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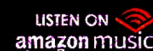
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James
Naples III

Born February 1, 1978 in Youngstown, Ohio, he is the grandson of James Naples Sr. and great nephew to legendary local crime figures Sandy, Billy, and Joey Naples. James earned his bachelor's degree in Telecommunications from Youngstown State University in 2018, followed by his master's degree in Professional Communication from Youngstown State in 2020. He is currently the Audio and Video Production Instructor at Choffin and Career Technical Center. He is also working on a second master's in Career and Technical Education at Kent State. James is an avid historian on organized crime in North East Ohio and Western Pennsylvania. He is a co-creator and co-host of the Youngstown Mob Talk podcast and founder of the Youngstown Mob and Pittsburgh Mob Facebook groups. He also serves as a producer on The Vice Squad Podcast.



Johnny
Chechitelli

Born in Youngstown and raised in Austintown, Johnny Chechitelli first became fascinated with the Mahoning Valley's local organized crime history as a student in the late 1990s. That was when the infamous mafia trial of Lenny Strollo dominated the news, followed by the corruption scandal of then-Congressman James Traficant. It wasn't until he was a film student at Full Sail University that Johnny began to research the subject in earnest. In 2010, Johnny chronicled some of that mob history in the feature documentary Youngstown: Still Standing. He spent the next several years writing and producing television for Fox Sports in Los Angeles, before returning home in 2016 with his wife and children. Since then, he has continued his film career, and branched into podcasting, producing the highly-acclaimed series Crooked City: Youngstown, Ohio. Johnny currently produces 33 News Daybreak for WYTV and owns the Amazing Podcast Company, in downtown Youngstown, producing the shows Youngstown Mob Talk as well as The Vice Squad Podcast – both available wherever you get podcasts.

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Master of Ceremonies

Jimmy Mulidore
“The Vegas Player”

Born in Youngstown, Ohio, Jimmy grew up in the Italian conclave known as Brier Hill, alongside the notorious Naples brothers; Sandy, Jimmy, Billy and “Little Joey.” At the age of ten, Jimmy took up the saxophone. Shortly thereafter, he added the classical clarinet, studying with one of the best teachers around, Albert Calderone. He spent his high school years frequenting Cleveland jazz clubs, soaking up the influences of such musical legends as James Moody and Miles Davis. Even though he was just a teenager, his summers were soon spent on tour, playing with professional jazz artists twice his age. He also spent a summer staying with family friend & New York gangster Joseph Valachi, just a few short years before Valachi made headlines by turning government witness against the mafia.

After high school, Jimmy attended The Ohio State University, where he was chosen as solo clarinetist for their orchestra. Impatient with his progress at Ohio State, Jimmy took off for New York’s Julliard School of Music where he studied theory and composition with Hall Overton. The late 1950s turned out to be a pivotal time in Jimmy’s life. He visited Las Vegas and never left. It was in Sin City where his career truly blossomed, eventually lending his talents to some very special recordings — “Louie Bellson ‘Live At The Thunderbird,’ ”Red Rodney’s “Super Bop,” albums by Frank Sinatra, Bobby Darin, Barbara Streisand and Nat King Cole and, the one of which he’s most proud, a flute solo on Elvis Presley’s “American Trilogy.” Later named musical director for both the Hilton and Flamingo Hotels, Jimmy conducted for such stars as Louis Armstrong, Ann Margaret, Gladys Knight and Olivia Newton-John. He also toured as a two-man act with The Godfather actor Gianni Russo.

While his first love is still the sax (alto and soprano), Jimmy’s impeccable style comes through just as lovingly on the English horn, flute, clarinet and bassoon. But, no matter what instrument he’s playing, you can rest assured that JIMMY MULIDORE will take the lead and entertain with his riveting jazz tunes and tales of celebrity, mafia and life as “The Vegas Player.”



Guests of Honor

Charlie Cavallaro Jr.
Bombing Survivor

“It’s been 61 years since the bombing death of my father, Charles Cavallaro Sr., and brother Thomas. I was just 12 years old then. Now I’m 73 and though I’ve been approached dozens of times throughout my life by many different media outlets to delve back into that history, I’ve been hesitant to tell my story and expose my feelings until now. After months in the hospital back in 1962 and then the uncertainty if I’d ever walk normal or walk at all... I wondered what people would make of me. But as I got more into my teen years, I decided that what happened to me wasn’t going to define my life, and it didn’t. My life’s been good. My wife and I have been married for 42 years and still going strong and we have two grown children who are doing well and have successful careers. This is the right time to tell this story and thus far it’s been easy to do so. Working with Johnny Chechitelli and company, and seeing the passion they have in their industry, and how they approach this with integrity can bring about good results. I hope that you all will come out for this event on November 10th. There will be a lot to learn for all of us.”





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Guests of Honor

Cecil Moses
Retired FBI

Cecil E. Moses, a retired law enforcement administrator with over 40 years of experience, is a consultant, lecturer, and instructor specializing in criminal justice and homeland security. He began his career as a clerk for the FBI's Cleveland division and was subsequently sent to Youngstown, Ohio following the horrific 1962 car bombing of Charlie Cavallaro and his two young sons. This was at the behest of then-U.S. Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy, who ordered a full-scale federal investigation into the bombing. While stationed in Youngstown, Cecil was deputized and given a gun for the first time in his career. He would go on to become an FBI Special Agent appointed by Director J. Edgar Hoover. He was also selected by former Director Clarence Kelly to establish the FBI's Supervisory and Executive Career Development Program.

During his career, Mr. Moses achieved significant milestones, including being one of the FBI's first 12 management assessors, serving as Assistant Special Agent in Charge in North Carolina, and becoming Special Agent in Charge of the FBI's Birmingham Division, where he set records for program accomplishments.

Mr. Moses is highly educated, with a B.B.A. in Personnel Management and Labor Law from Kent State and Cleveland State Universities, and he has completed the FBI's Senior Executive Institute and the National Executive Institute.

His special skills include team-building, effective communication, strategic planning, and policy development in the criminal justice arena. With extensive experience and top-level security clearances, Cecil E. Moses continues to contribute to the field as a consultant, lecturer, and instructor, as well as an Expert Witness on law enforcement policy and procedures.



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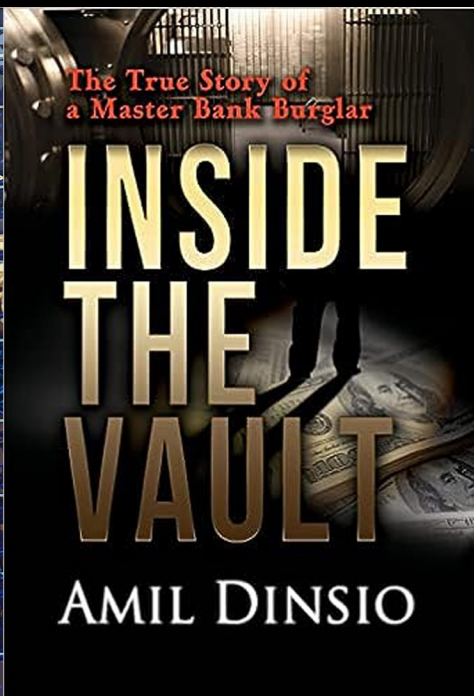
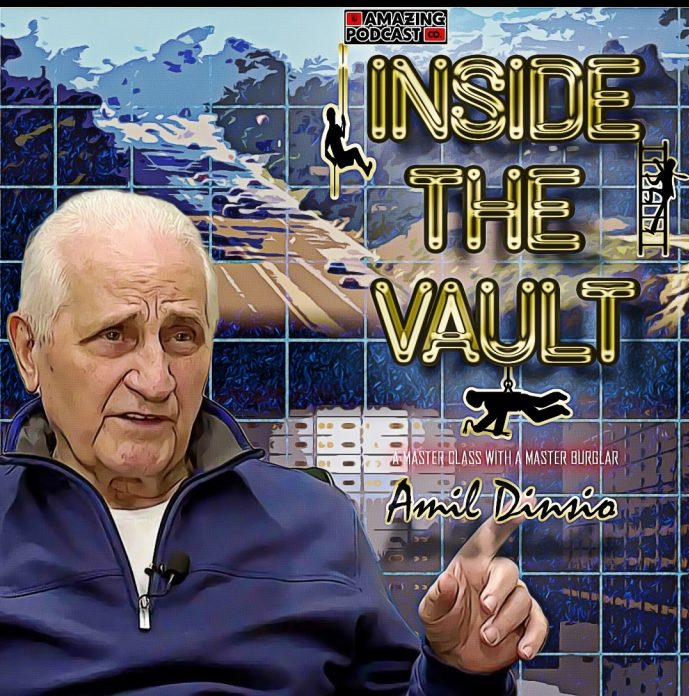
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Explosion Near Cicero Busy Market Street Sp Passersby at Midnight

James Vincent (Vince) Deniro, 38, a racket leader, was killed in a devastating explosion near Cicero, Youngstown, Ohio, about 12:30 a.m. today. The force of the blast and debris at least as 200 feet away and some buildings.

Apparently, the Vincent Deniro, who Youngstown's Market Street, accompanied without killing any passerby. The man is not talked about by police, former racketeers who talked to the South Market St. between Columbus and Lake streets.

Deniro's name was first seen by police in a city hall in Youngstown, Ohio, in 1958. He was then accused of being in Youngstown in 1958. The man had worked in the city since he was 16 years old.

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Police Face Big Puzzle In Slaying

Who Was Deniro?

Organized Crime Members

“Cadillac Charlie” Cavallaro

Charlie Cavallaro Sr. was born February 2, 1902 in Agrigento, Sicily and came to the United States via New Orleans on a cargo ship in May 1921. From there he headed to Rochester, New York, where his sisters and brothers lived. His encounters with organized crime began there, and spanned several cities with different crime families from New York to Pittsburgh, Detroit and eventually Cleveland, settling in Youngstown, Ohio. He married his wife Helen in the late 1940s and settled on the northside of Youngstown raising three sons and a daughter. At 11:20 a.m. on Friday, November 23, 1962, an explosion rocked Youngstown, killing Charlie and his 11-year-old son Tommy. Charlie Jr. was seriously injured in the blast and was fortunate to survive. The FBI's investigation into Charlie's death was codenamed “CAVBOMB” and tells a tale of vengeance and bloodshed through mafia turf war.

James Vincent “Vince” DeNiro

James “Vince” DeNiro, born in 1922, was a notorious mob associate and gambling boss in Youngstown, Ohio. A veteran of World War II, DeNiro was a handsome and debonair mobster who was one of Youngstown's ‘policy kings’. He ran the Dry Men's Social club and was the owner of the Cicero's restaurant. By the end of the 1950s, DeNiro developed a bitter rivalry with his former close friend and associate, Sandy Naples for control of Youngstown's rackets. DeNiro was known to be close with men who had connections with the Cleveland crime family, men such as “Cadillac Charlie” Cavallaro and “Tony Dope” Anthony Delsanter. In 1960, DeNiro became the undisputed kingpin of the Youngstown rackets when Sandy Naples was shot gunned to death along with his girlfriend. On July 17, 1961, DeNiro met a brutal end when his automobile was wired with a bomb in the Uptown section of Youngstown. Riding high in the prime of his life, DeNiro was suddenly gone at the age of 39.



Organized Crime Members

Santino “Sandy” Naples

Santino Joseph “Sandy” Naples was born in Youngstown, Ohio in 1906. Sandy was the eldest of the four Naples brothers. Naples’ criminal career started in the late 1920’s with his first arrest on bootlegging charges in 1927. He would be arrested more than 10 times between 1928 and 1934, when he was convicted of robbery and sentenced to 10 to 20 years in Pennsylvania’s Western State Penitentiary. He would be paroled in June of 1944 and by 1946 he would establish the Center Amusement Company which would later become the Center Sandwich Shop and eventually be the home of Youngstown United Music. Sandy would eventually become one of the town’s main “policy kings,” running the largest numbers racket in town. A flashy dresser and favorite of the local press, he was even caught sneaking out of jail during a stretch for gambling, to visit his girlfriend. It was visiting her, Mary Ann Vrancich, in March 1960 when Sandy and his gal were fatally gunned down by two assailants on the front porch of her Caledonia Street home.

William “Billy” Naples

William “Billy” Naples was born in 1928 in Youngstown, Ohio. He was the third of the four Naples brothers. Billy was allegedly the most hot-tempered of the brothers, and took over operations of the Center Sandwich Shop after his oldest brother Sandy was killed in March of 1960. Billy, whose arrest record dates back to an assault in 1951, was picked up on the evening of July 2, 1962 by friend and associate Dominic Moio. Billy was then killed when the car he was starting exploded in a garage at 215 W Madison Ave just west of Elm Street. The blast was so powerful that it blew Billy into the back of the vehicle. Some believe that Billy was setting an explosive in the car when it accidentally went off. Other’s theorize his friend Moio was hired by the Cleveland Syndicate to rub out Billy in retaliation for the Vince DeNiro bombing. Whatever the case, the death of Billy Naples has never been solved.

Organized Crime Members

Joseph “Little Joey” Naples

Joseph Naples was born Oct 9, 1932 in Youngstown, the youngest of the four Naples brothers. Following the deaths of Sandy and Billy, “Little Joey” was pinched on a gambling charge and sent to prison. He would go on to run Youngstown United Music Co., a vending machine business out of the same building that formerly housed the Center Sandwich Shop. Joey Naples would eventually rise to greater heights in the underworld than any of his brothers, becoming a made member of the Pittsburgh crime family and capo of the Youngstown, Ohio, faction. Joey ran gambling operations for the Pittsburgh family in the Mahoning Valley as well as various other endeavors and is known for being one of the Pittsburgh members that bribed former athlete James Traficant when he was running for county sheriff, in hopes that he would turn a blind eye should he get elected. Joey’s connections to the Pittsburgh family go back to the late 1950s and continued until he was gunned down in front of a home he was building in Beaver Township, Ohio on August 19, 1991.





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FBI's CAVBOMB Files

The following files are a small selection of actual documents from the FBI's "CAVBOMB" investigation, lasting from 1962-1964. Special Agents gathered intelligence from many different informants and pieced together the puzzle of Youngstown's gangland murders. Special Agent Stanley Peterson was in charge of this investigation. During the "CAVBOMB" probe, it was determined that Sandy Naples' killing was due to him not "kicking up" to either the Calabrese or Sicilian crime organizations in town. This murder sparked a two-year war. It was then learned that Billy Naples had sought revenge on Vince DeNiro for Sandy's death and was responsible for ordering DeNiro's bombing. Furthermore, the FBI learned that Billy was setup and killed by his friend Dominic Moio and that Moio (who was working as a hitman for hire) was also the bomber in the Cavallaro killings, on behalf of the remaining Naples brothers. Moio was then killed for his involvement, presumably by Cleveland mafia members, for botching the job, involving innocent children, and bringing too much heat upon the underworld. The FBI considers the case solved, by exception. Stanley Peterson was commended for his role in the investigation. Coincidentally, he would go on to become Youngstown's Chief of Police and was later implicated as being on the payroll of Joey Naples and the mob.

PG [REDACTED]-PC also stated that VINCENT J. DE NIRO, bombing - murder victim, 7/17/61 bankrolled the Sans Souci Club in Havana, Cuba for EDDIE TOBIN. It is to be noted that DE NIRO was a part owner of the Sans Souci Club in Las Vegas, which closed, and that EDDIE TOBIN, formerly of Youngstown, was an employee of the Club.

Regarding the shotgun murder of SANDY NAPLES at Youngstown, Ohio, mentioned by PG [REDACTED]-PC that DE NIRO arranged for this murder which occurred on 3/11/60, it is to be noted that it is the consensus of opinion by Youngstown informants that NAPLES was murdered because he would not give in to the "organization" or the "syndicate", and give them a percentage of his business, and as a result when NAPLES ignored their demands, the "organization" contended there was nothing they could do to prove their point except to have him murdered.

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Date: 11/1/63

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-742)
FROM: SAC CLEVELAND (157-127)
RE: CAVBOMB

Re CV airtel to Bureau, 10/25/63; and report of SA JAMES P. FLYNN, 7/1/63, at New York, captioned "LA COSA NOSTRA, aka., AR - CONSPIRACY".

On page 28 of referenced report under the caption of "Pittsburgh", NY T-2 furnished information regarding CHARLES CAVALLARO (from Agrigento, Sicily) and one NICOLO GENTILE, former "Consiglieri" of the Pittsburgh "Borgata", who went to New York, possibly in 1932, and attended a meeting with CAPIZZI, AMATO, GENOVESE, ANASTASIA, BIONDO, MANGANO and others. At this time, ANASTASIA had GENTILE and CAVALLARO transferred to MANGANO's "Borgata" with the approval of MANGANO and BIONDO.

From a review of records of INS, victim CHARLES CAVALLARO was born 2/2/02 at Agrigento, Italy. Further, according to the

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FBI Identification Division, CAVALLARO was arrested on 6/28/34, by ATU, NYC, as CHARLES DI FRANCESCO; on 8/12/36, by NYC PD as JOSEPH TROPICANO on a charge of 1897 petit larceny (blackjack); and at ATU, Buffalo, 8/29/36, on inquiry.

ABRAM D. ARMSTEAD, graduate, Howard University Medical School, Washington, D.C., whose license to practice medicine was suspended as a result of abortion, advised that previously the Naples brothers brought him on the average two abortion patients per week and, at the present time, he is averaging about two abortions a month.

ARMSTEAD stated that of late he has been almost wholly occupied with the job of handicapping and betting horses, and prior to the bombing-murder of VINCENT J. DE NIRO (7/17/61), he placed his bets through DE NIRO and always was paid when he won. After the death of DE NIRO, CAVALLARO moved into DE NIRO's operation, and he won about \$2,000 or \$3,000 on horse bets and could not collect. Some time after this he was held up by one JOE (LNU), a pickup man for CAVALLARO, who, with another individual, took about \$200 or \$300 from him.

ARMSTEAD stated he definitely knew that CAVALLARO moved into DE NIRO's operation and, for this reason, believed that CAVALLARO was at least partially responsible for the death of DE NIRO.

PCI ANN GARMAN advised that about two or three weeks before DOMINICK MOIO was found murdered at Canton, Ohio (9/3/63), she saw and talked with MOIO at the Center Sandwich Shop, Youngstown, Ohio, operated by the NAPLES brothers, where he was talking with JOSEPH and JIMMIE NAPLES. She recognized MOIO from his pictures being in the newspapers. While she did not know his name before, she recalled that in 1961 and 1962 she saw MOIO in the company of BILLY NAPLES (bombing-murder victim, 7/1/62). PCI thought it odd that MOIO was with the NAPLES brothers, inasmuch as there has been much talk that MOIO was responsible for the death of BILLY NAPLES. PCI heard at the time of MOIO's death that JOSEPH NAPLES had gone out of town to meet MOIO and now believes that the NAPLES brothers were pretending to be friendly with MOIO by not blaming him for the death of BILLY NAPLES, so they could maneuver him into a position to kill him.

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Date: 7/17/64

Transmit the following in _____

Via AIRTEL _____

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-742)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (157-127)

RE: CAVBOMB

La Cosa Nostra

ReCVairtel to Bureau, 7/10/64.

RE: JAMES PETRELLA, aka Jimmy Dankers and
JASPER JOSEPH AIELLO, JR., aka "Fats"

Relative to the purchase of the Ches Patee Club by the above subjects, CV 572-C advised this sale has fallen through and it will not be sold to LATONE and PETRELLA. He stated the sale was not consummated due to the fact that LATONE did not want to be in partnership with PETRELLA since LATONE believed Federal Agents are doing so much checking on PETRELLA. He also stated that he does not believe the present operators of the Chez Patee are running a gambling game in the basement since there are no tables or chairs in the unfinished basement. He stated he had heard that there is a Gin Rummy game with high stakes operating next door to the club, however.

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CV 581-PC stated on 7/10/64, that PETRELLA had not gone through with the deal to purchase the Chez Patee Club, Youngstown, after he found out that there was a lease involved which was about to expire. He also stated the prospective purchaser of his Club 98 had backed out of purchasing that club and PETRELLA is still the owner.

RE: DOMINIC MOIO (deceased) Suspect and
Girlfriend ANGELINE CONSTANTINO

PAUL CLAUTTI, PCI, advised ANGELINE CONSTANTINO, former girlfriend of MOIO, had visited him recently at the store on two occasions. On one of these occasions, she was about to tell him something regarding BILLY NAPLES, but she was interrupted by a customer and never completed what she was to say. PCI previously advised that CONSTANTINO had told him that she believed the NAPLES brothers were responsible for MOIO's death, and she warned MOIO prior to his death to stay away from the NAPLES. PCI stated she never explained to him why she was so afraid of the NAPLES.

As to how he met MOIO, PCI stated he had first met MOIO at the Gaytimes Tavern operated by CONSTANTINO. After seeing him several times there, he struck up a conversation with him and learned he was from Canton and was in Youngstown doing plaster work. He then introduced MOIO to CONSTANTINO and he feels certain they had not known each other previously. He said within a few days MOIO was behind the bar at the Gaytimes.

PCI stated later he learned MOIO was very friendly with NAPLES (BILLY), but never learned the circumstances under which they met or why they became so friendly.

PCI advised he recently met LQU TORMA (ph) real name LOUIS, LAPORIS, who is employed by the NAPLES brothers in the United Music Company, who came to his store to buy electronics parts. He stated he was accompanied by a man believed to be PAUL HOLOVATICH, a chief suspect in the CAVBOMB case. He asked LAPORIS how the business was coming, and he replied that they were

being bothered by the local police and the "Federals". At this point, the man believed to be HOLOVATICH stated "Those S.O.B.s".

On 7/14/64, CV 421-C-TE advised that he had been taken to MIKE ROMEO of Youngstown, brother of PAUL ROMEO, whom source described as a "Mafia member". Source stated that MIKE had told him that Mrs. DE NIRO, mother of slain Youngstown racketeer, VINCE DE NIRO (bombed to death 7/17/61) had paid a sum of money to DOMINIC MOIO (deceased) to avenge the death of her son. Source stated that MIKE told him that MOIO came to Mrs. DE NIRO with the proposition. Source stated that in this particular instance, in his opinion MOIO was simply being an opportunist since he had probably already received the contract from the "Cleveland syndicate", to avenge DE NIRO's death. Source stated that subsequently MOIO did actively participate in the bombing-death of BILLY NAPLES (7/1/62), whom the syndicate felt was responsible for the bombing death of VINCE DE NIRO.

Source reiterated the fact that subsequently MOIO was responsible for and actively participated in the bombing-death of CHARLES CAVALLARO and his son (11/23/62), and for the NAPLES, brothers, JOEY and JIMMY, and that MOIO was subsequently eliminated by the "Cleveland syndicate" for his participation in the CAVALLARO bombing.

RE: CHARLES CAVALLARO

PCI CLAUTTI advised he first became acquainted with him in about 1955. He said for about three or four months in 1957, he and CAVALLARO were partners in a trucking company. CAVALLARO had put up most of the money, and they had three or four dump trucks which they used to haul gravel from Pennsylvania to Liberty Township, north of Youngstown, where a sewer line was being installed. The business was not successful and folded up after about four months.

PCI stated he had never gone into business with CAVALLARO after that time and although they continued to be friendly, they were never close. He stated he would see him occasionally at NICK BARONE's wine shop, Watt Street, Youngstown. He stated he never knew CAVALLARO was involved in gambling or bookmaking.

RE: DOMINICK MALLAMO, aka "Big Dom" and
the Calabrese Organization

CV 581-PC stated about 6/26/64, he was at the CMAS Club in Youngstown with MARIO GUERRIERI, hoodlum and bondsman; DOMINICK MALLAMO; JOHN BAZZANO from Pittsburgh; and SERAFINO ROMEO from Erie, Pa.; and MIKE ROMEO from Youngstown. When MALLAMO and BAZZANO met with the ROMEOs, all of them kissed each other in greeting. SERAFINO ROMEO is an uncle of MIKE ROMEO and is reportedly an "old hatchet man" for the organization, whose specialty was using an ice pick.

CV 581-PC stated BAZZANO is the "Compare" of MIKE ROMEO which would mean that one is the godparent for the other's child and are therefore very close. He stated DOMINICK MALLAMO is the "Compare" of PAUL GUERRIERI, father of MARIO, and therefore old and close friends.

About 6/30/64, CV 581-PC advised he had been in Pittsburgh with MARIO GUERRIERI, MIKE ROMEO, local hoodlum and son of PAUL ROMEO, who is reported head of Calabrese Organization in Youngstown, with DOMINICK MALLAMO. They had gone there on the invitation of JOHN BAZZANO, who operates pinball and vending machines there. They met SAM WY SOCKI (ph) or WITSOCKI (ph) who is a wealthy Pittsburgh bondsman in his 60s, an associate named STRIKER or STRICKER (ph), an AL ROSS and SERAFINO ROMEO, also in the vending machines in Erie, Pa. BAZZANO the "Compare" of MIKE ROMEO, picked up the bill for the entire evenings entertainment of dinner and drinking.

There was a discussion about a plan to borrow considerable amount of money from a bank in Nassau, Bahama Islands, in which WY SOCKI (ph) has some connection. The informant stated he believed the group intends to obtain stolen bonds and use them as collateral to obtain loans from the Nassau bank.

CV 581-PC stated that WY SOCKI after considerable drinking stated he was a friend of the governor of Nassau.

Later CV 581-PC stated these same individuals were at the home of GUERRIERI, Youngstown, on 7/6/64, to drive to Cleveland in connection with the Nassau deal and as part of the scheme, WY SOCKI(ph)

DATE: 11-14-2017

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH (P)

DATE: 1/14/64

SUBJECT: PG 694-PC
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LA Cosa Nostra

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The Pittsburgh Organization or Syndicate

Informant is presently living at the Hotel Carlton, Room 1302, Pittsburgh, where he intends to remain until the several cases in which he is involved are disposed of.

On 1/9/64, informant and JOSEPH MEROLA contacted SA JOHN S. PORTELLA at the Pittsburgh, Pa. office, and indicated that they desired to talk to SA JOHN S. PORTELLA. They suggested that SA PORTELLA come to Room 1302.

SA PORTELLA went to Room 1302, Carlton House Hotel, where JOSEPH MEROLA was busy packing to return to Miami, Florida on a 7:40 P.M. flight. They both commented that they had worked on a business deal and earned a little money but not enough to meet all their expenses.

JOSEPH MEROLA left the hotel for the airport, leaving SA PORTELLA and informant alone.

SA PORTELLA noted that the informant was in an extremely good mood and appeared to be willing to talk about matters that heretofore he refused to talk about. Informant remarked that he desired to help "straighten out" certain facts that the FBI might be interested in provided he could be assured that he would not have to testify in Federal Court or before any investigative or

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administrative committees and that his name would not be used nor made public in any way unless he first approved it. Informant was told that any information he furnished would be treated as confidential and no attempts would be made to force him into testifying unless he first agreed to it. Informant said that with this understanding he would be willing to relate a few of his experiences and some of his knowledge of what he termed "the outfit."

Informant remarked that he has been with "the outfit" since he was 16 years old and has associated with this element from coast to coast for the last 41 years. He claims that at age 16 in Cleveland, Ohio, he began running "booze" for the organization there. He considers himself a soldier or worker who has faithfully carried out orders given him and, as a result of this, he gained a reputation and stature throughout the United States.

He claims that there is a tightly knit "gambling syndicate" operating throughout the United States and membership in it is not limited to Italians only. He states that the primary requisite for membership is that one be engaged in gambling, regardless of nationality. The italians have taken over the leadership of the gambling world and while they make the big decisions in it, others such as Jews, Irish, Polish and so forth are part of the operation. The Italians have gone a step further than the others, in that members of their respective families intermarried and this made the bond much tighter.

Informant said that it is better to say that there is a "gambling organization or syndicate" in which the Italians are the leaders rather than to say that the Italians have a criminal syndicate known as LA COSA NOSTRA or the MAFIA with the membership being exclusively Italian. He said that he knows from first hand knowledge that the gambling syndicate looks down on crimes of violence and crimes involving narcotics and prostitution. Only in a few isolated cases would the organization approve such actions.

For example, he stated that JOHN LA ROCCA of Pittsburgh, is one of the most peaceful leaders in the country. If someone in his group steps out of bounds, LA ROCCA will go out of his way to check the circumstances

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and on more than one occasion has stopped hasty drastic action that the others wanted to take, and the matter was settled peacefully.

Informant stated that the gambling syndicate or organization in Pittsburgh is set up as follows:

JOHN LA ROCCA and FRANK AMATO are the leaders or bosses. TONY RIPEPPI was a leader but he is retired and has little or no voice. The next leader or sub-boss is GABRIEL MANNARINO who is married to the daughter of FRANK AMATO. Below MANNARINO are the following who might be called lieutenants:

JOE SICA LOUIS VOLPE
 JOE ROSA MICHAEL GENOVESE

Below the lieutenants are the soldiers or workers namely, AL ROSS, FRANK VALENTI, JOHN FONTANA, PHIL GENOVESE and LOU MILANO (deceased).

CHARLES FREDERICK TEEMER, who operated the Jockey Club and now the Red Dog in Chester, W. Va., accounts only to JOHN LA ROCCA who gets 50 per cent of everything that TEEMER has in operation no matter where he is.

JOE ROSA exerts control of YEE TERLESKI of Pittsburgh's South Side, and he obtains the lion's share of everything that TERLISKI has operating for him anywhere. ROSA in turn contributes to JOHN LA ROCCA and accepts orders from LA ROCCA.

JIMMY HOFFA, President of the Teamsters Union, is acquainted with both JOHN LA ROCCA and GABRIEL MANNARINO and whenever HOFFA really wants something in Pittsburgh he calls on one of these two. JACK ARMAND, also known as ARMANDO CARLOMAGNO, President of the Taxi Cab Union of Pittsburgh, is flashy and loud and gives everyone in Pittsburgh the impression that he is HOFFA's contact in Pittsburgh but actually this is not true.

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By way of history of the setup in Pittsburgh, informant related the following:

LA ROCCA succeeded JOHN BAZZANO, SR., who was the undisputed leader of Pittsburgh. BAZZANO, overwhelmed with his importance, ordered the killing of the three VOLPE brothers of Pittsburgh. MIKE SPAMOLI (Phonetic) carried out the execution of the VOLPE boys. SPAMOLI is allegedly in prison in Italy where he is serving a life sentence for murder. Informant said this crime was not sanctioned by the organization and the killing of more than one member of a particular family is always looked upon with disfavor. The only two additional items that cause trouble in the organization are stealing another member's wife and/or his money.

After the VOLPE killings, JOHN BAZZANO went to New York to attend a banquet given in honor of JOE MASSERIA (Phonetic), a big boss of the organization. BAZZANO knew he was in trouble with everyone over the VOLPE killings and when it came to his turn to make a toast he asked those present what they were waiting for and why they did not get his killing over with. As soon as BAZZANO completed his comments each of the 32 men present stabbed him with an ice pick and his dead body was shipped on to Pittsburgh.

According to the informant, this gave JOHN LA ROCCA his chance and in spite of the informant's opposition and the opposition of FRANK VALENTI, LA ROCCA gained solid control in Pittsburgh. As a result of their opposition, informant and VALENTI were branded as "outlaw soldiers." Since that time, they have had to live by their wits and do not enjoy the wealth that the others who are "in" enjoy.

Informant said that he first met FRANK VALENTI in Cleveland, Ohio, many years ago and it was VALENTI who brought him to Pittsburgh and later introduced him to the MANNARINOS of New Kensington.

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Because of the fact that this was the first time informant really began to open up, SA PORTELLA chose not to make copious detailed notes and chose not to ask detailed questions because he felt that to do either of these things might cause the informant to suddenly stop talking. During the interview informant touched upon the following items:

1. TONY GROSSO of Pittsburgh is an independent numbers operator whose only ally is the Deputy Superintendent of Pittsburgh Police Department LAWRENCE J. MALONEY. GROSSO is the biggest book and/or bank in Western Pennsylvania and it is generally conceded that he supplies the Pittsburgh Police Department, through MALONEY, with information that they use to eliminate competition for him. GROSSO has a current girlfriend in the Greentree section of Pittsburgh, whose husband drives a Pittsburgh Post-Gazette or Pittsburgh Press newspaper truck. The husband is aware of GROSSO's relationship with his wife and tolerates it. He allegedly purchased for this girlfriend a new 1963 Cadillac automobile. GROSSO has been the topic of discussions many times among the soldiers or workers. Several offers were extended to cause him trouble, but JOHN LA ROCCA vetoed any of these moves because he did not want trouble stirred up in Pittsburgh.
2. When informant ran the Bachelor's Club in East Liberty for CHUCK TEEMER (in essence for JOHN LAROCCA), he had complete control and recalled that for a two year period he paid Deputy Superintendent LAWRENCE J. MALONEY of the Pittsburgh Police Department, \$1,500 a week cash.

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3. TONY RIPPPI, once a boss or leader, has been permitted to gracefully retire from action primarily because of his three sons. He has no voice in problems now, but should he desire an audience he could easily arrange one.
4. Use of dynamite or other explosives is strictly against all organization current rules unless it is approved by the leaders as the only way to settle a dispute. The reason for this regulation is that too many innocent people can be hurt and it attracts a lot of attention.
5. In the Pittsburgh area if anyone has a bank roll and desires to get into some form of gambling, he can automatically do so provided he gets police protection. If he goes along fairly well someone from the organization will try to become his partner but, before the approach is made, it will necessarily have to be cleared with JOHN LA ROCCA and/or KELLY MANNARINO. If they should approve the move, the person desiring to cut in can make his attempt. But, if they deny authority to make the approach, it would be best to forget the whole thing. SONNY CIANCUTTI of New Kensington, Pa., is a close personal friend of GABRIEL MANNARINO but holds no official position in the group. When CIANCUTTI desired to become a partner of BENNIE FROMME of Pittsburgh, it was okayed by GABRIEL MANNARINO. Informant helped CIANCUTTI but the alliance with FROMME flopped because of the heavy losses.
6. JOSEPH MEROLA, formerly of Pittsburgh and now of Miami, is considered an outlaw. MEROLA lost favor with GABRIEL MANNARINO and was never approved as a worker or soldier.

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8. SAM MANNARINO, New Kensington, Pa., has no voice at either New Kensington or Pittsburgh. His brother, GABRIEL, controls the money and makes the decisions.
9. The dice and card game which operated in Braddock, Pa., until several months ago, was managed by BENNIE PLOTKIN. This game was a New Kensington operation bankrolled by GABRIEL MANNARINO.
10. Meetings were held periodically by JOHN LA ROCCA, FRANK AMATO, KELLY MANNARINO, and others, but the meeting date and place were carefully guarded secrets and hardly ever do they meet at the same place twice.
11. NICK TWEEL of Huntington, W. Va., is very close to a very good close friend of JIMMY HOFFA. It was through this very good close friend that HOFFA and the Teamsters Union invested \$3,000,000 in the Continental Distributing Company of Huntington, W. Va., a firm in which TWEEL has a big interest.

The Cleveland Organization or Syndicate

Informant stated that from personal knowledge, he knows this to be the hierarchy of the Cleveland, Ohio setup. JACK WHITE, also known as JACK LICAVOLI; JOHN SCALICH, also known as SCALISE; and JOE DE CARLO are considered to be the three leaders. Below them there are two lieutenants--TONY DEL SANTER and FATS AIELLO.

He stated that Cleveland definitely controls Youngstown, Ohio, and FATS AIELLO who lives in Youngstown, Ohio, is the boss because he is married to JACK WHITE's

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sister. FATS, through his barbout gambling, owes the Cleveland group about \$500,000. They put him in business at the A Lounge and because of his gambling it was forced to go out of business.

CHARLES MURGIE of Pittsburgh, Pa., was sent to Youngstown, Ohio, to control MIKE FARAH who opened the Jungle Inn. This incident took place about 15 or 20 years ago and Pittsburgh and Cleveland agreed that MURGIE could handle the job in Youngstown, Ohio, because they desired to become MIKE FARAH's partner. FARAH was making very good money at the Jungle Inn and the Pittsburgh - Cleveland group wanted 50 per cent of the Jungle Inn to provide money for soldiers of the Cleveland group who were serving a life sentence as a result of work they were doing for the organization. The men serving the life sentence were as follows:

JOHNNY RAY	(FNU) ENGLISH of Toledo
TOM LICAVOLI	JAKE SUKIN (Phonetic) of
RALPH CARSELLO	Toledo
(Phonetic)	

The wives of the men named above, for as long as 16 years, received monthly payments from the Cleveland organization for as long as their husbands were in prison. This is one example of how the organization cares for its faithful soldiers.

CAVBOMB

Informant stated that the killing of CHARLES CAVALLARO is not related to other killings in Youngstown such as NAPLES, DE NIRO, and so forth. He said that there are many separate groups in Youngstown, Ohio, trying to improve their position. The "old outfit" lost control many years ago and even in the old days Youngstown was not tightly supervised from either Cleveland or Pittsburgh.

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Today Youngstown is up for "grabs" but all decisions concerning Youngstown emanate from Cleveland.

VINCE DE NIRO bankrolled the Sans Souci Club in Havana, Cuba for EDDIE TOBIN and TOBIN took him for \$500,000 cash. DE NIRO began to extend his operations in numbers and gambling in Youngstown, Ohio, in order to regain some of this lost cash and no one seemed to interfere. The NAPLES brothers also wanted a piece of Youngstown, Ohio, and SANDY NAPLES was serious competition, so much so that VINCE DE NIRO arranged for his murder. BILLY NAPLES, brother of SANDY, learned that DE NIRO was responsible for his brother's death and he, BILLY, personally wired up DE NIRO's automobile which caused his death.

LOUIS DE NIRO was able to obtain the proof that BILLY NAPLES killed his brother so he arranged for BILLY NAPLES to be included on an alleged big burglary score and as BILLY was getting ready to participate on this score BILLY's car was blown up. Informant stated the record will show that BILLY NAPLES was dressed in black clothing, the type used by burglars in the Youngstown area.

At the present time, BILLY SUNDAY is operating a barbout game in Struthers, Ohio. According to informant, SUNDAY was once the partner of NICK DEDA (Phonetic) of Buffalo, New York. SUNDAY is operating a game not approved by the Cleveland group and SUNDAY has been marked for a "hit" and informant predicts that his life will be taken in the very near future. Informant has no idea who, when, and where it will happen. The only reason he could offer for the hit is that SUNDAY is operating without sanction, and he refused to close, and he was close to CAVALLARO.

MIKE ROMEO, also known as MIKE ROMANO, of Campbell, Ohio, one of the old timers, was shot at some time before CAVALLARO was dynamited. ROMANO's attacker missed and ROMANO and his group, after making their inquiries, concluded that CHARLIE CAVALLARO was responsible for this attempt and a "hit" was ordered on CHARLIE.
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The order for this came directly out of Cleveland and is traceable, according to the informant, to JACK WHITE and/or JOHN SCALISH. He further pointed out that CAVALLARO testified before the KEFAUVER Crime Committee Investigations of several years ago and provided this committee with names, addresses, and a few facts concerning the Youngstown-Cleveland organization. Since that time CAVALLARO has been in disfavor and the attempted killing of ROMANO presented a second good reason for eliminating CAVALLARO.

Informant said he does not know who actually did the technical work on CAVALLARO's automobile because there are so many who could have done it. He stated that there are so many workers or soldiers in the Cleveland group that he could not name or suspect one who might have done the CAVALLARO work. Informant said that he would make some attempt to learn who actually wired up CAVALLARO's automobile.

Informant said that he was well acquainted with DOMINIC MOIA and knows that MOIA was not killed because he wired up CAVALLARO's automobile, but was killed on orders emanating from Cleveland, Ohio, because he promised to open up Canton, Ohio, for gambling, and so forth, and accepted a lot of money from the Cleveland group and then failed to deliver Canton.

Informant stated that from reliable sources he knows that ALFRED OPONOWICZ, the Top Ten Fugitive of the Bureau, is alive and believed to be somewhere in the South. Informant said that he has ways of determining just exactly where OPONOWICZ is in the South and he will obtain this address and telephone number and make same available so that OPONOWICZ can be apprehended. He stated that OPONOWICZ is not a part of any organization or syndicate and for this reason he would have no hesitancy in having the Bureau locate him.

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JOE MASSI

Informant considers JOE MASSI to be one of "the Mr. Bigs" in nation-wide gambling, ranking in stature on the same level of MEYER LANSKY, MOE DAVIS, also known as DALITZ or DALITS, of Cleveland, is also MASSI's partner. MASSI owns the Miami Provision Company and sells meat to most of the hotels and motels in Miami Beach and Miami, Florida. In addition he has a "sizeable" interest in the Desert Inn and the Stardust at Las Vegas, Nevada and also in the Riviera before it was sold. From the enterprises listed above MASSI earns approximately \$7,500 per day without ever leaving Miami Beach, Florida.

Informant said that MASSI is probably one of the most generous men in the racket-gambling element in the United States. He said that MASSI, on a daily basis, hands out over \$500 in \$20 bills to his old buddies who did not do as well in the business as he has done. He stated that these handouts take place every morning when MASSI goes to the barber shop for a shave.

Informant related that MASSI put MICKEY LEIBOWITZ in business by giving him \$27,000 cash to buy a tavern in either Cleveland or Miami. On the night LEIBOWITZ opened his tavern, MASSI spread the word to his friends to patronize MASSI's club and on opening night LEIBOWITZ did \$35,000 worth of business. He tried to pay back the \$27,000 and MASSI refused to accept it.

Informant stated that MASSI is definitely worth several million dollars and is married to a Jew.

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MEYER LANSKY

According to the informant, MEYER LANSKY is considered by all to be the father of big-time gambling in the United States and informant estimates that he must be worth about \$100,000,000 or more. LANSKY is associated in his ventures with his brother, JAKE, and a person known as DOC STACHER, also known as DOC HARRIS. Informant stated that LANSKY desired to pull away from the entire operation but the Italian group, who control gambling, refused to allow him to disassociate himself at this time.

Informant stated that LANSKY's long-time partner in the nation-wide gambling setup has been JERRY CATENA of Newark, New Jersey. CATENA, while VITO GENOVESE is in prison, is the real boss of the entire United States insofar as gambling and rackets are concerned.

LEADS

CLEVELAND

At Campbell, Ohio

Advise whether or not MIKE ROMEO, also known as MIKE ROMANO, was fired upon some time shortly before CAVALLARO was dynamited.

At Struthers, Ohio

Identify BILLY SUNDAY and evaluate information furnished by informant concerning SUNDAY.

At Cleveland, Ohio

1. Advise whether or not setup furnished by informant agrees with setup obtained by your office from other informants.

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2. Advise whether or not there is any truth to the remark that CAVALLARO testified before the KEFAUVER Committee.

MIAMI

At Miami, Florida

Attempt to learn the identity of JOE MASSI's barber and consider putting MASSI under surveillance to determine if he does pass out money to his old cronies every morning at the barber shop.

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Identify JOE MASSERIA and comment on whether or not a murder took place at MASSERIA banquet about 15 to 20 years ago where the victim was stabbed by 32 ice picks.

PITTSBURGH

At Pittsburgh, Pa. (Allegheny County)

Will keep in touch with informant and attempt to develop and enlarge on information already furnished by him and attempt to elicit from him any information about specific instances that could be of interest to this office.

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Date: 2/7/64

Transmit the following in

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Via AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-742)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (157-127)

RE: CAVBOMB

CRIME CONDITIONS, YOUNGSTOWN AND
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(CV File 92-621)

CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
CLEVELAND DIVISION
(CV File 92-477)

LA COSA NOSTRA, aka
AR - CONSPIRACY
(CV File 92-748)

Re CV airtel to Bureau 1/31/64; Pittsburgh letter to
Bureau 1/14/64, captioned "PG 694-PC, Top Echelon Criminal
Informant Program"; and "CAVBOMB".

CV 278-C TE advised on the night of 2/5/64, that ROCCO
MARTELLI, brother of FRANK "CHEECH" MARTEL, a member of the
Calabrese organization, of Campbell, Ohio, had died and was
to be buried on the morning of 2/6/64, and that no doubt there
would be a number of Calabrese in attendance at the funeral.

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A fisur was conducted on the morning of 2/6/64 and noted in attendance at the funeral were DOMINICK "BIG DOM" MALLAMO, who rode in a Chrysler Imperial sedan, bearing Pennsylvania license 167 UA, registered to SAM ADORNATO, 235 East Grant, Indiana, Pennsylvania. Also noted in attendance were JOSEPH MALLAMO, brother of DOMINICK, and PAUL and MIKE ROMEO of Campbell and Poland, Ohio, all alleged members of the "organization". Due to the steady rainfall at the time of the funeral, no doubt the number of persons in attendance may have been limited, however, there were about 20 cars in the funeral cortege.

Referenced Pittsburgh letter to Bureau, 1/14/64, captioned "PG 694-PC", Top Echelon Criminal Informant Program" and "CAVBOMB", set forth a lead at Campbell, Ohio, for the Cleveland Office to advise whether or not MIKE ROMEO, aka MIKE ROMANO, was fired upon sometime shortly before CAVALLARO was dynamited.

It is noted that PAUL ROMEO of Campbell has been previously reported as being the retired head of the "Calabrese Organization" in the Youngstown area, which organization is under the jurisdiction of the "Calabrese Organization" in Cleveland, allegedly headed by TONY MILANO and FRANK DE AUGUSTINI. MIKE ROMEO of Campbell, Ohio, is a son of old PAUL ROMEO and MIKE ROMEO of Poland, Ohio, is a brother of old PAUL ROMEO. The ROMANO who was fired upon, or an attempt made to murder him by use of a shotgun, was JOSEPH ROMANO, aka "STONEFACE", a Sicilian, who was seriously wounded following shotgun blasts about his body in the yard of his home on 6/4/60 at Youngstown, which was about 2½ years before the CAVALLARO bombing. Informants have reported that possibly BILLY NAPLES, bombing - murder victim at Youngstown on 7/1/62, was responsible for the attempt on ROMANO. ROMANO recovered and left Youngstown and moved to Chicago, Illinois, however, informants at Youngstown have stated they have heard that ROMANO is currently spending his time in the Sharon - Farrell, Pennsylvania area with members of the old SAL MARINO organization, it being noted that MARINO is presently living in California.

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It is further to be noted that there are two distinct groups in the Youngstown area, the "Calabrese organization" and the "Sicilian organization."

Re lead at Struthers, Ohio, to identify "BILLY SUNDAY" and evaluate information furnished by informant concerning him. It is to be noted that the above no doubt refers to WILLIAM LANTINI, aka "BILLY SUNDAY", who resides at 2005 Glenwood Avenue, Youngstown, and is 65 years of age, is naturalized, and a Sicilian by birth. LANTINI has FBI # 22716, and when arrested in the past, has used the names of VITO DI MANCO, WILLIAM CATALINO, and WILLIAM LANTINE. It is also to be noted that a Youngstown PCI reported that LANTINI is a close friend of NICK DITTA of the Detroit "Purple Gang", and that DITTA is a close friend of JIMMY HOFFA. It is further to be noted there is no barbut game in operation in the Youngstown area at the present time, and the last that the game operated was on the night of 11/22/62, which was the night preceeding the bombing - murder of CAVALLARO. The game at that time was operated in Campbell, Ohio, having been moved from Struthers, Ohio, during the latter part of June, 1962, just prior to the bombing murder of BILLY NAPLES on 7/1/62. It is agreed that LANTINI was connected with the barbut game when it operated, and it appears that he had a connection with each barbut game that has operated in the Youngstown area.

PG 694-PC also stated that VINCENT J. DE NIRO, bombing - murder victim, 7/17/61 bankrolled the Sans Souci Club in Havana, Cuba for EDDIE TOBIN. It is to be noted that DE NIRO was a part owner of the Sans Souci Club in Las Vegas, which closed, and that EDDIE TOBIN, formerly of Youngstown, was an employee of the Club.

Regarding the shotgun murder of SANDY NAPLES at Youngstown, Ohio, mentioned by PG 694-PC that DE NIRO arranged for this murder which occurred on 3/11/60, it is to be noted that it is the consensus of opinion by Youngstown informants that NAPLES was murdered because he would not give in to the

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"organization" or the "syndicate", and give them a percentage of his business, and as a result when NAPLES ignored their demands, the "organization" contended there was nothing they could do to prove their point except to have him murdered.

Regarding CAVALLARO's testifying before the Kefauver Committee, it is to be noted that he did testify, possibly in 1949, and did state that he had been "muscled" by JOSEPH DI CARLO.

LEADS

PITTSBURGH OFFICE

AT PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

Will recontact PG 694-PC based upon information contained in this communication for any information he may have concerning the two "organizations" in Youngstown, and for any information he may have concerning "CAVBOMB".

AT INDIANA, PENNSYLVANIA

Will conduct background investigation on SAM ADORNATO, 235 East Grant, and through informants and sources attempt to identify his contacts and possible membership in the "Calabrese organization".

AT SHARON AND FARRELL, PENNSYLVANIA

Will, through source and informants, attempt to ascertain the current activities of JOSEPH ROMANO, aka "STONEFACE", who is allegedly spending his time in that area.

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Date: June 19, 1964

Transmit the following in _____

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-742)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (157-127)

CAVBOMB

Re CV airtel to Bureau, 6/12/64.

RE: CHARLES CAVALLARO BOMBING

JOSEPH BLUMETTI, a Teamsters Union representative was recontacted, however no information was developed concerning the bombing. BLUMETTI stated Mrs. CAVALLARO had called his office several times, so he recently stopped by to see her and stated she is still in mourning, dresses in black, and talks as though the bombing only occurred "yesterday". She advised him the boy that was injured received psychiatric treatment, and has become a problem to her. She stated she called BLUMETTI for a job for her oldest son, as he was only earning 90¢ per hour, and he was able to get the boy's probation period in his current employment waived, and is now on the union scale of \$1.95 per hour. She further advised BLUMETTI that there is a threatened foreclosure of her home, as she is behind in her bank payments, and the undertaker and the doctors have filed liens on the home, for which she is very worried.

The Kansas City Office advised on 6/12/64, regarding information reported by DE-919-C* on 3/5/64, NICK DITTA, arson and bombing suspect of Detroit, commented, "Boy! Were we happy after we put the charge in the car."... He said, "Sh-h, sh-h! A car is coming!" ... said, "It did nothing! So I slipped into the garage. I saw CHARLIE, CHARLIE with the boy. So I hid in the car. S.O.B.!" ... At this point an unknown male said, "CHARLIE CAVALLARO. A nice guy." DITTA then stated, "The bus passed. CHARLIE came from the right. He got the flashlight and I; I went to the wire. OK?"

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"I ground it. Boom! While I was putting on the handle - Whew!! I went blind with the bunch of _____."....."The circuit was open. Right?"....."So, _____, I slipped into the car.

_____ said, "You see that house? 422 DeGraw (or possible DeBraw). _____, he went from 87; from 55 _____ children from here _____." In the meantime, at 6:00 o'clock there were people coming home from work."

It is to be noted the CAVALLARO bombing took place at about 11:20 AM, 11/23/62. The bomb was placed in CAVALLARO's 1956 Ford which was parked in the private garage at the rear of the CAVALLARO home at 164 Roslyn Dr., Youngstown, where CAVALLARO had parked the car at about 5:00 PM, 11/21/62. It is further to be noted the highest point of the rubble which remained from the car and the brick garage, was not higher than three feet from the level of the ground in any place, as all was completely demolished. The blast also blew a hole in the concrete floor of the garage to a depth of two feet.

Had DITTA been in the car or in the garage as he stated, he too would have been blown up with the victims. DITTA also mentioned CAVALLARO coming from the right, which would have been true, however he mentioned CAVALLARO with a flashlight, which would not have been necessary at that time in the morning. It is true, people would have been coming home from work at 6:00 o'clock, and it would have been dark at that time, should he have set the bomb on the night of 11/21/62, however, the bombing would not have occurred at that time. DITTA also mentioned a bus passing, and it is to be noted that Roslyn Drive is a rather narrow residential street, and buses do not use this street for travel.

Summarizing the above, even though the name of CHARLIE CAVALLARO was mentioned, it does not appear that they were talking of the CAVALLARO bombing; or DITTA is purposely boasting, or changing the facts for purpose of conversation.

RE: PAUL HOLOVATICH, aka. "PINTO", suspect in CAVBOMB

On June 15, 1964, _____ PCI advised that JOAN HAMILTON, girlfriend of HOLOVATICH, is pregnant, and was going to

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have an abortion performed by Dr. ABRAM ARMSTEAD, Youngstown, sometime on 6/16/64. On 6/16/64, PCI advised JOAN HAMILTON was planning to go to Dr. ARMSTEAD's residence about 2:00 PM that day for the abortion. A photographic surveillance was set up in the neighborhood of the ARMSTEAD residence, where he also does his work, and at about 3:05 PM, HOLOVATICH appeared in his auto, accompanied by HAMILTON, and photographs were taken of their entering ARMSTEAD's residence. Just 14 minutes later, they were observed and photographed leaving the residence. Later that afternoon PCI advised HOLOVATICH and HAMILTON visited at her home, and HAMILTON told PCI of her "treatment" administered by Dr. ARMSTEAD. PCI stated HAMILTON looked very pale, and HAMILTON told her she was very weak when she left ARMSTEAD's and her orders were to go home and stay in bed for three days to prevent excessive hemorrhaging, and HOLOVATICH was going to spend this time with her to look after her.

It is expected that with these photographs and after JOAN HAMILTON has aborted, we will be able to use this as a wedge to induce her to cooperate and provide information of interest to the Bureau. This same information can also be used in future interviews with Dr. ARMSTEAD.

RE: PROSECUTION IN LOCAL MAHONING COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
YOUNGSTOWN

On 6/12/64, RONALD DAVID CARABBIA appeared before Common Pleas Judge SIDNEY J. RIGELHAUPT, having previously been found guilty of promoting a numbers game, and was sentenced to a term of 1 to 10 years in the Ohio Penitentiary. CARABBIA was released on bond pending an appeal filed before the 7th District Court of Appeals. On 6/12/64, STEPHEN ALMASY, MICHAEL STEPHEN GRANCHAY and RICHARD MARZETTI appeared before Judge RIGELHAUPT, having previously pleaded guilty to promoting a numbers game. All were sentenced to a term of five years probation, with the first six months of the probation to be served in the Mahoning County Jail. All were required to surrender their federal gambling tax stamps, and were cautioned that if they were ever arrested on a gambling charge during the period of probation, or seen in the company of known gamblers or police characters, their probation would be immediately violated which would result in immediate sentencing

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of 1 to 10 year terms and a fine of \$1,000. The three were immediately jailed and are now serving their six months sentences in the Mahoning County Jail.

On 6/17/64, DAVID LEE COMAN pleaded guilty to promoting a numbers game, before Common Pleas Judge SIDNEY RIGELHAUPT, and was immediately sentenced to the same term and under the same terms as ALMASY, GRANCHAY and MARZETTI, with imposition of sentence to begin 6/22/64, to allow COMAN time to get his personal business settled.

RE: SICILIAN ORGANIZATION

CV-989-C* advised on 6/10/64, ANTHONY DELSANTER placed a long-distance telephone call to JOE (LNU) at Detroit, phone LUDworth 1-9158. DELSANTER indicated he intended to visit Detroit on Friday, no time mentioned. DELSANTER mentioned he had been talking to BAUGIA (phonetic) and mentioned something about "They wanted to settle _____ for maybe ---- to cop a plea, but he may turn out all right."

On 6/12/64, PCI [redacted] advised that DELSANTER's 1963 light brown Oldsmobile bearing 1964 Ohio license C-1091-L, was at the residence of JAMES LICAVOLI in Cleveland, and later PCI [redacted] advised that LICAVOLI had placed several suitcases and a set of gold clubs in the car, and left his residence in company of the driver of this car. OTHER 4

CV-989-C* also advised that on 6/12/64, DELSANTER called the residence of JASPER JOSEPH AIELLO, JR., aka. "FATS" in Youngstown, and advised AIELLO's wife, ROSE, when he ascertained AIELLO was not at home, that he was going to be out of town for about a week, and in this conversation indicated he was going to Montana because of his rheumatism.

Regarding DELSANTER's travel on 6/12/64, it is to be noted that DELSANTER's car was observed entering the Ohio Turnpike on 6/12/64, and headed west toward Toledo. The Detroit Office was notified of the above travel, and the car was observed in Detroit, following an auto registered to ANTHONY JOSEPH "WHITEY"

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On November 23, 1962, CHARLES CAVALLARO, aka Cadillac Charlie, and two of his young sons were occupants of an automobile which exploded when CAVALLARO stepped on the starter. CAVALLARO and one son were killed. This was the 82nd gangland bombing in the City of Youngstown in a five-year period, and on the day it occurred, it became a major Bureau special, and is being handled under the caption CAVBOMB.

Prior to that, the Cleveland Division was making a major effort under the Criminal Intelligence Program to determine the relationship which might exist between organized crime in the City of Cleveland and the City of Youngstown, and as a part of that general investigation, b2 [redacted] was designated a top echelon informant on November 7, 1963. b7D

This informant had been contacted by SA Stanley E. Peterson since 1951, and in 1953 was designated a criminal informant of the Cleveland Division. From the inception of contacts with him, he furnished voluminous reliable information which dealt largely with criminal intelligence matters, and because of his close association with the Italian element in Youngstown of Calabrese extraction, was made a top echelon informant.

By letter dated July 24, 1963, Cleveland advised the Bureau the informant had been approached by [redacted] b7C [redacted] to take an oath of allegiance to [redacted] organization. The informant refused.

The CAVALLARO bombing is still unsolved, and numerous theories have been advanced by persons in a position to either know or make intelligent guesses as to the identities of those responsible. While these theories have not been completely resolved, it now appears that there are three principal factions in Youngstown of interest to the Bureau in this entire picture. The first is a group of racketeers which may be referred to as the Naples Gang. The second is a group which may be termed the Calabrese Organization, and the third a group which may be termed for discussion here the Sicilian Organization.

At this point, it appears that the Sicilians and the Calabrese are two separate organizations which do not combat each other by mutual consent, and if

Cleveland controls Youngstown rackets, it would be through the Sicilian Organization, the probable head of which is JAMES LICAVOLI of Cleveland, commonly known as [REDACTED] DOMINIC MALLAMO apparently heads the Calabrese Organization in Youngstown.

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The Naples Gang (two of the NAPLES brothers have been murder victims) and another group in Youngstown, the DE NIRO brothers, have apparently for years been fighting to control numbers operations in Youngstown. The NAPLES brothers and the DE NIRO brothers have taken turns killing each other. Indications are that the NAPLES brothers have never succumbed to control by Italian organizations, either Calabrese or Sicilian, whereas the DE NIRO brothers did accede to, though probably did not become, members of the Sicilian Organization.

With this background, the importance of this informant being accepted into the MALLAMO organization is readily apparent, and SA Peterson concentrated his efforts toward persuading the informant to join the MALLAMO organization if he had another opportunity to do so.

One of the outstanding things in the performance of SA Peterson in this respect has been virtually daily contact with this informant. This is on a seven-day-a-week, day-and-night basis, and because of the frequency of the contacts, the informant now feels SA Peterson is closer to the informant than his own brothers and he considers SA Peterson his closest personal friend.

In the period of July 24 to August 12, 1963, SA Peterson convinced the informant he should take an oath of allegiance to MALLAMO's organization if it were again offered.

The obstacle which had to be overcome here was twofold: first, a religious conviction on the part of the informant; and second, the informant's personal aversion to MALLAMO.

With respect to the religious aspect, the informant had first refused to join the MALLAMO organization because he felt he would place his life in MALLAMO's hands and would be required to steal, kill, and cater to the wishes of MALLAMO at any time. The informant, who is a Roman Catholic of Italian extraction, took the position he could not take an oath in joining MALLAMO's organization, as such an oath would violate the informant's religion, and would, in fact, be an oath contrary to the precepts of his religion.

SA Peterson explained that in the first place taking such an oath would not alter the informant's true religious beliefs, and because of this, such an oath would not be contrary to the informant's religion, because the oath would not be taken in good conscience, and, therefore, would be invalid insofar as the informant's religion is concerned.

Although the informant accepted this reasoning, he still felt a personal aversion to MALLAMO and "MALLAMO's kind". This feeling was gradually overcome by SA Peterson by pointing out the need of the United States and the FBI for information regarding organized crime, and the importance to the FBI of solving the CAVALLARO bombing. The informant was gradually convinced that if the informant were able to penetrate the "criminal organization", it would be the greatest contribution he could make, not only for his country, but for his religion as well.

From this point on, the problem was largely one of continuing the informant in this frame of mind, encouraging him to continue his association so that he might again be invited into the organization, as the initiative in this matter could not come from the informant, and time alone became a discouraging factor to the informant. It was only by virtue of almost daily contact and encouragement on the part of SA Peterson that the informant's level of interest was maintained.

Because of SA Peterson's encouragement,

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It is felt that the performance of SA Peterson is such that he should be considered for an incentive award for the following reasons:

1. Sustained above-average performance - Contacts with the above informant go back as far as 1951, and since July of 1963, approximately a nine-month period, effort was made to persuade him to join the organization.

5. Performance which has involved the overcoming of unusual difficulties - Most of the difficulties encountered have been outlined above. Insofar as is known at this office, this is the first time since the Bureau began its intensive Criminal Intelligence Program that a Bureau informant has been jockeyed into a position where he has been accepted into one of the Italian organized criminal organizations.

Only time will tell the full importance of this achievement. Now that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] we should have fresh insight into the exact relationship between the Calabrese and Sicilian organizations. We should also be able to make a much better determination of the extent of organized criminal influence from Cleveland or other cities into Youngstown racketeering. We may obtain positive intelligence information which will lead to a solution of the CAVALLARO killing and finally, it now appears that in time the informant in his travels for or with [REDACTED] should be able to further penetrate Italian organized crime, not only in Youngstown, but in other areas.

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2. SA's STANLEY E. PETERSON [redacted]

[redacted] SA PETERSON was the case Agent, and SA's [redacted] and [redacted] worked with SRA PETERSON on this case from its inception. Because of the numerous bombings, shootings and racketeering operations in Youngstown, which included burglaries, numbers, and abortions, extreme care had to be observed in utilizing the services of other local law enforcement agents. This created particular problems with respect to the development of technical informants. The cooperation afforded the Mahoning County Prosecutor in the special Grand Juries he convened was, as far as I know, up to that time without precedent in the Bureau, and created numerous delicate problems where we had little precedence to guide us. Staggering hours were worked, and as live informants were developed, calls were received from them at all hours of the day and night, many of which required immediate handling. Much of the information developed, as we dug deeper and deeper into the morass of crime, had to be immediately disseminated to local authorities to prevent planned crimes with the myriad attendant problems of concealing our informants in an area where killers for hire are readily available. They succeeded in developing information from informants who are listed above, which resulted in information ultimately leading to the solution of the case and the establishment that there was no Federal violation in our jurisdiction. There is no question but as a result of our investigation into the CAVALLARO question that crime in the Youngstown area has been converted from rampant to dormant, although the many active hoodlums there are capable of further crime and must be closely followed.

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It is because of their long hours in the face of a terribly discouraging prospect; their handling of information received; and their development of the information through live informants, I feel their work is outstanding, and that they should be given an Incentive Award.

Consideration has been given toward recommending Incentive Awards for the following Agents, and no such recommendation is being made for the following reasons:

1. SA [redacted] - Pittsburgh b2
SA [redacted] through [redacted] came up with b7D
information that MOIO was the killer, who, in turn, had
been killed for his activity, which information ultimately
proved to be correct, and with respect to the work of this
Agent, the SAC at Pittsburgh may wish to submit his own
recommendation.

2. SA [redacted] - Dallas b7C
The importance of [redacted] contribution was his
handling of the Mahoning County Prosecutor, and for this
reason he has previously been given an Incentive Award, which
is believed adequate.

3. SA's [redacted] - [redacted] b7C
No recommendations are being made for them
inasmuch as they have been given Quality Salary Increases
based in part on their work in the establishment of
technical informants.

Individual letters of commendation are recommended
for the following Agents for the reasons indicated:

1. SA's [redacted] - [redacted] b2
Their handling of [redacted] is considered b7D
outstanding, and contributed directly to the solution of b7C
the case.

2. SA [redacted] b7C
[redacted] contribution was particularly important
because he was sent to Youngstown to work this case at
its inception, and coordinated the paper work and assisted
in the preparation of the initial reports. He also developed
informants in Youngstown with whom he maintained contact
at considerable inconvenience throughout the course of the
investigation.

3. SA [redacted] b2
MOIO had many connections in Canton, and was b2
killed in Canton. I feel that the information SA [redacted] b7D
obtained from [redacted] was, in part, directly responsible b7C
for the solution of the case. He had many ramifications
of this case in Canton, although he did not work in the
Youngstown area, and was virtually a member of the CAVBOMB
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4. SA's [redacted] - [redacted] b2

These Agents worked on the CAVBOMB Special from the time of their assignment at the Youngstown Resident Agency, and their handling of [redacted] was, in part, directly responsible for the solution of the case. b7D b7C

5. SA's [redacted] - [redacted]

The importance of their contribution was the information they obtained from [redacted] which was, in part, directly responsible for the solution of the case. Their work was particularly noteworthy in that SA [redacted] is a Resident Agent at Ashtabula, and SA O'HARA is assigned to a Criminal Squad in Cleveland, working principally Bank Robbery matters. They both worked on the case in its early stages in Youngstown, and sought out this informant and developed information which proved to be accurate. b2 b7D b7C

6. Inspector [redacted]

Inspector [redacted] was sent to Youngstown by the Bureau to look into the status of this investigation. Through his drive, intelligence and enthusiasm, the case was redirected and the Agents inspired to begin afresh. It was through his impetus that the technical informants in Youngstown were developed, and although these informants did not contribute information which led to the direct solution of the case, they did provide information of great assistance in the harassment program. b7C

It is further recommended that a general letter of commendation be given me for inclusion in the personnel files of Agents listed below who worked in Youngstown on this case under most trying, difficult conditions:

ASAC JOHN J. CONEYS

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Name: STANLEY E. PETERSON

Title: Supervisory Special Agent

EOD: 4-24-47

Grade: GS-14 at \$14,660

εβ SAC BROWN: This personnel write-up is submitted inasmuch as SA PETERSON is involved in a security breach. SA PETERSON is Senior Resident Agent at Youngstown, where there are thirteen Special Agents and an Investigative Clerk. The CAVBOMB special, recently closed, was assigned to him. He was commended on March 25, 1964, by the Prosecuting Attorney for Mahoning County for his work in connection with the presentation of evidence to the Mahoning County Grand Jury. On May 13, 1964, he was given an incentive award of \$150.00 for developing a criminal informant. He is interested in and available for administrative advancement and is considered completely qualified for such advancement at this time. I would rate his qualifications good. It is because of his administrative work that he is rated a Supervisory Special Agent. I feel that the caliber of his work during the past year is just short of outstanding and certainly is entitled to a rating of Excellent.

Rating: EXCELLENT

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