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"Subject has retained attorneys and is attempting to obtain review denial on permanent visa." (X)(M)

On December 17, 1962, the Legat, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, advised that the attorneys for MOSS have a Habeas Corpus Petition before the Supreme Court of Brazil to prevent MOSS' expulsion and to compel the Justice Department to grant him a permanent visa. The decision was expected daily, but could possibly be sixty days, as the court was shortly to take a vacation. (X)(M)

On 12/31/62, the Legat, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, advised that on 12/21/62, it had been determined that the Brazilian Supreme Court had recessed until March 15, 1963, and that no decision had been made in MOSS' case. It was noted that as a result it will be at least the middle of March, 1963, before a decision is handed down by the Brazilian Supreme Court. In the communication, the Legat advised that he had been told by SERGIO BRANDAO AZEREDO, Chief of the Maritime Police, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, that the Brazilian Justice Department is standing firm and has no intention of issuing a permanent visa to SIDNEY MOSS. SERGIO BRANDAO AZEREDO stated that he expects the Brazilian Supreme Court to deny MOSS' petition to force the Department of Justice to issue him a permanent visa, and that upon such denial, MOSS must immediately depart the country. (X)(M)

On 2/25/63, Mr. SAUL WLODAVER, Attorney, 475 5th Ave., NYC, furnished a photocopy of the affidavit furnished by the subject on 1/30/63, which was mentioned in reference report.

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By communication dated 2/26/63, the Oklahoma City Division advised that the records of that office failed to reflect any information identifiable with MICHAEL M. MYERSON, JAY GOULD, JACK COOPER, BURT CHRISMAN, SALVATORE GRANDE, SI POLLACK, DAVID E. LUBELL, HY OCHBERG, HARRY RABBINS, or the South Atlantic Development Corporation or Company.

On 2/26/63, PCI HOWARD KREITSEK stated he originally met SALVATORE GRANELLO and GEORGE LEVINE in 1956 or 57, at which time he was acting as the broker for the construction of a hotel in Puerto Rico for the Sheraton Hotel Corporation.

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KREITSEK advised that he is a close friend of ROCKY GRAZIANO and during conversations with GRAZIANO, he mentioned the proposed hotel. GRAZIANO stated that he would have to include a casino in the hotel and suggested that he see GRANELLO and LEVINE as possible financial backers for this casino. KREITSEK advised that he was introduced to GRANELLO and LEVINE by GRAZIANO at the St. Moritz Hotel, Central Park South and 6th Avenue, NYC. At this time, GRANELLO and LEVINE advised they were interested in the construction of a hotel in Havana, Cuba, and showed a rendering of the proposed hotel to KREITSEK. They further requested him to submit the rendering to the Sheraton Hotel Corporation for possible consideration. KREITSEK stated that he submitted the rendering to the Sheraton Hotel Corporation and various other hotel chains. N.Y.

Following prolonged negotiations, KREITSEK advised that the Sheraton Hotel Corporation displayed an interest in the proposal of GRANELLO and LEVINE and sent KREITSEK to Cuba to ascertain the complete facts. KREITSEK stated he travelled to Cuba and was given the "grand tour" by GEORGE LEVINE, at which time LEVINE showed KREITSEK the Oriental Park Race Track and a considerable amount of surrounding land and stated that he and GRANELLO owned it. He further stated that they owned the Havana Racing Corporation.

According to KREITSEK, the proposal looked good and he, KREITSEK, recommended construction to the Sheraton Hotel Corporation. After due consideration, the Sheraton Hotel Corporation accepted the proposal. At this point, KREITSEK advised LEVINE that he and GRANELLO would have to furnish a "Completion Bond" prior to the Sheraton Hotel Corporation signing any lease to occupy the hotel. LEVINE questioned KREITSEK as to the identity of possible individuals who would post such a bond. KREITSEK stated that one JOHN KEILLY of Jamaica, Queens, NY, had recently wrote an "Abandonment Bond" for the Hilton chain when no one else would write such a bond. For this reason, KREITSEK recommended KEILLY to GRANELLO and LEVINE. He further told LEVINE that the Havana Racing Corp. would have to show assets equal to the bond which would amount to five million two hundred thousand dollars. According to KREITSEK, LEVINE furnished a statement of assets in excess of the five million two hundred thousand dollar figure to KEILLY. KREITSEK advised that he

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observed this statement of assets but later learned that the entire document was false.

KREITSEK continued that KEILLY obtained a "letter of commitment" to issue the bond from Godoy-Sayan Insurance Co., Havana, Cuba. This letter called for a "stand-by fee" of \$40,000.00, which would have to be posted by the Havana Racing Corporation. At this point, GRANELLO insisted on being named in the letter. LEVINE gave KEILLY \$40,000.00 at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in NYC and the later furnished LEVINE with a "letter of receipt" written on the stationery of the Godoy-Sayan Insurance Co. At this point, KREITSEK stated that he never observed GRANELLO in Cuba, although he had contact with LEVINE in Havana, Cuba, on several occasions.

Following the acceptance of the proposal ^{N.Y.} by the Sheraton Hotel Corp., RICHARD BOONISAR, Executive Vice-President, Sheraton Hotel Corp., accompanied KREITSEK to Havana, Cuba, where they were met and given the "grand tour" by GEORGE LEVINE. BOONISAR was pleased with the situation and fully accepted the proposal. However, BOONISAR questioned KREITSEK concerning any possible criminal background of LEVINE and GRANELLO. KREITSEK stated that he asked LEVINE if the latter had ever been arrested and without any hesitation, LEVINE said that he had and for serious offenses. However, LEVINE stated that the names of legitimate individuals would be substituted in the contract with the Sheraton Hotel Corp. KREITSEK advised that he informed BOONISAR of the situation and at this point, the enthusiasm began to dwindle on the part of the Sheraton Hotel Corporation.

KREITSEK continued that LEVINE wanted to know if the Godoy-Sayan Insurance Co. had ever received the standby fee KREITSEK told LEVINE that they probably had since he had a letter of receipt. Subsequently, KREITSEK asked JOHN KEILLY concerning this matter and KEILLY stated that he had given the money to the Godoy-Sayan Insurance Company. However, following much double talk on the part of KEILLY, KREITSEK later learned that the Godoy-Sayan Insurance Co. had never received the fee.

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When LEVINE and GRANELLO learned that the fee had not been paid to the Godoy-Sayan Insurance Co., LEVINE demanded the \$40,000.00 from KREITSEK based on the fact that KREITSEK had introduced KEILLY. KREITSEK told LEVINE to "drop dead". Following this meeting, KREITSEK learned that LEVINE had threatened KEILLY and received \$5,000.00 from KEILLY.

However, the pressure continued against KREITSEK based on the aforementioned information. On several occasions, ROCKY GRAZIANO contacted KREITSEK and advised him to pay LEVINE and GRANELLO the money they said was due them. On one of these occasions, GRAZIANO told KREITSEK that he was to meet with GRANELLO. KREITSEK said that he met GRANELLO at the Waldorf Men's Bar, explained his view of the situation and stated that he would intercede with KEILLY for them. On this occasion, he did not have any trouble with GRANELLO. However, he continued to receive threats from GEORGE LEVINE for the balance of the \$35,000.00.

Several weeks later, he received a visit from GRANELLO and LEVINE at his office located at 36 Central Park South, NYC, at which time GRANELLO in no uncertain terms told KREITSEK to tell KEILLY's wife that "KEILLY's body would be delivered to her doorstep without a face". GRANELLO and LEVINE immediately left the office, but KREITSEK was in a state of extreme nervousness. Following the return of his business partner, RALPH SERPE, a few minutes later, SERPE noticed the emotional state of KREITSEK and volunteered to have VINCENT "JIMMY BLUE EYES" ALO intercede for KREITSEK with GRANELLO. KREITSEK advised that he declined the offer.

KREITSEK advised that he continued to receive threats from LEVINE and through ROCKY GRAZIANO from LEVINE. He stated that he finally paid LEVINE approximately \$24,000.00, which money

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he borrowed from various relatives. As a result, he advised that he is still in considerable financial difficulty.

KREITSEK advised that he has not had any personal contact with LEVINE or GRANELLO for approximately four years, although he did receive a telephone call from LEVINE approximately 2 years ago during which the latter attempted to extort additional sums of money.

KREITSEK described LEVINE as an individual with a dual personality, in that he could be quite personable and generous on occasion, but on the otherhand, he could display an animalistic and cruel attitude.

KREITSEK further stated that GRANELLO is a totally evil individual and dedicated to the "Mafia" traditions by his verbal admissions.

KREITSEK advised that he recalled on one occasion he was advised by ROCKY GRAZIANO that SALLY BURNS had murdered two men in a Havana hotel room with a baseball bat.

KREITSEK advised that GRANELLO was continuously accompanied by two individuals, MIKE LORIA and MARIO (LNU). *Boem Approx. 1913 - 1918*

KREITSEK described LORIA as an "enforcer" for GRANELLO and often signed various documents for GRANELLO. He stated that LORIA was originally from Coney Island and on one occasion was described by GEORGE LEVINE as "the best knife man in the business." KREITSEK stated that LORIA operated floating crap games for GRANELLO in the NYC area. He further stated that LORIA was of low intelligence, an avid racing fan, and a dedicated family man. He described LORIA as being in his late 40s (looks much younger), 6'1", 165 lbs., black wavy hair, dark eyes, thin build, long pockmarked face, with a fair complexion. *N.Y.*

KREITSEK further described MARIO (LNU) as a courier for GRANELLO. He stated MARIO was originally from NY, but had been in Cuba for many years. He stated that MARIO was a complete degenerate and in addition to his activities with GRANELLO, was an abortion stealer in Cuba. He described MARIO as 38 to 39 years of age, straight black hair, dark eyes, one eye turned out, 5'9", 150 lbs., medium build with a sallow complexion.

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KREITSEK stated that he has been in contact with ROCKY GRAZIANO on four or five occasions since the first of January, 1963. According to KREITSEK, GRAZIANO has refused to discuss SALLY BURNS and stated that he told SALLY BURNS to "get lost". However, KREITSEK advised that in view of GRAZIANO's adoration of BURNS, he doubted the latter statement. KREITSEK stated that GRAZIANO had questioned him, KREITSEK, as to whether the FBI had been to see him concerning SALLY BURNS. KREITSEK further stated that GRAZIANO had been in contact with his, KREITSEK's, attorney, LUCIEN NEMSER, 160 Broadway, New York City, telephone, RE 2-2434, with whom he discussed SALLY BURNS. KREITSEK stated that GRAZIANO is currently living in Forest Hills, Queens, NY, exact address unknown, and is in considerable financial difficulties.

In view of KREITSEK's extreme fear of the subject and the fact that he was unable to furnish any information of a prosecutable nature concerning GRANELLO, this information is not being included in the details of this report. KREITSEK is in contact with GRAZIANO on an average of 2 or 3 times a week. GRAZIANO is known to be very close to GRANELLO and it is felt that any disclosure of the aforementioned information, outside the Bureau, might possibly compromise KREITSEK who is being developed as an informant.

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LOS ANGELES

At Los Angeles, California

1. Will recontact LEO SCHILZ to determine if he has considered filing a complaint against MYERSON and POLLACK relative to the check, dated May 23, 1962. (It may be noted that the AUSA, SDNY, has requested that information of a prosecutable nature be developed against MYERSON prior to his appearance before a FGJ.)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
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New York, New York

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Bureau 92-3960
New York 92-1108

Re: Salvatore Granello
Anti-Racketeering

Re New York report of Special Agent Eugene J. Hindes
dated and captioned as above.

- NY T-1 An individual who has been engaged in gambling activities in the New Haven, Connecticut area for the past 38 years and has a wide acquaintance throughout the country with individuals engaged in gambling activities.
- NY T-2 A source who is in a position to furnish information concerning the subject's activities at Greenwood Lake, New York.
- NY T-3 An individual who possesses a criminal record, has a wide acquaintance with underworld figures in the New York City area, and remains in close contact with many underworld individuals.
- NY T-4 An individual in the entertainment field who has associated with criminals in the past.
- NY T-5 An individual who has a criminal record and is well acquainted with the hoodlum element in the New York City area.
- NY T-6 A municipal agency which conducts criminal intelligence type investigations in the New York City area.

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