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11:20 PM EST 12-7-64 URGENT HWM TO DIRECTOR, SAN JUAN, ALBANY AND NEWARK FROM PHILADELPHIA 080100

ANGELO BRUNO, AKA, AR. DAILY SUMMARY.

RE PHILADELPHIA AIRTEL DATED NOVEMBER 27 LAST.

TODAY SOURCE, RELIABILITY NOT DETERMINED, ADVISED

[THAT ON DECEMBER 4 LAST HE ATTEMPTED TO CONTACT] CARL

IPPOLITO AT HIS RESIDENCE, 17004TH STREET, EWING TOWNSHIP,

NEW JERSEY, WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. AT TIME OF VISIT, THERE

WERE THREE CADILLACS IN DRIVEWAY. ONE WAS IPPOLITO'S AND

BORE NEW JERSEY LICENSE D M 090. SECOND WAS UNKNOWN TO

SOURCE AND BORE NEW YORK LICENSE 8066 N.V. THIRD HAD

NO LICENSE PLATE.

DURING EVENING OF DECEMBER 4 LAST HE SPOKE WITH ZINGO," FRIEND OF IPPOLITO AND LEARNED FROM HIM THAT IPPOLITO, JOHN SIMONE, AND "THREE OR FOUR OTHERS FROM NEW YORK" LEFT TRENTON FOR SAN JUAN.

ON DECEMBER 5 LAST HE RETURNED TO IPPOLITO'S AND FOUND CARS IN SAME POSITION AND NOTE HE HAD LEFT IN DOOR INTACT.

ALBANY DETERMINE REGISTRANT OF ABOVE NEW YORK LICENSE AND FURNISH PHILADELPHIA, SAN JUAN, AND NEWARK WITH NAME AND BACKGROUND.

NEWARK DETERMINE IF IPPOLITO AND SIMONE ARE IN TRENTON. IF THEY ARE MISSING, FURNISH SAN JUAN WITH PHOTOS OF SIMONE AND IPPOLITO AND IF POSSIBLE THEIR SAN JUAN ADDRESS. IF THEY ARE KNOWN TO BE IN TRENTON, ADVISE SAN JUAN TO DISCONTINUE

RELAYED TO SAN JUAN

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PH 614-C-TE advised that he accompanied ANGELO BRUNO on Thursday, 11/19/64, to the home of CARL "PAPPY" IPPOLITO, Trenton, N. J., area. Present at IPPOLITO's home in addition to BRUNO, PH 614-C-TE, and IPPOLITO was JOHN SIMONE, aka. Johnny Casablanca.

For information of Offices receiving this communication, ANGELO BRUNO, IPPOLITO, and SIMONE are members of the Philadelphia Family of La Cosa Nostra. BRUNO is the "boss" of the Philadelphia Family; JOHN SIMONE is a Capodecina operating in the Trenton, N. J., area; and CARL IPPOLITO is a Soldato.

During the discussion which took place on this occasion at IPPOLITO's residence, ANGELO BRUNO apprised IPPOLITO and SIMONE of the details of three casino-type gambling operations which are for sale in Las Vegas, Nev., San Juan, Puerto Rico, and Miami-Grand Bahamas area.

(1) Concerning the casino in Las Vegas, BRUNO stated the California Club located in Las Vegas is for sale and the asking price is \$1,500,000. BRUNO stated it is controlled by a woman who is a widow (BILLYE S. LONG). IPPOLITO stated that he is familiar with the operation at the California Club and indicated the principal gambling activity at the club is slot machines. IPPOLITO stated he would go to Las Vegas and, if he could secure a working permit, he would be interested in purchasing the California Club. BRUNO indicated that the woman who controls the California Club had contacted MAX WEISBERG concerning this venture. BRUNO told IPPOLITO that he would be in contact with WEISBERG and would obtain additional information commercing the California Club for IPPOLITO.

For the information of Offices receiving this communication, MAX WEISBERG has been referred to by ANGELO BRUNO, according to PH 623-C2, as the "leader" of Philadelphia's Jewish Mob. WEISBERG is known to be in continuous contact with ANGELO BRUNO.

(2) The second proposition which BRUNO discussed with IPPOLITO and SIMONE concerned a sea-going vessel named "Orange Queen" which sails between Miami and the island of Bimini, Grand Bahama Islands. BRUNO stated that this ship contains 32

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slot machines. The owners of this ship are desirous of obtaining a \$25,000 loan and are willing to cut the lender in as a 50 per cent partner in consideration for the loan. In addition to the 50 per cent cut, the ship's owners will repay the \$25,000 out of their remaining 50 per cent profits. (25 per cent of the owner's 50 per cent earnings will go toward the \$25,000 loan until fully paid.) When the loan is completely paid, the lender will continue to control 50 per cent of the ship's ownership.

IPPOLITO, according to PH 614-C-TE, was very much impressed with this proposition and indicated he will send either his brother or brother-in-law to Chicago for the purpose of learning how to repair slot machines. Upon his return from Chicago, either IPPOLITO, IPPOLITO's brother or brother-in-law will go to the Miami area and will look into this proposition.

(3) The third proposition which BRUNO discussed with IPPOLITO and SIMONE concerned a gambling casino which exists in a Hilton hotel in San Juan, Puerto Rico (hotel reportedly was recently acquired by Hilton chain). The Hilton hotel chain reportedly is looking for someone to manage or lease the casino. BRUNO told IPPOLITO and SIMONE if they are interested in the casino concession at the San Juan, Puerto Rico, Hilton Hotel, they should contact JOHN SCARNI (phonetic), who is familiar with the Hilton deal. SIMONE asked BRUNO if SCARNI is "connected" and BRUNO stated that he was not. It was not clear to informant if SCARNI personally advised BRUNO of this situation or whether SCARNI had sent the information to BRUNO through an intermediary.

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PH 571-C\* furnished the following information which appears to be connected with the situation numbered (1) discussed above concerning the California Club in Las Vegas, Nev.:

Friday evening, 11/20/64, source advised that MAX WEISBERG telephonically spoke with a person referred to as AL GERBER (phonetic) and stated that he had spent the afternoon with "the big guy." (WEISBERG is known to refer to ANGELO BRUNO as "the big guy.") WEISBERG told GERBER that "the big guy"

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IN ORDER TO PRECLUDE POSSIBLE COMPROMISE OF PH 614-C-TE, ANY ACTIVE INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED CONCERNING ABOVE INFO SHOULD EE DONE IN SUCH A MANNER AS NOT TO REVEAL AT THIS TIME THE INTEREST OF BRUNO, IPPOLITO, SIMONE, OR WEISBERG IN ANY OF ABOVE PROPOSITIONS. CARE SHOULD LIKEWISE BE USED IN HANDLING INFO FURNISHED BY PH 571-G\*.

 $\,$  PH 571-C° can be characterized as a close associate of MAX WEISBERG.

PH 614-C-TE can be characterized as an intimate associate of ANGELO BRUNO.

# LEADS

#### LAS VEGAS:

#### AT LAS VEGAS, NEV.

Through established, reliable sources continue efforts to identify AL GERBER.

#### LOS ANGELES:

# AT LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

Through established, reliable sources continue efforts to identify AL GERBER.

## MIAMI:

## AT MIAMI, FLA.

- 1. Through established, reliable sources and indices check, attempt to identify AL GERBER.
- 2. Determine registration of ship "Orange Queen"; identities of owners, their criminal background and known associates.
- 3. Determine gross take, annual profit, and nature of gambling on Orange Queen.