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SUBJECT: JUSTIFICATION FOR CONTINUATION OF TECHNICAL OR MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCE

RE: Title SEBASTIAN JOHN LA ROCCA, aka.

Character of Case ANTI-RACKETEERING
Field Office Pittsburgh
Symbol Number PG 622-C*
Type of Surveillance: (Technical or
Microphone) Microphone (MUTT
installation)

1. Name of person or organization on whom surveillance placed:
SEBASTIAN JOHN LA ROCCA (Owner, North Star Cement Block Company,
12 McCandless Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.)
2. Address where installation made. Also give exact room number or area covered:
The Pittsburgh Office of the North Star Cement Block Company,
12 McCandless Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.
3. Location of monitoring plant:
Pittsburgh FBI Office, 450 Union Trust Building, Fifth
Avenue and Grant Street, Pittsburgh, Pa.
4. Dates of initial authorization and installation:
Initial authorization: 1/26/61
Installation: 1/30/61 (actually activated on 2/7/61)
5. Previous and other installations on the same subject (with dates and places):

No other installations
6. If installation is a technical surveillance, answer following questions:
(There is no tesur involved in this installation)
 - a. Is a trunk line utilized?
 - b. Is the surveillance on a switchboard?
 - c. Is the surveillance on a public coin-operated telephone?

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d. Is surveillance on a private line or a party line?

e. If a party line, how many parties?

7. If a microphone surveillance involved, state number of microphones actually used and location of each:

One MUTT unit is installed and concealed in the floor space between subject's business office and lavatory.

8. Is the installation part of a tel-mike? If so, give symbol of other side of the combination:

Not part of a tel-mike.

9. Specific examples of valuable information obtained since previous report with indication of specific value of each item and the date information received. State what use was made of each item involved: (Add insert pages)

Consult insert pages. All information was utilized for intelligence purposes and appropriate dissemination was made where pertinent.

10. Could above information have been obtained from other sources and by other means?

No.

11. Number of live informants (in field division) who cover same subject:

Two live informants cover LA ROCCA but there are no live informants furnishing information relating to the North Star Cement Block Company.

12. Has security factor changed since installation?

No change.

13. Any request for the surveillance by outside agency (give name, title and agency):

No requests made.

14. Cost of Plant Premises:

a. Rental costs for plant premises: None (costs included in office rental)

b. Give total number of other surveillances monitored at same plant. One misur (PG 148-S*, installed on 4/16/57) and two units of another misur (PG 177-S*, installed on 1/8/62).

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- c. If any others, set out the proportionate cost of instant surveillance:

Not applicable

15. Cost of Leased Line for instant installation?

\$9.31

16. Personnel Costs:

a. Give total number of special employees and/or Special Agents working at plant and total salary costs. One Special Employee (GS-9) at \$7,425 per annum, monitors both PG 622-C* and PG 177-S* from 1:00 to 5:00 PM, and monitors PG 148-S* from 1:00 to 9:00 PM, Monday through Friday. During periods of inactivity, Special Employee is able to perform regular duties as applicant correlator.

- b. Total number of man hours per week spent at plant? (See supplemental page 3a)

81 hours

- c. If other installations monitored at same plant, list proportionate number of man hours per week spent on instant surveillance:

61 hours or approximately seventy-five per cent of total time spent monitoring both units.

- d. If other installations monitored at same plant, list proportionate salary expense per annum for instant surveillance:

GS-9: Approximately \$5,569

GS-12: Approximately \$7,106

17. Remarks (By SAC):

A great deal of potential has been demonstrated by this informant and information received on a daily basis is being utilized continually by those Agents assigned to the Criminal Intelligence Program in the Pittsburgh Office. Financial developments relating to the North Star Cement Block Company assume prime importance when it is realized that LA ROCCA has been designated as the prime target subject of an intensification program looking toward early prosecution on any Federal violation. LA ROCCA and the supervisory employees of North Star have spoken freely enough for this informant to ascertain their reactions to investigations being conducted by both the Internal Revenue Service and the FBI at Pittsburgh. (See supplemental page 3a)

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