2~~ Write up

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
MAY 1962 EDITION
GSA FPMR (41 CFR) 101-11.6

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, PITTSBURGH (166-537) DATE: Dec. 10,1970

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FROM : Clerks S.A. [redacted]

SUBJECT: SAMUEL GROSSO aka.,
ITAR-GAMBLING ; IGB

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A review of the Pittsburgh office files reflect the following information concerning SAMUEL GROSSO:

[redacted]

On 9/23/54--PCI advised that [redacted] has been keeping company with the [redacted]

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Informant stated that [redacted] is acting as a procurer for [redacted] who prostitutes herself in the evenings at her residence or at one of the local hotels.

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On 12/17/56, [redacted], advised SA [redacted] that [redacted]

He said that TONY and SAM GROSSO are doing business with [redacted] From said that the GROSSO boys have the reputation for not being gamblers but SAM makes up for all of his brothers. He is the only gambler in the family.

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Capt [redacted], Mt. Lebanon PD advised on 3/12/57, that it is common knowledge among police circles that TONY GROSSO, assisted by [redacted], SAM, [redacted] MIKE and [redacted] have over the years built up the biggest numbers operation in this section of the country. [redacted] pointed out that GROSSO leaves the activities of the organization such as pick-ups, pay-offs, etc. to his brothers and lesser lights of the numbers world.

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

92-225-63

During his interview on January 6, 1958, ANTHONY GROSSO advised that [redacted] Pa., is employed by him [redacted] b6 b7C

During the same interview GROSSO disclaimed having any girlfriends, stating that he "does not run around." He informed that his brother, SAM's, wife is an alcholic and has been institutionalized for that condition. He related SAM has a girlfriend [redacted] GROSSO related that during October, 1957, a bomb was exploded in front of the residence of his brother, SAM, at 260 Shadowlawn, in Mt. Lebanon and that no reason for this bombing has yet been developed. He stated that immediately subsequent to it, he received a series of three telephone calls at his home of an obscene nature and also during which the caller threatened to bomb him. There have been no other developments from the bombing. b6 b7C

[redacted] Mt. Lebanon Police Department, Mt. Lebanon, advised on January 21, 1958, that he is handling the investigation of the bombing that occurred in front of the residence of SAM GROSSO in October, 1957, and that in that connection he has interviewed TONY GROSS on many occasions and has been in his home. He informed that GROSSO freely acknowledged to him that he operated an extensive numbers book and stated to him that his brother, SAM is the principal assistant and they split the money derived from that operation on a 50/50 basis, although he holds back some of SAM's money for him because SAM gambles excessively and unsuccessfully and he tries, by holding some of the money to keep him solvent.

On January 3, 1958, [redacted] an admitted book maker in Pittsburgh, advised SA [redacted] that he is well acquainted with TONY GROSSO and considers him to be the top numbers figure in this area. He stated that TONY GROSSO is more or less of a gentleman among the racketeers and that the only trouble he ever gets into is because of his brother SAM, who is a gambler and when he loses refuses to pay his debts. b6 b7C

During his interview on January 6, 1958, ANTHONY GROSSO stated that at that time his brother SAM owedd a large gambling debt to [redacted] b6 b7C

On January 17, 1958, T-2 reported that TONY GROSSO's [redacted] Pittsburgh, from which store numbers are booked. [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

On January 23, 1958, T-2 stated that [redacted] b6 b7C

The Current Cross Reference Telephone Directory for Pittsburgh lists [redacted] and [redacted] which it may be noted is the address [redacted] b6 b7C

T-2 advised further on January 17, 1958, that a writer by the name of [redacted] not known to informant by any other name, is one of the writers [redacted] b6 b7C

Informant said that he also knows that SAM GROSSO works as a bartender at the Horseshoe Bar which is owned by the GROSSOs and that numbers are booked at this bar.

On January 23, 1958 T-2 called to report that [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

TONY GROSSO
SAM GROSSO

[redacted] b6 b7C

While he was interviewed on January 6, 1958, inquiry was made of GROSSO regarding the possibility that he might be stepping on someones toes with regard to his numbers operation. GROSSO said that he was staying in his own back yard and denied that he ever had conflict with any other numbers operation. GROSSO also said that he has been in the numbers business for several years and from experience he could say that there are no control areas in Pittsburgh as far as gambling is concerned, adding that anyone could book any place in Pittsburgh at any time providing they had sufficient money to cover gambling losses.

With regard to his numbers operation GROSSO indicated that [redacted] are interested in some degree in the numbers operation and also indicated that it is he who makes the decisions and generally supervises the operation. b6 b7C

92-225-97

On March 4,1958, source stated that he is familiar with the downtown operation in Pittsburgh of TONY GROSSO's numbers writers. He said that TONY & SAM head the organization and that any big hits are paid off by them, otherwise, their subordinates conduct the business.

92-246-166

By letter dated 8/6/58, USA PG furnished a list of names and addresses of individuals either presently believed to be engaged in certain activities in violation of Federal Law or persons who are known to have been engaged in such activities at one time and who may remain active.

[redacted] appeared on this list, as did ANTHONY, [redacted], MICHAEL & [redacted]

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92-539-77

On June 17, 1963, PG [redacted] advised that TONY and SAM GROSSO have the largest action by far in the City of Pittsburgh and take layoff bets of $50, $75 and $100 on a single number.

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92-225-97

As of February 12, 1958, the files of the Pittsburgh Police Department reflected that SAM GROSSO had a record under Pgh Police Dept. # 38588 and FBI # 2993926. This record reflects seven arrests for lottery operation between 1939 and 195. He had no further record except a Motor Code violation in 1956. He is a brother of TONY GROSSO.

On March, 4,1958, a source of known reliability, stated that he is familiar with the downtown operation in Pittsburgh of TONY GROSSO'S numbers writers. He said that TONY GROSSO and SAM GROSSO, his xxxx brother, head the organization and that any big hits are paid off by them, otherwise their subordinates conduct the business.

92-225-101

On 4/17/58, TONY GROSSO was interviewed by SAS [redacted] and [redacted] at his car wash located on West Liberty Avenue. [redacted] was present at the car wash at the time of the interview working there as a cashier but she did not take part in the interview. b6 b7C

TONY stated that for 1957 he and [redacted] filed joint income tax returns, claiming $50,000 income and listed [redacted], and his business, the West Liberty Car Wash, as their sources of revenue. He said he also showed income from miscellaneous profits and claimed he did not list the businesses from which these profits were derived but inferred that this particular caption covered his gambling profits. GROSSO said he could not recall just how much of his income he attributed to miscellaneous profits and stated that his bookkeeper had the exact and complete figures which he would make available to this office if they were desired. b6 b7C

GROSSO was asked whether or not he had received any additional communications or threats concerning the recent bombing of his car wash and he stated that since he was interviewed by the FBI the first time, he has not received any sort of communication concerning the bombing. He said that he talked to his brother, SAM GROSSO, about the possibility that SAM, together with such criminals as [redacted] and others, might be trying to shake him for additional money and TONY said his brother SAM said it was ridiculous to even think in this vain. TONY made it clear that he and his brother SAM split everything in the numbers racket 50/50 and, for this reason, he could not see why SAM would have to turn to extortion and bombing to get anything additional from him. TONY stated that he cannot deny that SAM GROSSO is acquainted with [redacted] and remarked that he, himself, is acquainted with [redacted] having served time with him at the Allegheny County Workhouse a few years back. TONY said that whenever he was released from the Workhouse he promised [redacted] that he would try and help to get him out of the Workhouse, which he did without success. b6 b7C

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92-225-247

"The Pittsburgh Press," in an article published in the final edition of March 30, 1959, page one, column one, revealed that a [redacted], was sentenced to the Workhouse the week of March 23, 1959, to a four to eight month term for his roll in robbing a downtown pedestrian. The article continues that on March 30, 1959, [redacted] was brought back into court and put on probation. [redacted] 1614 Westfield St., Beechview, was one of three defendants accused of robbing [redacted] of $44 in a downtown alley. b6 b7C

"The Pittsburgh Post Gazette" in an article appearing in the final edition on February 9, 1960, revealed that two members of the GROSSO numbers mob were sentenced the previous week to begin jail terms and on February 8, 1960, had withdrawn their appeals and had begun serving jail terms. JACK SANDMAN, 46, of Zenobia Drive, Coraopolis, Pa., and [redacted] made a surprise appearance in Criminal Court to cancel their appeals to State Superior Court. SANDMAN entered Allegheny County Workhouse to begin serving a 10 to 28 month sentence. He was also fined $1,000. [redacted] who was fined $500 began a 4 to 23 month sentence in County Jail. b6 b7C

It is noted that JACK SANDMAN died recently while incarcerated.

SANDMAN and [redacted] were sentenced as a result of a raid on the GROSSOS' numbers headquarters in Jefferson Borough, February 19, 1959, the headquarters operation being run at the time by SAM GROSSO, who was also caught and arrested. b6 b7C

On March 4, 1958, T-4, who requested his identity remain confidentail and stated he will not testify at any State or Federal proceeding, advised that TONY GROSSO and his brother, SAM GROSSO, head up the GROSSO numbers writing organization.

It is to be noted that during the interview of TONY GROSSO SA [redacted] on April 17, 1958, stated that he and his brother, SAM, divide all the profits from their numbers running operation on a 50-50 basis. b6 b7C

On February 12, 1958, the files of the Pittsburgh Police Department as checked by SA [redacted] contained a record for SAM GROSSO, Police Department No. 38588, FBI No. 2993926, reflecting 7 arrests for lottery between 1939 and 1951. b6 b7C

TONY GROSSO's identification record indicates his criminal activities first came to the attention of the Police in 1938, when he was arrested for a lottery. In 7 of GROSSO's 8 arrests in 1958, operation of a lottery were involved. At the time of his arrest in 1950, at Mt. Lebanon, the amounts talled from adding machine tapes and numbers slips confiscated from GROSSO's home by Captain [redacted] of the Mt. Lebanon Police Department, were made known by [redacted] to [redacted] Assistant District Attorney of Allegheny County, who, from the records seized, advised that the estimated take from the GROSSO operation from the year, 1950, was at $1,000,000. b6 b7C

On March 4, 1958, T-1, who requested that his identity remain confidential and stated he would not testify at any State or

Federal proceeding, advised that TONY GROSSO and SAM GROSSO, his brother, head the organization and that any big hits are paid off by them. T-1 further advised that at that time the Horseshoe Bar and Grill, Penn Ave., was the headquarters for the operation and at times, facilities of the Conklin Republican Club (CRC) which is on the second floor of the same address, are used. T-1 advised that

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[redacted] T-5 advised that as of June 6, 1956, [redacted] was reported by this informant to be [redacted] of age, had been discharged from the Army in 1944 and has been employed in a sales capacity in the City of Pittsburgh prior to acquiring the business which he had purchased on November 14, 1955, for $2,700 from [redacted]

On March 17, 1959, SAM GROSSO and 12 others were indicted by the Allegheny County Grand Jury in connection with their arrest on February 19, 1959, in a raid in Jefferson Borough.

"The Pittsburgh Post Gazette," final edition, on March 18, 1959, Section 2, page 21, carried an article indicating that Assistant District Attorney [redacted] revealed that the confiscated evidence obtained in the February 19 raid on the GROSSO headquarters indicated the numbers play of about $86,000. Assistant District Attorney [redacted] was quoted as saying the evidence showed that the weekly take

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ANTHONY M. GROSSO - TONY
SAMUEL J. GROSSO - SAM

LIEUTENANTS

* JOSEPH PINO, aka., "POLLOCK" (brother-in-law)

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* FRANK PETRAGLIA

[redacted]

SAMUEL GROSSO

[redacted]

* GEN ATTANASIO
LILLIAN ALBERTS

JOSEPH PINO

[redacted]

[redacted]

FRANK PETRAGLIA

[redacted]

16 [redacted]

* asterisk denotes those individuals in jail or prison at this time.

92-407-103

On 5/1/61, [redacted] Investigator, Intelligence Division, IRS, Pgh. furnished SA [redacted] a list of holders of the Federal Wagering Tax stamps as of this date. b6 b7C

SAM GROSSO, 260 Shadowlawn Drive, Pgh., Pa. appeared on this list.

162-170-13

Pgh letter dated 8/15/61 concerning Numbers books in the Pittsburgh division.

ANTHONY MICHAEL GROSSO--SAMUEL GROSSO BOOK

This is the largest single book in Western Penna. It is comsidered to be an independent book in that it has no connections with the Italian syndicate and that it is locally run and controlled by Pittsburgh people. It operates in the city of Pgh, Beaver County and in the cities of Duquesne, Elizabeth, Carnegie and Mc Kees Rocks. The IRS estimates that there are 1,000 employees in this network who should have wagering tax stamps. This book is estimated to have a daily take of approximately $30,000 with an annual gross of $10,000,000. They pay off a standard 35 cents on a dollar for protection.

work for the GROSSO brothers for $75 a week. [redacted] testified that he was hired by JOSEPH PINO and picked up numbers in the Hill District of Pittsburgh. [redacted] testified that he turned the numbers over to [redacted] SAM GROSSO, [redacted] JACK SANDMAN [redacted] testified that while serving time in the Allegheny County Workhouse for receiving stolen goods he was approached by ALFRED ORNATO who offered him $20 a week if he would not testify against him, ORNATO. b6 b7C

"The Post Gazette and Sun-Telegraph," a daily Pittsburgh newspaper, on March 20, 1961, contained an article reporting that [redacted], a former city detective who is seeking nomination for Sheriff of Allegheny County, said on March 19, 1961, that he was told to stop making numbers arrests after his investigation led to a giant numbers raid in Jefferson Borough, a suburb of Pittsburgh. [redacted] is quoted as saying that he was told to stop making lottery arrests and was thereafter reassigned to a daylight burglary detail after he refused to stop making the numbers arrests. [redacted] is also quoted as stating that he was criticized by his supervisor for making an arrest while walking a beat in that he caught SAM GROSSO, FRANK PETRAGLIA and FRED ALBERTS meeting at Calvary Cemetery in the Squirrel Hill section of Pittsburgh with $30,000 in numbers slips. [redacted] further said that after he refused to agree with Magistrate [redacted] not to hold FRED ALBERTS, he subsequently found himself assigned to walking a nighttime beat on the South Side, at which time he resigned from the police department in protest. [redacted] was further quoted as stating that the politicians in office in Pittsburgh do not want the law enforced against numbers writers; that many numbers writers are not only related to politicians but also make substantial financial contributions to ward politicians and that as a police officer he had a multitude of numbers cases in court where the ward chairman attempted to intercede for the numbers writers. [redacted] stated that when he refused to cooperate he would get in trouble with the front office and was specifically told that he should not object to this because it was practical politics. [redacted] allegedly charged that the only time the law against the rackets in Pittsburgh is enforced is when public opinion compels it before an election. b6 b7C b6 b7C

On October 2, 1962, MRS. [redacted] Secretary, U. S. Attorney's Office, Pittsburgh, made available to SA [redacted] a copy of the charges against ANTHONY M. GROSSO, SAMUEL J. GROSSO, [redacted] and JOSEPH PINO for violations of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 371; Title 26, U. S. Code, Sections 4401, 4411 and 7203. These charges were brought by the Federal Grand Jury at Pittsburgh and indictments returned on September 26, 1962. b6 b7C

The Grand Jury charges that on or about April 28, 1958, up to and including April 10, 1961, in the Western District of Pennsylvania, ANTHONY M. GROSSO, SAMUEL J. GROSSO, [redacted] and JOSEPH PINO, defendants, and [redacted] THOMAS LA MANTIA, [redacted] FRED ALBERT, [redacted] JOSEPH FAZIO, JAMES GILES, JAMES SAVENA, ANN CROSBY, [redacted] BERNARD RICCARDI, [redacted] co-conspiractors but not defendants herein, did unlawfully, wilfully and knowingly combine, conspire, confederate and agree to meet with each other to defraud the U. S. Government by impairing, obstructing and defeating the lawful Governmental function of the Internal Revenue Service of the Treasury Department of the United States in the ascertainment, computation, assessment and collection of revenue, to wit: wagering taxes imposed (1) by Section 4401, Title 26, U. S. Code, tax on wagering; (2) by Section 4411, Title 26, U. S. Code, tax on each person who is liable for tax under Section 4401, Title 26, U.S. Code, and who is engaged in receiving wagers for and on behalf of any person or persons so liable. b6 b7C

The Federal Grand Jury further charges that said unlawful combination, conspiracy, confederation and agreement to be accomplished by means and methods and in the manner following:

1) That during the periods of time heretofore mentioned, in the Western District of Pennsylvania, the defendants, ANTHONY M. GROSSO, SAMUEL J. GROSSO, [redacted] and JOSEPH PINO, were engaged in the business of accepting wagers and were required by law to report and pay taxes upon such wagers so accepted by them in the manner provided by law. b6 b7C

2) It was part of the conspiracy that the defendants and co-conspiractors would conceal and disguise the nature and extent of their wagering operation and the identities of those who were engaged therein.

3) It was a part of said conspiracy that inaccurate and incomplete records would be kept by the defendants in order to conceal from the Treasury Department and the Internal Revenue Service a true and accurate amount of taxable wagers placed with the said defendants.

4) It was a part of the said conspiracy that certain of the defendants and co-conspiractors, in order to cover up and conceal the location and the true scope of the gambling operation conducted, would engage in the business of accepting wagers without first having paid the special occupational tax imposed by Section 4411, Title 26, U. S. Code, required to be paid as a condition precedent to carrying on the said business, and without having registered with the District Director of Internal Revenue as required by Section 4412, Title 26, U. S. Code.

5) It was part of the said conspiracy that the defendants would cause to be made and subscribed false statements and returns to wit: Tax on Wagering, Form 730 and other returns and statements which contained written declarations that it is made under penalties of perjury, which the defendants did not believe to be true as to every material matter.

6) It is further part of said conspiracy that the defendants herein would neglect and fail to pay a substantial portion of the taxes due and payable to the United States upon all of the aforesaid wagers and the defendants herein would attempt to evade and defeat the payment to the United States by the said defendants of the aforesaid taxes in the manner and by the means aforesaid.

A total of thirteen indictments, including 20 persons, were returned on September 26, 1962, by the Federal Grand Jury at Pittsburgh. ANTHONY M. GROSSO is charged in 23 counts, SAMUEL J. GROSSO is charged in 19 counts, JOSEPH PINO is charged in 17 counts and [redacted] is charged in four counts. b6 b7C

The 23 counts against ANTHONY M. GROSSO which individually charge him with wilfully failing to pay the tax on wagers imposed by Section 4401, Title 26, U. S. Code, the total arrived at on the basis of tax due on each individual month on which the Government charges that GROSSO was engaged in the business of accepting wagers, amounts to $68,665.67.

"The Pittsburgh Press," a daily Pittsburgh newspaper, for October 17, 1961, contained an article to the effect that [redacted] made a second "citizen raid" on the night of October 16, 1961, and seized more than 2,000 numbers slips and two adding machines at the home of Mrs. [redacted] was released on $5,000 bond and ordered to appear for a hearing on October 24, 1961. According to the article, [redacted] said [redacted] was working for the GROSSO numbers ring and [redacted] According to [redacted] the 2,000 numbers slips seized in Mrs. [redacted] represented a $6,000 play from Saturday and Monday and represented returns from only a few of the runners employed by the mob.

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PG T-38 advised SA [redacted] on October 18, 1961, that [redacted] a Negro male, was at that time using the abandoned store front at [redacted] as a big turn-in station for the TONY and SAM GROSSO operation. The informant further advised that [redacted]

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PG T-38 advised SA [redacted] on October 30, 1961, that there is definitely a numbers turn-in station [redacted] Pittsburgh and that this station is considered to be one of the biggest of the TONY and SAM GROSSO stations. This informant also advised that a second floor room [redacted]

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PG T-43 on November 24, 1961, advised SA [redacted] b6 b7C that the following numbers banks are frequently moved but as of that time were currently operating at the addresses indicated and are in the opinion of the informant part of the SAM and TONY GROSSO operation:

#5 Arthur St., Second Floor, Hill District, Pittsburgh, Pa.

1010 Pennsylvania Ave.

A house located in the 1700 Block of Manhattan St., in the Manchester Section of Pittsburgh, between Juanita and Columbus Sts., being about the third house on the right approaching Columbus St., and located on the first floor of the house.

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[redacted] was being accounted for.

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On September 18, 1961, [redacted] Assistant District Attorney, Allegheny County, 2106 Law and Finance Building, Pittsburgh, Pa., advised SA [redacted] with the last name of [redacted], who have telephone number [redacted] in the name of [redacted], handle football and baseball pool tickets [redacted] and have been arrested by the Internal Revenue Service in the past. [redacted] stated that he is not positive but has information which leads him to strongly suspect that the [redacted] are connected with ANTHONY and SAM GROSSO in their ticket operation. b6 b7C

"The Pittsburgh Press", Pittsburgh daily newspaper for November 15, 1962, contained an article reporting the appearance of 36 leaders and rank and file members of the district's biggest racket operations in Federal Court in Pittsburgh, Pa., where they denied gambling and tax violation charges. The group included individuals from Pittsburgh and New Kensington, Pa., and most were reported to be members of the GROSSO numbers operation in Pittsburgh or the [redacted] Following are listed those individuals from Allegheny County:

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TONY GROSSO, 49 years of age of 840 Ridgeview Drive, Mt. Lebanon

SAM GROSSO, 43 years of age of 105 Main Entrance Drive, Mt. Lebanon

JENNIE GROSSO, also known as Mrs. SAM GROSSO, 105 Main Entrance Drive, Mt. Lebanon

FRED "FATTY" ALBERT, age 50 of 328 Guenevere Drive

ANN CROSBY, age 42 of 614 Lawson Street

JOSEPH FAZIO, age 52 of 6524 Deems Street

JAMES GILES age 52 of 509 Lincoln Avenue

JOSEPH PINO age 39 of 705 South Crest Drive

[redacted]

THOMAS LA MANTIA, age 50 of 4735 Doyle Road, Whitehall

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BERNARD RICCIARDI, age 44 of 1501 Dormont Avenue

JAMES SAVENA, age 49 of 974 Berkshire Avenue

ALBERT SUNNER, age 51, Dallett Road

MEYER SIGAL, age 46 of 414 Dinwiddie Street

NATHAN GRANOFF, age 61 of 5645 Forbes Avenue

ABE RABINOVITZ, age 44 of 3612 Bates Street

CARL SCIRELLO, age 50 of 1808 Wilkins Street

All of the above individuals were scheduled for trial in early 1963.

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/7/65

SAM GROSSO, 105 Main Entrance Drive, Pittsburgh 36, Pa., was advised that it was desired he be interviewed concerning allegations of bribery and/or misconduct of Federal Officers including [redacted] b6 b7C Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Agents. He consented to interview. The interviewing agents identified themselves to GROSSO. SA [redacted], advised him of his right to consult an attorney; that he did not have to make a statement; that any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law. No threats or promises were made to GROSSO to induce him to make a statement.

After being duly sworn by SA [redacted] b6 b7C GROSSO advised he had never met or talked to either [redacted] on one occasion about a year or so ago, someone pointed out [redacted] to him at the Meadows, a harness racing track at Washington, Pa., but he did not talk to him.

SAM GROSSO said he recalled that about five years ago, his brother, TONY, told him that he had made contact with and IRS Agent named [redacted] and was paying him $500 a month for information. SAM said that TONY mentioned this to him as they were partners in the numbers bookmaking business and, of course, shared the costs in such protection payments. SAM GROSSO said he was unable to place the exact time specifically. He said that in those days, it was customary for his brother, TONY, to put in slips for showing expenses for such things as protection but that such slips were not retained and have long since been destroyed. b6 b7C

On 5/6/65 at Pittsburgh, Pa. File # Pittsburgh 58-155
Pittsburgh 58-154

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by SAS [redacted] / jak Date dictated 5/7/65

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Physical Description of SAMUEL GROSSO as obtained from information in Files:

SAMUEL GROSSO aka. "Sam" , "The Unlucky"

White, Male
[redacted]
FBI # 2993926

[redacted] b6 b7C

Father: CARMINE GROSSO (deceased)
Mother: STEFFANNIA RULLO GROSSO
Voelkel Ave., Dormont, Pa.
Brothers: ANTHONY VICHAEL GROSSO
840 Ridgeview Drive, Mt. Leb.
FBI # 2998225

MICHAEL VINCENT GROSSO
Bigelow Apartments--Pgh., Pa.
FBI # 2990951

[redacted] b6 b7C

Residence: 105 Main Entrance Drive
Mt. Lebanon, Pa.

Business: TERRACE LANES, INC.
(Bowling Alley)
1796 N. Highland Ave.
Bethel Park, Pa.

[redacted] b6 b7C

SECRETARY--SAM GROSSO (1965)

Indices Search Slip
FD-160 (Rev. 10-1-59)

TO: CHIEF CLERK

Date: December 2, 1970

Subject: SAMUEL GROSSO SEE 155

Aliases: SAM SAMMY

Address	Birth Date	Birthplace	Race	Sex
105 Main Entrance Dr., Mt. Lebanon Pittsburgh, Pa	Age 43		W	[X] Male [ ] Female

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File Review Symbols
I - Identical
NI - Not identical
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GROSSO, SAM 4/59 92-225-182
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GROSSO, SAM 12/62 162-270-30

Age, 43
105 Main Entrance Dr., 9-63 92-539-58, pg 9
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With brother,
TONY, had largest
numbers action in
City of Pittsburgh.

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105 Main Entrance Dr.,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

GROSSO, SAMUEL 3-55 ~~58-0-12 ap.8~~

NID

Not Necessary

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92-225-108,p.5

260 Shadowlawn Dr.,
Pgh., Pa.

6/61 92-407-103

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GROSSO, SAM 2/59 ~~92-172-935~~ destroyed

age 40

GROSSO, SAMUEL (Book) 9/61 162-178*

Pittsburgh, Pa.

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28,29,33,34,35,
36,77

Controls entire
numbers business in
Pittsburgh area.

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GROSSO, SAMUEL J. 12/66 ~~*92-407-Sub2-33~~
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GROSSO, SAM

5-53	~~94-172-278b.97~~ - destroyed
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2-55	~~94-172-345~~ - destroyed
12-56	94-172-SubJ-18 Not Necessary Grand Jury Charge
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

J. Edgar Hoover, Director.

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD Pgh Pa	Anthony Grasse #37856	11-26-38	OL	$25 & C
Allegheny Co Det Bu Pittsburgh Pa	Tony Grosso #13777	9-17-42	Opr lott	3-12-43 plea 4 to 8 mos WH
Allegheny Co Jail Pgh Pa	Tony Grosso #38026	not given FP 3-12-43	Lott	4-8 mos WH
Allegheny Co WH Blawnox Pa	Tony Grossi #57577	5-15-43	Lott	4-8 mos 5-15-43 4-8 mos served 2 mos disch. 7-15-43 by par
Allegheny Co Det Bur Pgh Pa	Tony Grosso #13777	✓10-15-48	Opr Lott (2) & PERJURY (1)	1/23/50 DEMURRER SUSTAINED,
AlleghCo Det Bu Pgh Pa	Tony Grosso #13777	✓2-21-51	O.L.	2/26/51 6 to 12 months Workhouse $500 Fine & costs
Allegheny Co Det Bu Pgh Pa	Tony Grosso #13777	✓3-12-51	Lott	~~held for court~~ UNAVAILABLE
Alleg Co Det Bu Pgh Pa	Tony Grosso #13777	4-26-51	Lott	6 mos to 1 yr Alleg Co WH
SP&I Greensburg Pa	Anthony Grossie #A-034069	10-29-51	Opr a Lott	11-1-51 disch
Allegheny Co WH Blawnox Pa	Anthony Grosso #71635	3-1-52	Lott	6-12 mos
Ident Div Allegheny Co Det Bu Pgh Pa	Tony Grosso #13777	✓12-12-52	Opr Lott and conspiracy to operate Lo HERY	12/17/53 DEMURRER SUSTAINED
Ident Div Allegheny Co Det Bu Pgh Pa	Tony Grosso #13777	12-15-52	Opr Lott (Crt)	12-23-52 prob rev trans to WH
SO Miami Fla	Anthony Grosso #188 841	12-12-55	susp: B & E & vag. 166-537	released 12-13-55

4 FD-10's and 1 R-84 submitted 1/29/61.

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Director

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD Pgh Pa	Anthony Michael Grosso #37856	2-28-58	bribery of Pol Off	NG pay costs 9-28-60 on chg of bribery NG 11-18-58
PD Pgh Pa	Anthony M. Grosso #37856	3-15-58	consp to bribes, obst justice OL & consp to OL	NG pay costs 9-28-60 on chg of consp to bribe & consp to OL
USM Pittsburgh Pa	Anthony Michael Grosso #623-908	10-17-62	Viol of ... Internal Revenue Laws (wagering tax)	Found GUILTY Fed Court 3/9/64 Sentenced to 9 YEARS PRISON. FINE $191 000,00 plus Costs. JAILED. SAME DAY. FREED 3/16/64 on APPEAL. 1/29/68 JUDGEMENT REVERSED BY SUPREME COURT.
Allegheny Co Det Bu Pgh Pa	Anthony Grosso #13777 CONSOLIDATION	3-7-64	vio of Internal Revenue Laws	

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	FLASH BY BUREAU: Anthony Grosso, was., Antonio Grosso; Anthony Grasse, Tony Grasse, Joe Russo, Tony Grassi, Tony Grosso, Anthony Grossie, Joseph Moro If any information or inquiry received notify BFD Pgh their file #92-225 per inf rec 1-13-58 FLASH CANCELLED: Inf rec BFD Pittsburgh 9-9-58.			
	FLASH BY BUREAU: If any info or inq rec notify BFD Pittsburgh their file [redacted] inf rec 3-7-66 FLASH CANCELLED inf rec 10-30-68.			

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 2/2/71

Mr. [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] County Office Building, Pittsburgh, advised that a review of his file, #65-L-166, reflects [redacted] and

[redacted]

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On 1/30/71 at Pittsburgh, Pa. File # Pittsburgh 166-537

by SA [redacted] Date dictated 2/2/71 b6 b7C

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on January 13, 1971, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania: b6 b7C

2. [redacted] b6 b7C

Mrs. [redacted] a review of her files reflects an account for [redacted] however, [redacted] has had no credit experience.

[redacted] Identification Section, Pittsburgh Police Department, advised that a review of his files reflects that [redacted] also known as [redacted] and [redacted] has a record with that department under number [redacted] He was arrested on March 17, 1961, by the Pittsburgh Police Department for operating a lottery, and on January 18, 1962, he received a $350 fine and was ordered to pay costs of prosecution. He was arrested on May 27, 1947, by the Pittsburgh Police Department for lottery, and on October 30, 1947, this case was dismissed. He was also arrested on July 30, 1948, by the Pittsburgh Police Department for lottery, and on January 20, 1949, was found not guilty. b6 b7C

He is described as a white male, [redacted], at Pittsburgh, Pa., is 5'10" tall, weighs 191 pounds, has brown hair, hazel eyes, stocky build and a dark complexion. His occupation was listed as a [redacted] His former addresses were listed as: [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] furnished a photograph of [redacted] dated March 17, 1961. b6 b7C

On January 1, 1971, the following criminal record of [redacted] also known as [redacted], was received from the Identification Section of the FBI under [redacted] b6 b7C

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
				b6 b7C
Allegheny Co. Det. Bur Pgh, Pa.		1-10-47	Lottery Numbers	
PD, Pgh., Pa.		5-28-47	Lottery	10-30-47 case dism. on chg. of opr.lottery
PD Pgh., Pa.		7-30-48	lottery	1-20-49 not glty
PD Pgh Pa		3-17-61	O.L.	$350 fine & costs
Allegheny Co Det Bu Pgh Pa		1-23-64	traff in lottery VUFA	
SOS Army		appl FP 2-20-43		
Army		5-6-43 Pgh Pa.		

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3. [redacted] b6 b7C

Mrs. [redacted] supra, advised that a review of her files reflects that [redacted]

[redacted] supra, advised a review of his files failed to reflect a criminal record for [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted], Identification Section, Allegheny County Detective Bureau advised that a review of her files failed to reflect a criminal record for [redacted].

[redacted], City-County Building, Pittsburgh, Pa., advised he could locate no voting record for [redacted] b6 b7C

4. FRANK PETRAGLIA

[redacted] supra, advised from a review of her files that FRANK PETRAGLIA, also known as FRANK PETROLIO, Allegheny County Detective Bureau No. 99298, formerly resided at 141 Sycamore Street in 1961. He is described as a white male, born March 18, 1912, at Pittsburgh, Pa., 5'4½" in height, weighs 160 pounds, has brown hair, brown eyes, heavy build and fair complexion. Mrs. [redacted] furnished the following arrest record for PETRAGLIA under Pennsylvania State Police No. 271538: b6 b7C

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PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE
BUREAU OF CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

COL. [redacted]
COMMISSIONER

CAPT. [redacted]
DIRECTOR

THE FOLLOWING IS A TRANSCRIPT OF THE COMPLETE RECORD APPEARING IN THE FILES OF OUR IDENTIFICATION

CONCERNING OUR BUREAU NUMBER 271538 WHICH NUMBER SHOULD BE QUOTED IN FUTURE CORRESPONDENCE AND

ANY DISPOSITION SUBMITTED [redacted]

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD, Pittsburgh,Pa.	Frank Petrolio #27702	4-10-40	Lottery	90 days and
PD, Pittsburgh, Pa.	Frank Petraglia #27702	11-5-49	Lottery	Not Guilty
PD,Pittsburgh, Penna.	Frank Petrolio #27702	3-8-55	Oper. Lottery	Not Guilty
PD, Pittsburgh,Penna.	Frank Petraglia #27702	11-27-59	O.L. & Susp.	
Allegh. Co. Det. Bur. Pittsburgh, Penna. #99298	Frank Petraglia #--, Det. Bur. Pittsburgh, Penna.	5-10-61	Lottery, Conspiracy, Operation	Comm. to ... default of ... bond, bail ... rel. 5-10-61
Allegh. Co. Workhouse Blawnox, Penna.	Frank Petraglia #85146	5-19-61	Lottery-Lottery	6-12 mos. A. 11-23 mos. A.
Allegh. Co. Workhouse Blawnox, Penna.	Frank Petraglia, #85252	4-26-62	Oper. Lottery	6-12 mos.

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On January 7, 1971, the following criminal record was received from the Identification Division of the FBI for FRANK PETRAGLIA, also known as FRANK PETROLIO, under FBI No. 311 437 A:

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD Pgh Pa	Frank Petrolio #27702	4-10-40	lottery	$50 &costs
PD Pgh Pa	Frank Petraglia #27702	11-5-49	lottery	9-20-50 not guilty
PD Pgh Pa	Frank Petrolio #27702	3-8-55	oper lottery	not glty 12-21-55 on chg of lott
PD Pgh Pa	Frank Petraglia #27702	11-27-59	OL & Consp	$500 F & 11 to 23 mos W.H. 5-9-61
Allegheny Co Det Bu Pgh Pa	Frank Petraglia #99298	5-10-61	conspiracy & operation lottery	See Supplement
Alleg Co WH Blawnox Pa	Frank Petraglia #85146	5-12-61 5-12-61	lottery lottery	6 to 12 mos AF 11 to 23 mos A 4-26-62 Disch C Par on chg of C Lott.--Recommit ted.
Alleg Co WH Blawnox Pa	Frank Petraglia #36252	4-26-62	Op Lott	6-12 mos

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	#99298			found guilty by Jury Deft committed to Jail in Default of New Bail Bond of $10,000. Pending Motion for New Trial bail posted rel 5-10-61.

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5. [redacted] b6 b7C

Mrs. [redacted] supra, advised a review of her files failed to reflect a credit record for [redacted]

[redacted], supra, advised a review of her files failed to reflect a criminal record for [redacted] b6 b7C
[redacted], supra, advised a review of his files failed to reflect a criminal record for [redacted]

6. ANTHONY MICHAEL GROSSO

On January 26, 1971, the following criminal record, under FBI #2-998-225, for ANTHONY MICHAEL GROSSO was furnished by the Identification Division of the FBI:

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD Pgh Pa	Anthony Grasse #37856	11-26-38	OL	$25 & C
Allegheny Co Det Bu Pittsburgh Pa	Tony Grosso #13777	9-17-42	Opr lott	3-12-43 plea 4 to 8 mos WH
Allegheny Co Jail Pgh Pa	Tony Grosso #38026	not given FP 3-12-43	Lott	4-8 mos WH
Allegheny Co WH Blawnox Pa	Tony Grossi #57577	5-15-43	Lott	4-8 mos 5-15-43 4-8 mos served 2 mos disch. 7-15-43 by par
Allegheny Co Det Bur Pgh Pa	Tony Grosso #13777	✓ 10-15-48	Opr Lott	
AllegCo Det Bu Pgh Pa	Tony Grosso #13777	✓ 2-21-51	O.L.	
Allegheny Co Det Bu Pgh Pa	Tony Grosso #13777	✓ 3-12-51	Lott	held for court
Alleg Co Det Bu Pgh Pa	Tony Grosso #13777	4-26-51	Lott	6 mos to 1 yr Alleg Co WH
SPol Greensburg Pa	Anthony Grossie #A-834069	10-29-51	Opr a Lott	11-1-51 disch
Allegheny Co WH Blawnox Pa	Anthony Grosso #71635	3-1-52	Lott	6-12 mos
Ident Div Allegheny Co Det Bu Pgh Pa	Tony Grosso #13777	✓ 12-12-52	Opr Lott	
Ident Div Allegheny Co Det Bu Pgh Pa	Tony Grosso #13777	12-15-52	Opr Lott (Crt)	12-23-52 prob rev trans to WH
SO Miami Fla	Anthony Grosso #188 841	12-12-55	susp: B & E & vag 166-537	released 12-13-55

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD Pgh Pa	Anthony Michael Grosso #37856	2-28-58	bribery of Pol Off	NG pay costs 9-28-60 on chg of bribery
PD Pgh Pa	Anthony M. Grosso #37856	3-15-58	consp to bribes, obst justice OL & consp to OL	NG 11-18-58 NG pay costs 9-28-60 on chg of consp to bribe & consp to OL
USM Pittsburgh Pa	Anthony Michael Grosso #623-908	10-17-62	Viol of Internal Revenue Laws (wagering tax)	Found GUILTY Fed Court 3/9/64 Sentenced to 9 YEARS PRISON FINE #191,000.00 plus Costs. JAILED. SAME DAY. FREED 3/16/64 on APPEAL. 1/29/68 JUDGMENT REVERSED BY SUPREME COURT.
Allegheny Co Det Bu gh Pa	Anthony Grosso #13777 CONSOLIDATION	3-7-64	vio of Internal Revenue Laws	

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7. SAMUEL JAMES GROSSO

On February 9, 1971, the criminal record of SAMUEL JAMES GROSSO, FBI #2-993-926, was furnished by the Identification Division of the FBI:

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD, Pittsburgh, Pa.	Sam Grosso #38588	3-27-39	lottery	1 yr. prob.
Allegheny Co. Det. Bu., Pittsburgh, Pa.	Samuel Grossi #13781	9-17-42	opr. lottery	3-12-43, plea 4 to 8 mos. WH.
Alleg. Co. Jail Pittsburgh, Pa.	Sam Grosso #38027	3-12-43	lottery	4-8 mos. WH
Alleg. Co. WH Blamnox, Pa.	Sam Grossi, #57320	3-13-43	lottery	4-8 mos. served 4 months disch. 7-10-43 by parole.
U.S. Naval Recruiting Station, Pittsburgh, Pa.	Sam James Grosso #---	applicant 8-10-43		
Allegheny Co. Detective Bu., Pittsburgh, Pa.	Samuel Grosso #13781	✓ 10-18-45	lottery	
Allegheny Co. Det. Bu., Pittsburgh, Pa.	Sam Grosso #J-48192	3-15-46	oper. lottery	6 mos. to 1 yr. Allegheny Co. Jail 8-8-46 par bal max term
Allegheny Co Det Bur., Pittsburgh, Pa.	Samuel Grosso #13781	✓ 10-15-48	Lottery and Perjury	pending
Allegheny Co. Det Bu Pittsburgh Pa	Sam. Grosso #13781	3-12-51	Lottery	6 to 12 mos A. C.W. & $500 fin
Allegheny Co WH Blawnox Pa	Sam Grosso #69783	3-13-51	lot	6-12 mos discharged 9-10-51 by cour served 6 mos

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
SPol Greensburg Pa	Sam James Grosso #A-33231	3-5-51	operating lottery	not guilty
Allegheny Co Det Bu Pittsburgh Pa	Samuel James Grosso #13781	4-16-56	VMC 620-F, 1025a	
Allegheny Co Det Bu Pgh Pa	Samuel James Grosso #13781	2-19-59	oper a lottery	
PD Pgh Pa	Sam Grosso #38588	4-20-59	OL & consp	$500 F & 4-8 mos @ exp of sent on WSP arrest dated 2-19-59 9-24-59
PD Pgh Pa	Samuel Grosso #PGH 38588	11-27-59	O.L. & consp	
WCD&CC Pgh Pa	Sam Grosso #C-6025	3-14-61	operating lottery consp to/oper lott	16 to 32 mos
USM Pittsburgh Pa	Samuel James Grosso #623-898	10-11-62	viol Int Rev Laws (Wagering Act)	3-11-64 3 yrs on 5 yrs prob fine on chg of Wagering Tax 26:371 4401 4411

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8. [redacted]

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On February 9, 1971, the criminal record of [redacted] was furnished by the Identification Division of the FBI:

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
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Allegheny Co Det Bu Pgh Pa		2-19-59	oper lottery	
Alleg Co WH Blawnox Pa		6-5-61	OP lottery	6 mos to 1 yr AP disc 10-6-61 Co Par served 4 mos
SM Pittsburgh Pa		10-11-62	vio Int Rev Laws- wagering tax	3-11-64 1 yr s 1 yr prob & fi on chg of Wagering Tax 26:7203

9. [redacted] b6 b7C

On January 22, 1971, the criminal record of [redacted] was furnished by the Identification Division of the FBI:

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD Pittsburgh Pa	[redacted]	12-11-40	Oper lottery	Disch b6 b7C
Allegheny Co Det Bu Pgh Pa		4-26-46	Lottery	PG sent susp pay costs
Allegheny Co Det Bu Pgh Pa		3-23-69	KGH	Demurrer sustained
PD Newport Ky		10-29-69	Gambling	dism
SPol Washington Pa		8-24-70	lotteries	

10. [redacted]

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Allegheny Co Det Bu Pgh Pa	[redacted]	4-4-49	Oper Lottery	b6 b7C
Allegheny Co Det Bu Pgh Pa		3-20-53	OL	
Allegheny Co Det Bu Pgh Pa		1-6-54	OL	
Allegheny Co Det Bu Pgh Pa		1-29-54	lottery	3 to 6 mos in Co WH
Allegheny Co WH Dlamnox Pa		1-30-54	lottery	3-6 mos 3-15-54 disch by Crt served 1 mo 15 das
Allegheny Co Det Bu Pgh Pa		8-4-54	OL	
SPol Washington Pa		8-24-70	lotteries	9-17-70 disch at the JP's office

11. [redacted]

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD Pittsburgh Pa		3-8-62	oper lott	$500 & costs
Allegheny Co Det Bu Pgh Pa		3-9-67	traff in lott 602	
SPol Washington Pa		6-27-68	lottery	

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12. [redacted]

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	[redacted]			b6 b7C
PD Aliquippa Pa		5-26-35	S.P.	rel.
PD Pgh Pa		5-23-38	larc of auto	10-24-38 Sent Morganza
PD Pgh Pa		7-22-38	robbery	10-17-38 Not Guilty
USM Pgh Pa		9-14-38	Int Rev Liquor	1-8-40 Nolle Pros
Alcohol Tax Unit Bu of Int Rev Pgh Pa		9-14-38	Viol Int Rev Laws	1-8-40 Order approving entry of Nolle Pros
SPol Morristown NJ		6-15-43	Breaking Entering and larceny	
St Motor Pol Harrisburg Pa #--		6-15-43	breaking entering and larceny	
Warren Co Jail Belvidere NJ		6-16-43	GL	
Allegheny Co Jail Pgh Pa		10-25-43	vio Motor Code 620-d	$100 and 15 d 10-25-43 rel and costs pd
Allegheny Co Det Bu Pgh Pa		4-18-45	lottery	
Allegheny Co Det Bu Pgh Pa		5-16-45	lottery	166-537 30 to 60 days jail 6-14-45 par bail mand to

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
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PD, Pittsburgh, Pa		1-12-48	auto burg.	5-13-48, case dism.
Cr. Det. Bur., Pittsburgh, Pa.		1-20-48	burg.	
PD, Pgh., Pa.		1-29-49	lottery	10-7-49 not [illegible]
Allegheny Co Det Bu Pgh Pa		1-10-53	O.L. & consp	
PD Pgh Pa		9-12-55	lot	1-30-57 $200 F costs
PD Pgh Pa		1-17-64	OL	disch 1-20-64
PD Pgh Pa		1-12-65	Operating Lottery	dism 2-16-65
PD Pgh Pa		6-8-65	OL	dism 9-16-65
PD Pgh Pa		4-21-66	oper lott	dem sust
PD Pgh Pa		3-24-70	OL-bookmaking	NG on chg of OL

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On February 9, 1971, the criminal record of [redacted] was furnished by the Identification Division of the FBI:

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
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PD Pgh Pa	[redacted]	10-11-57	operating lottery	$500 F & C or 60 to 120 das ACWH 9-11-58
Allegheny Co Det Bu Pgh Pa		FP 9-11-58	lottery	6-$500 fine & costs
Allegheny Co Det Bu Pgh Pa		2-19-59	oper lottery	
PD Pgh Pa		4-20-59	OL & Conspiricy	$500 & 2 to 4 mos WH 9-24-59
Allegheny Co Det Bu Pgh Pa		2-2-60	lott-conspiracy	sent 12 mos to 16 mos Weatern SPen
PD Pgh Pa		5-27-60	OL	$500 F & C
Alleg Co WH Blawnox Pa		6-28-60	conspiring to violate lottery laws	12 to 28 mos dis 6-28-61 St Parole to Warrant served 1 yr.
Allegheny Co Det Det Bu Pgh Pa		10-4-60	material witness	

14. [redacted] b6 b7C

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at Pittsburgh, Pa.:

On January 13, 1971, Miss [redacted] advised from a review of her files that [redacted] had a credit record in their files since 1962 and was last checked on August 5, 1969. [redacted] and their credit rating is satisfactory.

On January 13, 1971, the following advised from a review of their files that they could locate no criminal record for [redacted]: b6 b7C

[redacted] Identification Officer, Allegheny County Detective Bureau, Pittsburgh

[redacted] Acting Chief, Identification Section, Pittsburgh Police Department.

15. JOSEPH EDWARD FERRARO

The following investigation was conducted by IC [redacted] at Pittsburgh, Pa.: b6 b7C

On February 2, 1971, Miss [redacted] advised from a review of her files that JOSEPH E. FERRARO, 5418 Gibson Road, Gibsonia, Pa., [redacted] has had a credit record with them since August, 1962, and was last checked in 1967. FERRARO lists his employment as part owner of Ferraro Roofing Co., 5356 William Penn Highway, Gibsonia, Pa. He has been employed there since 1960 and has resided at his current address since 1955. FERRARO lists his date of birth as November 9, 1909. He has a satisfactory credit rating.

On February 2, 1971, [redacted] Identification Section, Allegheny County Detective Bureau, advised that b6 b7C

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JOSEPH EDWARD FERRARO, Allegheny County Detective Bureau Arrest #81223, who gave an address in 1954 of 6615 Shetland Ave., Pittsburgh, has the following arrest record under FBI #178105:

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Director.

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD Cleveland, O.	Joseph E. Ferraro #30418	12-14-27	fug. from justice	
PD Pittsburgh, Pa.	Joseph Ferraro #17396	12-14-27	murder and stick-ups	
Allegheny Co. WH Blawnox, Pa.	Jos. Ferraro #14176	10-13-28	murder	2-4 yrs.
PD Pittsburgh, Pa.	Joseph Edward Ferraro #17396	10-28-31	susp. person	
Commanding General Services of Supply U. S. Army Wash., D.C.	Joseph E. Ferraro #26 USA	Applicant for Laborer rolling dept.) 8-6-42		
PD Pgh Pa.	Joseph Edward Ferraro #17396	1-27-54	lott	
PD Pgh Pa.	Joseph Edward Ferraro #17396	9-16-54	R.S.G.	
Allegheny Co Det Bu Pgh Pa.	Joseph Edward Ferraro #81223	9-16-54	RSG	1-5-55 guilty 1 yr prob pay
Prob Butler Pa	Joseph Edward Ferraro 61-B-4939	12-9-63	Setting up and Conducting a Lottery	

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U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE : 1963 O—684497

FERRARO is described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	November 25, 1910
Place of Birth	Pittsburgh, Pa.
Height	5'7"
Weight	200 lbs.
Hair	Dark brown
Eyes	Brown
Build	Heavy
Complexion	Ruddy

Mrs. [redacted] furnished a photograph of FERRARO taken January 5, 1955. b6 b7C

On January 2, 1971, [redacted] Pittsburgh Police Department, furnished the following information concerning JOSEPH EDWARD FERRARO, Pittsburgh Police Department #17396:

Arrested December 14, 1927, by the Pittsburgh Police Department for murder and stick-up, received 2-15 years in Workhouse.

Arrested January 27, 1954, by the Pittsburgh Police Department for operating a lottery, ignored by grand jury.

Arrested September 16, 1954, by the Pittsburgh Police Department, receiving stolen goods, and received one year probation.

Arrested December 9, 1963, by the Pennsylvania State Police, Butler, Pa., for setting up and conducting a lottery.

FERRARO is described as follows:

Name	JOSEPH EDWARD FERRARO
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	November 25, 1910
Place of Birth	Pittsburgh, Pa.
Height	5'6½"
Weight	207 lbs.
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Build	Medium-stout
Complexion	Sallow
Addresses	6615 Shetland Ave., Pittsburgh; 5418 Gibson Road, Gibsonia (1963)

FBI No. 178 105

Mr. [redacted] furnished a photograph of FERRARO taken January 28, 1954, by the Pittsburgh Police Department. b6 b7C

16. [redacted] b6 b7C

On February 11, 1971, [redacted] which covers Clairton, Pa., advised that [redacted] Their credit was last checked July 3, 1969, at which time they had a satisfactory credit rating.

On February 2, 1971, [redacted] Pittsburgh Police Department, advised a review of his files failed to reflect a criminal record for [redacted] b6 b7C

On February 3, 1971, [redacted] Identification Officer, Allegheny County Detective Bureau, advised that [redacted] Allegheny County Detective Bureau [redacted] was arrested July 11, 1964, by the Allegheny County Detective Bureau and charged with gaming. [redacted] was arrested with others in a card game at 412 Waddell St., Clairton. He was fined $12 and costs. b6 b7C

[redacted] is described as follows: b6 b7C

Name	[redacted]
Address	
Race	White
Sex	Male

Date of Birth Place of Birth	[redacted]	b6 b7C
Height	5'11"	
Weight	185 lbs.	
Hair	Brown	
Eyes	Brown	
Build	Medium	
Complexion	Medium	
Occupation	[redacted]	

[redacted] furnished a photograph of [redacted] taken July 11, 1964, by the Allegheny County Detective Bureau.

17. [redacted] b6 b7C

On February 2, 1971, Miss [redacted] Pittsburgh, advised that [redacted] has had a credit record in his files since December, 1956, and their credit was last checked April 15, 1970. [redacted], and on December 11, 1964, the balance on the mortgage on their home was $7,160 and their monthly payment was $81 a month. [redacted] They have a satisfactory credit rating.

On February 2, 1971, the following advised from a review of their files they could locate no criminal record for [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted], Pittsburgh Police Department.

[redacted] Identification Officer, Allegheny County Detective Bureau. b6 b7C

18. [redacted]

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On January 22, 1971, the Identification Division of the FBI advised that based on the information furnished, they were unable to locate a criminal record for [redacted]

SAC, PITTSBURGH (166-537) 2/25/71

SAC, BOSTON (166-344) (RUC)

ANTHONY MICHAEL CROSSO, aka
ITAR - GAMBLING; IGB
(OO: Pittsburgh)

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Rcrep of SA [redacted] 1/8/71, at Pittsburgh;
Boston letter 1/15/71.

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Boston telephone directory indicates [redacted] Information concerning [redacted] previously set forth in Boston letter to Pittsburgh dated 9/30/70. [redacted] which was disconnected on 7/15/70 when he moved to [redacted]

U. S. Government Telephone Directory indicates that Boston telephone #617-223-6264 is listed to Chief, Office of the Day Treatment Section, Room 405, Veterans Administration, 17 Court St., Boston, Mass.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, PITTSBURGH (166-537) (P) DATE: 6/19/73

FROM : SA [redacted] b6 b7C

SUBJECT: ANTHONY MICHAEL GROSSO, aka
ET AL
IGB; ITAR - GAMBLING; OOJ
(OO: PITTSBURGH)

The attached is a blind memorandum prepared per instructions of SAC with the agreement of Chief Probation Officer [redacted], Pittsburgh, Pa. The information contained in this memorandum will be provided for the information of USDJ [redacted] in his forthcoming sentence proceedings of those convicted in this case. Agreement was made with [redacted] that this memorandum would be kept strictly confidential, and would be provided to the Judge only, not the defense attorneys. b6 b7C

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(ENCS (4) ATTACHED)

☆ 1- [redacted] U.S. PROBATION OFFICE
1- [redacted] U.S. ATTORNEY
1- [redacted] PITTSBURGH STRIKE FORCE b6 b7C

☆ All copies were hand delivered on 6/19/73 by SA [redacted] with the SAC's permission. b6 b7C

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

June 19, 1973

Re: Anthony Michael Grosso,
also known as Antonio Grasso,
Anthony Grasse, Tony Grasse,
Joe Russo, Tony Grassi,
Tony Grosso, Anthony Grossie,
Joseph Moro, Tony Bianco

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) began its investigation of Anthony Michael Grosso, hereinafter referred to as Tony Grosso, in 1954, as information was received at that time which indicated he was involved in the numbers rackets in Pittsburgh, and may be violating Federal laws. An extensive investigation of Grosso has continued from 1954 to the present, and the results are contained in over twenty volumes of the FBI's files. The following is a summary of the Grosso investigation from the files of the FBI:

Grosso was born Antonio Grosso at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on 12/13/13, and grew up in the Hill District of Pittsburgh. He attended Fifth Avenue High School, and on 6/21/34, he was graduated 69 in a class of 78 with an IQ of 70. On 6/10/40, he [redacted] b6 b7C

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[redacted] Grosso has lived all his life in Pittsburgh. He was inducted into the U. S. Army on 11/10/43, and entered on active duty 12/31/43, at Fort Meade, Maryland. He was honorably discharged on 11/25/44, as a private at Mason General

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Hospital, New York, on a Certificate of Disability for Discharge due to "psychoneurosis, anxiety hysteria, chronic, moderately severe, with hysteria and symptoms of functional nervous disorders since 1936." On 11/29/44, the Veterans Administration awarded Grosso a 10% disability pension of $11.50 effective on 11/26/44, by reason of "psychoneurosis hysteria." Payments were stopped on 9/30/46, for failure to report for authorized examination.

The following is the criminal record for Tony Grosso, maintained under FBI No. 2 998 225:

Arrested by the Pittsburgh Police Department (PD) on 11/26/38, on charge of operating a lottery. He pled guilty 12/17/38, in state court, Pittsburgh, Pa., and was fined $25 and costs.

Arrested by the Allegheny County Detective Bureau (ACDB), Pittsburgh, Pa., on 9/17/42, for operating a lottery. He pled guilty in state court in Pittsburgh on 3/12/43, and was sentenced to four to eight months in the Allegheny County Workhouse, sentence to begin 5/15/43. Grosso was paroled 7/15/43, and his parole was suspended on 10/14/43, so he could be inducted into the armed services.

Arrested on 10/22/45, and charged with operating a lottery. The case was ignored by the Grand Jury on 12/7/45.

Arrested by ACDB on 10/15/48, and charged with two counts of operating a lottery and one count of perjury. Disposition reflects on 1/23/50 "demurrer to evidence, sentence suspended by the court."

Arrested by the Mount Lebanon, Pa., PD, and charged with operating a lottery. He was sentenced in state court at Pittsburgh on 2/6/51, and ordered to pay a fine of $500, to serve six to twelve months in the Allegheny County Workhouse, and to pay the costs of prosecution. He began his sentence on 2/29/52, after losing an appeal, and on 3/17/52, was transferred from the Workhouse to St. Francis Hospital, Pittsburgh, Pa. On 5/5/52, he was released from St. Francis Hospital, and placed on parole.

Arrested by the ACDB on 3/12/51, and charged with operating a lottery. The disposition is not available.

Arrested by the ACDB on 4/26/51, and charged with operating a lottery. He was sentenced to six months to one year in the Allegheny County Workhouse.

Arrested by the State Police, Greensburg, Pa., on 10/29/51, for operating a lottery. He was discharged on 11/1/51.

Arrested by the ACDB on 12/12/52, for operating a lottery and conspiracy to operate a lottery. On 12/17/53, demurrer to evidence, and sentence suspended. On 12/23/52,

Grosso's parole was revoked, and he was transferred to the Allegheny County Workhouse to serve the unexpired portion of the sentence he received on 2/6/51.

Arrested by the Miami, Florida, Sheriff's Office on 12/12/55, for suspicion, breaking and entering, and vagrancy. He was released on 12/13/55.

Arrested on 6/30/57, by the Pittsburgh PD, and charged with disorderly conduct. Grosso posted $10 bond on the night of the arrest, and the bond was forfeited when Grosso did not appear for hearing.

Arrested on 2/28/58, by Pittsburgh PD for bribery of a police officer. On 9/28/60, he was found not guilty, and ordered to pay the costs of prosecution.

Arrested by the Pittsburgh PD on 3/15/58, on charge of conspiracy to bribe, obstruction of justice, operating a lottery, and conspiracy to operate a lottery. On 9/28/60, Grosso was found not guilty, and ordered to pay the costs of prosecution.

Arrested by Internal Revenue Service on 10/17/62, for violation of Internal Revenue Wagering Tax laws. On 3/9/64, he was found guilty in Federal Court, and sentenced to serve nine years in prison, and fined $191,000 plus costs and sent to jail. On the same date, he was freed on appeal, and on 1/29/68, judgement was nullified by the Supreme Court of the United States.

Grosso was arrested by the FBI on 7/26/71, for violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Sections 1955 and 371. He was indicted by a Federal Grand Jury (FGJ) on 3/29/72, and was convicted on 5/10/73, in U. S. District Court, Pittsburgh, Pa.

The following is the criminal record for Samuel James Grosso, brother of Tony Grosso, maintained under FBI. No. 2 993 926:

Arrested by the Pittsburgh PD on 3/27/39, for operating a lottery, and placed on one year probation.

Arrested by the ACDB on 9/17/42, for operating a lottery. On 3/12/43, pled guilty, and sentenced to four to eight months in the Workhouse. He was received at the Workhouse on 3/13/43, served four months, and was placed on parole 7/10/43.

Arrested by the ACDB on 10/18/45, for operating a lottery. Disposition was not available.

Arrested by the ACDB on 3/15/46, for operating a lottery. Sentenced to six months to one year in the Allegheny County Jail. On 8/8/46, he was paroled for the balance of the maximum of the term.

Arrested by the ACDB on 10/15/48, and charged with operating a lottery and perjury. On 1/23/50, demurrer was sustained.

Arrested by the ACDB on 3/12/51, and charged with operating a lottery. Sentenced to six to 12 months in the Workhouse, and fined $500. He was received at the Workhouse on 3/15/51, and was discharged on 9/10/51, after serving six months.

Arrested by the State Police, Greensburg, Pa., on 3/5/51, for operating a lottery, for which he was found not guilty.

Arrested by the ACDB on 4/16/56, for drunken driving. On 12/10/56, he was found not guilty.

Arrested on 2/19/59, by the ACDB, and charged with operating a lottery. On 10/2/59, was found guilty, and sentenced to one to two years Western State Penitentiary, and fined $100.

Arrested by the Pittsburgh PD on 4/20/59, for operating a lottery and conspiracy. On 9/24/59, he was fined $500, and sentenced to four to eight months Western Penitentiary at expiration of sentence on arrest of 2/19/59.

Arrested on 11/27/59, by the Pittsburgh PD for operating a lottery and conspiracy. On 12/7/59, he was discharged. On 3/14/61, he was received at Western Penitentiary to serve 16 to 32 months for operating a lottery and conspiracy to operate a lottery.

Arrested by the Internal Revenue Service on 10/11/62, for violation of Internal Revenue Wagering Tax laws. On 3/11/64, he was given a three year suspended sentence, and placed on five years probation, and given a fine.

Samuel Grosso was indicted by a FGJ, Pittsburgh, on 3/29/72, for violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Sections 371 and 1955, and was convicted on 5/10/73, in U. S. District Court, Pittsburgh, Pa.

The following is the criminal record of [redacted]

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Arrested by the Pittsburgh PD on 10/11/57, for operating a lottery. On 9/11/58, he was found guilty, fined $500 and costs, or 60 to 120 days in the Workhouse. Records show that he paid the fine and costs.

Arrested by the ACDB on 2/19/59, and charged with operating a lottery. On 2/2/60, he was fined $500, and sentenced to 10 to 24 months in the Workhouse.

Arrested by the Pittsburgh PD on 4/20/59, for operating and lottery and conspiracy. On 9/24/59, he was fined $500, and sentenced to two to four months in the Workhouse.

Arrested by the ACDB on 2/2/60, for operating a lottery and conspiracy. Sentenced to 12 to 16 months at Western State Penitentiary.

Arrested by the Pittsburgh PD on 5/27/60, for operating a lottery. He was fined $500 and ordered to pay the costs.

On 8/28/60, he was received at the Allegheny County Workhouse, for conspiracy to violate lottery laws, to serve 12 to 28 months. He was discharged on 6/28/61, after servingone year, and placed on parole.

[redacted] was indicted by a FGJ, Pittsburgh, on 3/29/72, for violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Sections 371 and 1955, and was convicted in U. S. District Court, Pittsburgh, Pa., on 5/10/73.

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With regard to the arrest of Tony Grosso on 2/28/58, [redacted] advised that Lieutenant [redacted], who was running a special Rackets Squad at that time, was approached by Tony Grosso in regard to his numbers operation, and offered a sum of money for police protection. Grosso came to [redacted] because of a series of raids he had been making around the city. [redacted] played hard to

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get for a short time, and later accepted the money which was offered, marked in as evidence, hoping that perhaps word would spread throughout the rackets and other operations would make similar overtures. A number of other numbers operators contacted [redacted] and offered him money for protection. b6 b7C

A reliable source advised the FBI that Grosso made payoffs to [redacted] for eight years, and that the arrests by the Pittsburgh Police were a form of cover-up because of inquiries being made concerning the payoffs. Source described the situation as being phony, and that it would never result in successful prosecution. It should be noted that Grosso later was acquitted on these charges. b6 b7C

The FBI's investigation over the years shows that Grosso began writing numbers while still in high school, and in 1954, a detective with the ACDB who had known the Grosso family for many years, advised that Tony Grosso and his brother, Sam Grosso, ran one of the three largest numbers operations in Allegheny County. At the time of Grosso's arrest in 1950, it was estimated that his numbers take that year was approximately $1 million.

On 9/28/55, a detective for the ACDB advised that Grosso had the largest numbers operation in the Pittsburgh area, and grossed about $40,000 to $45,000 a day. This information was based on records seized from one of Grosso's payoff men.

Grosso and his brother Sam controlled the numbers in Downtown Pittsburgh, the North Side of Pittsburgh, the Hill District of Pittsburgh, and various other areas in Allegheny County and surrounding counties. Grosso's men were immune from arrest by the Pittsburgh PD and Pennsylvania State Police, and it was well known they were paying for protection to officers of the city of Pittsburgh.

In July, 1957, a reliable source advised that a dice game operated by Tony Grosso at 1213 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, was bombed.

On 10/9/57, a bomb exploded outside the residence of Sam Grosso, 260 Shadowlawn Avenue, Mt. Lebanon, Pa. This bombing came about three months after a series of fire bombings in the Hill District and East Liberty gambling joints and restaurant hangouts for racketeers.

On 1/21/58, a reliable source from the Mt. Lebanon PD advised that he was handling the Grosso bombing, and as part of his investigation had interviewed Tony Grosso. Grosso advised him that he operated an extensive numbers business in the Pittsburgh area, and that his brother, Sam Grosso, split the proceeds with him on a 50-50 basis.

On 1/13/58, Grosso admitted to agents of the FBI that he operates an extensive numbers business in the Pittsburgh

area, and that Sam Grosso [redacted] involved with him in this business. Grosso said he made the decisions and generally supervised the operation. b6 b7C

Source advised that Grosso owned the West Liberty Car Wash, 1804 West Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa. In January, 1958, and again in May, 1958, this car wash was bombed.

On 4/23/62, a reliable source advised that a meeting

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On 9/3/63, a reliable source advised that Grosso pays

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On 5/15/63, a reliable source advised as follows:

In the summer of 1962, [redacted] b6 b7C had $100 played on a number with Tony Grosso in Pittsburgh. This number hit but Grosso had apparently changed the number at the last moment and refused to pay. Al Ross, also known as Seid and Zeid, was sent to Grosso's office in Pittsburgh to collect. He was driven to Grosso's place by one [redacted] a young man who is not in the rackets or in no way connected with the Mannarino group. As [redacted] and Ross entered Grosso's office, Ross used a gun to force Grosso to open his safe and pay off between $50,000 and $60,000. Grosso was very angry and said to Ross, "In six months you will either be out of the country or dead."

Later, Sam Mannarino, who was in need of money and having heard of Grosso's remarks, contacted Grosso and agreed to dispose of Al Ross for $10,000, to which Grosso was amenable. Sam Mannarino then set up Ross by ordering him to go to Pittsburgh to collect a non-existent gambling debt from [redacted], thereafter calling that Ross was on his way to rob him. Although Ross still lived after being seriously wounded, Sam Mannarino was not worried, as he felt that Ross would not dare attempt revenge on him. Ross, however, had indicated he would kill Grosso, if possible. b6 b7C

[redacted] and Mannarino have been identified as members of the LCN. Mannarino and Ross are now dead. b6 b7C

On 5/6/65, Tony Grosso advised agents of the FBI that from August through December, 1960, he paid $500 a month to [redacted] and [redacted] Special Agents with the Internal Revenue Service in Pittsburgh, Pa. He also gave these two individuals an extra $300 for Christmas in December, 1960, at the regular monthly meeting which took place between Grosso, [redacted]. In exchange for these payments, Grosso stated he was furnished advance information concerning raids to be conducted by IRS agents. There were approximately eight raids conducted during the period payments were made to these IRS agents, and Grosso estimated that the raids on which he received this advance information saved him a total of $13,000.. Grosso said the information which he was receiving for $500 a month was worth considerably more to him, and that he would have gladly paid more if they had asked, but apparently [redacted] did not know the value of the information which they furnished. Investigation into this allegation was made by agents of the FBI, including interviews of various known convicted bookmakers. The U. S. Attorney, Pittsburgh, later declined prosecution of these individuals.

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On 6/14/65, Grosso testified in case of United States versus [redacted] that during years 1958 through 1963, he had a numbers operation in the Pittsburgh area that grossed $30,000 to $60,000 a day, and that he had an estimated 3,000 to 5,000 numbers writers involved in his operation. Grosso also testified concerning payments he made to [redacted] for protection.

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On 12/21/65, Grosso told an agent of the FBI that he paid [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] Pittsburgh, Pa., $3 million over a period of 15 years while they were doing business together. Grosso said with [redacted] protection, he was able to build up the biggest numbers book, and be assured of all layoffs in Allegheny County and Western Pennsylvania. Grosso advised he gets all the layoffs locally, and can handle bets up to $1,000.

On 1/17/66, Grosso advised an agent of the FBI that he paid [redacted] b6 b7C $1,000 a month for eight years in protection payoffs. He also paid [redacted] $10,000 cash for one election campaign and $3,000 for another. He gave [redacted] varying amounts of cash for Christmas, and once sent [redacted] a dress costing $87. Estimated payoffs to [redacted] during eight years were $150,000.

On 4/8/66, Grosso advised an agent of the FBI that he gets all numbers layoff in Allegheny County, including those bookmakers controlled by the Syndicate.

On 3/9/67, Grosso advised an agent of the FBI that with respect to his arrest by the Miami, Florida, Sheriff's Office in 1955, that he, [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] went to Miami, Florida, and registered at the

Castaway Hotel under the name [redacted]. The first day there, a fur piece was stolen, and the next day they were arrested by Dade County detectives, and charged with suspicion of burglary. One of the detectives wanted $10,000 to squash the case, but settled for $1500 for all three. Upon his return to Pittsburgh, Grosso learned from [redacted] that he had been called by the Dade County Sheriff's Office for a license check, and that he had vouched for them. Grosso and [redacted] requested by [redacted] to come to New Kensington, Pa., to see him, went to see [redacted], and were told that he wanted $10,000 for having the Miami case dropped. Grosso said he declined to pay the money. b6 b7C

On 2/8/68, Grosso advised an agent of the FBI from 1956 to 1958, he paid Detective [redacted] of the Pittsburgh PD $200 a month for protection until [redacted] arrested Grosso for bribery, along with [redacted] These individuals were later tried, but acquitted. b6 b7C

In July, 1971, a reliable source advised that Tony Grosso would meet with [redacted] also known as [redacted], and [redacted] during the latter part of July. Source advised that [redacted] needed $50,000 from Tony Grosso to pay the legal fees resulting from [redacted] gambling b6 b7C

charges. Source advised that Grosso is a long time associate of [redacted] and that [redacted] got his start in the gambling business working for Grosso. Grosso has loaned him money interest free over the years, always without the knowledge of his, [redacted]

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Agents of the FBI covered a meeting in July, 1971, between [redacted] Grosso, and [redacted] at a restaurant in the South Hills of Pittsburgh. Following this meeting, the source advised that Grosso had agreed to loan [redacted]

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On 9/6/72, a reliable source advised that Tony Grosso had attended a meeting at the Carlton House Hotel with

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On 2/5/73, source advised that Grosso is connected in some way with [redacted] and others in the LCN, as he could not remain in operation without being a member of the Syndicate or making payoffs to the Syndicate. Source advised that Grosso belongs, but that his protection comes from outside the Pittsburgh area. Source said that Grosso has connections in New York City, Buffalo, and Cleveland, Ohio, and that all local layoffs from LCN-controlled numbers bookmakers are given to Grosso. b6 b7C

On 5/22/73, [redacted] in the case United States versus Grosso, et al, was interviewed by FBI agents, and advised that he had been contacted by one [redacted], who was acting in the behalf of Tony Grosso. [redacted] told [redacted] that he was supposed to contact him during the Grosso trial for the purpose of asking [redacted] to help Grosso. [redacted] was interviewed by agents of the FBI on 6/1 and 6/15/73. On the later date, he furnished a signed written statement concerning a contact which had been made with him by Tony Grosso. (A copy of this statement is attached hereto.) b6 b7C

Grosso was indicted by a FGJ, Pittsburgh, Pa., on 6/8/73, for violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 1503, and on the same date a bench warrant was issued by [redacted] Grosso was arrested by FBI agents on 6/9/73, b6 b7C

at 12:45 AM, as he departed a plane at Greater Pittsburgh Airport arriving from Las Vegas, Nevada, and released on $25,000 surety bond. It should be noted that Grosso had the court's permission to travel through 12:00 midnight on 6/8/73.

In summary, from at least 1950 to the present, Tony Grosso, assisted by his brother Sam Grosso, [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted], and others, have operated the largest illegal numbers business in Western Pennsylvania. As recently as 1958, Sam Grosso shared the proceeds from the business on a 50-50 basis with his brother Tony. Grosso has continued to operate this business over the years despite numerous arrests by city, county, state police, and Federal authorities. During this period of time, reliable sources have advised the FBI on a continuous basis that Grosso ran the largest numbers business in Western Pennsylvania, and accepted layoffs from Ohio and West Virginia as well as the layoffs from all bookmakers controlled by the LCN. Grosso continued to operate this business after his indictment by a Federal Grand Jury on 3/29/72, and also after his conviction in Federal Court on 5/10/73.

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The sources advised that during the trial in Federal Court in Pittsburgh during May, 1973, that Tony Grosso and Sam Grosso continued to operate their business at night and on weekends during the trial. Sam Grosso continued as the chief accountant and Grosso as the overall administrator. Sources advised that Grosso avoided the use of telephones, but that he would meet with his brother in person and calls would then be made from pay telephones. Since the trial, they have been meeting on a regular basis at the South Hills Village where

they would discuss business and use the pay telephones in the shopping center. Sources advised that to this date, Tony Grosso, his brother Sam Grosso, [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] are still active in the Grosso numbers organization.

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On July 27, 1973, ANTHONY MICHAEL GROSSO, inmate, U. S. Federal Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, was interviewed by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] as requested by him. GROSSO was warned of his constitutional rights by SA [redacted] as set forth on a form entitled, "Interrogation; Advice of Rights," stated he understands his rights, but declined to sign the form. GROSSO then voluntarily furnished information concerning his past criminal activites and the criminal activities of others.

On August 2 and August 3, 1973, ANTHONY MICHAEL GROSSO, inmate, U. S. Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pa., was interviewed by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] GROSSO was reminded of his constitutional rights by SA [redacted] and thereafter, furnished additional information concerning his past criminal activities and the criminal activities of others. Information furnished by GROSSO during the interviews of July 27, 1973, and August 2 and 3, 1973, is set forth below:

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GROSSO stated he began writing numbers while attending Fifth Avenue High School in the Uptown section of Pittsburgh, Pa. At that time he resided with his mother at 53 Elm Street, and first wrote numbers at a store located across the street from his mother's residence, which store was owned and operated by Mrs. [redacted] GROSSO said he graduated from Fifth Avenue High School in 1934 and started booking numbers bets on his own in 1935 or 1936. GROSSO said at first he was in partnership with [redacted] and another individual named [redacted] GROSSO said at that time they controlled all the Fifth Ward, which was the area from the #2 Precinct of the Pittsburgh Police Department to Oakland, and also had their own individual customers. He continued that he, his [redacted] combined their businesses and that this three-way partnership grossed in excess of $10,000 a day. GROSSO said that this was straight numbers bets with no layoff and no sports betting. He said in 1937 [redacted] threw him out of the business and he went on his own with a gross numbers business of $1500 a day.

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GROSSO said his business began to grow and he was never bothered by any organized group of individuals; that is to say, the Mafia or La Cosa Nostra, and had no involvement with anyone who was connected with the Mafia.

GROSSO stated that in approximately 1949-50, he began paying [redacted] who at that time was a lieutenant on the Pittsburgh Police Department, for protection against the arrest of himself and his writers and bookmakers. He said [redacted] later became an inspector and he continued to pay [redacted] for protection. GROSSO said he paid [redacted] an estimated $120,000 a year from approximately 1949 to 1964 and gave him bonuses at Christmas, furnished him plane tickets to Florida, paid for rental cars, and various other expenses. He said [redacted] had collectors in each Pittsburgh Police Station whom TONY paid and that he, GROSSO, would prepare a credit slip for a proper entry in his records. GROSSO said he also paid [redacted] personally for protection. GROSSO stated that during the time these payments were made to [redacted] he grew to become the largest numbers bookmaker in the Greater Pittsburgh area taking over most of the business in Pittsburgh, with the exception of the East Liberty section. GROSSO said [redacted] advised him to keep away from East Liberty and he complied.

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GROSSO stated that he was alone in the numbers business from the time his partnership was dissolved in 1937 until 1943, when he made his brother, SAMUEL GROSSO, hereinafter referred to as SAM, a partner in his numbers business. He said at that time the business grossed about $10,000 a day and that the profit of four to five percent was shared with his brother SAM on a 50-50 basis. He said that prior to making SAM a partner, he had been employed as a bookkeeper for him in his business. GROSSO continued that in 1960, SAM was sent to jail and the partnership was dissolved at that time. He said that SAM was a degenerate gambler and blew all the money from the business on baseball, football, and basketball games. GROSSO said that when SAM spent the money, he was forced to pay hits and other expenses in the business out of his own money. GROSSO said that it was in the 1950's that he streamlined his numbers business using less physical pickup of numbers slips and using more telephone people to accept numbers bets.

GROSSO advised that in 1953-54, [redacted] hereinafter referred to as [redacted] began writing numbers for him over the telephone and was paid $50 a week. In 1960, when SAM went to jail, [redacted] took over his job of maintaining the organization books and became the boss under him. GROSSO said for all practical purposes, [redacted] ran the business and often told him what to do. He said over the years, her salary increased from $50 a week to about $500 a week. With this increase in salary came the added responsibility of keeping the organization books, hiring and firing employees, and performing a variety of other administrative-type duties. GROSSO said she checked with him on all major administrative decisions and he reviewed the books, which were maintained by her. GROSSO said he paid [redacted] salary of $500 a week in cash from monies collected from the business [redacted] GROSSO said FRANK PETRAGLIA's job was collecting monies owed to GROSSO and paying money to writers and bookmakers, who GROSSO owed for hits, commissions, etc. He said FRANK PETRAGLIA was employed in this capacity for approximately twenty years and was paid $250 a week for making these cash collections and payments.

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GROSSO stated that at the time of his arrest by Agents of the FBI on July 26, 1971, he would estimate that he had approximately 150 large writers and bookmakers turning in to his numbers organization and a combined total of approximately 3000 to 5000 numbers writers. GROSSO said his business grossed approximately $75,000 a day. He said his business ran six days a week, giving him a weekly gross of $450,000. in numbers play. GROSSO said from this gross numbers write, he paid commissions of 20% on all numbers business which paid 7-1 odds and 30% commission on all numbers business paying 6-1 odds. He also paid hits which varied but often ran as high as $350,000 in certain weeks. He also paid employees' salaries, share of the win to those bookmakers who were on a proposition basis with him, and also paid law enforcement officers and public officials for protection from arrest. GROSSO said he had approximately 41 people working for him at the time of his arrest, including about 30 phone people, 5 office workers, 3 cash collection and payoff men, and 3 executives..

GROSSO stated that his numbers organization can be broken down into two categories: "telephone business" and "street operation." He stated that with regard to the

telephone business, he had approximately 25 or 30 telephone relay stations run mostly by women and many of whom were unknown to him by name. He said these individuals took a large volume of numbers bets from various writers and bookmakers over the telephone Monday through Saturday of every week. He said each station kept track on a daily basis all the bets called in by each writer or bookmaker and their hits. He said upon receipt of the winning race numbers in the morning and the winning stock numbers in the afternoon from [redacted] also known as [redacted] each station operator would check the bets they had taken for hits and telephone any hits to [redacted] [redacted] in turn relayed the total hits from all the stations to him. GROSSO said [redacted] was employed for approximately twenty years and in 1971 was making $135 a week. b6 b7C

GROSSO continued that two times each week, SAM called the various telephone station operators from various pay stations and other locations for the purpose of obtaining from them the gross numbers write and hits reported by their customers for the week. He said on Friday morning, SAM called and obtained these figures for Monday through Thursday and on Saturday afternoon, he obtained the totals for Friday and Saturday. He said SAM was paid $500 a week as the bookkeeper for the business and kept records of each customer's balance owed or amount which GROSSO owed each customer. He continued that after SAM obtained the figures from each station, he would begin with the customer's old balance and add the week's business; deduct commissions and hits; and arrive at the customer's new balance. GROSSO said that SAM used an adding machine to make these various computations, and then made handwritten entries into the organization books. He said sometime late Saturday or early Sunday morning, the books were delivered by FRANK PETRAGLIA to [redacted] and that he (GROSSO) and [redacted] then checked SAM's work. GROSSO said the books were then returned to SAM late Sunday night or early Monday morning by FRANK PETRAGLIA and then he called each station giving them their new totals. He said the station operators would then relay the new balances to each of their customers and any discrepancies would be resolved by SAM, [redacted] or himself. GROSSO said these records were kept approximately five or six weeks and then destroyed. However, he stated that it is his understanding that [redacted] b6 b7C

presently maintains in some location, which is unknown to him, the records for a period of five to six weeks prior to July 26, 1971, when he and [redacted] were arrested. GROSSO said he does not know why these records are being kept by [redacted] but she has told him that she has such records. b6 b7C

GROSSO stated that in addition to FRANK PETRAGLIA, there were two other individuals in his organization who were responsible for collecting money owed to him and delivering money for payment of large hits and payments for protection. GROSSO stated that [redacted] was employed by him for twenty years in this capacity and was paid $200 a week. He said [redacted] was employed in the same capacity for thirteen years and was paid $225 a week. GROSSO said that all three of these individuals (FRANK PETRAGLIA, [redacted]) collected and paid out monies each day during the week and reported these payments each day to either [redacted] or himself, and that he met with them on Friday for settlement. He said the amount collected from each customer or the amount paid to each customer was entered in the organization books by either himself or [redacted] sometime over the weekend. GROSSO said that he kept this information on a slip of paper each day and that when the entry into the records was made, he destroyed the slip of paper on which this information had been recorded. GROSSO said that he made certain that PETRAGLIA, [redacted] always had cash on hand with which to operate; for example, if one of these individuals collected $10,000 in a given week, he would take $5,000 and allow them to keep the $5,000 to operate with the following week. GROSSO stated that only [redacted] had the added responsibility of paying certain officials for protection and that FRANK PETRAGLIA had never paid anyone for him. GROSSO said he personally authorized any payments for large hits as well as any payments to law enforcement or public officials for protection against arrest. b6 b7C

GROSSO stated that the street operation consisted of about 20 "numbers packs" who wrote a lot of small numbers bets. He said that the numbers slips from these packs were picked up on a daily basis by [redacted], also known as [redacted] and delivered to one of two offices. GROSSO stated that one of the offices was run by his nephew, [redacted], and his [redacted], and the other office was run by [redacted]. GROSSO said once the b6 b7C

slips reached the office, the bets were totaled with the use of an adding machine and upon receipt of the winning number, a check was made for hits. He said a copy of the adding machine tape would be delivered to [redacted] and the original tape would be returned to the customer. GROSSO said [redacted] checked these tapes on a daily basis and that if he was available, he went over the tapes himself. GROSSO stated that when he was out of town, [redacted] took care of the street operation. He said that a separate set of books was kept by [redacted] for this street operation and was destroyed after five or six weeks. He said the numbers slips were kept a week only before they were destroyed. GROSSO continued that [redacted] were paid $350 a week for running one of the offices and that [redacted] had worked for him for approximately ten years in the business. He stated that prior to running the office, [redacted] worked in the office tabulating the street business and checking for hits. GROSSO said that the [redacted] were paid $175 a week for running one of the offices. GROSSO said [redacted] was employed by him for approximately ten years in the capacity of picking up slips and passing out adding machine tapes to the street packs and was paid $250 a week. GROSSO said that after his arrest on July 26, 1971, he fired [redacted] as he concluded that [redacted] was one of the individuals who put the finger on him.

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GROSSO said that the following individuals were also employed in his business at the time of his arrest in 1971:

[redacted] and his wife, [redacted] ran one of the offices from approximately 1959 through 1969 and were paid $395 a week for performing basically the same duties as that performed by [redacted] From 1969 through July, 1971, the [redacted] operated a telephone relay station, for which they were paid a combined salary of $170 a week.

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[redacted] operated a telephone relay station for about a year and was paid $150 a week.

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[redacted] accepted numbers bets over the telephone at her residence in addition to receiving hits reported by other station operators working in the business. [redacted]

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also known as [redacted] b6 b7C accepted bets over the telephone at the same residence and performed other miscellaneous duties, such as checking for hits and checking totals. [redacted] has been employed since 1961 and was paid $135 a week.

[redacted], also known as [redacted] b6 b7C has been employed for approximately fifteen years calling the winning numbers to various writers and bookmakers as well as the station operators and accepted the larger bets on the street packs. He said that she was paid $85 a week.

[redacted], also known as [redacted] b6 b7C sister of [redacted] has been accepting bets over the telephone for him since approximately 1953 or 1954 and was paid $100 a week.

[redacted] b6 b7C accepted numbers bets for him over the telephone for the past eight years and were each paid $200 a week.

[redacted], has accepted b6 b7C numbers bets over the telephone for approximately five years and was paid $100 a week.

[redacted] also known as [redacted] b6 b7C who was employed as head waiter at the Living Room Lounge and Restaurant in Bethel Park, Pa., which GROSSO said is owned by [redacted], was also employed in his numbers business taking bets over the telephone. GROSSO said [redacted] has worked for him for approximately five years and was paid $85 a week.

[redacted] was also b6 b7C employed in his numbers business taking numbers bets over the telephone from 1969-71 and was also paid $85 a week.

[redacted] also known as [redacted] and b6 b7C her husband, who was known only to GROSSO by the code name [redacted] operated a telephone relay station in his numbers business and were paid $170 a week.

[redacted], also known as [redacted] worked in his numbers business about seven years taking bets in excess of $1 from other relay station operators and was paid $85 a week. b6 b7C

[redacted] accepted numbers bets over the telephone for about a year and was paid $85 a week. He said [redacted] assisted [redacted] in taking bets and checking for hits. b6 b7C

[redacted] accepted bets over the telephone for about a year and was paid $85 a week. b6 b7C

[redacted] accepted numbers bets for him over the telephone from 1969 through 1971 and was paid $85 a week. b6 b7C

GROSSO stated that other than those persons identified above as being responsible for taking bets over the telephone, he does not know the names of other telephone relay station operators. He said that all others were paid $85 a week and were hired by [redacted] He stated that the station operators were paid an additional $25 a week for taking additional customers during vacation or otherwise when shorthanded. GROSSO re-emphasized that salaries for the above individuals as well as payment of all hits and commissions to the writers and bookmakers; share of profits to the individuals who were working on a proposition basis; and payments to law enforcement officers and public officials for protection against being arrested came out of the gross numbers write. He stated that anything left was his profit and was kept by him. GROSSO stated that the numbers organization was his own and that he was in partnership with no one at the time of his arrest on July 26, 1971. b6 b7C

GROSSO furnished the following information concerning payments he has made for protection from arrests:

GROSSO stated that he began paying [redacted] who is now Chief of Ross Township Police, approximately $200 a month for protection while [redacted] was employed as a plain clothes detective by the City of Pittsburgh Police Department. GROSSO said [redacted] knew all the writers who were turning in to GROSSO. GROSSO said after [redacted] was elected to the office of District Attorney of Allegheny County, [redacted] went to work for him in the County Detective Bureau. GROSSO continued that sometime the following year, after [redacted] had taken office, [redacted] called him, GROSSO, either at his residence which at that time was 840 Ridgeview Drive, Mt. Lebanon, Pa., or at the Living Room for the purpose of arranging a meeting. GROSSO said a short time later, he met [redacted] alone in GROSSO's car at the Banksville Plaza Shopping Center, Banksville Road, Pittsburgh, Pa., approximately 9:30 or 10:00 p.m. on a date which he cannot recall. [redacted] told GROSSO he was the collector for [redacted] and [redacted] wanted $4950 a month for protection of GROSSO, his writers and bookmakers. GROSSO said [redacted] had in his pocket a piece of paper with a listing of all GROSSO's writers and the location of these writers in East Liberty, Sewickley, Carnegie, Hill District, North Side, and downtown sections of Pittsburgh. [redacted] indicated that the $4950 can be broken down by $3000 to the City of Pittsburgh proper and $1950 for that part of Allegheny County located outside the City of Pittsburgh. [redacted] told GROSSO the money was to be paid in cash between the 5th and 10th of each month. GROSSO said that no money was paid to [redacted] at this initial meeting. However, GROSSO stated that from January 1964 through July 1968, he personally paid [redacted] $4950 in cash each and every month. GROSSO said that these meetings were set up by telephone call from [redacted] to GROSSO at either his residence at Mt. Lebanon or the Living Room in Bethel Park. He said he usually met [redacted] in his, GROSSO's, car at the Banksville Plaza Shopping Center or at the parking lot of the Living Room. GROSSO said he personally paid the money in cash to [redacted] as initially agreed and that the money would either be in an envelope or loose cash with a rubber band wrapped around the bills. He said the money was paid to [redacted] around the 5th to the 10th of each month and that he obtained the cash from monies he had on hand or from monies collected by FRANK PETRAGLIA, [redacted] GROSSO

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said if the money was taken from monies collected from writers and bookmakers, a credit slip would be put in by either PETRAGLIA, [redacted] in that amount. b6 b7C

GROSSO stated that [redacted] left the Allegheny County Detective Bureau in 1966 and accepted a job as Chief of Police in Ross Township as he told GROSSO he was afraid of being indicted. GROSSO stated that in July 1966, [redacted] brought [redacted] who had been working under [redacted] at the Allegheny County Detective Bureau, and introduced him to GROSSO. GROSSO said [redacted] told him that [redacted] would be in charge of racket investigations and would be the new collection man for [redacted] told GROSSO if he ever had any problems with payments for protection to [redacted] he should contact him. b6 b7C

GROSSO stated that each and every month from July 1966, through July 1971, he met [redacted] alone in his car at the Banksville Plaza Shopping Center or at the Living Room and personally paid him $4950 in cash. At their first meeting alone, [redacted] asked GROSSO how much he had been paying [redacted] GROSSO said when he mentioned the figure of $4950, [redacted] pulled out what appeared to be the same slip of paper which had been shown to him by [redacted] at their initial meeting and verified that this was the correct amount to be paid. GROSSO said this slip of paper set forth the breakdown of the territory with $3000 for the City of Pittsburgh proper and $1950 for the county, it being noted that the County Detective Bureau had jurisdiction in all of Allegheny County, including the City of Pittsburgh. GROSSO continued that these meetings were arranged in the same manner as the meetings with [redacted] that is, a telephone call was made either to his home or to the Living Room, and the meeting was arranged for a later date. His protection payments were made to [redacted] in cash around the 5th to 10th of each month and came from money GROSSO had on hand or money collected by PETRAGLIA, [redacted] as mentioned above. GROSSO said his brother SAM [redacted] would have knowledge of these payments as an entry of money paid out would be reflected in the organization books. GROSSO continued that the call from [redacted] setting up the meeting usually came two or three days in advance of the actual meeting, which allowed him ample time to obtain the money. b6 b7C

GROSSO stated that during the period of time that these protection payments were made to [redacted] his writers and bookmakers were only arrested approximately fifteen times. GROSSO said, in his opinion this amounted to nothing. He said these were either token raids or raids which were made by individuals who did not know that the writer or bookmaker was turning in to his organization. GROSSO said on occasions he would receive information from [redacted] in advance of certain raids and would in turn pass this information on to his writers or bookmakers. GROSSO said in other cases, [redacted] would accompany the detectives on a raid and insure that no incriminating evidence was discovered during that particular raid. He continued that if a certain detective would not cooperate, GROSSO would either call [redacted] and report the individual to them by name. He said in those situations, there was never any further trouble from that individual and he surmised that the matter was taken care of by either [redacted] GROSSO related that the payments for protection, which he made to [redacted] only covered the writers and bookmakers who were turning their numbers bets in to his organization. He said any independent bookmakers who merely lay off their numbers bets with him were responsible for making their own protection payments to [redacted]

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GROSSO stated that both [redacted] made it clear to him that they were collecting for [redacted] and he was told that at least half the $4950 was going to [redacted] GROSSO said the protection payments were never made directly to [redacted] and that he had only met [redacted] on one occasion, which was around the latter part of August or early September, 1971. GROSSO said that [redacted] called him and arranged a meeting, which was to take place at the Living Room. GROSSO said that [redacted] came to the Living Room about 10:00 p.m. on a Tuesday night and parked in the Living Room parking lot. GROSSO said he came out to [redacted] car and learned at this time that [redacted] was in the car with [redacted] GROSSO stated that he had met [redacted] during plane trips to Florida, at funerals, and other affairs, but had never met him on matters of business. He stated [redacted] was always friendly

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to him and knew through his casual conversations that [redacted] was receiving his share of the protection payments. GROSSO continued that during this meeting with [redacted] they sat in the front seat of [redacted] car and he sat in the back seat alone. He said they were parked in the parking lot of the Living Room. The meeting lasted approximately 20 minutes and was strictly a business discussion. GROSSO said [redacted] indicated to him that [redacted] mentioned a figure of $25,000 and [redacted] indicated that he was satisfied with this amount. GROSSO stated that they discussed the election and other related matters for a few minutes and they left. GROSSO said that approximately a week later, [redacted] came to the Living Room parking lot alone and he gave [redacted] the $25,000 in cash. GROSSO said he did not object to paying $25,000 and it was paid out of cash which he had on hand at that time. GROSSO said neither his brother SAM [redacted] nor anyone else knew about this contribution as he kept payments of this type to himself. GROSSO stated that the only other contribution which he has made to [redacted] was a contribution of $10,000 in August or September 1967. GROSSO said he did not contribute anything to [redacted]

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GROSSO stated that on July 26, 1971, after his arrest by Agents of the FBI, he and his attorney, [redacted] went to the William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pa. GROSSO said he was approached there by [redacted] where GROSSO was residing at that time. [redacted] told him that [redacted] and wanted to speak with GROSSO. GROSSO stated that it is his feeling that [redacted] wanted to speak with him as he was afraid that since GROSSO was arrested, that he may put the finger on [redacted] to save himself. GROSSO stated he told [redacted] that he would not talk to [redacted] unless [redacted] was present. He said [redacted] left the William Penn Hotel, called a short time later, and told him to forget about meeting [redacted]

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GROSSO stated that sometime around the first of August 1971, he received his monthly telephone call at the Living Room from [redacted] stated that he wanted to meet with GROSSO and receive the monthly protection

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payment. GROSSO told [redacted] that he was not going to pay any more, that he was in trouble himself, and had to pay for his own attorney as well as the attorneys of others in his organization who were arrested. [redacted] did not try to push GROSSO into the meeting and did not mention [redacted] name during the telephone conversation. GROSSO said he feels that [redacted] agreed to this as he was in a bind himself and was afraid because of what GROSSO knew about payoffs that he had received in the past. GROSSO stated he has made no protection payments to [redacted] or anyone else in the Allegheny County Detective Bureau since July 1971. b6 b7C

GROSSO stated that in January or February 1969, after [redacted] was elected sheriff of Allegheny County and had assumed his office, he received a telephone call from [redacted] at the Living Room. GROSSO said he had known [redacted] most of his life as they grew up together and considered [redacted] to be a close friend. GROSSO said that since 1962, he had been paying [redacted] $500 a month for the protection of his writers and bookmakers who were operating in the Second Ward, which is the downtown area of Pittsburgh, Pa. GROSSO said [redacted] called him for the purpose of arranging a meeting between himself and GROSSO and continued that [redacted] came to the Living Room approximately 4:00 p.m., the date which he cannot recall, as no one was there at this time. GROSSO said [redacted] told him that he was the collector for [redacted] and asked how much GROSSO was willing to give [redacted] every month. GROSSO said he knew of [redacted] status as the collector for the sheriff and offered $2500 a month as protection for himself and his writers against arrest by members of the Sheriff's Office. GROSSO said the meeting was cordial throughout in that [redacted] willingly accepted the $2500 figure which was in addition to $500 which GROSSO would continue to pay to [redacted] for the Second Ward. GROSSO said he would have been willing to give more than $2500 had [redacted] pushed him, and was completely satisfied with the figure. GROSSO said that he would estimate that total payoffs being made to [redacted] were approximately $6000-$8000 a month at that time. GROSSO said he and [redacted] knew and discussed the fact the money was to be paid to him for [redacted] and that the purpose of the payment was for the protection of his writers and bookmakers working in the GROSSO organization. b6 b7C

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GROSSO stated that $3000 was paid to [redacted] by [redacted] between the 1st and the 15tn of each and every month from January 1969 through June 1971. GROSSO said the money was paid in cash and was delivered to [redacted] at his office located in downtown Pittsburgh, Pa GROSSO said tne cash normally came from monies [redacted] had collected from GROSSO's customers and was shown in the organization books as an "out to [redacted]" GROSSO said this payout would have been reported to the office either directly to [redacted] or himself on the day the money was paid by [redacted] He said a slip of paper would be sent to the office by [redacted] with the notation, [redacted] $3000" and that he and [redacted] would meet with [redacted] on Friday for settlement. GROSSO said that he or [redacted] would handle the permanent entry into the organization records, which would have been kept for five or six weeks and tnen destroyed. GROSSO continued that if [redacted] did not have enough cash to pay [redacted] the money would be taken from GROSSO's money on hand or from monies collected by [redacted] or FRANK PETRAGLIA. GROSSO reiterated that his brother SAM, [redacted] and himself all had knowledge that these protection payments were made to [redacted] GROSSO stated he has made no protection payments to [redacted] since his, GROSSO's, arrest on July 26, 1971. GROSSO continued that neither he nor any of his writers or bookmakers were ever arrested by anyone from the Sheriff's Office while [redacted] GROSSO stated that since there were no raids on any of his people, there was no need for advance information from anyone in the Sheriff's Office. GROSSO stated that he has never met Sheriff [redacted] personally except at social affairs and on those occasions, [redacted] pretended not to know GROSSO. He stated that he has never made a political contribution to either of [redacted] and has made no payments at all to [redacted] since 1971. GROSSO stated that he paid [redacted] who is now deceased, $500 a month for protection while he was in office as [redacted]

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GROSSO stated that in 1968 [redacted] located in the Hill District of Pittsburgh, came alone and met him at the Living Room. GROSSO stated that at this meeting, [redacted] asked for $200 a month for protection of GROSSO's writers and bookmakers operating in the Hill District of Pittsburgh. GROSSO agreed to this and said that [redacted]

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paid [redacted] $200 a month, usually between the 1st and 10th of the month, from 1968 to July 1971. He said the money [redacted] collected from the writers and bookmakers in the GROSSO organization was paid in cash. GROSSO stated [redacted] also paid [redacted] $2000 for each primary election and $2000 for each general election which was held each year. GROSSO stated that a couple of months after the initial meeting with [redacted], he [redacted] brought his constable, [redacted] (ph.), with him to the Living Room. [redacted] stated that [redacted] wanted $100 a month in protection payments from GROSSO. GROSSO stated he agreed to this figure and that the $100 in cash was paid to [redacted] each month by [redacted] GROSSO stated that these payouts were recorded on a slip of paper by [redacted] in the same manner as mentioned above for [redacted] and would be recorded in records as "out [redacted] $200; [redacted] $100."

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GROSSO stated that the above individuals are the only persons he paid for protection. GROSSO stated that he charged his street packs; for example, [redacted] also known as [redacted] a certain amount of money each month for protection. He stated that $550 was deducted each month from [redacted] tape for protection. He stated that other individuals would pay off various police officers and other officials in the areas where they were operating and would put in a credit slip when the slips went into the office. GROSSO stated that he would have no direct knowledge of the individuals who were being paid by these writers and bookmakers. GROSSO said he would give the writers or bookmakers credit on their tapes for any payments made directly by them.

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